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Our 2004-2005 4-H year begins September 1 with new challenges, opportunities and adventures for all! August is the time when clubs are busy getting organized and planning for the fair. I am very proud of all your efforts to achieve excellence throughout this past year. This is a great time to think about your future goals...

"4-H is a community of young people...across America...who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills"

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BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

First I would like to thank the Wolverines Lamb Club members who helped as servers and all who assisted with the clean up after the Banquet. My appreciation also, to all the 4-H'ers, parents and volunteers who helped make this a very memorable event. And a special thank you to Debbie Bowden of the Dorcas Community Horse Club for all her help with the decorations and preparation before the event.

Youth honors went to:

Best Record Books

Junior Winner—Nathan Mooers

Senior Winner— Kaitlyn Sirico

Achievement Awards

Arianna Nelson, Olwen Phillips and Kelly Chlebowski

Leadership Awards

Kaitlyn Sirico, Katie Marcoux and Jayce Vanderford

Head Award

Chelsie Washburn

Heart Award

Leia Steinfath

Health Award

Evan Vanderford

Hands Award

Maggie Bullard

Horseman of the Year

Junior—Shannon Donahue

Senior—Katie Marcoux

Poultry Person of the Year

Jayce Vanderford

Shepherd of the Year

Nathan Mooers

Fred W. Barber College Scholarship

Kaitlyn Sirico

Adult honors went to:

4-H Alumni

Bonnie Grundel

Friend of 4-H

C. C. Fearson

Leader of the Year

Crystal Vanderford, Wolverines Club

Special Appreciation Award

Panhandle Cattleman's Association



4-H STATE CONGRESS RESULTS

Five very talented Okaloosa 4-H'ers headed toward Gainesville, July 26-30 and returned exhausted, elated and inspired. 4-H State Congress offered each participant the opportunity to compete, learn from experts in their fields of interest, experience leadership and citizenship opportunities, make new friends from all over the state and have a lot of fun!



Katie Marcoux received a First Place Award for her demonstration in the Consumer Education Category, and Arianna Nelson and Olwen Phillips received a Second Place Team Award for their demonstration in Leisure Arts/ Recreation. Kaitlyn Sirico received a Third Place Award for her demonstration in Veterinary Science, as did Jayce Vanderford with his demonstration in General Animal Science. All did an excellent job in their categories, we couldn't be prouder!!! Jayce and Arianna also represented our county as voting delegates at the State Council meetings and elections.

IT'S FAIR TIME!!!



Now is the time to get ready for the fair. Everyone should be thinking about what you would like to enter! There are a variety of activities for 4-H'ers to participate in...pre-registration is required and must be turned in by **October 8th**. You can drop them off at the 4-H Office or they can be mailed to the attention of Jennifer Heady, at the Okaloosa Extension Office, 5479 Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536-5512.

Fair books will be sent to your organizational club leaders soon. Registration forms will be included with the fair books and also at the end of this newsletter. Remember – everyone needs to pre-register and no additions or alterations of entries will be accepted after October 8th. Many of our clubs have already started with their plans for the fair...to help you prepare we have included information on project exhibits, club booths and shows.



A project exhibit may be something a 4-H'er has made during this past year (since November 1, 2003) in a project area **or** a tabletop display telling what a 4-H'er can learn in a project. For a display you might use the sides of a cardboard box covered with butcher, freezer or contact paper. They can be no larger than 18" wide X 18" tall X 18" deep. (Science fair boards are too large for the shelves at the fairgrounds.) Oversized exhibits will not be accepted.

A 4-H member may submit up to 3 exhibits in each project category he or she is interested in. Every 4-H'er should take this opportunity to do an exhibit – this is a requirement of all project books. Exhibits will be judged by the Danish System – each on its own merit. Also, up to five special Merit Awards are given to the most outstanding exhibits entered.

Project Categories are:

1. Aquatic and Marine Environment – no live exhibits.
2. Career Exploration, Citizenship and Leadership
3. Clothing
4. Companion Animal - no live exhibits.
5. Consumer Education, Family Economics and Home Management
6. Earth Connections
 - A. Includes exhibits on interdependence of air, earth, soil and water; natural resources conservation and quality, soil science, geology, weather, atmosphere and the stars.
7. Energy
8. Food and Nutrition (General)
 - A. Must not require refrigeration.
 - B. Recipe must be included on 3" X 5" card.
 - C. Foods will be judged on appearance, texture, flavor.
 - D. Must be entered on disposable containers.
 - E. Quantity required: ½ cake, ½ pie, 1 doz. cookies, ½ loaf bread, 1/2 doz. biscuits, ½ doz. muffins.



- F. Food of any type may be entered but no highly perishable foods will be accepted. No commercially prepared mixes may be used.
9. Food Science and Safety
 - A. Includes exhibits regarding food safety topics and food science, such as vacuum packaging, food irradiation, pesticides, food additives and biotechnology in foods.
 - B. Food Preservation Exhibit
 1. Must be packaged in standard canning jars.
 2. No rings should be left on jars.
 3. Recipe procedure must be included on 3" X 5" card.
 4. Jar must be labeled with contents.
 5. Pickles, preserves, jams, jellies, fruits, vegetables and meats may be entered.
10. Forests and Other Terrestrial Environments
 - A. Included exhibits on forest ecosystems, management, entomology and beekeeping.
 - B. No live exhibits.
11. General Animal Science – no live exhibits.

12. General Category
 - A. Includes all exhibits **not** related to other categories listed.
13. Health
14. Horse
15. Housing and Home Environment
16. Human Development
17. Leisure Arts/Recreation
 - A. Includes all exhibits on leisure activities and recreation, including, shooting sports, areas of archery and riflery, music, arts and crafts, cake decoration, floral arranging, wood-working.
18. Mechanical and Electronic Science
19. Media Arts
 - A. Includes exhibits on all phases of photography, graphic arts, computer graphics, CAD, video or other current technologies used for communication media.
20. Petroleum Power and Small Engines
21. Plant Connections
 - A. Includes all exhibits relating to production and marketing of fruits, vegetables, flowers, turf, ornamental, field crops and forage. Landscaping, green houses, propagation soils, hanging baskets, bulbs, citrus and harvesting or processing crops.
 - B. Gardening Project
 - i. Harvested fruits and vegetables.
 - ii. Each entry is to be composed of several items arranged in an attractive



display. Unusual or large specimens may be entered singly.

- C. Ornamental Project
 - i. Specimens must be owned by member and been in his/her possession for at least three months.
 - ii. Plants and flowers must be labeled with common and botanical name.
- III. All plants must be in good condition. Containers should be covered for an attractive display.
 - iv. Exhibitors must leave written instructions with event chairman concerning special care of their exhibit.

22. Safety
23. Veterinary Science
24. Waste Management
 - A. Includes exhibits relating to the management of solid and hazardous waste such as reducing, reusing, recycling, litter control and composting as a recycling/waste management process.
25. Photo Scrapbooking
 - A. Youth can exhibit up to six scrapbooking pages as one exhibit.

CLUB BOOTHS

Having a club booth at the fair is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to show the public what 4-H is all about. Each club receives \$100.00 to help with the expenses of doing a booth. Leaders need to call the 4-H Office with the title and theme of their club's booth. We are in a different building this year, organizational leaders please review the information that will be provided in your leader packets.

The club booth should fit in a 10 X 8 foot area. The planning and building of the booth should be carried out by 4-H'ers with their leaders' guidance. Here are some tips for planning a club booth:

Remember the three basics:

- Stick to one idea.
- Keep the message short and to the point.
- Make the booth simple but interesting.

The three goals of a booth are:

- Arouse interest.
- Stimulate thought.
- Promote action.

Select a catchy title:

- Identify your booth exhibit. (Tell content not club name – your club name should be visible somewhere else in the booth.)



- Keep it short and simple. (Limit it to four or five words.)
- Get attention – shout “Hey Look!”



Do something eye catching. Say “This could be you!” Motion, lights, color and special features are great ways to get attention. Most importantly your booth should teach something or tell a story about 4-H. Any photographs used in your booth should be at least 8 X 10 inches and preferably with a dull finish.

Lettering should be consistent in style and large enough to be seen. Capital letters are better for titles. Lower case letters are easier to read and best used for sub-captions.

Color is one of the most important factors in creating a booth. Limit to two or three colors, so color does not become too obvious to the viewer. Have one dominant color and follow the rule: “The smaller they are, the brighter the color.”

Hope these tips will help your club plan their booth – call the 4-H Office if you have any questions or would like more information about planning a club booth.

Consumer Choice Judging – This is a great learning opportunity you won’t want to miss. The Consumer Choice Judging Event will be held Saturday, October 30 at the Extension Building at the Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, judging starts at 11:00 am. Free admission to the Fair, for all participants following the judging event.

This year’s topics are:

- Teeth Whiteners
- Distance Shopping
- Sun Sense
- Advertising

Premiums will be awarded to the top three teams and high scoring junior and senior. Study guides will be available for 4-H’ers to prepare, and a special training session will be held at the 4-H Office in October. Call the 4-H Office by September 30th if you are interested in this contest.

Open Youth Lamb Show - Stop by the livestock area at the fairgrounds Saturday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. for a real treat! Everyone has a great time at the Open Lamb Show. Pre-registration is required by October 8. Members of 4-H/FFA and other youth groups may compete. Exhibitors must be 8-18 years old. Weigh-in will begin at 12:30 p.m. The show will include showmanship and market classes. A costume contest will also be judged.



Open Youth Breeding Beef Show -This is an exciting event for our fair, to be held

Monday evening, October 25. Judging will begin at 7:00 pm at the livestock

area at the fairgrounds. Youth ages 8-18 will be competing in showmanship and beef show classes. Pre-registration is required by October 8. Come by and enjoy this great event.



4-H Poultry Show Exhibits-



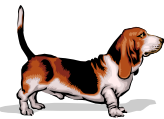
This is the third year for this exhibit and poultry show and it has grown to include showmanship classes as well as more varieties of poultry to be exhibited and judged. 4-H'ers age 5-18 will be exhibiting pairs of various breeds including chickens, other poultry and game birds at the Poultry Barn at the fairgrounds. The poultry showmanship classes will take place at the livestock area Tuesday, 7:00 pm, October 26th. Pre-registration is required by October 8. Come by and see the beautiful poultry on display all during the week of fair.

Open Youth Dairy Goat & Market Goat Show



This is the second year for the dairy and market goat shows, including showmanship classes. They are going to be held Wednesday, October 27th beginning at 5:30 pm. Youth exhibitors must be 8-18 years old. Pre-registration is required by October 8th. Goats will be arriving at 5:00 pm for check-in. Come by the livestock area and enjoy the gentle goats and this growing event.

4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest



The eleventh annual Dog Show and Costume Contest will be held Thursday, October 28th, registration is at 6:30 pm, and the show starts at 7:00 p.m., in the livestock area at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must be 4-H members between the ages of 5-18. Youth must be able to control their dogs without assistance. Dogs must be owned by the 4-H'ers or a member of their immediate family. Pre-registration is required by October 8. A special award will be given to the Outstanding 4-H'er and Dog Team. This is a fun event you won't want to miss.

Open Youth Horse Show



– Another exciting event this year, the horse show will be held at the Fairgrounds Saturday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. Youth exhibitors must be 8-18 years old, and their horse must be owned or leased by them or a member of their immediate family. This event will include showmanship classes and new this year...a costume contest! Pre-registration is required by October 8.

Open Youth Rabbit and Cavy Exhibits



This is the second year for these exhibits for our fair. This event is open to youth ages 5-18. The animals will be exhibited in the Rabbit & Cavy Barn during the entire fair week. Rabbits and cavy must be 8 weeks or age or older. Pre-registration is required by October 8th. Be sure to come by and see all the beautiful animals.



After the Fair

After the Fair closes Saturday, October 30 leaders and 4-H'ers will be able to remove exhibits. The fairgrounds have made arrangements to be open Sunday, October 31 through Wednesday, November 3, all day each day for you to pick up your items, and take down your club booths. We are responsible for leaving the building picked up and all items removed no later than Wednesday, November 3.

Early removal of exhibits before the Fair ends October 30 will result in loss of premiums.



OUR NEW CLUB

YEAR

September 1 starts the new 4-H year. Everyone must complete an enrollment form. This year we have a new form...and you only have to fill out one, and list all the clubs you are a member of. Remember you can sign up for as many projects as you like...but we will only be able to give you the materials for **the first three** that you request. After you have completed and turned in those three, we will gladly send you your next requested project book.

We have two new clubs and a couple are also going through growth changes. Earline Johnson has taken over the Carver Hill Club in the Crestview area, Lisa Myers is the new leader of the Sand & Spur Horse Club on Eglin, the Baker All Around Riders is also going through a leadership change and Nancy Phillips is their new leader and their new name is Baker Golden Spurs Club. Sheila Mooers has started the Goat Gathering Club for youth interested in market and dairy goats. We have a new horse club in the Dorcas Community with leaders Debbie and Danny Bowden, and the Eglin Youth Center is our newest military club starting this fall on Eglin AFB. *We welcome all the new leaders and 4-H members to our Okaloosa 4-H Family!*

Dorcas Community 4-H Horse Club

There's a new Okaloosa County 4-H Club! We are so new that we have not voted on an official name! For now, we are known as the Dorcas Community 4-H Horse Club! We held our first meeting at Billy's Barn on Sunday, August 22, 2004. We voted on our officers for the coming year. Our first community service project will be a Bake Sale/Car Wash to help support the rebuilding effort for the Dorcas Volunteer Fire Department. Our fire department lost a fire station, a fire truck, a first response truck, and other life-saving equipment in a fire due to lightening earlier in August. This will help our community to replace some of the equipment so that we all can be protected in case of an emergency. We will schedule a date for this project at our next meeting on Sunday, September 26th, at 3:00 P.M. For more information, please call Mr. Danny or Mrs. Debbie Bowden at 682-2301.

Hot Wings Club

In July we met and had a good group. We talked about buying club polo and t-shirts instead of vests. We're working on ideas for this years Fair Booth and are planned a chicken showmanship clinic and bathing clinic at the Steinfath's house August 21. The last day to vaccinate your chickens before the fair was September 1. We do not want to get or give diseases to other birds. We held a club Poultry Quiz Bowl. The Buckeyes against the Cornish. Questions were tough and competition was close but the Cornish Team won by 1 point. The winning question was— "How many parts are there to an egg?" The answer—"10" - Did you know that? Don't forget to save those 20 oz. plastic water and soda bottles. We'll be using them with our new waterers at the Fair. Make sure display boards are the correct size for project exhibits for the fair. Austin brought snack and Mrs. Darlene made a yummy dessert. At our August meeting we elected new officers, they are— President: Kristen Bowden, Vice-President: Adam Mooers, Secretary: Evan Vanderford, Treasurer: Nathan Mooers, Reporter: Jaydin Vanderford, Historian: Myra King, Inspiration Officer: Courtney Bowden, Refreshments Officer: Dakota Voyce, Jr. Leader: Leia Steinfath, Safety/Health: Angie Crites. The Mooers brought snack for our meeting.

4-H Calendar

September 1	New 4-H year begins...remember to fill out a new registration form!
21	Honor Club Meeting...Crestview 4-H Office, 6:30 p.m.
23	Horse Advisory Committee Meeting...Crestview 4-H Office, 6:30 p.m.
24 -26	First Executive Board Meeting, Camp Ocala
October 8	All registrations due today for the Northwest Florida Fair!
11	Veteran's Day...4-H Office Closed
22-30	Northwest Florida Fair, Ft. Walton Beach Fairgrounds
30	State Marine Ecology Contest, Camp Ocala
November 5-7	Eastern National 4-H Horse Round up, Louisville, Kentucky
25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H Office closed
26-30	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia

Honor Club Meeting Planned

All members of the Honor Club are invited to attend their first group meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 21 at the Extension Office in Crestview, at 6:30 p.m. This is a very important meeting...we will hold officer elections and plan our booth for the fair.

Horse Advisory Committee Meeting

The Horse Advisory Committee will be meeting Thursday, September 23 at the Extension Office in Crestview. Members will be discussing plans for our horse show scheduled for January 15 at the Baker Arena.

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