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Our 2005-2006 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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4-H AWARDS BANQUET

The awards and recognition program will be held Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles M. Walthall Agriculture Center in Crestview. Those 4-H'ers who completed and turned in a project or record book, competed on a judging team, or participated at County, District, or State Events, will receive an invitation to attend. Adult volunteers will also be honored.

4-H STATE CONGRESS RESULTS

Five very talented Okaloosa 4-H'ers headed toward Gainesville, July 25-29 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!

Arianna Nelson and Olwen Phillips received a Red Award for their team demonstration in the Career Exploration, Citizenship, & Leadership Category, and Katie Marcoux also received a Red Award for her demonstration in the Safety Category. Shannon Donahue had a great time in Fashion Revue. Shannon along with Laurel Nelson represented our county as voting delegates at the State Council meetings and elections. All did an excellent job and we couldn't be prouder!!!



STATE HORSE SHOW RESULTS



Congratulations to our two participants Katie Marcoux and Olwen Phillips, who attended the State Horse Show in Tampa, July 7-9. This year was an unusual experience for participants, with Hurricane Dennis heading toward Florida, the typically 3 day event was shortened to two days so that everyone could have the opportunity to compete and get home safely before the storm hit. Olwen Phillips placed second in the Hunter Conformation Class.

A special thank you to the parents, volunteer Marita Tunnage and participants for making the best of the circumstances and representing our county well. Your hard work and willingness to support and help each other, ensured that everyone had a safe trip and great learning experience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT RECOGNITION

Many of our 4-H clubs during the year do wonderful community service projects. These projects help give 4-H members positive and meaningful experiences in leadership and citizenship development.

We would like to honor your hard work and efforts to make a difference in your community. Send photos and a short write up about your club's unique community service project to the 4-H Office by August 19th.

All our clubs or groups of youth who submit this will receive recognition at the 4-H Awards Banquet in September.

IT'S YOUR TURN TO NOMINATE SOMEONE SPECIAL!!!

Soon we will be honoring all our 4-H Club Leaders, Advisory Committee Members and other adult volunteers and supporters, who make the Okaloosa County 4-H Program such a success. In addition we would like to recognize three special categories and we need your nominations. Here is your opportunity to tell us how wonderful that volunteer or supporter is to you, your club and 4-H!



Anyone in Okaloosa 4-H can nominate that "someone special" they would like to see receive special recognition. Call in your nominations to the 4-H Office by August 19. We would appreciate a brief description of each nominee's involvement in 4-H or the community, and if selected, they will be honored at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

Leader of the Year - Let us honor your 4-H club leader. We're looking for that special volunteer who "goes the extra mile," and has done some especially interesting activities with your club this year.

4-H Alumni - We'd like to recognize a former 4-H'er who has become successful in life and who feels 4-H had an important role in his/her achievements. They do not need to be helping with 4-H at this time, but should have demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship in their community by helping others.

Friend of 4-H - We'd also like to recognize an adult (or organization) who is not a 4-H Leader, but who has been a big help with the program in other ways. It may be in the area of financial assistance or sponsorship, giving time to promote a particular area of 4-H, or contributed in any other way.

OKALOOSA HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

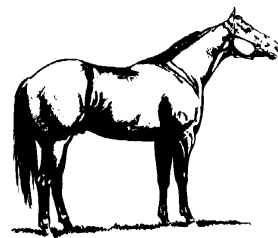
The Okaloosa Horse Advisory Committee is again offering the Horseman of the Year Award to 4-H'ers active in the 4-H Horse Project. To be eligible to apply you must complete the following requirements:

- Be a registered 4-H'er in the horse project for one year.
- You have completed and turned in a horse project book this year.
- Write a 500 word essay about you and your experiences in the horse project area. You may include - club activities; leadership experiences; goals you have set for yourself; horse shows, camps, workshop or clinics you have attended; demonstrations, presentations or exhibits you have done in the horse project area, and why you feel you should be considered for this award.

Essays must be typed, double spaced with 1" margins and include a cover sheet with name, address, age as of September 1, 2004, and club name (if you are a community club member).

Essays must be turned in to the 4-H Office, in Crestview, no later than September 2nd.

Awards will be announced at the 4-H Awards Banquet, for one junior and one senior winner.



National Aviation Day

Nowadays it seems like we have a special day for just about everything, but this special day has been around for many years. In 1939, National Aviation Day, August 19, was established by presidential proclamation.



Why August 19?

The first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina was on December 17, 1903. On that date, Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully launched and watched their airplane fly for 12 seconds over 120 feet. So what's so special about August 19th. Well, in 1871 on August 19th, Orville Wright was born. Orville piloted the Wright Flyer. The brothers' dedication to human flight made it possible for people like Amelia Earhart to push the limits in regard to flying. In 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean in 1935. In 1937, she began a flight around the world, but on July 2, her plane disappeared and has never been found.

National Aviation Day was established to celebrate the effort and accomplishments of human flight. So what do we do on this special day?

1. Talk to someone who works in the aviation industry.
2. Think about the significance of air travel to our lives.
3. Show appreciation to aviation industry professionals.
4. Think about defying gravity and pushing the limits of human flight!

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 7th**. You can bring your registration forms to 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.

This year the Fair Premium Book will be on the Northwest Florida Fair website: <http://www.nwffair.com/fair.htm> A copy will also be sent to your club leader with the new 4-H year packet. Registration forms will be included with the fair book at the website and also in this newsletter.

Remember – everyone needs to pre-register and no additions or alterations of entries will be accepted after October 7th. 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, 2004) 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.



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- 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. Booths will be in two different buildings 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.

ANIMAL SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

(Pre-registration is required and must be turned in by **October 7th.**)



Open Youth Lamb Show - Stop by the livestock area at the fairgrounds Saturday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m. for a real treat! Everyone has a great time at the Open Lamb Show. 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 24. 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. 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 25th. 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 26th beginning at 5:30 pm. Youth exhibitors must be 8-18 years old. 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 27th, 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. 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 29 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!



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. Be sure to come by and see all the beautiful animals.



After the Fair

- After the Fair closes Saturday, October 29 leaders and 4-H'ers will be able to remove exhibits. The fairgrounds have made arrangements to be open Sunday, October 30 through Wednesday, November 2, all day each day for you to pick up your items, and take down your club booths. We are responsible for leaving the buildings picked up and all items removed no later than Wednesday, November 2.
- Early removal of exhibits before the Fair ends October 29 will result in loss of premiums.



OUR NEW CLUB YEAR

September 1 starts the new 4-H year. Everyone must complete an enrollment form, and return to your club leader or the 4-H Office. 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.

Several of our clubs are going through some growth changes. Baker Golden Spurs in the Baker area and Carver Hill Club in the Crestview area are both looking for new organizational leaders, Bonnie Blackmon is the new leader for the Valparaiso Junior Garden Club, and Lonnie and Kim Steinfath are the new leaders of the Wolverines Lamb Club.

Baker Golden Spurs Horse Club	Looking for a new Leader
Carver Hill Club	Looking for a new Leader
4-H Country Club	Dr. Reese Williamson, 689-2295
Hoof Beats Horse Club	Susan Simmers, 897-5670
Horse Feathers Horse Club	Debbie Bowden, 682-2301
Hot Wings Poultry Club	Darlene Bowden, 682-2890
Just Kidding Goat Club	Sheila Mooers, 689-1727
Rocky Riders Club	Jan Mullins, 729-2764
Sand 'n Spur Club	Lisa Myers, 678-2259
Valparaiso Junior Garden Club	Bonnie Blackmon, 897-1036
Wolverine Lamb Club	Kim & Lonnie Steinfath, 423-0390

4-H Calendar

August

19

Adult Recognition nominations due today!
Community Service Project Reports due today!

September

1

New 4-H year begins.
Remember to fill out a new registration form!

2

Horseman of the Year essays due today!

9-11

4-H Teen Retreat, Tyndall Air Force Base

26

4-H Awards Banquet

October

2-8

National 4-H Week

21-29

Northwest Florida Fair, Ft. Walton Beach Fairgrounds

November

24-25

Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H Office closed



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