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With the excitement of spring just around the corner, it's time to be thinking about County Events Days, horse shows, District Events and summer camps. There's a lot of information packed in this month's newsletter – so don't forget to mark your calendars with all the important dates.

Happy Valentines Day!!!

4-H COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Okaloosa County Council will be meeting Tuesday, February 18th at the 4-H Office in Crestview at 6:30 p.m. Several officers of the District 1 Council are planning on coming to the meeting. Let's give them a great welcome and have delegates from every club represented.

Senior 4-H'ers are invited to attend the Third Executive Board Meeting of the Florida 4-H Council to be held March 21-23. The Florida 4-H Executive Board is a leadership board for Florida 4-H. The group meets three times a year at 4-H Camp Ocala to work on State Council projects. The cost for the weekend will be \$30.00 for meals and lodging, travel will be extra. If interested in attending, call the 4-H Office for more information.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – CAMP TIMPOOCHEE CLEAN-UP DAY

The County Council has scheduled a camp clean-up at Camp Timpoochee on Saturday, February 8th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 'til ... Dinner and beverages will be provided. All clubs are invited to help out. Call the 4-H Office for more information.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

The County Council is offering a Youth Leadership Training on **Saturday, February 15, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office in Crestview.

4-H'ers... If you are currently a club officer or would like to learn about leadership opportunities in the 4-H Program you won't want to miss out on this workshop.

A pizza lunch, topic materials and door prizes will be provided. **Be sure to RSVP by calling the 4-H Office by February 11th.**



4-H COUNTY EVENTS DAYS, MARCH 24, 25, & 27, 2003 – CRESTVIEW OFFICE

Clothing Selection and Construction Activities – Monday, March 24...

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Categories are:

- Active Sports Wear
- School/Informal Wear
- Dress for Work
- Special Occasion
- My Choice



Juniors and seniors may enter one category in **either** the Selection Division or the Construction Division. Scoring and winners in each division and category will be selected on three parts:

- 1) Garment Evaluation
- 2) Modeling and Presentation
- 3) Skill-a-thon Performance

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks...Tuesday, March 25...6:30-9:00 p.m.

Categories are:

Companion Animal
 General Animal Science
 Horse, Horse Public Speaking
 Veterinary Science
 Clothing
 Consumer Education
 Food and Nutrition
 Food Preparation
 Food Science and Safety
 Housing and Home Environments
 Human Development
 Career Exploration, Citizenship
 Media Arts
 Leisure Arts/Recreation
 Plant Connections
 Earth Connections
 Energy



Aquatic and Marine
Environments
Forest and Other Terrestrial
Environments
Waste Management
Health and Safety
Mechanical and Electrical Science
Petroleum Power

**Share-the-Fun (Talent Show), Fashion
Revue and Awards
Program...Thursday, March 27, 6:30-
9:00 p.m.**

Award certificates and ribbons
will be given for the
Demonstrations and
Illustrated Talks, Clothing
Selection and Construction
Activities, Share-the-Fun and Fashion
Revue.



Registration deadline is March 7th.
All 4-H'ers competing in County
Events must complete the form at the
end of this newsletter and return it to the
4-H Office by Friday March 7th.

Okaloosa County will be hosting District
Events this year. All 4-H'ers who win
their demonstration, illustrated talk,
speech, clothing, Share-the-Fun or
Fashion Revue category at the county
level will progress to the district
competition scheduled for **April 26th.**

We are going to offer a special "Club of
the Year" Award to the club that has the
most participation at County Events.
This award will be given on the basis of
the number of activities your club
members participate in, and will be
figured on a percentage basis, so that
all clubs can compete for this award
equally...no matter what the size of your

club. Show your club spirit and register
for County Events today!!!

COUNTY EVENTS EXPRESSIVE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Poster Art Program –

This program gives 4-H
members an
opportunity to use the
visual medium of
poster art to promote
public understanding and support of the
4-H program.



This year's theme is: "4-H: The Power of
Youth." The top three posters will be
displayed at District Events in April and
will compete at the State level later this
year. The complete details on the
Poster Art Program can be found on
page 24 of the "Explore Florida 4-H –
Events and Activities Handbook" or call
the 4-H Office for more information.

Photo Exhibits – This

contest provides a
showcase for your
photographic accomplishments.



Pictures should be of activities typical of
those in which 4-H members and their
friends would participate. The photos
may include animals, people, scenery,
or club activities in the subject matter.

The top four entries will be displayed at
District Events and will compete at the
State level later this year.

The complete details on the Photo
Exhibit Program can be found on page
23 of the Events and Activities
Handbook.

Dairy Poster Contest – Show your artistic talents by creating a dairy poster, which tells a story about milk and/or milk products. Your poster can be about new products, production of milk, safety, the importance of milk products to human health, or the meaning of the REAL SEAL program.

The theme this year is – “Fueled to the Finish with 3-A-Day of Dairy.” The poster is required to include the REAL SEAL



symbol, there is also a new 3-A-Day logo that you can use. For more information about the requirements for this contest, call the 4-H Office.

A junior and senior winner from the county will be judged at State during the summer.

4-H club members age 8-18 are eligible to compete in these three contests.

The deadline for Expressive Arts entries will be March 15th at the 4-H Office.

Winning posters and photos at the State level will receive awards and be displayed for public view during Congress week at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

**“TRAVELING”
COUNTY EVENTS
WORKSHOP
OFFERED**



Our goal is to have every 4-H'er involved in at least one of the activities offered during County Events. We had a great turnout last year and are looking forward to a bigger and better Events

week this year. We have a special traveling workshop available to all clubs continuing through the month of February, called **“County Events and YOU – A Winning Combination!”**

Leaders, please call the 4-H Office today and schedule a time for us to come to your club meeting, daytime or evenings. This hands-on workshop will be informative as well as fun for your members. We will include such topics as:

“What is County Events?”

“Getting Started”

“The Art of Making Dynamite Posters”

“You Be The Judge”

“Demonstrations On the Spot!”

The complete workshop will take approximately 1½ hours. Handouts and prizes for your members will be included. Don't miss out leaders, *call the 4-H Office today!!!*

**HORSE AND
LIVESTOCK NEWS**



Area A Horse Show will be March 7th & 8th, at the Jackson County Agriculture Center, Marianna. Check-in will be 1:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, and 7:00-8:00 a.m. Saturday.

Completed registration packets are due to the 4-H Office by February 14th with all fees.

The **Baker County 4-H Program** is hosting their annual Spring 4-H/Open Horse Show on March 1, 2003 at the Baker County Fairgrounds. Baker County is centrally located between Jacksonville and Lake City and an hour north of Gainesville. If interested in the

show call the 4-H Office for a copy of the show bill.

Putnam County 4-H is hosting an Adult Horse Camp scheduled for March 6-9, 2003. Camp will include all meals, lodging, stalls, educational lectures, and approximately 5 hours of lessons per day, with optional trail rides. The cost of the camp is \$175.00. Their registration is due February 24th. If interested call the 4-H Office for a registration form.

Beulah Bit and Spurs Club will be hosting a horse show February 15 at the Pensacola Equestrian Center. For more information about the show contact Mary Tharp at 968-0803. The District 1 Council will be working the concession stand as a District fund-raiser. All 4-H'ers in District 1 are invited to help out, call the 4-H Office for more information.

The **Washington County 4-H Program** will be hosting a 4-H Livestock Judging Competition in conjunction with the Washington County Youth Fair and the District 1 FFA Livestock Judging Preliminary. The competition will be held February 21 at the Washington County Agriculture Center in Chipley. Pre-registration is required by February 20th. Call the 4-H Office for more information.

CLUB NEWS

Hoofbeats Club - We had three new members join our club, Brooke Jones, April Stanfill and Nicole Eagle. Welcome! Our club is arranging to go to the Success with Horses Clinic in February as a field trip, and it looks as though most of our club will be going. We went over County



Events and Kaitlyn Sirico and April Simmers did their demonstration from last year as an example for the newer members. We set a date to go on a trail ride but because of the cold weather, we weren't able to go. We also discussed Area A Horse Show and a possible sleepover at Camp Timpooshee.

Submitted by: April Simmers

Hot Wings Poultry Club – We have elected two delegates to represent our club at the County Council meetings – they are Leia Steinfath and Jayce Vanderford. Our club has sold most of our candy for the fundraiser, and raised enough money to purchase club t-shirts. Leia did a talk on “Chicken Diseases” and we watched a video on pullorum-typhoid disease. We selected our chicks for this year, and they will be arriving mid-February and early March. Our next meeting will be February 6th at 6:30 p.m. – for a special County Events Workshop.

Submitted by: Tiffany Morton

Rocky Riders Club – The Rocky Riders are ready to get started on this new year. Having done well with our float and having had fun at our Christmas party, we're ready for the upcoming events. Some of our members look forward to the Parelli workshop (that ought to be a blast!) And one of our members gave a talk about a riding workshop experience. We are also looking forward to County Events (which we hope to do well in). We have been busy doing some interesting crafts, we made garden angels out of twigs, but the sounds of snapping twigs seemed to have been heard a bit often. We also made edible mice. We welcome the

visitors who are coming to our meetings.
The Rocky Riders are riding on!!!

Submitted by: Katherine Forbes

GENEALOGY CLUB MEETING



Our next meeting will be Thursday night, February 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the Charles M. Walthall Agriculture Center in Crestview. This genealogy club is recommended for middle and high school age youth who are interested in unraveling the history of their family. But this is actually a project for the whole family to enjoy together. Parents and younger children are invited to the meetings and will be able to join in on the excitement of the “search” for ancestors.

Members and their families will have fun learning how to begin a family history search, how to interview older family members, what records and documents they will want to find and research, local resources and archives, internet resources, preserving records and photographs, organizing all the information and documents that have been collected and some tips on putting together a family heritage album.

Please call Linda Meyers at the 4-H Office (689-5850 or 729-1400 ext. 5850 by February 25th, if you plan to attend the meeting, so that adequate materials will be available for each family.



IMPORTANT DATES



February 8	4-H County Council Community Service – 4-H Camp Timpooshee Clean-up
February 11	<u>Last day to register for Youth Leadership Training</u>
February 14	<u>Area A Horse Show registrations due today</u>
February 15	4-H Youth Leadership Training, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided), Charles Walthall Agricultural Center, Crestview
February 18	4-H County Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Charles Walthall Agriculture Center, Crestview
March 7	<u>Registrations due for County Events Days</u>
March 8	Area A Horse Show, Marianna
March 24, 25 and 27	4-H County Events, Charles Walthall Agricultural Center, Crestview
April 26	4-H District 1 Events, (location to be determined) Hosted by Okaloosa County
May 26-30	4-H Summer Camp, Okaloosa, Walton and Washington Counties, 4-H Camp Timpooshee

COUNTY EVENTS DAYS – REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ Club _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please mark and fill in needed information. **Return to:** Jennifer G. Heady, 4-H Program Coordinator, 5479 Old Bethel Rd., Crestview, FL 32536-5512 or FAX to (850) 689-5727 – by **March 7th**.

_____ Yes, I will participate in the Clothing Event. Juniors and Seniors may enter **one** category in **either** the Selection or Construction Division.

Selection Division

- _____ Active Sports Wear
 _____ School/Informal Wear
 _____ Dress for Work
 _____ Special Occasion
 _____ My Choice

Construction Division

- _____ Active Sports Wear
 _____ School/Informal Wear
 _____ Dress for Work
 _____ Special Occasion
 _____ My Choice

The Clothing Event will be held Monday, March 24th at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

_____ Yes, I will participate in the Demonstration/Illustrated Talks. (Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.) (*Note if you are doing a team demonstration.*)
 Category _____

Title of Talk _____

_____ Yes I will participate in Fashion Revue (Thursday, March 27th, 6:30 p.m.) Sketch garment on the back of this form or attach a picture. Attach a sample of fabric used. Describe your outfit, including accessories:

_____ Yes, I will participate in Share-the-Fun. (Thursday, March 27th, 6:30 p.m.) Describe what you will be doing. Include titles. If you will be doing an act with someone else include all names. *Juniors and seniors cannot be in the same act together.* (You will need to provide all equipment needed for your act, except a microphone, and PA system.)

_____ My parents will attend. They will help as: Room Monitor _____ Timekeeper _____

You will be sent a confirmation letter including a schedule of County Events activities when your registration is received. Activities will take place at the Charles M. Walthall Agriculture Center, 5479 Old Bethel Road in Crestview.

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