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*There are exciting things happening this summer for Okaloosa County 4-H'ers – summer camps, State Horse Show, Congress, Awards Banquet and more...take advantage of these opportunities...and invite a friend to join in on the fun!
Dads – we wish you all a Happy Father's Day!*

DISTRICT EVENTS RESULTS

District Events was hosted by Okaloosa



County this year and held at Crestview High School. We are very proud of all your accomplishments at this event. We also would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers, judges, parents, 4-H'ers and Agents who pitched in and helped make this event a great success.

And here are the results:

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

Career Exploration, Citizenship, Leadership

(S) Arianna Nelson & Olwen Phillips (Sr. Team) – Red Award

General Animal Science

Evan Vanderford (Jr.) – Blue Award
 Tiffany Morton & Leia Steinfath (Jr. Team) – Blue Award
 (S) Jayce Vanderford (Sr.) – Blue Award

Horse

Katherine Forbes (Jr.) – Blue Award
 Alison Steadman & Kayla Caine (Jr. Team) – Red Award

Human Development

Shannon Donahue & Natalie Fleming (Jr. Team) – Blue Award

Mechanical and Electronic Science

Nathan Riddle (Jr.) – Blue Award

Media Arts

Kaitlyn Sirico (Sr.) – Blue Award

Public Speaking

(S) Kelly Chlebowski (Sr.) – Blue Award
 (S) April Simmers (Sr.) – Blue Award

Veterinary Science

(S) Katie Marcoux (Sr.) – Blue Award

Fashion Revue

Clothing Selection – Special Occasion
 (S) Kaitlyn Sirico (Sr.)
 (S) Laura Stout (Sr.)

Share-the-Fun Talent Show

Shannon Donahue, Natalie Fleming, Laurel Nelson, Katherine Forbes (Jr. Act) – Blue Award
 Kaitlyn Sirico (Sr.) – Red Award
 Arianna Nelson & Olwen Phillips (Sr.) – Blue Award

Photography Contest

(S) Kaitlyn Sirico (Sr.)

OOPS!!! Our apology to Nathan Riddle...we left his name out of our April article on the results of County Events...Nathan received a Red Award for his first 4-H demonstration on "Computer Dissecting/Computer Components." He worked hard to improve and went on to District Events to win a Blue Award!!! Congratulations Nathan...we are so very proud of you!

SEAT BELT SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Recently 3550 students from 15 Okaloosa schools participated in the 4-H Seat Belt Safety Contest. This contest helps promote the use of seat belts and gives children valuable information about safety. This year's County Winners are:



K-2ND GRADE: First Place – Kelly Nichols, Plew Elementary, Niceville; Second Place – Jackie Melendez, Florosa Elementary, Mary Esther; Third Place – Tamaria Calloway, Laurel Hill School, Laurel Hill.

3RD-5TH GRADE: First Place – Jennifer Keith, Antioch Elementary, Crestview; Second Place – Josh McLaney, Laurel Hill School, Laurel Hill; Third Place – Sara Vaillencourt, Longwood Elementary, Shalimar.

9TH-12TH GRADE : First Place – Ashlie Duffin, Fort Walton Beach High, Fort Walton Beach; Second Place – Ambre Mott, Niceville High, Niceville; Third Place – Corey Hall, Fort Walton Beach High, Fort Walton Beach.

Our county first place winners in each category advanced to the state level of competition, held at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

Okaloosa did great at the state level... for the fourteenth year our county winners have received honors, competing against county winners from all over the state. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!!!

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4-H STATE CONGRESS

Eight seniors, Kelly Chlebowski, Katie Marcoux, Arianna Nelson, Olwen Phillips, April Simmers, Kaitlyn Sirico, Laura Stout, and Jayce Vanderford, will be heading to Gainesville, July 21-25 to represent Okaloosa County at the 2003 4-H State Congress. This year's theme is "Congress 101: Breaking New Ground with Old Tradition." Everyone is looking forward to an exciting week. Congratulations...we are very proud of your accomplishments!



4-H STATE HORSE SHOW – Four very excited young ladies, are looking forward to the 4-H State Horse Show in Tampa, July 10-12. Katie Marcoux, April Simmers, Kaitlyn Sirico and Laura Stout, are working hard to prepare for this opportunity. Attending this show is

really a team effort, involving all the families...their hard work and willingness to support and help each other, ensures that everyone has a safe trip and wonderful learning experience. We are all cheering you on!!!

OUR SIZZLIN' SUMMER AT CAMP HAS BEGUN!!!**County Summer Camp, May 26-30**

Forty Okaloosa 4-H'ers arrived at camp ready for a great week! This year we camped with Walton and Washington Counties. Campers had a fun week learning about Sharks, Sea Turtles, the Coast Guard, went on nature studies, learned about orienteering, explored the bay on a pontoon boat and went swimming at the beach. If you missed out on the fun this year...be sure to mark your calendars for next year's county camp!

Shooting Sports Camp, June 29-July 3

The registration for this special interest camp is now closed but 4-H'ers may want to keep this and other shooting sports opportunities in mind. The disciplines included at this year's camp will be archery, rifle and shotgun. Classes for Hunter Education and ATV Safety will also be offered. If interested in shooting sports activities in our District call the 4-H Office for more information.

State Marine Camps, July 7-11 and July 21-25

Two more opportunities for youth to have a great time learning about our wonderful marine life.



Canoeing, snorkeling, seining, swimming and fishing are some of the

exciting activities planned. These camps are open to youth ages 8-14. Cost of camp – week #1 - \$215.00 if balance is paid by 6/23. \$235.00 if balance is paid between 6/24-7/7. Cost of camp – week #2 - \$215.00 if balance is paid by 7/7. \$235.00 if balance is paid between 7/08-7/21. Call the 4-H Office or Camp Timpoochee for registration information on these two camps.

PROJECT BOOKS AND RECORD BOOKS DUE

ALL project and record books (including horse books) are due **Monday, June 30th**. Call or come by the office to pick up your record book forms. We still have record book covers available (\$1.75 each). Remember those completing a project book will be invited to the Awards Banquet with their families, and be recognized for their accomplishment.

Need help completing a record book? For those of you who are going the extra mile and plan to do a record book...we will be happy to help you with information about how to assemble your book. Call the 4-H Office if you have any questions or need record or project completion forms.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED

Fred W. Barber Scholarship

Once again this year the Okaloosa 4-H Foundation is offering the Fred W. Barber College Scholarship. This \$1000 award will be given to a deserving 4-H club member who is a graduating high school



senior. Applications are available at the 4-H Office. We have extended the deadline...applications need to be turned in to the 4-H Office by **June 30th**.

Florida Association for Family & Community Education

Any 4-H member is eligible to apply for one of several \$500.00 Scholarship Grants offered by the FAFCE, to attend a Florida State University, Junior College, Vo-Tech school. The deadline to submit an application is **August 15th**. If interested call the 4-H Office for an application.



Baker All Around Riders

We met on Tuesday the 4th of March at the Baker Arena with our horses. At our meeting we did a butterfly keepsake art activity and also enjoyed a wonderful Reining demonstration from Edie Elder. Thanks Edie!!! We made a decision on our AWESOME club shirts and will be placing the order to have them made next week. Our next meeting was held April 8th at the Baker Arena.

Submitted by: Suzanne Duenas

Hoof Beats

News from our last meeting: We finally planned our overnight at Camp Timpoochee which is May 30-31, with games cookout and fun!

We helped the 4-Her's that are going to State Horse Show start to plan for the decorations, and are they going to be great. We also started to throw around

ideas about county fair next year to get a head start and maybe not be caught at the last minute. We are all looking forward to a great summer without school!

Submitted by: April Simmers

Hot Wings Poultry Club

In April we voted and approved to do another fundraiser in August. In May we decided to change our monthly meeting time to 5:30 pm starting in June, it will continue to be on the 4th Monday of each month at the Extension Office in Crestview. If you need Mrs. Darlene to sign your record books, call her at 682-2890. We are going to have two meetings a month in August, September and October to get ready for the fairs and our booth, let's get thinking on booth ideas. The dates for the extra meetings will be announced.

In April, Adam gave a talk on "Choosing the Right Poultry for You." In May Kristen did a talk on "The Different Types of Feed to Feed Your Poultry." Thank you goes out to Mrs. Jan for talking to us about turning in a record book and showing us a completed one. And a special thank you to Mrs. Linda for coming to our May meeting and going over putting your record book together. Thank you Ladies, we really needed all the help!

Last month Austin Folkerts joined our club and this month Kelli Thomas is our newest member. Welcome to you both! On a sad note, we will be losing Darin Donohue, he is moving to St. Louis. We wish you well, Darin. We ended our May meeting with brownies from the Vanderfords, yummmmm.....

Submitted by: Tiffany Morton

IMPORTANT DATES

June 12	Horse Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H Office, Crestview
June 15	<u>Happy Father's Day, Dads!!!</u>
June 21	Country Store, 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Extension Office, Crestview (FCE yard sale, crafts, farmer's produce, books, plants, baked sale)
June 30	<u>All</u> project and record books due
June 30	Fred Barber College Scholarship applications due
July 7-11	State 4-H Legislature – Tallahassee
July 7-11	State Marine Camp – 4-H Camp Timpoochee
July 10-12	State Horse Show - Tampa
July 21-25	State 4-H Congress – University of Florida, Gainesville
July 21-25	State Marine Camp – 4-H Camp Timpoochee
October 24-November 1	Northwest Florida Fair, Ft. Walton Beach, Fairgrounds

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