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*March is a really exciting, happening month...with St. Patrick's Day just around the corner (March 17) and spring beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> ... March is a month of celebration! Spring is also one of the busiest times of the year with County and District Events and the Area A Horse Show. We hardly have time to catch our breath and summer camps are here! Not*

*the time to be slow pokes...let's shift those gears and go, go, go!!!*

### 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Okaloosa County Council met February 18<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Office in Crestview. President of the District 1 Council, Jeremy Bagnell was our special guest.

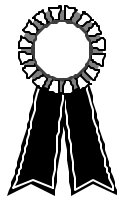
We had several clubs represented at the meeting, and would like to welcome the new delegates from the Hot Wings Poultry Club. Also we would like to thank the volunteers and parents who participated.

Jeremy did a very informative survey, which showed us where our interests are in working as a council in our county. He gave us some great suggestions on activities, opportunities, and goals and encouraged each of us to play a more active role in District and State Events. We also discussed fund raising opportunities for community service projects.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Laura Stout's home in Shalimar. Call the 4-H Office for directions. **Delegates from each club needs to attend the meeting.**

*Submitted by Olwen Phillips, Council Reporter*

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



- Age Criteria – (as of September 1 of the current 4-H year) – the age categories listed below apply for most 4-H competitive events *except* those activities that can advance beyond State to Regional or National Levels.

Junior members – 8-12 years old  
Senior members – 13 and not have passed his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday or graduated from high school

Clover Buds – 5-7 years old, may participate in county level events as a learning experience only, but not as a competitive event. They will not be able to advance to the district level.

- Age Criteria - (**for categories that can advance to Regional and National levels**) - Horse, Horse Public Speaking, Energy, Plant Connections, Mechanical & Electronic Science, Petroleum Power & Small Engines.  
Junior members – 8-13 years old  
Senior members – 14 and not have passed his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday or graduated from high school
- Youth at county level are encouraged to participate in more than one activity but can *only* participate once in each activity, (i.e. one demonstration or speech, one share-the-fun act, and one clothing event).
- Award certificates and ribbons will be given for the Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks; Speeches; Clothing Selection, Construction and Fashion Revue Activity; and Share-the-Fun.

**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

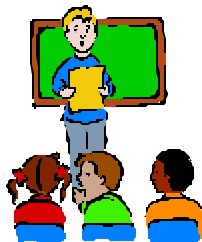
### Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, Horse and General Public Speaking - Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-9:00 p.m.



- Demonstrations or illustrated talks must be between 3-12 minutes for juniors and 5-12 minutes for seniors.
- A team demonstration is one in which two team members participate both in speaking and presentation.
- **No** living vertebrates (i.e. fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals) may be brought to county, district or state level events.
- Participants must provide **all** equipment and supplies for their presentation.
- Competitors are responsible for **all** aspects of their preparations **and** set-up of their competitions.

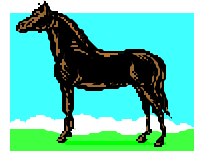
### Special requirements for Public Speaking Categories:

- Speeches in the General Public Speaking Category must be between 3-7 minutes in length for juniors and between 5-7 minutes for seniors.
- General Public Speaking Category - speeches must be original and specifically related to 4-H in some demonstrable way.
- Speeches in the Horse Public Speaking Category must be between



3-7 minutes in length for juniors and between 8-10 minutes for seniors.

- Horse Public Speaking Category – speeches must be original and specifically related to the horse industry in a demonstrable way.
- Three type-written, double-spaced copies of each speech (Horse or General Public Speaking) including: topic, name, age, date, and county on the front, must be submitted at least one week before county and two weeks before district events.
- Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Public Speaking Project.
- Seniors in the Horse Public Speaking Category qualify to advance to state competition from the county level. They will be critiqued *only* at district events. Juniors will advance to compete at the district level.



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

#### Share-the-Fun Talent Program – Act Classifications:

- Instrumental: Musical instruments of all descriptions.
- Vocal: Singing numbers
- Dance: All dance, baton and acrobatic routines.
- Dramatic and Novelty: Skits, stunts, pantomimes, monologues, puppetry, ventriloquism, impersonations.
- General: Acts which include two or more of the above classifications.

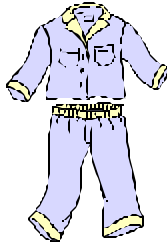


### Participation Criteria:

- Acts may be presented by an individual, or a group limited to a maximum of 5 participants.
- Time of each act can range between 3-5 minutes.
- Junior and senior group acts must meet age criteria. Acts can not combine juniors and seniors together.
- At the county level participants will need to provide **all** equipment needed for their act, except a microphone, and PA system. At the district level a piano **may** be available, inquire in advance if one is needed.

### **Fashion Revue Program –**

- Participants in Clothing Construction and Clothing Selection Categories will be modeling their outfits before an audience.
- Seniors qualify to advance to state competition from the county level. They will be critiqued *only* at district events. Juniors will advance to compete at the district level.



**Registration deadline for all events was March 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you forgot to get your registration in on time, call the 4-H Office today!

### **OKALOOSA HOSTS DISTRICT EVENTS**

Okaloosa County will be hosting District Events this year at Crestview High School. All 4-H'ers who win in their demonstration, illustrated talk, speech, clothing, or Share-the-Fun category at the county level will progress to the

district competition scheduled on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**.



*Putting on this event requires a lot of helpers...and we know that we can count on **all** of you to make this a great day for our 4-H'ers from District 1!*

Volunteers, leaders, parents and supporters of the 4-H Program will be needed to help as judges, room monitors, time keepers and assist with set-up, registration, tallying scores, lunch, and clean-up following the event. ***We NEED you!!! Please call the 4-H Office and sign up to volunteer today!!!***

### **4-H DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE**

This is a great opportunity for middle and high school age 4-Her's to learn about what really happens at the State Capitol in Tallahassee when the Legislature is in session. This educational field trip - 4-H Day in the Legislature will be held April 15, 2003. The cost is \$20 for the chartered bus and extra for your meals. Business professional dress is required. There are a limited number of spaces available, so call today for more information. Registration deadline is April 1.



### **SANTA ROSA GREEN & WHITE BALL & DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**

Senior 4-H members in District 1 are invited to attend a senior social at the new Santa Rosa Extension Office in Milton, Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:30 p.m.. You will enjoy an evening of fun with your friends, music, dancing and

activities. The cost is \$2.00 per person. For more information call our 4-H office.

### **4-H LEGISLATURE**

The Florida 4-H Legislature, held July 7-11, 2003 in

Tallahassee, is the greatest week-long learning opportunity about our state government and how it functions. Seniors will serve as legislators, senators, reporters or lobbyists, and meet in the committee rooms of the House of Representatives as well as the House Chambers, and conduct a mock legislative session. You will also have the opportunity to tour the State Capitol, Supreme Court, Archives and other State buildings.



For the latest information on 4-H Legislature and to get a peek at the Bills for 2003 – check out the website at: <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/newsandinfo/Legislature/Legislature2003Info.htm>

The cost will be approximately \$200 for registration fees, room and board. We will be staying in dorms at Florida State University. If you are interested in participating, call the 4-H Office now!!!

### **SEAT BELT SAFETY POSTER CONTEST**

Create your very own safety poster promoting the correct use of safety belts and be a winner! The contest is divided into four grade level categories:

- K-Grade 2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12



For fourteen years Okaloosa County entries have gone on to win honors at the State competition. This contest is open to **all** youth. County winners will receive trophies and advance to State, where you can win a beautiful plaque and state-wide recognition.

Entry deadline is April 4<sup>th</sup>, call the 4-H Office for more information.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – CAMP TIMPOOCHEE CLEAN-UP DAY**

The County Council has rescheduled a camp clean-up at Camp Timpoochee on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

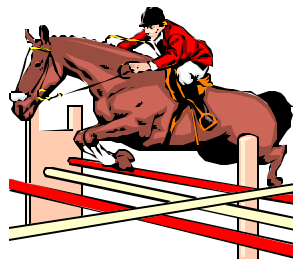
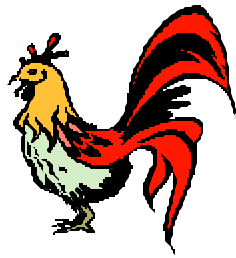
### **CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING**

Our county summer camp is just around the corner...scheduled for May 26-30. We will need teens age 14 and older to serve as Camp Counselors. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your community service requirements for college scholarships. To be selected as a Camp Counselor you are required to attend Camp Counselor Training. If you are interested in serving as a Camp Counselor please call the 4-H Office for more information.

### **HORSE AND LIVESTOCK NEWS**

**Area A Horse Show** - Eleven Okaloosa seniors are preparing to compete at the Area A Horse Show March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Jackson County Agriculture Center, Marianna. We're cheering for you!!!





*Submitted by: Katherine Forbes*





## IMPORTANT DATES



March 7	<u>Registrations due for County Events Days</u> Area A Horse Show, Marianna
March 8	
March 18	
March 24, 25 and 27	County Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Laura Stouts' Home
April 4	4-H County Events, Charles Walthall Agricultural Center, Crestview
April 12	Seat Belt Poster Contest Entries Due
April 26	Community Service, Clean-Up at Camp Timpoochee
May 26-30	4-H District 1 Events, Crestview High School Hosted by Okaloosa County
	4-H Summer Camp, Okaloosa, Walton and Washington Counties, 4-H Camp Timpoochee

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