

Volume 3

Welcome to Fall and exciting opportunities at the FAIR!!! I would like to thank all the 4-H club members, parents and volunteers who helped to make 2002-03 such a great year. I am so proud of every 4-H'er who completed a record or project book, or participated in a special 4-H activity. I hope everyone who attended the Awards Banquet had an enjoyable evening and are just as excited as we are about the new 4-H year ahead.

Read on for Banquet highlights and a review of opportunities at the FAIR....



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First I would like to thank the Hot Wings Poultry Club members who helped as servers and 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 the County Council Officers who did a great job with the decorations and presentation of awards.

Youth honors went to:

Best Record Books

Clover Bud Winner—
Jaydin Vanderford

Junior Winners—Leia
Steinfath and Evan

Vanderford

Senior Winner— April
Simmers

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Banquet Highlights continued -Achievement Awards

April Simmers

Kelly Chlebowski

Nathan Riddle

Leadership Awards

Laura Stout

Olwen Phillips

Evan Vanderford

Head Award

Katie Marcoux

Heart Award

Kaitlyn Sirico

Health Award

Arianna Nelson

Hands Award

Jayce Vanderford

Horseman of the Year

Junior—Kevin Blackmon

Senior—April Simmers

Poultry Person of the Year

Leia Steinfath

Shepherd of the Year

Jaydin Vanderford

Leaders of the Year

Darlene Bowden, Hot Wings Club

Susan Simmers, Hoofbeats Club

Fred W. Barber CollegeScholarship Recipient

Laura Stout

*Adult honors went to:*4-H Alumni

Mary Sirico

Friend of 4-H

Alice Wagon

*4-H Motto—**“To Make the Best Better “*

The FAIR is almost here and 4-H'ers and volunteers are working feverishly to get ready for the events!!! Everyone needed to pre-register by October 1. The FAIR will be from Friday, October 24 to Saturday, November 1.

Project Exhibits All project exhibits to be judged must be brought to the Extension Building at the fairgrounds Thursday, October 23 between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Club Booths Booths must be completed by Thursday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m.

Open Lamb Show Saturday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.

Open Youth Breeding Beef Show
Monday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

4-H Poultry Showmanship Show
Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

Open Youth Dairy Goat and Market Meat Goat Show
Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m.

4-H Dog Show Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Consumer Choice Judging
Saturday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. *Anyone interested in doing this contest needs to call the 4-H Office by October 17 to register for a study guide workshop.*

Open Youth Horse Show
Saturday, November 1, 12:30 p.m. (*** Note time change**)
Participants for the Horse Show must check-in by 12:00 noon. The show will begin at 12:30

p.m. Also a horsemanship class has been added, participants have until October 15 to contact us, to add this class to their entry forms.

Hostesses are needed to help watch at the Extension Building and also at the Livestock Barn. If you can help us, please call the 4-H Office and reserve a time.

Booths can be assembled:

- October 18, 9 am-4 pm
- October 20, 9 am-4 pm
- October 21, 9 am-4 pm
- October 22, 9 am-9 pm
- October 23, 9 am-8 pm

Exhibits can be removed:

- November 2, 9 am-4 pm
- November 3-5, 8 am-4 pm

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

County Council ~

Our new officers are:

President: Kaitlyn Sirico

Vice-president: Katie Marcoux

Treasurer: Jayce Vanderford

Secretary: Olwen Phillips

Reporter: April Simmers

Historian: Arianna Nelson

Inspirational Leader: Kelly

Chlebowski

Our "Shine up the Sunshine State" community service project will be Monofilament Recycling. We will be helping Mr. Scott Jackson, the Marine Agent for Okaloosa and Walton Counties, make, distribute and maintain monofilament-

recycling containers. We will also help to educate our community about monofilament recycling and why it is so important. Monofilament (or fishing line) lasts about 600 years in the marine environment. It causes many injuries and deaths to marine animals. This is very bad for our environment, and an area where we can make a difference. Please come and join us and learn how you can help with this very important community service project. Our next meeting is October 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ft. Walton Beach Fairgrounds.

District Council ~

The District Council will be

meeting during the Pensacola Consumer Choice Judging Event, Saturday, October 18 at the Langley Bell 4-H Center, at 11:00 am –12:00 noon. All 4-H members attending the Pensacola Consumer Judging Event, October 18 are asked to bring a canned or non-perishable food item and/or a children's book for the District I Community Service Project. If you are not participating in Pensacola, and would like to donate to the service project, you may bring your items to the 4-H Office, Crestview by October 10. The November District Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Crestview following the 4-H Genealogy Workshop.

4-H GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

GENEALOGY

Family history research is the third most popular leisure activity in the United States and the second most popular topic on the internet. What 's all the excitement about? It's the fun of uncovering **YOUR** family's story.

A two part workshop is being offered on Saturday, November 15 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m., held at the 4-H Office in Crestview. The workshop is recommended more 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 these two sessions and will be able to join in on the excitement of the "search" for ancestors.

You and your family will learn how to begin a family history search, how to interview older family members, what records and documents you will want to find and research, learn about local resources and archives, explore internet resources, and much, much more.

Call the 4-H Office today and request a registration brochure. There is a \$5.00 fee per family for the workshop, which will include materials, and refreshments. The deadline to register will be November 5th.

4-H 101

The 4-H colors

are green and white. The white symbolizes purity and high ideals. The green, nature's most prominent color, symbolizes springtime, life and youth.

The 4-H slogan is ~

"learning by doing"



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FALL COLORS

Every fall we here in Florida miss out on one of nature's miracles. Green leaves turn red, purple, orange and yellow. Why do leaves change colors? As a result of chemical processes, leaves change with the seasons from summer to winter.

During the spring and summer, leaves are green. The color green comes from a chemical called chlorophyll. This chemical likes warm weather and long days. The plant uses chlorophyll to make food by absorbing sunlight and using carbon dioxide and water. Since chlorophyll likes warm weather and long days, when the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, chlorophyll starts to break down and the green color disappears.

Other chemicals in the leaves produce the other colors you see. Carotenes and xanthophylls give the orange and yellow colors. These colors are masked most of the year by chlorophyll. So the leaves change from green to any combination of these beautiful colors and then eventually turn brown and fall off of the tree. Here in the South, since our autumn and winter are very mild, some trees keep their leaves throughout the year. Some trees will show a little color change here depending on our weather. The invasive "popcorn tree" changes colors in our region. Some maples do too. So this fall, look for some color. Enjoy it. It is very rare here in Florida.



IMPORTANT DATES

October

6-12	National 4-H Week
16-26	Pensacola Interstate Fair
18	Booth set-up time, Northwest Florida Fair, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
18	Pensacola Consumer Judging Contest - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Langley Bell 4-H Center, Pensacola
18	District Council Meeting –11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Langley Bell 4-H Center, Pensacola
20-21	Booth set-up times for the Northwest Florida Fair, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
22	Booth set-up times for the Northwest Florida Fair, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
23	County Council Meeting and Horse Advisory Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the FWB Fairgrounds
23	Booth set-up times for the Northwest Florida Fair, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
23	Northwest Florida Fair items checked-in – 4:00-6:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
23	Club fair booths completed, Northwest Florida Fair – 8:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
24	Judging 4-H displays at Northwest Florida Fair – 9:30 a.m., Fair Opens - 5:00 p.m., FWB
25	Open Youth Lamb Show – 2:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
27	Need your help - 4-H Hostesses for the Northwest Florida Fair, 5:00-10:00 p.m., FWB
27	Open Youth Breeding Beef Show – 7:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
28	Need your help - 4-H Hostesses for the Northwest Florida Fair, 5:00-10:00 p.m., FWB
28	4-H Poultry Showmanship Show – 7:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
29	Open Youth Dairy Goat and Market Goat Show – 5:30 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
30	4-H Dog Show – 7:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
30-Nov. 9	North Florida Fair, Tallahassee Fairgrounds

November

1	4-H Consumer Judging Contest – 10:30 a.m. –Registration, Contest 11:00 a.m., FWB
1	Open Youth Horse Show – 12:30 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds (Note Time Change)
1	Need your help - 4-H Hostesses for Northwest Florida Fair, 12:00 noon-10:00 p.m., FWB
2	Remove Northwest Florida Fair Exhibits, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
3-5	Remove Northwest Florida Fair Exhibits, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., FWB Fairgrounds
8	4-H Day at North Florida Fair, Tallahassee Fairgrounds
11	Veteran's Day, 4-H Office closed
15	4-H Genealogy Workshop, Part 1...10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 4-H Office, Crestview
22	4-H Genealogy Workshop, Part 2...10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4-H Office, Crestview
22	District Council Meeting, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 4-H Office Crestview
22	State 4-H Marine Ecology Event, Camp Ocala
27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H Office closed
28-Dec. 2	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December

5-7	Second Executive Board, Camp Ocala
6	Youth Livestock Judging School
6	4-H/FFA Horse Judging School, Gainesville
24-25	Christmas Holidays, 4-H Office closed



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Club News

Baker All Around Riders

The Baker All Around Riders held their most recent meeting on September 9th. We elected new officers. Congratulations to Justin Mayo our President, April Godwin our Vice President, Ashley Phillips our Treasurer, and BreAnna Burgess and Lucas Lee our County Council Delegates. We also have a new leader, Brenda Mayo. Another thing we did was to determine whether or not to have a booth for the upcoming fair, our next meeting will decide on what topic. Just as a reminder, our 4-H club will be holding a meeting on October 7th and then we will meet on October 14th for a hayride that Suzanne Duenas has planned. If you have any questions or comments please contact Brenda Mayo at 305-4621 or 315-0035. Last but not least, please welcome our newest member, Lucas Lee!

Submitted by: Maggie Bullard

4-H Lamb Club

Our Lamb Club will be meeting on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Crestview. Our club is newly reorganized and we will decide on a new club name. Our organizational leader is Crystal Vanderford and our project leader is Darlene Bowden. At our last meeting we learned

parliamentary procedures and the meaning of the 4-H clover, colors, slogan, and motto. At home we are all busy getting our lambs ready for the fair. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by: Adam Mooers

Hot Wings Poultry Club

This month our poultry leader Ms. Darlene gave us some tips on doing chicken showmanship. We are having a clinic September 27 so we will be ready for our first showmanship show at the fair. We talked about working on our fair booth along the lamb club October 4th at the 4-H Office. Our coupon book fundraiser is going well and should be finished up this month. We are planning a field trip to the zoo in December and getting showmanship shirts with the money we make. This year's poultry exhibit at the fair will include water fowl, game birds, and other types of poultry. Come by the poultry barn and see who wins Best Pair in Show. The showmanship show will be October 28th at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to check out the poultry fair booth and 4-H exhibits...they will be eggsellent!

Submitted by: Jayce Vanderford