

Pickens County 4-H Spring/Summer 2010

Awards Banquet: On May 6, approximately 250 guests came out to watch as eighty 4-H'ers received awards for various awards and accomplishments. Scholarships are a very important part of Pickens County 4-H. We gave out \$11,500 scholarship to deserving 4-H'ers. Traci Buckingham & Kim Fitts received awards for Volunteers of the Year and Jasper Banking Company & Myra Kincaid with Motorola received awards for Donors of the year.



Camp Counselors: 4 Pickens County 4-H'ers applied for a counselor position at 4-H camps throughout GA this summer. Bob Jasperse, and Rachel Wigington went through a vigorous application and interview process for the position. Bob & Rachel are 1st year counselors and Mary Alice Jasperse is a 3rd year counselor at Rock Eagle. Jeffrey Tomblin is a 4th year counselor holding an alternate position this summer.

Tom Graves Corn Roast: On July 17, thirteen 4-H'ers volunteered to help with the Tom Graves Corn Roast. We shucked a million ears of corn but also learned a little about politics while we were there!



Fishing Days:

On June 3 & 4, twenty-five 4-H'ers helped with the annual fishing days for the elderly and handicapped. Not only did the 4-H'ers have the opportunity to help those that don't have the opportunity to get out of their "rooms" very often, but they learned a little "history" to.



"CREAM OF THE CROP"

Three Pickens County 4-H'ers traveled to Atlanta to compete at State Congress this summer for "Master" status.

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Also inside:

DPA, Awards Banquet, Fishing Days for the Handicapped & Elderly, Tom Graves Corn Roast, Camp Counselors, GA Jr. National Show/Banquet, Relay for Life, Poultry Judging, and the S.A.F.E. Team.

Some selected upcoming events...

- 8-10.....Horse Club meeting
- 8-25.....Pickens High School Club Meetings start
- 9-3.....PCMS beginning club meetings
- 9-4.....Pickens Co. 4-H Lamb/Goat Show
- 9-10.....JMS beginning club meeting
- 9-16.....Livestock Judging Competition-NW GA Fair
- 9-21.....Elementary class lessons start



DPA: On March 12-14, we took fifteen 5th & 6th graders and one teen leader to Rock Eagle for Jr/Sr DPA. Each 4-H'er came prepared with a 9-12 minute demonstration on a chosen topic supported by visual aids. After stiff competition we came home with eight 1st place, one 2nd place, and four 3rd place winners. We are so proud of each and every competitor. Junior participants were: Andrew Haygood-1st place, William Roper-1st Place, Travis Painter-1st Place, Emily Hostetler-1st Place, Crystal Buckingham-1st Place, Jon Wigington-3rd Place & Kristopher Nolan-3rd Place. Senior Participants were: Katherine Kirby-1st Place, Katie Archer-1st Place, Amanda Rogers-1st Place, Justin Fellenbaum-2nd Place, Kasey Nolan-3rd Place, Lauren Cooper-3rd Place, Aly Rattazzi-5th Place and Carley Nichols-6th Place. Rachel Wigington attended as a teen leader. Katherine, Katie, and Amanda will attend State Congress in July and compete for "Master" honors.



GA Jr. National Show/Banquet: On February 17-21, six 4-H'ers attended the GA Jr. National show. Attendees were: Katherine & Alice Kirby, Lauren Cooper, Mason Sims, William Roper and Davon Painter. Davon and Alice also competed in the state record book contest for their goat project. Davon won 4th place in his age category.



Relay For Life: As a community service project, our 4-H'ers helped with the Relay For Life on May of this year. They got to put together the luminary bags and even light the candles inside the luminary bags.



Poultry Judging: On April 13, fifteen 4-H'ers competed in the District Poultry Judging contest in Dalton. After some stiff competition the junior team came home with 1st place and the senior team with 2nd place. Jr team member Alice Kirby brought home 6th high individual and William Roper was 8th high individual in the contest. Sr team member Katherine Kirby was 2nd high individual and Clay Wilkie was 3rd high in the contest. The senior team went on to place 8th in the state contest.



S.A.F.E. Team: The shotgun team prepared for their district and state competitions every Sunday during the spring this year. The district contest was held in Union County in April and the State contest was held at Rock Eagle on Mother's Day weekend. Congratulations to the team for a job well done.



State Congress: 4-H's most prestigious event was held July 20-23 in Atlanta. Three Pickens County 4-H'ers: Amanda Rogers, Katie Archer, and Katherine Kirby attended this event. The girls won 1st place on the district level in their projects and traveled to Atlanta to compete for "Master" status. After much practice and preparation, Katherine won 1st place, Katie placed 2nd and Amanda placed 3rd in their project area. Katherine will be attending National Congress in Atlanta this November.

