

Bleckley 4-H Wins Award at Georgia National Fair for Ninth Year

For the ninth consecutive year, Bleckley County 4-H'ers earned the Superior Performance Award at the Georgia National Fair. This award is given to the county in the state who has the most participants and most winners at the fair. According to Kathy Baldwin, County Extension Agent, "it would be impossible for us to win this award year after year without family involvement. We really appreciate parents who encourage and assist their children with preparation for the fair. It is a great way to learn and have fun at the same time."

Below is a list of fair participants by age and contests. Cloverleaf 4-H'ers are fifth and sixth grade members. Juniors are 7th and 8th graders and Seniors are high school students.

Many 4-H'ers competed in static exhibit competitions including mini-booths, recycling, photography, decorated agriculture, terrariums and dish gardens. These items were judged prior to the opening of the fair and all items were displayed throughout the fair. Those exhibiting included: **Junior Mini-Booth**- Evan Bennett- 3rd, **Senior Mini-Booths** - Ellie Baldwin – 1st and Section Champion^h, Ross Bennett – 5th place; **Cloverleaf Inventions** -Anju Patel – 1st place, Anjali Patel – 2nd place; **Cloverleaf Dish Gardens and Terrariums** - Cooper Felkins – 8th place, Rachel Leverette – 8th place, Michael Lawson – 7th place, Jasmine Trotter – 6th place, Austin Cook – 2nd place; Anna Floyd, Allison Pruitt – 10th place, Allison Collins – 9th place, Jasmine Trotter – 6th place, Jayna Rowland – 2nd; **Cloverleaf Decorated Ag**-Matthew Francis – 6th place, Braxton Clark – 4th place, Allie Smith – 2nd place, Chayce Brantley – 1st place; Logan Nobles, Allison Collins – 4th place, Jayna Rowland – 3rd place, Allison Pruitt – 3rd place, Krissy Troili – 1st place and Section Champion; **Cloverleaf Recycling** - Alyssa Kelley and Austin Cook – 2nd place; Anna Floyd, Hayla Coody – 9th place, Jayna Rowland – 5th place, Krissy Troili – 4th place; **Cloverleaf Graphic Design** -Cody Jesseman – 2nd place, Rachael Leverette – 1st place and Section Champion, Logan Nobles – 7th place; **Junior Recycling** - Emilie Killebrew – 5th place, Adam Rowland – 4th place; **Senior Recycling** - Dee Renfroe, Abbie Killebrew – 9th place; **Junior Decorated Ag** - Leslie Holland – 6th place, Emilie Killebrew – 1st place, Adam Rowland – 1st place; **Senior Decorated Ag** - Jessi Young- 4th place, Abbie Killebrew - 2nd place; **Junior Terrariums**- Cal Young, Quay Cook – 7th place, and Emilie Killebrew – 5th place; **Junior Computer Graphic Design** Drew Bedsole – 6th place, Adam Rowland – 5th place; **Senior Computer Graphic Design**- Dee Renfroe – 9th place.

The **Scarecrow Contest** was once again the most popular contest with Bleckley County families with the following 4-H'ers and their families participating. Fifth Grade students participating were: A'La Allen, Cody Berryhill, Katie Bowen, Chayce Brantley, Jimmy Buchanan, Miranda Burroughs/Paige McClure, Jessie Cannon, Braxton Clark, Dylan Cole, Brittany Dean, Victoria Deeson, Keri Ann Osborne, Harley Walker, Daylin Dean, Evin Bisher, Curry Young – 10th place, Cooper Felkins – 7th place, Jonathan Leatherwood – 6th place, Ellen Powell – 4th place, Ty Edge – 3rd place, and Jordan Odom – 2nd place.

In the **Junior Division**, participants were: Leslie Holland, Adam Rowland – 6th place, Cal Young and Wil Herrington – 5th place, Austin Jones – 3rd place
Senior participants included: Madoline Arnold – 6th place and Kourtney Troili – 5th place.

Many food contests are held throughout the fair. 4-H'ers entering food contests included: **Senior Omelet Contest** - Antonio Simmons – 9th place, Josh Floyd – 5th place, Adam Barlow and Lee Lister – 2nd place; **Junior and Senior Wild Game Dish** - Josh Floyd and Ashley Miller – 8th place, Adam Barlow and Lee Lister – 6th place, Adam Rowland -8th place, Cal Young and Bryant Trice – 4th place; **Cloverleaf Peanut Contest** - Drew Belflower, Tucker Coleman, Maggie Floyd and Allison Collins, Gage Byram, Rachel Leverette, Daylin Dean – 9th place, Randy Sapp – 6th place, Cooper Felkins – 4th place, Cassidy Fountain and Chayce Brantley – 1st place; **5th Grade Ice Cream Contest** – Ashley Strickland, Braxton Clark, Jay Jay Stevens – 10th place, Hannah Arnold – 7th place, Allie Keel – 6th place, Cody Jesseman – 5th place, Ty Edge – 4th place, Hailey Puckett and Jordan Odom – 3rd place, and Dylan Cole – 1st place; **6th Grade Ice Cream Contest** - Hannah Rogers and Morgon Boston – 4th place, Haley Rogers and Meredith Baggs – 3rd place; **7th Grade Ice Cream Contest** - Evan Bennett and Dalton Lucas, Brennen Sanders and Jake Purser – 10th place, Shana Flury and Deja Proffitt – 8th place, Mattie Heath and Madison Dykes – 6th place; **Senior Ice Cream Contest** - Emily Tyus – 9th place, Madoline Arnold – 8th place, Ross Bennett and Will Smith – 7th place, Josh Floyd and Ashley Miller – 5th place, Ellie Baldwin and Ashley Puckett – 3rd place; **5th Grade Pizza Contest** - Gage Byram, Ty Edge, Daylin Dean, Angelynn Johnson – 10th place, Landin Kitchens – 9th place, Allie Smith and Samantha Horne – 7th place, Cody Jesseman – 4th place, Tanner Johnson/Shane Conner – 3rd place, Braxton Clark – 2nd place, Cooper Felkins and Keith Dominy – 2nd place, Leansly Mullis and Kelsey Anderson – 1st place and Jordan Odom and Hailey Puckett – 1st place; **6th Grade Pizza Contest** - Geena Smith – 5th place, Jayna Rowland/ Joey Herrera – 4th place, Ashli Rush and Caroline Caputo – 4th place, Macy Smith and Emily Dyal – 3rd place, Allison Pruitt – 3rd place and Tommy Royal – 1st place; **Junior Pizza** - Adam Rowland and Drew Bedsole – 7th place, Kayla Warren and Taylor Little – 4th place, Jacob Gilbert and AJ Blankenship – 3rd place; **Senior Pizza Contest** - Amber Lucas and Erin Smith – 4th place, Josh Floyd and Ashley Miller – 3rd place.

The Public Speaking Contest, Promote 4-H and Variety Show test the communication skills and talents of 4-H entering. The following enjoyed these contests: **Cloverleaf Public Speaking** - Caroline Caputo – 6th place, Madison Phelps – 3rd place; **Junior Public Speaking**- Malika Mefane, **Senior Public Speaking**- Abbie Killebrew – 4th place; **Cloverleaf Variety Show** - Madison Cannon, Ashley Strickland, Angelynn Johnson – 7th place, Hannah Arnold and Peri Phagan – 6th place, Cassidy Fountain – 4th place, Katie Burton – 3rd place, Trevor Barker – 5th place, Krissy Troili – 2nd place; **Junior Promote 4-H Contest**- Cheryl Bloodworth – 2nd place
Junior Variety Show -Cheryl Bloodworth, Malika Mefane, Caroline Johnson – 10th place, Desmond Josiah – 9th place, Jacob Rogers and Levi Rose – 5th place;

Senior Variety Show - Jessi Young, Kourtney Troili – 8th place, Amber Burton and Spencer Maddox – 9th place.

The Challenge Bowl competition is always a highlight of the last day of the Fair. Bleckley County had two teams that did an outstanding job in the competition with one team placing third in the state. Team Members included: Lee Lister, Ellie Baldwin, Matthew Mayes, Lee Jump, Eli Belflower, Katelyn Strickland, Evan Bennett, Drew Belflower and Trevor Barker.

Representing our county in a state contest held during the fair was Ellie Baldwin in the 4-H Chicken Barbecue competition where she placed first in the state and will be attending the National Competition in Kentucky.

In Livestock Shows held during the fair, Faith Steeley received one 7th place award and two 8th place awards in the State Lamb Show and Zach Lucas also showed hogs in the show held during the fair.