

IT'S NEWS TO ME

April, 2009

COWETA FROGS 4-H MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB SIGMA LAMBDA CHI 4-H SENIOR CLUB

Upcoming Service Opportunities - Please Mark Your Calendar

Master Gardener Plant Sale: April 11 8:00 am

The MG's are great to help our 4-H program in so many ways. They serve as judges at many events, fund the Favorite Foods Contest, handle tons of paper shuffling for school club programs, sponsor camp scholarships, teach school clubs, and too much more to mention. All they are asking is for some strong backs and legs to help at their annual Plant Sale. Please contact Mrs. Leigh at once to let her know if you would be able to give any of your time that day. It is the same day as the Horse Show so I know we will already be short-handed.

Storm Drain Tiling: May 5:00 pm

If you've ever participated in one of these sessions, you know that 4-H'ers can make work fun! It only involves a few hours of your afternoon and is very easy to do. It can make quite an impact in the neighborhood, especially when we get to explain the program to the homeowners. On our return to the 4-H office, we'll have a special treat since we'll be hot and tired.

GA Baptist Children's Home: May 23rd

The Livestock Club is hosting a special day of fun for the residents. Please contact Mrs. Renee Willis at grwillis@charter.net if you are interested in helping with the activities.

Door Prizes

At our next meeting, you'll need to earn a ticket if you want to enter for door prizes. Check out the article on the GA Baptist Children's Home in the Coweta 4-H Herald online at

www.ugaextension.com/coweta for March. Bring any items listed for a ticket. The more items you bring, the more tickets you'll receive! I've got some nice prizes this time!

Don't Forget!

The April meeting will be held one week later due to Spring Break.

2nd Tuesday

April 14th,
7pm

Extension
Office

Announcements from Stephanie Faulkner

ELECTION TIME!

Have you been to DPA? Do you want to serve as a member of County Council? If so, nominations will be April 14 during our next meeting, at the Extension Office. Applications will be available at that time. Qualifications will be changing somewhat so make sure you read everything! May 5 we will hold ELECTIONS!!! Winners will be announced at the awards banquet on June 2nd!

The Frogs/SLC Campout will be April 24th and 25th at Powers Crossroads. You can start getting there at 6:00 PM and we'll finish up by noon the next day. Don't forget your sleeping bags and tents!! The menu plan will be announced at the next meeting.

June 2, at 6:30 PM, will be the Awards Banquet; it will be at the Exhibit Building and is by invitation ONLY for those who have attended a district, area, state, or regional 4-H competition.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

BY
AMBER WILLIS

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.

-T. S. Eliot

Coweta Frogs Meeting Minutes by Oasis Davis

The Frogs Club met March 2nd at 7:00 in the new Extension Office. Whitney, our President, called the meeting to order and led us in both the 4-H and American Pledges. She then directed the Frogs' members attention to me as I read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were then approved as read. I then gave the spotlight to Whitney. She then read about our new business which included Favorite Foods, and D. P. A. She then recognized the downtown auction as old business. We joined Mrs. Leigh and the Senior Club members. Mrs. Leigh then started our combined meeting with a fun fashion show. After everyone who participated in the Fun 4-H Fashion Show was given their prizes. Mrs. Leigh turned the meeting over to our two presidents, Whitney and Emilee. They presented their *Leadership in Action* projects. Whitney presented her project and talked about Cyber Bullying. Emilee did hers on the decrease in large animal vets. We then applauded them both for the wonderful jobs they did on their projects. Then the presidents adjourned the meeting.

Emilee's Corner

Note: I would like to touch on Middle School Frogs President, Whitney Kirkpatrick's, wonderful president's note from last month about optimism. Additionally, I would like to thank fellow 4-H'er, Katy Kirbow, for the swine insight.

Dear Fellow 4-H'ers:

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." ~Winston Churchill

First things first, I would like you to get a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. Now, draw a pig. In your drawing, it must contain the body as well, not just the head. Yes, I am serious. Draw a pig. Once you are done, come back to this note.

The words of Winston Churchill, quoted above, are far truer than most people suspect. Think about the innumerable number of people you will come in contact with in the average lifetime of 39,420,000 minutes. Let's just take a moment to reflect on this. For those of you who competed in Junior/Senior DPA, you had the opportunity to reach out to over 400 people in just one weekend of 2,160 minutes. Wherever you go, you are representing yourself to others through your attitude. What impact are you making on the people you meet?

As we talked about in my February note, studies have shown that, as a leader, your team members tend to mimic your behavior in their work. You also never know who you will meet that has an impact on your future. A judge for a 4-H event? Maybe a future employer? It merely takes a moment to impress your character on someone. You want to be sure it's the right impression. You never know which of those 39,420,000 moments it will be.

Now, why on earth did I go from having you draw a pig to talking about attitude? Well, let's take a look at your drawing. Where on the paper did you draw on? The bottom? The glass is half empty, you are pessimist. The middle? The glass is neither half empty nor half full, you are a realist. The top of the page? Your glass is half full, you're an optimist. What direction is your pig facing? If it's facing to the left, you have traditional family values. If it's facing right, you are inventive. Is it facing toward you? You are argumentative and love debate. Now, what is the size ratio between the ears and tail? These represent your listening to talking ratio. Lastly, did you add a lot of details to your pig? If so, you are cautious, untrusting, and slow to make decisions.

Pretty interesting, eh? I have found that this personality test-although not *always* accurate- is pretty truthful. What *is* always true is:

"Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?" ~Dennis and Wendy Mannering

If you have read this note, email me the results of your artistry for special recognition. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Your Humble President,

Emilee Brinton



A Note from Whitney

Dear Fellow 4-H'ers,

On March 17th we celebrated a holiday that is very dear to 4-H'ers because of all the green clover attire, St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is an Irish Catholic holiday that originated in 461 AD. Why is green the color worn on St. Patrick's Day? Ireland is known as the "Emerald Isle". Every year people all over the world celebrate this holiday by wearing green and there are also many St. Patrick's Day parades.

Now coming into April the days are now longer and believe it or not, but the project year is already 1/4 of the way over! DPA is now over and if you haven't already, its time to start thinking about next year. 6th graders, it's your turn now. You need to start writing down everything you do because now you will have to make a portfolio too.

Sincerely,
Whitney Kirkpatrick



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Check out www.ugaextension.com/coweta
for more info on clubs and activities!



The University of Georgia

Senior Recreation Extended - 6 until 6:45 pm

WII OLYMPICS!

April and May

We'll keep points in 3 areas - Boxing, Tennis, and Bowling. Prizes will be awarded for High Point in each division as well as overall champion. Bring snacks to share!

