

HOOFBEATS

January 5, 2012

Important Dates

January 7- Bring One for the Chipper

January 14- Horse Quiz Bowl Competition

February 11- Cowboy Mounted Shooting Clinic at Fairgrounds Arena

February 18- Drill Team Competition

March 10- Early Spring Fling Fun Show

March 17- Stock Horse Demonstration at Little Creek Quarter Horses in LaGrange, GA (1pm-4pm)

February 6- Leadership Day at the Capitol

If anyone has any information for Hoofbeats or for the website, please contact Kailey Prince at 678-877-9691 or email me at barelrasergirl@aol.com



A NOTE FROM KAILEY:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. There was a great turnout at the 2 Day Winter Clinic which was instructed by former 4-H'ers Lauren Dennis, Katy Kirbow, Megan Smith, and Emilee Brinton. We have a busy year ahead of us starting off with our Horse Quiz Bowl Competition coming up on January 14. Good luck to all the teams competing!

With the weather turning colder, your horses will need extra care. Make sure you check their water every day, and make sure there is no ice in any of their troughs. Also, make sure they have shelter. Some horses will need their feeding schedule altered during the winter. Remember to check your horse's hooves regularly because in the winter there is a lot of moisture which can cause thrush. I hope everyone has a great New Year and bundle up!! **Remember to check out our new website.** <http://www.4hcowetahorseclub.com/>

Horse Quiz Bowl Teams

Senior Teams

Leah Pendelton
Ben Dennis
Courtney Lummus
Adam Pendelton

Stormie Adams
Ashley Wright
Victoria Neundorfer
Jessica Sinel

Junior Teams

Olivia Baldwin
Kailey Prince
Emily Morgan
Bishop Watts

Mayson Glover
Kitty Yeager
Allison Vessell
Ethan Yeager
Sara Reed

Note from Mrs. Angela

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! I want to thank each of you for helping our club provide the family with seven children with a wonderful Christmas! When I told Mrs. Deborah we would take on the family of seven, I must admit, I was concerned about getting everything; HOWEVER, all of you responded sooooo fast!!! ALL SEVEN children were taken care of within 48 hours of me putting out the e-mail! You were all “Jesus with skin on” and it is an honor and a privilege to serve such a wonderful group! On the day we delivered the presents, Santa himself couldn’t be there that day as he was REALLY busy getting ready to leave for his big trip, so my husband helped him out and dressed up in a Santa suit. I will never forget look on that precious little boy’s face when he saw all the packages we brought and looked up into my hubby’s eyes! It was one of the sweetest moments I have ever witnessed! I pray you all have a wonderful new year filled with lots of horsey fun! I love you all!

The two-day clinic put on by Katy Kirbow, Lauren Dennis, Emilee Brinton, and Megan Smith was a HUGE success! We had a great turn-out and everyone learned a lot and had lots of horsey fun! At the end of the second day Ben presented Katy Kirbow with a gift of \$500.00 from our club to let her know we love her and truly grieved with her when she lost all three horses to lightening on July 4th of this past year. Katy has been a dedicated 4-H’er her whole life and is currently attending UGA where she will graduate in May and plans to attend the Equine Vet School there as well. She was very active in the Horse and Pony Club for many years, rode on drill team and served in numerous board positions as well.

Participants in the clinic were:

Day 1 Brooke Barber, Brent Bohanon, Sarah Gilbert, Amy Goddard, Sarah Hinely, Brooke Hutchins, Rachel Johnston, Abby Lummus, Courtney Lummus, Emily Morgan, Victoria Neundorfer, Allie Oliver, Jordan Seelbinder, Jessica Sinel, Kitty Yeager

DAY 2 Rainey Ayers, Brook Barber, Payton Barber, Cole Benefield, Stormy Crowe, Ben Dennis, Sarah Gilbert, Mayson Glover, Sarah Hinely, Brooke Hutchins, Rachel Johnston, Abby Lummus, Courtney Lummus, Emily Morgan, Victoria Neundorfer, Jordan Seelbinder, Jessica Sinel, Kitty Yeager

Monthly Minutes from Amy

Last month's meeting of the Coweta County 4-H Horse and Pony Club was held in the Extension Office, here, on December 1st, 2011. Ben called the meeting to order, and Stormy led the pledges. I read the minutes and Jeanie introduced the guests. Kailey asked for articles for the Hoofbeats, and Ben discussed the old and new business. Stormy asked if there were any demos. There were, so Mrs. Angela did the announcements while they were setting up. The demos were: Ethan Yeager did "Oh My Aching Back" on saddlery, Emily Morgan did "Drill Team", Mason Glover did "Horse Care" and Logan Crowe did "A Perfect Horse". After that Mrs. Angela handed out the drawing prizes. Then we all exchanged presents. Thank you to everyone that brought a gift! Then the meeting was adjourned.

Hey everyone, don't forget to go to the links below and print your book!!! If you are a cloverleaf, you will need Level 1, and you are only required to complete half of the book unless you have done it before and are going for a higher point value award (see rule book).

Please remember: you must have completed Level 1 to advance to Level 2, however you do NOT have to do them in the same year!! If you did level 1 last year **and are ready to move up**, then you will work on level 2 this year. **Students may do a particular **level** book MORE THAN ONE TIME, but a new book must be completed each year. If your student is young, they might do half of the level 1 book the first year, then do the entire book their next year, and possibly do the entire book again the following year. Level 2 takes a bit more time and requires more riding and horse experience as well so please do not feel that you HAVE to move up each year!! My son has done level 1 several times and has done level 2 twice so far! To do Level 3 you must have completed Level 1 and 2. Level 3 requires an entire year to complete and this is geared towards older experienced riders – it is NOT something to rush through and must be completed in its entirety to be accepted.

Please be sure to check your rule book as you must meet all criteria required to receive a particular award level, not just earn that number of points. If you have 250 points but only met criteria for the 100 point award, you will receive the 100 point award.

If you are new to the club, I want to encourage you to sit down with your student and read through the rule book together as it is very thorough and helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!! Mrs. Cathy and I will be happy to meet with you before any of our meetings at 6:15 if you would like extra help – just e-mail us to set this up.

Level 1 novice:

<http://georgia4h.org/livestock/Level%201%20Novice%20Horseman%20Project%20Manual.pdf>

Level 2 Intermediate (must complete level 1):

<http://georgia4h.org/livestock/Level%202%20Intermediate%20Horseman%20Project%20Manual.pdf>

Level 3 Master (must complete 1 & 2):

<http://georgia4h.org/livestock/Level%203%20Master%20Horseman%20Project%20Manual.pdf>

It was a very Merry Christmas for 4-H'ers Olivia Boggs and Sylvia O'Neal as they both received 2 new horses for drill team. Olivia's horse is Texan's Prince, a 12 yr. old registered quarter horse and a top contender in barrels. Sylvia's horse is Tuff E Nuff, also a 12 yr. old registered quarter horse and is a proven champion in 2D poles. Both girls were very excited, especially Sylvia, as this is her first very own horse.
Congratulations to them both!!

MOUNTED SHOOTERS CLINIC

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SATURDAY, February 11th 2012

Exhibition 11:00am – 12:00am

Clinic: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Coweta County Fairgrounds

275 Pine Road Newnan, GA

CLINIC LIMITED TO 25 SHOOTERS

Due to the size of our club and limited number this event is limited to 4-H club members and their immediate family.

COST: \$40 per participant 12 years of age and over
\$30.00 for riders under 12 – non-shooting

Pre-Registration REQUIRED

**Checks made payable to: COWETA COUNTY 4-H

- **You may bring your horse to ride at the end, however they will be tied at the trailer for a while so you need to be sure they will not get spooked by the gun shot while tied.**
- **Anyone who has been shooting off of their horse may bring their horse to use, but ONLY if they have been shot off of regularly and are safe to shoot off of.**
- **At the end if you would like to work with your horse in closer proximity to the guns being fired, you may bring them in the arena for extra practice. During the clinic each participant will shoot 1-2 rounds of ammo which is included in the registration fee. If you would like to shoot extra rounds, you will need to purchase them that day from the clinicians for \$4.00 per round.**
- **By turning in payment with registration form you will reserve your spot. Refunds will ONLY be issued if the event is cancelled or changed due to weather, so make sure you can attend before you pay.**

