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District Project Achievement : March 21, 2009
Cloverleaf 4-H'ers, fourth, fifth and sixth graders, from Long County attended Project Achievement in Alma, GA. at Bacon County Middle School/Bacon County High School along with 350 other 4-H'er from 14 other area counties. This is a yearly competition in which 4-H'ers present a presentation of their choosing. In preparation, the 4-H'ers had to choose a topic, do research, and then make an outline which helps them with organizing their presentation. Once they have their introduction, body, and conclusion, it's time to start focusing on visual aids. Sometimes, you have to see it not only to believe it, but also to remember it. That is why 4-H'er use posters or other visual aids as a part of their presentation. Visual aids also help 4-H'ers to show, share and make their presentation more understandable for the audience. All of our 4-H'ers spent many hours preparing, and practicing for this competition. They proudly represented Long County, Walker Middle School and Faith Baptist School with 11 of the 15 participants returning home with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place and Long County being recognized for placing 3rd for Greatest Participation Increase. Those that

competed were: Celest Collins, Keonna Ball, Christian Dasher, Justin Edenfield, Quatica Berry, Brittany Aughtman, Caitlin Aughtman, Maggie Alexander, Mary Cooper, Armanda Toledo, Hawkeye Lynn, Dustin Ellerbe, Alex Adkins, Megan Linck, and Rebecca Loury. Also want to say "thank you" to all of the 7th & 8th grade 4-H'ers that came to the 4-H office every week to assist the Cloverleaf's with their projects. They showed true leadership skills, mentoring the Cloverleaf's and sharing their own experiences of competition with the younger 4-H'ers. Also Ms. Lisa Overbey, Long County 4-H Program Assistant would like to say "Thanks" to the parent volunteers, 4-H'er Teen Leaders that helped out on competition day in roles as adult chaperones, project judges and score runners: Cynthia Alexander, Randy Brannon, Crystal Ellerbe, Maya Ellerbe, and Mary Alexander. We also had a great turn out of parents, grandparents that came to the competition to support their child and the Long County 4-H program.



Keep Georgia Beautiful: March - May is Keep Georgia Beautiful months, and Long Co. 4-H'ers have been doing their part in several different ways already. Our first project was held on March 10th with a Highway Clean-up where 23 4-H'ers gather at the office, grabbed their garbage bags and orange vest, then hit the highway. Students picked up bottles, cans, paper, boxes and other litter on a segment of Highway 57 stretching from the Ludowici Police Department to Smiley Elementary School. The trash the 4-H'ers cleaned off the road filled 11 garbage bags, Participants were: Stephen Campbell, Alex Adkins, Caitlin Aughtman, Alazia Kirkland, Keonna Ball, Javien Sims, Doneisha Smith, Iman Miles, and Mary Cooper, Jessica Shanken, Phillip Brewer, Justin Edenfield, Carla Mansfield, Amber Deloach,

Sierra Blanchard, Malik Elix, Allison Foster, Amanda Mayfield, Rita Bolick, Austin Overbey, and Drew Cantrell The next project was held on Saturday, March 14th with a "Harris-Hughes" Rose Garden, and Welcome signs clean-up. Where the group picked-up trash, pull weeds, raked and bagged leaves, gather fallen limbs. The team was treated to subs, chips, and cold drinks for lunch after all their hard work. Thanks to Tori Cooper, Kayla Jenkins, Maggie Alexander, Haley Gunter, Mary Cooper, Jason Cooper, Brittany Aughtman, Alexis Roth, Katherine Madorma, Charlotte McGinn, James Cooper, Mary Cooper, Lisa Overbey, Elizabeth Madorma, and Stephen Campbell.

We are also asking every family in Long County to think about, and work on ways to recycle. If you are a 4-H family that is already recycling, please record those numbers/lbs. and turn them into Ms. Lisa over the next few months so we can report those numbers to the State. If you are not recycling maybe start thinking about ways to recycle to lessen the amount of trash that ends up in the landfills. Please remember to save those pop tabs too; 4-H is collecting them to be turned in at our State Junior Conference in November. In 2008 14,576 lbs were collected state wide, and when turn in for dollars came to \$5146.40 that was donated to the Ronald McDonald. So let's keep up the good work and keep popping of those tabs.

SE District Junior Conference at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island this past weekend was wonderful. The weather was outstanding! There were 137 in attendance, 4 of which were from Long County: Alex Adkins, Amber DeLoach, Tori Cooper, and Kayla Jenkins. All the 4-H'ers in attendance, through donations and the live auction, raised \$580.60 for the renovation of the turtle enclosure project – this was terrific!!! 4-H'ers enjoyed 2 Driving/Passenger Safety classes Saturday night: 1 class presented by a spokesman from the Jesup Traffic Safety Prevention Program who brought a simulator and Tybee Policemen and the 2nd class was presented by policemen from Savannah. Sunday morning, 4-H'ers enjoyed 3 classes on healthy eating/snacks for the road. Other activities included beach games, time in the water (it was amazing how many 4-H'ers swam in the cold water), cook-out, board games, movie, ball, dance, and auction. So next year don't miss out on a weekend full of fun, adventure, learning and hanging with old and new friends.

Competitions: The Archery Team traveled to Wayne County to compete in a District Match on Saturday, the 4th of April. This was the Seventh Southeast area Archery Match held and Long County was right on target, coming home with several wins. Congratulations to the Cloverleaf recurve team, Rachael Lohsandt, Johnnie Lynn, Chris Glimore, and Nick Delgado for taking 1st place in their division. Nick Delgado took 1st place, and Rachael Lohsandt took 3rd place for High Individual score for Cloverleaf. Congratulation to the senior recurve team which consist of Emily Stephens, Linda Stephens, and



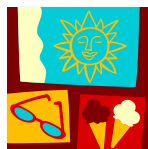
Nick Garcia for placing 3rd. Linda Stephens also walked away with 3rd place for High Individual score in senior division.

Congratulations to all Long County Archery members for a job well done.

April 24th-26th, the Archery Team will compete at Rock Eagle in the State Competition. The members of the Archery Team are: Cloverleaf compound shooters are; Armando Toledo, Justin Bustle, and Hawkeye Lynn. Cloverleaf Recurve shooters are Rachael Lohsandt, Chris Gilmore, Nick Delgado, and Johnny Lynn. Junior Recurve shooter is; Dominick Lambert. Senior Compound shooters are Jason Makay, Phillip McKee, and Recurve Senior shooters are Emily Stephens, Linda Stephens, Nick Garcia, and Keenan Pocut. When you see these people, wish them good luck at the state competition!



Project Achievement Club: Will hold their first meeting on April 28th at the 4-H office, after school. This meeting is for all current 6th-11th graders. We will go over how to build the perfect portfolio, plan activities to go along with project areas and set personal goals. If you have never participated in Jr./Sr. Project Achievement, come and make this your first portfolio entry. You won't be disappointed. We will also be having a **Project Achievement** meeting in May, Date TBA.



Summer Activities Program: Are being finalized and will be passed out very soon. Ms. Lisa, and Mrs. Charlotte are working on a fun filled, Educational Summer Program for Long County 4-H'ers. So for those of you that like riding crazy coasters, or just chilling, floating around the lazy river, Arts & Crafts or are looking forward to having more Leadership roles in your 4-H program keep a look out for the registration papers. Registration form and activity fees will be due in the 4-H Office by June 1st. 4-H'ers may chose from the full program or select a few to participate in. Total fees are due up front for each activity. A refund will be given only if you notify the 4-H Office one-week prior to the activity. Insurance forms are also to be completed before activity day. We will **NOT** send out reminder letters of events.



There are still a few spots left for Cloverleaf camp at Wahsega 4-H Center. This camp is for 5th & 6th grade 4-H'ers. If interested please call or come by the 4-H office for more information, 545-9549. If you have already signed up to go to camp, you will receive a letter from the 4-H office with information about camp in the near future. Reminder, that all camp balances are due by April 30th.