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**Thought for the week**

**"The fear of failing or just failing at something multiple times should not shame you into quitting; it should motivate you to succeed that much more."**
by Aleya R

**Long County 4-H'ers Speak Their Way into Success:** Sitting patiently, waiting for their name to be called to stand up and present their speech for a crowded room, this can be something that can make most people scared to death. However, this was not the case for 17 of your fellow 4-H'ers as they competed in the Southeast District 4-H Project Achievement along with over 700 other 4-H'ers, from 39 counties, from Southeast Georgia on February 6th-8th.

For these Junior and Senior 4-H'ers, seventh thru twelfth graders, This competition is what they had been working so hard for over the past year: Sean Sphar, Tori Cooper, Megan Alexander, Mary Alexander, Emily Adams, Kayla Jenkins, Amber DeLoach, Kaitlynn Walker, Iman Miles, Maya Ellerbe, Allison Foster, Chantia Thomas, Jessica Shanken, Kicha May, Rita Bolick, Sierra Fernandez and Austin Overbey, they represented Long County with pride.

All the hard work and dedication of the 4-H'ers paid off and culminated with a weekend full of fun and games, fellowship, and competition. Long County returned home with one first place winner, eight second place winners, and two third place winners though all of the 4-H'ers are true winners for their dedication and hard work. Austin Overbey, a senior 4-H'er won a sweepstakes (second place) in the Safety project area. This gives Austin the privilege to compete at the state level at State Congress in Atlanta in July this year.

Along with the 4-H'ers returning home with their wins, 9 of the 17 were also recognized as Certified Teen Leaders. These 4-H'ers attended an eight-hour workshop back in July. Two areas covered in the workshop were, "being role models and how to work with others." Senior 4-H'er Austin Overbey was recognized for participating in project achievement for eight years, as a graduating senior from Long County High School with many accomplishments during his 4-H years. Austin has also been selected to be a camp counselor for the up and coming 2009 Georgia 4-H camping year, he was greatly surprised to fine out that he will be spending the summer at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega, GA. and looking forwarding to working with his fellow counselors, and many 4-H'ers from all over the State of Georgia. This is just one of the few examples of how 4-H'ers are able to excel within the 4-H program.

**Cloverleaf Project Achievement Workshops:** Several 4th, 5th and 6th grade 4-H'ers have been working on their projects in preparation for the upcoming competition that will be held March 21st, in Alma GA. They are Alex Adkins, Nikki Marine, Megan Linck, Justin Edenfield, Quatica Berry, Keonna Ball, Mary Cooper, Caitlin Aughtman, Brittany Aughtman, Margaret Alexander, Dustin Ellerbe, and Rebecca Loury. All of these 4-H'ers are working very hard on preparing their speeches and are now working on poster, or visual aides for the competition. There is no doubt that they, just like their peers will proudly represent Long County, Walker Middle School, and Faith Baptist School.

**Keep Georgia Beautiful:**

March - May is Keep Georgia Beautiful months. Long Co. will be helping by doing our part in several different ways in the next few months. Our first project will be on March 10th with a Highway Clean-up. The next project will be held on a Saturday, March 14th with a "Harris-Hughes" Rose Garden, and Welcome signs clean-up. In the near future we will be having a Beautification day in our community where we will be planting some trees, and flowers. We are also asking every family in Long County to think about, and work on ways to recycle. If you are a 4-H'er that their family is recycling please record those numbers/lbs. and turn them into Ms. Lisa over the next few months. All 4-H'ers and families are encouraged and welcomed to come out and pitch in at any one of these activities.

**Highway Clean-up:** Meet at the 4-H office after school on March 10th; make sure you use the Crossing Guard. The Blue Tide bus will be available for those needing to use it, or parents should pick you up at the 4-H office by 5:15 p.m.

**Rose Garden Clean-up:** Meet at 4-H office/or Rose Garden at 9:00 a.m. on March 14th. Plan on working for several hours and lunch will be provided. Dates and times for other events will be announced at a later date.

**First Archery Match:** Great job to the following

Long County 4-H Archery Team members that participated in the first ever held State Indoor Archery Event, that was held at Fortson 4-H Center on, February 28th. Rachael Lohsandt, Nicholas Delgado, Dominic Lambert, Hawkeye Lynn, Johnny Lynn, Phillip McKee, Emily Stephens, Linda Stephens, and Armando Toledo. Congratulations to senior 4-H'er Linda Stephens for placing second at this event, and Rachael Lohsandt for placing 5th in her age division. All participates enjoyed this competition and are looking forward to the State Competition coming up April 25th-27th. A Thanks goes out to Coaches Jack & Suzanne Stephens, and parents that accompanied the group: Thom Lohsandt, Maria McKee, and Linda Lynn. If not for parents of 4-H'ers that volunteer, we would not have a successful program as we do.

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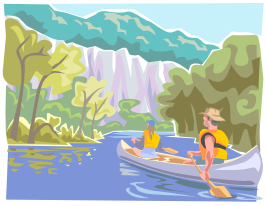
**Junior Spring Event, 4-H Road Trip:**
(6th-8th) graders-Will be held at Tybee Island April 4th and 5th, There will be workshops, special events, that will include Beach Teamwork Games, Junior Service Project, a dance and meeting old & new 4-H friends. Cost is $64.00-Includes meals, over night lodging, workshops, activities, transportation and insurance. Hurry! Deadline to register and pay is March 18th at the 4-H office.

***Cloverleaf Camp** (5th-6th Grade) –Wahsega 4-H Center is the destination for camp this year. Long County 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to attend camp June 7th – 12th. The week will be filled with hours of swimming, arts & crafts workshops, dances, games, water sports, tubing trip and lots of socializing with other 4-H'ers from around Georgia. There are still spots available for camp, don't miss out make your deposit today at the Long Co. 4-H office. Parents that have already made their deposit the final $200.00 can be made in weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments, but must be paid in full by April 30th. **First come/First served!** Total Cost-$300.00. This includes all the fun plus transportation.



***Junior Camp:** (7th-8th Grade) – June 29th- July 3rd. Georgia 4-H Summer Camp at the Fortson 4-H Center during the summer of 2009 will be fast-paced and exciting. Campers will enjoy a day at Six Flags Over Georgia Amusement Park, White Water Park, a day at Stone Mountain, including Sky Hike (rope course), 3D theater, sky bucket to top of the mountain, and train ride; and getting to watch Thursday Night Thunder Racing at the Atlanta Motor Speedway! While on Center they will get the chance to enjoy the 77 acres, crazy skits, play games & sports, climbing wall, zip line enjoy spending time with old and new friends. How about a campfire, a cookout, and other outdoor activities, like a night swim? Sound like fun? Register and make your deposit of $100.00 **NOW!,** at the Long Co. 4-H office. The final $200.00 can be made in weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly payments but must be paid in full by April 30th. Cost for Junior Camp is $300.00. This includes all the fun plus transportation. **First come/First served!**

***Senior Camp (9th-12th Graders)- June 29th-July 3rd** at Wahsega 4-H Center. 4-H'ers will enjoy a night out in Downtown Dahlonega; a Karaoke Party; a trip to Helen for shopping, tubing and other water fun and a t-shirt. Make your deposit of $100.00 **NOW!** The final $200.00 can be made in weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments, but must be paid in full by April 30th. Total camp cost is $300.00. This includes all the fun plus transportation.

**Parents if arrangements need to be made for later payments, please just speak to Ms. Charlotte or Ms. Lisa.**