

# 4-H Gator Tails

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**Shoebox Gifts** This was a very successful Community Service Project, and it really was because of YOU! Every foster child received a gift for Christmas. In addition, others in the community donated also, and we were able to make Christmas a little brighter for children at Headstart, Magnolia House and several other locations that had needy kids. Many of you donated items to give to the Foster kids for Shoebox gifts, and your generosity truly was appreciated!

**Project Listing for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Achievement**

- Agricultural Awareness
- Air Science
- Archaeology
- Arts
- Beef
- Between Meal Snacks
- Bicycle
- Cat Care
- Clothing & Textiles
- Communications
- Companion Animals
- Computers
- Conservation and Recycling
- Crafts
- Creative Stitchery
- Dairy & Milk Science
- Dairy Foods
- Dog Care & Training
- Electric/Electronics
- Entomology



**Cloverleaf District Project Achievement:**  
**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-Hers.** You can have lots of fun when you prepare a 4-H project demonstration and present it at Cloverleaf DPA competition which will be held in Bacon County, March 17th in Alma. We will travel by bus from the 4-H office to the competition.

Basically, **PICK A TOPIC, research it, Write your speech,** and have **POSTERS** to illustrate your ideas. Choose a topic that interests you, that you would like to know more about, and one you think others would be interested in learning about. Refer to your **“Let’s Do a 4-H Project!”** handout on DPA and your **Friends Magazine on DPA** to get started.

**Sign up by February 10 to get extra points on your Bulldawg Buck! You and your parent can call or come by and talk with staff members about doing a 4-H project and sign up for the competition before that date.**

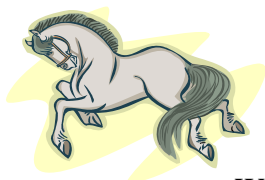
Still need help? Project Days will be held on **Tuesdays** starting January 17, 24, and 31. Also, Wed Feb 8, 9, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and continuing on March 1, 5, 7, 9 and 13th. **Register to do a project by calling the 4-H office at 287-2456.**

- Flowers, Shrubs, & Lawns
- Food Fare
- Food for Fitness
- Food for Health & Sport
- Food for the Family
- Food Safety & Preservation
- Forest Resources & Wood
- Fish & Shellfish
- Fruits, Vegetables, & Nuts
- General Recreation
- General Science
- Geology
- Health
- History
- Horse
- Housing, Equipment & Environment
- Human Development
- Interior Design
- International
- Kitchen Fun
- Marine & Coastal Ecology
- Ocean Ecology

- Outdoor Recreation
- Outdoor Survival Skills
- Paleontology
- Performing Arts - General
- Performing Arts - Instrumental
- Performing Arts - Vocal
- Photography
- Plants, Soils, & Fertilizers
- Pork Production
- Poultry & Egg Science
- Power & Energy
- Public Speaking
- Rabbits
- Safety
- Sheep and Meat Goats
- Sports
- Target Sports
- Time & Money Management
- Using Water Wisely
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife
- Workforce Preparation

**Junior & Senior DPA Competition:** will be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Rock Eagle. 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on their portfolios and 4-H project demonstrations. Each 4-H'er puts together a year long record of their accomplishments with pictures for supporting materials. Those records are turned in by January 6<sup>th</sup> and mailed to Athens. They will be judged separately from the demonstration part of the competition at Rock Eagle where they will be representing Ware County with a variety of demonstration topics. While there, the students will present their demonstrations, participate in an election for the Southeast District 4-H officers and have time to make new friends at the 4-H dance and banquets. Those competing this year are: Shakiria Johnson, Rasounae Paulk, TJ OBerry, Hailey Furman, Baileigh Thomas, Madison Carson, and Taylor Mullis.

**Dog & Cat Food Donations** Over 100 pounds of pet food was donated from our fall collections and given to the local Okefenokee Humane Society. Please donate a bag of dry food, and make sure your name, class, and school are labeled so you can get Bulldawg bucks points.



### **Horsing Around**

Ware County Horse Club members rode in the annual Waycross Christmas parade

December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The decorated horses and ponies with their riders pranced through the night time parade. They will also participate in the MLK day parade in Waycross on January 16<sup>th</sup>. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Horse Club will participate in the State Horse Quiz Bowl competition. They will answer questions on many aspects of horse care and training. Good Luck!  
**The next Horse Club Meeting will be January 23 at 6:00 at the 4-H office.**

**Spread Valentine Cheer!** You can give someone reason to smile this year in the Nursing Home by entering the **4-H VALENTINE CONTEST**. All you have to do is create your own Valentine Card. It *cannot* be a card you buy and should not have any candy, metal, or hard objects on the card. Awards will be given to 4-Hers in the categories of: the **Prettiest, Most Unusual, Best**

**Message**, and Overall Winner. Students can enter **ONE CARD IN EACH CATEGORY** (3 total). All cards will be delivered to a local Nursing Home on Valentine's Day for the residents to enjoy after the judging. **PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME, SCHOOL, TEACHER, ON THE BACK.** We will pick up your cards on **FRIDAY, FEB 11**, so get to drawing and be creative! **If you would also like to be a visitor to the Nursing Home to deliver the Valentines, please call the 4-H office to let us know because space is limited.**



### **SUMMER CAMP SIGNUP**

**Cloverleaf 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle June 18-22** is for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, all kind of sports from water games to field games, workshops, dances, socializing and even a little time to eat and sleep! Camp spaces are limited to 55 students from Ware County. **Total Camp costs and details are in the flyer handed out at the 4-H meeting.** A limited amount of sponsorships are available for *active* 4-H members who compete at Project Achievement. Call the 4-H office for details. Get your 1<sup>st</sup> deposit into the 4-H office by February 3<sup>rd</sup> to reserve your place for a **WEEK OF FUN AT THE ROCK!**

## **Club of the Month**

Wow, the competition is heating up for fantastic 4-H prizes and the running for Club of the Year! In December Mrs C. Thrift's Class at Waresboro earned 1075 points, Mrs Abbott's Class at Ruskin earned 1125 points Mrs Baker's Red Group earned 1325 points and Mrs Lairsey at Southside earned 1475 points. Congratulations to Coach Hayes/Mrs Howell's class at Memorial Drive earned 2,350 points, for Club of the Month in December. Ways for students and classroom donations were to do a mini booth, classroom demonstration or to contribute to Shoebox gifts, dog food donations, and donations of can tabs. We like to have lots of students participate and earn those points! Keep up the good work!