The Annual Covington County Relay for Life will be held April 24th, 2015 from 6pm until around 2am. Relay for Life is a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. This year, 4-H has put together a team and will be participating with a booth at the event.

Our booth theme is “The Avengers” and we are looking for some volunteers to help us man some games such as Hulk Smash Cans, Captain America Shield Toss, Hawk-Eye Archery and more. If you would like to help or if you have ideas for other games or events, please make a suggestion!

Covington County 4-H is dedicating our time and effort in honor of Gordie Cartwright, one of our senior 4-H’ers who is currently battling cancer.

We will be having work-days on April 7th and April 10th from 3:30—7 (come when you can). On April 7th we will work until about 5:30 and have a light dinner, followed by our monthly council meeting. We hope to see lots of you there!

Jaci Williamson, Kyle Powell, Will Driver, and Brody Williamson pose with the Relay for Life Pet Pageant’s Most Unique Pet winner, Cowboy the Goat and his owner, Elizabeth Garrett. The Pageant was held March 7th at Tractor Supply as 4-H’s Team Fund Raiser for Relay for Life. We raised almost $300.
CONGRATULATIONS!
To Ms. Rebecca Simon. Rebecca is the Junior winner of the Speak Up Alabama Have I got a Story contest for Covington County.

Rebecca performed the story “Petter Cottontail” through the point of view of Peter’s sister, Flopsy.

Rebecca will compete in the Regional Round-Up at Troy University. Congratulations, Rebecca!

The second half of the Speak Up Alabama Competitions will be held April 16th, at 6 PM in the Extension Office Auditorium. The categories are Informative and Persuasive speeches. This is a wonderful chance for youth to develop speaking and writing skills.

On March 21st, the cooking club held its second meeting. This time, the recipe was for a chicken bacon ranch crescent ring. Using refrigerated crescent rolls, chicken, bacon, cheese and some spices, they created a beautiful and tasty lunch. For more info about the cooking club, contact Ms. Cat

At the beginning of the School year, 4-H Spirit Points were explained to Class Clubs in the County. Instructions were given, pledges said, and green was worn.

It is now time to announce the winner of the spirit points!
(Drum Roll Please)
1st Place Pleasant Home 5th Grade with 820 points
2nd Place—Red Level Mrs. Nall’s 6th Grade 795 points
3rd Pleasant Home 6th Grade—765 points.

Congrats to our Spirit Leaders! They will receive a party and recognition at our awards ceremony.

4-H is a safe, welcoming place for kids to learn and belong. More than 800 young people participate in Covington County Alabama.
March 21st, Covington County 4-H’ers, Cal- lie Smith, Savina Porter, and Katie Fraze competed with over 200 exhibitors at the Alabama Jr. Beef Expo in Montgomery. Katie placed 1st in the Intermediate Commercial Heifer class, Callie placed 4th in Junior Show- manship and 2nd in Junior Commercial Heifer Class, and Savina placed 3rd in the Junior Commercial Heifer Class. They each also received $250 from the Poarch Creek Band of Indians. Great work, girls!

Livestock Sweep!

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 7—Relay for Life Workday Ext. Office 3:30 pm—7

April 10—Relay for Life Workday 3:30

April 16—Informative and Persuasive Speeches Ext. Office 6 PM

April 18-19—Youth Leadership Conference

April 24—Kiwanis Fairgrounds—Relay for Life

April 30—County Council Applications Due

May 16—Elections and Awards Ceremony

June 3-5 Summer Camp

June 11-12—Regional Round Up

We will be announcing some PALS Clean up dates later in the month.

4-H Volunteers are the backbone of 4-H programs. In 2013, 2,800 volunteers contributed $1.9 million in volunteer time to 4-H clubs and members. Consider volunteering today!
County Council Applications!

If you are interested in applying for a county officer position, there are three steps that you will need to follow: 1) COMMIT! You must commit to being at as many monthly meetings as possible. We understand that there may be times when you have scheduling conflicts or emergencies, but if you apply, then you are committing to making 4-H meetings. 2) APPLY: There is an application form that you need to fill out. This list your goals, accomplishments and talents. After the County 4-H Team reads the applications, we will select two people to run in the Officer Elections. 3) Be at the 4-H Office for Elections and Induction Ceremony. This Will be held at the extension office on May 16th. Many Covington County 4-H Members will be present and a ballot will be held. Annual awards ceremony and officer induction will follow. If you are interested in applying, let Ms. Cat know!

Summer Events

This summer, Covington County 4-H will be hosting events and trips. Dates are still TBA, however, plans include bowling, frogging, and movie nights, just to name a few. As soon as final arrangements are made, we will announce some more awesome trips, so be on the lookout for 4hOnline emails about that, as well as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram updates.

We are also going to grow a garden at the Extension Office. We will meet weekly and grow our garden in buckets. At the end of the summer, we will throw a Harvest Party! At the end of the summer, youth who participate will be eligible for Junior Master Gardener Certification.

This has been a FANTASTIC school year! It was great to meet all of you and watch your awesome projects and presentations! I hope to see you this summer!