



Calhoun County 4-H Clover Newsletter October 2009



Upcoming Events:

First County Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Extension Auditorium beginning at 5:30 pm. The program is TBA and we will be electing officers. Anyone interested in becoming an officer **MUST** be at the meeting and meet requirements in August/September Clover.

Fall Fest 2009 will be held on Saturday, October 24 at the Cane Creek Community Garden at McClellan, 9am-2pm. See details on page 4.

County Contest for Chicken-que will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009, during the Fall Fest. Contest Rules are located in your September Clover. First and second place winners are eligible for the county contest. **Registration deadline is Friday, October 9.** Everyone must be ready to start grilling at 9:00 am.

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Club Meeting

Meeting Date: _____

Program: Water Wonders

Inspiration: "And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair." *Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese Poet and Novelist*



October Local Contest Rules:

Beef Cook-Off

1. Choose a tasty beef recipe. (Sloppy joes, hamburger, taco, etc.) Prepare the dish at home, and bring in 2 servings. **Unusual** dishes get more attention.
2. Write your recipe on note cards or a piece of paper and place it with the dish.
3. Keep your dish **cold** until ready to serve to the judges. If needed, reheat it in the microwave just before the judges taste it.



4. Bring plastic fork/spoon and small plate or bowl to serve the judges.
5. 1st place local winner is eligible for the county contest.

4-H Design



1. The design will become the 4-H T-shirt design. The **COUNTY winner** will receive a free T-shirt.
2. Use 8 ½ x 11" piece of white paper or poster board.
3. Write with black ink or marker. **Do not** use any color.
4. The design **must** include the words "**Calhoun County 4-H.**"
5. If you use the 4-H emblem, do not draw anything on top of it.
6. The drawing must show 4-H in a positive image.
7. Use a catchy slogan.
8. **NO** computer graphics or print.
9. Write your name, school, grade, and homeroom in pencil on the back.
10. Local 1st place winner is eligible for the county contest..

Nature Ornament

1. The craft must be made by the 4-H'er who enters it. It is okay to get help.
2. The item should not have been entered in a 4-H contest before.
3. Nature crafts are made using materials formed by natural process- rocks, wood, sand, salt, plants, shells, seeds, etc.
4. The nature craft may be glued, painted, dyed, or cut to make a unique ornament.
5. The craft **MUST** have a loop or hanger from which it can be hung on a Christmas tree.
6. The natural materials can be attached to other materials such as cardboard, Styrofoam, etc.
7. Bring items to school in a "self-seal" plastic bag. **Ornament MUST fit in bag and close.** Label your ornament with your name, school, grade, & homeroom.
8. Crafts will be judged on good quality of work, originality, attractiveness, completeness, and good function.
10. Local 1st place winners are invited to the county contest.



Recycled Container

1. *Recycled* means: Any container that would normally be thrown away after use may be used. Examples: cereal boxes, milk jug, soft drink can, jelly jars, etc.
2. Clean the container well before using.
3. You may cut, paint, decorate, or alter as needed in order to turn the original item into a different useful or decorative item.
4. **Do NOT** use brand names or copyrighted characters like Batman, Rugrats, Sponge Bob Squarepants, Scooby Doo, etc
5. The item must look different from its original appearance. The amount of work done will be considered.
6. Entries will be judged on: creativity, usefulness, neatness, and workmanship.
7. Write name, school, grade, teacher, and homeroom on back or bottom of the item.
8. Local 1st place winners are eligible for county competition.

Photography

1. Enter **ONE** picture only. The picture **MUST** be taken by the 4-H'er. *See tips below.*
2. The picture should not be larger than 5x7" and arranged nice & firmly on an 8.5x11" piece of unlined paper or poster.
3. **ABOVE** the picture print a title.
4. **UNDER** the picture print a **SHORT** description or caption.
5. The picture should have been taken within the last year.
6. The photo should not have been entered into the 4-H Photography Contest before this year.
7. Label with first and last name, grade, school, & homeroom on the **BACK**.
8. 1st place winners are eligible for the County Contest.



TIPS FOR TAKING BETTER DIGITAL PICTURES

Try different angles with different subjects. Looking at something from somewhere else can make it look totally different.

Get the whole subject in the picture. If the whole subject isn't there, the picture may seem confusing or incomplete.

Have patience and takes lots of pictures. Chances are if you take ten pictures, at least one will turn out good.

Try editing your pictures on your computer. Using your computer, you can crop your pictures and even make them black and white.

Know your camera and use its special modes. Almost all digital cameras come with neat modes such as close-up and outdoor lighting that make your picture better.

Add something out of the ordinary. Don't take plain, boring pictures. Make them eye-catching.

By Lauren Long, Limestone County 4-H'er

COUNTY CONTEST RULES

Beef Cook-Off

1. 1st place local winners are eligible.
2. Prepare a BEEF dish that is attractive and tasty.
3. Bring the dish, ready to eat, to the Extension Office no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, Dec. 7th, by 4pm. Make sure your container is labeled with your name, grade, school/teacher. **Don't worry, when the judges are ready to taste, we'll warm it for you.*
4. Recipe should be written or typed on a note card or piece of paper to be placed beside your dish.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Program on Tuesday, December 8th, at 5:30 pm in the Extension Auditorium County Administration Building, 1702 Noble Street, Anniston.

4-H Design, Photography, Recycled Container, & Nature Ornament

1. 1st place local winners are eligible.
2. Rules for these contest are located in the October Clover Newsletter.
3. To be considered for the County Contest, your entry must be turned in to the Extension Office on Monday, Dec. 7th by 4:00 pm.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Program on Tuesday, December 8th, at 5:30 pm in the Extension Auditorium County Administration Building, 1702 Noble Street, Anniston.

FALL FEST

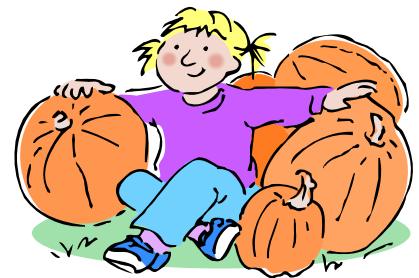
October 24th 9am-2pm

Cane Creek Community Garden at McClellan

Admission only \$1~~ FREE if you're wearing a costume~~



Cake Walk
Live Music
Arts & Crafts Contest
Hay Ride
Baked Goods Contest
Canning Contest
Baked Foods Contest
Quilt Contest
Scarecrow Contest
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Come out & show your support!!!