



# 4-H News

Fall 2006 Newsletter

## Cherokee County 4-H Pumpkin Carving Contest



Members of Cherokee County 4-H participated in the First Annual Cherokee County 4-H Pumpkin Carving Contest on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, from 9:00 Am to 12:00 Noon at the Cherokee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. The contest was held during the Cherokee County School System's fall break. Four-H'ers used their skills and creativity to make wonderfully carved pumpkins. From scarecrows and turkeys to 4-H clovers to Alabama and Auburn logos, each design was superb. Congratulations 4-H'ers on another job well down!

### Cherokee County 4-H Volunteer Leader Training was Thursday, August 24, 2006

at the Cherokee County Extension Office. Leaders learned how 4-H has evolved to meet the needs of today's youth. This training provided leaders with skills they need to lead a safe and productive 4-H Club in today's society. *Thank you all who attended.*

## Cherokee County 4-H Council

The Cherokee County 4-H Council is an organization comprised of elected Council officers and club representatives. The organization stresses youth leadership training and development. The County Council meets for or more times a year to conduct business, education meetings, plan community service projects, and enjoy the company of fellow 4-H'ers. All 4-H members, parents, and leaders are welcome to attend meetings. However, only council officers and representatives are voting members. The County Council also has a regional and state counterpart.

### Cherokee County 4-H Club Officer Training workshop

was Tuesday, September 26, 2006 from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Cherokee County Extension Office. Club Officers learned what it means to be a 4-H Club Officer; were introduced to the duties of that office as well as the duties of the other offices; and learned the simple rules of parliamentary procedure to conduct each meeting.

The workshop was a huge success with 60 4-H Club Officers and 5 4-H Club Volunteer Leaders present.

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## 4-H Day at The American Village

Friday, October 27, 2006, the Cedar Bluff School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club and two members of the Lookout Mountain 4-H Club joined Marshall County 4-H'ers in the 4-H Day at The American Village located in Montevallo, AL. Four-H'ers participated in the "Stand Up For The Right To Vote" program which engaged them in a



challenging American Government experience. Four-H'ers retraced the history of the right to vote from a colonial election to the Women's Suffrage movement and the 1950s Voting Rights Movement. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time.

## National 4-H Week Activities

Various clubs around Cherokee County participated in the National 4-H Week, October 1-7, 2006. Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club prepared food for the teachers and staff at their school; other clubs made 4-H posters and placed them around school. Council Representatives from each club took a bag of ten 1000 Grand candy bars with a note reading "you're worth more than a million to us. Thanks for being a friend of 4-H" to their school principal and their club leader. Four-H'ers worked at the 4-H booth during the Centre Fall Festival and raised over \$100 selling bags of popcorn and 4-H merchandise.



4-H Booth at the Centre Fall Festival

Members of the 4-H County Council delivered a plant to each 4-H donor.



4-H County Council Members take plants to donors



Citizenship Washington Focus is a leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school youth. For seven weeks during the summer, delegations of 15-19 year-olds from across the country attend this six-day program at the National 4-H Conference Center, just outside Washington, D.C. This program gives participants hands-on opportunities to learn and practice skills that promote "Better Citizens Today. Better Leaders Tomorrow." Participants learn by attending workshops, committees, field trips, and social events.

CWF is scheduled for June of 2007. For an application contact the Cherokee County Extension Office.



## Drums Around the World Workshop



On Saturday, October 14, 4-H the Cherokee County 4-H Program held a Drums Around the World Workshop where 4-H members made drums from gourds and coat skin. --- Awesome Drums, 4-H'ers!

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## Cherokee County 4-H 2006/2007 Donors

Centre Civitan Club  
\$400

Cherokee Electric Coop  
Operation Round-Up  
Trust Fund  
\$500

Cherokee Farmer's  
Federation  
\$750

To donate to the  
Cherokee County 4-H  
Program:

Mail your donation to:  
Cherokee County Extension  
Office, 4-H Program, 1526  
Chesnut Bypass, Centre AL  
35960.

## eXtreme Birdhouse Club Contest Winners



Gaylesville 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Cedar Bluff 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Spring Garden 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Gaylesville 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Cedar Bluff 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Spring Garden 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cedar Bluff 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Spring Garden 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Not pictured are the winners from Sand Rock School 4<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H Club, Sand Rock School 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H Club, Centre Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H Clubs, additional Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H Clubs, and Centre Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H Clubs.

*Great Job, 4-H'ers!*



Gaylesville School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Spring Garden 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club

## 4-H Cinnamon Muffin



## Club Contest Winners



Gaylesville School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Spring Garden 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Gaylesville School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Cedar Bluff 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



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Cedar Bluff 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Spring Garden 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club



Centre Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club

Not pictured are the contest winners from Sand Rock School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club, Sand Rock School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Club, Centre Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Ms. Hopper) 4-H Club, and Centre Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Clubs.

# Another Great Job, 4-H'ers!



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# 4-H DAY AT THE U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER

In Huntsville, AL  
Saturday, March 3, 2007

For just \$15 per person, you get all this:

- Admission to the Museum
- One IMAX® Movie in the SPACEDOME Theater
- Hamburger Box Lunch
- Access to all public simulators
- OUTPOST IN SPACE – Presentations run every hour on the hour from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
- Guided Museum Tours are available every hour on the hour

Offer valid only to active 4-H members.

For more information or to sign-up, contact your 4-H Agent at the Cherokee County Extension Office.



## 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Topic:  
"Pollinator Conservation"

Essayists should explore measures being used – or needed – to protect and conserve pollinating insects, especially honey bees, and to reduce the factors mentioned on the information sheet that negatively affect pollinating insects. For a copy of this information sheet contact your 4-H Agent at the Cherokee County Extension Office.

The contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. One Junior and one Senior essay per county will be sent for the statewide competition. Essays are due in the Cherokee County Extension office by **January 12, 2007**.



## National Arbor Day Poster Contest Theme:

Trees are Terrific...and forest are too!

Each contestant is to create a poster that reflects his or her understanding of the components and benefits of a healthy, diverse forest ecosystem. Contestants should think about the different types of forests and the variety of trees, plants, and animals that inhabit each type of forest. Contestants may wish to draw a tropical rain forest or a familiar forest that is closer to home. Contestants should make sure their poster follows the contest rules listed on the information sheet. A winner from each school will be selected. The winning entry will be sent to the national contest.

The contest is open to active 4-H Club members in the fifth grade. For an information sheet contact your 4-H Agent at the Cherokee County Extension Office. All entries are due in the Cherokee County Extension office by **February 1, 2007**.