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4-H GRAD Club Learns the Law

At the recent Coosa County 4-H GRAD Club meeting, club members learned about the law from Attorney, David Law. As our careers guest, he explained what it takes to become a lawyer.

Like so many high school graduates, David was not sure what career he wanted to pursue. At first he planned on being a dentist and had even discussed his plans with the late Dr. Carl Natali, but he eventually decided to go to college and study law. To get into Law School, he first he had to pass the LSAT test. This test is a lot like the ACT but has a lot more questions related to reasoning and logic. This qualified him for Law School and then the real work began. He completed most of his coursework by taking night classes while working his way through school to avoid accumulating a large college debt.

To become a lawyer, David had to first pass the Bar Exam. For six months he dedicated himself to study and preparation for this one test. The test itself lasted for three days, and although it was exhausting, he passed the test and was now a lawyer. He returned to Coosa County and began his practice. He stated that Alabama has over 12,000 lawyers state-wide but only about four in Coosa County, the least number of any county in the state. And since he grew up here, he knew it would be a great place to live and work.

David went on to explain that being a lawyer is not a 9-5 job, he often works into the evenings on cases and researching records. But it is enjoyable work. "I enjoy meeting people, and through my work I have gotten to know a lot of different people and made some great friends". David went on to explain that integrity and honesty are important traits for being a lawyer. You have to build a reputation of being dependable and fair in how you deal with people. He also gave the 4-H Club members some great advice on credit cards, avoiding debt, and to make sure to keep the right kind of friends.

Gary Mitchell, then wrapped up the meeting with some discussion about financial decisions related to purchasing a car. The 4-H members reviewed a handout with two different scenarios to decide which would be the most financially wise choice.

The 4-H GRAD Club meets monthly at the 4-H Club House in Hanover and all high school level students are invited to participate. We have some great programs coming soon, and we hope more students will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about careers, finances and much more. Registration forms are available at the Coosa County Extension Office in Rockford or call Roger Vines at 256-377-4713.