



January 2012 4-H Newsletter

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County Photography Winners

Junior Division:

1st– Isabell Stafford/Enfinger
2nd– Hannah Hughes/Faulk
3rd– Justyn Tyler/Hagler

Honorable Mention

Hollie Arnett/Sidanycz Club
Natalie Long/Community Club
Katie Ann Mixon/Childers Club
Brittany Carroll/Faulk Club
Claire Wood/Long 5th Club
August Knowles/SDMS 5th
Alexis Murty/Woodard Club

Senior Division:

1st– Shelby Windham/Club Calf
2nd– Madison Tew/Club Calf
3rd– BB Aldenderfer/Comm. Club



February 2012

February 18, 9:30 a.m.

County Steer and Heifer Show
Dale County Ag/Plex Arena

February 24-25

Tri-State Steer and Heifer Show
Houston County Farm Center

February 24th

Deadline for Summer Camp deposits

February 25, 9:00 a.m.

County Baked Foods, Dairy Foods and Public Speaking Competitions
(Eligible 4-H'ers will receive letters in early February)

County 4-H Competitions

The 2012 County Baked Foods, Dairy Foods and Public Speaking Competitions will be held on Saturday, February 25th at 9:00 a.m. The competitions will take place at the Dale County Government Building which is located at 202 South Highway 123 in Ozark. 4-H'ers and their parents will be permitted to enter the building at **9:00** and will have approximately 30 minutes to set up their display. 4-H'ers who are eligible to participate in any of these contests will receive a letter and appropriate instruction sheets in early February.



February 4-H Projects

Natural Resources Poster, Public Speaking, and Quilt Project (Quilt due in March)

Please refer to the attached project sheets for the projects that we are assigning this month. The poster and public speaking will be due at your February 4-H Club meeting. **The quilt project will not be due until your club's March meeting.** We are allowing each 4-H'er additional time to work on their quilt project because of the time needed to construct a project of this type. Please follow all guidelines and rules on the attached project sheets.

Please make sure that all posters have your name and 4-H Club on the back. Quilt projects should have a slip of paper attached that includes 4-H'ers name and club name. Quilt projects will be returned to 4-H'ers after they have been judged in the county competition. **Remember that quilts are not due until your March 4-H meeting!**

February 4-H Schedule

<i>School/Date</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Time</i>
<u>Long</u>		
Tuesday, February 7	Childers	10:15-11:15
	S. Enfinger	12:30-1:30
	Long 5th	1:45-2:45
Wednesday, February 8		
	Hagler	10:15-11:15
	6th Grade	12:45-1:45
<u>Newton</u>		
Thursday, February 9	Woodard	11:00-12:00
	Pate	12:30-1:30
	Davenport	1:30-2:30
<u>SDMS</u>		
Tuesday, February 14	6th Grade	8:30-9:30
	5th Grade	9:30-10:30
<u>Newton</u>		
Tuesday, February 14	Blocker	11:00-12:00
	McNeal	12:15-1:15
<u>Ariton</u>		
Wednesday, February 15	Sidanycz	8:45-9:45
	Ward	10:30-11:30
	Peavy	12:00-1:00
	Garst	1:00-2:00
Thursday, February 16		
	Laney	8:45-9:45
	Floyd	9:45-10:45
	Faulk	12:00-1:00
<u>Special Interest Clubs</u>		
Community Club	Thursday, February 9	6:00-7:00pm
Club Calf	Feb. 18, 9:30am (Dale County Show)	
Bee Club	TBA	
Dale County Dusters	TBA	



Dale County Quilters: The Next Generation

A 4-H Art and Architecture
Event
For Junior & Intermediate 4-H



A quilt is: A coverlet or wall hanging made of two layers of fabric, with a layer of cotton or polyester batting between, all stitched firmly together, usually in a decorative pattern.

Due to the time needed to construct their quilt project, 4-H'ers will have two months in which to complete it. The quilt project will be due at your club's March 4-H meeting.

The Rules

- Quilting project must be a quilt or wall hanging.
- Quilts should not be larger than 36" by 36" or smaller than 24" by 24".
- Quilts can be any shape.
- Construction and quilting may be done by hand or machine.
- Put your name and club name on the back. You can do this by pinning on a slip of paper.
- All work must be done by one 4-H member or several 4-H'ers working together.
- Adults can show you how, but shouldn't do the work for you – that wouldn't be fair!
- Team and individual quilts are judged together.
- Quilts will be judged on skill, imagination and overall appearance.

The Alabama 4-H Quilting Project lets you:

- Be creative.
- Show off your work.
- Make something fun.



What You Will Learn

- The Quilting Project will help you learn about art and cloth.
- The Quilting Project will help you learn to make choices.

Something to Think About

Can you use what you have learned to help others? Service to others is an important part of 4-H.



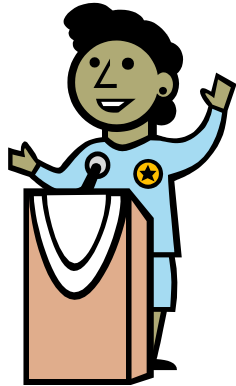
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Speak-Up Alabama

Informative Public Speaking
& Persuasive Public Speaking
For Junior & Intermediate 4-H



Do you want to become a better speaker? Do you like to talk in front of a group? The two **Speak-Up Alabama** contests are just for you!

Persuasive Public Speaking means trying to change people's minds. Do you want youth to start exercising? You must persuade them. Do you want a community skate park? You'll need to persuade people.

Informative Public Speaking is about the facts. Do you think Rosa Parks was important? Tell your audience about her. Do you think computers are fun to use? Tell your audience why.

Club Leaders (Teachers) will determine the date speeches are given if different from the 4-H Club meeting date.

Speak-Up Alabama lets you:

- Be a better speaker.
- Express yourself.
- Be aware of good and bad things going on in the world.

What You Will Learn:

- How to choose a subject.
- How to learn about your subject.
- How to write a speech.
- How to give a speech.

The Rules

- ◆ Your speech must be new. Don't copy it from anything that someone else has written. Don't use a speech you already gave.
- ◆ No props or costumes.
- ◆ Junior/Intermediate speeches must be between 3 and 5 minutes.
- ◆ You may use notes, but do not read your speech.
- ◆ Your speech must be about what is going on with American youth, families, and society.

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2012 Natural Resources Poster Contest

Date Due _____



It is important to understand where the food comes from that you eat each day. You see a wide variety of products in your local grocery store. But where does it all come from? What is the connection to the soil you walk on each day? This poster contest will help you gain a better understanding of the process the food takes from “Soil to Spoon”.

Rules:

1. Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (No three dimensional posters will be judged). 4-H'ers may use paint, crayon, colored pencils, charcoal, paper or other materials to create poster.
2. Poster size must be no smaller than 8.5” x 11” and not larger than 22” x 28”.
3. 4-H'ers name and club name must be on back of the poster.
4. The 2012 theme “Soil to Spoon” must be included in poster design.
5. Although 4-H'ers will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, 4-H'ers are encouraged to do as much work as possible by themselves.

Things you should not do:

- ◆ Do not laminate poster
- ◆ Do not use staples, tacks, or tape
- ◆ Do not use fluorescent markers
- ◆ Do not create a poster that is all words or a poster that is all pictures

Posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

Conservation message (50%)

Visual effectiveness (30%)

Originality (10%)

Universal appeal (10%)

What Makes A Good Poster?

- A brief, catchy message; one theme that can be read in 10 seconds.
- Using the selected theme “Soil to Spoon”.
- Colors to get and hold attention.
- Letters large enough to be easily read.

Tips To Remember

- Don't use too many words
- Use a combination of illustrations and words
- Be as neat as you can
- Make sure the poster is balanced
- Research the theme topic

