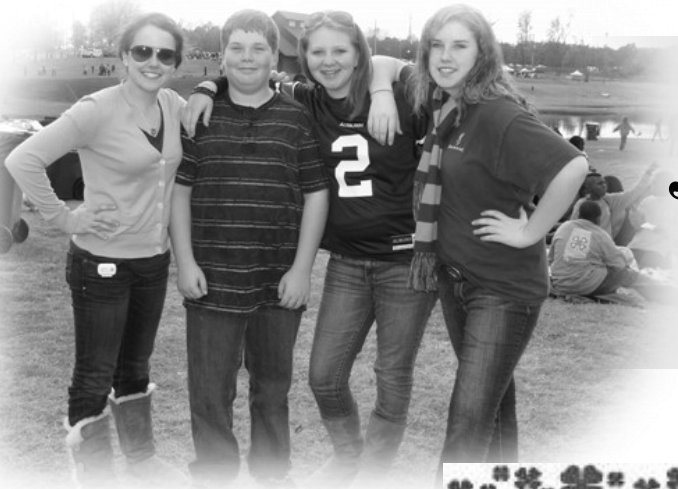


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January

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| Mon, 9 | 4-6p | Sewing Club | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |
| TBA* | 10:00a | Skeet and Trap Club | MSSTC, St. Florian/Greenhill |
| Mon, 23 | 4-6p | Air Rifle, BB & Archery clubs | 4-H Barn, Veterans Drive |
| Sat, 28 | 10:00a | Horse Club | Butler Creek Stables, St. Florian |
| Mon, 30 | 4-6p | Robotics Club | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |
| Tues, 31 | 6:00p | County Woodworking Contest Radon Poster Awards County Council Meeting | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |

February

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| Mon, 13 | 4-6p | Sewing Club | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |
| TBA* | 10:00a | Skeet and Trap Club | MSSTC, St. Florian/Greenhill |
| Mon, 20 | 4-6p | Air Rifle, BB & Archery clubs | 4-H Barn, Veterans Drive |
| Sat, 25 | 10:00a | Horse Club | Butler Creek Stables, St. Florian |
| Mon, 27 | 4-6p | Robotics Club | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |
| Tues, 28 | 6:00p | County Blocks Rock Contest County Council Meeting | 4-H Office, Veterans Drive |

4-H Special Interest Clubs are for youth ages 9 and up.

You can participate in any of these clubs at any time, no registration needed.

Sewing Club: learn and practice basic sewing skills while sewing projects such as pillows and bags. Participants will also create a project book with their work.

Horse Club: learn riding safety, riding skills, horse health, and more. You do not have to have a horse to attend. You can bring a horse to the arena meetings. It must have a current Coggins test. Volunteer Leader: Brittany Mays

Robotics Club: build and program Lego Mindstorm robots. The challenge level increases as the club progresses. Participants can work on projects for county and regional competitions.

Air Rifle and BB Club*: indoor target practice at 15ft (BB) and 30 ft. (Air Rifle). All equipment is provided for you.

Archery*: learn and practice archery skills using your own compound or recurve bow. 4-H equipment will be available to use if needed. Volunteer Leader: Scott Phillips

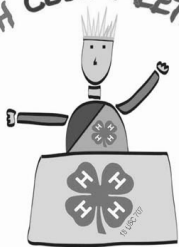
Skeet and Trap Club*: learn the shotgun sports of skeet and trap. Bring a .12 gauge or .20 gauge shotgun, target load ammo, safety glasses or sunglasses, and hearing protection.

Volunteer Leader: Eric Massey

***Dates will be posted online or call to receive shooting sports announcements by mail.**

Shooting Sports clubs are canceled when temperatures fall below 35°.

4-H CLUB MEETING



My Important Dates

My next 4-H meeting

at school

February _____

Blocks Rock

Bring _____

Patriotism Essay

Due to 4-H office by Feb. 28

Need more
info?

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Alabama A&M and
Auburn Universities

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System
(Alabama A&M University and Auburn University)
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A New 4-H Face



Please welcome **Samantha Keeton** to our 4-H staff! She will be filling in for Mrs. Horton, who is taking some time off to finish her teaching degree from UNA. Mrs. Keeton has a B.S. from Athens State in Elementary Education. We are excited to have her with us!

Good Luck at State

Best wishes to **Paige Wilbanks and Denzel Reeder** as they travel to the Alabama Cattlemen State Beef Cook-Off on January 21st! Paige and Denzel qualified for the event as the winners of the Lauderdale County Beef Cook-off in their age division. The **Lauderdale County Cattlewomen's Association** sponsors the trip for each winner and their chaperone.

Beef Cook-Off results from October: Grades 4-6

- 1- Wyatt Walker, Lexington
- 2- Madison Wilbanks, Homeachool
- 3- Josh Robertson, Wilson

Grades 7-9

- 1- Paige Wilbanks, Homeschool
- 2- Lane Young, Lexington
- 3- Lori McCafferty, Homeschool

Grades 10-12

- 1- Denzel Reeder, Florence
- 2- Maggie Killen, Lexington
- 3- Dante Rutland, Florence

Beef Poster results:

Cloverbud Noah Walton, Homeschool
Ages 9-13 Lucas Walton, Homeschool
Ages 14 - 19

- 1- Lori McCafferty, Homeschool
- 2- Nathan Walton, Homeschool

Coming Soon

Photography Projects (Feb)

Public Speaking Events (Mar)

County Round-Up (Apr 26)

Radon Action Month



You can't see radon. You can't smell or taste radon, but it might be a problem in your home.

Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that is naturally found in nearly all soils. It can move into your home through cracks and other spaces in the foundation or around drains. Your home traps radon, where it builds up and enters your lungs when you breathe. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

It is easy to test for radon. Test kits cost only \$5.00 and are available at the Lauderdale County Extension Office (the 4-H Office). If the results show a radon problem, there are several proven ways to reduce radon in your home.

For more information, please call the Lauderdale County Extension Office at 256-766-6223, or go online at <http://www.aces.edu/fcs/hndh/radon/>

January Project Guidelines

Blocks Rock! A 4-H Art and Architecture Event

- Your art must be made from Legos® or other toy blocks.
- Do not build a design from a kit. You can use pieces from a kit, but you must create your own project design. You must do all the work yourself.
- The project can't be larger than 12 inches wide x 15 inches wide x 16 inches tall.
- Carry it on a firm, flat surface like foam board or plywood. Think about ways to keep it from coming apart.
- Put your name, school & grade on a piece of paper; tape it lightly to your project.



The judges will be looking for creativity, strong construction, and following directions.



Frederic M. Rosemore Patriotism Essay

Theme: "America the Beautiful"

- This essay contest will be divided into two age divisions: Juniors (9-13) & Seniors (14-19).
- The essay may be handwritten or typed on a computer (14-point font & double spaced) and should be 750-1,000 words in length.
- The essay must follow the theme and must have been written in this school year.
- Attach a cover sheet to your essay with your name, grade, age, teacher, school, city & state.

The essay will be judged on clarity, history, organization, grammar, spelling & development.

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