



Shelby County 4-H News

NOVEMBER 2010

Alabama 4-H Wall of Fame

The Alabama 4-H Wall of Fame recognizes individuals and organizations that have had an impact upon 4-H. This year, Dr. Bill and Vivian Garrett were nominated for this recognition and were selected to be placed in the Alabama 4-H Wall of Fame for 2010!

Bill and Vivian Garrett has served Alabama 4-H for over 12 years. They have four daughters who were active 4-H members and one that is currently active in 4-H. Vivian leads the Hope

Christian 4-H Club with the help and support of her husband. They both have coached numerous Wildlife teams and won several championships in Wildlife Competitions. They were both members of the Alabama 4-H Volunteer Association, where in 2007 Bill served as President.

Bill and Vivian have gone beyond the call of duty as a 4-H volunteer. They teach their 4-H'ers great leadership and community service. They are truly admired

for the great work they have done on behalf of Alabama 4-H.



IMPORTANT DATES

All goods for 4-H Service Project Due
Nov. 15

Peanut Essays Due
Nov. 16

National 4-H Conference Applications Due
Dec. 7

4-H Achievement Due
Jan. 3

4-H County Contests
Jan. 13

Mid Winter Teen Leadership Retreat
Feb. 11-13

Cattleman's Rodeo
Feb. 25-26

Shelby County 4-H Volunteer Leaders

Shelby County 4-H has some of the best Volunteers a program could have. They enjoy what they do and give their time to improve the lives of youth, and we want to say a special thank you for what they contribute to the Shelby County 4-H Program!



Shelby County Fair 4-H Booths

We had great 4-H participation at the Shelby County Fair. 4-H was promoted at four different fair booths this year.

The 4-H Livestock club, Wildlife and Outdoors club, Regional Council, and Shelby County 4-H set up a booth to promote 4-H in Shelby County. Thanks for everyone's participation and Congratulations to the Wildlife and Outdoor Club for their booth winning 1st place!



Farm-City Poster & Essay Winners

Each year Shelby County 4-H participates in the Farm-City Poster and Essay Contest sponsored by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama. This year's theme was, "Agriculture, A Growing Story." The contest gives students freedom to use their imaginations as

they explore the relationship between farm and city with a special focus on the media myths about farming. There were about 65 posters and 4 essays entered in this year's contest. The county poster winners are: Marlee Harmon, 3rd grader at Coosa Valley

Academy and Ethan Stevens, 4th grader at Elvin Hill Elementary. The county essay winners are: Audrey Bearss, 9th grader at Hope Christian and Gregory Smith, 10th grader at Hope Christian. Congratulations!

Saddle Up For St. Jude

The fifth annual Saddle Up For St. Jude's Trail Ride was held October 17, 2010 at The Sullivan's at Evergreen Farm in Thorsby, AL.

The Shelby County 4-H Horse Club, 4-H Volunteers Libby Shakelford and Donna Thompson, along with many other parents and donors worked very hard to put on a great trail ride and family fun day.

A total of 138 people attended and enjoyed beautiful trails, lunch, entertainment, face painting, hay rides, roping demos, silent auction, and door prizes. A total of \$5,500 dollars was raised to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Congratulations on a job well done!



Shelby Stompers: 4-H Dance Club

Shelby Stompers began the new 4-H year with cupcakes and a party to celebrate the end of one 4-H year and the beginning of another. Since August 20, 2009, club members have learned 33 line dances and have participated in a variety of events such as; the Shelby County Fair Dog Show, Bark in the Park, the Montevallo Christmas parade, the Alabaster Christmas parade, Shelby County Competitive Events, the Cattleman's Rodeo, two all day dance workshops, performing at the Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation Center, Regional Competitive Events, Art in the Park, the Shelby County Annual Banquet and Talent Show, the Youth Leadership Conference, National Night Out, and we've even had two slumber parties for our club members. We continued to meet once a week throughout

the summer also. It was a busy year, but we've had LOTS of fun!

This year we decided to meet on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at a different location each week as we have continued to welcome new members from all over Shelby County. Currently we are meeting twice a month in Calera, once a month in Columbiana, and once a month in Pelham. Upcoming events will include the Montevallo Christmas parade in November and a performance at the Trussville Line Dance Christmas Ball in December. Several members, parents, and leaders will learn new dances to bring back to the club while attending the all day line dance workshop in Trussville in December. New club officers will be elected soon and another slumber party is being planned to give new members and returning members a chance to

get to know each other a little better. If you are interested in more information about our club, please contact Cherie McMurray at (941) 518-1150 or CKMcMurray286@aol.com.



4-H Regional Council: Building Great Leaders

The 2010-2011 4-H Regional Council members are an outstanding group of young people. The 11 regional council members bring a different type of personality and sense of humor to the group. This year 4-H members 12 years old or older had an opportunity to join Regional Council instead of 14 years old or older. This allows the younger 4-H members to start learning about the great leadership roles earlier in their 4-H years. The 2010-2011 regional council officers are President Tiffany Smith, Vice-President Colton

Jones, and Secretary Sabrina Garrett and Co-Secretary Brittany Davis.

During the past few months the members have collected can goods for the Baptist Association in Shelby County and also displayed a fair booth at the Shelby County fair, where they won 3rd place.

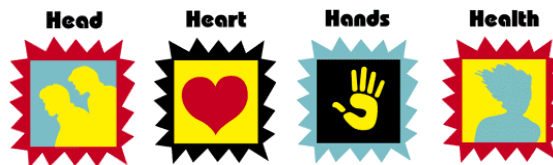
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4-H County Contests

When: January 13, 2011

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Shelby County Extension Office

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2011

Contests:

Interior Design

Have I Got a Story

Speak Up Alabama

Blocks Rock

Alabama Quilters

What Wood U Build

Extreme Birdhouse