



This Just In! – From Alabama 4-H Monday, October 6, 2008



Clays for Clovers Sporting Clays Classic



Friday,
November 14
Selwood Farm
Childersburg

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4-H members, family and friends can get a discount ticket for \$11 on Thursday, Oct. 30 and \$14 for Saturday, Nov. 1. The tickets must be ordered in groups of 10 to get the discount. The show will be held at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. Please check out the flyer and promote as you choose. The flyer can be found at:

<http://www.groupticketsplus.com/birmingham/four-h.pdf>

We will also have the opportunity to purchase discount tickets for the Circus in Birmingham coming in January. For this event 4-H members will not have to purchase tickets in groups of 10. This should help if a family wants to go. They will not have to have the minimum order of 10. More information will be sent on this later.

You can promote Disneyland Adventure as you like. I attended the Disney High School Musical and all the 4-H tickets were together and they were close to the arena ice.

- Thanks to Joann Wissenger -

4-H War on Hunger...Making a Difference in Tuscaloosa County

Hunger is an issue that may not be on most young people's minds. But when the Westwood Elementary 4-H Afterschool Club



was offered an opportunity to help, they jumped on the idea of a canned food drive! With their "Go Get It!" attitude and the help of WTBC's "The Morning Show," what started with thirty 4-Hers ended up involving one hundred people. 4-Hers suggested that we give locally, so Marylyn C. White of the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority helped find families who needed the assistance. Enthusiasm and collaboration is what made this food drive a big success. One of the directors of the Afterschool program and the Volunteer Leader of the Club, Ms. Carla Ragland, said this food drive was wonderful. She also stated that to be able to give back to your own community gave the 4-Hers a sense of pride and achievement.



Discussions on the many reasons and solutions for world hunger still continue at the school. The goal of encouraging youth to think about global and domestic hunger was met. Teachers continue to request this programming and integrate the War on Hunger into their teaching assignments.

- Thanks to Izette McNealy -



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Youth Attend Region Teen Conference

Recently four Alabama 4-Hers attended the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference in Crossville, Tennessee. The 4-Hers won the trip as state Senior Level I Achievement Awards. At the conference, they attended workshops on such topics such as "Getting 4-H in the News;" how to be an more effective leader; and "The Charlie Brown Method of Leadership." The main focus of the conference was to teach the kids and adults the importance of teamwork. The highlight of the trip for the Alabama Delegation was participating in a United States Flag Retirement Ceremony, a very moving and memorable time for the kids.



Ellen Rankin (Cussatta), Erin O'Mary (Brilliant), Aleem Ahmed (Auburn), Andrea Williamson (Hartselle), and volunteer Susan O'Mary (Brilliant).

- Thanks to Susan O'Mary -

4-H Sportfishing Field Day October 25 Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For ages 9-19. Cost is \$15. Includes workshop materials, lunch, and a T-shirt. There will be limited fishing poles available. Live bait will be provided. If you have fishing tackle, please bring it. There will also be a wet lab (ankle deep water, old shoes required). Youth can learn knot tying, casting, fish handling and much more!

Deadline to register is 4:30 p.m. October 17. Contact Kirsten Holt, 4-H REA, at the Lee County Office at 334 749-3353 or holtkir@aces.edu.



Choctaw County 4-H Produces A "Sewing Sensation"



Choctaw County is fortunate to have two Volunteer led sewing clubs, the Sewing Sensations, led by Betty May, and the Triple S, led by JoAnn Culpepper. Each year, the girls in the clubs put on a fashion show to show off their sewing creations to their families and friends. Last year, the Women's Committee of the Farmer's Federation requested to sponsor the yearly fashion show and awarded prize money to the winners plus a chance for the 1st place winner to compete in the ALFA Farmer's Federation Cotton Fashion and Quilt Show in Birmingham this past August. Not only did Anna Elizabeth Pope win 1st place in the county contest and \$100 cash award, but she went on to place 2nd in the Young Adult Sewing contest winning another \$100 cash award.

Betty May, club leader and sewing instructor, commented, "Anna Elizabeth is such a dedicated young lady. Since sewing classes interfered with her basketball practice, she had to run laps for being late to basketball practice the days of her sewing club. She chose to run her laps rather than to drop out of the club." It looks like her dedication paid off. Anna Elizabeth's career goal is to be a fashion designer and she is already making sketches of clothing she has designed. She will be a rare jewel, a designer who can design and sew her own creations. Thanks to a special volunteer who gives of her time to teach sewing to a group of girls who want to learn an almost forgotten art.

- Thanks to Susan Thompson -