Morgan County 4-H Round Up will be held on March 15, 2016, at the Sparkman Civic Center in Hartselle. Registration for this event will begin February 1, 2016. The deadline for registration is February 26, 2016. Registration forms can be obtained from your in-school 4-H Teacher or 4-H Community Club leader. Opening ceremonies will begin at 8:45am the morning of March 15, 2016, with judging beginning at 9:00am.

We are having a contest to see which club can bring the most donations for the Ronald McDonald house to the Round-Up. Bring items such as: Paper Plates, plastic ware, toilet paper, personal hygiene products (in sample sizes). We will also accept soda can pop tabs.

This collection is to complete the requirements of our adopted Statewide 4-H Community Service Project which ends April 21, 2016.

Participants from the Block Rocks competition of the Morgan County 4-H Round Up stand ready for an interview with the judges to discuss their block building designs.
Morgan County 4-H Pig Squeal

Morgan County 4-H will be participating in the NW Region Pig Squeal for the first time. Morgan County will have 4 participants. There will be a Showmanship Clinic on March 5, 2016 at the Muscle Shoals Fairgrounds. The Pig Squeal Show will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Muscle Shoals Fairgrounds.

Optimist Essay Contest Results

The Optimist Club of Moran County Sponsored an Essay Contest in January 2016. The topic was “Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction.”

The winners are:
1st Place Drew Cooper, Danville
2nd Place Brooke Harbin, Danville
3rd Place Madalyn Holliday, Danville

Graduating Seniors

Seniors! If you are graduating this year you need to let Mrs. Fisher know in order for her to order a set of 4-H cords to wear with your cap and gown at graduation. Please email her at skf0002@aces.edu and let her know you are interested in 4-H cords.

Alabama Farmers Federation members can now apply online for a $1000 college scholarship funded through the Alfa Foundation.

Applications are due April 1. The scholarships will be awarded to 100 students attending Alabama colleges, universities or technical schools and may be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies required for coursework.

The program is open to high school seniors and post-secondary undergraduate enrolled or planning to enroll in a two- or four-year school in Alabama. Winners will be notified in May.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic record: demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities; honors; work experience; and statement of goals and aspirations. A minimum grade point of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required. To be eligible, the scholarship applicant must be a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation and the membership must be issued in the name of the scholarship applicant.

To apply, visit AlfaInsurance.com

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4-H Chick Chain 2016

If you have participated in Chick Chain or would like to participate in Chick Chain here is some information for you:

Registration is due by March 25, 2016. The MANDATORY meeting will be April 14, 2016 at the Morgan County 4-H office. Chicks will be delivered Friday, May 20, 2016. The show date is TBA.

How does the Chick Chain program work?

You will receive 9 chicks that are 1-2 days old and are all pullets (females). All chicks come from a reputable hatchery and will be properly vaccinated. The day for Chicks arrival is May 20. You will care for these pullets for approximately 20 weeks. At this time, you will bring the 2 best pullets to the Morgan County 4-H Chick-Chain Show and Auction in October 2016. (You are required to show and sell at least one of your chickens.) You will receive a percentage of the auction proceeds from your chickens to help offset some of the feed and equipment costs incurred throughout the project. If you have successfully raised all 9 pullets, you will have 7 left. These pullets belong to you.

In order to participate in the 4-H Chick Chain project, follow these simple steps:

1. You must be enrolled in the Alabama 4-H Program. If you are not currently enrolled, please contact the Morgan County Extension Office for more information: 256-773-2549

2. Participants interested must fill out a Chick Chain registration form. This form will be brought to a mandatory chick chain meeting on April 14, 2016 that both the 4-Her and parent must attend. At this meeting you will receive valuable information to help you prepare for and raise the pullets you will receive.

3. Your 9 pullets will arrive at the Extension Office on May 20, 2016. You will pick the chicks up from the Morgan County 4-H office. It is acceptable to have a representative pick up the chicks for you.

4-H Chick Chain 2015 participant used some creativity to turn her old outdoor play set into a chicken coop for her chickens. The coop is set up inside with nesting boxes, a watering system, and a feeder.
To choose clothing that makes you look good!

Achievement Record Book Deadline

The deadline date for the NW Region to submit the 2016 Junior/Intermediate Achievement Record Books will be Monday, May 9, 2016. 4-H youth need to start working on your Achievement Record Books now in order to have enough time to finish it by the deadline date.

Aspire Youth Leadership Conference

Alabama high schoolers looking to strengthen their leadership skills and agricultural knowledge are invited to the Aspire Youth Leadership Conference July 12-14 in Columbiana.

The conference is sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation, Alabama Cattlemen’s Association, Alabama Council of Cooperatives, Alabama Poultry & Egg Association, Alabama FFA and Alabama 4-H.

Students must be 15-17 years old as of June 20 to attend the conference and must include an application (found at alfayoungfarmers.org), a letter of reference and a 4-by-6 inch photo. Tuition is covered for attendees.

The deadline is March 15. The class is capped at 80 attendees. For more information contact Himburg at 334-612-5159 and jhimburg@alfafarmers.org or Ashton Monk at 334-613-4272 and amonk@alfafarmers.org or go to this web site: http://alfafarmers.org/stories/news-detail/youth-leadership-conference-aspire-to-educate-and-inform#.VrOEiO_2aUm

Up Coming 4-H Events

- West Central AL Jr. AL Beef Expo 4-H & FFA March 17-18, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama at Garrett Coliseum
- State 4-H Shotgun Championships; April 8-9, 2016 at Red Eagle Gun Club & Sellwood Farms
- State 4-H Archery Championships; April 23, 2016 at Fayette County Multi-Purpose Complex
- 4-H Day at the McWane Science Center; April 23, 2016 in Birmingham
The Morgan County 4-H Ambassadors will be having a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Morgan County Extension Office in the small meeting room at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the upcoming Morgan County 4-H Round-Up and how the Senior I and Senior II Ambassadors will be helping with this event. Plan on attending and bring a friend. All Morgan County 4-H members are invited to attend.

4-H Youth Leadership Conference

4-H Youth Leadership Conference will be held April 2-3, 2016 at the 4-H Center in Columbiana. Registration fee is $90.00 and can be accessed through 4HOnline on February 15. 2016.

Robotics Expo 2016

The Morgan County 4-H Robotics clubs participated in a Robotic Expo sponsored by Lockheed Martin and hosted by the Lauderdale County 4-H Robotics clubs on February 25, 2016, at the Clements Baptist Church in Athens, AL.

Over 80 4-Her’s attended the Expo where they had the chance to showcase their Robots and participate in the following Programs; Junk Drawer Robotics, Rocketry and GPS Precision Farming.

Many thanks to Janet Love-lady, REA Lauderdale County, Dr. Tony Cook from Auburn University, and Sharon Fisher Agent Assistant II from Morgan County 4-H for getting everything planned.

Many thanks to the teachers and volunteers who gave of their time for this event.

Participants from various schools work together to make a circuit board with lights.

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Morgan County 4-H Robotics Expo

Morgan County Robotics Competitive Event will be held on April 25, 2016 at the Sparkman Civic Center.

Community 4-H Clubs

Haystacker Horse Club (horse optional)
Leader: Andrea Cantrell
H-(256) 881-8827
C-(256) 797-1097
Call for date and time of meeting.

Wildlife Explorers
Meets at Wheeler Wildlife Visitor Center
Leader: Eleshea Jones
H-(256) 773-1180
C-(256) 303-1719

Shooting Sports (Danville)
Leader: Scott Boyd
H-(256) 773-2506
C-(256) 654-8553

Brewer High School Shooting Sports Community Club
Shotgun and Archery Club
Leader: Gary Linderman
C-256-303-2832
E-mail: gplinderman@morgank12.org

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