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4-H DEADLINES & REMINDERS:

- **March 5th** deadline Black History Month Essay Contest
- **March 27th** County Event entries are due
- **March 30th** Don't Forget! **Spring Break**
- **April 20th** Tropicana entries are due

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Jackson County Fed Cattle Show A Huge Success!

The 30th Annual Fed Cattle show and Sale was held February 16-17th. This event was the final component of the 4-H and FFA Market Steer Project. After raising a market steer, students exhibited their project one last time before selling their steers at auction. There was a great deal of community support for this show. Steers sold for an average price of \$1.17 lbs., and there were several sponsors for generous add-ons. Dellon Barber exhibited the Champion Steer who weighed in at a whopping 1275 lbs. Reserve Champion went to Jennifer Cramer whose steer weighed in at 1125 lbs. Thanks to the Cattlemen, FFA Advisors and parents for making this event a success!



ABOVE: Dellon Barber exhibits his Grand Champion Steer.



ABOVE: Jennifer Cramer exhibits her Reserve Champion Steer.

Jackson County 4-H sends a special *"Thank You"* to all the buyers who supported the exhibitors with their **2009 Steer projects!**



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Tropicana Time Again!

That's right, it's Tropicana time. By now you should have received information concerning the Tropicana Speech Contest from your school. The purpose of this program is to provide students with knowledge and experience in preparation and delivery of a speech. It also provides students an opportunity for recognition, builds self-confidence, and fosters a sense of school pride. The program has three levels of competition: classroom, school, and county. The 1st place winner from each class will be eligible to compete in the school contest. The first place winners from each school in each grade division will compete in the county contest on Tuesday, April 28th, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the Ag Conference Center. If you are interested in taking part in the Tropicana Speech Contest and have not received anything from your school, please contact Patti Peacock at the 4-H Office 482-9620. We are looking forward to seeing you at your school contest, so good luck with your speeches!



Sneak Peek— Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars! We have several exciting events coming up in the New Year:

- **March 3, 5, 6, 7, 2009– Shooting Sports Training.** Teens and adults can become certified 4-H shooting sports instructors in archery, rifle, or shotgun. Must be at least 14 years old. March 3rd and 5th will be from 6-8PM; March 6-7 will be at 4-H Camp Timpoochee. Registration info will be available in January.
- **April 14th– 4-H Day at the Capitol–** tour the Capitol and talk to legislators about 4-H.
- **April 28th– 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking County Contest**
- **June 22-26th, 2009– County Camp at Camp Timpoochee.** Camp rates have gone up about \$20.00 per person, so the registration fee will be around \$200.00. Registration will be available in April. Start saving now!

2009 Camp Counselor Certification

Just a friendly reminder that the camp counselor training for Timpoochee was rescheduled for April 3rd-4th. Start time is 1PM on Friday and end time is 4PM on Saturday (central times). The fee is \$55.00. Contact the 4-H Office for the proper forms. Forms and fees are due in the 4-H Office no later than March 20th. If you need further info, please call Patti Peacock at 482-9620.



Eureka 4-H Club Hard at Work

A very special thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers who contributed to this fundraiser. The club members put in long hours at the Fed Cattle Show and for a small fee provided us all with lemonade, popcorn and other homemade treats.

Thanks again Eureka Club!

Are You Ready for County Events?

County Events will be held April 9th from 3:30 till 5:00 at the Extension Office. Everyone is encouraged to try at least one event. You can choose from:

- **Clothing Selection, Construction and Fashion Revue**
- **Poster/Photo Contest**
- **Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks**
- **Prepared Public Speaking**
- **Share the Fun Talent show**

If you are unable to participate on the contest date, call the 4-H office to make other arrangements. We will do our best to work around your schedule. Contest info is included on the insert or you can pick up a copy of the contest guidelines at the 4-H office. **Registration is due March 27th.**



Livestock Judging Opportunities

The West Florida Livestock Show will be held March 4th & 5th, 2009. You are invited to participate in our 4-H Judging event to be held March 4th. Registration for judging teams will begin at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday March 4th. The contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. EST. Awards will be presented following the contest. Please come by the Jackson County Extension Office for registration forms or contact Henry Grant at 850-875-7255, Gadsden County Extension Office.



- **Character Keepers**— The presentation will be on March 16th, at Golson and McClain, at 3:30 PM. If you would like information, contact Lisa Hamilton at the Character Counsel at 482-0001.
- **Dayspring Eagles 4-H**— Next meeting will be March 13th at 3:15PM in the cafeteria. For more info, contact Dayspring Academy at 526-4919.
- **Eureka 4-H Club**— Next meeting is March 5th at 10AM at the Extension Office. For more info, contact Kate Bagy at 482- 3022.
- **Graceville Kountry Kids**— Next meeting is March 17th, at 6PM, at the Graceville Civic Center. For more information, contact Laurel Merritt at 334-671-2027.
- **4-H Lego Storm**— You all have the month off so practice your building skills at home. There will be no Lego Storm meeting for March.
- **Panhandle Pioneers**— Next meeting is March 13th at 3:45PM at the Extension Office. For further information, please contact Kate Bagy, at 482-3022.
- **Sharp Shooters**— Our adult leaders are still in the process of setting up their meetings. They will call each of you once the meeting has been scheduled. Additional shooting sports instructors are needed. For more info, contact Anita Githens at 482-4351.





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