“Barber Claims Grand Champion Steer”

Congratulations to Dellon Barber on his Grand Champion Steer! Dellon, along with many others, exhibited their animals at the 2009 Jackson County Fair. Many of our 4-H members are still showing their projects at regional fairs. This year’s fair would not have been possible without all of our volunteers and committee members who make the shows happen. Believe it or not, it’s time to start planning for next year! We are currently seeking youth and adult volunteers to serve on our beef and poultry committees. If you are interested, contact the 4-H office at 482-9620.

Welcome Chipola 4-H!

Join us in a warm welcome to Chipola 4-H, previously known as the Panhandle Pioneers. Leader Nicole Mayo and Co-leader Mike Ubias have joined forces to get this club up and running once again. Their first kick off meeting was a huge success! The group enjoyed a hay ride and pumpkin decorating at the home of Marie Renegar. The group also enjoyed meeting all the Renegar’s animals and the refreshments. Their next scheduled meeting will be November 13th. If you would like more information concerning this action-packed club, please call Mike Ubias at 526-2610 ext. 119, or contact Patti Peacock at the 4-H Office at 482-9620. Thanks again for the Ubias family stepping up as new co-leaders of this club.
Community Service Ideas

Every 4-H Club is required to do at LEAST one service project each year. Here are a couple of ideas that you can do as a club or an individual 4-H member:

**Toys for Tots** – (Dates have not been confirmed as of yet, if your club is interested in this project contact the 4-H Office)

**Hero Packs** – 4-H Operation Military Kids is a program to help support military families, especially when one or more parent is deployed. You can help by providing Hero packs for the children of deployed soldiers. 4-H is providing backpacks and several other items for the packs. You or your club can also donate items such as scrapbook supplies, phone cards, stationery, disposable cameras, and even letters to youth whose parents are deployed. For more information, please contact Janet Psikogios, 4-H OMK Regional Director, at 850-784-6105 or janetp@ufl.edu.

Swine Awards Program

If you showed a pig at the Jackson County Fair this year, make plans to attend the **Swine Awards Banquet** on December 7th, at 6 PM at the Extension Office. During the program, you will receive your sponsor money, sale money, and add-on money. The committee will also announce the winners of the record book contest and herdsman contest. If you need more information please call the 4-H Office, 482-9620.

**Extreme FUN 2009 “North Florida Fair”**

November 5th – November 15th.

4-H Day at the NFF is November 14th.

My HEAD to Clearer Thinking......Responsibility

Responsibility is not limited to the specific words used to communicate an assignment. The concept goes beyond the letter of what others say. It also includes unspoken expectations. Responsible individuals gain trust and earn greater responsibilities when they keep their promises. Gaining a responsible reputation is as profitable to a business, a student, or a teacher as financial success or academic achievement.

*Source: Character First!* ©
Its Turkey Time!

- Turkeys are large birds, related to pheasants. Wild turkeys are native to wooded areas of North America. (Turkeys were not mentioned by name in original accounts of the 1621 Plymouth Thanksgiving celebration. Wild turkeys would have lived in the surrounding area and may have been included in the fowl eaten at the meal however.)
- Male turkeys are called toms. Female turkeys are called hens.
- Only male turkeys make gobbling sounds.
- Wild turkeys eat seeds, acorns, and insects.
- Wild turkeys can run and are good fliers. Domesticated turkeys cannot fly.
- Wild turkeys are not as fat as domesticated turkeys.
- There are several breeds of domesticated and wild turkeys. See photos and illustrations of some breeds on the Turkey Breeds site from the Oklahoma State University Department of Animal Science.
- Domesticated turkeys are related to Mexican turkeys.
- Spanish Conquistadors took Mexican turkeys to Europe in the 16th century. Turkeys were raised in Europe before the Pilgrims left there.

Happy Thanksgiving Jackson County 4-H!

November Club Reports

Character Keepers – All members will meet at the Melvin’s home on Nov. 17th @ 1:30 PM. On Nov. 20th, the first assembly is set for 3:30 PM at Golson and the Garden Apartments. For more information call Patti Melvin at 482-6674.

Dayspring Eagles 4-H – This club will meet Nov. 9th at 3:30 PM. at Dayspring. If you need further info concerning this 4-H club, please contact Mrs. Beebe at 209-1822 or e-mail her at 4h@dayspringchristianacademy.net.

Graceville Kountry Kids – Laurel Merritt is currently the leader of this club. If you need any info concerning this club, please contact Mrs. Merritt at 334-671-2027.

Grand Ridge/Sneads 4-H – A brand new club will be forming in this area in the near future so keep watching your newsletters; contact Rebecca McDaniel at 209-7371 or Ms. Peacock at the 4-H Office at 850-482-9620.

Chipola 4-H – Our next club meeting is scheduled for November 13th. We will be making thank you cards and having a food drive. For further info please contact Mike Ubias at 526-2610 ext. 119.

Sharp Shooters – This club is in serious need of 4-H member participation if you would like to see it continue!!!! If you need any information or would like to join, contact Anita Githens at 850-482-4351. The leaders of this club will be contacting its members one more time to schedule a meeting before they disband the club.

Eureka 4-H Club - Eureka will meet November 5th at 12:30 PM. at the Extension Office. If you need further info, please contact Kate Bagy at 850-482-3022.
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