B-Day Winners!

Howard County 4-H members recently participated in the annual county B-Day O’Rama. B-Day is made up of activities in bait casting, bb/gun safety, and bicycling. Congratulations to the winners! Winners Pictured (L-R) front row: Emilia T., Lilly T., Garrett W. Middle row: Wren W., Christian T., Anthony T., Wyatt H., Adelene W. Back row: Alex T. and Nick T.

DNA Kits

Miss Kaycee needs to know by July 1 if you plan on showing a market lamb, market goat or market hog at State Fair. DNA kits must be ordered. The cost is $25.00, payable to Howard County CES. You must have DNA obtained from your market animal; otherwise, you cannot show at State Fair.

Livestock Show Clinic

Pike County is hosting a small livestock show clinic at their fairgrounds on June 10 from 9am-noon, lunch included. Howard County has been invited to attend. Please let Miss Kaycee know by June 6 if you would like to participate. This will be very basic and geared to new, young showmen. Terrell Davis will go over forms, rules, regulations, and DNA samples. Chelsey Ahrens will be there to discuss nutrition, then we will break out by specie. Chelsey will do sheep, Cody Gallagher will do hogs, Kaylee Casey will do cattle, and Mark Berry will do goats. The discussions will be about showmanship, the basics to a good animal, maybe animal selection, etc. 4-Her’s will not bring their animals. You must RSVP to the office in order to attend. 845-7517.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING MEETING

Monday, June 27 at 6:30pm we will have an informal livestock judging team meeting at the EH Center. We will discuss students’ and parents’ goals and expectations, and plan for future team meetings/practices. Please attend, if you are interested. If you are not available for this date, please contact Miss Kaycee. If this conflicts with a Show Stoppers meeting, we will have the livestock judging meeting immediately following.

STATE CAMPS

Many exciting camps are planned this summer at the beautiful 4-H Center in Ferndale. If you would like more information on these camps, call the office or go to 4hcamps@uaex.edu. Registration is at 4-H Online. Scholarships are available according to the guidelines in the Howard County 4-H Policy Manual. Hurry- the registration deadline is June 15! Here’s a list of the camps:

- **Adventure and Challenge Camp- Age 13-15:** July 11-13 or July 18-20. Register by June 15. $170
- **Junior Camp- Age 9-12:** July 11-13 or July 18-20. Register by June 15. $170
- **STEM Camp- Age 9-14:** July 5-7. Register by June 15. $170

Cloverbud Camp- Age 5-9: July 8-10. Register by June 15. $170. (Parent must attend.)

EXCITING SUMMER WORKSHOPS PLANNED!

This year’s summer program focus will be “Back to Our Roots.” Check out this list of summer workshops! Also Teen Leaders, we need YOU! Here’s your opportunity to exhibit your leadership skills (to add to your record book!) by assisting with the programs. Most workshops will cost $5 or less to attend - more information when you register. The cost of the field trip will be $10 each; this includes lunch. It’s not too early to call in and sign up for these events! Space will be limited on some programs.

- **Field Trip- “Back to Our Roots” at Old Washington:** June 21, 9am-3pm. $10 each. Sign up by June 14. We will go “Back to Our Roots,” to the 1800’s, and spend the day exploring the crafts and skills of a homestead farm. You will learn about cooking over an open hearth, weaving techniques, making butter, and pioneer transportation. We will hear about heritage gardening and medicinal plants. You will also make your own candle in the candle shop. The day will end with a community service project there at Old Washington! Lunch is included at the Williams Tavern. Join us for a fun and educational day! Call in to register.

- **Livestock Feeds Workshop:** June 24, 2pm behind the EH Center. Sign up by June 20. This will be an exciting and interactive workshop where 4-Her’s will learn about their animals’ nutrient requirements, what to feed their animal, and how to read feed tags to know what is in the feed they are currently feeding their animal. Please bring a sample of your current feed and a copy of the feed tag so that we can share and compare. This will be geared toward cattle, sheep and goats.

- **Survival Skills:** June 28, 9-12 at Grandview. Sign up by June 21. Bring a sack lunch and sharpen your survival skills while having fun!

- **Cloverbud Old-Fashioned Picnic Day:** July 7, 10am-12pm at Nashville City Park, Dogwood Pavilion. Sign up by July 1. This is just for the Cloverbuds! We will have “Back to Our Roots” old-fashioned games and fun. Bring your lunch for a picnic with your Cloverbud friends.
Sewing Supply Workshop - July 6, 8:30 am. Ages 9 and up. Sign up by July 1. One complaint I have heard over and over is, “I don’t know what to buy!” This is your opportunity to learn and have assistance. We have scheduled a day to help with purchasing supplies for the sewing workshop, or if you want to complete an outfit for Sew With Cotton. The group will meet at the EH Center and travel to Texarkana to purchase supplies. You will need to bring money for supplies and lunch. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. You must call the office to register for this opportunity!

Sewing Workshop - July 11-14, 9am-2pm, at the EH Center. Ages 9 and up. Sign up by July 1. Learn to make our clothing by constructing a pair of pajama pants/shorts. A complete supply list will be provided when you register.

Hands-On Livestock Workshop Series! Sign up by July 11. Introducing the new and exciting “Hands-On Workshop Series.” This Hands-On Series will include 5 dates, tentatively set for July 15, 19, 22, 26, and 29 (Fridays and Tuesdays). We will hold a workshop on each of these dates, geared toward one specific species. Each of these workshops will be held at a 4-H member’s home. The parent and 4-Her will lead the workshop to talk to other members about their personal livestock/show experiences. Topics discussed will include: basic care, equipment ID, terminology and showmanship demonstrations. This will be a great opportunity for 4-Her’s to gain leadership experience as they lead the demonstration, as well as a great opportunity for other members to learn from their peers, ask questions, and witness hands-on learning. Stay tuned for more concrete information, i.e. which species will be on what day and whose home it will be at. This information will be posted on our Facebook page and in next month’s newsletter. 4-Hers may attend all workshops or only the species they are interested in showing or learning more about.

Embroidery Workshop: July 21 (DATE CHANGE), 9am-12pm at the EH Center. Ages 9 and up. Sign up by June 20. This workshop will teach the embroidery techniques of yesteryear. A project will be completed.

Quilt Workshop - July 25-29, 9am, at the EH Center. Ages 9 and up. Sign up by July 18. We will make a quilt project using a heritage quilt pattern. A supply list will be provided when you register.

Pickle Workshop - August 9, 9am-12pm at the EH Center. Sign up by August 1. Go with us “Back to Our Roots” and learn about preserving food. This skill was necessary to feed your family all year long. You will learn all about canning pickles.

Community Service Opportunities

Looking for a community service? Here’s your chance! Tyson will be needing 4-Hers to assist with their employee appreciation event on June 29. Duties will include helping the cooks and assisting with set up/serving. You may choose which shift you would like to work: 4 am-9am or 9am-1pm. Tyson is a great supporter of Howard County 4-H. Let’s volunteer and show our appreciation. This also would be a great addition to your record book! Call the office to volunteer. 845-7517.

Another community service is available! Volunteers are needed at the Handicap Accessible Garden and Demonstration Garden located at the Farmer’s Market. Each Friday, volunteers are needed to help with light garden chores and pruning. Work as much or as little as you like anytime between 7 am and 3 pm on Fridays. Please contact Debra Bolding at (870) 557-2352 or Kim Rodgers (870) 845-5036 if you are willing to volunteer.
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