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Cloverleaf Project Achievement

February 8th was cloverleaf project achievement at Clarke Middle School and a great group of 6th grade students came out for the competition. These students will be advancing to the district competition at South Jackson school on Saturday, March 21st.



Pictured to the right are the sixth grade students from W R Coile Middle School who competed in the county project achievement competition.

Pictured at left are the sixth grade students from St Joseph's Catholic School who competed in county project achievement.





4-H summer camp registration	now in progress
Farm Bureau Essay Contest (Farmers and Natural Resources)	March 1
Junior/Senior DPA	March 6-8
Poultry judging classes begin at the 4-H office	April 1
Poultry judging competition at Oglethorpe Co. Agriculture Center	April 24
Annual 4-H Award assembly	April 29
4-H Photography Contest	May 15
Dairy Month Poster entries	May 29
Junior Camp at Fortson 4-H Center	June 8-12
Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle	June 22-26

Junior/Senior District Project Achievement

Congratulations to the following students whose portfolios were accepted in their projects. They will be going to Rock Eagle for competition March 6-8th. This year students from Burney-Harris-Lyons, Coile, Clarke Middle, Hilsman and St Joseph middle schools completed portfolios for project achievement. Please wish these students good luck with their projects. They are: Parker Boron, Robert Chatmon, Lucy Crawford, Kai Cummings, Riley David, Cate DeMaria, Ethan Greene, Will Griffeth, Delysia Griffith, Alondra Hernandez, Kalynn Johnson, Alexander Koch, Miriam Martinez Diaz, Avril Mata, Jacqueline Medina, Briana Moore, Maria Payne, Thadd Pruitt, Maya Shrivastav, Chloe Smith, Tahtiana Talley, and Maurlena Thomas.

4-H Summer Camp!!!

Sign-up for 4-H summer camp is now in progress. Camp information and registration forms are available on our web page. Select the "4-H summer camp" tab and find the information for the camp for your age level. Don't miss out on the summer fun planned at the various 4-H centers.

Cloverleaf camp is for students currently in 6th grade and will be at the Rock Eagle 4-H center the week of June 22-26

There are three options for students in grades 7-8. They are:

- Junior camp at Fortson 4-H Center—June 8-12
- Wilderness Challenge Camp at Wahsega 4-H Center—July 6-10
- Marine Resource Camp at Burton 4-H Center—June 29-July 3 or July 13-17

Poultry Judging Practices

The spring judging event is poultry judging. To prepare for the April 24 competition at the Oglethorpe County Agriculture Center we will have scheduled workshops at the 4-H office to learn about eggs and egg quality, grading ready to cook meat, and evaluating egg production.

Workshops/practice sessions will begin on April 1. Practices will be held every Wednesday afternoon for four weeks to prepare for the competition. At these practices students learn about the format of the competition and all the components.

All workshops are held at the 4-H office from 4:00—5:30 pm. Due to avian safety and biocontainment regulations, we will not have live chickens at our practices and will rely on photographs to learn about the physical characteristics of the hens.

For additional information email: mfelton@uga.edu

Go Fish Georgia Art Contest

The deadline for this contest, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, is March 31st so start on it now! For this contest you would create a drawing of one of the state fishes (list below) as well as a short essay detailing that species behavior, aquatic habitat and conservation. Here are the details:

- Students will select a fish species and learn what it looks like and facts about it. They
 will create artwork depicting the species and compose a short essay with the facts that
 you have learned.
- Art work of your state fish must be original, 9 x 12 inches in size, and flat.
- Essay about the species can be no longer than 1 page.
- Entry must include the completed official entry form and mailed to Go Fish Georgia Education Center. Be sure to read all the information/details on the official entry form. You may find the official entry form on line at this web address: https://www.wildlifeforever.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Georgia-SFA-Entry-Form-EDITABLE.pdf
- Art work must be of one of the following fish species that are found in Georgia waters and commonly sought by anglers: Tarpon, Largemouth Bass, Brook Trout, Red Drum (Channel Bass), Atlantic Sailfish, Channel Catfish, Striped Bass, Longear Sunfish, American Shad, Bluegill, Spotted Bass, Spotted Seat Trout (Speckled Sea Trout), White Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Muskellunge
- To qualify for the additional "Invader Crusader" award you would learn about and create a drawing of an invasive species as well as your chosen state fish and write an additional essay on how this species affects your chosen state fish.





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