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### JUNIOR/SENIOR DPA UPDATE

DPA dates have been shortened to be only one night and two days if we are able to have a face-to-face competition. The proposed options for DPA include either a regular DPA held on May 31-June 1 at Rock Eagle, or virtual demonstrations with some type of face-to-face celebration during the May 31-June 1 time frame, or all virtual event. State Congress dates are still set for July 20-23 in Atlanta or if necessary, a virtual event will be held.

Speeches can be up to twelve minutes long and projects cover a wide variety of topics. There are also performing arts and cooking projects to choose from.

The 4-H office will schedule an appointment for you to come work on perfecting your presentation. If a partial or full virtual format must be followed, videos must be uploaded by April 1. Therefore it is imperative that you complete your demonstration very soon.

**Senior DPA participants** include Ashton Ates, Sophie Bird, Jeremiah Brantley, Nathan Cooper, Amelia Crockett, Kilee Davis, Terryanna Harris, Hayden McDonald, Muskan Minhas, Glenn O'Steen, Alexandra Rivero, Destiny Russ, Ishika Sadarangani, Austin Strickland, Justin Strickland, Janilla Warren, Sariah Wells, and Carlee Woods. **Junior DPA participants** include Devin Bohannon, Kayden Davis, May Belle Davis, Jake Grantham, Brianna Moreno, Florence Shealy, and Caroline Spivey.

### LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

If you are submitting an award application for the Georgia 4-H Leadership in Action award, please visit <https://georgia4h.org/programs/focus-areas/citizenship/community-global-affairs/leadership-in-action/> to complete all necessary paperwork for your application. Applications for Leadership in Action must be uploaded by the state 4-H deadline of 5 PM on Friday, April 9. Interviews will be held in Statesboro on Tuesday, April 22. Save the date!

### CERTIFIED TL SHIRTS

Certified Teen Leader t-shirts are ready for pick up from the 4-H office if you ordered one. Please make sure to come pick up your shirt.



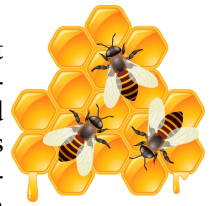
### BLACK HISTORY MONTH ARTWORK CONTEST

We want to congratulate our Cloverleaf 4-H winners for the Black History Month Artwork Contest. They were **Kingston Mincey** and **Jahkwonia Williams**. They each received a Chick-fil-a gift card for their winning entries.



### BEEKEEPING ESSAY

The annual Beekeeping Essay Contest is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their writing skills and learn something new about honey bees and why they are so important to Georgia's environment. This contest is open to all active Georgia 4-H members in 4th through 12th grade.

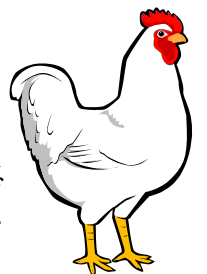


This year's topic is "Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats." The deadline to submit your essay is **Friday, April 2**. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the state contest; \$250 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place. The 1st place Georgia essay winner will advance to the national contest and will also be eligible for additional prizes and awards. Winners will be announced by **Wednesday, April 14**. For more information you can visit the Georgia 4-H website at [www.georgia4h.org/beekeeping](http://www.georgia4h.org/beekeeping) or contact the Coffee County 4-H office Monday through Friday, 8 AM through 5 PM (closed 12-1 for lunch).

### POULTRY JUDGING SIGN UP MEETING

4-H members who want to sign up for the 4-H Poultry Judging Team need to attend the first meeting on **Tuesday, March 16, at 4 to 5 PM in the 4-H office**. Please make arrangements to attend this meeting if you are interested. Practice dates will be given at time of sign up.

In Poultry Judging, you will learn how to compare laying hens to determine the best layer, how to grade eggs by candling, how to judge exterior quality and broken-out eggs, how to grade ready to cook birds, and how to identify different cuts of meat. Practice will be held one to three times a week from **March 16** until the contest date of **April 19 or April 20**. **Masks will be required for all meetings.**



## LIVESTOCK NEWS

We had a busy month in February. Our 4-H livestock competitors showed in a county event and a state event. The County Market Hog Show took place on Saturday, February 13th, and the County Steer and Heifer Show (called the Coffee County Cattle Battle) took place on Saturday, February 27. Both took place at the CMS Billy Walker Livestock Arena. The State Livestock Shows took place in Perry on Wednesday, February 17 through Saturday, February 20. The Perry show included Market Hogs, Steers, Heifers, Dairy Heifers, Breeding Does, and Breeding Ewes.

Our **County Market Hog Show** participants were: **Ambrose:** Dani Carter, Anna Leigh Smith, and Collin Wilson; **Berrien Elementary:** Halleigh Deal; **CCA:** Sam Ables; **Home School:** Jamilee Vickers, and Sara Vickers; **Indian Creek:** Maddie Rae Stodghill and Gage White.

Weight class placings were: Sam Ables, 1st and 3rd; Dani Carter, 1st and 4th; Halleigh Deal, 2nd and 4th; Anna Leigh Smith, 3rd and 3rd; Maddie Rae Stodghill, 1st and 2nd; Jamilee Vickers, 3rd and 4th; Sara Vickers, 5th and 5th; Gage White, 4th and 5th; and Collin Wilson, 2nd and 3rd.

Showmanship placings were: Class 2 (grades 2-4): Anna Leigh Smith, 1st; Maddie Rae Stodghill, 2nd; and Gage White 4th. Class 3 (grades 5-7): Sam Ables, 1st; Dani Carter, 3rd; Halleigh Deal, 5th; Jamilee Vickers, 6th; and Collin Wilson, 7th. Class 5 (grade 10): Sara Vickers, 2nd.

In the **Coffee County Cattle Battle** 4-H participants were: **Broxton:** Maggie McIver and Nora Taylor White. Placings were: Maggie McIver, 3rd; and Nora Taylor White, 2nd. In showmanship, Nora Taylor White placed 1st and Maggie McIver placed 2nd.

In the **State Market Hog Show**, our participants and their placing were: **Ambrose:** Dani Carter, 4th in barrow and 1st in gilt; Anna Leigh Smith, 4th in barrow and 1st and 3rd in gilt; and Collin Wilson, 4th in barrow, 1st in gilt and 11th in showmanship. **Berrien Elementary:** Halleigh Deal, 4th and 9th in gilt. **CCA:** Sam Ables, 1st in barrow, 4th in gilt and 2nd in showmanship. **CMS:** Jake Grantham, 6th in barrow, 6th in gilt and 10th in showmanship. **Home School:** Jamilee Vickers, 6th in barrow and 2nd in gilt; and Sara Vickers, 4th in gilt and 11th in showmanship; and **Indian Creek:** Maddie Rae Stodghill, 1st in barrow, 3rd in gilt, 4th in showmanship and reserve champion in her division.

In the **State Steer and Heifer Show: Wiregrass Career Academy:** Taylor Medders, 10th in showmanship (11th grade); 2nd in Chi-Influence; 1st in Limousine (steer); 2nd and division reserve Champion in Commercial.

We want to congratulate each and every one of these exhibitors. They did a great job representing Coffee County at the county and state show and we are very proud of each of them.

## 4-H CLUB CALENDAR

### March 2021

- 5 State Horse Show Intent-to-show Forms due
- 9 Adopt-A-Highway Workday, 4 PM, 4-H Office
- 13 Kiwanis Plant & Tree Sale, 8:30 AM, BOE Building
- 16 Poultry Judging Sign Up Meeting, 4 PM, 4-H office
- 20 State 4-H Sporting Clay Match, Macon
- 23 Senior 4-H Club Meeting, TBA
- 27 State 4-H 22 Silhouette Match, Rock Eagle 4-H Center

### April 2021

- 3 State VFW BB Match, Douglas
- 4 Easter
- 5-9 Spring Break, No School
- 10-11 Senior 4-H Conference, Rock Eagle 4-H Center
- 13 Senior 4-H Club Meeting, TBA

### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Our next workday is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, March 9**, from **4 PM to 5 PM**, at the 4-H office. Please call the 4-H office at (912) 384-1402 to sign up to take part in this community service activity.



Due to COVID-19, we have to limit our participation in any activities and events. Please call in advance to sign up. When arriving to the 4-H office please wear your mask and remain in your vehicle until we have cleared you to come in. Help us keep Coffee County looking great by keeping trash off our streets.

### DAIRY POSTER CONTEST

The theme for this year's Dairy Poster Contest will be announced at a later date. Pictures need to be drawn or painted on a 14" x 22" white poster board. Prizes of gift cards are given for each age division (Cloverleaf, Junior, & Senior). Gift cards are \$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd.



This newsletter is designed for Coffee County Senior 4-H members and their parents to inform them of upcoming events and information on 4-H and it's activities. It was created by Kevin Tatum, CEA, and edited by Lisa Craigue, CAA, Liz Batten, CEPA, Charnita Williams, & Chalanda Woods, CEPA. Call (912) 384-1402 for more information or visit our website at <[coffee4h.org](http://coffee4h.org)>.