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LAMAR COUNTY 4-H WINS 3RD PLACE!

Lamar County 4-H won 3rd place in the 2023 Barnesville-Lamar County Christmas Parade on December 9!



Thanks to all the 4-H'ers that rode the 4-H Float in the parade: Clayton Andrews, Kennedy Andrews, Aengus Brock, Ashlyn Brock, Lilia Brock, Robert Swann and Caledonia Walker. Many thanks to Aengus, Ashlyn, Lilia and UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Mrs. Nicole Brock for lending us their decorating skills! And, a huge

thank you to UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Mr. James Butler for pulling the float with his truck!

JOIN THE P.E.E.P SQUAD!

Lamar County 4-H wants YOU to join the P.E.E.P (People Excited about Eggs and Poultry) Squad! As a member of the P.E.E.P Squad, you will learn how to candle eggs, identify chicken parts that we buy in the grocery store, learn about live chickens and incubate chicken eggs! As a squad member, you will compete at the district competition at the Henry County Extension office on April 17. Practices will be held at



the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office beginning Tuesday, February 13 at 3:45 p.m. The coach will be UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Mrs. Emily Berner! The link to sign-up for the team will open on February 1 at the following site: <https://tinyurl.com/peepsquad>. Space is limited to seven students currently enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program.

GOOD LUCK HORSE QUIZ BOWL TEAM!

The 2024 Lamar County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl team is on their way to compete at the State Horse Quiz Bowl Contest in Morgan County on Saturday, January 27.

All the best to Lamar County 4-H'ers Clayton Andrews, Kennedy Andrews, Bailey Berner, Ashlyn Brock and Cassie Gilles. The team is coached by UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Ms.

Ashley Gilles while UGA Certified Volunteer Leader, Mrs. Kimberly Andrews serves as the Team Scorekeeper.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Get Involved in Your Community!

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 15

Lamar County Extension/4-H Office

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Help Lamar County 4-H provide comfort and warmth by making no-sew blankets on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service! We will have room for 12 students and adults to help. Let Ms.



Jackson know that you want to help by signing up at the following link before 11:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12:

<https://forms.gle/BBtjp3DUZsa2Xb6b8>.

BINGO AT THE HERITAGE INN

Monday, January 22

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

It's time for BINGO! Lamar County 4-H will help residents with hearing and seeing numbers and anything else they will need to have a fun time playing BINGO! If you want to help and you attend LCMS, Ms. Jackson can



pick you up after school in the 4-H bus. Parents of LCMS students **must call the 4-H office to give their permission for their student to attend and to reserve a seat on the bus** (if needed) by **Friday, January 19**. Seating on the bus is LIMITED to 10 students. If you are a 5th grade LCES or LCHS 4-H'er,

your parent will need to bring you to the Heritage Inn. All students need to be picked up at the Heritage Inn no later than 3:45 p.m. in the front lobby. Call the office at 770-358-5163 for more information.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

WHO WANTS TO GO TO CAMP?!

The 2024 dates for 4-H summer camp have been set and we know where we are going! **Cloverleaf Camp** will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton from July 8-12 for 5th and 6th graders. **Junior Camp** will be held at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island from June 10-14 for 7th and 8th graders. **Wilderness Challenge Camp** will be held in the mountains at Wahsega 4-H Center in Dahlonega for 6th-8th graders June 17-21. **Senior Camp** will also be held at Wahsega 4-H Center June 24-28 and July 1-5 for 9th-12th graders. **Senior Natural Resources Camp** will be held at Rock Eagle 4-H Center July 1-5 for 9th-12th graders. The cost for each camp and the registration date will be posted on the Lamar County Extension website on the "4-H Youth Development" page on **Wednesday January 17**. The website can be accessed at: <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/lamar.html> or by scanning the QR Code below!



CALLING ALL 4TH-6TH GRADE 4-H'ERS!!

It's time for you to get excited because sign-up for the 2024 Cloverleaf Project Achievement Competition is almost here! The Cloverleaf Project Achievement Competition is where students pick a project category, find out information about a project topic and share what they learned at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton Georgia on February 17, 2024! There are over 50 project categories for you to choose from including science, horse, history, crafts, dogs, cats, cars, food, sports and many more! Projects are available on a first-come, first served basis. Students may select their choices for a project category at: <https://tinyurl.com/CloverleafProjectAchievement24>. When students sign-up, the Google Form will have a time and date stamp. Ms. Jackson will let students know the project they can begin to work on via email. LCES 5th grade 4-H'ers that participate in the competition will earn 50 "Banner Points" for their class!



WE HAVE PECANS!

Don't miss our Pecan Fundraiser! For only \$13.00, you can get your hands on a one pound bag of Georgia Grown shelled pecan halves that are perfect for holiday baking or snacking or gift giving!



GEORGIA FARM BUREAU MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST

Are you a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student in Georgia?

If so, enter the Georgia Farm Bureau Middle School "Design a Bookmark Contest". Check out the link below for more information:



<https://www.gfb.org/learn/bookmarkcontest>

4-H "MIDDLE SCHOOL MEET-UP"! FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

We are so looking forward to our January 22 Meet-Up for our 7th and 8th graders (immediately following our time playing BINGO) at 4:00 p.m. If you help with BINGO at the Heritage Inn, you'll ride the 4-H bus to the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office. You'll find out what cool things are going on in 4-H, play some games and have pizza 🍕. Let Ms. Jackson know that you want to attend by sending her an email at ojackson@uga.edu or by calling the office at 770-358-5163 before January 19.



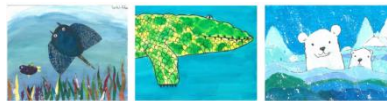
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION MEETING

The Lamar County 4-H Program will have an interest meeting for its 2024 S.A.F.E. (Shooting Awareness, Fun and Education) Shotgun Team. The meeting will take place on January 24 at the Barnesville-Lamar County Library beginning at 6:15 p.m. The team is open to 6th -12th grades currently enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program. Attendance at this meeting is required for both the 4-H'er and at least one parent. The link to register for this meeting can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/LamarProjectSAFE2023>. The link will open on January 19 and will close when all spaces for the team have been filled. Details about the meeting will be found on the registration page. An email confirmation from the Lamar County Extension/4-H Office will be sent to students who are registered on the link site.



POETRY AND ART CONTEST OPEN!

The River of Words Poetry and Art Contest inspires students ages 5 to 19 to submit water and watershed-related poetry and artwork for judging. Students can be associated with a school or youth organization (such as 4-H). Complete details can be found on the River of Words website at: <https://projectwet.georgia.gov/ga-river-words>. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST. LCES 5th grade 4-H'ers who participate in the contest will earn 20 "Banner Points" for their class!



2024 GEORGIA 4-H HORSE SHOW AND EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

Each year, Georgia 4-H hosts a statewide Horse Show that features everything from halter classes to dressage classes to timed contest events. Georgia 4-H also holds a number of horse-focused educational contests where 4-H'ers can showcase their talent in drawing, painting, method demonstration or public speaking, writing and photography.

Students who wish to show a horse or horses must own or lease a horse prior to March 1, 2024. Additionally, those students who wish to show a horse or horses must complete an "Intent to Show Form" and complete specific Georgia 4-H Horseman books. Students who wish to participate in the Georgia 4-H Horse Show and Educational Contests must be 4th -12th graders currently enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program. Eligibility is determined by grade level during the 2023- 2024 school year.

If you are interested in receiving information about the 2024 Georgia 4-H Horse Show and Educational Contests, please complete the interest survey by February 16 on Google forms at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/horshowandeducationalcontest>



MILKMAKE CONTEST, MARCH 18!

The Lamar County 4-H Program will hold the Georgia 4-H MilkMake contest on Monday, March 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared to those who register to participate. The contest is open to 4th – 8th graders enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program. The contest calls for 4-H'ers to make a drink using milk. The contest will be in the format of a fun cooking show. Entry forms and rules will be given to those 4-H'ers that

contact the Lamar County Extension/4-H office at 770-358-5163. LCES 5th grade 4-H'ers who participate in the contest will earn 20 "Banner Points" for their class!



PEANUTRITION CONTEST, MARCH 25!

The Lamar County 4-H Program will hold the Georgia 4-H Peanutrution contest on Monday, March 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared to those who register to participate. The contest is open

to 4th – 8th graders enrolled in the Lamar County 4-H Program. The contest calls for 4-H'ers in grades 4-6 to make a sandwich using peanut butter. 4-H'ers in grades 7 and 8 will make a snack using peanuts. Entry forms and rules will be given to those 4-H'ers who contact the Lamar County Extension/4-H office at 770-358-5163. LCES 5th grade 4-H'ers that participate in the contest will earn 20 "Banner Points" for their class!



GEORGIA FARM BUREAU HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST

Are you a 9th - 12th grade student in Georgia? If so, enter the Georgia Farm Bureau High School Art Contest. Ten winners will receive \$100 cash and the state winner will receive \$250 cash (in addition to the district award)! Check out the link below for more information:



<https://www.gfb.org/content/userfiles/files/AITC/LINKS/24%20art%20combined.pdf>

TRUE LEADER TUESDAY

(for 9th-12th grade 4-H'ers)

True Leader Tuesday is a time for Senior 4-H'ers (9th-12th graders) to get together to have fun, find out what's going on in 4-H and put their leadership skills to work! We'll be at the Lamar County Extension/4-H office on **January 30** beginning at 6:15 p.m. You'll help plan and make decorations for our annual "4-H Helping Hearts" activity. Let Ms. Jackson know that you are going to attend by sending her an email at ojackson@uga.edu or by calling the office at 770-358-5163 before **January 26**.



YOUNG SCHOLARS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM JUNE-JULY 2024

The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) Summer Internship Programs target talented high school students who show a high aptitude in math and science related subjects.

The goal of the internship program is to encourage outstanding high school students to pursue careers in science. Students are paired with a mentor-scientist and each student will develop a science project to work on over the summer.

Selected summer interns work side-by-side with CAES researchers for six weeks, and are paid a salary for up to 40 hours of work per week. The students earn money, learn job responsibility and, most importantly, are introduced to the work of agricultural scientists. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2024.

Information about YSP can be found at:



<https://www.caes.uga.edu/students/prospective-students/youth-high-school-programs/young-scholars.html>