

Chamber Chronicles

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All are winners in Towns County 4-H

We are excited about what is happening in Towns Co. 4-H. Donna Young, 4-H Program Assistant, completed (CPA) County Project Achievement with over 75 5th and 6th grade students competing.

Although all did not place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, all that competed are winners. These are the other 4-H'ers who competed: Ashton Spain,

McKessie Henderson, Ally Settles, Sabrina Blainz, Abi David, Eli Sanford, William Lovelady, Morgan Ditmore, Sierra Oaks, Candy Anderson, Tori Bradshaw, Faith Kinsey, Kenzie Jenkins, Andrew Watson, Erica Kelly.

Students, parents and teachers worked together to make posters and prepare speeches.

In the AIR SCIENCE

project, Marshal Ledford placed First.

In the ARCHAEOLOGY project, Samantha Quijada placed First, Alexis Pettengill placed Second and Cierah Donnelly placed Third.

In the ARTS project Payton Cagle placed First.

In the BETWEEN MEAL SNACKS project, Teria Beasley placed First and Sarah Fahn placed Second.

In the CAT CARE project, Angel Thomas placed First, Matthew Barrett also placed First.

In the COMPANION ANIMAL SCIENCE project, Andrea Spano placed First.

In the CONSERVATION & RECYCLING project, Anna Dayton placed First.

In the DAIRY & MILK SCIENCE project, Adam Penland placed First.

In the DOG CARE & TRAINING project, Alyssa Chastain placed First, Jessica Evans also placed First, Jordya Gurley placed Second, Clara Martin also placed Second, and Summer Nations placed Third.

In the ENTOMOLOGY project, Dawson Hunter placed First and Owen Bouchard placed Second.

In the GENERAL RECREATION project, Jordan Shook placed First.

In the HEALTH project, Madison Stroud placed First.

In the HISTORY project, Major Moss placed First, Breanna Shook also placed First and Will DeVries placed Second.

In the HORSE project, Jordan Gravely placed First, Madison Landress also placed First. Blake Miller placed Second, and Kayla Harris and Amanda Garrett placed Third.

In the HOUSING, EQUIPMENT & ENVIRONMENT project, Brooke Smith placed First.

In the INTERNATIONAL project, Katherine Bryant placed First and Michelle Miller placed Second.

In the MARINE & COASTAL ECOLOGY project, Dale Forrester placed First.

In the OCEAN ECOLOGY project, Colten Shook placed First and Kiera Stacks also placed First. Paige Scott placed Second. Barbie Wright placed Third.

In the OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS project, Jocelyn Byers placed First.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - GENERAL project, Makenzie Carroll placed First, Hannah Green placed Second.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - INSTRUMENTAL project, Andrew Rogers placed First, Chaz Davenport also placed First, Kristen Ledford placed Second, Cassie Cooper placed Second, Andrew Watson placed Third.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - VOCAL project, Trent Whidden placed First, Palmer Demehl placed First, Jessie Tittle placed Second, Grace Catherine Weatz placed Second, Kaelya Smith placed Third and Amaria Barrett placed Third.

In the PHOTOGRAPHY project, Mikayla King placed First and Taylor Underwood placed First, Cadence Nichols placed Second and Megan Corbis placed Second.

In the POULTRY & EGG SCIENCE project, Alex Dayton placed First.

In the SAFETY project, Courtney Giles placed First, LeAnn Dean placed First, Gavin Langelier placed Second, Bailey Chastain placed Second.

In the SPORTS project, Brady Graper placed First, Jared Shook placed First, and Kristen Henson placed Second.

In the TARGET SPORTS project, Noah Sanford placed First.

In the TIME & MONEY MANAGEMENT project, Alyson Nelson placed First.

In the VETERINARY SCIENCE project Nichole Smith placed First.

In the WILDLIFE project, Jacqueline Crisp placed First, Whitney Moss placed First, Jonathan Watson placed Second, Carter Helm placed Second, Jade Ledford placed

Third, Jade Cruz placed Third.

In the WORKFORCE PREPARATION & CAREER project Justin McCoy placed First, Bailey Chastain placed First, Walker Ross placed Second.

We especially want to thank our judges that took the time to come and judge CPA.

They were Bill Wendel, with teen leader Bobby Young, Marlene Hays and teen leader Kayla Mullen. Rhonda Williams with teen leaders Gabby Gilley and Jasmine Forrester, Scott Mays and teen leader Elizabeth Chastain. Justin Tyson and teen leader Isaac Williams. Carol Rosenqvist and teen leader Christy Dills. Robert Brewer and teen leader Vanessa Williams. Savannah Pettigill and teen leader Taylor Moats. Marianne Pettigill and teen leaders Jordan Moats and Nicole Garrett.

On March 27, 2010 Towns and many other counties in Georgia will travel to Union County to compete with other 4-H'ers in (DPA) District Project Achievement.

Good Luck Towns County. www.townscounty.com

Catch 'em being good for February 25, 2010



Back Row: Keaton Helm, Kohl Wade, Carson Williams, Jasmine Miller, Natalie Smith, Hayden McClure. Front Row: Alison Markham, Abbie Duffy, Remington Parker, Dustin Anderson, Kayla Peacock

Towns County Middle School update



Seventh grade students studied historical fiction by choosing to write a novella, write and perform a play, or write and perform a RAP. It had to be based on an African time period. Five students wrote and performed a play about Cleopatra and Egypt.

Kayla Davis, who played Cleopatra, wrote, "First we all decided on the characters. We each took a main character from our story and became them. Then we wrote the play. After we showed it to Mrs. Johnson, we practiced. Once we memorized our lines, we showed the class." Boone Moss, who played a slave, and Kevin McConnell, who was a royal guard for Cleopatra, explained the plot. "The play

was about Cleopatra, the evil queen. All of the characters except the princess got together and planned to kill her. We put a snake in a basket and gave it to her. The snake bit her and she died." Danielle Diehl, who played a princess, wrote, "First we had to combine all of my group members' stories into one. Second, we had to add in figurative language. Third, we had to come up with costumes and act out our finished play in front of the class." Taylor McCarter, who played a maid, wrote, "I enjoyed getting the play done, and finally performing in front of the class. After so much work and so much time put into it, we just had fun." Two other groups wrote and performed RAPS. One

group included Anna Sutton, Madison Johnson, Stephanie Patton, and Hannah Garrison. The second included Karlie Albach, Alyssa Pyle, and Sierra Nichols (not pictured).

The purpose of this column is to put into practice what research has found, that there are positive effects on student learning when students are required to communicate effectively to audiences beyond the classroom and school (especially in their own community).

Suggestions and comments for the column are welcome through calls to Dr. Sawyer at (706) 896-4131 ext 1011 or e-mails via the school website at www.townsk12.ga.us.

Now's the time to save your hemlocks

The public is invited to a free Hemlock Help Clinic sponsored by the Towns County Extension Service and presented by SAVE GEORGIA'S HEMLOCKS for information on the threat to our hemlocks and how to recognize it, the options for saving these valuable trees, and the help that is available to homeowners. It will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Building next to the Courthouse on River Street in Hiawassee.

The hemlocks in north Georgia are being threatened by a spreading infestation of the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect native to Asia with no local natural predators, and they are present in Towns County. You can identify these pests by the tiny white woolly egg sacs on the underside of the hemlock branches.

The bad news is that if infested trees are not treated, they will almost certainly die within the next few years. The good news is that homeowners can save their hemlocks easily and inexpensively, and spring is the best time to do it.

Save Georgia's Hemlocks, a statewide nonprofit organization, has a free Hemlock Help for Homeowners program to raise public awareness of the hemlock problem and enable homeowners to save their trees for the lowest possible cost. For individuals interested in a do-it-yourself option, the Hemlock Help Line (706-429-8010) can provide information on where to borrow a soil injector, advice on purchasing the treatment product economically, and instructions on the treatment procedure. For those who prefer to contract with a licensed professional to treat their trees, the Hemlock Help Line can supply a list of qualified local companies specializing in saving hemlocks.

If you have Hemlocks, they are in danger. For more information, call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 or visit www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org.

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