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Florida Crackers

The Florida Crackers have all been extremely busy lately. In addition to last month’s newsletter, here are both Shelby and Lauren Drum's accomplishments for at fair:

Shelby: Beef-Reserve Grand Champion Bull, 3rd in Sr. Showmanship. Poultry- Grand Champion Turkey, Grand Champion Cochin. Rabbit- Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for Mini Lop. Swine- Top 2 in her sub-class.

Lauren: Poultry- Grand Champion Water Foul, Bantam Cochin 1st place. Rabbit- Best of Breed for Holland Lop.

Both girls did fantastic in their events.

On March 27th County Events took place and we had quite a bit of members participate. We had Lane Sheffler with his Dramatic Monologue "What's growing under your bed?", Demonstration, and his Photo, Brianne Harper, Bridget Harper, Brianna Sherkus, Lauren Sherkus, and Whittney Bogard all with their Demonstrations. Cole Baer and Blake Bradley both had Photos. Callie Singleton had a Photo and a Poster, and Lauren and Shelby Drum had Photos as well. On April 17th District Events were held at Oak Hammock Middle School. Whittney Bogard, Lane Sheffler, Bridget Harper, and Brianna and Lauren Sherkus all succeeded to this event. Being a Senior allowed Brianna Sherkus, Whittney Bogard and Bridget Harper all to move on to State level. We wish them the best of luck! Agricultural Literacy Day was on March 24th and most of the Florida Crackers went to 9 different schools and read to classes. We had a total of 21 readers and 68 classes. Here are some of the schools and the readers that read to them.

Alva Elementary- Lauren and Shelby Drum, Dakota Heinkel, Shelby Tyndall, and Harrison Wreck
Bayshore Elementary- Cole Baer, Amanda and Ashlee Pendarvis, Morgan Holloway, and Kleyton Slaybaugh
Gateway Elementary- Jordan Trimmer
Evangelical Christain School- Lane Sheffler
Manatee Elementary- Callie Singleton and Amber Pendarvis
N. Ft. Myers Academy of the Arts- Brianne Harper, Maggie Hughes, and Lacy Hughes
River Hall Elementary- Lauren and Brianna Sherkus, and Storm Slaybaugh
Tropic Isles Elementary- Bridget Harper

All readers did a superb job reading and we are so proud of them.
May 1, 2010 the Florida Crackers are having a fundraiser at Lawhon’s. We will be selling hamburgers and sodas!!
On May 15th the Leanne Yancey Scholarship Fund Fishing Tournament is taking place. There are several of our club members participating in this tournament. Good luck to all participants!!!

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Club Reporter

Trail Blazers

The Trail Blazers worked on another community Service Project this month by picking up groceries at Publix and delivering them to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The groceries were donated by Publix shoppers, which in turn helped to feed the community.

On April 9th, our club spent a three-day weekend camping at Highland’s Hammock State Park. Before the camping trip, we had a planning meeting where all the meals and clean-up duties were chosen by each kid. During the trip, each kid had the responsibility of being a Leader, which meant they were in charge of cooking the entire meal for everyone. Also, each kid had to be a “helper” for two meals to help the Crew Leader. The menu was planned ahead of time by each “Crew Leader” emailing what they were going to cook. Then a Master Menu was put together so everyone knew their responsibilities. Crew Leaders were responsible for planning, shopping for, cooking, and cleaning up the whole meal. Even our Cloverbuds helped with setting tables and doing dishes. It all ended up working out brilliantly!

The Trail Blazers also enjoyed an Ice-Cream Party this month.

Five of our club members, Anna Gear, Kristin Angiletta, Kaitlyn Angiletta, Luke Turner and Kelly Turner participated in County Events, each of them winning Blue Ribbons and qualifying for District Events. Kaitlyn and Kristin Angiletta both won the Blue Rosette for County Events Poster contest in their age categories and are moving on to compete for the State Title. Kaitlyn Angiletta won both categories for her speech and illustrated talk at District Events to move on to State. Congratulations Kaitlyn!!! Kristin Angiletta and Anna Gear also won Blue Ribbons at District Events for their illustrated talks.

In honor of Arbor Day on April 30th, our club is continuing our “Build-a-Trail” Community service project by donating and planting trees at the Division of Forestry office in their Community Education area. This is what our club has done this month.

Submitted by Luke Turner