

**Henry County 7th-12th Grade “Making the Best Better”
4-H JR/SR District Project Achievement March 4-6, 2016**

Henry County seventh through twelfth grade 4-H'ers competed against 37 counties at 4-H Northwest Junior/Senior District Project Achievement, March 4 through the 6. There were 317 seventh and eighth graders and 358 ninth through twelfth graders for a total of 675 Northwest District 4-H'ers that competed during the weekend. These young people were given the opportunity to select a project area or category of their choice ranging from Health to Science of Engineering & Mechanics all the way to Food Labs and Performing Arts. Each member created a yearlong portfolio to be judged displaying all of their work in their project area, as well as school, community service and leadership activities they have completed over the past year. Then during the weekend the 4-H'ers were judged on their presentation or performance. Those that competed in categories such as Science of Engineering, Outdoor Recreation & History created a presentation using visual aids and gave a speech. The 4-H'ers that chose to do a Food Lab or Performing Arts categories cooked or performed.

Henry County was represented by twenty 4-H members over the weekend. The score from their presentation was combined with the score they received on their portfolio which was submitted in January for prior judging. Ninth through twelfth graders that placed 1st at the District Project Achievement will advance on to State Congress in July. We are very proud to announce that Piper Brown, Suzanne Palmertree and Camilla Stegall will be advancing on to State Congress in July.

Also during the weekend, Junior (7th -8th graders) and Senior (9th – 12th graders) elected Northwest District Officers for the upcoming year. These officers will help plan and lead all the upcoming district activities. Over the weekend 4-H'ers running for board gave a campaign speech and campaigned throughout the weekend. Every county selected six individuals as voting delegates to represent them at the polls. This year Piper Brown from Ola High and Richard Faulkner from Luella High ran for a seat on the 2016-2017 Senior Northwest Board. Henry County 4-H also had Dawson Babischkin from Luella Middle serve on 2015-2016 Junior Northwest Board.

Henry County 4-H is a non-profit organization that encourages youth development through these competitions.. If you would like to make a donation to support future public speaking experiences for Henry County's young people, please contact the Henry County Extension Office at 97 Lake Dow Rd., McDonough, GA 30252 or call 770-288-8421.

Junior 4-H'ers (7th & 8th graders) and their category/placing:

- Dawson Babischkin – Performing Arts- Vocal, 1st place (Luella Middle)
- Pranav Bhatt – International, 2nd place (Union Grove Middle)
- Ashlyn Donaldson – Forestry, Resource & Wood Science, 1st place (Eagles Landing Christian Academy)
- Jordan Johnson – Performing Arts-Vocal (Impact Academy)
- Christopher Lewis – Computer Information technology, 3rd place (Locust Grove Middle)
- Andrew Palmertree – Flowers, Shrubs & Lawns, 1st place (Homeschooled)
- Kaylee Pappa – Pizza Food Lab, 1st place (Homeschooled)
- Sabrina Wilkins – Cat Care, 1st place (Impact Academy)

Senior 4-H'ers (9th – 12th graders) and their category/placing:

- Hannah Bloodworth- Outdoor Recreation, 4th place (Union Grove High)
- Piper Brown – Dairy Food Lab, 1st place & moving on to State (Ola High)
- Richard Faulkner – History (Luella High)
- Rebecca Harth- Poultry & Egg Science (Homeschooled)
- Emma Langford – Health (Georgia Cyber Academy)
- Abigayle Miles – Dog Care & Training, 4th place (Locust Grove High)
- Suzanne Palmertree - Science of Engineering & Mechanics, 1st place & moving on to State (Homeschooled)
- Zachary Palmertree- Flowers, Shrubs & Lawns, 2nd place (Homeschool)
- Chloe Pappa- Performing Arts-General (Homeschooled)
- Jacob Skovran - Plant and Soil Science, 3rd place (Homeschooled)
- Camilla Stegall – Performing Arts- Other, 1st place & moving on to State (Homeschooled)