

4-H Year End Review



- ⊘ Eighty-eight 4-H'ers competed at district project contests.
- ⊘ The annual rabies clinic set another record - 1000+ vaccinations. Thirty volunteers were involved.
- ⊘ More than 80 4-H members attended summer camps throughout the state.
- ⊘ 620 students participated in monthly educational programs in our schools.
- ⊘ 25 members competed in judging team events. These included Forestry Judging, Poultry Judging and Consumer Judging contests.
- ⊘ The first Lumpkin Youth Leadership class was announced. Eleven high school freshman will be involved. The year long training sponsored jointly by the school system, the Chamber of Commerce, Lumpkin Leadership and the Extension Service.
- ⊘ Lumpkin County 4-H Food Product Development Team placed 3rd at State contest

December 2011 Highlights



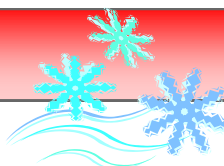
We wish you Peace, Joy and Happiness
during this Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year

Merry
Christmas



Upcoming Events

- ⊘ Jan. 10— Lumpkin County Livestock Assoc. meeting
- ⊘ Jan. 06 — Jr. & Sr. DPA Portfolio Deadline



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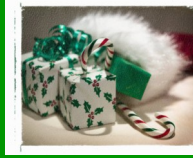
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- ☞ Eleven high school members attended Fall Forum at Rock Eagle. This annual event draws more than 750 4-H'ers from across the state for a weekend of learning and companionship. Special thanks to adult leaders Debbie Bodney and Brenda Wasserman for accompanying the group.
- ☞ December brought the end of another 4-H project year. Nineteen middle and high school members submitted their project work for judging. Better known as a 4-H portfolio, 4-H'ers are required to list their accomplishments with their project, leadership experiences and ways they have served their community. In March 2012, these members will compete in their projects by presenting a presentation. Interests have a wide range. Some members will cook a meal, others will perform a musical instrument, while others will teach others about a specific interest.
- ☞ The high school robotics team received a 4-H grant to support their upcoming competition in March. This is part of a statewide effort to establish high school robotics teams sponsored by JC Penney. The high school team has more than 25 students involved.
- ☞ The first Lumpkin Youth Leadership class was announced. Eleven high school freshman will be involved. Parents received details about the year long training sponsored jointly by the school system, the Chamber of Commerce, Lumpkin Leadership and the Extension Service. Beginning in February students each month will be involved learning about their community from government to educational institutions to various services.
- ☞ Ian completed his yearlong online course to become an Extension Master Evaluator. Each month sessions and assignments were completed.



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- ☞ Greg met with the top candidates out of the 40 that had applied for the County Agent ANR position in Lumpkin County. Greg also met twice with District Extension Director, Norman McGlohon to discuss filling the job and the qualifications of applicants. The new agent is scheduled to begin work March 1st.
- ☞ Conducted private pesticide applicator training for a local producer. Greg also arranged for a temporary license number for this applicator so that he could immediately purchase a badly needed restricted use product.
- ☞ Hosted the annual board of director's meeting for the Lumpkin Area Livestock Association. Greg chaired the meeting in which new officers were elected and programs and speakers were planned for the upcoming year.
- ☞ Met with District Extension Director to discuss staff performance appraisals. Greg met with staff members to discuss their individual performance over the past year.
- ☞ Participated in an on-line computer budget session with College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean, Scott Angle.
- ☞ Greg was recognized by the Lumpkin County Commissioners with a proclamation of recognition for his years of service. He was also presented with a Lumpkin County challenge coin by County Manager Stan Kelley.
- ☞ Met with city officials to discuss tree planting options for a city parking area.
- ☞ Conducted home troubleshooting visits as requested throughout the month of December.