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County News

February Communiqué (county news)

The first “Young Aspiring Professionals Banquet” was conducted on January 21st at Turner Lake Complex. More than 115 Work Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship students participated. In addition, forty-one individuals representing the business and education community were represented and provided an evaluation of the students. The event was designed to give students an opportunity to practice skills taught in the Work Based Learning Program. The skills evaluated included those related to students having to interact in a social network setting. Cynthia Marvel, Newton County YAP Coordinator, along with each high school’s Work-based Learning Coordinator coordinated the event.



The Healthcare Science and the Administrative Information Support Business Engagement Committees met in January. Greg Richardson, Director of Human Resources at Newton Medical Center, serves as chair of the Healthcare Science committee and Mr. Mark Bible, Plant Manager at General Mills serves as chair of the Administrative Information Support. Both committees consist of 12-14 representatives of various businesses in Newton County. The committees immediately began work on two projects--Work Ready Assessment Day and Healthcare Science Job Shadow Day. The committee will meet bi-monthly to discuss additional ways to engage the healthcare science industry with the school system.

The Georgia Work Ready Program administered through the Governor’s Office is an opportunity for a student to receive a Work Ready Credential. Newton County Board of Education, DeKalb Technical College, and The Covington/Newton Chamber of Commerce have partnered to offer this credential to Newton County High School seniors. Students will be offered the assessments on February 23rd, 24th and 25th. All Work-Based Learning and Youth Apprenticeship students took the assessment on February 4th.

The Annual Career Awareness Expo is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, at the Covington campus of DeKalb Technical College. The event hours are 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. The goal is to raise awareness of the many careers and occupational opportunities available to students and increase their knowledge of the skills, education, and certification requirements of each. Additionally, we hope to benefit employers by providing an opportunity to identify and develop a future workforce.

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Eastside High School DECA

Congratulations EHS DECA members! Competitors from the region conference include:

Julie Danks: Principles of Business Management and Administration: 2nd Place

Kymberli Flowers: Job Interview

Jamia Gaither: Principles of Marketing

Natalie Germany: Principles of Hospitality and Tourism 3rd Place

Darrel Hardeman: Quick Serve Restaurant Management

Symeria Palmer: Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series

Chelsea Phillips: Accounting Application Series 3rd Place

Shelsey Reed: Marketing Management 2nd Place

Brittany Somerville: Sports and Entertainment Marketing 1st Place

Kimberly Thomas: Food Marketing Series 2nd Place

Yanci Walker: General Marketing Testing 2nd Place

These students will go on to compete at state in Atlanta on February 25-26, 2010.

Be on the look out for The DEC EGGstravaGANZA coming Easter Saturday!!! Also the College Care Basket raffle will be back for students entering college. Two giant laundry baskets will be raffled with all college necessities; everything from toilet paper, irons, laundry detergent, to comforters will be included. One boy basket and one girl basket will be raffled!!!



Sharp Learning Center

SHARP RULES!

Sharp Learning Center has rolled out the Positive Behavior Intervention Plan (PBS) to encourage positive behaviors and to recognize students who represent good citizenship. We are encouraging a spirit of positive reinforcement that encourages everyone to act responsibly. **S**how RESPECT, **H**ave INTEGRITY, **A**ct RESPONSIBLY, **R**epresent CITIZENSHIP, and **P**romote LEADERSHIP is what **SHARP Learning Center** represents. Students receive Tiger Stripes as a reward for positive behavior, which can be used to purchase items from the "Reward Menu" developed by the PBS team. Students have responded positively toward this new expectation. When you come to Sharp Learning Center, expect to see change!



Alcovy High School FCCLA



Friday, January 29th, six video broadcasting and two construction students travelled to Macon to compete in the Region 5 SkillsUSA competitions. Tyler Warren placed 2nd in Job Skill Demonstration for SkillsUSA Region 5. Tyler will now advance to the State competition March 11-13. Nine other Broadcasting students will also compete in competitions that did not require a prequalifying at region. Several construction students will also attend a Career Expo at state.



Culinary / FCCLA students signing up to send Candy Apple Grams on Valentine's Day.



Alcovy High School FFA

On Jan. 13, Alcovy FFA donated new school supplies to the local DFACS office. In this project, Operation Book bag, Alcovy FFA members donated new and unused school supplies and book bags. Once enough school supplies had been collected, the Alcovy FFA officer team counted, organized, and boxed the school supplies to deliver to DFACS. On Jan. 13, after school, three representatives of Alcovy FFA, consisting of Ronnie Few, Happy Outlaw, and Dillon Parker, took the school supplies to the local DFACS office. Operation Book bag is an annual community service project that Alcovy FFA participates in. This year, Alcovy FFA donated over 700 individual items, including 10 book bags.



Newton High School FFA



The swine show team traveled to Perry, Georgia to the Winter Pig Classic. It was the first swine show of the year, and all of the exhibitors learned many new skills. Everyone on the swine show team is first year showmen. The six showmen that went to Perry were, Blake McDonald, Blake Duren, Jesse McCord, Baltazar Alvarez, Bryan Vasquez, and Josie Stamps. The show team is very excited and looking forward to the next two shows which will be the Newton County Classic, held at the Newton County Livestock facilities on February 13.

Also we will be participating in the Georgia State Livestock Show, which will be held in Perry, GA on February 17-21. Please come out to support your local Newton County Livestock Team.



At Newton County High School's last FFA meeting, Regina Holiday a former National FFA officer, came to speak to the Newton High School FFA chapter, and the Eastside FFA chapter. Along with being inspirational and outgoing, she truly inspired many of our FFA members.

Regina Holiday was a National FFA Officer from the 2008-2009 year and she is from Georgia. Regina gave her retiring address at the National Convention and it inspired some of our members so much, the Newton High School FFA asked if she could come out and speak to the entire FFA chapter.



Regina talked about how we could be leaders in our own chapter, and about life's struggles, especially as a high school student.

"I think she's a great motivational speaker," Brianna Galloway said.

Regina gave a speech about how FFA students could relate to a boiled egg. A boiled egg can go through so much heat and pressure, but eventually it will crack. She told the FFA chapter that even though some of us are strong, we all crack under pressure and that it was okay.

Regina talked about how when she first started FFA, she didn't know anyone, and a lot of the FFA members could relate to that. Our FFA members said that they felt the same when they came to the first meeting.

"When I walked into the room at my first FFA meeting, I was nervous because I didn't know anyone just like Regina said," Galloway said.

Galloway also said that she could relate to what Regina was talking about when she talked about cracking under pressure and boiled eggs.

Regina also stayed behind an hour after the meeting was over to answer any questions that the FFA members had, and to share funny stories that she had experienced as a FFA member.

Regina Holiday took time off from her classes at UGA to come and talk to the Newton High and Eastside High FFA Chapters. The FFA members learned a lot and it was the best meeting most of the FFA members said that they had been to all year.



FFA

On January 15, the Newton County Livestock team headed to Carrolton for the Carrolton County Classic. Along with amazing barbeque, hoop cheese, and bingo the show team came back victorious. Andrew Terrell, Gary Jones, Jenna Lawson, Aleah Hill, Kelli Hardy, Kayla Sinnemon, and Ben Richardson went to the show along with their advisors, Justin Bennett and Ryan Talton.

The show team left the school at 9 AM Friday morning and headed to Carrolton. The Newton County Show team looks forward to this show every year because it is so much fun. After washing, blow-drying, feeding, and watering their cows, the show team enjoyed the night's festivities.

Barbeque and bingo made up most of Friday night. The show team loved having a break from all their hard work from the day to enjoy dinner and having some fun despite the rain in Carrolton. Saturday was when all the work truly began though.

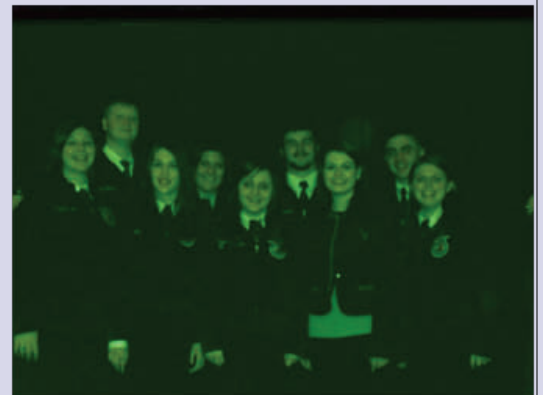
The show started at 9 AM with showmanship. Showmanship is where the showman is judged based on his or her ability to present the cow. Jenna Lawson and Aleah Hill were both pulled from their heat to compete for first place in the final drive.

After showmanship was over, the heifers were the first to go in the ring for class judging. Class judging is where the cow is judged on structure, tracking, hair, and everything else. Jenna Lawson, Aleah Hill, Kelli Hardy, and Gary Jones all showed a heifer for the commercial class. Jenna Lawson got first with her heifer in her class along with Aleah Hill. Kelli Hardy and Gary Jones both got third.

Andrew Terrell, Gary Jones, Jenna Lawson, Kelli Hardy, Kayla Sinnemon, and Ben Richardson were all up next for their steer class. Andrew Terrell got third with his steer along with Ben Richardson, Kayla Sinnemon, and Gary Jones. Kelli Hardy got first with her steer in class and went to final drive to try to get first place.

Despite the cold weather and the rain the show team came back in good spirits knowing that they did well. Ryan Talton and Justin Bennett were very proud of their showman along with the Newton County FFA Chapter. The show team had an amazing time and they can't wait to go back next year.

The next Saturday the show team traveled to the Piedmont Area Cattleman show, held in Madison, Georgia. The show went really well, and everyone did very well. In showmanship Casey Simonton, Jenna Lawson, and Andrew Terrell all placed in the senior division. While in the steer class Andrew Terrell placed 2nd, Gary Jones placed 3rd, Casey Simonton placed 2nd, Kelli Hardy placed 1st, and Ben Richardson placed 3rd. In the heifer class, Jenna Lawson placed 1st and also won Grand Champion with her commercial heifer. Aleah Hill placed 3rd. Overall, everyone was very pleased and are very excited about our next two shows which will be the Newton County Classic, held at the Newton County Livestock facilities on February 13. Also we will be participating in the Georgia State Livestock Show, which will be held in Perry, GA on February 17-21. Please come out to support your local Newton County Livestock Team.



Eastside High School CTI Program



December was a busy month for the Eastside CTI students! It kicked off with the ASVAB on December 8th in the EHS auditorium. Several of the CTI students reported that the test was a big challenge, but they were glad that they took it. The next event was the EHS CTSO Christmas Caroling and party on December 9th. FBLA, and FCCLA and several of the CTI students involved in the two groups went to Covington Manor to deliver cookies and sing



Christmas songs to the clients. The students went back to Eastside for pizza and an ornament swap. The group had a blast! The County CTI Christmas party with Guest of Honor, Elyse Keup, was held at Stevi B's on December 15th. The students had a great

time socializing and networking with other CTI students from the other high schools in the county. Elyse Keup spoke to the group about graduating with a Special Education Diploma then going on to pass the GED in order to attend technical school. Ms. Keup is an inspiration to all special education students working to get into college. Elyse will be attending Perimeter College in the Fall of 2010. The CTI students loved helping with the Eastside Sponsored Newton County Foster Children's Christmas party on December 16th. EHS staff and students, organized by Dr. Tina Daniels, came together to make the event enjoyable for everyone in attendance. The CTI students helped with games, face painting and ornament making. What a great way to celebrate the season! Seventeen EHS CTI students attended a transitional options trip to Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation on January 26th. The group shared a bus with CTI students from AHS. Several students from both schools plan to attend Warm Springs for secondary training in the Fall of 2010. It has been an exciting first month of 2010 for Eastside CTI with lots more events and activities to come.



Newton High School FBLA

Newton High School hosts FBLA Region 14 Conference for Second Year



Newton High School hosted this year's FBLA Region 14 Conference which was held January 15th. There were over 25 schools in attendance with more than 290 FBLA high school and middle school members.



R.J. Whitney, FBLA Region 14 Vice-President, gave a workshop during the conference called How to Dress in the Business World. Business teacher Ken Ondracek's chess club members gave a workshop called Developing Winning Strategies. Teaching as a Profession teacher Dr. Jacqueline Pennington gave a workshop called Success Strategies 101. Business teacher Camiel Grant got Coach Allen to give an ACT/SAT Prep workshop. In total there were six workshops for conference participants to choose from.



R.J. Whitney giving a workshop

Newton High was the first place high school membership winner for Region 14. NHS had a total of 34 members attending, presenting and assisting with the conference. Some of the competitive events NHS members placed in were Business Communications, Business Math, Database Design & Applications and Web Site Development. Several members have moved up and will compete at the State FBLA Conference in March.



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Debra Lary, Ken Ondracek and business teacher, Spencer Fortson on the right.



Eastside High School FBLA



Eastside FBLA claimed many honors at the FBLA Regional 14 Leadership Conference and Competition at Newton High School on January 15, 2010. Many students will be advancing to the State Leadership Conference in Atlanta in March. The winners are as follows:

Business Ethics Performance team:

First Place: D'onna Bell; McKenzie Reeves, Brittany Worton

Emerging Business Issues Performance team:

Second Place: Tyler Gaynes, Tevin Jones, Justin Westbrook

Business Communication:

Third place: Christa Powell

Fourth place: Brittany Somerville

Business Math:

Fifth place: Brittany Worton

Computer Applications:

Second Place: Christa Powell

Database Design & Applications:

Second Place: Zack Freeman

Desktop Publishing team:

Fourth Place: Rachel Bostic and Whitney Stowers



Future Business Leader:

Second place: Justin Westbrook

Fourth place: Treasure Smith

Introduction to Business Communication:

Third Place: Treasure Smith

Fifth Place: D'onna Bell

Personal Finance:

First Place: Tyler Gaynes

Third Place: Whitney Stowers

Fourth Place: Brittany Somerville

Spreadsheet Applications:

Fourth Place: Misha Collins



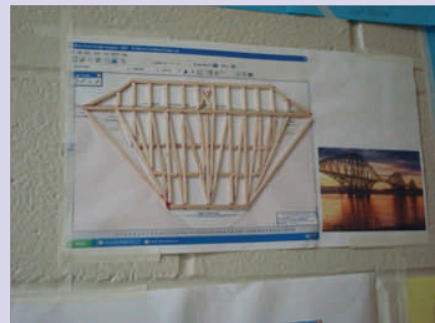
Indian Creek Middle School



Mr. Watson's Technology Enrichment class completed a bridge activity. Students had to research an existing



bridge and replicate it in 2D using the well known West Point Bridge software. It allowed students to discover and understand elements of bridge construction. Student work is from grades 6-8.



Mr. Cohen's class at Eastside screen printed shirts for the book club. This was for all schools throughout the county.



*Great start to
the new year
Newton County
CTAE! Keep up
the good work!*