Chamber Chronicles

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 the 4-H County Program Assistant Program with over 75 hours and 12th grade students competing. Although all did not place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, all were judged. These are the other 4-Hers who competed: Ashton Spain, McKenzie Henderson, Ally Settle, Savannah Brant, Ali Davis, Eli Sanford, William Lovelady, Morgan Dimmott, Sierra Gals, Candy Anderson, Tori Woodman, Faith Kinney, Kenzie Jenkins, Audrey Watson, and Erika Kelly.

Students, parents and teachers worked together to make presentations and speeches. In the AIR SCIENCE project, Marshall Ledford placed First. In the ARCHAEOLOGY project, Samantha Quijada placed First, Alexis Petragalli placed Second, and Cynthia Donaldson placed Third. In the ARTS project, Cayden Clark placed First in the BETWEEN project, Tera Beasley placed First and Sarah Fuls placed Second.

Catch 'em being good for February 25, 2010

Towns County Middle School update

Seventh grade students studied historical fiction by choosing to write a novel, write and perform a play, or write and perform a rap. They had to be based on an African American 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. Each character was a main character from our story, and we chose him. Then we wrote the play. After we showed it to Miss Johnson, we practiced. Once we memorized all our lines, we performed." The play was about Cleopatra, the evil queen. All of the characters except the princess met their fate and planned to kill her. We put a makka in a basket and gave it to her. She made her last words and then died. Danielle Davis, who played a princess, wrote, "First, we had to combine all of my group member's 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 McClure, who played a maid, wrote, "I enjoyed playing the maid role, 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 Leiton, Madison Johnson, Stephanie Patton, and Hannah Atkinson. The second included Karlie Albach, Alyssa Yoon, and Breana Nickels.

In the ARTS - GENERAL project, Madison Carroll placed First, Hannah Green placed Second, and Emma Donaldson placed Third. In the DISCOVER project, Andrew Cooper placed First, Chaz Davenport also placed First, Kasumi Nezumi placed Second, Cassie Cooper placed Third, and Andrew Watson placed Third.

In the PERFORMING ARTS - GENERAL project, Tray Whitfield placed First, Palmer Demel placed First, Jessie Tittle placed Second, Cassie Christlove placed Third, Kaelyn Smith placed Third, and Janessa Barrett placed Third.

Now's the time to save your hemlocks

The public this spring is the best time to save your hemlocks. Hemlock Borer, a state-approved organization, has a free hemlock help line. The line is free to anyone who needs help. A hemlock borers infestation is a spreading infestation of the hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA). An invasive insect native to Asia with no local natural predator, it is spreading rapidly in the north. It is spreading rapidly in the north. If left untreated, the hemlock will die in two years. The good news is that hemlocks can be saved if treated early. For more information, call the hemlock help line at 706-429-8010 or visit www.savegeorgiahemlocks.org.