

Library Happenings

Estill Public Library

by Shannon Horn

Hello once again readers! I hope you had a wonderful July 4th. I know I enjoyed my day off, but I have also enjoyed all of the fun things that we have going on at the library right now.

Princess Belle Visit

On Thursday, July 11th at 1:00 and 2:00 we will be hosting Princess Belle. She will be coming to tell a story to the kids, teach them a song and I believe they will be playing games as well. This will be a fun program provided by the same company that sent us Spider-Man and Wonder Woman. As of right now there are several spots left open, so if you have a little one that would love to meet a Disney princess bring them on down!

Storytime

We have been having so much fun in our Storytime sessions the last few weeks. I've tried to pick books that go along with the Thursday programs

and that seems to be a success. A couple of weeks ago we camped out in the meeting room and this last week the babies got to mix shaving cream and paint to make July 4th themed pictures. If you have a child that isn't in school yet this would be a great place for them to come and interact with other children. I've heard from so many parents that they enjoy bringing their kids to Storytime because it is developing their social skills. We have Storytime every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30.

Pickin' in the Park

If you have been following our concert series this is for you. We still have three more Tuesday night concerts this summer. Grayson Jenkins will be performing on the 16th and Grits and Soul will perform the following week. We also still have Pickin' in the Park t-shirts for sale here at the library. The sizes range from Youth Large to Adult XL for \$13.00 and the Adult XXL is \$15.00. If you would like to purchase one of these shirts just stop by the library and we can hook you up!

Book Clubs

We currently have four book clubs in the works. The WhoDunIt Book Club is reading Where the

Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. They will meet again on August 5th at 5:30. Our Adult Book Club is reading A Spark of Light by Jodi Picoult. The next meeting for this book club will be on August 6th at 1:30. Our Teen Book Club is finishing up their summer with Twilight by Stephanie Meyer. Katelyn has a few fun activities up her sleeves for the teens, which I know they will enjoy. And finally our Bookworm Book Club is for kids ages 10-12. They are reading The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. All of the books are available at the library if you are interested in reading one of them!

Crazy Art Night

I am so excited about this event. Have you ever just wanted to create the craziest piece of art you have ever seen? I believe it would have to be fun. So that is why on July 15th I am getting out all of the craft supplies from the closet and letting the kids create whatever their heart desires. I am going to find some judges to come in and find the craziest piece of art. There will be a winner from each age group and they will receive a certificate. I will have age categories so the little kids aren't "competing" against the big kids. This event will begin at 3:30 and will go until 5:00.

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Casey Howell braved the Shark Tank at Kentucky FFA Convention and came home with a sizable grant to help grow his business.

Howell is a rising sophomore at Estill County High School and an active member of that school's FFA chapter. His enterprise is C3 Fabrication, where he specializes in custom roll cages for utility task vehicles as well as other implements. He recently took part in the Kentucky FFA Shark Tank, a grant competition styled after the popular television show with the same name.

FFA members in 9th through 11th grades were invited to submit a 4 to 6-minute video explaining their enterprise and how a grant would help advance their business. Howell was one of ten finalists selected to present his idea live in front of a panel of judges and an audience at the state FFA convention, which eventually led to his selection as one of the five \$5,000 grant recipients.

"It was nerve-wracking," said Howell, "but it was good to help grow my business and get out of my comfort zone to do more things through FFA."

Howell plans to use the grant to help purchase a CNC plasma table, a very expensive piece of equipment that will expand his fabrication capabilities. Just two weeks after re-

ceiving the grant, he was already in North Carolina testing out models and getting training on how to use a table.

The student enterprises in the competition were also Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. All students who are in school-based agriculture classes in Kentucky have the opportunity to develop their own SAE and participate in leadership development through FFA. Both of those experiences complement the in-class instruction they receive.

"I don't know of another youth organization that prepares a student to be career ready like FFA," said Darrell Billings, one of the judges for the final portion of the competition and a member of the Kentucky FFA Foundation board of trustees. "These kids leave high school understanding how to keep records, borrow money, get a return - it's a real tribute to the way aged is set up in Kentucky and the way FFA rewards those kids who work hard."

This year's agriculture venture capital grants were made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn.

"When Dr. Lynn gave us the money to use, he said just go make a difference," said Billings. "That was opening us up to be able to change the whole world...and for these kids, he did."

"I've always said if you're feeling down about the future, come to the state FFA convention," said Kyle Kelly, another final round judge and Kentucky FFA Found-

ation board of trustees member. "These students are really thinking outside of the box. We went from traditional SAE's all the way up to a young man who had diversified into building roll cages for UTV's. They're already making money, investing money and putting money back into their local communities. Dr. Lynn and all of us will see a return on investment that will impact students for the rest of their lifetimes. We couldn't have done that without his support."

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships which support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact more than 14,500 FFA members in 154 FFA chapters across Kentucky.



Estill FFA member Casey Howell, at far right

Estill County Fair Baby Show Registration

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 @ 7:00pm -- Entry Fee \$10

Must be a resident of Estill County. Registration fee \$10 payable online. Entry fee into the fair will be \$10 for adults and if your child will be riding rides, you will need to pay the \$10 fee for them. If the contestant isn't riding, their entry is free. Register online at www.estillcountyagriculturalfair.com

Contestant's Name: _____

Male or Female (please circle or highlight) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Name (female guardian): _____

Father's Name (male guardian): _____

Address: _____

Contact number (Cell or Home): _____

Miss Estill County Fair Beauty Pageants Saturday, July 13, 2019

Applications are now available @ <https://www.estillcountyagriculturalfair.com>. You will be able to pay your entry fee through this website also. Applications must be scanned along with birth certificate and emailed back to the email address listed on the application.

Miss Estill County Open Beauty Contest

Ages 16-21 - Entry Fee \$45 -- 7:00pm

Miss Estill County Open Teen Beauty Contest

Ages 13-15 - Entry Fee \$40 -- 3:30pm

Miss Estill County Pre-Teen Pageant (Closed)

Ages 8-12 - Entry Fee \$30 -- 2:15pm

Entry deadline is Friday, July 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Any questions or for more information contact Gina Flynn (606) 975-5851, gina.flynn@estill.kyschools.us or Tammy Cole (859) 582-2695, tammy.cole@powell.kyschools.us

Little Miss and Mister Estill County Saturday, July 13, 2019 -- 1:00pm -- Entry Fee \$10

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 12, 2019. Place to Register: Friday evening, July 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Estill County Fair Barn during practice or Call Tammy Cole at (859) 582-2695 or register online at www.estillcountyagriculturalfair.com. **Contestant must be 5 years of age on June 30, 2019 and cannot be 8 on June 30, 2019. Must bring birth certificate to the Pageant.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Contact number (Cell or Home): _____

Date of Birth: _____