

4-H CLUBS:

4-Her's
4 Paws
Aquatic All-stars
Blazers
Canine Connections
Clogging Clovers
Eagles
East County Steer & Swine
Eastside Rabbiters
Florida Crackers
Foxmill Kids & Colts
Fruitville Exceptional Equine
Green Thumbs
The Green Team
Half Pint Pullers
Home Grown Explorers
Horse N Around
Indian Creek 4-H Club
Jr. Cattlemen
Kelly Community Clovers
Little Rascals
Livestock Club
Miakka Allstock
Mini Hooves of Sarasota
Muddy Boots
Myakka Ranchers
Open Gaits
Reef Rovers
Ridin' Rednecks
Sarasota County Ranchers
Sarasota Sharp Shooters
Sarasota Swine
Southern Spurs
The Group
Venice Bits & Spurs
YMCA Youth



The Clover Times

June 2008



From The Agents Desk; by Keith Wilson

The Sarasota County 4-H County Council performed an impressive community service project at the Salvation Army located on 10th Street in Sarasota. It was a privilege to watch 4-H youth support Salvation Army family residents and their children by creating a unique indoor petting zoo. Children were provided the opportunity to pet a goat, a skink, chickens, a collie, a pig, sea creatures, rabbits and more. Games were held and free gifts were handed out to the family members before they sat down for a healthy meal. It was a great example of our 4-Hers helping less fortunate families in our community.

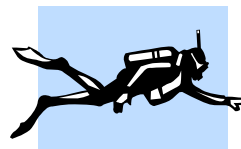
If you enjoy fishing and marine biology then there are opportunities for 4-Hers and their friends to "get their feet wet" during the month of July. On July 2 a marine biology field trip is planned to take place at South Lido Beach Park from 10am -12 noon. On July 9 a fishing tournament will occur at Hart's Landing from 10am-12noon. There will be extra fishing poles available for those youth who do not have their own gear.

We are very proud of all of the 4-H members who participated in the District 9 Events Day in Polk County. All of you represented your club and county extremely well. We also wish to thank the five adults who got up early on a Saturday morning to volunteer their services as judges at this event. The parents who provided 4-H contestants the "taxi service" need to be applauded also. The 2009 event is scheduled to be hosted in Sarasota County!

Remember to click that seat belt when riding in a vehicle.

Keith Wilson

Keith Wilson, 4H Agent



*I pledge,
My Head
to clearer thinking,
My Heart
to greater loyalty,
My Hands
to larger service,
And My Health
to better living,
For my club, my community,
My country and my world.*

Welcome 2008-2009 County Council Officers!

President: Jared Padgett	Vice President: Kaila Hess
Secretary: Laura Knipper	Treasurer: Rebecca Griffin
Reporter: Autumn VanRiper	Historian: Kayla Knipper
Sergeant At Arms: Megan Knipper	Chaplain: Amber VanRiper
Parliamentarian: Tatum Britt	District Delegate: Sean Russell

Congratulations to all, we look forward to a great year!



4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



"World Ocean Day and 4-H"

4-H will be participating in World Ocean Day events at Mote Aquarium planned for June 8th from 11-2pm. We will be educating visitors about the remarkable diversity of life that exists in the waters along the coast of Florida. Living and preserved specimens will be displayed for families to enjoy and learn from. If any 4-Her wishes to work this event as a community service project, they may contact Mr. Wilson by e-mailing him at kwilson@scgov.net.

2008 4-H Dairy Camp

June 16-18, 2008

This camp gives youth the opportunity to learn more about the 4-H Dairy Program. This year's theme will be "Dairy Products and Marketing". Cost is \$100.00 and registrations are due June 9th.

The Southeast Dairy Retreat will be held July 14-18 in Madison, GA. SEDYR is a great event where youth can learn more about the dairy industry and project, and meet 4H youth from other southern states. Cost, registration, and agenda should be out soon... call the 4-H Office if you are interested in attending! 861-9810

"Summer Fishing Contest"

4-H will be holding a saltwater fishing tournament on June 12th at the Hart's Landing Pier from 10-12 noon. Prizes for the largest fish, most fish and first fish caught will be awarded. All youth are welcome from within the 4-H community. 4-H youth may bring along friends who are not presently in 4-H to compete in this summer event. Saltwater fishing rods are available to those who do not have their own fishing gear to use. Contact Mr. Wilson at kwilson@scgov.net for further details.

Florida State 4-H Rabbit Show

Saturday, June 21, 9 AM

Come one, come all Florida 4-H members ages 8-18 to participate in the 4th annual Florida State 4-H Rabbit Show and other rabbit events Saturday, June 21 from 9 AM to approximately 4 PM at the Sumter County Fairgrounds, located in Bushnell. This is a state-wide rabbit show open to all 4-H Club members in Florida.

Along with the show we will also have a Rabbit Judging Contest, a Rabbit Quiz Bowl, and a Rabbit Skill-A-Thon.

Contact the 4-H Office to receive registration forms. Forms are due (to the Sumter County Extension Office) on June 11. Registration is free, entry fee is \$2 per rabbit or cavies.

"4-H Invites You To A Boat Outing"

On June 30th from 10am-12noon, 4-H will hold a boating event around the shores of S. Lido Beach. If you have a rowboat, canoe, or kayak to use for a morning of exploration of the mangroves and tidal zones in Sarasota Bay then join the fun with other families on this Monday morning adventure. Be sure to bring life vests/jackets, water, and sun lotion. Contact Mr. Wilson at 861-9818 or by e-mail at kwilson@scgov.net.



Why is it important for farmers and ranchers to take an active role in the political process?

That's the topic for the 2008 Farm Bureau Speech contest. Each year the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Women's Committee sponsors a Youth Speech Contest. The contest promotes a stronger interest and clearer understanding of agriculture.

The date for this event is June 12, 6:00 PM at the Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd. The county contest winner advances to the district contest; the district winner then advances to the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in October to compete in the state competition.

Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for details!

Camp Counselors and C.I.T.'S

Don't forget counselor and C.I.T. training for Camp Cloverleaf will be Tuesday, June 10, 9:00-12:00 at 2817 Cattleman Road.

See You There!

There's always room for more!

Sarasota County Ranchers is making room for 4H livestock projects for 2008-2009. If you are interested in joining their club contact Warren Rogers at 809-7705.

4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



Record Book Deadline—June 30th

Just a reminder—

All officer, project and record books are due in the 4-H Office by 5:00 PM on June 30th, 2008. If you have turned in a record book during the County Fair, and would like to improve your score, you can make corrections, add photo's, add to your story, correct any math errors and resubmit it by June 30th. It is not necessary to resubmit your book again if you did not make any improvements.

You must turn in a record book to receive a 4H year pin.

Attention 4-H Club Leaders and Officers

Now is the time to get together to make sure officer record books are complete and up-to-date. They are due on **June 30th**. If your club has had any income or disbursements you **MUST** turn in a treasurer record book. Secretary record books are mandatory.

IMPORTANT: Club Treasurers; your clubs end-of-the-year bookkeeping is due. Your club is required to turn in an "Annual 4-H Club Financial Report" and "Auditor's Report" (both forms are found in your treasurers record book pages 33 & 34) along with your treasurers record book and all supporting documents. If you have any question or need help please contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

Have you ever noticed the medals on some 4-H members jackets and wondered...

"What are they and How did they get them?" Well, they are called recognition medals, and you can apply to receive a recognition medal by completing a county "Recognition Form".

Any 4-H youth wishing to be considered for a county medal must; complete the summary, include photos of their project work, write a short story about their experiences and list the project area you wish to medal in.

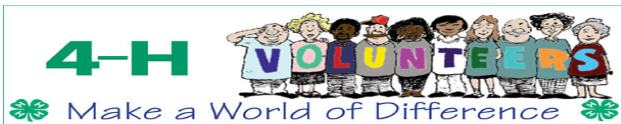
The forms are due on June 30th, and as always if you have any questions or need assistance contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Recognition Forms

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Recognition Forms are due June 30th, 2008, by 5:00 PM.

Forms are available on the 4-H web site (sarasota.extension.ufl.edu) or the 4-H Office.

Any 4-H youth wishing to be considered for a county recognition medal must complete this form.



Attention: 4-H Leaders and Volunteers

SAVE THIS WEEKEND... June 20 - 22, at Camp Cloverleaf!

Florida 4-H is planning a Leader Forum. Learn new ideas through creative activities and fun-filled workshops. All 4-H leaders are encouraged to take advantage of this exciting weekend. This weekend is 4-YOU!

HELP WANTED

Would you like to do some community service this summer in the 4-H Office? We need help copying, collating and getting materials ready for the upcoming 2008-2009 4-H year. You can earn community service hours towards your graduation requirements. Call Barbara at 861-9812 for more information.

ASHTON ELEMENTARY PARTNERS

WITH 4-H... During the month of April, the entire 5th grade class from Ashton Elementary School participated in a 4-H Marine Ecology field trip to South Lido Park in Sarasota. Students learned to identify and classify coastal plants and animals living along the shores of Sarasota Bay. During one of the seine netting activities, a team of students captured a fish called a Saddle Stargazer. In the 10 years of leading these trips, 4-H staff had never before seen this unusual creature collected. It was identified and released back to the wild. Local schools, including private and home school organizations, are increasing their demand for similar 4-H environmental science programs. The future looks bright for our 4-H School Enrichment Programs. To learn more about these opportunities call Mr. Wilson at 861-9818.



Foundation News...

A Fabulous Night Out!

The 4H Foundation held their annual awards dinner on May 21 at Marina Jacks. The following eleven 4H graduating seniors received scholarships: Krista Schrock, Kyle Vargha, Molly Miller, Daniella Brown, Britnie Fultz, Cody Doran, Maria Stanek, Brandon Wyka, Francesca Loeffler, Drayton Lutz, and Lorielle Neill! We are all very proud of your accomplishments and your contributions to the 4-H Program. We wish you all the brightest of futures!



Learn by Doing, by Chris Schook

Would you be interested in raising the 4-H Foundation Steer or Swine for the 2009 Sarasota County Fair? This is a great way to learn about these projects and you can raise them at your home or a facility will be provided. You will also receive a portion of the profits.

Please contact the 4-H office if you are interested in one of these project opportunities and to receive an application form and more information. The dead-line for the Foundation Steer Application is Friday June 6th, 2008 The application for the Foundation Swine is due by Tuesday September 5th, 2008.

Looking Ahead...

The Cowboy Hoe-Down Is Coming

Mark your calendars for a night of fun. The Sarasota County 4H Foundation will be sponsoring the Cowboy Hoe-Down and Silent Auction again this year. The date is set for September 20th at Robarts Arena.

ATTENTION CLUBS: if any clubs would like to create a "theme basket" and donate it for the silent auction from your club that would be great!

Look for more information on the Hoe—Down in upcoming 4H Newsletters.

4-H Foundation Swine Raffle Fundraiser News

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation would like to thank all 4-H members, parents, leaders and Foundation Members that sold and bought Swine Raffle Tickets this year. We had 27 clubs and many families of Independent Members participated by selling or buying tickets this year. Together we raised \$5,929.00 from tickets sales and donations!! As you know, the 4-H Foundation uses this as well as other money it raises to fund the activities of the 4-H program for the members in Sarasota County.

The winning ticket was sold by June Haley, a Foundation Member. The winner of the pig, cut and wrapped and ready for her freezer was Minnie Coleman! Minnie is a retired teacher and was thrilled to find out she was the winner! Thank-you to all who helped sell tickets this year.

The club selling the most tickets this year was the Ridin' Rednecks who sold a total of 442 tickets, second place went to the Junior Cattleman's for selling 353 tickets, third place to the Shooting Sports for selling 272 tickets and fourth place went to the Mini Hooves who sold 201 tickets. The first place club will have a pizza party paid for by the Foundation and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place clubs will have juice and cookies at a Fall meeting paid for by the Foundation. The following clubs sold between 100-200 tickets: Clogging Clovers, Sarasota Swine, Blazers and Crusades FFA. Selling between 50-100 tickets were: Horse-N-Around, East Side Rabbiteers, Indian Creek, Home Grown Explorers, The Group, and the Green Team. Other clubs selling tickets included East Side Steer and Swine, Southern Spurs, Florida Crackers, Miakka Allstock, Canine Connections, Open Gaits, Livestock Club, Kelly Community Clovers, Sarasota County Ranchers, Myakka Ranchers, 4 Paws, Green Thumbs and Foxmill Kids and Colts.

The 4-H Foundation would like to thank the "Two and One Ranch", (Johnny and LeeAnn Albritton) for purchasing a pig at the county fair and donating it to the Foundation to be used for this fundraiser. Look for news this fall about the 2008-2009 4-H Foundation Swine Raffle Fundraiser and please join us in supporting this fundraiser next year. Thanks again to all who participated and made this fundraiser a huge success!

Glenda Padgett, Chairman 4-H Foundation, Swine Raffle Fundraiser

Health Headlines...



Summer is here and physical activity, heat, and humidity can increase our need for WATER. Keep water bottles close at hand and drink frequently to avoid dehydration.

Approximately 80% of our water intake comes from drinking water and other beverages, and the other 20% comes from food. Did you know a $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of lettuce is 95% water? Remember when your thirsty; *make good choices.*

Interesting water facts:

*75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated.

*In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.

*Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

*A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen.



News From Out There...

Ridin' Rednecks Club News

These last few meetings and our Annual Banquet have gone by fast and we have recounted a great year. Our members have excelled in their demonstrations, community service and leadership.

Officer elections were held at the May 1 meeting and these members were elected:

President: Jared Padgett, Vice President: Sydney Linthicum, Secretary: Erin Gilliland, Treasurer: Lane Taylor, Co. Council Delegate: Jarrod Chapman, Alt. Delegate: Sydney Linthicum, Reporter: Clay Linthicum, Chaplain: Kyle Morrison, Historian: Jeremy Whitton, Safety Officer: Delanie Bartell

On May 15 we had our Pizza Party for those who sold Red Wheel. We had a celebration for activities we did during the year.

On May 17 our Annual Banquet was held at the Potter Building. We recognized our club buyers, parents, leaders and members. The Club Swine buyer was Greg Harkness and the Club Steer buyer was Haps Honda. Exhibitors Matt Dibler and Matthew Koss did a great job with the animals this year. They were resented plaques and recognized. Jarrod Chapman won the Christina Marie Skillin Memorial, Jared Padgett won in Achievement, Jarrod Chapman won in Leadership, Erin Gilliland and Sydney Linthicum won the Citizenship Award and Sean Spencer won the "Rookie of the Year". We had a wonderful evening, great food and many, many door prizes.

The club outing for the end of the year will be June 8 at the Butler's house with fun games and fishing. Our Round up will be in August at Twin Lakes on August 24.

Many are going to camp a 4-H summer activities. Club is giving scholarships to those who qualify.

Have a great summer. Mrs. Strickland...roving reporter.



Open Gaits; by Mariel Wrench

The last meeting for Open Gaits was May 12. At this meeting we discussed our upcoming end of the year trip. We have decided to go to an awesome camp area in Brooksville, FL. We are all very excited for our trip.

Our club members have done a great job this year! At District Events all the members from our club who went did extremely well. Congrats to all and keep up the good work.

Also, good luck to our two members Calyn Beese and Rosie Tuzik who will be competing at the State Horse Show in July.

Finally, I hope everyone has a great summer!



News From Out There...

Horse 'N Around; by Maxim Lowe

Horse 'N Around has had a busy and eventful year! Since the Twin Lakes Park building has been closed, we have been meeting in various places. In February we were going to meet in the gazebo at Twin Lakes Park, but a thunderstorm prevented us from having our club meeting because it was outside. In March, we participated in the fair: our members entered animals, plants, and various items in the Mini-Building, large and small animal barns, the plant show and sale, and the Potter Building, and several of us participated in horticulture, consumer choices, and dairy judging contests. In April, we had our meeting at the Awards Ceremony, where our club members received many ribbons and trophies.

Four of us also went to Bartow, Florida, for District events in May for demonstrations and illustrated talks about mini cupcakes, guinea pigs, NCIS, and e-trash. Our senior, Kaila Hess will be going to the State Events. Kaila, Danielle, and I participated in District 9 Congress on May 17. We had fun at Congress, leading or attending workshops such as healthy snacks, marine biology, macramé, detective science. Afterward we all participated in a mock legislative session, debating and voting on prohibiting junk food on Florida school campuses, and on whether or not a 4-H member, found at a 4-H event without a nametag, should have his/her name and county written on the forehead with a long-lasting marker... It was fun! Five lucky participants who donated food for the 4H healthy food drive got to pie the District 9 officers!

And, on May 25, 2008, our club met at Caspersen Beach with 4-h agent Keith Wilson. We studied gopher tortoises and their habitat in the scrub woods. We saw many burrows, some of them occupied, and we saw a tortoise munching on grass on the outer edge of the beach. We also found some shells and good shark teeth. Finally, we picked up litter as we walked on the scrub trail and on the beach. It was a fun way to end the year! Have a great summer, everyone!

Green Team; By Autumn R. VanRiper

Congratulations Green Team! Everyone did very well at the fair this year. Special thanx to everyone who worked at the Elephant Ear Booth; Laura Knipper, Kayla Knipper, Megan Knipper, Amber VanRiper, Rachel VanRiper & Autumn VanRiper. We raised \$540.00... \$50.00 of that now goes to supporting our club. Great team effort guys! :) :) :)

Our last meeting was held April, 8th 2008. Sean Russell & Maxim Lowe did demonstrations. We also held our new officer elections for next year..... Sean Russell-President, Laura Knipper-Vice President, Rachel VanRiper-Parliamentarian/Voting delegate, Autumn VanRiper-Secretary, Megan Knipper-Historian, Amber VanRiper-Reporter, Kayla Knipper-Voting delegate, Brad Boserup-Treasurer, Maxin Lowe-Safety officer. Kudos everyone! and good luck at Awards Night April, 22 2008!!! :) :) :)

Green Team; By Autumn R. VanRiper

So-long Everyone! Our last Green Team Meeting was held at "Turtle Beach" on 5-13-08 and we had our end of the year party. Everyone participated in the last, "Turtle Beach" clean-up of the year and the last demo was presented by Sean Russell explaining ways to protect and preserve many dolphin and manatee species. Afterwards we had lunch and went swimming. The waves were HUGE!!! Everyone had a blast! Have a great summer!

Jr. Cattlemen News; Jared Padgett

The Jr. Cattlemen 4-H Club meetings have ended for this year. Our Quiz Bowl Team is now meeting every two weeks to go over what they have learned and to learn more things so that they will be ready for the competition. They will be gone June 17th-20th at the Cattlemen's Convention in Marco Island. While some of our members are having fun in Marco some of our other members will be having a great time at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf. Let's wish our team good luck and I will give you there results in the July Newsletter. We will meet again in August, and if you would like to join, call Jared Padgett at 925-3175 or e-mail at jpcountryboy@verizon.net.

We hope to see many of you at 4-H events this Summer!

Reminder:

County Council and Leader Meetings will resume in August. Have a great summer! Be sure to keep sending your 4H news... we love to hear what you are doing!

Hurricane Season is Here! What's Your Plan?

Hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th, with peak activity in mid-August through mid-October. Do you have a plan? The first step in preparing your family, pets and home for a disaster is to plan now. With interactive tools found on www.floridadisaster.org you can create a plan for your family, you will find recommendations for food and water supplies, planning for pets, what documents to protect and more. It also provides evacuation routes, emergency contacts and useful checklists.

Things to do now—for your pets... Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter your animals in an emergency - include 24 hour phone numbers. Ask friends or relatives (outside your area) if they could shelter your animals in an emergency. PetsWelcome.com is one site that maintains a list of hotels that accept pets. Organize a "Pet Disaster Supply Kit" now and store it in an accessible place. Keep items in sturdy containers that can be carried easily. Your pet disaster supply kit should include: *Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container). *Leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets. *Current photo's of your pets, *Dry food, enough for several days, *Water, depending on the size of the animal / animals, *Bowls, pet beds and comfort items (if easily transportable).

Your Horses... Preplan for two possibilities: 1. What to do if you must evacuate, and 2. What to do if you remain at home. If you are planning to transport horses, make sure you listen closely to changing advisories. Leave early, trailers are considered high profile vehicles. If the winds reach 30 mph please stay off the road. At home have on hand a box packed with halters, leads, duct tape, tarps and plastic, fly spray and animal medical supplies including bandages and medicines. Store in water proof containers. For additional information contact The Sunshine State Horse Council on-line at www.sshc.org

Make Your Plans NOW!



June 2008

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- 10 Counselor and CIT Training
- 11 Horse Committee Meeting
- 12 4H Fishing Tournament
- 14 Flag Day!
- 15-21 CWF Citizenship Washington Focus
- 16-18 Dairy Camp
- 16-21 Camp Cloverleaf!
- 23-27 Legislature
- 30 Record Books Due

July 2008

- 4 Happy 4th of JULY!
- 9 Horse Committee Meeting
- 4H Fishing Tournament
- 10-12 4H State Horse Show
- 14-18 Southeast Dairy Retreat
- 21-25 State Congress
- 29-Aug 3 Regional 4-H Horse Show



Celebrate your independence!

Happy Birthday to YOU...

Robbi Armstrong, Jaime Bland, Jordan Boyd, Amber Breeden, Daniella Brown, Colin Burns, Sean, Burns, Cheyenne Chadwick, Sierra Chadwick, Dalton Crawley, Dylan Crawley, Seth Day, David Dean, Kelsee Desmarais, Drew Dir-meyer, Patrick Gallagher, Bryan Hershberger, Morgan Holdsworth, Jared Kelderman, Jacob Knego, Samuel Koss, Tyler Krizen, Mia Kurecki, Jessica Lavargna-Hunter, Jordan Leftwich, Taylor Leigh, Jessy Lewellyn, Anna Losier, Maxim Lowe, Alethea Major, Jeremy Mann, Sydney Martin, Hannah McLeod, Dylan Messenger, Molly Miller, Matthew O'Brien, Jared Padgett, Spencer Peters, Erin Post, Kalya Richardson, Gabby Robinson, Caitlin Schlabach, Sean Spencer, Sharisa Strouf, Caroline Tevere, Tiffany Towell, Sean Whitton, Lucas Wilson, Matthew Winterbottom, and Lauren Wyka!



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