



4-H CLUBS:

4 Paws
Aquatic All-stars
Blazers
Booker Clever Clovers
Clogging Clovers
County Critters
Crusader 4H / FFA Club
Eastside Rabbits
Florida Crackers
Foxmill Kids & Colts
Fruitville Exceptional Equine
Gavel Club
The Green Team
Home Grown Explorers
Horse N Around
Indian Creek 4H Club
Itty Bitty Horse Committee
Jr. Cattlemen
Kelly Community Clovers
Little Rascals
Livestock Club
Miakka Allstock
Mini Hooves of Sarasota
Myakka Ranchers
New Gate
Open Gaits
Positive Teens
Precision Riders
Reef Rovers
Ridin' Rednecks
Sarasota AG
Sarasota County Ranchers
Sarasota Dog Obedience
Sarasota Swine
Sarasota Swine's Minutemen
Science Lab
Silver Spurs
Southern Spurs
Successful Oak Park Kids
The Club
Yes You Can



The Clover Times

September 2005



From the Agents Desk by Marcia Morris

Where did the summer go? If anyone knows the answer please tell me! The past few months were filled with all kinds of 4H activities, camps, Congress, Horse Shows, Legislature, and now its time for the first fair weigh in. Saturday, September 10th is the Steer Weigh In. Please be sure to read the 2006 rules and guidelines. Fair books are in the 4H office and many leaders have picked up copies for their club members. If you need a Fair Rules book see your leader or come by the 4H office.

The big news for September is 4H Awards and Recognition Night which will be on Thursday September 29th. This is a bit earlier than usual due to availability of the Potter Building. Be sure to watch your mail for the program announcement. This is the big night of the year when members and leaders are recognized for all of the hard work and accomplishments of the past year. Mark your calendars so you can come and join us as we celebrate this important event.

The Florida 4H Awards and Recognition system is changing and there will be some additional and exciting awards available to 4H members. Your leaders will be getting information on these important and exciting new changes during the next few months. These awards will be available for next years awards night. 4H Members will be eligible to apply for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Emerald Clover Awards. In addition clubs will be able to apply for club awards of the same level. Watch the newsletter for details on the new awards system.

The popular Junior 4H Congress day is returning to Sarasota on Saturday October 22nd. See the registration sheet in the newsletter if you would like to attend this great day for Junior members.

Hope to see all of you at Awards Night !

Marcia Morris, Extension Agent II

October 2-8, 2005
National 4-H Week

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.

You can make a difference!

Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding the annual **4-H Walk-A-Thon** on Saturday November 5th in Myakka State Park. This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and families to show their support for our 4-H Program. As our program grows so do our needs, with the donations received the foundation can provide scholarships for youth attending Summer Camp, Congress, Washington Focus, Legislature, Horse Programs, Horticulture, Livestock Judging, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support and much, much more. **Our goal is for every 4-Her to collect a minimum of \$20.00.** Prizes will be awarded to the top money collectors. Lets all enjoy a Walk- In-The-Park with Great Friends for a Great Cause!

Bulletin Board ...



Dairy Cattle Workshop September 17th

Don't miss this. A dairy workshop is scheduled for **September 17th**, 9AM at 551 Myakka Road. This is a great opportunity to learn about the dairy cattle project. Receive tips on basic nutrition, halter breaking, handling, clipping, showmanship and attire. Are you looking for a dairy project animal —we have that information too!!! Please call the 4-H Office at 861-9810 to register.

Project Workshops

Join us Wednesday, September 7th, 4:45PM at the Florida House Learning Center. We will be making a wood craft project that you can display in your home, enter in the fair, or give as a gift. The cost of this project will be \$4.00. Please pre-register by August 31st, 861-9812.

October 5th workshop; Jewelry Making; Twin Lakes Park. Come and learn how to make fashion jewelry, we will have all the supplies, the cost for this work shop is \$2.00. Register; 861-9812 by 9/28/05

Swine Clinic October 29th

Mark your calendar - a Swine Clinic is scheduled for **October 29th** 9AM - noon at Twin Lakes Park. This clinic will provide educational information and knowledge to complete your swine project. Learn showmanship techniques, animal care, and more.



Livestock Judging October 4th

A Livestock Judging orientation is scheduled for **October 4th** at Twin Lakes Park 7:00 - 8:30 PM, both juniors and seniors are welcome. This team event enables youth to develop decision-making, evaluating, and communication skills.

Free Fence--- board on board, shadow box, and regular board 6x6.

A donation of fencing has been received for 4-H projects. Contact; BC Drymon at 355-1466 for information.

International Coastal Cleanup scheduled

Calling all 4-Hers! The 19th Annual International Coastal Cleanup is scheduled from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, **September 17th**. Sarasota County 4-Hers will meet at Turtle Beach by the picnic tables. It's the world's largest one-day volunteer effort focused on marine environment. Debris data is given to the Ocean Conservancy to study and learn more about global debris problems, educate the public and find solutions. Come out for a morning of fun, while helping YOUR environment!!!!

4-H State Fair Champions Seminar

October 15th, Florida State Fairgrounds, Ag Hall of Fame Building 8:00 am to 12:00: During the morning session you can learn everything you need to know about participating in the State Fair's Champion Youth Awards program. Parents will also have an instructional class to help them- help their kids in shows!

1:00 pm- 6:00 "4-H Teaching Show & Go" at the Florida State Fairgrounds, Charlie Lykes Arena - Instructor/judges will be offering tips on how you can improve with your dog- in the divisions of Showmanship, Obedience, Rally & Agility. Participation prizes for 4-H members will be available at each ring.

Also, visit www.floridastatefair.com for educational seminars and the Youth Livestock Show Ethic and Animal Care Workshop.

Marine/ Aquatic Photography Contest

Having a marine photo contest provides additional opportunities for youth to learn and enjoy marine/ aquatic environments. The contest is open to all 4-H youth and there are 4 Categories; 1) Marine Habitats 2) Marine Life 3) People and the Marine / Aquatic World 4) Aquatic World. Photos are due in the 4-H Office by October 15th, contact the 4-H Office for contest rules and guidelines. (861-9810)

Lost, have you found? Madison Lutz is missing her hurricane bag from Camp Cloverleaf. Her camp t-shirt and camp store money were in the bag. Call the 4-H Office if you find her bag, 861-9810.

Foundation News

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation will be hosting the 9th Annual Fall Orchid and Plant Affair Saturday and Sunday, September 17th and 18th 9 AM - 4 PM. Growers participating will have orchids, foliage plants, bromeliads, butterfly plants, as well as fruit and rare trees. Refreshments and snack will be available from Sarasota County 4-H Clubs.

Animal Connection 3 banty roosters that have been rescued need a good home. Call Linda at 359-3262

Claire Therieau wishes to buy a steer raised on organic feed. Call 366-3530 for details.

Awards and Recognition Night

It's a celebration! This gathering is one of the many ways we recognize youth, leaders, volunteers, and friends of 4-H for their achievements, and contributions throughout the year. Youth will receive year pins, project medals, special awards and "Leader of the Year" will be named, don't miss this BIG event! **Thursday, September 29th, in the Potter Building.** **Check-in begins at 6:30PM** and the program will start promptly at 7:00PM. Drinks will be provided, bring your favorite desert to share!



You Need To Know...

Swine and Steer Record Book Clinics

A steer record book workshop is planned for September 14th at Twin Lakes Park from 7-8:30 PM. And a swine record book workshop is planned for October 27th at Twin Lakes Park from 7-8:30 PM.

These are very important workshops for you to attend if you are involved in a 4-H steer or swine project. The workshops will explain the recent changes made to the project record books and will help you better understand how to fill them out.

Plant Show and Sale Clinic

October 15th at Drymon's Citrus Nursery 9:00 AM. 3146 47th Street (Lockwood & 47th) Plants will be correctly identified and repotted; soil, fertilizer and pots will be supplied by BC Drymon. (Thanks BC!) Call the 4-H Office 861-9810 to pre-register.

Don't forget plant show and sale entry forms are due Friday, October 14th.



4-H Opportunity Awareness Day and Officer Training

Who: Any Sarasota County 4-Her

When: October 1, 2005

Where: Twin Lakes Park

Time: 10 - 12

When opportunity knocks - answer! This workshop is for any 4-H member that wants to increase their understanding of the 4-H program. Have you ever wondered how to win a trip to a National 4-H event? Did you ever wonder how other 4-H members receive pins at County Awards Night? Are you a current or prospective club officer? If you answered yes to any of these questions we would love to see you at Sarasota's 4-H Opportunity Awareness Day and Officer Training. These exciting workshops will be taught by the County Council officers and 4-H Agents.

District 9 Junior Congress is coming!

Sarasota County will host District 9 Junior Congress events this year. The date is scheduled for October 22nd, 9AM - 4PM, at Twin Lakes Park. What is Junior Congress? Junior Congress is a fun and educational opportunity for 4-Hers ages 8 to 12. 4-Hers participate in workshops and activities designed to develop leadership skills and learn about opportunities available in 4-H. The fee is \$5.00; this includes lunch and class supplies. Please complete the registration form below and return by 10/07/05.

Junior 4-H Congress REGISTRATION FORM

(return to the 4-H Office by: October 7th, 2005)

Name: _____ Age: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ Club: _____

(Please indicate your Track choice 1-4, Morning and Afternoon sessions, 1 being your first choice)

Morning Track

- _____ Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits
- _____ Line Dancing
- _____ Scrapbook and Card Making
- _____ Fish Dissection

Afternoon Track

- _____ Cake Decorating
- _____ Simple Sewing
- _____ Public Speaking
- _____ Dog Training

October 22nd, 2005, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM / Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL

Registration Fee: \$5.00 (make checks payable to Sarasota County 4-H Foundation)

Stall Talk...



Horse Project Youth

If you are interested in showing your horse as a 4-H horse project this year and participate at the Area E Horse show you must:

1. Own/or have a "horse lease agreement" (4-H514) on file at the 4-H office. (Before Jan 1, 2006)
2. Attend one safety clinic (with the horse you intend to show).
3. Participate in the Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show on January 27th / or 29th, 2006
4. Complete a Horse Project record book (4HHSR). Your up-to-date Horse Project record book must be turned in with your Area E entry forms.

If you have any questions about eligibility please ask NOW. Call Sheila Holland at the 4H Office 861-9810

Can you help!

Hoping for the best but preparing for the worst. "Horse owners and public officials had their blinders on when Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida," said UF veterinarian Farol Tomson. "Before Andrew, little had been done to prepare for handling horses in hurricanes and other disasters. Planning can make a **big difference.**" Now is the time to plan! We are seeking volunteers who would like to be involved in helping our horse community after a disaster. If you can help trailer, temporary boarding, building fence, clean up, food / supplies or even locating lost horses we would like to develop a volunteer disaster team. Please call 861-9810 if you can help.



Horse Safety Clinic

Would you like to learn more about the horse project? Join us Oct. 2nd, 11: AM - 2: PM at Paragon Farms. Learn new ideas and review basic safety skills, get great tips on grooming and clipping. This is your opportunity to ask questions about record books, bits, rules, or upcoming events. Remember that one safety clinic is mandatory for any Sarasota County 4Her that wishes to participate in the Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show. Please bring your health form, coggins, helmet, record book, and your horse of course! RSVP Nimie Gill 322-2006 or the 4-H Office 861-9810.

Top Honors at State!

Samantha Altheide, Jennifer Arnold, Lauren Diedrick, Korey Hawkins, and Bree Ann Scarbrough participated at the Florida 4-H State Horse Show. They received the "Golden Shovel" award for the cleanest and safest barn. Thanks to all the families, friends, and leaders that made this a success, Congratulations!!!!

Yard Sale: To benefit the Sarasota County 4-H Youth Horse Program. October 9th at the K-Mart in Venice.

Adult Horsemanship School

The dates for Adult Horsemanship School are October 13-16, 2005. Interested? Contact the 4-H Office (861-9810) for more information.

Just For Leaders ...



Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits

Is your club interested in learning more about rabbits... The East Side Rabbiters 4-H Club has developed a power point demonstration of its own on raising and showing rabbits. They are available to come to your club meeting and speak about how to select, raise and prepare your rabbit for showing at the Sarasota County Fair. Please call Sofia at 504-6557 if you would like the East Side Rabbiters to speak at your club.

Florida 4-H Ambassador

The Florida 4-H Ambassador Program train 4-H youth to represent and promote 4-H. Ambassadors speak to community organizations about 4-H, represent Florida 4-H at official functions and are trained in talking with the media. They log hundreds of contact hours educating others about the value 4-H programs bring to thousands of youth. **David Clemons** is a Florida 4-H Ambassador, and he is available to visit clubs and talk about opportunities in 4-H, leadership, "Hog and Ham", swine projects, and more. Contact David at 356-3387 if you would like him to speak at your club.

The Sarasota County 4-H Horse Committee

meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7PM at Twin Lakes Park. The committee plans, participates and promotes 4-H youth horse projects through out the year. Clubs participating in horse projects should send a representative to these informative meetings.

State Fair Ambassador

Sofia Annis, a 2005-2006 State Fair Ambassador, has a power point demonstration that she can present at any 4-H club meeting. This demonstration focuses on the Champion of Champions program run by the Florida State Fair. All aspects of entering this competition are covered. The demonstration is about 15 minutes in length and can be followed by a question and answer period. Call Sofia at 504-6557 if you would like her to speak at your club.



Look What We Did...

Danielle Padgett, Community Essay Winner. As part of the Celebrating a Tapestry of Giving 50th Anniversary of the William G. Selby and Marie Selby Foundation, the public was invited to submit an essay on: "How I am sharing my talents to make our community a better place". *Danielle received a check for \$1,000 which was presented to the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation for her winning essay! Below is Danielle's winning essay:*

As I enter my tenth and final year as a 4-H member, I often reflect on how I have shared my talents to make our community a better place. Through community service and leadership activities, I am proud to say that not only have I enhanced my community but I have inspired others to do the same.

As a 4-H member, I learned early that being a good citizen is important. I helped purchase items to donate to local pet shelters and food baskets for needy families. At the Salvation Army, I helped stock shelves, prepare a meal, and serve food to homeless people. I witnessed the gratitude on their faces when I served them their meal.

Not only have I helped people, I have helped the environment too. Through my 4-H work, I have participated in adopt-a-road clean up projects, the bi-annual coastal clean up program, and helped plant and care for the Seeds of Hope Garden at All Faiths Food Bank. In addition, I helped sort and stock shelves at All Faiths Food Bank. The garden provided fresh vegetables to families who received canned goods there.

The most memorable environmental project that I have participated in was helping to construct concrete reef balls and deploying them into the bay to construct an artificial reef. The reward came several months later when we viewed and underwater video tape of our reef. As I viewed the fish swimming through reef balls, I felt proud that I had participated in such a worthy activity.

During my high school years, I have been instrumental in encouraging others to help their communities. During 2002 and 2003, I served as the county chairperson for our 4-H State Literacy Project. I communicated with 35 4-H clubs that included about 500 members, held a used book drive, collected over 6,000 books, contacted local agencies that served children and delivered the books.

As county Council President this year, I organized 40 4-H clubs with over 700 members to donate candy, new books, and literacy gifts. I contacted the Salvation Army, learned about homelessness in our community and successfully carried out three evenings of fun, caring, and giving with the children at the Homeless Shelter. We called this project: "Spreading Literacy and Love From Our Hearts and Hands to Yours."

Next year while serving my second term as county council president, I plan to continue our county wide literacy program at the Salvation Army. In addition, I am in the early stages of developing another county wide community service program. Implementing our state 4-H Project, "Operation Military Kids" is my goal for the next year. I recently attended a training program at MacDill Air force Base and learned how to support the families of deployed soldiers.

I am proud of my community and will always strive to make it a better place. If chosen as a winner I will present a check to the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation because I believe 4-H is "Building the Leaders of Tomorrow."

Florida 4-H Congress "Rocked"! Sarasota County 4-H'ers competed in state level events, participated in interactive workshops, performed community service, and interviewed for scholarships and national trip awards.

Attending 4-H Congress this year were; Samantha Althiede, Heather Brown, Tressie Brown, David Clemons, Laura Knipper, Arielle Macuch, Chris Nobles, Danielle Padgett, Bryan Russell, and Emily Wilson; *Congratulations to ALL!*

Demonstrations: Heather Brown: The Mane Event - Lion head Genetics / Laura Knipper: How To Make A Mini Lamp / Bryan Russell: Soil - A Resource Worth Protecting / Emily Wilson: Rose Pomander

Auto Driving Event; Danielle Padgett **Fashion Revue:** Tressie Brown and Samantha Altheide

4-H Ambassador Training David Clemons was reappointed as a Florida 4-H Ambassador for the 2005 - 2006 4-H year.

Photography: Annabelle Plush - Senior Division - 2nd Place Digital Photo-Single Image -3rd Place senior overall

Brad Boserup - Junior Division - 2nd Place Digital Photo-Single Image

Community Pride Sarasota Swine 4-H Club and Sarasota County Council both received state grants and recognition during a Community Pride Luncheon for their Community Pride projects and their work in our community. A total of five clubs throughout the state were honored at this luncheon (and Sarasota County had two groups at the table!!!!!!)

National 4-H Conference Danielle Padgett received an award to National 4-H Conference which is held in Washington, D.C. Only four youth from the state of Florida received this award!



Projects From The Heart

Community Pride, A Florida 4-H Citizenship Activity

The 4-H Community Pride Program is designed as an action-oriented program to give 4-Hers' a better understanding of their community by participating in its overall improvement. Members identify some of the needs and problems of their community and take action.

Objectives:

Learn about and understand their community and the impact it has on their lives.

Know how to relate, individually and through group cooperation, in order to work effectively in community activities, programs and organizations.

Develop skills and knowledge in leadership.

Gain experience in community projects to improve their environment.

Develop an interest and love for their community.

So first, get together and decide what need, concern, or problem your group would like to address in your community. Plan out your project and submit a "Community Pride Proposal." The proposals must be completed and turned in to the 4-H Office by October 1, 2005. The 4-H Office will forward the proposals to the State Office in Gainesville for review. Your club will be notified if a grant is awarded. After completion of your project submit a "Community Pride Report." State judging takes place in June by a review committee and the top five reports are chosen for recognition at State 4-H Congress Community Pride Luncheon with a plaque.

News From Out There...



Green Team; by Laura Knipper

Hello 4-Hers, our first meeting for this new 4-H year had something fun for everyone! First, our leader, Margaret Russell, announced the new officers for this year. Congratulations to Sean Russell who is our club's new president. Nathan Reynolds is vice-president, and Matt Reynolds is treasurer. Our sergeants at arms are Brehonna Huff and Kayla Knipper. Our county council delegate is Calvin Likens with Clayton Wilson as alternate. The safety officers are Miranda Huff and Megan Knipper. Jared Padgett and Sean Russell will be historian for our group. You've probably already guessed that I am our club's reporter for this year. I'll try my best to report as accurately and as best as I can!

Mrs. Padgett told us about Operation Military Kids. It is a new program that allows the children in 4-H to help families that have parents deployed in the military.

Next, Kayla and Megan Knipper gave us a very informative talk on sponges. Did you know that chemicals from sponges are being used to find a cure for cancer and other diseases! Clayton Wilson gave a demonstration about horseshoe crabs. I find it interesting that they have blue blood. They too, are being used to help in the field of medicine. Mrs. Russell went next and told us some facts about mangroves, which was especially helpful to all those who are participating in the marine contest at Camp Ocala, in October. Our meeting continued with Sean Russell giving us a demonstration on mollusks. After that we were quizzed in a game to see how many mollusks we could identify. It was fun and we all did well.

Lastly, we did the craft. Everyone was very creative when we used mixed media to make a picture. As we said good bye, all the members got a cupcake from me, because it just so happened that the meeting was on my birthday! Well, until next time, keep on making the best, better!

Ridin' Rednecks; by Robyn Rees

On August 3rd we had our first officers meeting for the new 4-H year. We discussed club activities, parties, and improvements for our meetings for this upcoming 4-H year. Stephanie Lyons is, once again, our club President! Kayla Comer is Vice President, Kelley Haarer is Secretary, and Shannon Haarer is Treasurer. Robyn Rees is the Reporter, Erin Gilliland is Historian, Stephanie Tabar is Chaplain, and Jamie Tabar is Safety Officer. Danielle Padgett and Jared Padgett are County Council Delegate and Alternate. We will kick off the new year with a family picnic, date and time TBA. We are very excited about this 4-H year and what it will bring. Good luck to all with their projects!!



News From Out There...

Miakka Allstock; by Kaci Duggan

Hey everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer. We had a fun filled day at Ichnetuckee Springs! Our club went tubing in June. We had 38 people attend and had a great time tubing, snorkeling and discovering the cool water pools in the Ichnetuckee State Park.

We had a Craft Day back in July. Members made picture frames and painted ceramic figurines. We had three members to the 2005 State Congress in Gainesville Florida. Tressie Brown participated in Fashion Review and won 1st place in her division of Ready for Work Category. Heather Brown gave her rabbit Demonstration and received a red ribbon. Arielle Macuch was also a participant.

George Birkhold attended the Shooting Sports Camp this summer too. Kaci Duggan attended Dairy Quiz Bowl Camp in Okeechobee FL and SEDY in Myrtle Beach SC. She also won second place in Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition.

We had several people go to Camp Cloverleaf. Our own Willie Smith was awarded "Best Camper"! The campers who attended were; Willie Smith, Sara, George and Mary Birkhold, Toby Beiler, Jaime Bland, Trevor Brown, Bailey Martin, Madison Lutz and Aaron Johns. Our counselors were Anthony Tilley, Tara Blackburn, Travis and Tressie Brown, Drayton Lutz, Raymond Johns and Tate Anderson. A Big THANK YOU to Ms. Jackie Bland for being a camp nurse.

Our officers for 2005-2006 are; Pres - Tara Blackburn, Vice Pres - Shadd Grabber, Sec - Jaime Bland, Tres - Bree Scarborough, Reporter - Kaci Duggan, Historian - J.D. Raulerson, CC Delegate - Sarah Smith CC Alternate - Sarah Birkhold Chaplain - Austin Kaufman

Dairy Report for the Summer; by Kaci Duggan

Southeastern Youth Dairy Retreat was held in Myrtle Beach, SC. Devin & Caitlin Payne, Tristan Thomas, Jocelyn Clark and Kaci & Maurie Duggan attended. We had so much fun. We had people from Clemson University come in and talk to us. We had an aquarium bring animals from their aquarium in North Carolina, and at night we would go places. The first night we went to the Alabama Theater, the second night we went to the Dixie Stampede and the last night we went to the Myrtle Beach amusement park called the Grand Prix. It was great. I recommend going if you are interested in agriculture. You have a lot of fun and you learn a lot too.

We also went to Dairy Quiz Bowl camp in Okeechobee, FL. It was also a lot of fun and we learned a lot of stuff. We visited dairies and practiced judging. Had a vet come and talk to us about herd health and all the different things that can go wrong. Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition was held at the Hillsborough County 4-H Extension office. Devin & Caitlin Payne, Tristan Thomas and Kaci Duggan participated in the competition. Maurie Duggan and Rick and Tina Thomas were our lovely chaperones. Everyone did a great job. Kaci won second place in the senior division. Also remember...you don't have to show a dairy cow to participate in dairy quiz bowl or dairy judging.

Reef Rovers- by Madison N. Chapman

Hello everyone! We are the Reef Rovers, a new marine biology 4H club. At our first meeting, 4H representative Keith Wilson discussed sea turtles. There are five types of sea turtles: Green, Leatherback, Hawksbill, Loggerhead and Kemp's Ridley. Some can live to be seventy years old and the females lay around 100-125 eggs in each nest. The eggs take around sixty days to develop. Once the eggs hatch, the babies have to find their way to the sea. This is dangerous both in and out of the water. They have many predators like sea gulls, fish and sharks. They instinctively move towards the ocean because they see the moon reflecting on the water. If lights are on along the beach, the turtles can easily go the wrong way. Only about .5% survive to adulthood. This year, the Reef Rovers have many exciting fieldtrips planned. As a follow up to studying sea turtles, we will be going to the beach to help some turtle hatchlings find their way to the gulf. Stay tuned for more updates on the adventures of the Reef Rovers!

Livestock Club: by Lauren Wyka

Welcome back to another 4-H year! We started our meeting at 7pm on 08/09/05. Each officer gave an updated report for each office. All members present, introduced themselves and told what their projects will be for the year.

During the summer some members went on a camping trip to North Carolina and Tennessee. They went whitewater rafting, horseback riding, fishing and some managed a shopping trip. It was an awesome time and a future trip is being planned.

Reminders: Steer record book clinic - Sept. 14th 7pm - 8:30pm 4-H office at Twin Lakes Park Pig/Swine record book clinic - Oct. 27th 7pm - 8:30pm 4-H office at Twin Lakes Park STEER WEIGH-IN Sept. 10th 7am - 9am Fairgrounds Everyone who has a steer at Mr. Vann's needs to be at the farm by 6am on Sept. 10th.

We discussed activities for this year to try to include going to Busch Gardens, ice skating, fishing trip, Halloween party, shooting - trap/skeet, bowling, and road clean-up. Also a wood working clinic was discussed.

This meeting was also our pizza party for selling the most swine raffle tickets. It was most enjoyable and delicious. We adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm. Until next time!

News From Out There...



Sarasota Swine; by Rebecca Griffin

Hello everyone! On July 24th we had a community service project at the Bee Ridge Women's Club. We did yard work and cleaned it up. The club is kind enough to let us use their facilities for some of our meetings, and we appreciate it. Thanks to all the club members who helped with this project.

On August 13th, we had another community service project at the Carlie Bruscia Garden at the Central Church of Christ on Proctor Road. We had a good time as we weeded and worked together to clean up this memorial garden. This is a big job and something that takes a lot of work and time. Thanks to all the people that showed up to help.

DANCE - NEW DATE - Come to our dance on September 30th at the Potter Building - 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 and \$1.00 of each ticket sold will be donated to the 4-H Foundation to help provide scholarships. There will be an awesome D.J. playing your favorite music, and pizza, subs, and drinks available for purchase. We also have some great door prizes you can win. So, mark your calendar and plan to come and have a great time. See you there!

Minute Men Report; by John Albritton

Hey everyone, this is your Sarasota Swine Minute Men shooting sports delegate John Albritton. Our last practice was on July 17th at the manatee gun club. There were a total of 22 people who showed up for the practice. We shot .22 rifle, air rifle, and shot-guns. On July 30th we had a fundraiser at the Sam's Club in order to buy our clubs insurance. We sold hot dogs, cookies, chips, sodas, and water.

Our next meeting is on August 20th 6:30 PM at the Bee Ridge Women's Club. Our next shooting Practice is on August 21st at 2:00-4:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to join our club, call Julie Burnett at (941) 232-1584.

County Council Report; by Danielle Padgett

The Sarasota County 4-H Council had their first meeting on Monday, August 15th. We had a great turn out and many different clubs were represented. Ms. Flo Harvey, the regional coordinator of the Operation Military Kids program, was our guest speaker. She educated us about OMK and talked to us about ways that we could help military kids in our area. This will be our county wide community service project for the next year and we are very excited to help out our country in this small way. We will be meeting with the head of the Army Reserves unit in Sarasota soon, so that we can get more information on what we can do to help the military kids. Thank you again Ms. Flo for taking time out of your busy schedule to come speak to us.

We heard news from all of the clubs that were represented on what they did over the summer and their plans for the new year. Thanks you to Chelsee Payne for the great (and entertaining) get-to-know you games that we played.

There are many exciting events that are coming up that you don't want to miss out on. First, is the County wide Beach Clean up on September 17th at turtle beach. We will be meeting at the picnic tables at 8:30 am. This is a big community service project for our county and we look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to participate please call Danielle Padgett at 925-3175 so that we can get enough supplies. Next is the Opportunity and Awareness Day on October 1 at twin Lakes Park. Many exciting workshops will take place including officer training, judging events, and new state 4-H programs. Junior Congress will be on October 22, also at Twin Lakes Park. Registration should be coming out soon. If you are interested in teaching a class please let Marcia Morris (861-9814) know as soon as possible. On November 19, county council will be hosting the third annual county wide dance from 7-11 pm. Big Papa will be our DJ again this year and we look forward to having an awesome time. Tickets are available now for \$5.00 and many of your club leaders have some to sell.

We look forward to seeing you at the beach clean up on Saturday September 17th and at our next meeting on Monday September 19, 2005.

Happy Birthday... Katie Alday, Maci Alday, Torrie Bachman, Theresa Barkasy, Shanequa Bernard, George Birkhold, Sarah Birkhold, Amanda Blanchard, Jennifer Booker, Octavious Bowers, James Brown, Kayla Butler, Colton Castro, Bethany Christopher, David Clemons, Caitlyn Cooley, Tyler Dodd, Autumn Duyn, Alisha Ferry, Tyler Gauntlett, Kyle Gebert, Frankie Gionfriddo, T J Gulsby, Shannon Haarer, Christopher James, Staci James, Kyle King, Kayla Knipper, Maggie LaFrance, Christine Magill, Jamie McGonagill, Lindsay Mead, Yakayra Mendez, Kerri Merrick, Kristin Mixon, Lorie Neill, Amy Phommathep, Charles Plush, Samantha Raulerson, Robyn Rees, Dawson Riggs, Wyatt Rogers, Asia Rosier, Jamie Schwartz, Gabrielle Scurry, Willie Smith, Michael Stanek, Colgan Supples, Tabitha Supples, Mara Szerbin, Clayton Tamburino, Halley Vanselow, Kelly Venza, Tyler Walburn, Emily Wardwell, Jeremy Wik, Justin Williams, Lincoln Yoder, Jennifer Zappulla, Christopher Zehr, Jennifer Zehr.



Make Your Plans NOW!



September

- 1 4-H Year Begins!
- 5 Labor Day (4-H Office Closed)
- 7 Woodworking Workshop
- 10 Steer Weigh-in
- 12 Foundation Meeting
- 14 Horse Advisory Meeting
Steer Record Book Workshop
- 17 Beach Cleanup
Dairy cattle Clinic
4-H Foundation—Cowboy Hoe/Down!
- 19 Leader and Council Meeting
- 29 4-H Awards and Recognition Night
- 30 Sarasota Swine—Welcome Back Dance

October

- 1 4-H Opportunity Awareness
Community Pride Proposals Due
- 2 Horse Safety Clinic
- 2-8 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**
- 4 Livestock Judging Orientation
- 5 Jewelry Making Workshop
- 10 Foundation Meeting
- 12 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 15 Plant Clinic
- 17 Leader and Council Meeting
- 22 Junior Congress
- 27 Swine Record Book Workshop
- 29 Swine Clinic

Don't miss the next leaders meeting September 19th where you will get an opportunity to meet and listen to our new Ag. Agent, Dr. Robert Kluson. Dr. Kluson will discuss exciting new opportunities for 4-H clubs to consider for the future such as gardening projects that would benefit our local school children.



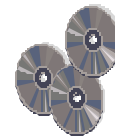
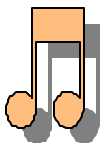
Welcome Back Dance Party

Hosted by Sarasota Swine & Associate

Date: **September 30, 2005**

Place: Potter Building

Time: 6:30PM till 11:30PM



The price is \$6.00 per person, with the purchase of a ticket \$1.00 will go back to the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation scholarship Fund. This fund will help youth pursue their college dreams.

Come make new friends and see old ones with a night of dancing and dinner that includes an outstanding DJ with all the current HITS! There will be pizza, subs, chips, and lots of candy to enjoy.

Dinner tickets will be available to purchase.

4-H and FFA Dance

November 19, 2005

7p.m- 11p.m.

Potter Building

Tickets \$ 5.00 Each



Guests are welcome at the same price and adult chaperones are FREE!

We will have an awesome D.J.

Pizza, Drinks, and Snacks will be sold!

Tickets will be available through county council members beginning in August.

Contact Danielle Padgett for more information at 925-3175