



4-H CLUBS:

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Science Lab
Southern Spurs
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Wood Crafters



The Clover Times
September 2006



From the Agent's Desk: by Marcia Morris

September is here, and fall is fast approaching. It's hard to believe the Steer Weigh in is right around the corner! Be sure to read your fair handbooks for all of the latest updates for all departments. You can also check out the fair handbook online at www.sarasotafair.com

We began this new 4H year with a change in the Awards Night recognition program. A successful dinner and recognition event was held August 26th thanks to the many folks and sponsors who worked very hard to make this happen. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this event. We appreciate all of the efforts of everyone who helped make this event a success.

Upcoming events this month include the Farm Bureau speech contest, the Dairy Workshop, monthly leader and council meetings, and the return of our monthly project workshops. Be sure to read the newsletter for details .

The County Council has voted on this years community service project which is called "Kids Who Care", check with your council representative to find out the ways you can participate , or call the 4H office for more details

As we begin the new 4H year please be aware that our 4H age categories have changed, we now have four age divisions, Cloverbuds 5-7, Juniors 8-10, Intermediates 11-13, and Seniors 14 and over. All ages are based on your age on September 1, 2006. Check out the club listings on the front of the newsletter and you will see some new clubs have been added to our list. We are very excited to welcome new clubs and members into our Sarasota 4H family. Lets all work together to make the 2006-2007 year the best ever .

The 4H staff is looking forward to another great year for Sarasota County 4H youth and leaders.

Marcia Morris, 4-H Extension Agent

Get your 4-H CALENDARS!

4-H Calendars (September - December) are now available at the 4-H Office.

*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.*

Bulletin Board ...



Calling all 4-Hers!

The 20th Annual **International Coastal Cleanup** is Saturday, September 16th. It's the world's largest one-day volunteer effort focused on marine environment. Data is given to the Ocean Conservancy to study and learn more about global debris, educate the public and find solutions. Come out for a morning of fun, while helping YOUR environment! Contact Sean Russell at 371-8340.

Dairy Cattle Workshop

September 16th

Do you want to learn more about 4-H Dairy Projects? Would you like to show a dairy cow at the fair? All these questions and more can be answered at a "Dairy Day".

Saturday **September 16th**, 9:30AM—Noon at the Duggan's

551 Myakka Road, Sarasota

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the dairy cattle, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Dairy Poster Contest, and the Dairy Retreat. Receive tips on basic nutrition, halter breaking, handling, grooming, clipping, attire, showing and showmanship. Are you looking for a dairy project animal—we have that information too!!! Contact Mauri Duggan at 322-1657 or the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for more details!

Animal Connection:

Anyone looking for sheep, goats or geese call Bobby at 923-6505. He has some that need a good home.

Free Bunny! Comes with cage. Call 497-5156 for more details.

Hoof Trimming Clinic

Bring your steer, beef breeding, or dairy cattle to the 4-H Hoof Trimming Clinic. The clinic is scheduled for Sunday 2PM, October 8th at the Vann's Bee Ridge Farm, 5005 S. McIntosh Road.

Smile For The Picture!

The 4-H **Marine/Aquatic Photography Contest** is held in conjunction with the Marine Ecology Event (October 28th). 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. Participants who enter the photo contest do not need to be present to win. Divisions: Juniors (8-10) Intermediates (11-13) and Seniors (14-18). Contact the 4-H Office (861-9810) for information and entry forms. Checkout the 2005 winning photos on the FL 4-H Web-site.

Foundation News...

Yes, The Cowboy Hoe-Down Is Back!

Mark your calendars for a night of fun. The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring the Cowboy Hoe-Down and Silent Auction again this year. The date is set: **September 16th**, 8:00 pm—12:00 am at Robart's Sports Arena. Yea-Ha!

4-H Walk-A-Thon, Don't Miss This!!!!

Get Ready, Get Set... Let's All Walk!

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding their annual **4-H Walk-A-Thon** on Saturday, **October 21st** in **Myakka State Park**.

This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and families to show their support and commitment to youth in our 4-H Program. Our goal is for *every 4-Her* to collect a minimum of \$20.00.

As our county 4-H 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 Camp, Horticulture Activities, Livestock Judging, Marine Science, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support and much, much more.

There are great prizes that will be awarded to the Top 10 Senior and Junior money collectors! The Top 3 adult money collectors will also receive great prizes.

Pick up your pledge sheets, at your club meeting or at the 4-H Office, and get started today!

Lets all enjoy a Walk- In-The-Park with
Great Friends for a Great Cause!

4-H Opportunity Awareness Day and Officer Training

Who: Any Sarasota County 4-Her

When: October 7, 2006

Where: Twin Lakes Park

Time: 8:30 am - Noon

This is a must for any 4-H member that wants to learn more about 4-H. Workshops will offer information on County and District opportunities, State Events, Legislature and Congress, and scholarships. Are you an officer or are you interested in being an officer? Exciting officer training workshops will be held. Don't miss this! For information contact Marcia Morris at 861-9814.

Making The Best Better

Camp Lost and Found: 1-sm. girls Old Navy top 1-sm. girls Old Navy sweat pant and 1-sm girls sun devil t-shirt.



You Need to Know...

Fair Days Ahead:

Sarasota County Fair March 16–25, 2007

STEER EXHIBITORS. The first steer weigh-in will be held at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds on Saturday, **September 9th**. All steers will be ear tagged and vaccinated at this time. Be sure to pickup a copy of the 2007 Sarasota County Fair Rules Book with entry forms and eligibility information. The Fair Rules Books should be available at the Fair Office or 4-H Office by August 21st.

NOTE: 4-H members participating in a steer project must turn in their 2006-2007 4-H enrollment forms prior to the September weigh-in. Also, please make sure you have a copy of the current Steer Record Book, and Steer Manual. Call the 4H Office if you have any questions at 861-9810.

4-H Project Workshops Are Back!!!

September 28th, Leather Crafts.

Stamp, paint and learn leather craft techniques. The cost of the workshop is \$1.00, please call 861-9812 to register by September 21st.

October 26th, Holiday Candy Dish.

Keep your favorite candy on hand in this fabulous holiday "monster" of a dish! The cost is \$5.00, please call 861-9812 to register by October 19.

November 9th, Holiday Topiary.

Create a beautiful topiary center piece to enjoy for the holiday season. The cost is \$5.00, please call 861-9812 to register by November 2nd.

December 14th Personalized Family Sign.

You will enjoy this woodworking craft; personalize a custom holiday greeting from your family. The cost is \$5.00, please call 861-9812 to register by December 7th.

Workshops will be held at Twin Lakes Park, 4:45 PM—please don't forget to register with the 4-H office 861-9812.

Albritton's Nursery will sell plants at wholesale prices to 4-Hers for mini-building and plant show and sale entries. You must tell them prior to check out to receive the discount. They are located at 4151 Proctor Road. A "Big" thanks to Robert Albritton.

Plant Clinic: October 21st, bring you plants to Drymon's Nursery 9:00AM - 12:00 to repot your plants. Dirt, pots and fertilizer will be provided, FREE! Also, assistance will be given (if needed) to correctly identify your plants. Drymon's Nursery is located on the corner of Lockwoodridge Road and 47th Street. (3146 47th Street) 1-mile south of University Parkway. Don't forget plant show and sale entry forms are due Friday, October 13th and the plant show and sale screening is Saturday, November 11th.

Just For Leaders...



Project and Record Books

If possible, drop off or fax (861-9886) large requests for project books and record books. Please encourage all members to select **only project books** they can successfully complete in the current 4-H year.

Enrollment Forms

Enrollment forms, code of conduct and insurance fees should be collected by clubs and turned into the 4-H office ***with one check*** payable to **Sarasota County 4-H Foundation**. Fees are \$1 per youth, \$1 per leader, or \$2 for youth and leaders participating in a horse project. ***The 4-H office cannot accept cash.*** Please make sure all forms are complete (with signatures) we can not accept incomplete enrollments or enrollments without insurance fees.

Financial Matters: NEW! As discussed at the Club Financial Planning meeting, 4-H Agents can not be listed on your club accounts. Questions, call Keith Wilson at 861-9818.

Volunteer Screening—

Establishing Safe Environments for Youth

Starting September 1, 2006 the 4-H Office will begin screening all adult volunteers through a national data base system. To date we have conducted background checks on volunteers at a local level through the Sarasota County Sheriff department.

All new volunteers will now pay \$3.00 for this background screening. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Keith Wilson at 861-9818.

New Leader Orientation

New Leaders mark your calendars!

If you missed the "New Leader Orientation" in August please plan on attending the September class. **September 28th, at 7:00 PM, at Twin Lake Park.** All new leaders who have not attended an orientation are asked to come. For information contact Keith Wilson 861-9818.

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, 2007)
2. Attend one safety clinic, with the horse you intend to show. If you attended a safety clinic last year, with the horse you are showing again this year, you are not required to attend another safety clinic.
3. Participate in the Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show.
4. Complete a Horse Project record book (4HHSR). Your completed 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

Horse Calendar

October 1, 2006-Safety Clinic
October 8, 2006-Yard Sale
December 2, 2006-Safety Clinic
January 7, 2007-Practice Show
January 26,28, 2007-County Show

Adult Horsemanship School will be held at the Welaka State Forest October 12 - 15, 2006. The cost is \$175 per person. This includes all meals, lodging, 5-hours of instruction on-horse per day. Call 861-9810 for information.



Look What We Did!

"Gallop into The Future"

That was the theme for this years 2006 4-H Congress. After check-in and orientation at the University of Florida in Gainesville we headed over to the Gator's football stadium for a BBQ dinner. Throughout the week Sarasota County 4-Hers participated in demonstrations, interactive workshops, health activities, performed community service, and interviewed for scholarships. Free time included eating, bowling, pool, shopping, and playing cards!

Evening activities included Share the Fun at the Center for Performing Arts, County Night Out at the Arredondo Room, and Fashion Revue held in the Grand Ball Room. Dances were held each night with themes: La Fiesta!, Black and White Night, and Midnight Masquerade.

Attending 4-H Congress this year were: Sofia Annis, Heather Behrens, David Clemons, Brittney Gleason, Laura Knipper, Stephanie Lyons, Danielle Padgett, Lisa Richards, Sean Russell, Cameron and Katherine Smith, and Colton Whittier.

Demonstrations:

Sofia Annis: The Perfect Picture	Heather Behrens: Bread
Laura Knipper: Knit! Don't Quit!	Danielle Padgett: WOW, That Cow!
Lisa Richards: Basic Care of Rabbits	Sean Russell: FL Water—Its Whereabouts and Cyclic Nature
Cameron and Katherine Smith: Raising a 4H Project—Will The Cost Fit Your Budget?	

Photography:

Sofia Annis - Senior Division - 2nd Place Digital Photo-Single Image -3rd Place senior overall
Brad Boserup - Junior Division—First Place Digital Photo-Single Image

Poster Contest:

Laura Knipper—3rd Place Faces of Florida

Community Pride

Sarasota County Council received state recognition during a Community Pride Luncheon for their Community Pride project: Operation Military Kids.

We also would like to give a BIG THANK-YOU to our volunteers Linda Knipper and Glenda Padgett.

State Campaign—Focus on health. Florida 4-H launched an important educational campaign that focuses on nutrition and youth advocacy. "Get Moving!" and "4-Hers Take Action!" are just two of the programs 4-Hers participated in during the week at Congress. Together we can make a difference.



Projects From The Heart...

Projects From the Heart! Community Pride, A Florida 4-H Citizenship Activity

The 4-H Community Pride Program is designed to give 4-Hers' a better understanding of their community, its needs and putting a plan to help into action!

First step: As a club decide what need, concern, or problem you would like to improve in your community.

Second: Plan out your project (what will it take, how much will it cost) and submit a "Community Pride Proposal" (we have the forms) to the 4-H Office by **October 2, 2006**. Your proposal will be forwarded to the State 4-H Office in Gainesville for review, and your club will be notified if your proposal is accepted to receive a grant for your project.

Third: After completion of your project submit a "Community Pride Report" by June 1 for State judging. The top five projects are chosen for recognition at State 4-H Congress during a Community Pride Luncheon.

For more information on "4-H Community Pride", contact the 4H Office 861-9810.

What's Needed For Our Troops...

Troops need hygiene items, baby wipes microwavable food, magazines, news papers, DVDs, CDs, snacks, socks, and other items. There are several on line services that help people send supplies to the U.S. troops.

Robert Goodman uses www.anysoldier.com and said anyone interested in sending supplies to our troops can drop items off at his home. Call 953-6634

You've got Mail...

How AMAZING it would be if every soldier could get mail!!!

If you go to this web site, you can pick out a thank you card and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.

This is a great site. Please send a card. It is FREE and it only takes a second. <http://www.letsaythanks.com>

News From Out There...



Horse' N Around: by Maxim Lowe

On August 22, 2006, we had our first meeting of the year! We elected officers, Danielle Gill for president, Elizabeth Hall for secretary, Elizabeth Hall for treasurer, Maxim Lowe for reporter, and Brianna Hackett and Maxim Lowe for historians, but the spot for vice president is open. Nimie talked about a few new fair rules and distributed calendars and paperwork.

Some important dates are:

Saturday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.: 4-H Awards Dinner at the Potter Building

Saturday, September 2nd, 9-noon: our first field trip at South Lido Beach (to find sea organisms)

Saturday, September 30th (to be confirmed): community service at Camp Lot A Noise (maybe)

Saturday, October 7, 8-noon: Officer Training at the 4-H Office

Saturday, October 21: Walkathon at Myakka State Park

Finally we played fun games about 4-H project names (memory and alphabetical order) and enjoyed Elizabeth's raspberry and chocolate cookies. The cookies were great: we love being taste testers!

Mini Hooves

The Mini Hooves 4-H Club members have been busy showing their little horses this summer. Four members are currently ranked in the "Top Ten" in the AMHA (American Miniature Horse Association) in the U.S:

Shelly Stasik and Pitter Patter 1st in Color Mares

Amber Wimmer and Silhouette 1st in Showmanship (8-12 year olds)

Tyler Christopher 4th in Showmanship (8-12 year olds)

Bianca Wimmer and Boogie 8th in Youth Halter Obstacle

We are very proud of all these young 4-Hers and their leader who is 4th in Jr. Stallions with Headliner!

News From Out There...



Green Team by: Kayla Knipper

Hello everyone! Our first meeting of the year started off with some awesome news! We adopted Turtle Beach. Now we will have extra beach clean-ups, helping to keep one of Sarasota's beautiful beaches clean. And speaking of beaches, don't forget the Marine Ecology Event is coming up. Our club did a game to help us to be able to identify the mollusks. Everyone was given a shell, and told to identify it, and to tell us a way to remember it. We came up with some really funny answers, like the lightning whelk looks like lightning bolts are striking out of it. The quahog clam is chunky and fat like a hog. The netted olive looks like (can you guess?) an olive! Pretty silly, but I'll bet we won't forget them at the contest!

Our craft was hemp necklaces. We all give a big thank you to Marcia Morris and Sheila Holland for giving us instructions for making these necklaces. We used shells, beads and of course, hemp. My necklace turned out great and I saw that all the others did too. They will look wonderful in the mini-building at the fair.

I hope you all have a fabulous year. I'll see you at Awards Night.
'Til next time...good bye.

Opportunities at the State Fair

Do you have club members interested in participating in the Florida State Fair? Sofia Annis, a 2005-2006 State Fair Ambassador, is available to speak to your club about participating at the Florida State Fair. Call Sofia at 504-6557 for more information.

Reef Rovers- By Madison N. Chapman

The Reef Rovers recently paid Snooty the manatee a visit at the Parker Aquarium, which is part of the South Florida Museum in Bradenton. At 58, Snooty is the oldest captive manatee in the world. The 1300-pound manatee has had countless tank-mates and thousands of visitors. His latest buddy is the 18-month-old female, Whittaker, who was orphaned last spring and will be returned to the wild next year.

During our behind-the-scenes tour, we saw where the tank water is filtered, how Snooty and Whittaker's food is prepared, and where the manatees get a check up from the veterinarian. Manatees are naturally curious animals, but Snooty is probably the friendliest of them all. He pulled himself halfway out of his examination pool so he could get a better look at some of the Reef Rovers.

After our tour of the Aquarium, 4H representative Keith Wilson talked about the physiology of manatees and he had club members draw the inside anatomy of one. Parker Aquarium staff encouraged other 4H clubs to come and learn about their facility. The Reef Rovers can personally recommend this as a terrific tour and wonderful learning experience.

Ridin' Rednecks: Stephanie Tabar

The Ridin' Rednecks members have been busy this summer. We had members attend several camps such as Camp Cloverleaf and Shooting Sports and Sport fishing camp. The following members attended Camp Cloverleaf: Stephanie Tabar, Jaimie Tabar, Lane Taylor, Erin Gilliland, Nicole Harkness, Jarrod Chapman, Jared Padgett, Danielle Padgett, Gabby Robinson, Stephanie Lyons, Kayla Butler. I interviewed some of them to get their impression of camp. Here are a few of their comments. Jaimie, "I give the ride over to camp a 10. My favorite meal was the turkey sandwich. The CIT and counselors were AWESOME. I can't wait till next year." Here's what Nicole Harkness had to say- "She made new friends this year. I have been going to camp for 3 years and the staff was awesome. If I could change anything it would be lights out time (its too early) and trips to the auditorium {too many now}." Charlie Gray and Jarrod Chapman attended Shooting Sports and Sport fishing camp in Ocala. Jarrod reported he had a radical time. They participated in Muzzle loading contest and they also did things such as fishing, swimming, canoeing, and hunting using GPS, team building and lots more. There was non 4-hers there also. It was a great time and recommend it to others for next year. Danielle Padgett attended State 4-H congress in July in Gainesville along with Stephanie Lyons. Danielle won a state scholarship and competed in animal science. Danielle also attended State 4-H Legislature and Washington Focus. Congratulations to all for their summer accomplishments.

We are in the process of getting our new year started off with a family picnic at Twin Lakes. We will be registering members new & past along with good food and fun. The officers have met twice to make our plans for the year. We have new shirts with collars and embroidery for the officers. Thank you Mrs. Strickland. We have some exciting things planned. We will be selling Red Wheel pies again this year. Watch for dates in next month's newsletter. Our new officers for 2006-2007 are: PRESIDENT-Sydney Linthicum, VICE PRESIDENT-Jarrold Chapman, SECRETARY-Kaylee Behn, TREASURER-Jared Padgett, REPORTER-Stephanie Tabar, COUNTY COUNCIL-Jared Padgett, ALTERNATE-Jarrold Chapman, HISTORIAN-Jaimie Tabar, SAFETY OFFICER-Lane Taylor, CHAPLAIN-Nicole Harkness

Our first meeting will be Thursday September 7 at 7:15. We will meet at Lakeview. Our meetings will continue to be the first and third Thursdays each month at 7:15 at Lakeview Elementary School.

Make Your Plans NOW!



September 2006

- 1 2006 -2007 4-H Year Begins!
- 4 Labor Day (4-H Office Closed)
- 8 Executive Board
- 9 Steer Weigh-In
- 11 Foundation Meeting
- 13 Horse Committee
- 16 Dairy Workshop
- 16 Cowboy Hoe-Down (sponsored by the 4-H Foundation)
- 18 Leader and Council Meeting
- 28 4-H Project Workshop

October 2006

- 1 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline
- 1 -7 Celebrate National 4-H Week
- 2 Community Pride Proposals due
- 7 4-H Officer Training
- 8 Hoof Trimming—Vann's 2:00PM
- 9 Foundation Meeting
- 11 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 13 Plant Forms Due
- 16 Leader and Council Meeting
- 21 **4-H Foundation Walk-A-Thon!**
- 26 4-H Project Workshop

Looking Ahead...

Mark your 2007 calendars:

Camp Cloverleaf: June 4-8

Legislature: June 25-29

Congress: July 23-27

First Executive Board:

September 8-10, 2006 Camp Ocala

Second Executive Board:

December 1-3, 2006 Camp Ocala

Leadership Adventure Weekend

LAW: January 19-21, 2007

Third Executive Board:

March 16-18, 2007

For information on these events contact the 4-H Office 861-9810.



4-H and FFA Dance

November 11, 2006

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 September.

Contact Jared Padgett for more information at:
925-3175



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Katie Alday, Sam Anthony, Torrie Bachman, Spencer Balint, Brittany Beachy, Katinka Beachy, Rebecca Behrens, George Birkhold, Amanda Blanchard, Emma Blanchard, Cheyanne Bourque, Kayla Butler, Brenna Callahan-O'Maho, Colton Castro, Christie Childers, David Clemons, Caitlyn Cooley, Rachael Cramer, Philip Culbertson, Autumn Duyn, Alisha Ferry, Eric Gillen, Samantha Gillen, Shannon Haarer, Luke Hosford, Gessica Hrycyk, Brittaney Hubble, Christopher James, Dylan Jansch, Nathan Johnson, Kyle King, Kayla Knipper, Maggie LaFrance, Whitney Layne, Shelby Martin, Allen McGonagill, Kyle Morrison, Lorie Neill, Rain Nelson, Samantha Raulerson, Robyn Rees, Jessica Smith, Willie Smith, Richard Sommers, Michael Stanek, Tag Sufferling, Colgan Supples, Tabitha Supples, Gina Valdez, Tyler Walburn, Jamie Wengerd, Alexander White, Jordon Whitley, Bryan Wilson, Justin Woods, Lincoln Yoder, Jennifer Zappulla, and Kori Zarzutski.

Happy Birthday
to YOU!!!

