

4-H CLUBS:

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The Clover Times
March 2009



From the Agents Desk: by Keith Wilson

Over 2000 people visited the **Carlie Brucia Safety Rally** held on February 7th at the Central Church of Christ in Sarasota to participate in activities promoting child safety. 4-H partnered with Girl Scouts, Girls Inc., Sarasota Police, the Sheriff's Department and additional local organizations to educate families on seat belt safety, protection against bullying, martial arts, fire safety and other important topics.

Good sportsmanship can never be emphasized enough and with the Sarasota County Fair approaching it is important for all 4-H/FFA competitors and their families to remember to enjoy themselves and behave in a respectful manner towards others. Recently I saw a great example of good sportsmanship at the Open Horse Show held at Paragon Farms. During one of the competitive horse events, as the winners names were being announced in the arena, **Shelby Stasik** applauded each of her competitors, regardless of their placing. Her actions are worth being mentioned and her parents deserve praise for teaching their daughter a solid sense of ethics.

Those of you who have cable T.V. may have noticed the excellent 4-H public service announcement promoting **4-H on Channel 19**. It is one of the better promotional pieces I have seen picked up by local media.

Buckle yourself up when in a vehicle. It matters!

Keith Wilson, 4-H Extension 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.*

4-H Foundation, Working 4-U...

It is time once again for the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Annual Swine Fundraiser. Last year this fundraiser brought in \$6,000! Look for our tickets; this year our swine tickets are GREEN. Tickets are available in bundles of 25/50/100 at leader and council meetings, the 4-H Office, or by calling Glenda Padgett at 925-3175. This is a great fundraiser for clubs as well as one of the major fundraisers for the 4-H Foundation. Last year 27 clubs participated by selling or purchasing tickets. Once again clubs will earn .25 cents for each ticket they sell (if they sell 25 tickets or more). The club that sells the most tickets will win a pizza party! We would love to have independent 4-H members to participate too. Profits from these tickets will help to fund activities within the 4-H Program including: camp, congress, awards night, 4-H program materials, and Foundation Scholarships for graduating seniors. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday March 21 2009, 6:00 PM, at the 4-H Foundation Elephant Ear Booth. The hog will be one exhibited at the Sarasota County Fair and will be standard cut and wrapped. *Submitted by: Glenda Padgett*



4-H Doesn't Slow Down!

Celebrate with ICE CREAM!



Blue Bell Creameries is proud to honor 4-H, as it celebrates over 100 years in Florida, with a special Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream.

To sweeten the deal, the Little Creamery is donating a portion of the sales to promote 4-H educational programs.

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream is a delicious cake batter ice cream with pieces of yellow cake, a chocolate icing swirl and four-leaf clover sprinkles.

But before you head to the grocery store, visit www.bluebell.com for a \$1.00 off coupon that you can print from your computer.

4-H Day at the Capitol 2009!

April 14th is 4-H Day at the Capitol, Tallahassee. 4-H Day at the Capitol is an exciting event that gives 4-H youth, from across the state, an opportunity to come together and promote the Florida 4-H Program to their government officials.

4-Hers' will have the chance to meet and hear from their local senators and representatives, explore the history of Florida through exciting workshops and tours, and see first hand how their state government works.

4-H Day at the Capitol is open to all Florida 4-H members. If you pre-register by March 13th the cost is \$10 (this includes lunch and a t-shirt) after the 13th it's \$15. A bus will pick-up and drop-off youth at Camp Cloverleaf (youth under 14 must have an adult) and the bus cost is \$20. To register and reserve a spot on the bus contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

Upcoming Project Workshops...

April 2nd: Living Spring Baskets Bring a medium sized basket to this workshop and watch it grow! We will create a beautiful Living Spring Basket that you can enjoy all spring. The cost for this workshop is \$3.00.

May 7th: Mark Your Calendar! Mother's Day is May 10th and we will be making mom something special for her special day. The cost is \$3.00. Call 861-9812 and sign-up today!

Florida 4-H Legislature

Florida 4-H Legislature is a weeklong learning laboratory in state government designed to give participants educational experiences. Held in Tallahassee, youth will serve as mock legislators, reporters or lobbyists, meeting in committee rooms of the House of Representatives. Participants will tour the State Capital, Supreme Court and other State Buildings. The dates for this event are June 22 - 26.

Visit the Florida 4-H website or call the 4-H Office for details.

Florida 4-H Congress

The dates this year for Florida 4-H Congress are July 27-31. Held at the University of Florida campus, this is a fabulous week long experience for Senior 4-H members.

4-H Congress is divided into competitive and non-competitive sessions. The non-competitive portion is devoted to leadership and educational workshops on a variety of subjects. The competitive portion is where the first place senior District Winners (Demonstrations, Fashion Revue, Horticulture Judging, Public Speaking and Share the Fun) compete with other district winners from around the State. Community Pride winners are recognized, interviews for State Recognition and Scholarship applications are also conducted. Participants must be 14 years old prior to September 1, 2008, and have completed at least one year of 4-H work. Visit the Florida 4-H website or call the 4-H Office.

Animal Connection

Bunny Needs a Home! A black dwarf, 4 year old male. He comes with his cage. Call Peggy at 284-6924.

Itsy and Bitsy are two—2 year old, female Sanaan goats that are looking for a new home. Their owner has moved to Texas. Please call Marcel at 704-2031 or email marcel-basso@zenusagro.com

Wanted: Florida Youth Interested in Dairy.

For: A fun day at the UF Dairy Unit. **When:** Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 1 to 4 PM.

What's Happening?

- A tour of the UF Dairy Unit.
- Information on how to properly feed 4-H dairy project heifers and the multitude of feeds available to for dairy cattle.
- A Skillathon of dairy feeds.
- A Mini-introduction to Dairy Quiz Bowl with questions from the tour and nutrition information.
- An Introduction to Dairy Judging with some classes to evaluate.

Bring: A sack lunch. **Please call:** Mary Sowerby (386-362-2771) to sign-up for this event.



Fair Days Ahead... March 13—22



Here's What YOU Need to KNOW...

Steer and Swine Exhibitors: check your animals tattoo! Your animal was tattooed at the first weigh-in, and some of the tattoos are not legible. The state inspector will be checking your animals ears for cleanliness, tag, and tattoo. If the state inspector cannot read these tattoos they will not allow them in the fair... now is the time to check this out. Call the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

Swine Exhibitors: please review page 21, rule 19 - slick clipping of the hog, includes face & belly and will be discussed and clarified at the mandatory meeting Monday, March 9th.

DON'T FORGET... It is your responsibility to have your swine bled, the paper work must be received at the fair office by Friday, March 13th.

Schedule YOUR Barn Shifts: beginning Saturday, February 28, call Jennifer Armstrong at 322-6424 (first) or Christina Schook 322-8512 to schedule your large animal barn work shift. Also, if you would like to help pass out ribbons, sing, say the pledges, or prayer let them know at that time. Miniature Horse, Llama, and Dog exhibitors will be receiving your work duties from your division coordinator. Youth participating in the Rabbit, Poultry and Cavy barn can call Ron and Kathy Annis, beginning Saturday 2/28, at 322-0690, please call between 7 and 10 pm. Reminder: parents are needed with their child in the barn for the duration of the work shift. Plant tent: your work shift will Saturday, March 21 during the Plant Show and Sale auction... you will be responsible for watering and caring for your plants during the fair. And, youth participating in the Mini Building call the 4-H Office 861-9812 to schedule your Mini Building work shift.

Workday: There will be a workday on Saturday, March 7th... we still need help to setup the barns, elephant ear booth, decorate, etc... if you would like to come out and help - please call Christina Schook at 322-8512 or the 4-H Office 861-9810 so we know your coming. You can register your club, as a group, or as an individual. We need about 50-60 volunteers who are ready to work... together we can make it happen!

Mandatory Meeting: Monday, March 9th 7:00 PM - Houser Arena ALL EXHIBITORS MUST ATTEND. Failure to attend this meeting will result in **DISQUALIFICATION** of your entries. If an emergency arises and you are unable to attend this meeting you must call: Carl Askins—809-9389, Bill McClain—356-7189, or Rory Martin—809-4682 prior to the meeting to explain your emergency.

Don't Forget Your Fair Passes; The 4-H Office will distribute Fair Passes at the end of the mandatory meeting, on Monday, March 9th. All 4-H members with projects entered in the Fair will be eligible to receive one exhibitor pass and two additional parent passes. Families with more than one 4-H member exhibiting will only receive two parent passes. The 4-H Office receives a *limited* amount of passes (from the Fair Office) based on the number of fair entries. We cannot accommodate requests for additional passes.

Beef Exhibitors: The Florida Cattlewomen will distribute "Beef Exhibitor T-shirts" at the mandatory meeting on Monday, March 9th. Remember, only one T-shirt will be given to youth exhibiting a steer, beef breeding and/ or a dairy cattle project.

Elephant Ear Booth: A few spots are still available in the Elephant Ear Booth, Clubs receive \$50 per shift... call 861-9812

Don't get turned away: (Fair Rulebook page 9; 5C-4.001 #1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) is required. All animals for exhibition in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian.

FCAT: The Fair has sent an "FCAT letter" to fair participants, as stated in the letter youth will have until *March 6th* to send an "excuse letter" *to the Fair Office*.

Beef Breeding: page 13, rule 23 - a reminder that all breed breeding calves entered in the Sarasota County Fair will also be **BRED, BORN AND RAISED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA ONLY.**

Looking ahead - Steer: page 18, rule 12 - an addition to the rule for fair 2010 will include all steers entered in the Sarasota County Fair will be **BRED, BORN AND RAISED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA ONLY.** This will also be discussed at the mandatory meeting Monday, March 9th.



Look What We Did...

National Congress Design Team By: Jared Padgett

I was recently selected to be a member on the 2009 National 4-H Congress Design Team. This is a huge honor since only 7 youth are selected from across the Nation. On the team I get to assist in planning out the National 4-H Congress trip which will be held in November.

Our winter planning meeting was Feb 6th-8th. Friday morning I flew up to Atlanta and met a girl from Arizona who was on the team as well. We traveled by MARTA (the city's subway) to the Hyatt Regency Hotel where the meeting was at. At the hotel, we met up with a few others, had lunch and did some touring. That evening our meeting began at 5:30. I am not allowed to say too much about the event but I can tell you it is going to be great! That evening the 7 youth and the 10 adults went out to eat at a Japanese Restaurant, where they cook in front of you. That evening the youth met around 10:00 and we began coming up with an idea for a theme to present at the meeting the next morning.

The next day we got up and had breakfast at the hotel's coffee shop. Our meeting started that morning around 9:00. During the meeting we discussed the budget, themes and speaker ideas. For lunch the 7 youth went out to the Hard Rock Café and we planned out our skit/video for the first night of National Congress. The skit/video will relay rules and information about the week of National Congress. That afternoon the youth adult team met up again and we finalized some speakers and the theme. That evening we all went to a BBQ place that was down the road about 30 minutes from the hotel. That night the youth worked on filming our video in various places around the hotel and that night we stayed up late and watched a movie.

On Sunday morning we met and finished cleaning up a few things before we left. Two other youth and I took the Marta back to the Airport where we had lunch and said our goodbyes. After a few flight delays I made it back to Sarasota that evening around 5:30.

If you are a senior I hope you will fill out a portfolio and will try to win a trip to National 4-H Congress. If you have any questions about it you can contact me at 925-3175.

The Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show...

The Sarasota County Horse Show was a huge success! Congratulations to everyone! Thanks again to all the volunteers that make this event possible! Thanks to our Sarasota County 4-H Foundation for donating the High Point awards!

High Point Winners:

Jr. English—Danielle Gill and Dude's Smooth Grace

Sr. English—Maggie LaFrance with Docs on the Go

Jr. Western—Danielle Gill with Dude's Smooth Grace

Sr. Western—Kaila Hess with Holly Par Guard

Miniature Horse—Shannon Kehoe with Sweet Waters Hello Darling

4-H—Maggie LaFrance with Docs on the Go

Open—Danielle Gill with Dude's Smooth Grace

Speed Event: Youth—Sarah Fizer with Princess

Junior—Kaila Hess with Holly Par Guard

4-H—Chelsea Thornburg with KC.

NOW... watch your mailbox!

Registration packets will be sent out this month for the Area E Horse Show, April 26 and 27 at the State Fair grounds in Tampa. Please carefully read the information, complete the forms, and return to the 4-H Office by the deadline. Remember, you must turn in your completed Horse Record Book with your entry forms.

If you have any questions please contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.

We will be looking for volunteers to help us at the Area E show in Tampa... Save the date—April 26 & 27!

State Fair

Many Sarasota County 4-Hers participated at the Florida State Fair this year. Some competed in Miniature Horse, Dog, Rabbit, Poultry, Livestock, Crafts and more.

Congratulations to ALL!

The Sporting Clay Event



Trey Dietz, Matt and Sam Koss, Kyle Powers, Lane Taylor, and Jeremy Whitton attended the Sporting Clay Event on February 7th sponsored by the Sarasota 4-H Foundation.

There were 12 stations; they could walk (or drive a golf cart), and each received 100 shots. Cool prizes and trophies were given out, and they all enjoyed the BBQ!

Youth Division results: Kyle Powers 1st, Trey Dietz 2nd, Matt Koss 3rd, Jeremy Whitton 4th, and Lane Taylor 5th place. Congratulations to all!

Demonstration Day

Our County Demonstration Day was Saturday, February 21st. Youth gave presentations in Animal Science, Plant Science, Food Science, Leadership, Citizenship and Public Speaking just to name a few. We had everything from youth in diving gear talking about the Dynamics of Diving, to a young lady (in a dress she had designed and sewn) talking about the ABC'S and 123's of Ballroom Dancing.

It was a wonderful day and the presentations were fabulous. Congratulations to all the participants on a job well done!!!!!!

News From Out There...



Livestock Club by: Megan Stoll

Our last meeting was held at the church on Feb.10. There are less than 30 days left until fair so keep working on your record books and animals. Feb. 22 is the mini fair at Mr. Vann's farm starting at 11:00a.m. Bring a covered dish.

Just a reminder, Feb. 24 swine bleeding is at the Farm Bureau and March 9, is a MANDATORY meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Houser Arena.

Your record books are due the day your animal is checked into the fair by 7:00 p.m. so make sure you bring your record book with you. Monday, March 9, is a MANDATORY meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Houser Arena. Also at our meeting we talked about how to fill out your record books. Stephanie, Jamie, and myself did a demonstration on how to show your pig. Jake did a demonstration on what your pigs hair is used for. Our next meeting will be held at the church on March 10.

4-H Blazers by: Brooke Freeman

This months meeting started off with steer announcements, you need your health paper when you are checking your steer into fair. DONT FORGET! Your hogs need to be bled in order to enter the fair. If bleeding yourself then you need to have your copy at 5PM March 13. Another DONT FORGET!!! Exhibitors have a mandatory meeting on Monday, March 9th at 7:00PM in the Houser arena. If you do not attend this the result is your entries being disqualified. I hope to see everyone there on Monday so I can see all your smiling faces at fair. :)

Ridin' Rednecks by: Clay Linthicum

The month of February has been full of demonstrations and announcements! Jarred Padgett showed a video of his experiences in 4-H, Kayla and Brett showed us a great Valentine craft, Delanie gave good information about trailers and hauling of livestock, Lane's demo was on heifers, Jarrod Chapman informed us about ear notching for identification, Jeremy and Andrew helped us make Origami Pig Masks, Sean and Emalie discussed showmanship and Erin Gilliland made chocolate snacks. What a great job they did! Jarrod Chapman told about his Florida State Fair Experiences and entries. Alisha Ferry competed in horse and livestock judging. Some members signed up to serve at the NRA Dinner on February 24th. The club day for pig bleeding and health certificates was February 21st. Mrs. Behn headed up our schedule and made all the contacts for our club and people in the Valley. We appreciate all the help and especially our thanks to Dr. Bill and Mrs. Whitler. We will be working three shifts in the Elephant Ear booth and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. Rules, announcements and important dates were discussed. I am excited over the mini show we are having on February 22nd with the beef breeding exhibits!

Jr. Cattlemen News by: Jared Padgett

The Jr. Cattlemen met on Wednesday February 4th 2009. At our meeting we watched a video on our club steer project. We had Christine Magill do a demonstration on Animal Marketing. Joe Padgett reminded us about important fair reminders. We decided at our meeting that we would participate in the 4-H Foundation Elephant Ear Booth. At our next meeting we will be watching the birth of Jared Padgett's show cow that will be going in as a cow calf. Our next meeting will be on March 4th 2009 at Fire Station 8.

Allison Engwall's notes from Miakka Allstock

Hi ya'!!! Just a brief note about our last meeting.

March 1st will be our Roadside cleanup at the Old Miakka Schoolhouse. The clean up will begin at 2 PM.

We still need volunteers for the Elephant Ear Booth. Our time slots to make money for our club are 3/14 from 8 PM to 11 PM, 3/15 from 7 PM to 11 PM and 3/22 from 12 PM to 4 PM. The club can earn money for each shift. Call Walter McMillan, Allison Engwall's father, or email him, should you wish to help.

Becky and Matt Johnson have offered to lead the Miakka Allstock Club next year. Hiedi Brown will be stepping aside, due to the success of the Brown's Grove Farm Market & Country Store.

The banquet for end of year is tentatively scheduled for April 18th. We will discuss this more at the March 10th meeting, scheduled for 7:30 PM.

Great job to all the participants of the demonstration and speech competition held on February 21.

See you at the mandatory meeting on March 9 at the Fairgrounds, at 7 PM sharp.

Homegrown Explorers by: Austin Saunders

At the February meeting, we had lots of fun. We all talked about the county fair and the projects we are working on. Then the Saunders' and the Staneks gave an update on their salt water fish tanks. The Staneks reported that they watched one of their crabs give birth to a ton of little baby crabs. The Saunders family reported that their large hermit crab attacked and ate one of the small crabs. We also voted on where to have the end-of-year party. Next, Travis, Nick and Alena gave their demonstration speeches for the county fair. When the meeting was over we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Florida 4-H by snacking on Blue Bell's 4-H ice cream and some brownies.





News From Out There...

MINI HOOVES by: Shelby Stasik

Hi everyone, its almost Fair Time ! Hope everybody is ready for a really busy month. Our last meeting at the Farm Bureau was held we discussed the State Fair we had a lot of members entered and they all did a great job. We also discussed signing up for elephant ear booth and signing up for the Farm Bureau booth. We have an obstacle clinic coming up at Paragon Farm on Feb 28th Nimie Gill will be our trainer.

Our last farm day we had four demonstrations they were all really good, we have quite a few members that our doing county demonstrations this year. Good luck to all of you. We worked on record books at the farm and also entry forms. March is a busy month for the mini's we have a AMHR/AMHA show at the JJJ Farm in Sarasota on March 7th and 8th and then the county fair show on March 16th and after that our own show at Paragon.

The 1/2 pint pullers discussed they're upcoming show at Laurel Valley Mrs. Martin has information for anyone if needed and should have entry forms.

Don't forget about the Mandatory Fair meeting on March 9th at 7pm in the Houser Arena if you are showing at the county fair you have to be at this meeting it is MANDATORY or you can't show on March 16th. You all need to remember to be working on your record books they are due at the night of the county fair.

Remember our next business meeting is on Wednesday March 4th at the Farm Bureau. Good luck to everyone doing county demonstrations on February 21st.

Animal Crackers by: Brooke Hamill

February was a very busy month; we participated at the Florida State Fair. Our club won 4th place for our Hay Bale design of a Carnival Carousel. This was a big honor since it was our club's first year in the Hay Bale Decorating Contest and there were eleven participants!

Brooke Hamill, Samantha Cellucci, Chloe Morrison and Kelsey Morrison showed their Miniature Horses during the first weekend of the State Fair and all won several ribbons. Chloe won first place in her showmanship class at her first time moving up to the 8-12 year olds!

The Pygmy Goat Show the following weekend was also a success with Kyle Morrison, Dylan Cellucci and Brooke Hamill showing their goats. Brooke won 1st place in Junior Showmanship both days and Kyle won Youth Showmanship Saturday and then tied 1st place with Dylan on Sunday. Chester, shown by Brooke won 1st place in Whether under 1 year old. Tank, shown by Kyle won Reserve Grand Champion for Best Whether. They all did an awesome job, and were excited that they got to experience the State Fair as exhibitors. The Monach brothers, Sawyer, Hawkins, and Cedar joined us for support and thought it was so much fun they got 2 new Pygmy Goats this month! We want to welcome Pilgrim and Cowboy to our club.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the Parents and our Leaders Joan & Stephanie for making the State Fair a Huge Success!! We couldn't have done it without them!

The Sarasota County Fair is right around the corner. All our members are putting the finishing touches on their projects and record books gearing up for the fair! Good Luck to everyone and remember to have fun!

Horse-N-Around by: Caitlin Schlabach

Howdy Y'all, I can't believe it's this close to fair time already! This month at our meeting we read the minutes and our president Elizabeth read the newsletter and told us of upcoming events. Such as the Valentine workshop on February 5th at 4:45 p.m. and the Florida State Fair which is February 5th-16th. We were also delighted to have a new Cloverbud Caitlin join our club. After we discussed our upcoming events we had two demonstrations. First was Caitlin Schlabach and Trent Schlabach, and they did a demonstration on the anatomy of plants and then shared a carrot from their garden. Next was Danielle Gill who did a demonstration on how to prepare your dairy cow for the show and how to position them in the arena. At the end of the meeting Elizabeth shared some amazingly yummy snacks. Thank you Elizabeth for using us as your guinea pigs. Well, I guess that's it for now. See you all at the fair!

Badger's Den Production by: Samantha Gillen

This month, the Badger's Den Production team met at our house to begin our first non-parody: a 10-15 minute horror film that has yet to be titled. For our standards, it was a very large scale production. We brought in two additional teens to broaden the number of actors, mixed Karo syrup and red food coloring for fake blood, and used make-up to create a dead, rotted flesh appearance for some of our actors. The biggest difficulty was shooting in the evening. Because the majority of the film takes place at night, we had to bring in artificial lights. The cameras were still rolling after midnight! We ate pizza and roasted marshmallows in the backyard during one of our breaks and will continue the project next month. I'm sure I speak for everyone involved when I say we are excited to finish filming and see how the movie turns out.

Here's What Your Council is Doing...



News From County Council; by Autumn VanRiper

Our last County Council meeting was held January 26th, 2009 at Twin Lakes park. We got to watch a picture slid-show presentation of our community service projects. For old business and for new business we basically went over fair form due dates so no one would forget. We also talked about the fair set-up and receiving fair passes.

(Our next meeting will be held Feb. 23rd, 2009 at 7:30pm.)

Our last Sarasota County council meeting was held 2-23-09 at Twin Lakes Park. We watched a picture slideshow of our Spring 2008 Community Service and discussed County Events Day. Demonstration/ Public Speaking Scores will be available around February 26-27. Don't forget that March 9th is the Mandatory Fair meeting at the fair at 7:00. Any one participating in any fair contests must come to this meeting to receive Fair passes. Some other dates you need to writing down are:

April 14th is the 4-H day at the Capitol.

April 20th is our next County council Meeting and Election night.

April 21 is the Fair Awards Night from 7:00-7:30.

After we talked about these dates we had a group game. We played egg drop and everyone had a great time.

Jared Padgett, County Council President

County Council met on Monday January 26th 2009. At the meeting we showed pictures from the December Community Service Project. Jared Padgett gave a presentation on what National Congress is and how to win a trip there.

County Council met on Monday February 23rd 2009. Many of our Council members attended the State Fair and some even worked shifts at the Florida 4-H Centennial Booth. At the meeting pictures were shown from the April 2008 Community Service Project to build up enthusiasm for are spring trip to the Salvation Army. It will be on Monday April 27th 2009. We are looking for helpers with small animals that they could bring for the kids to see. If you can bring an animal, our you would like to help out give Jared Padgett a call at 925-3175. Our next County Council meeting will be on April 20th 2009. This will be our election meeting for those of you who would like to run for an office.



Make Your Plans NOW!

March 2009

- 8 Spring ahead, Daylight savings time begins
- 9 MADATORY FAIR MEETING 7:00-8:00PM

13-22 Sarasota County Fair!

Members, Leaders, Parents, Volunteers;
Show your 4-H Spirit during the fair this year by wearing your club t-shirts, camp t-shirt, etc... Let's all show the community just how many 4-Her's are here in Sarasota County!!!!

See You At The Fair!

April 2009

- 1 Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due
- 2 Project Workshop—Living Baskets
- 6—10 Spring Break
- 8 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 13 Foundation Meeting
- 14 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 20 Leader and Council Meeting
- 21 FAIR AWARDS, Potter Building
- 25—26 Area E Horse Show



Happy Birthday... Megan Bardwick, Alena Barwick, Jennifer Beaumont, Daniela Belancourt, Steven Benoit, Brad Boserup, Courtney Buckney, Cara Byrket, Brianna Capps, Harry Carver, Dylan Cellucci, Garrett Fonte, Tim Gemesi, Alessa Grieff, Donald Gross, Stephen Hatch, Kaila Hess, Noah Hosford, Shannon Kehoe, Megan Knipper, William Kreiling, Brandon Kubala, Elizabeth Martel, Delaney, Josee Martin, Dillon Maus, Kristan Potts, Barbara Poynter, Riley Price, Wayne Routh, Jacob Sandefur, Dylan Schweigert, Tracy Sheehan, Alexis Smith, Hannah Smith, Aaron Stoll, Lane Taylor, Maurice Victor, Maurine Victor, Kayla Wantuch, Cassiya Whittier, and Kiya Williams!



Volunteers are needed...

Can You Help? The 4-H Office is looking for volunteers to assist in various office duties, and projects. 4-Hers; are you looking for community service hours? The 4-H Office needs your help. Please contact Barbara Lechky at 861-9812 for details.

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