

4-H CLUBS:

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The Clover Times
May 2009



From The Agents Desk, by Keith Wilson

During the recent April spring vacation a number of 4-H members had the opportunity to participate in exciting career exploration events. Both the **Sarasota Sheriff's Forensic Lab.** and the **Sarasota Police Forensic Lab.** provided one hour tours of their facilities used in crime investigation. Youth learned the art of dusting for fingerprints, securing potential DNA evidence and using computer technology to solve crimes. It was mentioned that two year degrees in Forensic Science were available through Keiser College and at colleges in the St. Petersburg region. If you wish to become involved in future 4-H career exploration events let your 4-H agents know of your field of interest. We can help you.

There are two **fishing tournaments** scheduled for the summer. The first will occur on **June 12th** from 10am-12noon at Hart's Landing in Sarasota and the second will occur on **July 16th** from 10am-12noon at Hart's Landing. **Prizes**, provided by the **Sarasota County 4-H Foundation**, will be awarded for the biggest fish and most fish caught.

It is never too early to think about securing donations for the 4-H Foundation **Hoedown in September**. If you have connections with local restaurants, retail stores, charter boat captains, artists, or travel agencies, a gift from these sources could be very helpful to the silent auction held at this important annual 4-H fundraising event.

Remember to buckle up.

Keith Wilson

Keith Wilson, 4-H 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.*

IT'S A GREEN THING!

Thanks for making a DIFFERENCE in your community

As president of the Green Team I would like to thank the following Sarasota County 4-H members for their help with the, "Stow It - Don't Throw It" monofilament recycling project: Jamie Bland and Mark Fuller - members of the Miakka Allstock Club, Nicholas and Lauren Pellegrino - members of the Home Grown Explorers Club, Elizabeth Hall and Maxim Lowe - members of the Horse N' Around Club, and Brad Boserup, Laura, Kayla, and Megan Knipper, and Autumn, Amber, and Rachel VanRiper of the Green Team Club. They along with their parents helped assemble 100 personal-sized monofilament fishing line recycling bins which were distributed at the Sertoma Sun-coast Kingfish Tournament held in Sarasota on April 3rd and 4th. Thanks to your efforts, local anglers have increased their awareness of the dangers of improperly disposed of monofilament fishing line. Respectfully Submitted, Sean Russell

4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



4-H Campers; Register NOW for Camp Cloverleaf! Information and registration on the 4-H website!

<http://Sarasota.extension.ufl.edu>

Camp Cloverleaf Counselors and CIT's

The dates for Camp Cloverleaf this year are: June 22—26, 2009. Ages for Camp Counselors are 14-18 as of September 1, 2008 and Counselor-in-training age 13 as of September 1, 2008.

If you would like to be considered for a camp counselor or counselor-in-training position, please don't miss these important deadlines! Call NOW to receive your camp packet and set-up a time for an interview. Counselor interviews will be conducted May 18th—22nd. Counselor and CIT training will be on held June 9th, 9:00 AM—12:00 at the 4-H Office 6700 Clark Road, Twin Lakes Park.

Can you help? We are looking for male chaperones this year to help at camp... if you can chaperone the whole week or part of the week, please call and let us know.

We have a lot of great activities and fun planned for 4-H Camp Cloverleaf this year! For more information or to set up an interview, call 861-9810.

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!



Summer FUN...

4-H will host saltwater fishing tournaments on June 12th from 10-12noon at Hart's Landing in Sarasota and on July 16th from 10-12noon at Hart's Landing. These tournaments will be open to all youth ages 5-18 years of age. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught and the largest fish caught. Participants should bring their own bait and fishing gear. Contact Keith Wilson at 861-9818 for further details.



Dairy Cattle Exhibitor's

Mark your calendars... The Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat will be July 5- 8, 2009 on the VT campus, cost will be \$200 per person. They are just in the planning stages of this event, so stay tuned for more details.

Projects From The Heart...

A 4-H community service project is being organized in Sarasota to raise money to assist wounded servicemen and women. The Wounded Warrior Project provides help to families of soldiers who have been wounded in service to their country.

With Memorial Day being observed on May 25th it is fitting that a local effort is planned by Sarasota County 4-H on May 22 to help military families who face financial hardships, counseling needs and medical help. From 8:00 AM—2:00 PM a yard sale will be organized at the Sarasota home of Mr. Wilson.

Items are needed for the yard sale. Please call 861-9818 if you have items to donate. They can be picked up if delivery is difficult.

All of the money raised will be donated to the World Warrior Project. Checkout their organization at:

woundedwarriorproject.org.

Test Your Wings!

Do you want to know more about poultry?

Desoto County Beaks and Bills 4-H Poultry Club invites you to their 1st Annual Poultry Swap Meet on Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Desoto County Fairgrounds, 100 Heard Street, Arcadia, FL.

There will be Educational Demonstrations, Informational Booths, and Show Quality Birds. This maybe "eggsactly" what your looking for!



4-H Horsemanship Camp

Are you looking for a great horse adventure this summer? Why not attend 4-H Camp Welaka Horsemanship School? Enjoy activities on and off your horse in a beautiful location nestled among the pine and oak trees in the Welaka State Forest. Professional trainers, quality stables, bunk-house camping, and 4-Hers from around the state just like you who love horses!

There will be two weeks of Horsemanship Schools to choose from: Week 1 - June 7-12 and Week 2 - June 14-19. Participants will spend approximately five (5) to six (6) hours each day with their horses and the major emphasis will be on horsemanship, your chosen discipline, and showmanship at halter. Additional instruction will be given on topics such as selection and health care and advanced subjects such as reining, jumping, etc., as interest and experience demands. There will be two (2) hours of free time each day

Horsemanship school is open to 4-H youth 11-18 as of September 1, 2008. The cost is \$310.00 and includes (15) meals, snacks, t-shirt, lodging, stabling, shavings and over 30 hours of instruction for the week. Registration is due in the 4-H Office by May 14th, 2009. Packets are available by calling 861-9810.



Look What We Did...

STEER

Grand Champion - Kayla York
 Reserve Champion - Jamie Lee Johnson
 Showmanship Jr. - Gage Albritton
 Showmanship Sr. - Jarrad Albritton
 1st Gain-In-Weight - Madison Lutz
 2nd Gain in Weight - Sammi Manley
 3rd Gain in Weight - Ray Bontrager
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Gage Albritton
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Jarrad Albritton

BEEF BREEDING

Grand Champion Female - Jennifer Federico
 Reserve Champion Female - Ashley Maus
 Grand Champion Cow Class- Jamie Lee Johnson
 Reserve Champion Cow Class - Caitlyn Payne
 Grand Champion Cow / Calf Pair - Marie Durso
 Reserve Champion Cow / Calf Pair - Kaila Hess
 Showmanship Jr. - Shelby Swartz
 Showmanship Sr. - Kristan Potts
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Lane Taylor
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Jennifer Federico

DAIRY CATTLE

Grand Champion - Madison Lutz
 Reserve Champion - Caitlyn Payne
 Showmanship Jr. - Delaney Martin
 Showmanship Sr. - Sarah Hayo
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Delaney Martin
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Caitlyn Payne

SWINE

Grand Champion - Danny Lewis
 Reserve Champion - Troy Burnett
 Showmanship Jr. - Wyatt Thomas
 Showmanship Sr. - Jennifer Federico
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Wyatt Thomas
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Danny Lewis

SHARE THE FUN

JUNIOR - Amy Richards
INTERMEDIATE - Ronnie Hess
SENIOR - Kayla Butler
SENIOR TEAM - Kayla & Laura Knipper

DAIRY GOATS

Grand Champion - Quinn Bowden
 Reserve Champion - Kayley Holton
 Showmanship Jr. - Quinn Bowden
 Showmanship Sr. - Sonia Miller
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Shelby Stasik
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Sonia Miller

PYGMY GOATS

Grand Champion Doe - Colton Clark
 Reserve Champion Doe - Allison Bisel
 Grand Champion Wethers - Colton Clark
 Reserve Champion Wethers - Shelby Stasik
 Showmanship Jr. - Shelby Stasik
 Showmanship Sr. - Brooke Hamill
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Colton Clark
Sr. Jenny Federico

LLAMA

Showmanship Jr - Hilton Wyatt Morgan
 Showmanship Sr. - Alexandra Rodman
 Obstacles Jr. - Brianna Goldberg
 Obstacle Sr. - Tristan Thomas
Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Hilton Wyatt Morgan
Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Tristan Thomas
Miniature Horse Show
 Jr. Showmanship - Delaney Martin
 Sr. Showmanship - Bailey Martin
Jr. Superior Exhibitor: Devon Kirkley
Sr. Superior Exhibitor: Bailey Martin

DOG SHOW

Jr. High Point First - Luke Ourednik
 Second - Bethany Bridges
 Third - Krista Morgan
Jr. Superior Exhibitor: Luke Ourednik
Sr. High Point First - Emily Bowman
 Second - Calyn Beese
 Third - Brianna Wilson
Sr. Superior Exhibitor: Emily Bowman

PLANT SHOW

Overall Best of Show - Allison Engwall
 Overall Best of Show Reserve - Sarabeth Smith
 Display & Showmanship Jr. - Taylor Eason
 Display & Showmanship Sr. - Jennifer Federico
Superior Exhibitor Jr. - Taylor Eason
Superior Exhibitor Sr. - Jennifer Federico

HORTICULTURE JUDGING

JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE

First - Maxim Lowe
 Second - Megan Knipper
 Third - Shelby Stasik
 Fourth - Devon Kirkley
 Fifth - Ronnie Hess
 Sixth - Michael Dean
 Seventh - Jillian Bland
 Eighth - Danielle Gill
 Ninth - Alex Kirkley

SENIOR

First - Laura Knipper
 Second - Kayla Knipper
 Third - Torrie Bachman
 Fourth - Elizabeth Hall
 Fifth - Mark Fuller
 Sixth - Jaime Bland
 Seventh - Kaila Hess

FASHION REVUE

Clothing Selection

School Wear; Megan Knipper
 Dressed for Work: Laura Knipper
 Special Occasion: Valerie Bixler
 My Choice: Jenny Federico
 Best Model : Valerie Bixler

Clothing Construction

Dressed for Work: Megan Knipper
 Special Occasion: Laura Knipper
 My Choice: Kayla Knipper
 Best Model : Laura Knipper



CONSUMER CHOICES
JUNIOR/ INTERMEDIATE

First - Maxim Lowe
Second - Megan Knipper
Third - Danielle Gill
Fourth - Alex Kirkley
Fifth - Jillian Bland
Sixth - Jeremy Whitton
Seventh - Ronnie Hess
Eighth - Andrew Ruthren
Ninth - Devon Kirkley
Tenth - Shelby Martin

SENIOR

First - Jenny Federico
Second - Kayla Knipper
Third - Jaime Bland
Fourth - Sarah Birkhold
Fifth - Jarrod Chapman
Sixth - Laura Knipper
Seventh - Jaime Morrison
Eighth - Torrie Bachman
Ninth - Elizabeth Hall
Tenth - Mark Fuller

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

NOVICE

1st Place - Dillon Maus
2nd Place - Ashley Maus
3rd Place - George Birkhold
4th Place - Jarrod Chapman
5th Place - Sarah Birkhold
6th Place - Marie Durso
7th Place - Torrie Bachman
8th Place - Jacqueline Wells
9th Place - Devon Kirkley
10th Place - Shelby Stasik

JUNIORS

1st Place - Lane Taylor
2nd Place - Sara Martin
3rd Place - Gus Brouwer
4th Place - Jillian Bland
5th Place - Clay Linthicum
6th Place - Dannie Glassburn
7th Place - Shelby Martin
8th Place - Delaney Bartell

9th Place - Casey Wingate

10th Place - Sean Whitton

SENIOR

1st Place - Courtney Wingate
2nd Place - Nicole Harkness
3rd Place - Zack Quattlebaun
4th Place - Sydney Linthicum
5th Place - Jaime Morrison
6th Place - Kara Varnadore
7th Place - Kristin Hutton
8th Place - Dustin Glassburn
9th Place - Jaime Bland
10th Place - Mark Fuller
FFA 1st - Place - Jenny Federico

DAIRY JUDGING

NOVICE; First - Delaney Martin

Second - Torrie Bauchman
Third - Sarah Birkhold
Fourth - Amber Edwards
Fifth - Shelby Martin
Sixth - Summer Ball
Seventh - Mary Birkhold
Eighth - Devon Kirkley
Ninth - Luke
Tenth - Alex
Tenth - Sara Martin

4-H JUNIOR; First - Julia Miller

Second - Shelby Stasik
Third - Felicia Fonte
Fourth - Shelby Swartz
Fifth - Ronnie Hess
Sixth - Matthew Miller
Seventh - Jillian Bland

4-H SENIOR; First - Jaime Bland

Second - Bailey Martin
Third - Mark Fuller
Fourth - Marie Durso
Fifth - Tayla Graber
Sixth - Kaila Hess
Seventh - Danielle Gill
Eighth - Morgan Najm
Ninth - Madison Lutz
Tenth - Taran Graber
Tenth - Sarah Hayo

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Intermediate First - Maxim Lowe, Second - Caitlin Morrison, Third - Brooke Hamill, Fourth - Samantha Cellucci

Senior First - Jared Padgett, Second - Sean Russell, Third - Laura Knipper, Fourth - Amber Lee Todoroff

MINI BUILDING

Class 11 Horticulture- Ornamental

Best in Show: Jr: Taylor Eason Sr: Jennifer Federico

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Taylor Eason

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Jenny Federico

Class 12 Fruits & Vegetables

Best in Show: Jr: Trenton Miller Sr: Allison Bisel

Class 13 Sewing - Boys & Girls

Best in Show: Jr: Nicolas Pellegrino Sr: Laura Knipper

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Laura Knipper

Class 14 - Foods

Best in Show: Jr: Wyatt Thomas Sr: Allison Bisel

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Maxim Lowe

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Jared Padgett

Class 15 Food Preservation

Best in Show: Jr: Justin Burnett Sr: Kayla Knipper

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Allison Bisel

Class 16 - Basic Crafts

Best in Show: Jr: Alena Barwick Sr: Laura Knipper

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Megan Canevari

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Laura Knipper

Class 17 - Fine Arts

Best in Show: Jr: Maxim Lowe Sr: Marie Durso

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Maxim Lowe

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Austin Saunders

Class 18 - Photography

Best in Show: Jr: Maxim Lowe Sr: Heidi Schwartz

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Luke Hosford

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Morgan Najm

Class 19 - Needlework

Best in Show: Jr: Courtney DeGenaro Sr: Jennifer Federico

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Jennifer Federico

Class 20 - Creative Writing

Best in Show: Jr: Maxim Lowe Sr: Kayla Knipper

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Laura Knipper

Class 21 - Miscellaneous

Best in Show: Jr: Samantha Cellucci Sr: Laura Knipper

Jr. Superior Exhibitor - Shelby Martin

Sr. Superior Exhibitor - Sean Russell

News From Out There...



MIAKKA ALLSTOCKS by Aly Engwall

THIS IS THE ONE OF THE LAST NEWSLETTERS I WILL BE SENDING OUT TO ALL MIAKKA ALLSTOCK FAMILIES. APRIL WAS A GREAT MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS. WE HAVE NEW CLUB OFFICERS. NEW CLUB LEADERS AND HOPEFULLY NEXT FALL, MANY NEW CLUB MEMBERS.

WE ARE SADDENED TO SEE MS. HIEDI STEP ASIDE AND HAND OVER THE LEADERSHIP POSITION TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY. I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL DO MS. HIEDI BROWN PROUD.

WE HAD A BUNCH OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS EXCEL IN THIS YEAR'S SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR. I HAVE A COUPLE OF MEMBER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO BRAG ABOUT. SORRY IF I LEFT ANY MEMBERS OUT. I TRIED TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION WRITTEN DOWN AT THE LAST MEETING, BUT MY HANDS WERE NOT AS FAST AS MY EARS.

Amber entered gluten free brownies and cookies and got blue ribbons on both. She also entered the Dairy Judging and placed 4th in the Amateur division. Jamie lee won reserve grand with her steer and grand champion cow in beef breeding. Madison Lutz dairy heifer won: Best of Breed Jersey, Grand Champion Dairy Heifer, Overall Grand Champion Dairy Cattle, and with her steer: 2nd place in her lot 1st place in weight gain. Alexandra Kirkley - grand champion - Jr. geldings miniature horses - 1st place - Jr. geldings miniature horses - 1st place - black & white picture (mini build) - 3rd place - colored picture (mini build) - 3rd place - drawing (mini build) - plants - 8 - reds and 2 - white. Devon Kirkley - grand champion - Sr. geldings miniature horses - 1st place - Sr. geldings - 5th place - Jr. showmanship - 1st place - junior does (goats) - 3rd place - Jr. showmanship (goats) - 2nd - propagation plant (mini build) 2nd - propagation plant (mini build) Devon got a blue on his demonstration and made it to district level and Alex got a red on her demo!! plants - 9 - reds and 1 - white Delaney Martin Grand Champion Jr. Showmanship Miniature Horses Reserve Grand Champion for Halter Mare 4th Place Obstacles miniature Horses Grand Champion Jr. Showmanship Dairy Cow Grand Champion Jr. Dairy Judging Bailey Martin Grand Champion Sr. Showmanship Miniature Horses 1st Place Obstacles miniature Horses 2nd Place Sr. Dairy Judging Blue Ribbon Sr. Dairy Cow Showmanship Summer Ball placed 4th Blue in her weight class for her hog with a Blue in Showmanship and was in the top 6 when they brought back all of the Jr. Showmanship Blues for Grand and Reserve. Amber Edwards received two Blue Ribbons for her Gluten Free Cookies and Brownies in the Mini Building. Taran Graber; blue ribbon in Canning/Preserving Tomatoes, Tomato Juice Strawberry Jam Tayla Graber, 3rd place in Dairy Showmanship for her class Michael and David Dean received 3rd place for swine and red for showmanship. Taylor Eason Jr., 3RD YEAR Best of Show for Horticulture in Mini Building, blue ribbons and red ribbons in photography, baking, canning, jewelry making and plants for mini building. Two blue ribbons for demonstration, and will be going to districts. She also won Jr. Best of show for Display in plant sale. Nicolas Eason Jr. 1st year took home blue and red ribbons in the mini-building for baking, plants, crafts and photography. Blues and reds for plant show and sale. Aly Engwall, me, Jr. 2nd year, took home 2nd for Llama showmanship. Blues, reds and white in mini building for sewing, baking, crafts, and photography, Jr. best of show for plants and overall best of show for the plants in the show and sale. Two blue ribbons in Demonstration, and going to district's in May. Thanks to all for a great year! Aly Engwall

County Council by; Jared Padgett

County Council finished its last meeting of the year on Monday, April 20th 2009. At the meeting we discussed the upcoming community service project at the Salvation Army. (There will be an article in the June newsletter.) We also held the election for the new officers (09-10) they are:

President- Jared Padgett, Vice President- Kaila Hess, Secretary- Laura Knipper, Treasurer- Autumn VanRiper District Delegate- Sean Russell, Reporter- Brook Hamill, Sgt at Arms- Shelby Stasik, Chaplain- Morgan Holdsworth, Historian- Ronnie Hess, Parliamentarian- Tatum Britt.

The officers will be meeting this summer to plan for next year. Our next council meeting will be on August 17th 2009 @ 7:30pm. Have a great summer!

½ Pint Pullers; Theresa Barkasy

Firstly, we would like to congratulate everyone on our fabulous ½ Pint Pullers show at Laurel Valley Ranches. Currently we are in preparation for our last 4H show at Area E. The duration of our next meeting will be spent nominating officers for next year, as well as discussing the end of the year party.

Livestock Club by; Megan Stoll

On April 14th we had our last meeting. April 21st is the fair awards which will be held in the potter building. On May 17th is a banquet for our club we will also be handing out awards. We also did our elections. Our president is Seth Day. Our vice president is Justin Woods. Our secretary is Chaslee Isterling. Our treasurer is Aaron Stoll. Our county council delegate is Seth Day. Our historian is Megan Stoll. Our reporter is Kristen Potts. And our Chaplin is Jordan Leftwich.





News From Out There...

Homegrown Explorers by: Austin Saunders

Homegrown Explorers had a Marine Biology Workshop with Keith Wilson on April 3rd. The topic was invertebrates and we participated in a marine ecology contest. Everyone did very well.

At our last meeting of the year, we did a show and tell of what we each put in the County Fair Mini-building and the Hobby Show. We also started making plans for next year. We picked out the craft workshops for next year. Once again, we'll have a bake sale at Sunnyside Village. We'll also be selling crafts. We are all looking forward to upcoming events: our end of the year party, another Marine Biology class, and some of us will take our pets for a community service project with the Salvation Army.

Sara and I are working on our club scrapbook.

The Stanek and the Saunders families are trying to harvest moonsnails and lightning whelks by placing egg collars and egg cases recently found on the beach into their salt water tanks. Stay tuned for more info.

Homegrown Explorers by: Sara Martin

This year, at the fair, just about everyone in our club entered something in the Mini Building, even the Clover Buds! Nicholas Pellegrino received Best of Show with his quilted pillow, and Alena Barwick received Best of Show with her glass beads necklace. Sarah Hosford, Noah Hosford, Luke Hosford, Nicholas Pellegrino, Katie Stanek, and Michael Stanek all did plants. Shelby and Sara Martin both did Beef Breeding (with Tilly and Daisy), and raised swine. They also participated in the Dairy and Livestock Judging. Shelby also participated in Consumer Choices.

Thank you to all the buyers who bought our plants and swine!

4-H Blazers by: Brooke Freeman

Everyone did a great job at fair this year. We had some winners in our club, those winners were: DJ Lewis got Grand Champion Swine, Troy Burnett got Grand Reserve Champion Swine, we also had Jarrad Albritton got first place Senior Showmanship, Gage Albritton got first place Junior Showmanship. There was a lot of winners out there. I hope everyone had a funfilled year with all their projects. Can't wait to see what next year brings.

Ridin Rednecks by: Clay Linthicum

Ridin Rednecks have been plenty busy with the Fair and our year end activities. All members did a great job at the Fair and we are proud of their work ethics and showing their animals. It was fun to see all the county members and visit with them. We helped each other get jobs done and had a good time. The show and sale for Beef Breeding and Swine was extremely busy for our club. Many members were new to those projects and did a good job. We always look forward to our shifts in the Elephant Ear Booth and helping sell the tickets for the Foundation. Ridin' Rednecks was the 2nd highest club that sold swine tickets, good job Ridin' Rednecks!

All our members have done their demonstrations for this year and did a good job. We had some different demonstrations and good cooking ones too. We like sharing the food! Sydney helped us with some crafts and some members showed us some new ideas for crafts that went along with our projects. Easton did a great rabbit demonstration which was very interesting and Nicole Harkness did one on warts. Several of our Beef Breeding members dealt with warts on their heifers, so it was good to hear about them. Dalton, Miranda and Katie's cookies were great. Our April 16 meeting Sydney helped us devote time being able to speak and introduce someone. We learned several things about our members and what they like to do.

Plans are being made about our Banquet on May 16. We will have good food, fun and door prizes at the banquet and hope our invited guests will enjoy it. This is always a fun time and good time to thank everyone who has helped Ridin' Rednecks "make the best better".

Jared Padgett and Jarrod Chapman did a good job in County Events and Kayla Butler also came up with a blue ribbon. We are proud of them and wish them well at District Events.

May 6 we will have a special guest speaker and make final plans for the banquet. Many members are planning for summer camps, Congress and summer fun. Kayla Butler won a Foundation scholarship and we are happy for her as she makes plans for college. The officers have done a good job this year and we are proud of them.

Our last meeting will be May 7 and we need all members to come and make a wish list for the next year.



4-H News

**Open Gaits 4-H Club
is having a Car Wash
on Sunday, May 17**

**Time: 11AM-4PM
Wal-Mart in Osprey
Please support our 4-H club!**

District 9; 4-H Congress 2009!

NEW LOCATION: MANATEE COUNTY

Mark your calendars! District Nine 4-H Congress is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**. The event will be held at the Manatee County Extension Office located at the Manatee County Fair Grounds, 1303 17th Street West in Palmetto.

What is District Congress? District Congress is a fun, educational opportunity for Junior and Intermediate 4-Hers ages 8-13. 4-Hers participate in workshops and activities designed to develop leadership skills and learn about opportunities available in 4-H.

At District Congress 2009, will have a Florida 4-H 100th Birthday Party! This year's workshops will reflect on the 100th anniversary of Florida 4-H as we celebrate a, "Century of Youth Success!" Classes offered this year are: Leather Crafts, Orienteering, Team Games, Healthy Cooking, Community Service, Sewing, Hydroponics, and Decorated Wood Crafts. Participants will also take part in team building classes, activities to celebrate the Florida 4-H Centennial, and a Mock Legislative Session!

The fee is \$5.00. Please bring a bag lunch with you. We need your registration, with your \$5.00 fee by **May 1st, 2009**. Call the 4-H Office at 861-9810 if you have any questions.

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. 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 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 project or record book to receive a 4-H year pin.

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Recognition Forms—June 30th

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Recognition Forms are due June 30th by 5:00 PM. Forms are available online or at the 4-H Office. Any 4-H youth wishing to be considered for a county project medal must complete this form.

Attention 4-H Seniors...

Senior 4-H State Portfolios are due **May 22, by 5:00 PM**. Seniors must complete a portfolio if they wish to be considered for State 4-H Recognition, or a State 4-H Scholarship.

Applications can be found on the Florida 4-H State website or contact the 4-H Office 861-9810 for more information.



Make Your Plans NOW!

May 2009

- 2 District Events
- 7 Mother's Day Project Workshop
- 10 Happy Mother's Day!
- 11 Foundation Meeting
- 13 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 15 CIT & Counselor Applications Due
- 16 District Congress—Manatee County
- 22 STATE: Portfolios, Posters, & Photos Due
- 25 Memorial Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 29 Last Day of School

June 2009

- 7-13 CWF Citizenship Washington Focus
- 9 Counselor and CIT Training
- 10 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 21 Happy Father's Day
- 22-26 CAMP CLOVERLEAF!
Legislature
- 25-27 Hog & Ham
- 30 Record books due.



Happy Birthday... Mary Birkhold, Allison Bisel, Aaron Bontrager, Emily Bowman, Amanda Boyd, Danielle Brantley, Rebecca Brantley, Trevor Brown, Taylor Cain, Madison Chapman, Dakota Crawley, Laura DeGuezala, Josie Fleming, Mark Fuller, Anne Goldberg, Kylie Jankowski, Matthew Koss, Lane Lewellyn, Christina Lott, Greg Marchand, Gracie Moulton, Sarah O'Brien, Allannah O'Reilly, Kyranna Oberhoff, Danielle Parrish, Tanner Parrish, Madeline Pruett, Caran Reigelsperger, Rebecca Rinell, Michael Robbins, Amanda Robinson, Hallie Rogers, Bree Scarbrough, Hunter Shaffer, Samantha Shinn, Julie Shoults, Nicole Shoults, Robert Simon, Meagan Smith, Peter Turchon, Amber VanRiper, Anthony Wagler, Niki Wallace, and Reba Wolfe!

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