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# The Clover Times

## September 2009



### FROM THE AGENTS DESK- Keith Wilson

The 4-H Year is beginning with **new clubs** forming around Sarasota County. A new horse club is being organized in Sarasota and a science club is forming in Englewood. We welcome the new leaders and 4-Hers to our 4-H "family". Remember that all volunteers and leaders are always welcome to participate and share their thoughts at the monthly **volunteer meetings** held on the **third Monday (7:30pm)** of each month at the 4-H Office at Twin Lakes Park. Our traditional 4-H programs depend on the support and input of the 150+ volunteers who keep the 35 clubs (and counting) running.

4-H Office staff always enjoy learning about **community service** events organized by local 4-H clubs. If your club completes a community service project and has **photographs and event summaries** available to share with us, we can then highlight them in our newsletter and on the 4-H website. County commissioners and administrators are pleased to hear of positive impacts which 4-H has had on citizens living in our county.

During the summer a stingray was caught and donated to the 4-H marine science program for use in laboratory class. 4-H has organized many shark dissections for both clubs and schools, but **stingray dissections** are seldom performed by educators. Any club which wishes to schedule a stingray dissection for their club can contact **Mr. Wilson at 861-9818**. Classes available on a first come first serve basis. If you catch a stingray which could be donated to 4-H for this project we will drive to you to pick it up.

Stay safe and buckle those seat belts!

Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent



**National 4H Week**  
**October 4th-10th**



### Florida 4-H Centennial Marker Dedication

On Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> a dedication ceremony was held at UF, in Gainesville. At this dedication the University of Florida placed the sixth of a series of historical markers that bear permanent testimony to the significant historic events and achievements. The 6th historical marker is dedicated to the Florida 4-H Program. This series highlights the university's contribution to research, education, and service as well as its rich cultural traditions. The markers will remind us of past accomplishments and inspire future triumphs.

Attending this historical event; Organizational Leaders Don and Marlene Strickland, County Council President/ State Reporter Jared Padgett, and State President Sean Russell, Marcia Morris Sarasota County 4-H Agent, and Sheila Holland, 4-H Program Assistant. Congratulations Florida 4-H!



### Tuesday, October 6th 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 record book ribbons, year pins, project medals, and special awards. Also, pick up your graded record books at this event. Leaders will receive year pins, and we will announce the 2009 Sarasota County "Leader of the Year".

Don't miss this **BIG** event! Make your plans now to attend: **Tuesday, October 6th**, in the Potter Building, at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds. 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!

# 4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



## 7th ANNUAL 4-H and FFA Dance!



It's time for the 7th Annual County Wide Dance! Mark your calendars for a night of FUN, **Saturday November 21st**. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold in the 4-H Office, through county council members, and at the door. Friends of 4-H members are welcome too at the same price and adult chaperones are free!

There will be an awesome D.J., limbo contest and lots of line dancing! Pizza, snacks and drinks will be for sale! All proceeds will go to the Sarasota County 4-H Council.

If you have any questions please call Jared Padgett at 925-3175 or e-mail at [jpcountryboy@verizon.net](mailto:jpcountryboy@verizon.net)

## Livestock Judging Team

Are you ready for a challenge? All youth interested in joining the Sarasota County Livestock Judging Team should contact Mr. Don Strickland at 924-6159. Youth will participate in Livestock Judging Events, develop a better understanding of beef cattle, swine and sheep, while increasing decision-making, evaluation and communication skills.

## 4-H Opportunity Awareness Day 2009

Save the Date: **October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10AM - 12PM,**

**Twin Lakes Park**

4-H Opportunity Awareness Day is designed for youth, parents, and 4-H leaders who want to learn more about the 4-H Program. Come learn about 4-H camping throughout the state, as well as state and national level 4-H trips. Find out about Public Speaking, Judging Events, and how to get started raising and showing an animal. Find out how to win a trophy at the fair, a medal at awards night, or a free trip to 4-H Camp or Congress! These informative workshops will be taught by county council officers, 4-H members, leaders, and 4-H agents. For more info contact Jared Padgett at 925-3175 or [jpcountryboy@verizon.net](mailto:jpcountryboy@verizon.net)

**The 2009 Home School Expo** will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 12 PM at the George C. Mullen Activity Center located at 4956 City Center Blvd., North Port. They will have goody bags for first 100 families. Activities will be provided for children (ages 6 to 12).

## 2 Rabbits Need a Home

1 male Mini-Rex, broken color, and 1 female Lion-head. Both have shown at the fair, and are free to a good home. Their cage is included. Call Michele at 685-5942.

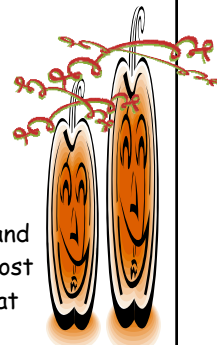


## 4-H Project Workshops are Back!

The 4-H Office will be offering a series of "project" workshops again this year. The purpose of these workshops is to let members explore the many project areas available in 4-H. Workshops are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month, 4:45 PM at Twin Lakes Park.

**Fish Printing Workshop:** Join us **September 3**, bring a prewashed t-shirt and we will supply everything you need to create and design a great seashore treasure! There is no charge for this workshop.

**Fence-Post Pumpkins!** On **October 1** have fun and welcome the holidays with these festive fence-post pumpkins. There is a \$1.00 charge and we ask that you call 861-9812 to signup by September 24<sup>th</sup>.



## 2009 4-H State Marine Ecology Event

The 2009 **State Marine Ecology Event (MEE)** will be held on Saturday, November 14 at the Osceola County Extension Office in Kissimmee, FL. MEE is a competitive event that provides 4-H youth with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the marine and aquatic worlds. The contest is divided into 5 sections. They are: 1. Marine and coastal plant identification. 2. Marine invertebrate animal identification. 3. Marine vertebrate animal identification. 4. Natural History Scavenger Hunt. 5. Knowledge of marine concepts and issues. The deadline to register is Friday, October 23, 2009! Contact the 4-H Office 861-9810, for information and registration.

The **Marine/Aquatic Photo Contest** is held in conjunction with the 4-H State Marine Ecology Event. All photographs must be received at the 4-H Office NO LATER than October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Photographs will be on display at the Marine Ecology Event.

## Have a "Blast" with 4-H

On October 7, 2009, millions of American youth will explore one of the most important issues facing our nation today -- biofuels. Be part of this opportunity to explore, discover - and have a blast - experimenting with alternative fuels with the "Biofuel Blast National Science Experiment"!

Renewable energy sources like biofuels are constantly making headlines in the news today. This experiment explores the production of the biofuel ethanol. It is typically made in the US by converting the starches from corn kernels into the sugars in corn syrup, and then adding yeast to break down the sugars, which releases carbon dioxide and ethanol as byproducts. The ethanol is blended with gasoline and then sold at some gas stations. There you might see a sign at the pump that says "E10," which means 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline. For more information visit the website [4-h.org](http://4-h.org)



# Fair Days Ahead!

## Sarasota County Fair, March 19–28, 2010

Visit: [www.sarasotafair.com](http://www.sarasotafair.com) to download the 2010 Fair Rule Book, or visit 4-H website at: [sarota.extension.ufl.edu](http://sarota.extension.ufl.edu) for a copy and 4-H record books.

### Attention Steer Exhibitors...

The first steer weigh-in will be held at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds on Saturday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00–9:00 AM.

#### Exhibitors must turn in at weigh-in:

**Steer Entry Form** (page 50, Sarasota County Fair Rulebook), **Bill of Sale** (page 46, Sarasota County Fair Rulebook), **this form must be completed with all required signatures**, if you received a bill of sale from the seller transfer the information to this form, and attach the original document.

#### Entry fee.

**All steers entered in the 2010 Sarasota County Fair must be bred and born and raised in FLORIDA.**

**New 4-H members** wishing to participate in a steer project must turn in their 2009-2010 4-H enrollment forms prior to the September weigh-in.

**Plant Entry Forms**—Plant show and sale entry **forms "A" only**, are due on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by 5PM at the **FAIR OFFICE**. You can turn your forms in earlier if you have completed them - they will not accept late entries! Form "B" (classes 41 & 42) are due February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Plant Screening**—A Plant Screening will be conducted by members of the Florida Nursery Growers Association, on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - Noon at the Fair (Potter Building Parking lot). Plants will be checked and identified, record books **MUST BE** up-to-date. All exhibitors must be present with their plants and record book—**attendance is mandatory**.



**Please note:** Each exhibitor is eligible to enter and sell in a maximum of **TWO LOTS** in any **ONE CLASS**, not to exceed a **TOTAL** number of six (6) lots, **FOR A FINAL TOTAL OF ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS OF PLANTS TO NOT EXCEED TEN (10) MAXIMUM**. THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FROM ANY LOTS AND SETS WITHIN...FROM PART A FORM + PART B FORM... **MUST NOT EXCEED MORE THAN TEN (10) INDIVIDUAL CONTAINERS OF PLANTS**.

**Attention All Plant Exhibitors:** The six (6) lot rule will be strictly enforced this year. The rule has been in effect for 6 years but not enforced. Our show has grown in the last few years, and this rule enforcement will help speed up our sale, and keep everyone on an even keel as far as the sale order. *Thanks in advance, B.C. Drymon*

## 2010 SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR ENTRY DATES

**STEER:** Saturday, September 12, 2009, 7am-9am

**PLANTS:** (except Class 41 & 42) Friday, October 9, 2009 by 5:00pm (Forms) Fair Office

**PLANT SCREENING:** Saturday, November 7, 2009 9am-12noon—Fairgrounds

**SWINE:** Saturday, December 5, 2009 7am- 10am  
Sarasota County Fairgrounds

**BEEF BREEDING & DAIRY CATTLE** Saturday, December 12, 2009 8am-10am—Fairgrounds

**Please Note: all Goats will be checked-in on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**DAIRY GOATS & PYGMY GOATS:** Saturday, December 12, 2009 8am-10am—Fairgrounds

## 4-H Rabbit EXPO and SHOW

Get the 411 on the 4-H rabbit project! Manatee County is hosting a 4-H Rabbit Expo on Sunday, September 27, 2:00-5:00 PM, and a Rabbit Show on Saturday, November 14, 10:AM, Cook Arena, at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. Bring your rabbit and learn how to groom, handle and care for your rabbit project.

Special Presentations:

2:30 p.m. - Breed Identification/Skill-a-thon,

3:15 p.m. - Grooming, Handling, Health & Disease,

4:00 p.m. - Showmanship

Also, receive information on: Breed Selection & Standards, Educational Resources Available, Tattooing & Nail Clipping, Equipment & Supplies, Project Pictures, Record Keeping  
Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for pre-registration forms (no later than Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## Attention: Dairy Youth Exhibitors

The UF Dairy Science Club would like to invite all 4-H members with a dairy project to their Fall Fitting and Showmanship Clinic. It will be held on Saturday, September 26, at the Sumter County Fairgrounds.

Youth of all ages and experience are welcome to come learn how to improve their fitting and showmanship techniques for free. This will be a "hands on" experience. Registration forms are due by September 15. Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for details.

## Dairy Project Scholarships...

The Sarasota Ranchers Youth Foundation is offering 4-H / FFA Dairy Youth scholarships. Email Warren Rogers at [rogers08121@verizon.net](mailto:rogers08121@verizon.net) for information. Request are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Projects From the Heart



### Calling all 4Hers:

#### International Coastal Cleanup!

You can help our environment! The 2009 International Coastal Cleanup will take place on Saturday September 19th. This is the world's largest one-day volunteer effort that supports our marine environment.



### Youth Volunteers Needed

For those 4-Hers who enjoy being around dogs, there is a local need for youth volunteers to help out with the Racing Dog Rescue Project (RDRP).

Greyhound dogs are in need of some TLC from dedicated 4-Hers during the daytime hours. The animals are housed in Old Miakka City off Singletary Road. This is a wonderful community service opportunity for youth to participate in. If you have an interest, simply call Lynda Martinez at 313-0157 to learn more about the program. Thanks, Keith



### It's a Green Thing!

All Sarasota 4-H members interested in helping with community service projects designed to protect the environment are welcome to attend any or all of the opportunities listed in this section of The Clover Times. Environmental educational opportunities will also be listed here. Any 4-H member, of any club in Sarasota County, may take part in these events. To take part in a particular activity, please RSVP by the date listed for each monthly event by calling Sean Russell or Margaret Clark at 371-8340. You may also e-mail your RSVP to [MargaretCr@verizon.net](mailto:MargaretCr@verizon.net).

This month's Green Activity is a Coastal Cleanup at Turtle Beach on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am till around 10:00am. After the cleanup those 4-H members wishing to learn about some of Florida's marine plants and wildlife, will be taken on an ecological hike/tour. Information gained on this tour would also be very helpful for any 4-H member wishing to be a part of a State Marine Ecology Judging Team this year. This year's contest will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Osceola County Extension office in Kissimmee, FL. Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams of four can participate in this exciting event. If you are interested in being on one of this year's teams, please contact Margaret Clark at the e-mail listed above.

Please note: the RSVP date for the cleanup on September 19<sup>th</sup> is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Those participating in this community service opportunity or any other community service activity this year will receive a certificate noting their hours of service as well as the type of activity. These certificates can be used by students as a record of community service work needed to attend many colleges upon graduation from High school.

*Submitted by Sean Russell*

### 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 and encourage them to improve the quality of their environment, to plan and work as a team, and put that plan into action! Youth will: 1. learn about and understand their community and the impact it has on their lives. 2. know how to relate, individually and through group cooperation, in order to work effectively in community activities, programs, organizations. 3. develop skills and knowledge in community leadership. 4. gain experience in carrying out community projects to improve their environment. 5. develop an interest in and love for their community.

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

Second: Plan out your project (what will it take; materials, supplies, and how much will it cost), complete and submit a "Community Pride Proposal" to the 4-H Office by **October 1, 2009**. Specific leader's step-by-step guidelines can be found in "Florida 4-H Community Pride Leaders Guide" 4-H 363. Your proposal will be forwarded to the State 4-H Office for review, and your club will be notified if it is chosen to receive a "Community Pride Grant".

Third: After completion of your project submit a "Community Pride Report" by June 1 for State judging.

The top five projects are recognized at State 4-H Congress during a Community Pride Luncheon. Contact the 4-H Office 861-9810 for more information.

### "Stow It, Don't Throw It"

Sean Russell is featured on Nickelodeon's Big Green Help! He created "Stow It-Don't Throw It," an outreach project designed to protect Florida's marine wildlife. With the help of 4-H, the program aims to eliminate dangerous and improperly disposed-of synthetic fishing line by providing local fishermen with mini recycling bins for their extra fishing line! Visit: <http://www.nick.com/minisites/biggreen/powerdown/profiles.jhtml>





## You Need to Know...

### Horse Project Youth

If you are interested in showing your horse as a 4-H horse project this year and you plan to 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, 2010)
2. Attend the horse safety clinic; with the horse you intend to show. If you have already attended a safety clinic (with the same horse you intend to show again this year) you are not required to attend another safety clinic.
3. Participate in either the Sarasota County Pleasure Show or Speed Horse Show.
4. Complete a Horse Project record book. Your record book must be up-to-date and checked at the County Show and **completed and turned in with your Area E registration forms.**

Questions? Call Sheila at the 4-H Office 861-9810.

### Horse Safety Clinic

Would you like to learn more about the 4-H horse project? Join us Sunday, November 8th, 11:00 AM at Paragon Farms. Learn new ideas and review basic safety skills—inside and outside the show ring. This is your opportunity to ask questions about record books, bits, rules, or upcoming events.

Remember, this is a mandatory safety clinic for any Sarasota County 4-Her that has not attended a safety clinic with the horse they intend to show this year and wishes to participate in the 4-H Sarasota County Horse Show, and advance to the Area E Horse Show in Tampa.

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.

## Foundation News...



### Grab Your Sneakers! It's Time For A Walk In The Park

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding their annual **4-H Walk-A-Thon** on Saturday, **NOVEMBER 14th** in the **Myakka State Park**. This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and families to show their support and commitment to our 4-H youth in Sarasota County. The goal is for **every 4-Her** to collect a minimum of \$20.00. But don't stop there, great prizes will be awarded to the Top 4-H Juniors, Intermediates, and Senior money collectors! Would you, your club, or company like to be a sponsor of the 2009 Walk-A-Thon and have your name on the official Walk-A-Thon T-shirt? Contact Christina Schook at 915-2366.

As our 4-H program grows so do our needs. Donations received from the Walk-A-Thon provide scholarships for youth attending Summer Camps, Congress, District Events, Washington Focus, Legislature, Horse Camp, Horticulture Activities, Livestock Judging, Marine Science, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support and much, much more.

**Let's all work together to make this years 4-H Walk-A-Thon the best ever!**



### The Cowboy Hoe-Down Is Coming

Mark your calendars for a night of fun. The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring the Fifth Annual Cowboy Hoe-Down and Silent Auction again this year. The date is set for **Saturday,**

**September 19th** at Robarts Arena, doors open at 7:00 PM.

If any clubs would like to create a "theme basket" and donate it, from your club contact **Leeann Albritton** at **650-9016**. Also, donations for the silent auction are needed. Thanks for your help!

### Learn by Doing, by Chris Schook

Would you be interested in raising the 4-H Foundation Swine for the 2010 Sarasota County Fair? This is a great way to learn more about the swine project. You can raise the animal at your home or a facility will be provided, and you will receive a portion of the profits. Contact the 4-H office if you are interested in this project. The application to raise and show the Foundation Swine is due by September 18th.

**Did You Know...** In 2008-2009 Sarasota County 4-Hers' were everywhere, and our Sarasota County 4-H Foundation was a big part of that! This year youth attended Camps, Congress, Legislature, CWF, SRTLCL, LAW, and much more... and our Sarasota County 4-H Foundation gave \$16,000.00 in support of these activities. The 4-H Program also received \$950 in project support, \$2,300 for awards and recognition, \$2500 for youth and volunteer training, and \$650 for school enrichment projects! We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of supporters! Thanks Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Members for ALL you do.



## News From Out There...



### **Ridin' Rednecks; by Clay Linthicum**

Our Beach Outing was attended by about 25 people. The Jetty's park and beach was a great location for us to swim, fish, walk on the beach, visit, and chat, and have great space for a meal. Thanks to Mrs. Woods for securing the tables and to Mr. Harkness for cooking the hot dogs. We had great fruits and vegetables, along with some tasty pastries and drinks.

Our annual round up allowed us to greet our members and parents for the coming year. Some of our members have steers already and that would be Kyle Powers, Ashley Maus and Katie Harkness. We are going to have several showing Beef Breeding, Swine, crafts, and rabbits. We are going to have some new members in our club. Our first meeting will be September 3rd at Lakeview and we will have election of officers.

Good luck with School, I will see everyone at our next meeting. Your reporter, Clay Linthicum

### **Animal Crackers: by Chloe Morrison**

First of all, we would like to welcome our new members, Kayla and Kyle Gebert, Christopher and Michael Fisher and Peyton Barfield! We had our first club meeting of the new year on August 19th. We ate brownies and voted on our Club Officers. This year our officers are: Caitlin Morrison, President. Alex Timmons is V.P. and Secretary. Kyle Morrison is Treasurer and County Counsel Delegate. Historian is Kayla Gebert and Reporter is Chloe Morrison. We also talked about our club t-shirts and we are excited about getting new ones this year. Our club will also be participating in the fish printing workshop on September 3rd at the 4-H office. This month we had a lot of fun with our old friends and meeting new ones! We're looking forward to a great year!

### **Half Pint Pullers; by Helen Milano**

Welcome Back! My name is Helen Milano. I'm this year's reporter/secretary for Half Pint Pullers. We are going to have a terrific year, and I'm looking forward to keeping you posted on our activities. It's time now to get the horses and carts ready to roll. Our first meeting is August 23 at Fallen Pine Farm at 1:00.

### **Calling all Past Cloggers and Future Cloggers!**

The Clogging Clovers have a new instructor/leader. Misty Cole comes to the group with 24 yrs experience. Misty is currently a member of the Sunshine Express Cloggers from Bradenton and a past member of the Clogging Clovers for 6 years. She has taught many kids and adults in easy, intermediate and high intermediate clogging. Come check us out every other Monday from 6:00-9:00PM at Colonial Oaks Park starting September 14<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please email Misty at [msmalmom@aol.com](mailto:msmalmom@aol.com). Hope to see ya there! Beginners 6-6:45p (no clogging or minimal experience) Easy Intermediate 7- 7:45p (some clogging experience) Intermediate/High Intermediate 7:45-8:45 (experienced cloggers)

### **Florida 4-H Legislature - Learning by Doing By: Sean Russell**

A dictionary may define "Legislature" as a governmental body with the power to make, amend and repeal laws. But, when it comes to Florida 4-H, Legislature is a week-long event where senior 4-H members, from across the state, convene in the halls and chambers of our state Capitol for an incredible, "Learning by Doing" government education program. Participants in Florida 4-H Legislature become Lobbyists, Reporters, Representatives, and Senators for the week as they debate on, lobby for, and pass or fail bills that are written by Florida 4-H members. Instead of just teaching 4-H members about government, this unique event immerses participants in every aspect of the government process.

At this year's Legislature event, approximately 180 4-H members took part in the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Florida 4-H Legislature. On day one participants became absorbed in their roles as government officials and helped continue to make this realistic government experience a memorable one for those involved.

As a participant in the 4-H Legislature program for the past four years, I am constantly amazed at the new skills and knowledge I gain as I continue to take part in this great opportunity. I first came to the Legislature event in 2006, where I took on the roll of a lobbyist and began to increase my knowledge of the Legislative process. I soon learned that what makes Legislature unique is that it taught me things about government that I couldn't learn from a book or from watching the news. Legislature allowed me to research issues, bills, and current laws and it allowed me to stand before my peers and better my public speaking skills as I spoke out on various issues throughout the week. Over the years, I continued to become more involved in the Legislature Program. For the past three years I have served on the planning committee for the event, and continued to increase my knowledge about issues relevant to our state as I wrote some of the bills used for the event.

The Florida 4-H Legislature program has allowed me to better my leadership, citizenship, public speaking, and teamwork skills. It has allowed me to better my knowledge of government and parliamentary procedure, and has inspired me to take an active role in our state government. This year, I was able to build on the knowledge I gained from past years in this program, as I served as the Speaker of the House for this year's Legislature event. Florida 4-H Legislature, a program of national distinction, is truly training the leaders of tomorrow, and it has been my privilege to be part of this program. It has taught me skills I will use for a lifetime.

**County Council Report, By Brooke Hamill** Welcome Back 4-Hers! We have another great year planned. We had a big turnout at our meeting. We played a get to know you game to learn more about each other. Many 4-Hers had a great time this summer at Camp Cloverleaf, Leg., Congress and Horse Shows! There are a lot of activities, community services and County Fair deadlines already coming up. So please watch for them in the newsletters. We encourage that at least one delegate from each club to attend the County Council Meetings. By coming to these meetings you will keep your club informed on all the upcoming events. Our next County Council Meeting will be on Sept. 21st, 7:30pm - 8:30pm at Twin Lakes Park.



## What's Happening Around the State?

### Southern Region Teen Conference:

October 8-11, 2009

#### Executive Board:

1<sup>st</sup> - September 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 4-H Camp Cherry Lake

2<sup>nd</sup> - December 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 4-H Camp Ocala

3<sup>rd</sup> - March 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 @ 4-H Camp Cherry Lake

#### Leadership Adventure Weekend:

January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ Camp Ocala

#### Intermediate Leadership Adventure Weekend

February 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ Camp Ocala

#### 4-H Day at the Capital:

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 @ Tallahassee

**Legislature:** June 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ Tallahassee

**Congress:** July 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ University of Florida Gainesville

### Florida State Fair, February 4-15, 2010

The Florida State Fair is offering an educational seminar for all youth interested in participating in livestock competitions at the 2010 Florida State Fair on Saturday, September 19th. Seminars are designed to help exhibitors prepare for their State Fair animal project and skilathon topics. This is open to all youth planning to show animals in beef, dairy, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit, poultry, dog, and llama competitions.

Starting at 8 AM, there will be a seminar geared for new, first-time exhibitors. At 10 AM begins the Specie Specific Seminars for returning exhibitors. This is the only session offered this year to prepare agriculture exhibitors for the 2010 Fair.

Show rules and entry forms: [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com)

## Make Your Plans NOW!



### September 2009

- 1 4-H Year begins
- 3 Project Workshop
- 7 Labor Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 11-13 1st Executive Board
- 12 Steer Weigh-in
- 18 Application 4-H Foundation Swine
- 19 4-H Foundation Cowboy Hoe Down!
- 21 County Council & Leader Meeting



### October 2009

- 1 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline / 4-H Project Workshop
- Club Community Pride Projects due
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 6 4-H Awards Banquet **Re-Enrollments are due**
- 9 Plant **Forms** Due **October 1st**
- 12 Foundation Meeting
- 14 Horse Committee Meeting
- 17 4-H Opportunity Awareness Day
- 19 Leader and Council Meeting

**Make Your Plans NOW!**

**The Sarasota County**

**4-H Foundation is working 4U!**

**September 19: Cowboy Hoedown**

**November 14: Walk A Thon**

**February 6: Sporting Clay Event**

### Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a September Birthday!

Camille Armington, Torrie Bachman, Theresa Barkasy, Bob Beaugrand, Etienne Beaugrand, George Birkhold, Christopher Bixler, Jillian Bland, Codi Briggs, Kayla Butler, Colton Castro, Rachael Cramer, Autumn Duyn, Alisha Ferry, Ashley Flagg, Jacob Franks, Eric Gillen, Shelby Gladhill, Brittany Hall, Luke Hosford, Faith Houseworth, Kayla Knipper, Maggie LaFrance, Anna Lee, Heather Macumber, Lauren Magee, Christine Magill, Austin Marsh, Kelsee Martin, Shelby Martin, Blaine McVey, Matthew Miller, April Monelal, Kyle Morrison, Casey Presler, Tiffany Reynolds, Treasure Rutherford, Jared Schultz, Madeline Smith, Michael Stanek, Brittany Vosburg, Christine Weber, Peter Werner, Justin Woods, and Jennifer Zappula!



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