



**4-H CLUBS:**

4 Paws  
Aquatic All-stars  
Blazers  
Canine Connections  
Clogging Clovers  
East County Steer & Swine  
Eastside Rabbits  
Florida Crackers  
Foxmill Kids & Colts  
Fruitville Exceptional Equine  
The Green Team  
Home Grown Explorers  
Horse N Around  
Indian Creek 4-H Club  
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Kelly Community Clovers  
Laurel Nokomis 4-Hers  
Little Rascals  
Livestock Club  
Miakka Allstock  
Mini Hooves of Sarasota  
Muddy Boats  
Myakka Ranchers  
New Gate  
Open Gaits  
Positive Teens  
Ridin' Rednecks  
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Science Lab  
Silver Spurs  
Southern Spurs  
Successful Oak Park Kids  
The Club



**The Clover Times**  
**November 2005**



**From the Agents Desk; by Marcia Morris**

November is the traditional time to take stock of all that we have to be thankful for. Before the busy holiday season is in full swing, let's all take a few minutes to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, beginning with Veterans Day. Remembering all those who have served our country in the armed forces and all those who are serving our country right now as you read these words. As thanksgiving approaches don't forget an "Attitude of Gratitude " to all those folks who help you along life's way. We in the 4H department are thankful for all of the leaders, members, parents, and friends of 4H who help us provide the 4H program. To all of you we say Thank You !

This month is busy with upcoming activities, starting with the 4H Walk A Thon. Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to participate by getting sponsors and walking in the park. Your efforts will help provide many opportunities throughout the year for 4H members.

Plant Show and Sale Screening is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, and the 4H Dance is Saturday Nov.19<sup>th</sup> !  
Hats Off to the County Council Officers for a very successful Opportunity and Awareness day on Oct.1st Nearly 50 youth and leaders attended the program. Junior Congress has been postponed due to the storm and will be rescheduled, after December. Watch the newsletter for details and new dates.

The 4H staff wishes a HAPPY THANKSGIVING to each of you !.

Marcia Morris, 4-H Extension Agent II

**How do you like your 4-H News?** In an effort to cut costs (and save a tree) we have been asked (again) to deliver our 4-H newsletter via email. In order to do this we need everyone's participation! Please email sholland@scgov.net your email address and comments. If you don't have access to email, or if you don't like this idea we really need to know. Last time we surveyed our 750 families receiving the newsletter, we had only 5 families reply. So please email, call, or write us and let us know. If enough members request we continue to mail our 4-H newsletter we can bring this information to our administrators and show the need. Thanks for your response!

**Projects From The Heart—November 19 YARD SALE**

Help Us Help Others! Come to our 4-H Yard Sale on November 19th at the Pavilion, located at Twin Lakes Parks between 8AM and 3PM. All the money received will benefit the Hurricane victims. Donations are needed and can be brought the day of the event (please have items tagged and priced clearly). Sarasota Swine, Tracy Bisel, is chairing event; you can contact Tracy at 371-8997. Early donations will be accepted by contacting Keith Wilson 861-9818.

*I pledge,  
My Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
And  
My Health to better living,  
For my club, my community,  
My country and my world.*

## You Need To Know ...



### December 7th Sewing Project Workshop



Learn to sew as we create a larger-than-large "Christmas Stocking" door decoration. We will be using our sewing machines to construct these beautiful decorations for you to enjoy all season! Sorry, due to the limited number of sewing machines, we will have to limit the class to the first 20 youth that register. The cost is \$3.00 and the class will be held at 4:45 PM; 12/7/05 Twin Lakes Park. Please register with the 4-H Office by calling 861-9812.

### Check this OUT!!! Pottery Classes...

Two Pottery classes are scheduled for November 19th and December 17th at Twin Lakes Park. Pam Wyka will be our instructor and students will have the opportunity learn to create hand built pottery using a slab roller. Class space is limited to 5 youth per class, and there will be a morning 10AM—12noon and an afternoon 1PM—3PM sessions on each day. The cost will be \$5.00 and this will cover the cost of clay, firing and glazing. Please call the 4-H Office to sign-up 861-9812.

### Calling All Cat Lovers...

The Fiesta Cat Club is looking for 4-Her's to help at an upcoming Cat Show. The show will be at the Exhibition Hall on the N. Trail, January 21-22, from 9AM until 5PM and they need dependable youth to help at the event. Lunch will be provided and youth will also receive a small cash award. Call Gloria Middleton at 371-7788.

### Attention Historians and Scrap Book Lovers...

The 4-H Office has "4-H scrap book paper" and "stickers" available. The paper comes in three designs and each sheet is .50. A sheet of stickers is 1.00 and the 4-H pledge is also 1.00. Drop by the 4-H Office and check them out, it's a great way to enhance all your 4-H project books!



## Fair Days Ahead...

### Attention ALL Plant Show & Sale Exhibitors

A Plant Screening will be conducted by members of the Florida Nursery Growers Association, on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - Noon at the Fair (Potter Building Parking lot). Plants will be checked, and record books MUST BE up-to-date.

**Attendance is mandatory** - all exhibitors must be present with their plants and record book.

**Please review the "Plant Show and Sale Rules" page 37-39 in your 2006 Sarasota County Fair Rulebook for details.**

### Attention Dairy and Pygmy Goat Exhibitors

The official entry date for Dairy and Pygmy goats is Saturday December 10 between 8 AM—10AM at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds.

ALL goat entries must be certified by the Scrapies Program and be individually, permanently, and legibly identified by a Scrapies-Program approved ear-tag, tattoo, or micro chip. Refer to the Sarasota County Fair rulebook pages 23 and 24.

### Attention Swine Exhibitors

The Sarasota County Fair Swine Check-in will be on Saturday, December 3rd, 7:00 to 10:00 AM at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Please review the "**Swine Rules**" pages 21-22 in your 2005-2006 Fair Rules Book. Hogs will be ear tagged and inspected. There is no minimum or maximum entry weight. If an exhibitor wants their hog weighed, the exhibitor may opt to unload their hog and have it weighed at check in, but it is not required by the Fair Rules. It is suggested that hogs weigh between 65 and 80 pounds at the first weigh-in.

**And please;** don't forget to bring your up-to-date "Swine Record" book to the first weigh-in, it will be signed by the 4-H Agent attending. This is new this year!

### Attention Dairy Cattle and Beef Breeding Exhibitors...

The first entry date for Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle is Saturday, December 10th at the Sarasota County Fair grounds between 8:00 AM and 10:00AM. All animals will be vaccinated with CattleMaster 4+ L5 and Clostrin 7, Ecoli at this time.

A **second mandatory** vaccine will be administered on Saturday, January 7th between 8:00AM and 10:00AM. Dairy Cattle shown at the Sarasota County Fair last year, will need only one vaccine. Please refer to your Sarasota County Fair Rules Book for all the details!

**Fair Days are here!** Make sure you know **where, when and what** to bring to all the weigh-ins and check-ins. Now is the time to ask questions, and remember to say **thank you**—the folks helping you are volunteers and are there for you!



## Up Coming Attractions...

### Get Ready... Get Set...WALK!

Lace up your sneakers and join us NOVEMBER 5th, You can make a difference!

Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding the annual **4-H Walk-A-Thon** on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> in Myakka State Park. This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and families to show their support for our 4-H Program. As our program grows so do our needs, with the donations received the foundation can provide scholarships for youth attending Summer Camp, Congress, Legislature, Horse Programs, Horticulture, Livestock Judging, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support, Leader Training and much, much more. Please review Walk-A-Thon Rules below:

#### **WALK-A-THON RULES \*\*REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM - WALK AT 9:00 AM\*\***

\*All participants must have collected a minimum of \$20 in donations to walk (adults & 4-H members).

This covers a shirt and lunch.

\*All entry fees must be turned in the morning of the walk in order to participate.

\*Siblings under eight years old are exempt from \$20 entry fee when walking with a paid adult.

\*Siblings will get lunch and transportation (no shirt).

\*All participants will be given an armband in order to receive lunch and transportation inside park.

\*The top 10 walkers in each category (for money only) Junior and Senior will receive prizes.

\*The top 3 in the Adult category will receive prizes.

\*Prizes will be given out the day of the walk at 1:00 PM at the lunch pavilion.

\*Money that is donated for advertisement on shirts must be for shirts only.

\*Money that is for sponsorship of child goes for child only.

\*Money cannot be used for both shirt advertisement and child.

\*Participants must be picked up PROMPTLY BY 1:30 PM in the SUPERVISED PICK-UP area only.

ALL YOUTH UNDER AGE 15 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT CHECK IN.

## Just For Leaders...



### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

A weekend 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer training has been scheduled at 4-H Camp Ocala - November 18 -20, 2005 for teens, Leaders, and training is \$75, and insurance, and sup-



have the choice of the weekend training in one of the following disciplines: Archery, Hunting, Rifle, or Shotgun. The Deadline to register is November 3rd. Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for more information and registration.

### A Great Club Activity Idea...

Wild Bird Rescue, TLC for Wild Life would love to come to your club and talk about birds of prey, wildlife rescues and rehabilitation. They also have several birds to bring to your meeting. For more information contact Cindy Dorman at 341-0438.



**Club Audits:** The 4-H Office has not received many of your 2004-05 club audits. These audits are mandatory and are required as stated under the guidelines:

**"4H Clubs Policies & Procedures for Sarasota County"**  
#29 Club Secretary and Treasurer Books are to be kept up-to-date and submitted to the 4-H office each spring when all record books are due or as requested. They also must be submitted at the end of each 4-H year for an **annual audit**, along with the **4-H Club Annual Financial Audit Report Form**. Your signatures are required on these forms and in the Treasures record book to ensure all the information is correct. Please send in audits ASAP, Thanks!

**Tram-Ride and Educational Tour** Rosemarie, of the Mixon Fruit Farm in Bradenton, will be offering tram-rides and educational tours of their citrus farm during the month of November. The cost is \$4.00 and includes lunch, any interested club may contact her at 748-5829 X 256 or email: roses@mixon.com

# Health Matters...



## Wash your hands!

Hand washing is the number one thing, that is the most powerful thing, we can do to keep from getting the flu. Washing your hands not only when you blow your nose or cough, but when you touch anything lots of other people touch: Doorknobs, gas pumps, shopping carts, anything.

When you are out and about, do you know how to wash your hands thoroughly? Most people don't. Here's how:

Get a paper towel and hold it under your arm.

Wet your hands with warm water.

Apply soap.

Rub your hands and fingers for as long as it takes to sing the alphabet song (to yourself).

Rinse thoroughly.

Take the paper towel from under your arm and use it to shut off the water.

Get another paper towel and dry your hands. Don't throw the towel away yet - use it to open the door as you leave the bathroom.

**Try this...** You want to get fit NOW, but changes take time. You may want to keep a "**food and activity journal**". Keep track of what you eat, when you exercise, and how you feel. Seeing your progress in writing can help you stick to your plan.

## Be soda smart - save your smile



Diet sodas may help you cut calories, but they are not doing your teeth any favors. Flavor-enhancing acids in all types of soft drinks, including low-cal varieties, can actually be worse than sugar for the enamel that protects your teeth from decay. If you can't give up your Big Gulp, drink your soda with a meal, use a straw and rinse your mouth with water afterwards.



## S-t-r-e-t-c-h

Although most kids are pretty flexible, they should still stretch before and after activities or sports to prevent injury. The best time to stretch is the warm-up and cool-down. Be sure kids should gradually slowed down at the end of their activity, and stretch every major muscle group -- in particular, those they used most for the exercise. They should hold each stretch for 15 to 20 seconds.

## Health Checklist for your College Student

If you are the parent of a college-bound student, you'll want to take inventory of your child's college health needs. Here's a check list to help plan:

- **Schedule a pre-entry health exam.** Many colleges require them, and it's a good opportunity for a general physical exam.
- **Review immunizations.** Discuss this with your doctor.
- **Check health insurance coverage.** If your child will continue on your insurance, is he or she familiar with your plan and procedures?
- **Make sure your child has his or her medical records, prescriptions, and insurance card.**
- **Have your child check into where to go for medical care.** Where is the student health center located? Does the college recommend a specific hospital?
- **Pack self-care supplies,** including pain and cold medications, antibiotic ointment, a thermometer and cold pack, and first aid kit.

## Snacks to go

On your way out the door to school? Grab one of these **healthy snacks to go!**

- Ready-to-eat fresh fruit (apples, peaches, bananas, grapes)
- Baby carrots and cherry tomatoes in a plastic bag
- Single-serve fruit or applesauce cups (no sugar added)
- Individual packets of raisins or other dried fruits
- Individual cans or boxes of 100 percent fruit juice (no sugar added)
- Individual packets of whole grain crackers
- Individual cartons of low-fat milk or soy milk
- Low-fat yogurt cups
- Low-fat cottage cheese cups
- Low-fat cheese sticks
- A handful of nuts in a plastic bag
- Individual bag of homemade trail mix (high fiber cereal, dried fruit and nuts)

**Green e-Tip** Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave. Frozen items will also help cool the refrigerator as they defrost, cutting down on the energy the refrigerator uses. Send feedback and suggestions to [smartertips@scgov.net](mailto:smartertips@scgov.net). — Sustainable Sarasota

Keep a bowl of fresh fruit on the kitchen counter so that you can grab a piece and go. If you prefer melon or other fruit, prepare them ahead of time and keep in snack-sized bags in the refrigerator.



## Your News And Stories...

### The Pilgrims: by Sean Russell

I imagine you're on a ship, with the waves tossing and turning your boat, rain falls down in torrents, and lightning flashes all around. You are headed for a strange land, filled with unknown dangers. This was the scene for the Pilgrims as they headed for America in 1620 to escape religious persecution.

The Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth Harbor in November 1620; facing the cold, bitter weather of a New England winter. Before getting on their ship, *The Mayflower*, the Pilgrims drew up a list of laws called the Mayflower Compact and elected a governor of the colony.

During their first winter in America; the Pilgrims faced many difficulties. The cold weather and low food rations made diseases spread like wildfire among the colonist. By the end of the winter, almost half of the original colonist lay in an unmarked grave. This was done so that the Indians wouldn't know how few colonists were left.

Finally spring came and the sick colonists began to improve. During the springtime the colonists made new friends with two English speaking Indians, Samoset and Squanto and their ruler, Chief Massasoit. These Indians, Squanto in particular, taught the English settlers many new things including how to catch eels, where to dig for clams, how to build snares for hunting, and how to plant corn. These new skills would be very useful in years to come.

As the year came to a close the Pilgrims decided to have a day of thanksgiving, to thank God for all that they had. They cooked puddings, roasted wild turkeys, and invited Chief Massasoit to their day of feasting. When the Indian Chief arrived he brought with him 90 warriors. The colonists did not have the food to feed all these people so Massasoit sent his braves into the wood and captured five deer to add to the feast. For the next three days the Indians and the Pilgrims celebrated together. The friendship between these two groups of people would last for many years to come.

### THANK-YOU BC DRYMON!!!!

On October 15th, Mr. Drymon sponsored the Plant Show and Sale Clinic at Drymon's Citrus Nursery. It was a great opportunity for 4-H members to learn more about proper plant care and receive tips from Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA) members B.C. Drymon and Mike Williams from Albritton's Nursery. Soil, fertilizer, and pots were supplied by Mr. Drymon so everyone that attended could repot their fair plants into larger containers. Overall, it was a great experience for first-time and repeating fair entrants alike. Many different skills were taught, including fertilizer choices, how to deal with different diseases and weather, light requirements, and pruning techniques to develop the root system and a fuller plant.

For those that attended this clinic, it may be the difference between blue ribbon and "Best of Show" plants at the upcoming show and auction at the 2006 Sarasota County Fair.

For those of you who missed the opportunity to receive personal expert advice on your plants, if this great opportunity arises again, make sure to attend the clinic next year. You won't want to miss it!

### Mark Your Horse Calendar

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Safety Clinic
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Judging School
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Practice Show
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Speed Show
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	County Pleasure Show
February 2-5 <sup>th</sup>	American Youth Horse Council
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	State Fair Horse Judging Contest
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	State Horse Judging Contest
April 29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Area E
July 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	State 4-H Horse Show

Southern Regional 4-H Championships will be held in North Carolina

### Stall Talk...



#### Barn Safety

Barn fires tend to break out in winter when doors are shut and heating units are used. Many livestock barns are built of flammable materials. Safety measures should be made to prevent fires. Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, and enforce a no smoking policy. Electrical wiring in barns and stables should meet safety standards and checked by qualified electricians. Our animals depend on us.

#### 2nd Horse Safety Clinic

Would you like to learn more about the horse project? **Join us December 3, 11:AM - 2:PM** at Paragon Farms. Learn new ideas and review basic safety skills, get great tips on grooming and clipping. This is your opportunity to ask questions about record books, bits, rules, or upcoming events. Remember that one safety clinic is mandatory for any Sarasota County 4Her that wishes to participate in the Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show. Please bring your health form, coggins, helmet, record book, and your horse of course!

RSVP Nimie Gill 322-2006 or the 4-H Office 861-9810.



## Look What We Did...

### Awards and Recognition Night was spectacular!

#### "FACES OF 4-H"

Over 270 youth, leaders, parents and friends attend the 2005 Awards and Recognition Night. Commissioner David Mills read the 4-H Proclamation in honor of National 4H Week. He also recognized our Sarasota County 4-H youth for their community service projects and their active roles throughout our neighborhoods. Did you know Commissioner Mills was a 4-Her? **Congratulations to all members, parents, and leaders, for an outstanding 4-H year.**

### Congratulation to Marcia Frederick, our 2005 Leader of the Year.

Marcia Frederick has been the organizational leader of the Booker Clever Clovers 4-H club for 17 years! Her club has received many awards and recognition from the Mayor for their "feed the hungry " program and community service projects throughout the years. Let's all thank Marcia for her part in "Making The Best Better!"

### Special Awards and Recognition for the evening went to:

**I Dare You** Annabelle Plush and Colton Whittier

**Rookie of the Year Awards:** Kayleigh Likens and Clayton Wilson

**Achievement:** Sofia Annis, Danielle Gill, Jared Padgett and Tristan Thomas

**Citizenship:** Heather Brown, Huston Burnett, Holly Hunt, and Sean Russell

**Leadership:** David Clemons, Stephanie Lyons, Jessi McKinley, and Danielle Padgett

**Leader of the Year:** Marcia Frederick

**Hall Of Fame:** George Liedl

We would like to thank Danielle Padgett and all of our county council members for a wonderful job helping with this event.



## News From Out There...



### New Gate 4-H; by Ariel Stutzman

Hello again fellow 4-Hers! My name is Ariel Stutzman and I will be the New Gate 4-H club reporter again this year. We have finally gotten business underway for our second year as a 4-H club, and we are excited! The team this year is led by Mari-Jean Melissa and has eight members, and our officers are as follows:

President: Jesse McKinley

Vice-president: Aubrey Stutzman

Secretary: Hannah Logan

Treasurer: Allen McGonagill

Reporter: Ariel Stutzman

County Council Representative: Allen McGonagill

Alternate County Council Representative: Ariel Stutzman

Chaplain: Logan McKinley

Sergeant at Arms/Parliamentarian: Aubrey Stutzman

Historians: Logan McKinley and Natasha Stutzman

Birthday Coordinator: Logan McKinley and Natasha Stutzman

Phone Tree Lead: Jesse McKinley

Refreshment Organizer: Datev Gallagher

Recreational Leaders: Mari-Jean Melissa and Jesse McKinley

We have had two meetings so far this year. Two of our members have already attended the Awards Banquet, dance, and officer training, and the club received good feedback for all three events.

We are in the planning process for many service activities, but do not know for sure what events and projects we will be able to do, although we have already collected supplies for Katrina relief. We will discuss more opportunities at our next meeting.

In addition to talking about volunteering, we have been discussing trips for our 4-H club to take. We have decided to go to Arabian Nights soon, and have been considering Forever Florida as a possibility for our end of the year trip.

The New Gate 4-H club also plans to attend the whip cracking competition in Polk County and for the first time this year, whip cracking in Sarasota, thanks to our leader Mari-Jean Melissa and members Jesse and Logan McKinley. We are looking forward to both learning and teaching whip cracking, as well as perhaps participating in the competitions, and we encourage everyone to join the fun!

## News From Out There...



### **Sarasota Swine; by Rebecca Griffin**

Our leader Kim Thomas went to the Rock Eagle leaders training Oct 6 - 9. She really enjoyed it and says she wants to go again.

Our Welcome Back Dance at the Potter Building was a lot of fun and exciting. The food was good and the music was great.

David Clemons, gave a speech to the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners at a public hearing about the Fruitville Grove Pumpkin Festival on behalf of all 4-H. He got outstanding applause and shook the commissioner's hand.

We have our fundraiser the last 3 weekends of October at the Fruitville Grove Pumpkin Festival. We will be selling food and drinks. Come and have a good time.

### **Myakka Ranchers: by Brent Wilson**

We had our monthly meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> and I want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for holding it at their house.

I also want to thank all the parents who helped out at our Sam's cook out fundraiser. We discussed new business on where to get our hogs this year. We also talked about the Christmas parade and Toy's for Tots. Just a reminder to everyone DON'T FORGET THE WALK-A-THON November 5<sup>th</sup> - hope to see you there! Myakka Ranchers want to welcome our new members Brittney, Katie, and Christy Beachy. Next meeting will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wilson's house!

### **Blazers: by Sierra Chadwick**

Hi, Our meeting this month was about all the important deadlines and fundraisers coming up. We decided to split the money we earned from the horse show at Mr. and Mrs. Mulletts between the Louisiana and Mississippi 4-H Clubs. The horse club told us about their safety clinic and everyone passed with their horses. Good job everyone. The horse club met this month and we are going to start learning parts of the horse and horse care. We made necklaces like the ones at the 4-H craft building, thanks for the great idea. All the kids raising a swine this year met with Mr. Lewis and discussed all that goes with having a swine project. Everyone raising a swine will be meeting one more time this month so that we can be ready to get swine in November.

We say a great job was done by Dawn Lewis who filled in for our President. We ended the meeting with snacks and cookie decorating. Next month we will be doing the Walk-A-Thon with many of you. Can't wait to see you! Talk to you next month. Bye!

### **Kelly Community Clovers:**

#### **by Jessie Gainey & Robert Johnson**

Hi, I'm Robert Johnson and Jessica Gainey and we are with the Kelly Community Clovers. We had a bake sale on October 1<sup>st</sup> and we made \$205.00 for the Hurricane Katrina Fund. We are going to have a car wash on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the T N T Shell station on Palmer Road for burn survivors. There is going to be a news reporter, a hot dog wagon, and a D.J. out there!

### **The Science Lab, the Squid, and the Scissors: Carissa Mann**

On September 5, our club, "The Science Lab", elected Joel Watson for President, William Calhoun for Treasurer, Amanda Blanchard for Secretary, And Carissa Mann for Reporter. The Vice president and county council delegate positions are still open at this time.

In October, Mr. Keith Wilson came to talk to us about squid. Before he arrived, Miss Jackie, our club leader, informed us that it was his birthday and had us sign a card for him. When he stood up to speak, he thanked us for the card and told us that it was Miss Jackie's birthday also! We all sang "Happy Birthday to you" for her and then he introduced our topic for the day, which was "The Squid." He started by asking volunteers to label the parts of the squid. With that completed, he announced that we were going to dissect squid. That announcement met with cheers from the boys and groans from the girls. He separated us into groups of two and supplied each group with one squid on a piece of newspaper, and a scalpel or pair of scissors. Amanda Blanchard and I were together. We were not very excited about touching, smelling, or cutting the squid, but we did anyway. I cut the open mantle, which is the outer covering of the squid, so we could locate the gills, which were hard to find. We also found the ink sac. When Amanda poked it open, the ink spilled out. We thought that was neat. I pulled out the "pen" which supports the squid, like a backbone, which is transparent cartilage. We cut open the eye, which is large and pinkish, to locate the eye-lens. It is a small pink ball. I think it is a little peculiar looking. Amanda pulled out the beak, which is black and looks like the beak of a very small bird, and then we were finished. I have to admit; I was a little relieved that we were through with cutting up, smelling, and touching the squid, although I did enjoy learning about the anatomy of the squid.

Now I would like to tell you some of the community service projects our club will be doing and already have done. On September 17, twelve club members helped clean up Myakkahatchee Environmental Park. They collected around 30 pounds of garbage! We are also doing a donation drive for the hurricane Katrina victims to collect needed school supplies. The box is already full. Our teens will probably be helping at the pumpkin patch in North Port by unloading pumpkins and we are trying to raise money for the 4-H foundation Walk-a-Thon in November.



## News From Out There...

### Horse N Around: by Elizabeth Hall

We held our meeting on Sept. 27 at Twin Lakes Park. We elected officers and we had many nominations! We elected Danielle Gill as President, Caitlin Schlabach as Vice President, Renee Murphy as Secretary, Annie Doherty as Treasurer, Historian will be as a group, and me as Reporter. Renee did a demo on abstract art. Part of the demo was giving everyone one to make! At our next meeting we will do a squid dissection with Keith Wilson. Remember everyone; the Walk-a-thon is Nov. 5th! Also, the 4-H dance is Nov. 19th.

### Sarasota County Ranchers: by Lisa Richards

Just a PEEP from the Sarasota County Ranchers.

We have 12 new little additions to our club, Chicks! They were born on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. My sisters' birthday! Our one and only Cloverbud, Amy Richards, hatched these cute little balls of fluff.

We bought an incubator to hatch them in and everyday she would rotate the eggs. After 18 days she stopped rotating them. Now all she had to do was wait, and hope for the best. On the day of arrival it took some chicks up to 6 hours to hatch, and out of 15 eggs we had a hatching of 12.

By Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> we had 4 more new little balls of fluff added to our club.

A BIG HEARTY "THANK YOU" goes out to Vicki Rogers for supplying all the fertilized eggs from her hens.

On Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> we had our monthly meeting. We talked about the usual, the old business, and new business. We decided to have a car wash fundraiser that will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Mathew Currie Ford, in Venice.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> we had a barn clean up day. We cleaned the hog pens and built new one. We had a great time! We fixed hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, after we finished cleaning up we went swimming in the lake. At the end of October the new hogs will have a great place to live.

Happy Birthday wishes to Amy Richards and Chris Futch!

### Mini Hooves of Sarasota:

#### by Jennifer Beaumont and Shelby Stasik

Hi my name is Jennifer Beaumont I am the new reporter and this year and I have a partner Shelby Stasik she is a cloverbud. We are off to a busy start. We worked at the pumpkin patch in Oct. and had a great time we would like to thank Kim and her family for letting our 4-H club come and set up and show off our mini horses.

Our next meeting we are having a trainer come and help us learn showmanship. That will be lots of fun. We are also going to be in the Myakka City Christmas parade with our horses so come out and see us.

### Green Team; by Laura Knipper

Hello 4-Hers, At our Green Team October meeting we did some fun and even challenging stuff. During our meeting Brad Boserup gave us a very informative demonstration about sea turtles. At the end 5 people went up and each identified one of the species of turtles in Brad's pictures.

Next, the members participating in the marine biology contest did a mock identification contest so they would be ready for the real thing. We used plants from the list and shells and even fish! Every one did a great job naming the different species, but keep practicing!

The turtle drawing with Mrs. Boserup was fun and a little tricky. We copied the turtle on our grids and then colored it with colored pencils. Thank you Mrs. Boserup for supervising this project, and thanks for the tasty cookies too! Also, thanks to our leader Mrs. Margaret Clark for setting up the great practice contest. And of course, thank you to Mr. Wilson for providing us with the fish for the fish print tee-shirt project, and for supervising it to. By the way, that activity was really fun, and every ones shirt turned out fantastic! Paint a few things in the back ground and it will be a great project to enter in the fair!

Well that's it for now and as always, keep on making the best, *better!*

### Clogging Clovers; by Rebecca Griffin

Hi Everyone!

We just had our officer elections for the year.

President - Pearl Scarbrough

Vice President - Tracy Reed

Secretary - Allison Scarbrough

Treasurer - Pearl Scarbrough

Reporter - Rebecca Griffin

Historian - Kelly Ayers

County Council Delegate - Tracy Reed

County Council Alternate - Allison Bisel

Sergeant of Arms - Tori Turner

Parliamentarian - Rebecca Griffin

Chaplin - Kelsey Buettner

We have new members this year and we are starting to learn new songs. We have a performance at the end of the month at Heron House, so we are busy practicing our dances.

We are writing notes to kids that lost their stuff in the recent hurricanes and also we are collecting school supplies for them.

## News From Out There...



### Homegrown Explorers by Krista Schrock

We have been very busy planning our activities and events for our 4-H year. All of our members have been involved in making all the club decisions and budget choices. We have also been focusing on each of our personal project plans and making our plans for the fair.

On October 1st, five of our members attended officer training at the 4-H office, which was very well presented and informative. Also, in September, we had a workshop demonstrating basic skills of polymer clay sculpting.

Our first fundraiser of the year will be held at Fruitville Groves, where we will have a booth set up selling baked goods. We will also be using this opportunity to promote 4H.

### Livestock Club: by: Lauren Week

Hi!

Our meeting was at the Bee Ridge Church. We discussed when we are going to get our swine. We also talked about how the steer shots went. Also we voted on our Halloween party to buy food. Saturday the 15th is the steer hoof trimming at Bee Ridge Farm from 11 o'clock to the time we finish.

Reminders:

Swine clinic October 29th.

The 4-H and FFA dance November 19th.

Scrap book clinic 20th.

Please, Livestock club bring photos to Kristan our club historian for our club scrap book.

Thank You Ms. Lora for refreshments!

Happy Halloween!!

### Little Rascals: by Lauren Wright - President

Hey Everyone!

Hope ya'll had a great summer and are ready for another exciting year of 4-H! The Little Rascals had their inaugural meeting and voted in their new officers.

We have already started plans for our Community Service projects. Just setting up the dates adequate for all members was a difficult task. Look for us at the up and coming Myakka State Park Walk-a-ton and horse advisory clinics.

In light of Hurricane Katrina and the devastation she left on the gulf coast communities, we felt the need to donate money to the hurricane relief fund set up by the Mississippi 4-H Foundation.

From the Little Rascals, have a safe and happy holiday season!

### Miakka AllStock; by Kaci Duggan

September- Hey Everyone! We had a guest speaker. Our guest speaker was Mr. Mello from Nutrenia Feed Company. He came and talked to us about pigs and what you need to look for when picking out your project pig.

We also talked about our up coming fundraiser. It is our annual 4-H BBQ. It will be held October 15th at the Old Miakka United Methodist Church. It is from 12pm-3pm. We also reminded everyone about the upcoming awards night on Sept. 29th at 6:30pm, at the Potter Building.

October- Hey Everyone, this month was our 2nd official meeting. Our guest speaker was Mrs. June Allen. She spoke on how to fill out the plant forms that are due soon. We voted in our Parliamentarian and Sergeant of Arms who are Mathew Raulerson and George Birkhold. And our Parliamentarian is Draton Lutz.

We talked one last time about our annual 4-H BBQ, held on October 15th. We also informed everyone that the 4-H Walk-A-Thon is coming up on November 5, 2005.

### Reef Rovers; by Madison N. Chapman

This month the Reef Rovers went on a behind the scenes tour of Mote Aquarium's Dolphin Rehab center. Currently they are taking care of several turtles, as well as dolphins. Harley and Moonshine are permanent residents at the rehab center.

Harley, a spinner dolphin, was stranded at a young age and is unable to return to the ocean because of her long separation from wild dolphins. Moonshine has several physical problems that prevent the spotted dolphin from returning to the sea.

Bonnie and Clyde, two adult Risso's dolphins are almost ready to be released. Risso's are larger than most dolphin species and have distinctive scratches all over their bodies. The two dolphins were the only ones that survived in a stranding of five. They are very social animals and Bonnie seemed to take a liking to Amy Chamard in particular.

After the tour, the Reef Rovers went to see the manatees: Hugh and Buffet. The animals seemed to enjoy the attention they received when they smashed their faces against the glass of their tank. Many thanks to Keith Wilson who coordinated the fieldtrip, and also to Mote for letting our club visit behind the scenes.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Reef Rovers will no longer be a 4H club. We've enjoyed our short time in the program and appreciate all the support and encouragement from the 4H staff. Perhaps one day we'll return to the 4H community. Until then....

## News From Out There...



### **Ridin' Rednecks; by Robyn Rees**

At our last meeting, we designed letters and put together shoeboxes for the Mississippi 4-hers affected by hurricane Katrina. They have lost projects, as well as having property damage to their homes and buildings.

The swine record book clinic will be at Twin Lakes on October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The swine clinic, on October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM until noon, will also be held at Twin Lakes. This clinic will cover selection and feeding. Don't forget about the Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, November 5th at Myakka State Park. Remember, you must collect a minimum of \$20 to walk.

There is a mandatory plant screening November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until noon in the Potter Building parking lot. You must have your record books up-to-date when you go! Tickets for the 4-H and FFA dance on November 19<sup>th</sup> (7-11PM) are being sold for \$5! Also, the first beef breeding/ dairy cattle entry is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 AM. Make sure you get the necessary vaccine.

It's time, once again, for craft day! Call Mrs. Harkness for times and dates. She has several fun ideas for us to make for our mini building projects.

Our next meeting will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:15 PM, at Lakeview! See you there!

### **Open Gaits: by Courtney Buckney**

Fall is here and another busy month too! We elected our officers and went to Awards Night. We had a lot of blue ribbons and a lot of us medaled in our projects.

Here are our new officers: President; Jennifer McLane Vice President; Rosie Tuzik County Council Delegate; Calyn Beese Alternate Delegate; Rosie Tuzik Secretary; Amanda Kopp Treasurer; Cayln Beese Reporter; Courtney Buckney Historian; Janae McLane Chaplain; Casey Tuzik Refreshment; Casey Tuzik Social Chair; Alex Tuzik

Some upcoming events are the Practice Dog Show at the State Fair Grounds on October 15<sup>th</sup> and the Sun Fiesta Parade on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the theme for the parade is "I n the Pink".

### **County Council News By: Danielle Padgett**

County Council has had two meetings since you last received a newsletter and we have a lot going on! At our September meeting we had a lot to talk about and a lot of events to discuss. The County Wide Beach Clean Up was a huge success and there were about 35 4-H members and parents in attendance. We cleaned up Turtle Beach in two hours and had a lot of fun. 4-H Awards Night was held on September 29 and was the largest awards banquet Sarasota County has ever had with approximately 270 people attending. Many 4-Hers were recognized for their outstanding achievements in 4-H and congratulations again to everyone for finishing another great year in 4-H. The next big event sponsored by County Council was the 4-H Opportunity and Awareness Day. There were 47 people who came and they all learned a lot about how to enhance their time in the 4-H program. Thank you to everyone who participated and thank you to all of the officers who taught workshops. On October 15 we had our kick-off event for our county wide community service project called, "Operation Military Kids." Because it was the first meeting of the family support group and because our childcare service was not advertised as much as we would have liked, there were no military kids in attendance. We had great activities planned and will be using them for our next program with the family support group. Thank you to the 4-H members who came to help out. The adults in charge of the military program as well as the military spouses were very impressed with the programs we had planned and are all planning on bringing their children to the next event. Our next event will be on November 13th at the Sarasota County Armory Building. If you are interested in helping please call 925-3175 and you will need to be there from 12:45 to around 4:00 pm.

Our most recent meeting was held on October 17, 2005. At this meeting we had the largest number of clubs that have ever been represented at County Council. There were 14 different clubs that participated, which is almost half of the clubs in our county! Thank you to the following clubs who are doing a great job representing themselves at the county level: Ridin' Rednecks, Kelly Community Clovers, Southern Spurs, Green Team, Open Gaits, Sarasota Swine, Livestock Club, Minute Men, Myakka Ranchers, Green Clover Club, Blazers, Miakka Allstock, Jr. Cattlemen's, and the Florida Crackers. The goal of county council is to have two representatives from every club in our county attend, and we appreciate those clubs that are helping us work towards achieving our goal.

Junior Congress is coming up on October 22 and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. There will be lots of exciting classes along with a few surprises and you are guaranteed to have a great time! The 4-H Walk-a-Thon is November 5th at Myakka State Park. All of the money made goes to the foundation which in turn comes back to Sarasota County 4-H members. The foundation pays for everything that 4-H does in our county and gives scholarships for many different trips. Please come out and support the Foundation Walk-A-Thon because they are constantly supporting you! The 4-H and FFA Dance will be on November 19, 2005 at the Potter Building. Tickets are \$5.00 for everyone and you can bring a non-4-H friend for the same price. We are going to have an awesome D.J. and we are looking forward to seeing everybody there! Our next county council meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> and we hope that even more clubs will come to participate next month!

# Make Your Plans NOW!



## November

- 1 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline
- 2 Harvest Craft Project
- 5 Foundation WALK-A-THON
- 9 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day—4-H Office Closed
- 12 Plant Show and Sale Screening
- 14 Foundation Meeting
- 19 4-H Dance!
- 21 Leader & Council Meeting
- 24-25 Thanksgiving! - 4-H Office Closed

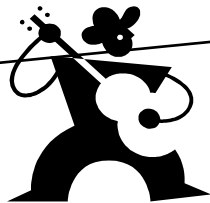


## December

- 3 Swine Weigh-In
- Horse Safety Clinic
- 7 Holiday Sewing Project
- 10 Beef, Dairy and Goat Weigh-in
- 12 Foundation Meeting
- 14 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 19 Leader and County Council Meeting
- 23 4-H Office Closed
- 25 **Merry Christmas, to ALL!**
- 31 **Happy New Year**



**DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**



### 4-H and FFA Dance

November 19, 2005  
7p.m- 11p.m.  
Potter Building  
Tickets \$ 5.00 Each



Guests are welcome at the same price and adult chaperones are FREE!  
We will have an awesome D.J.  
Pizza, Drinks, and Snacks will be sold!  
Tickets will be available through county council members beginning in August.  
Contact Danielle Padgett for more information at 925-3175

## Happy Birthday!

Erica Anderson, Jennifer Arnold, Mathew Arsenault, Hailey Ball, Breana Barrett, Alyssa Bowman, Krista Coburn, Colton Clark, Ashley D'Amore, Jason Davis, Steven DeSantis, Jade Dewitt, Tyson Dodd, Evelyn Doherty, Brittany Drymon, Shaun Duffy, Meredith Faulkner, Craig Field, Eric Fredette, Tyler Gilbert, Shawn Gorman, Elizabeth Hannah, Christian John, Rhiannon Johnson, Sharonne Johnson, Olivia Malloy, Tessa Marchbank, Bailey Martin, Jesse McKinley, Hilton Morgan, Jamie Morrison, Tiler Mullet, Morgan Najm, Caitlin Payne, Devin Payne, Jessica Reed, Paige Robson, Jaysa Sallis, Erin Smith, Asher Stumpf, Chelsea Thornburg, Carolina Toro-Bacharach, Tanya Wagler, Chris White, Taylor Wildgoose, Marlena Williams, Emily Wilson, and Dylan Woodward!

