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**The Clover Times**  
**November 2009**



**From the Agents Desk: by Keith Wilson**

It is always good to report that more new 4-H clubs are forming in our county. Englewood now has two new clubs, **Reins of Faith** and **Sea Scavengers** and Sarasota has added **Funguys**, **Sarasota Lutheran**, and the **Merry Minis** to the 4-H "Family". We also will have **The Fellowship of Believers Church**, located on 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Sarasota, creating a new 4-H club soon. The Sea Scavengers, at their first meeting, studied marine life in Lemon Bay and collected 5 seahorses, a pufferfish, pipefish and a variety of other sea life. 4-Her, **Chad Chamard**, is interning with 4-H as an environmental science teacher and was outstanding in working with the young 4-Hers in this new club.

Our sincere thanks to all of the 4-H families who participated in the **4-H Awards Ceremony** on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We extend our appreciation to the **Sarasota County Fair Board** for generously providing the perfect facility for holding this event. Also, we are grateful for **Commissioner Mason** standing in for Commissioner Thaxton to read the 4-H proclamation.

Remember that **Veterans Day** will be observed on **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is an opportunity for all of us to thank the men and women who have served our country and sacrificed so much of themselves for our freedom.

Click those seatbelts for yourself and your passengers. It matters.

Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent



**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) *submitted by: Jared Padgett*

**Veterans Day  
 November 11th**

Simply signing a card and adding a note of encouragement is a powerful way to say "thank you" to wounded soldiers, service members, military families and veterans.

Help us spread holiday goodwill, encouragement and appreciation to those who give so much for us on a daily basis.



Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for more information on "Holiday Mail For Heroes"

*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.*

## Looking Ahead...



### December 4-H Project Workshop:

**Holiday Door Wreath:** Deck your halls for the holidays!



Join the fun on Thursday, **December 3rd**, you will need 1—straw wreath form, a bag of fresh Christmas greenery, and hand clippers. We will have everything else you need to create this beautiful door decoration to invite guests in all season. The cost \$1.00 Please call 861-9812 to register.

### Looking To Have Fun With Your Dog?

We'll look no further. Canine Connections 4-H Dog Club meets on Tuesday evenings at 6PM in South Venice. Canine Connections is open to anyone ages 5 - 18 years old. You and your dog will learn how to show in Agility, Obedience, Showmanship & Rally. Learn leadership and much, much more.

For more info please contact our club leader Mary Wright at 941-496-4748 or e-mail [agilitywheaten1@msn.com](mailto:agilitywheaten1@msn.com)

### Horse Lovers, Mark Your Calendars!

The Sarasota County 4-H Horse Committee has been busy planning upcoming horse shows 4-YOU!

The first 4-H Show will be a Sunday, January 10th 9:00AM, at Paragon Farms. This show will include Western, English, and Speed events. High-Points will be awarded!

An Open Show; Speed Events will be January 22, and the Pleasure Show will be January 24. High-Points will include Walk/Trot, Jr. Western, Sr. Western, Jr. English, Sr. English, Open, 4-H and Miniature! Something for everyone.

Please don't forget your sponsorships! Sponsors can be a business, family, or club and will be listed on the official show flyer, they are \$20.00 and should be turned in no later than December 10th. Sponsorships provide entry and stall fees for Sarasota 4-H youth attending the Area E and State Horse Shows. Call the 4-H Office at 861-9810 if you have any questions.

### 2010 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth 15 to 18 years old. Delegations from across the country attend this 6 day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, located just outside Washington, D.C. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Youth learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

The initial registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2010. At that time a \$150 deposit is due, as well as the registration form. Final paperwork and payment is due May 15, 2010. The dates are June 27 - July 3, 2010. The cost is \$850, which includes lodging, most meals, dinner theatre tickets, and all programming. Transportation costs will be determined after a final number of participants is set, but it is estimated between \$200 - \$350. For more information on this event contact the 4-H Office.

### Horse Safety Clinic

**November 8th**

Would you like to learn more about the 4-H horse project? Come out and 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.

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 at the Sarasota County 4-H 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 before November 5th.

### Florida 4-H Dog Show

**November 14th**

Dog lovers - Mark your calendars... **November 14th** in Tampa! The Florida 4-H Dog Project will host a 4-H Dog Show, at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.

This will be a benefit show for the Florida 4-H Dog Project. We hope to make this an educational experience for all exhibitors as well as giving exhibitors 'show ring experience' to prepare them for the upcoming 2010 4-H Dog Show Season!



More information can be found on the Florida 4-H Dog Project website at: [www.fl4-h-dog.com](http://www.fl4-h-dog.com)

### Swine Sale Fundraiser

**November 7th**

The first Swine weigh-in is December 5, 7:00 - 10:00 AM, at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds. Are you ready?

The Blazers 4-H Club is having a Fundraiser / Show Pig Sale on November 7th. Preview hogs at 9:00 am and the sale will start at 10:00 am. The selection will be done by a lottery system, for those who have RSVP Dan Lewis being in the first draw. RSVP by November 5th to Dan Lewis at 941-356-3545.

There will be no early preview and no early sales. If you have any questions about this event please call Dan Lewis.





## Don't miss this...

### Attention Swine Exhibitors

The Sarasota County Fair Swine Check-in will be held **Saturday, December 5th, 7:00 to 10:00 AM** at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Bring your Bill of Sale, Entry form, housing agreement (if applicable) and entry fee—you must use the forms found in your Sarasota County Fair rules book. Please make sure your forms are complete (or you will be sent to the back of the line!)

Hogs will be ear tagged, tattooed and inspected. There is no minimum or maximum entry weight. It is suggested that hogs weigh between 65 and 80 pounds at the first weigh-in. 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. Hogs must weigh at least 210 pounds at final weigh-in on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

**Reminder:** All swine must be bled and tested for pseudorabies and brucellosis by a certified veterinarian between February 23, 2010 and entry to the fair to be eligible for the fair. Mr. Don Strickland will be coordinating this process again this year, thanks Mr. Strickland!

**Looking Ahead:** Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on ears and tail is prohibited. Slick clipping or body shaving means having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.

Swine record books can be found on the 4-H website: [sarasota.extension.ufl.edu](http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu) 4-H record books

### Lets All Dig In...

**Plant Screening**—A Plant Screening will be conducted by members of the Florida Nursery Growers Association, on **Saturday, November 7th** 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.

### Fair Day's Ahead

**Fair Notes:** Please make these corrections and updates to your 2009 - 2010 Fair Rules Book;

**Mandatory Meeting:** Monday, March 15, 2010 7:00PM - 8:00PM, Houser Arena. *Please arrive 6:45PM (15 minutes early) so we can get everyone signed-in, seated and start on time, thanks.*

**Llama Check - In:** **Sunday, March 21st** 6:00PM - 7:00PM, Barn Complex

**Beef Breeding Removal:** **Sunday, March 21st** 10:00PM, Barn Complex

**Swine:** page 21 #15 - All swine must be bled and tested for pseudorabies and brucellosis by a certified veterinarian between **February 23, 2010** and the entry to the fair.

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

The first entry date for Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle is Saturday, December 12th at the Sarasota County Fair grounds between 8:00 AM and 10:00AM. Exhibitors must turn in completed entry form and entry fee at this time. All animals will be vaccinated with CattleMaster 4+ L5 and Clostrin 7, Ecoli. Don't forget to enter this information in your record books!

A **second vaccine** will be administered on Saturday, January 9th between 8:00AM and 10:00AM at the Fair grounds. Cattle shown in the previous year will need only one vaccine.

Please refer to your 2009-2010 Sarasota County Fair Rule Book for all the details!

### Attention: Dairy and Pygmy Goat Exhibitors



The official entry date for Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats is **Saturday December 12th between 8 AM—10AM** at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds. Exhibitors must bring completed entry forms with entry fee to check-in.

ALL goats must be certified on 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.

### Rabbits need a home...

Two beautiful black rex rabbits are looking for a new home. The Owner has moved to a deed restricted community and they are not allowed to keep them.

One is male and one is female and are dog friendly. Contact Al by email at [abeau101@yahoo.com](mailto:abeau101@yahoo.com) or call 780-0218 for info.

## 4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



Lace up your sneakers and join us **NOVEMBER 14th.**

**You can make a difference!** The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding their annual 4-H Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, November 14th, in Myakka State Park. This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and 4-H 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, CWF, Dairy Retreat, Horse Programs, Horticulture, Livestock Judging, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support, Leader Training, Youth Leadership Training and much, much more.

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

1. All participants must have collected a minimum of \$20 in donations to walk (adults & 4-H members). This covers a t-shirt and lunch.
2. All entry fees must be turned in the morning of the walk in order to participate.
3. Siblings under eight years old are exempt from \$20 entry fee when walking with a paid adult.
4. Siblings will get lunch and transportation (no shirt).
5. All participants will be given an armband in order to receive lunch and transportation inside park.
6. The top 5 walkers in each of three categories; Cloverbud / Junior, Intermediate, and Senior will receive prizes for the most money turned in on November 14, 2009.
7. Prizes will be given out the day of the walk at 1:00 PM at the lunch pavilion.
8. Money that is donated for advertisement on shirts must be for shirts only.
9. Money that is for sponsorship of child goes for child only.
10. Money cannot be used for both shirt advertisement and child.
11. Participants must be picked up PROMPTLY BY 1:30 PM in the SUPERVISED PICK-UP area only.

**Great Prizes!**



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

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



## Look What We Did!

### Awards and Recognition Night

Youth, leaders, parents and friends gathered to celebrate "2009 Awards and Recognition Night". Congratulations to all 4-H members, leaders, parents, foundation members, and volunteers for an outstanding 4-H year. "Thank-you" to our county council officers for your help at this event, and thanks to everyone who brought a dessert—YUMMY!

**Special Awards:** *I Dare You:* Alisha Ferry and George Birkhold *Rookies:* Brooke Hamill and Austin Saunders *Achievement:* Jaime Bland, Mark Fuller, Jared Padgett, and Sean Russell. *Citizenship:* Tatum Britt, Sydney Linthicum, Kayla Knipper, and Megan Knipper. *Leadership:* Jarrod Chapman, Jenny Federico, Kaila Hess, and Laura Knipper *Best Record Books:* President: Jenny Federico, Vice President: Courtney Buckney, Secretary: Shelby Martin, Treasurer: Helen Milano, Reporter: Shelby Stasik, Historian: Sara Martin, County Council Delegate: Calyn Beese, Chaplain: Nicolas Pellegrino, Sgt. At Arms: Quinlan Barwick, and Parliamentarian: Tatum Britt.

The 2009 Sarasota County "Leader of the Year Award" was presented to Margaret Clark! Margaret has been the organizational leader of the Green Team 4-H Club for six years. The focus of the club is the environment, education, and making a difference in our world. Through community service projects her goal is to educate youth and adults about the environment and make it a better place for generations! Thank-You Margaret for your outstanding leadership!

We would also like to recognize elected Florida 4-H State Council Officers; Sean Russell, President and Jared Padgett, Reporter. I know you both will work very hard this year to "Make the Best Better" in Florida 4-H!

### CPR Certification

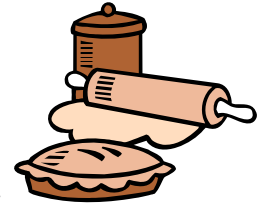
Congratulations to youth and volunteers who completed the CPR class last month: Tammy and Tatum Britt, Jeanette Dick, Jackie Dorsett, Jaime Holdsworth, Laura Knipper, Barbara Lechky, Marijean Melissa, Martha Pellegrino, Casey and Jeanie Presler, Theresa Sandefur, Emily and Nathan Sisk, James, Lorraine, and Sarabeth Smith, Roy Thompson, Edward and Karen Vel-Martin, and Sara Wolf. All will receive their Red Cross Certification Card.



## News from Out There...

### Ridin' Rednecks: by Clay Linthicum

Our October 1st meeting was really busy. Mr. Strickland installed the officers for this year. President: Jared Padgett, VP: Sydney Linthicum, Secretary: Erin Gilliland, Treasurer: Jarrod Chapman, Reporter: Clay Linthicum, County Council Delegate: Jarrod Chapman; Alt. Delegate: Sydney Linthicum, Chaplain: Katie Harkness, Safety Officer: Easton Underdahl, Historian: Jeremy Whitton. Then, Jared Padgett, Sydney Linthicum and Erin Gilliland installed the new members. Our Officers received pin on 4-H Clovers, and 4-H Pens. The new members received cards telling them the motto, colors, and 4-H Pledge. Congratulations everyone!



We had reports about the Hoe Down, Swine Information, Master Gardner Sale, and gave out our Red Wheel Fund-raiser information. We will end our sales on Nov. 5th. Please buy Red Wheel to help our club. This money enables our club to do projects and activities. SELL, SELL, SELL!

Our officers went to County Council and Katie and Easton had reports for Chaplain and Safety officer. The Club did a great job at the Master Gardner Plant Sale. Thanks to those who made desserts and muffins. The concession made a little money and we enjoyed seeing members, parents, and patrons buying and looking at all the nice plants. Our Club worked hard selling water, sodas, hot dogs; Mr. Harkness and I were happy cooking hot dogs and eating. We had lots of help setting up. Mr. Harkness and Nicole worked hard loading up all their supplies for the plant sale. Thanks! Jeremy and his family were great putting up the tent and selling to the people. Jeremy is the Historian and took lots of pictures for the scrapbook. The club had about 20 members at the Bee Ridge Park and lots of adults who helped and bought plants.

Several of our members got awards at the Awards Night and we are very proud of the accomplishments and hard work. I really like reporting all the "good news". Members need to come to the meetings so we can give them the awards without mailing.

Sydney talked about our craft and worked on our Holiday ornaments and hope some will enter them in the SC Fair. Mr. Strickland will be going to get pigs in late November. If we want him to buy our pigs we must tell him soon and pay him by Nov. 19th. If we have questions, call 924-6159 for updates.

Our members need to be at the meetings so we can keep up with the activities and keep them updated on events in 4-H. Hope you are reading your news letter. Mr. Strickland and Mr. Maus are working on getting the supplies for the tomato plants. Mr. Comer is storing our buckets and trying to collect more. Hopefully we will plant and prepare those in November. Keep workin' and havin' fun. Reporter: Clay Linthicum

### Southern Spurs; by Tia Matherly

You'll be excited to learn that Southern Spurs 4-H in Venice has lots of incredibly awesome things planned for our next 4-H year. Our club has members from Sarasota, Venice and Englewood and WE INVITE YOU to come meet us. Normally, our monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 6:30 at the BB & T Bank on US 41 & Jacaranda Blvd.

To start with, we had an extraordinary September meeting & held elections. Officer are Kaila Hess - Madame President, Maggie LaFrance - Vice President, Jennifer Zappulla - Secretary, Ronnie Hess - Treasurer, and Tia Matherly - Reporter.

Imagine having monthly meetings in different fun places. Well that's what we decided to do. We had our October meeting at Woodmere Park after we went to Wal-Mart and bought pumpkins. We had an awesome time painting pumpkins at the park and spending time together.

Our November meeting will be right after the 4-H Walk-A-Thon on Saturday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. We're adopting families again for Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, after the Walk we're going shopping to buy food and gifts for our adopted families.

We'll have a grand time December 14<sup>th</sup> when we meet at 6:30 at the BB & T Bank to wrap presents for our adopted families. We'll also finalize our Christmas Party plans for December 19<sup>th</sup>. For January's meeting, we're having a cookout & bonfire. February, we're meeting to bake cookies for Pinebrook Nursing & Rehab residence. March, we plan to make candles to sell for Easter. April, we're making jams/jellies & planning a camping trip. In May, we'll have elections and a nature tour with Mr. Keith.



So you can see, Southern Spurs 4-H has a lot of fun things planned. We welcome you to come too! You can call me at 716-1127 or email me at [TMRIDERGIRL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TMRIDERGIRL@GMAIL.COM) I almost forgot to mention we're having our annual Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Only \$14.00 for a 3lb. tub of incredibly delicious cookie dough. Give me a call to place your order... Tia

## News From Out There...



### Home Grown Explorers: by Casey Feikema

Hi, my name is Casey Feikema, I am one of two new reporters for Home Grown Explorers. At our first meeting on 09-12-09 we voted our new officers, Shelby Martin, President. Alena Barwick, Vice president. Skyler Stahlmann is our Secretary and our reporter. Michael Stanek, Treasurer. Nicholas Pellegrino, Chaplain. Sara Martin and Katie Stanek are our Historians.

Nicholas is also the Youth Recreational Leader. Sara is also the Community Service Project Leader. Griffin Stahlmann is the Sergeant of Arms. Calvin Feikema and Casey Feikema are our Refreshment people. We discussed the county fair and community service projects. Our snack was cookies (yum, yum). Our next meeting will be on October 3rd.

### Homegrown Explorers: by Skyler Stahlmann

The October meeting of the Homegrown Explorers Club was our first meeting run by the new officers. It was a time of planning and getting to know everybody.

Member Nick Pellegrino showed us his pumpkin craft from the 4-H Project Workshop, and we were reminded that we can enter workshop projects in the county fair. We discussed upcoming dates, such as the 4-H Foundation walk-a-thon and our participation in the Farm City Day at Publix.

We let the families know that 4-H curriculum is available to be checked out at the 4-H Extension Office. Home school families can use it for part of their school year. In addition, they can pick up record books at the Extension Office.

A motion was made to give our club historians, Sara Martin and Katie Stanek, a budget for scrapbooking supplies. We also discussed the bake sale at Sunnyside Village on November 7th. May God bless Tom Pellegrino's company for blessing Homegrown Explorers with the supplies for the coffee stand at the bake sale.

Activities Director Nick Pellegrino gave us a very delicious game to play. For each piece of chocolate a person took from the bag, that's how much information the person had to give about themselves.

### Animal Crackers:

**by Chloe Morrison** We had a busy meeting last month signing up new members, going over projects, talking about fund raisers and voting on our new t-shirt design & color! Our club also did the fence post pumpkins at the 4-H office and that was a lot of fun! We also talked about participating in the Walk-a-thon this month. The kids who will be showing hogs this year are planning their trip to get them this month. We will be discussing a canned food drive for our club in November for Thanksgiving. Another busy month for us!

### Sarasota County Ranchers:

#### by Joshua Spenard

Our club talked about some old business. Signing up for the Fruitville Groves and on doing the Christmas Float for this year.

And new business was about barn clean up on November 7, 2009 at 10:00 and right after that it will be time to pick pigs. We also discussed a new way to clean the barn. We are going to have road clean up and start working on the Christmas float and after that we are going to have a pot luck dinner on Friday November 13, 2009

Also, we are having a Christmas party on December 8, 2009 at 6:00. On top of that, the hog check in is on December 5, 2009, after that we are going to the Christmas Parade at night.



## 4-H Club Reports

### B&S Farms by Miranda Worcester

Hooray, were back for another great year and we have already been very busy....

We've already had two club meetings. We've got our plants and our plant forms in. This year our club officers are President: Kelsee Martin, Vice President: Josee Martin, Secretary: Felicia Fonte, Historian: Katelyn Felicita, Reporter: Miranda Worcester, and County Council Representative: James Bennett. We have 14 members that include 2 cloverbuds.

We went to the Awards Banquet and got our year pins and ribbons for our record books from last year and everyone did a great job, the kids that are doing dairy are looking forward to getting dairy calves this month.

Were off to a great start, signing off for now, B&B Farms reporter, Miranda Worcester.

### Update from the Florida Crackers

We had a very good turnout for our meeting again. We also had the pleasure of having a couple of new members join our club. We heard how the coastal cleanup went from the members that participated. We had a couple of members sign up for the CPR class and hope to hear their update at the next meeting. We have one member who will be showing a swine at the South Florida Fair in January. We also discussed where swine could be purchased this year and the members different experiences at the various sellers. Can't believe it is already time to be planning our ideas for the Christmas parade!

## Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference; by Laura Knipper

On October 8th at the beautiful 4-H camp of Crossville Tennessee, 4-H members from the southern region of the USA met for 3 days of leadership, learning, and fun. This is the 4th successful year of SRTLC - Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference. The goal of the program is to have sr. 4-H members come and learn about different techniques of good leadership and learn how to teach various workshops to take back and share with other youth in their area.

This is my 3rd year going and it is definitely on my top list of favorite 4-H events! The workshops I participated in were the "Exploring Teens" where we learned how to make smoothies and sock chia pets; "Spork" where we did different sport activities that incorporated team-work and leadership; "Camouflage crafts" where we did camo-colored hemp projects; "Go Green with 4-H" where we learned about the 4-H Million Trees project and the 4-H Stow it Don't Throw it project; and "Say Cheese!" where we had a photo-taking scavenger hunt.

We also had a lot of free time to spend on the beautiful camp grounds with our friends and meeting new people from other states. The most popular game to play during free time is Gaga Ball! Everyone stands in a giant octagon-shaped frame and tries to hit other players out by hitting them with the ball anywhere below the knees. The last player in the ring is the winner.

My favorite part of our weekend was the dance on Saturday night. And I finally warmed up enough to take my jacket off! (It was cold in TN!) I enjoyed SRTLC every minute and so did everyone else I talked to!

## Make Your Plans NOW!



### November 2009

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 November Project Workshop
- 7 Plant Screening
- 8 Horse Safety Clinic
- 9 Foundation Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 **4-H Walk A Thon!**
- 16 Leader and Council Meeting
- 21 4-H / FFA Dance
- 26 **Happy Thanksgiving!**



### December 2009

- 3 December Project Workshop
- 5 Swine Weigh-in
- 9 Horse Advisory Meeting
- 12 Beef, Dairy and Goat Check-in
- Horse Judging School, Gainesville
- 14 Foundation Meeting
- 21 Leader and County Council Meeting
- 25 Merry Christmas to ALL!  
(4-H Office will be closed 24 & 25)
- 31 Happy New Year!



### Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in November Birthday!



Gage Albritton, Melissa Barkasy, Sarah Birkhold, Valerie Bixler, Hailey Bonnett, Andrea Boyd, Kayten Brinn, Amber Edwards, Katelyn Felicita, Stephen Gaulke, Rachel Gaulke, Benjamin Greene, Lisa Hekter, Kara Helm, Allie Hochstetler, Tristain Hofacker, Chaslee Isterling, Bryan Martin, Bailey Martin, Sydney Martin, Morgan Mierswa, Hilton Morgan, Jaime Morrison, Tiler Mullet, Morgan Najm, Damon Nunes, Lauren O'Reilly, Devin Payne, Caitlin Payne, Lauren Pellegrino, Emily Sisk, Griffin Stahlmann, Fiona Swan, Shelby Swartz, Amanda VanBeck, Tanya Wagler, Jeremy Whitton, Marlena Williams, Alex Williams, and Jessica Yoder.

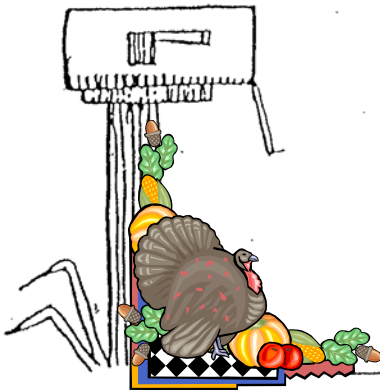
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