

FROM MRS. CASH'S DESK . . . AN UPDATE . . . 4/3/09

If you are in a 4-H competition at the **Central Florida Fair**: Booth watching, Share-the-Fun, Tropicana, Consumer Choices, Fashion Revue, Interview Contest, Junior Horse Bowl, Citrus Auction, Banner, Scarecrow, Game Board, Essay, etc., you must come to the 4-H Office prior to the 18th to get tickets. Please call or e-mail next week to let me know which families are planning to attend the fair. This will help me divide the tickets up. Unfortunately, we are receiving fewer tickets this year, so they are available **ONLY** to the 4-H'er and his/her immediate family. The tickets should be re-usable for the two weekends of the fair. I will send out an e-mail to let you know when the tickets are available. Livestock – if you have questions, please contact the superintendents. **WE NEED JUDGES** for TROPICANA, FASHION REVUE and the TALENT SHOW and MORE!!!!

Junior Horse Bowl – 4/18 at 10:00 a.m. - We need teams of Juniors and Intermediates, otherwise the contest will be cancelled! See page 43 in the Premium Book.

Consumer Choices – 4/18: Juniors – Check-in at 9:15 a.m.; Intermediates – Check-in at 10:15 a.m.; Seniors – Check-in at 11:15 a.m. See page 44.

Game Boards – They must be turned into the 4-H Office by **April 9!** See pages 44-45.

Citrus Tree Auction – 4/18: Line-up at 3:00 p.m. and Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. See pages 46-47.

Interview Contest – Seniors – Entry received by **April 6!**; interviews on 4/18 by appointment. See pages 47-48.

Fashion Revue and Skill-a-thon – 4/18: Garments must be turned in to the 4-H Office by **April 9!** The Skill-a-thon will take place on April 18 between 9:30 a.m. and noon. Models need to be dressed by 1:30 p.m. – the show starts at 2:00 p.m. See pages 49-50.

Tropicana Public Speaking – 4/25 at 11:00 a.m. See pages 50-51.

Share-the-Fun Talent Show – 4/25 at 1:00 p.m. You may practice between 11:00 a.m. and noon. See page 51.

The other big item: When are **Livestock Slot Letters** for the Volusia County Fair coming out? How about in the next week or so? Please have them returned to the 4-H Office by **April 21**. We will post them on the website and hopefully mail them too. Remember – first come, first served! **IMPORTANT!!!** If you are mailing or FAXing them, please call us to check to see if we have received them. Be checking the fair's website for the Premium Book! Also, youth must be at least 8 years old by September 1, 2009 to show animals other than poultry, covies and rabbits. If the youth wants to show a goat or pig and is under 8, he/she must register as an Independent. Make sure we have current enrollment and participation forms on file **BEFORE** the fair!

Legislature registration forms are now available on our website or at <http://florida4h.org/events/leg.shtml>. I need the forms by April 17 and payment will not be due until mid-May. The cost for this event is \$225.00 plus approximately \$50 for the charter bus. Partial scholarships are available this year. Legislature is a state event, held in Tallahassee, for Senior 4-H'ers. "Leg" will be June 22-26 this year.

County Council Elections will be held on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Youth interested in running for one of the following offices must fill out an "Intent to Run" form and it must be received in the 4-H Office by **April 17**. Seniors **ONLY** may run for President, Vice-President, Delegate and Secretary. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors may run for: Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, or Motivational Leader. Check out the website for the form – and follow the directions. The Department of Elections for Volusia County is printing ballots for us and we will be using voting machines!

4-H Summer Camp will be the week of July 6-10 at Camp Ocala. The cost will be \$200. The forms will be available on our website soon. Registration is due by May 29. Counselor/C.I.T. applications are already available online and due May 5. Summer Camp is for youth between 8 and 13. Older youth must be Counselors or C.I.T.s.

Fashion Revue Skill-a-thon Workshop: In order to prepare you for the Central Florida Fair and our county contest, we are offering a workshop. You can attend on either date: April 8 or April 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch! Please call the 4-H Office to register - 822-5778.

The Volusia County Fashion Revue has been rescheduled for May 23 (Ms. Shirley was out of town with her new granddaughter and Mrs. Cash caught a nasty flu - that's why we had to cancel the show in February - my apologies!). There will be Selection and Construction categories and we'll post the entry form soon.

The Photography and Poster entries for County Events will be displayed in the TCK Rotunda next week (the county building on Rich Avenue in downtown Deland). Be looking for a spot on the *Volusia Magazine* television program (WCEU/Channel 15) – County Events was covered! P.S. Attending families – please return the permission slips ASAP!

Consumer Choices will meet on April 13 at 5:15 p.m.

County Council will be April 14 at 6:00 p.m. There hasn't been a club sign up to prepare dinner.

The Master Gardener Plant Faire is this Saturday morning, from 8:30 a.m. to noon – come out and support the 4-H Horticulture Team!

We will have a county level Mock Legislature on June 16. It will be open to Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. The morning will be devoted to workshops (led by special guests) and the mock legislature will be in the afternoon. Mock Legislature, a district level event, will be on June 18 in Seminole and is for Intermediates. Mark the dates!

It is time for the Dairy Poster Contest!!! No, you don't have to raise dairy cows – you just have to be creative! The forms are on the website: rules, theme and entry. They will be due to the 4-H Office by May 15th. So, “Fuel Up and Play the Dairy Way.”

Summer Journalism Visitation Program – for 8th to 11th graders:
<http://rolemodels.jou.ufl.edu/rolemodels/ufvisit/index.shtm>.

If you have checked out any plastic discount cards to sell, please turn in the funds raised and any extra cards by April 30. They are for DeLand area businesses and sell for \$10. The 4-H program or your club earns \$6 per card. New Deltona/Orange City cards are available.

District Events will be held on May 9 at the Apopka Research Center. Youth receiving blue ribbons at County Events may attend. If you earned a red ribbon, you must give your speech again – to Mrs. Cash or your club leader. I need to know by **April 17** who is planning to participate because I must create

the program and plan the event. Depending upon how many youth attend, we may have two sessions – a morning session with an Awards Ceremony, lunch for everyone together and then an afternoon session with an Awards Ceremony. We also need lots of judges and room monitors.

The Marine Science Center is having its annual Turtle Day on April 18. Go to www.marinesciencecenter.com/turtleday09.htm for all the details.

There is an Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Sheriff's Dept., this Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held next to Southwestern Middle School, in DeLand, for youth between 1 and 10 years of age.

WOOHOO!!!! It's up on the website - the Power Point tutorial: "Building Blue Ribbon 4-H Record Books." Go to www.volusia.org/extension/selection.htm or go above this update and click on "Projects available." I hope it will be of value to everyone. There are more planned: Clover Awards, Portfolios, etc. - I just need time (HAHA) to work on them.

Check out www.mytopiacafe.com and search for 4-H related articles. We have an account there and we have posted articles about Mrs. Russi, the Horse Show, Share-the-Fun, the Horticulture Team and Tropicana. I guess I need to write about County Events, huh?

There will be a Cake Decorating Contest for District Events – the flyer will be on the website. The cakes will be used for dessert and awards will be given – ALL ages can enter – even adults!

The First Baptist Church, on Woodland Blvd. in DeLand, next to Stetson, is asking that 4-H'ers come show the pre-schoolers bunnies and chicks next week, April 6-10. Contact Elizabeth Iannolino at 386-785-7186 – great community service related to animal projects!!!!

The UF baseball team will be hosting Florida 4-H at their May 15th game. The game is against Kentucky and begins at 6:30 p.m. Ticket info will be forthcoming. Youth can apply to sing the National Anthem, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," or announce one inning. Applications are due April 29 – check our website or call Julie Wilson, 352-846-0996, jswilson@ufl.edu, with questions. This is a once in a lifetime kind-of thing!