

# Volusia County 4-H Clover Connection

## Upcoming Events

Livestock Judging Practice:  
Jan 11, Feb 1, 8, Mar 14, Apr  
4, 11, 5:45 p.m., Ag. Ctr.

- Archery Practice, Tuesday afternoons, Ag. Ctr., 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$5 per month
- Archery Clinic, Easton Center in Newberry, \$15, Jan. 7
- Livestock Judging Contest, Jan. 7, Kissimmee, noon
- County Council and Leader Meeting, Jan. 10, Ag. Ctr., 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Development Institute, Ocala Hilton, Jan. 10 -12
- Day in History, DeLeon Springs, Jan. 14
- District 8 Council Meeting, Jan. 17, Orange County, 6:00 p.m.
- LAW, Jan. 20-22, Camp Ocala, \$95, Reg. due Jan. 3 to Office
- Share-the-Fun Talent Show, Ag. Ctr. Jan. 28, 6:00 p.m., Dress Rehearsal, Jan. 27
- Volusia County 4-H Schooling Horse Show, Feb. 3-4, Silver Sands Eq. Ctr.
- County Council and Leader Meeting, Feb. 7, Ag. Ctr., 7:00 p.m.
- Florida State Fair, Feb. 9-20, Tampa
- State Muzzelloading Match, Brevard County, Feb. 11
- Consumer Choices, Osceola County, Feb. 11
- Archery State Pre-Match, Newberry, Feb. 18
- Sewing Workshop, Feb. 20
- Hunter Safety Class, Feb. 25, Ag. Ctr.
- 4-H Day at the Capitol, Feb. 28, Tallahassee
- Area D T-shirt design entries due

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## Christmas Celebrations!

Many thanks to Theresa Smith, leader of Bulldog 4-H, for organizing the Volusia County 4-H entry in the DeLand Christmas Parade! Members from the Barn Bratz and Old School 4-H clubs also participated. Their holiday cheer earned Volusia County 4-H second place in walking entries! REACH 4-H entered a float! Silver Sands was in the Samsula Tractor Parade and so was the Critter Crew! The Ranch Raiders were in the DeBary Christmas Parade and placed first! The Glenwood Trailblazers, REACH, the Barn Bratz and the Critter Crew had Christmas Parties!

Send me pictures!



## Holiday Magic

Fish Memorial Hospital in Orange City had its second annual "Festival of Trees" in early December. Last year, the trees were along the entrance drive, but this year, the trees were placed inside. Volusia County 4-H, along with many other non-profit organizations, were invited to decorate the trees. The trees were then judged and prizes awarded. The trees are then bid upon and proceeds benefit cancer research.

We participated in 2010 and also this year. REACH 4-H made

dough ornaments and decorated our tree. Katie and Kenneth Lamar were present for the judging and spoke about 4-H to the judges. Lillian Wheeler, Office Assistant, was present for the Awards Ceremony on December 15. Imagine her surprise when Volusia County 4-H placed second! Lillian had her picture taken with a LARGE \$1,500 check which is on display in the foyer here at the office. Many thanks to REACH for their hard work on behalf of 4-H!



# Share-the-Fun Talent Show

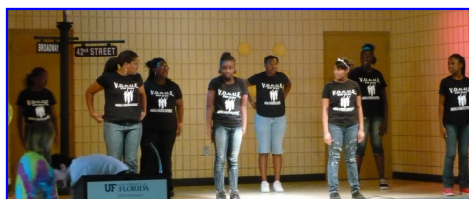
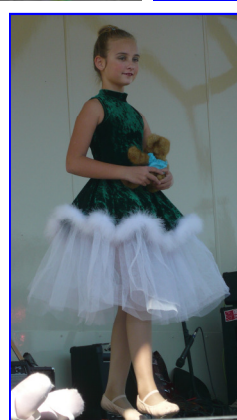
On January 28th, at 6:00 p.m., 4-H'ers from around Volusia County will strut their stuff on the Auditorium stage. That's right — it's time for the Share-the-Fun Talent Show! Come see comedy routines, dance acts, singing, instrumental performances, acting, fun group skits and more! Any currently enrolled 4-H'er, between the ages of 5 (non-competitive) and 18 can sign up — and that's all it

takes — a phone call to the 4-H Office by January 25th. There is a mandatory dress rehearsal on January 27th at 5:30 p.m. (song lyrics, acts, and costumes must be 4-H appropriate.) Participants will be awarded certificates and ribbons. The top two Junior acts, Intermediate acts and Senior acts can go on to compete at the District level in May.

Judges are needed!

We'd like to have snacks available so call the office to sign up: drinks, chips, or cookies. If you'd like to donate a door prize, let us know! Call Jennifer at 386-416-9884 or e-mail her at [jntknight@hotmail.com](mailto:jntknight@hotmail.com).

**Andrew Peck,  
Louis Potter and  
Paul Trein are  
the Co-Chairs of  
this event.  
Critter Crew  
leader Jennifer  
Knight is the  
Share-the-Fun  
Advisor.**





DUST OFF YOUR COAT AND HAT AND JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME AT VOLUSIA COUNTY 4-H



# Share The Fun Old Time Broadway Variety Show



Entertain with song, dance, jokes  
or any fun you or your 4-H group  
want to share.

Don't miss this great opportunity!

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**January 28, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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**at Volusia County Ag. Center, 3100 E. New York, DeLand**

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal Friday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Acts must be 3-5 minutes long.**

**Group acts accepted.**

**Cloverbuds may participate, but are non-competitive.**

**Top two acts in each age division go on to District!**

**Sign up today with Mrs. Laura Cash 386-822-5778**

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## Consumer Choices - A Great Project and a Competition!

We invite you to participate in the state 4-H Consumer Choices contest on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Osceola County Fair in Kissimmee. Registration form is attached and the times and contest rules can be found at <http://www.osceolacountyfair.com/downloads/Consumer%20Choices%20Judging%20Contest%20and%20Registration.pdf>. For a copy of the Consumer Choices Judging material, go to [http://florida4h.org/projects/consumer\\_choices.shtml](http://florida4h.org/projects/consumer_choices.shtml). Please note that the date for registration is Friday, January 27th. This deadline will not be extended. If you plan to attend and participate please send Amy Canar [acan@osceola.org](mailto:acan@osceola.org) a quick note to let her know to expect your registration. Thanks and we hope to see you at the fair! Karen Miliffe and Laura Royer

### 4-H Consumer Choices

This 4-H event provides you a chance to demonstrate your knowledge and skills as a savvy consumer. Each year new study guides with four popular consumer products are produced to guide you to learn about the product standards, features to consider when purchasing and other situational considerations.

**The 4-H Consumer Savvy projects are also available to help you learn to be a good consumer.**

In this 4-H Consumer project contest, you will demonstrate:

- how to process information to make the best economical choices of four products for a given situation;
  - comparison shopping by price, quality of products or buy store/manufacturer.
  - how to effectively communicate with others by defending your choices with reasons for your decisions;
- decision-making and communication skills and increased self-confidence as a wise consumer.

[2011-12 Teachers Guide for Video Gaming](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Video Gaming](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for Popcorn](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Popcorn](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for Goggles](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Goggles](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for AntiVirus Software](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for AntiVirus Software](#)

[2011-12 Teachers Guide for Tablets](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Tablets](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for Athletic Shoes](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Athletic Shoes](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for Earbuds](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Earbuds](#)

[2011-12 Teacher Guide for Plants](#)

[2011-12 Student Guide for Plants](#)

## More About the Contest

This contest is offered around the state at county and area fairs. There are three age divisions (juniors, intermediates and seniors) at most contests. Check your county 4-H Calendar for these events or ask about at your local 4-H office.

**Judging Stations:** The contest consist of four consumer judging stations--tables-- each has a given consumer situation you will read and four products you will have to rank in order of which one you would purchase for the given situation. You are scored on how well your rankings 1st -2nd-3rd-4th choices compare to the judge's rankings. Samples for each age division are presented below from the 2007 Teacher's edition.

**Oral Reasons:** The contest also includes several stations where you will present, or tell the judge, the rankings for a product and why you placed them the way you did. Each contest across the state may differ in the number of products for which you have to present reasons. This usually varies by age. For example, Juniors must present reasons for one product; Intermediates and Seniors must present reasons for two or more products.

## **2012 Osceola County Fair Consumer Choices Pre-Registration**

**COUNTY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

**Circle one: 4-H      FCCLA      FFA      Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the number of teams and youth that you anticipate bringing to the Osceola County Fair Consumer Choices Contest (teams are 3 or 4 youth in the same age division)

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Junior Teams**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Junior Youth**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Intermediate Teams**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Intermediate Youth**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Senior Teams**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Senior Youth**

This form must be faxed or e-mailed by Friday, January 27, 2012 along with your team members' names and mailing addresses to:

Laura Royer or Karen Miliffe  
UF/IFAS Osceola County Extension  
1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane  
Kissimmee, FL 34744-8947  
Phone: 321-697-3000  
**Fax: 321-697-3010**

Please bring a list of team members and mailing addresses to registration the day of the contest at the Osceola County Fair. Teams are not allowed to register until all team members are present. No teams allowed in the contest once their age division has begun. **NO MULTI-COUNTY TEAMS.**



# VOLUSIA COUNTY FAIR

## NOVEMBER 3-13, 2011

### 4-H CONTESTS

#### Club Booths

1st Place & Best Fair Promotional: Enterprise Adventure Crew

2nd Place: Ponytails

3rd Place & Best 4-H Promotional: REACH

#### Other Entries

Silver Sands

Flying Changes

Barn Bratz

Indian Springs

Old School

Hippin Hoppers

#### Essay Contest

##### Juniors

1st Place: Alexandria Cogswell

2nd Place: Amaya Stamm

##### Intermediates

1st Place: Pryce Koshiol

2nd Place: Rebekah Collins

3rd Place: Isaac Denner

##### Seniors

1st Place: Kayleigh Baggs

2nd Place: Amalie Batchelder

3rd Place: Abby Marion

#### Other Entries

Malia Stamm

Ryan McGrath

Sullivan Hessler

Brendan Register

Kennedy Hessler

Kelsey Maloney

#### Game Boards

##### Best in Show

Animal Science: Brooke Miller

Communication & Expressive Arts:

Isaac Denner

Environmental Education: Kayla Jesmain

Individual & Family Resources:

Taylor Knight

Science & Technology: Tristan McCullah

##### Other Entries

##### Cloverbuds

Josie DeRonde

Shelby Zona

Ashlyn Miller

Ashlinn McCullah

Taylor Tyrcha

Jeremy Faella

Ashton Busse

Erin Polak

##### Juniors

Jacob McKissick

Alexia Stoppelbein

Brayson Busse

Dalton Tyrcha

Vincent Boden

Kierstin McCullah

Blake Becker

##### Intermediates

Britney Houtsma

Cheyenne West

Kelsey Smith

Grant Guyer

Kelsey Becker

Brooke Becker

Sullivan Hessler

Jordyn McKissick

##### Seniors

Chase Mew

Amalie Batchelder

Kayleigh Baggs

Kennedy Hessler

Brendan Register

# **LIVESTOCK JUDGING**

1st: Eryn Stairs, Trevor Rosso, Ryan McGrath, Christina Rees - Tigers of 4-H

2nd: Sierra Goodrich, Ashlyn Gamble - Volusia Showpride

3rd: Jordan Ackerley - Little Hoppers

1st: Morgan Bates, Shanna Hillman, Samantha Clay, Paige Moss - Showstring

2nd: Miranda Savercool, Hannah Harp, Samantha Rees - DeLand Bulldog

3rd: Ana Gamble, Sarah McDonald, Allie Goodin - Simply Hoofin' It

4th: Kelsey Maloney, Tricia Dugan, Matt Hillman, Kassidy Maloney - Simply Hoofin' It

5th: Louis Potter, Shelby Moss - Samsula Pride

6th: Larry Blair, Rachel Miranda - Little Hoppers

# **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS (WOW!)**

Bailie McLaughlin	Ryan McGrath
Caitlin Sutherin	Jessica Lashinsky
Cole D'Angelo	Austen Lashinsky
Samantha Clay	Rayna Laramie
Taylor Webb	Spencer Shinner
Dakota Carey	Skyler Huddleston
Morgan Bates	Andrew Peck
Shanna Hillman	Rachel Morris
Tapanga Madden	Christina Rees
Taylor Bustillo	James Miranda
Laney Bates	Kiflan Hamilton
Trevor Rosso	Brandon Oliver
Brooke Miller	Christina Cowan
Eryn Stairs	Chris Cowan
Robert Mathers	Malayah Fousse
Jamie Minnis	Allie Goodin
Kelly Sutherin	Dakota Hull
Kaitlynn Hunsberger	Dallas Hull
James Mulligan	Rachael Kubica
Carlos Salgado	Barn Bratz
Jarad Dollar	Indian Springs
Miranda Savercool	Emily Tomlinson
Sierra Dollar	Tricia Dugan
Ethan Stein	Robert Mathers
Ashlyn Gamble	Samantha Rees
Ana Gamble	Rachel Tindel
Olivia Bustillo	Makaya Wiebe
Victoria Miranda	Chase Mew
Kassidy Maloney	Clayton Link
Joshua Huddleston	Austin Efrid
Kelsey Maloney	Robert Roach
Larry Blair	Kaitlynn Wines
Tigers of 4-H	Brooke Becker
Dawson Griffin	Miranda Lauth
Matthew Peck	Showstring
Samsula Pride	Hayden McCormick
Jarsali Brumley	Megan Hendrickson
Grant Prest	Robert Wines

Hayden Scharf
Daniel Austin
Jenna Hansen
Carter Stokes
Molly Daugharty
Jordyn McKissick
Emily Robidoux
Dylan Ruegger
Lindsey Haynes
Clay Daugharty
Andrew Gregory
Kendra Trickey
Tori Trickey
Savannah Lynn
Montana Hull
Cracker
ROL
Alexandra Cooper
Silver Sands
David Moore
Jillian Audit
Breeanna Mckenzie
Nicole Falk
Makayla Vaughn
Emily Osborne
Lucy Osborne
DeLand Bulldog
Tyler D'Angelo
Kenneth Lamar
Katie Lamar
Kayleigh Baggs
Kelsey Smith
Taylor Knight
Kierstin McCullah
Tristan McCullah
Theresa Palmer
Cassidy Stone
Charlize Stone

Tia Hernlen
Jane Pieper
Morgan Reedy
Hope Styron
Colton Busse
Mallory Draa
Mark Boward
Morgan Fritze
Ethan Lynn
Austen Carey
Trysten Carey
Megan Katuin
Kaileigh Manke
Aren Clark
Anna Marquette
Louis Potter
Jordan Risk
Alexia Stoppelbein
Riley Germany
William Clark
Brianna Boisvert
Megan Boisvert
Jordan Ackerley
Rachel Miranda
Abby Marion
Morgane Blackwelder
Carson Link
Taylor Pavolsky
Shilynn Barnes
Katelyn Clark
Kasey Trickey
Griffin Prest

# **RECORD BOOKS**

## **POULTRY**

Taylor Knight  
Brooke Miller  
Abby Marion  
Trysten Carey  
Dakota Carey  
Kayleigh Baggs  
Emily Osborne  
Lucy Osborne  
Olivia Fidler  
Tia Hernlen  
Ashlyn Miller  
Brenden Roach  
Bailey Sloan  
Kelsey Smith  
Kelly Sutherin

## **LIVESTOCK\***

Junior Division Winners:  
1st place- Rachel Morris  
2nd place- Dakota Carey  
3rd place- Brooke Miller

\*I do not have the entire list of the 80 youth that submitted Livestock Record Booksbut thank you for turning in your books!





# VOLUSIA COUNTY 4-H OPEN SCHOOLING HORSE SHOW FEBRUARY 3 - 4, 2011 SILVER SANDS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR HORSE SHOW! WHETHER IT'S DRESSAGE, SPEED, WESTERN OR ENGLISH - THERE ARE CLASSES FOR EVERYONE. MAKE SURE YOU ARE A CURRENTLY ENROLLED 4-H'ER, ARE WORKING ON YOUR HORSE PROJECT BOOK AND ARE AWARE OF THE CURRENT STATE RULES FOR 4-H. THE ENTRY FORM AND FLYER ARE COMING SOON. OUR SHOW IS OPEN TO OTHER COUNTIES AND IS NOT A QUALIFYING SHOW FOR AREA D. THE DISTRICT HORSE SHOW, AREA D, WILL BE HELD MAY 4-6, 2012 AT CLARCONA HORSE PARK IN APOPKA AND THE STATE HORSE SHOW WILL BE IN JUNE AT THE FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS.

PROJECT BOOKS, BIT RULES AND RULE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 4-H OFFICE OR YOU CAN FIND THEM AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

[HTTP://ANIMAL.UFLEDU/YOUTH/HORSE/HELMETSMORE.SHTML](http://animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/helmetsmore.shtml)  
[HTTP://WWW.ANIMAL.UFLEDU/YOUTH/HORSE/DOCUMENTS/BITRULES.PDF](http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/documents/bitrules.pdf)  
[HTTP://WWW.ANIMAL.UFLEDU/YOUTH/HORSE/SHOWRULES.SHTML](http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showrules.shtml)  
[HTTP://FLORIDA4H.ORG/PROJECTS/ANIMAL\\_SCIENCES/HS\\_PDFS/4HHSR02.PDF](http://florida4h.org/projects/animal_sciences/hs_pdfs/4hhsr02.pdf)  
[HTTP://FLORIDA4H.ORG/PROJECTS/HORSE.SHTML](http://florida4h.org/projects/horse.shtml)

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE AREA D T-SHIRT AND PROGRAM COVER DESIGN CONTEST! ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY **FEBRUARY 29TH!**





# RETAINING 4-H VOLUNTEERS

BY: DR. BRYAN TERRY  
STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER SPECIALIST

Volunteers are vital to our success and have established themselves as an important partner within the 4-H program. A concern for many county 4-H programs is volunteer retention. Nationwide, one out of every three volunteers who volunteer in one year do not volunteer the next year, a 66 percent volunteer retention rate. In Florida the retention rate is 55 percent (Corporation for National and Community Service, 2007).

A survey of more than 700 county 4-H volunteers was conducted to understand their experiences in their county 4-H program, time conflicts, perceived risks, limitations on activities, constraints and frustrations, benefits derived from volunteering, overall satisfaction with being a 4-H volunteer, and strength of intention to remain a 4-H volunteer. A structural equation model (SEM) was used to measure the indirect relationship that is mediated by volunteer satisfaction, and thus intention to remain a 4-H volunteer. The findings showed that 80 percent of a volunteer's satisfaction is determined by environmental support and leadership of the 4-H agent (50%) together with benefits from volunteering (30%). A volunteer's intention to remain a 4-H volunteer is the result of their satisfaction. Specifically, a volunteer must feel that:

- Their role contributes to youth in the county
- Their role is significant
- They have been accepted by Extension staff and other volunteers
- They have an opportunity for new experiences and
- They learn new things.



Furthermore, volunteer satisfaction is different among new volunteers (three years of experience or less) and tenured volunteers (more than three years of volunteer experience). For new volunteers, the most important drivers of satisfaction can be directly controlled by the 4-H agent. These are:

- Keeping volunteers informed of events, activities and opportunities to be involved
- Maintaining a safe environment for volunteers and staff
- Ensuring volunteers are safe with other volunteers
- Assigning appropriate roles for a volunteers interest, skills and abilities
- Being fair with all volunteers
- Introducing new volunteers to other volunteers in the program

For tenured volunteers, benefits that a volunteer receives become an important element. As a 4-H agent, communicate to volunteers the following:

- They are valued by members of the community
- Volunteerism can enhance their careers
- Being involved in 4-H helps fulfill a volunteers sense of obligation to give back
- Volunteering in 4-H will increase their social life
- 4-H provides opportunities to connect with other members of the community

In summary, volunteers are important to our 4-H program. Retention is driven by a volunteer's satisfaction with his or her volunteer experience. By demonstrating leadership and communicating the benefits of volunteering in 4-H, volunteer satisfaction will increase and, in turn, volunteer retention will increase.

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**Attention all Leaders and Volunteers!** There is a Leader Meeting each month and all of the leaders are serving on committees to assist in developing our county program! Those committees are: Grievance, Club Management, Events, and Horse and Livestock. To improve your knowledge of 4-H and to be aware of policies and upcoming events, it is important to attend. All are welcome! Our County Council/Leader Meeting dates are January 10, February 7, March 6, April 10 and May 8. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Come learn more about YOUR program and make a difference!

## Silver Sands 4H Club:

Our club has been very busy getting ready for and competing in the Volusia County Fair. Kelsey Maloney and Ana Gamble competed in the Mrs. Volusia County Fair pageant, both made it the top 10, and Kelsey got second runner up. Kelsey also received a best in show with her horticulture. Kelsey's rabbit won best of breed, and she won second place weight gain with her steer. Sierra Goodrich received a best in show with her orchids, she won best of breed and reserve of breed for her silver spangled hamburg rooster and hen. Clayton Bratcher won Volusia County Fair scholarship and he also won the chicken costume contest with his Charlotte's web. Our JR livestock team, members, Ashlyn Gamble and Sierra Goodrich second place team. Sierra also won top high individual. Our club is gearing up for the rest of the fairs next year and the horse show season. And with Christmas season upon us we are planning to participate in the Samsula tractor parade. Kelsey's heifer is going to be in the live nativity at Walk Through Bethlehem.

Thank you everyone who donated to the Christmas toy drive! We collected about 5 tubs stuffed with toys. They really made a difference. I would like to especially thank the Junior Barn Brats; Shirey, Tia, Shaley, Melise, Kaelyn, Alyia, Jaylynn, and their leaders Robin and Nancy for their contributions. Again, thanks to all of you for your abundant generosity. Sincerely, Katie & REACH 4-H

Some of our group that went Christmas caroling at Ridgecrest Nursing home in Deland on Dec 23rd. We had one family that was sick & then another family that were away on vacation...so, we asked some previous 4-H members/other homeschool families to join us. Some dads & other family that were here on vacation visiting also joined us. It was a wonderful experience for our group. Besides caroling, we made Christmas door hangers for each of the 140 patients that were there. We made them out of old Christmas cards, connected some string to them, decorated with glitter, our club name & the year on them. Our family has been caroling for the past 5 years at this nursing home with homeschool groups it was fun to ask our 4-h friends to join us. This time of year is a time to remember others who have no one to come see them. It was beautiful to see the residents sing along with us & smile. Have a great day, Tina Hendrickson, REACH



The Jr. Barn Brats' Christmas community service project was making 29 fleece shawls and lap blankets (with the tied ends) for residents at the Oceanview Nursing/Rehab. Center in New Smyrna Beach. We, personally, presented each of the residents with their gifts and enjoyed the many surprised responses as they received them. Nancy Morgan and Robin Benishek



The four above pictures together are of REACH, the one to the left is the Ranch Raiders and the one above is of the Jr. Barn Brats.

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The Critter Crew

4 H Club

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Events

Merry Christmas From The Critter Crew

By Kelsey Smith

This year on the second Saturday in December at Samsula's tractor parade, The Critter Crew made a Christmas style 4-H float. With the starting preparations in hand we started making our 4H clovers, decorating our stockings and tying ribbons on dog biscuits. Our leader, Mrs. Jen Knight, borrowed a trailer which we would decorate and pull in the parade. Our club had decided we would go green and show the community what 4-H's all about by decorating clovers with what we each do as active 4-H members and what 4-H means to us.

The day of the parade came quickly, that morning lots of finishing touches were added to our clovers, and stockings. With members there early we ran into a very huge problem. We could not find each other in the Christmas excitement among all the other parade floats. We could not seem to get some members on the phone, after calling every member we finally found out where we needed to be.

Finally, we all met up at 2pm in Samsula to start decorating our 4-H Christmas float. Once we were all there we started decorating our float with lots of clovers, tinsel, and stocking all held by the layers of tape that we put on it. After all the hard work we did decorating we finally finished our little country float just in time as the parade started to move. Along the route we passed out candy and dog biscuits to many people and pets.

Many people clapped and cheered when we went by. People old and young that had been or are still members of 4-H shouted there support and love for the 4-H program. We finally ended that day with lots of fun but one thing we learned was to always bring DUCKTAPE!!!

Art

Mare and Foal

By Theresa Palmer

We have had an exciting year and are looking forward to 2012. We plan on learning more about hydroponics, animal rescues, and helping our community. We are working on Survival Skills and Community Service as a group project, but each member has a personal project that they are involved in such as sewing, citrus, horses and poultry. I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead such a wonderful group of members and volunteers. I can't wait to see what this next year will bring. The Critter Crew wishes you all the best in the coming year.

Jen Knight

Spreading Christmas Cheer

By Kelsey Smith

This year Critter Crew donated new toys to less fortunate kids in our area by helping the Toys for Tots Drive. Each year the marines collect new unwrapped toys for local kids who wouldn't have anything under their Christmas Tree without our help.

As the President of the Critter Crew, I have been trying to find new ways that our group could help out in the community. Watching TV with my

parents I saw a commercial telling about the program and what they did to help people who needed the extra help at Christmas. During our first meeting in December I presented the idea to our club members and we decided to spend thirty dollars on the Toys to donate. I was put in charge of buying the toys.

Some think that what our club learned from this project is that it is better to give to others who need the help. We don't have to spend a lot of money to make a big difference to someone else.

## Ranch Raiders 4-H Club

Hello everyone! Ranch Raiders wish you the best 2012 ever! Our club had a very exciting November and December; all kids were very successful at the Volusia County Fair and our seniors went out with a Bang! Kayleigh won grand showman in poultry and for the third time she won the Cutlip award for homemaking, Megan Katuin won best in show in youth sewing. Tricia Dugan won grand champ heifer making her grandparents very proud! Our kids also spent many hours teaching others how to show everything from cavy to steers we are so proud of all of you! We were also very proud to participate in the Debary Christmas parade for the 10<sup>th</sup> year and this year our club won 1<sup>st</sup> in the youth civic division! We also shared the Christmas spirit with a visit to the Duval Home and took personalized stockings and goodies the residents were so happy to have visitors and the kids had a blast. Finally we invaded the Manke's home for a fun Christmas party and bon fire, thanks again Bill and Jen! As we look to State Fair and Central Florida Fair we challenge all clubs to pass on skills, be a good sport and show your pride in Volusia County 4-H!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

If 4-H clubs plan on using our auditorium (or other rooms for 4-H activities or for meetings), the leader should submit a list of dates for the upcoming year such as Wed., October 31, Wed., Nov 28, Wed. Dec. 26, etc. so there is no confusion. It is preferred that they don't submit a description, such as the last Wednesday of each month. As an example: Halloween falls on the last Wednesday of the month. Rather than have the Office Manager guess that they would prefer not to meet on Halloween, it would be better planning for the club to request dates as mentioned above. As soon as requests are received, they will be booked and if there are any conflicts, the leader will be notified asap.

Thanks for your help, Arlene Childs, Office Manager P.S. For 4-H meetings, the use of the facility is free.

Mark your calendar!

On Monday, January 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting with the FFA Advisors and 4-H Club Leaders in the George Shierling Board Room in the Talton Bldg. This meeting will be to discuss the 2012 Volusia County Fair & Youth Show, November 1 - 11, 2012. Please call the Fair office at 386-734-9514 and let us know if you will attend this meeting. (There is a Small Animal Livestock Committee Meeting on the 17th at 7:00 p.m. for Superintendents and volunteers—more info to come.) On Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm, there will be a meeting in the Tommy Lawrence Arena with the Superintendents of the following departments: Beef Breeding - Eleanor McCormick; Breeding Swine - Tommy Wilkins; Sheep (Breeding & Market) - Kitty Allen; Goats - Becky Maloney; Market Steer - Bill Johnson; Market Swine - Troy Rentz; Daniel Cox - Volusia Co Schools; Brett Brandner - Volusia Co Schools; Sharon Gamble - Volusia Co Livestock 4H Agent. Those people should plan on attending as this meeting will be to discuss the 2012 Volusia County Fair & Youth Show, November 1 - 11, 2012.

Thank you, Darla Combs, Volusia County Fair, Phone: 386-734-9514, Fax: 386-734-7176

Hi Folks!!! Just a reminder...we are a month away from this exciting event!!!! We still have tickets and tables available...tickets and tables must be purchased by Saturday, January 14th!!!! This is a fundraiser to benefit the Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs and celebrate the Central Florida Fair's Centennial!!!! This exciting event will feature fabulous food from 4RIVERS, live entertainment by HAZZARD KOUNTY, and a live auction with some awesome items up for grabs!!! We are also recognizing and honoring our LIVESTOCK LEGACY FAMILIES...the Wards, Clarks and Simmons. Please join us as we continue to preserve and enhance the legacy of the Central Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs for the next 100 Years. Proceeds will go towards livestock show equipment and awards. If you have any questions please give us a call!!!! Stacey@centralfloridafair.com

A generous Friend of 4-H donated a LOT of magazines to the 4-H Office: CAT FANCY, DOG WORLD, DOG FANCY, HOBBY FARM, HOBBY FARM HOME, YOUNG RIDER, HORSE ILLUSTRATED, WILD BIRD, and REPTILES. These are free so the next time you're by help yourselves! In addition, we have books and Leader Guides you can check out too.

**If you haven't enrolled in 4-H for this year, then please do so. You must register each year, between September 1 and 30. Only currently enrolled members are supposed to participate in 4-H activities, including the fair. All youth enrolled in 4-H have \$10 membership dues and \$1 (or \$2 for horse) insurance premiums which can be paid to the 4-H office or given to your club leader. Directions to enroll are on the last page of the newsletter.**

The District VIII 4-H T. G. Lee Scholarship application is on the following pages. High school Juniors and Seniors may apply. Four \$500 scholarships are given each year!

### VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH:

**DIANA CAREY & JENNIFER KNIGHT - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

**NANCY MORGAN & MIKE CASH - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**BECKY MALONEY - JANUARY**



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**Volusia County 4-H Office  
Attn: District VIII Scholarship  
3100 E. New York Ave.  
DeLand, FL 32724**

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Volusia County 4-H is very proud of its Shooting Sports program. I'd like to take a few minutes to update you about it. Archery has become our primary program, and practices are held each Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (or dark, lately) in our field at the 4-H Office for youth 8 and up. The cost is \$5 a month and we have our own supplies. Typically, we have a dozen youth here every week. Mike Cash, the club leader, and I administer the state's archery program and have matches throughout the year at the Easton Center in Newberry (near Gainesville). We've had a FITA Match in August, a Field Match in October, and on January 7, a Clinic. On February 18th, we'll have the State Pre-Match and on March 10 is the State Match. Hundreds of families around the state are participating and we'd like to encourage you to join us—it truly is a family event! Re-curve or Compound, Sighted or Instinctive, most bows are welcome!

However, we'd like to expand our Shotgun, Air Rifle and Rifle programs. Kyle Hearn, our present Rifle and Shotgun coach, needs help! To be a Level I Instructor requires a weekend training—trainings are offered several times a year, including the one we offer in September. Depending on my schedule, I offer Air Rifle some Tuesdays—and I am writing a grant for more equipment. Shotgun was meeting at the Trap and Skeet Club on Pioneer Trail in Samsula, and Small-bore was meeting at the Volusia County Gun and Hunt Club on Hwy. 44. Youth must provide their own equipment: 22's, or 12, 16 or 20 gauge shotguns. Contact the 4-H Office if you are interested in working with this program or if you'd like to participate! The State Rifle/Air Rifle Match is the first Saturday in March, in Levy County. The State Shotgun Match is held in Polk County on the third Saturday. If you like Muzzle-loading, there's a State Match on February 11—just call and I'll send you the information!

In addition, we'd like to forge some community partnerships, find some sponsors and schedule camping and fishing trips.

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## 2012 STATE ARCHERY PRE-MATCH EASTON NEWBERRY SPORTS COMPLEX SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012



Times are approximate. Rain or Shine.

8:00 AM – VOLUNTEER MEETING (we need lane volunteers, contact Mike Cash @ Lantec62@gmail.com)	
8:00 – 9:00 AM – REGISTRATION/CHECK IN	8:00 - 9:20 AM – EQUIPMENT SAFETY CHECK
9:20 AM – PARENT / COACH MEETING	9:30 AM – RANGE SAFETY MEETING
9:45 AM – MOVE TO ASSIGNED LANES	10:00 – 2:45 PM – COMPETITION

This will be a walk-thru of the State Match to occur on March 10<sup>th</sup> to give the participants a chance to shoot without the pressure of competition. Certificates of Participation will be awarded at the end of the day. Timing will be approximate based on number of participants and available lane volunteers.

Concessions are available at the Center and/or you may bring a cooler. There will be NOT be a break for lunch.

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per Archer per event. Make check payable to Volusia County 4-H. Registration February 12, 2012. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for registrations received after the deadline or at the event.

Mail to: Mrs. Laura Cash      Phone: (386) 822-5778  
Volusia County 4-H  
3100 E. New York Avenue  
DeLand, FL 32724-6410



Information about the State Archery Match has been e-mailed to the club leaders and will be posted on our website.



## Volusia County 4-H Online Enrollment

• If you are a returning 4-H family, go to **<http://florida.4honline.com>** to re-enroll for the 2011-2012 4-H year. (Everyone must do this! Speak to your club leader because some leaders are typing their families in the program. For those families without computers, the 4-H Office or the club leader will enroll the families.)

- You should see a clover in the top left and "Welcome to 4hOnline." Scroll down to the bottom. **If you enrolled yourself before**, click on "I have a profile," type in your e-mail and your password and then click on "Family" in the drop down. Then hit "Login."
- The next screen that comes up will have "Newsletters" on the left and a big orange box that says, "Continue to Family."
- The following screen title is "Member List." There are directions there to add a new family member or to edit one. Your family's contact information will be there and the drop down to add. If you are just going to re-enroll for the 2011-2012 4-H year, look at the list of your family members, in blue, at the bottom. Click on the "Edit" button and you can change their information or leave the same on the different pages. Then click "Continue" at the bottom of each page. Keep going until it asks you to "Submit Enrollment." On your family's page, their status will say "Pending" instead of "Inactive." I will then go in periodically and accept members – you'll receive a confirmation e-mail.
- **If you have forgotten your password, or if you were enrolled by the 4-H office previously**, click on "I forgot my password" and Florida Online will send you a link. When you follow the link, type in your new password twice and the program will take you to the "Member List" page where you'll proceed as detailed above. It might help to re-read the "First-Timer" directions below!

### New families - -

First, go to <http://florida4h.org>.

On the left, click on "4-H Online Enrollment" <http://florida4h.org/4honline/homepage.shtml>

In the blue bar in the middle of the page, click on "Login to 4-H Online." [https://florida.4honline.com/](https://florida.4honline.com/Login.aspx?4F514F2B424E3B394F29410D)

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Click on the dot by "I need to setup a profile."

Use the drop down and find Volusia County, type in your family's e-mail and retype it in, type in the family's last name, and enter and reenter a password (for my family I did ca\$hfamily), role should be family, then click on the Create Login button.

You'll enter your address and phone number and **indicate you prefer e-mail for correspondence**.

It will ask you to Update your password – don't forget it! You'll re-use it in September for the new 4-H year.

A blue box with your family info shows up and on the right the Add a New Family Member drop down. You'll need to do this for each child and if you'd like, yourself as a volunteer. **Don't go to Reactivate – that's not for us to use. NEVER hit the back arrow!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You can use "My Member List" in the top right or at the bottom, Previous Page or Return to Member List. Personal Information for Youth - It is pretty self explanatory – just a few things to watch: if you home school, click on the "If you are unable to locate your school . . ." type in Home School and the drop down has home school in it. **DO NOT enter the youth as volunteers please.**

Additional Information for Youth – A lot of this most of you will leave empty at the top. This is part of the Participation Form – make sure you type in your name as the Parent completing the form. Of course, the program won't let you off pages until certain things are entered! You may wish to add another contact, but not required. Complete the health history and what medications can be administered – or just check only contact me first at the bottom (less clicking to do). Tetanus shot date – should enter but will accept application without it. Put your name there and use the date you complete the form – their calendar is cool. Always hit continue at the bottom.

On the Club tab, use the drop down and **make sure you click Add Club** and then Continue.

On the Project tab, use the drop down and add projects – as many as you wish – and how many years you've done them. Hit Submit Enrollment. **You aren't in groups so don't go there.**

**You will be classified as Pending** and I will go in and Accept Members and your youth enrollment will be finished!

For adults – first page the same.

Additional Information will ask if you are First Year or Returning, what you do as a volunteer, how long, etc. At the bottom is the Code of Conduct and Health – JUST like the kids.

On the Club tab, indicate what club you work with and what type of volunteer you are – make sure you click Add Club!

You can select and add projects too. Then you'll submit for me to accept you.

Check after you complete and your family's info with "Pending" in the chart should be there.