



## 4-H News

# Holmes County 4-H

*March 2013*

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito."

~Unknown

Make a difference in someone.

Pass it On!

### AGENT'S CORNER



Hello 4-Hers!

Well, we made it past the flood waters and now comes the sunshine, blooming flowers and warm weather, right? Plus, we get two holidays in this month - YIPPEE!!

This month will be very busy in the 4-H club world in Holmes County. The Air Rifle will have its first meeting on March 15th. The United Clovers will have a fantastic science experiment that will take on a colorful life all of its own!! The Sewing Club will explore the colorful world of green as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The Dead Centers Archery Club will only meet once this month as I have to travel out of town during the other week we normally meet so mark your calendars appropriately! Wow, lots and lots going on! :)

FINALLY, stay tuned for the release of the new Holmes County 4-H Facebook page in just a few more weeks!

**Happy St. Patrick's Day** & **Happy Easter!**

Ms. Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H



## 4-H Club Reminders

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**United Clovers:** Please wear or bring old clothes to change into at the Ag Center for your club meeting on the 7th. We have a fun activity but it may get messy!

**Sewing Club:** Please bring a plain, white t-shirt for your sewing project on the 19th. This t-shirt may or may not have a front pocket—your choice. Also, if possible, please bring a small amount (less than 1/2 a yard) of green fabric. It can be plain, have clovers on it, green stripes, green swirls, etc. Mainly, keep it green! You may choose to also bring the following: green glitter fabric paint, green or gold sequins/crystals/gems. I will have some items on hand to use.

### Holmes County Club Meetings:

#### United Clovers:

Thursday, March 7th

3:00 — 4:00 PM

4-H Office

#### Sewing Club:

Tuesday, March 19th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

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#### Air Rifle Club:

Friday, March 15th

3:00 — 5:00 PM

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(Must be age 10 by Sept. 1, 2012 to participate.)

#### Archery Club:

Tuesday, March 26th

3:00 — 4:30 PM

4-H Office

(Must be age 8 by September 1, 2012 to participate.)



- **March 7th** — United Clovers Club Meeting
- **March 9th** — 4-H State Archery Match
- **March 15th** — Deadline to RSVP for Air Rifle Club Membership
- **March 14th** — 4-H Day at the Capitol
- **March 14th** — National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet 5:30 PM
- **March 15th** — Air Rifle Club Meeting
- **March 19th** — Sewing Club Meeting 
- **April 5th & 6th** — State Volunteer Forum
- **April 12th & 13th** — Area A Horse Show
- **April 29th** — 4-H Office Closed—Good Friday
- **April 30th** — Florida Agriculture Literacy Day
- **April 30th** — 4-H County Events
- **April 31st** — Happy Easter!
- **May 4th** — Camp Counselor Training (**Mandatory for CITs & Camp Counselors**)
- **May 16th** — Camp Timpoochee Orientation (**Mandatory for newbies!**)
- **May 21st** — County Tropicana Public Speaking Contest
- **May 31st** — Camp Registration & Full Payment Due
- **June 1st** — 4-H District II Events
- **June 10th—14th** — Camp Timpoochee for Holmes County

## 4-H/Tropicana Date Change



Please note that a scheduling conflict has pushed the County Tropicana Contest back to May 21, 2013. A notice of this date change was sent to your school. Please note that all information has been updated and posted to our 4-H website for your convenience, <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/4hy/holmes-county-tropicana/>.

Remember that each 4th, 5th and 6th grade level **County 4-H/Tropicana Winner** will receive a **full** scholarship to **Camp Timpoochee** this summer!



## 4-H Camp Timpoochee

Mark your calendars for Camp Timpoochee the week of June 10th through 14th. This year will be a space theme! Camp is open to any Holmes County youth ages 8-12 (as of September 1, 2013). Counselor & Counselor-In-Training positions are available for youth ages 13-18.

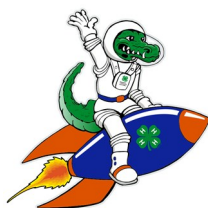
**Registration is going on now.** A limited number of camp spots are available this year so it will be a first come, first serve basis. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 per youth will be required to secure your child's spot for camp. Camp registration fees will be \$220.00 per youth. This will include transportation to and from camp, all meals, lodging, and a camp t-shirt. Camp packets are available online and in the 4-H Office. **Camp registration and full payment is due by Friday, May 31, 2013.** If necessary, a camp payment plan can be set up for you. Tri-County Community Council is offering assistance for families that qualify. Call the 4-H office for more information.

To reserve a camp spot, you must:

☆ Complete the Camp Registration Form

☆ Complete the Camp Policies Form

☆ Submit forms to the 4-H Office with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit.



### Camp Orientation

Thursday, May 16, 2013

6:00 PM—7:00 PM

**Mandatory for all new campers.**

***Highly recommended for all campers.***

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## Interested in Becoming A Camp Counselor?

Being a Camp Counselor is an excellent opportunity to gain skills and experience as a role model, in leadership, teamwork, decision-making, and problem-solving skills, all while having fun in a safe, learning environment. Your job as a Camp Counselor or Counselor-In-Training is very important to the county camp week. Every camper will look up to you and depend on you to help them.

4-H is for all  
youth who  
like action,  
learning, and  
FUN!

If you are age 13-18, are looking for a great way to spend a week of your summer, need community service hours for high school (college scholarships), and if you want to make a difference as a role model for others, become a Camp Counselor or CIT. The memories you make and create for others at Camp Timpoochee will last forever!

Contact Ms. Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H Agent, at 850-547-1108, for more information. Hurry! A very limited number of Camp Counselor/CIT positions are available this year. To become a Camp Counselor or CIT, you will be required to attend a Camp Counselor Training on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Certified Camp Counselors/CITs will receive a discount on camp registration.

## NEW! 4-H Air Rifle Club Starts In March!

Holmes County 4-H will hold its first Air Rifle Club Meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013 from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Holmes County Ag Center. The 4-H Air Rifle Club will be open to a **maximum of 20 enrolled 4-H youth** ages 10 (as of September 1st, 2012) and up. Youth wanting to participate in Air Rifle must contact Niki Crawson, Holmes County 4-H Agent, by Tuesday, March 12, 2013, to RSVP a spot. If you have a friend that is NOT a 4-H member and they want to be in Air Rifle too, they can still enroll in Holmes County 4-H and get involved in the 4-H Air Rifle Club before the RSVP deadline. Once the 20 spots are filled, we will NOT be adding to the club membership until we recruit more adult volunteers to be certified in air rifle OR start the new 4-H year in September, whichever comes first. A Shooting Permission Waiver is required to be on file for Air Rifle to begin shooting practice on March 15th. This form can be found online at <http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/4hy/2013/02/26/holmes-county-4-h-starts-air-rifle-club/> or at the 4-H Office. Any youth without a form on file will be unable to shoot until the form is completed by a parent.

The 4-H Air Rifle Club will teach the safe and responsible use of firearms, and some hunting basics. In addition, Air Rifle will teach important life skills for success such as self-confidence, safety, personal discipline, responsibility, leadership, and communication.

This new club will need to create a new club name, elect club officers, set dates and by-laws, at the first meeting before we begin air rifle shooting practice. We WILL be shooting at the first meeting.

Youth are not allowed to bring their own air rifles at this time. The 4-H Program will have air rifles available at the meeting. Remember to wear appropriate clothing as we will be outside most of the 2 hour meeting time. Closed-toe shoes are mandatory. Ear protection is encouraged but not required. Eye protection will be provided (unless you wear prescription glasses). If you have long hair, please bring something to pull your hair back with.

We have two great, fun, and patient adult volunteers to lead this Air Rifle Club. Mr. John is a helicopter mechanic, Army veteran, and father of two. Mr. Duane works in agriculture for USDA, is also a SeaPerch Underwater Robotic Volunteer & Trainer, and is Ms. Niki's husband :) Mr. John and Mr. Duane are great friends from high school! Ms. Niki is also certified in Air Rifle and will be on site to assist as needed.

## What is an Air Rifle? Bullets vs. Pellets?

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air\\_gun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_gun)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pellet\\_%28air\\_gun%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pellet_%28air_gun%29)



**Above:** Daisy's AVANTI Legend Model 853 single-pump pneumatic air rifle with a straight pull-bolt. Micro-adjustable sights. Max shooting distance is 257 yards. Single shot capacity.

An air gun is a rifle (air rifle), pistol (air pistol), or shotgun that fires projectiles by means of compressed air or other gas, in contrast to a firearm which fires projectiles by means of a burning propellant. Most air guns use metallic projectiles as ammunition, known as pellets. Air guns (air rifles and air pistols) can be powered three different ways: spring-

piston, pneumatic, and CO<sub>2</sub>. Pneumatic air guns utilize pre-compressed air as the source of energy to propel the projectile. Pneumatic air guns can be single-pump, multi-pump, or pre-charged.



**From left to right:** flat nose or wadcutter, round nose or domed, hollow point and pointed pellets. Top row .22 caliber (5.5 mm), bottom .177 (4.5 mm) caliber.

A pellet is a non-spherical projectile designed to be fired from an air gun. Air gun pellets differ from bullets used in firearms because of the pressures encountered.

In Holmes County 4-H, we will be using single-pump pneumatic air rifles. For ammunition, we will be using .177 caliber flat nose, also called wadcutter, pellets.





**4-H PLEDGE**

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.



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