4-H News

February/March 2016

Holmes County 4-H

AGENT'S CORNER

Hello 4-Hers!

It is an exciting, busy time of year and I LOVE it!! I hope you are all having as much fun as I am. We are spending time with rabbits, pigs, chickens and horses, oh my!

January flew by and summer will be here before we know it! I can't wait!!! Summer brings forth our tradition of 4-H Camp Timpoochee! This year, we will be camping with Washington and Walton Counties. Our camping dates will be June 13-17th. Spots are already filling up fast so be sure to get your camp registration and deposit into the 4-H office as soon as you can because we will only be taking 40 campers this year! Read page 5 for more information!

And yet another new activity that will be coming to Holmes County 4-H soon is the Holmes County 4-H CottonTail Project. Similar to the 4-H Chick Chain Project, youth will have the opportunity to purchase four baby meat rabbits to show and auction off OR show their own pet rabbits.

Now, I KNOW you don't want to miss out on any of these fun opportunities so I suggest you grab your friends and get involved! Don't you just love 4-H?

Ms. Niki Crawson,
Holmes County 4-H Agent

Please Welcome Our New CED in Holmes County!

We are excited to introduce our new County Extension Director, Kalyn Waters. Kalyn began October 26 with a program focus on agriculture. She holds a B.S. in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University and a M.S. in Animal Science from University of Florida. Following graduation, she served as a Cow/Calf Field Specialist with South Dakota State University Extension. Most recently, she worked at Deseret Cattle and Citrus in South Florida, where she was an Area Manager overseeing replacement heifer development, bull development, first calf heifers, and the seed stock herds.
Please join us in welcoming Kalyn to Holmes County!

Be sure to check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h and our website at http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/ to keep up with 4-H events!

February 2016

February 16th– Teen Council Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
February 19th– Livestock Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
February 19—21st – Teen Retreat
February 22nd – State Match Team Archery Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
February 23rd—Arbor Day Event @ 3:00—4:00; 4-H Office
February 24th – State Match Team Archery Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
February 25th—Rabbiteers Rabbit Club @ 3:00—4:30 PM; 4-H Barn
February 25th–Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
February 26th—CottonTail Rabbit Project Registration Begins
February 26th– Shotgun Club @ 3:00 – 5:00; HCHS Ag Farm (Happy Hollow Rd – Bus # 23)
February 29th – State Match Team Archery Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn

March 2016

March 1st — Bobbin Buddies Beginning Sewing Club@ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
March 3rd –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
March 4th – Dead Centers Advanced Archery Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
March 7th – FL Chick Chain Registration Begins
March 7th – State Match Team Archery Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
March 8th — 4-H Soil Judging Contest @ Holmes County Ag Center
March 8th – Bobbin Buddies Advanced Sewing Club@ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
March 9th—State Match Team Archery Practice @ 3:00—4:30; 4-H Barn
March 9th – United Clovers Club @ 3:00 – 4:00; Ag Center
March 10th – Rabbiteers Rabbit Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center/4-H Barn
March 10th –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
March 11th – Cooking Masters Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
March 11th – Beginner's Archery (Session A) @ 3:00 – 4:00; 4-H Barn [For those not doing 4-H Cooking Club]
March 11th – Beginner's Archery (Session B) @ 4:30 – 5:30; 4-H Barn [For those coming from 4-H Cooking Club]
March 17th – No Tech Wizards; Spring Break
March 19th - State Match, Newberry, FL (Requires qualification through 4-H office)
March 21st – Volunteer Training—Make A Difference Monday @ 6:00 PM
March 21st – Reptile Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
March 22nd – Teen Council Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
March 22nd – 4-H Pig Squeal Project Workshop @ 6:00 PM; 4-H Barn
March 24th –Rabbiteers Rabbit Club @ 3:00—4:30 PM; 4-H Barn
March 24th –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
March 25th – Shotgun Club @ 3:00 – 5:00; HCHS Ag Farm (Happy Hollow Rd – Bus # 23)
March 31st –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria

April 2016

April 1st – Dead Centers Advanced Archery Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
April 2nd—4-H Camp Counselor Training; 9:00—3:00 PM; 4-H Office
April 5th – Bobbin Buddies Beginning Sewing Club@ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
April 7th –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
April 8th – Cooking Masters Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
April 8th – Beginner's Archery (Session A) @ 3:00 – 4:00; 4-H Barn [For those not doing 4-H Cooking Club]
April 8th – Beginner's Archery (Session B) @ 4:30 – 5:30; 4-H Barn [For those coming from 4-H Cooking Club]
April 11th – Reptile Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn
April 12th – Bobbin Buddies Advanced Sewing Club@ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
April 13th – United Clovers Club @ 3:00 – 4:00; Ag Center
April 14th – Rabbiteers Rabbit Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center/4-H Barn
April 14th –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
April 15th – 16th – Area A Horse Show (Marianna, FL)
April 19th – Teen Council Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center
April 21st –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
April 22nd – Shotgun Club @ 3:00 – 5:00; HCHS Ag Farm (Happy Hollow Rd – Bus # 23)
April 28th –Tech Wizards @ 3:00 – 5:00; BMS Cafeteria
April 28th – Rabbiteers Rabbit Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; Ag Center/4-H Barn
April 29th – Livestock Club @ 3:00 – 4:30; 4-H Barn

April – Archery Shooting Team Practice - No meetings in April

Area "A" 4-H Horse Show Artwork Design Contest

Prize for Winning

$50 gift card, Free T-shirt, Announcer Recognition at Event and in the Show Bill, Design on Show Bill Cover

Rules

- The design must include the title "2016 Area A 4-H Horse Show."
- The design must include the official 4-H emblem. Emblem guidelines can be found at: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/res/youthdev_res_emblem.html.
- The design must include the UF/IFAS Extension logo. Logos and guidelines can be found at: http://ics.ifas.ufl.edu/branding.shtml.
- Designs must be submitted on white, unlined 8 ½ x 11 paper.
- The design must be in black and white.
- If the design is hand drawn/written it must be in black ink. The design may be computer generated.
- Include suggestions for a two color design, as well as shirt color.
- Only one (1) entry per 4-H member. Include your name, county, and 4-H club with your submission.

If you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact your 4-H Agent

Entries are due to your 4-H Agent by

Friday, February 26, 2016

Calling All 4-Hers: Arbor Day Celebration

This month you can help give back to our wonderful community! On Tuesday, February 23rd, all Holmes County 4-Hers are invited to participate in a community service project by celebrating Florida's Arbor Day. Arbor Day usually falls later in the year in most states but Florida celebrates early due to best planting practices. We need 4-Hers willing to assist in planting ornamental trees given by the Forestry Department in celebration of Arbor Day. We will be working with Holmes County forester, Tyler Trent to plant trees near the Ag Center. Youth who would like to participate in this community service project can ride bus #39 to the Ag. Center. We will meet at the Ag Center and walk over to the Emergency Management building (across the parking lot) to plant the tress. We are excited about this opportunity to give back to our community.

2016 Holmes County 4-H County Events

Florida 4-H
Youth Development
Head • Heart • Hands • Health

Do you love fashion? Do you have a natural singing or dancing ability? Do you like to give your opinion on an important topic? Well, we have the competitions for you!!

4-H County Events is coming soon and all of us Holmes County 4-Hers need to get ready for **April 26, 2016!** 4-H County Events is an opportunity for 4-Hers to compete in several fun events that may even take them to the state level competition! Competitive events include: Share The Fun Talent Contest, Fashion Revue, Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks, Poster Contest, Photography Contests, Public Speeches, Livestock Project Books, and Cloverbud Coloring Contest . 4-H members ages 5-18 (as of September 1, 2015) are eligible to participate.

Registration is required and due by Friday, April 8, 2016. You may download all Holmes County 4-H County Event information on our 4-H website at

http://holmes.ifas.ufl.edu/4hy/4-h-county-district-events/

No late entries will be accepted. You may turn in your entry forms to Ms. Niki, 4-H Agent, or Ms. Jewellyn, PA, in the Holmes County 4-H Office. For additional questions, contact Ms. Niki at ncrawson@ufl.edu or at 850-547-1108.

Camp Timpoochee Open Enrollment!

4-H Camp Timpoochee summer camp (June 13-17) is fast approaching! This year's camp theme is **"Game On."** Registration for camp spots is now open. We only have 40 slots available for campers, CIT, and Counselors this year so get ready to sign up! Camp Timpoochee fees will be $250.00 again this year. CITs and Camp Counselors will received a discounted rate for their work at camp.

If your child plans to attend 4-H Camp Timpoochee, parent(s) must turn in a $50.00 non-refundable deposit and a camp registration packet for each child to the 4-H Office! Slots cannot be saved for youth based on phones. Camp sign up will go until May UNLESS all slots are filled. If all slots are filled, a waiting list will be started.

We have set up a payment option to help alleviate any burden due to the cost of camp, after the deposit and paperwork has been received. Remember to visit Tri-County Community Council in Bonifay as they may be able to provide scholarships for 4-H youth to attend camp. A visit to Tri-County Community Council for a camp scholarship should occur AFTER you have turned in a completed camp packet to the 4-H Office. The 4-H Office cannot process Tri-County invoices for camp until a camp packet is received in the office. You must contact Tri-County Office at 547-3688 for further information on how to apply for a scholarship.

Camp Timpoochee registration packets are available in the 4-H office. You may come by any time to pick up a packet. We will mail registration packets directly to your home UPON REQUEST. For a mailed camp packet, simply contact Ms. Leah or Ms. Niki at 547-1108. If you have any questions or concerns about camp, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Niki.

4-H CottonTail Rabbit Project

We want to let everyone know about an exciting NEW rabbit project coming to Holmes County 4-H!! The CottonTail Rabbit Project is a great project for youth that want to learn about small animals. Similar to last year's 4-H Chick Chain project, youth can register to raise four baby meat rabbits for 14 weeks and then bring two of their best rabbits to the CottonTail Show and Auction in September of 2016.

Don't want to auction off your rabbits? That's okay too. Youth that already owns a pet rabbit can register for the CottonTail Show only and not have to auction off their beloved pet rabbit.

Registration is now until March 11, 2016. Want more information? Visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ufifasholmes4h/

or contact Ms. Jewellyn at the 4-H Office at 850-547-1108, for more information.

Archery Tournament: March 19, 2016

Rachel demonstrating correct form at the 4-H Dead Centers Archery Club Meeting.

The Holmes County 4-H Advanced Dead Centers Archery Members will be participating in the 2016 Florida 4-H State Archery Match on March 19, 2016. The team has been practicing hard and are excited to attend the match next month!

- **Holmes County 4-H State Match Team Members are required to participate in all practices prior to the match.**
- **Team members need to bring at least $25.00 for meals on the trip.**
- **Dress code must be adhered to (closed toe shoes and long pants).**
- **Cell phones/electronics may be brought at your own risk. We will not be responsible for damage, theft, or loss.**
- **Parents/volunteers may donate water, Gatorade, and/or snack items to the 4-H Office to assist in food/snacks on the day of the event.**
- **Parents are reminded to bring event tents and chairs to the match for comfort.**
- **Team shirts will be $8.00 per shirt. The remaining cost of the shirt is covered by our sponsors.**

Please wish us luck and good wishes as we travel on March 18th to attend the match on the 19th.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MONDAYS:

Inspiring 4-H leaders of today to make a difference for the leaders of tomorrow

As a Holmes County 4-H volunteer, you are invited to participate in "Make a Difference Monday," an online training opportunity for 4-H volunteers, that occurs one Monday a month. **You can participate by viewing at the Holmes County 4-H Office or online from the comfort of your own home via your computer, tablet, or smartphone.** Sessions will be recorded and posted to our website for later viewing as well. These trainings are voluntary but we ***highly recommend*** your participation as this information will be beneficial to volunteers.

Our next session is titled, "Healthy Living Projects" and will be **Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM Central**. Remember, you can participate from the 4-H Office or online from the comfort of your own home via your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Instructions for viewing at home are available in the 4-H Office! Happy viewing!

Date	**Scheduled Session Topic**
March 21	**Healthy Living Projects**

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