

4-H CLUBS

4 Paws
Animal Crackers
B & S Farms
Blazers
Clogging Clovers
Crafty Scientists
Eagles
Explorers
Faith First
Florida Crackers
Foxmill Kids & Colts
GEO Gang
Half Pint Pullers
Horse N Around
Indian Creek 4-H Club
Kelly Community Clovers
Livestock Club
Miakka Allstock
Mini Hooves of Sarasota
Myakka Ranchers
Newtown 4-H
North Port Livestock
Open Gaits
Reins of Faith
Ridin' Rednecks
Sarasota Sharp Shooters
Shark Bait
South County AG
Southern Pride
Southern Spurs
The Green In Me
Wavemakers



The Clover Times

August 2013



FROM THE AGENTS DESK - Keith Wilson

The Sarasota County Extension Office will soon be under new leadership as our present **County Extension Director, Evangeline Linkous**, will be leaving her position for a job with a local university. We wish "Van" well and have appreciated her dedicated service to the Extension Service and 4-H program over the past years.

Our sincere **thanks** to all of the **4-H families** who generously donated items for the yard sale to assist the Cole family. The event, held at the County Fairgrounds Fleamarket was very successful and raised much needed support for a wonderful family.

We would like to have each 4-H club represented at the **August 19th 4-H volunteer/leader meeting scheduled for 7:30pm in the 4-H office**. Important start up and support materials will be distributed at the meeting. Parents of 4-H youth are always welcome to attend. Our **4-H County Council** also needs club support for the planning of County projects and events. They will meet at the same time as the leaders do on the 19th of August.

Consider the **risk of driving and cell phone use**. It has resulted in many serious vehicle accidents from distracted driving. **Be safe.**

Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, October 9:

"4-H Awards and Recognition Night" - Hope to see you there!

Saturday, November 16: Sarasota County 4-H Foundation **"Casino Night"** at Sun-N-Fun.

The 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.

Make Your Plans NOW...



August 2013

3 State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
12 4-H Foundation Meeting
19 Council & Leader Meeting
20 Dairy Cattle Meeting
23 **4-H Online Enrollment Opens**
29 New Leader Orientation

September 2013

1 **The new 4-H Year begins!**
2 Labor Day—4-H Office closed
7 First Steer Weigh-in
9 4-H Foundation Meeting
16 Leader & Council meeting
26—29 SRTL

GO 4 H

Fair Days Ahead: The Sarasota County Fair; March 15—24, 2014

Attention Steer Exhibitors...

The first steer weigh-in will be held at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds on Saturday, **September 7th, 7:00—9:00 AM**. Exhibitors must turn in a completed entry form (with all required signatures), entry fee, and bill of sale. These forms can be found in the Sarasota County Fair Rule Book. Visit their web site at: www.sarasotafair.com

All steers entered in the 2014 Sarasota County Fair must be born and bred in FLORIDA. At first weigh-in all steers must weigh a minimum of 500 pounds, but not more than 900 pounds.

Revised July 2013 Steer Record Books can be found on the Sarasota County 4-H website at <http://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/>

NOTE: Exhibitors must be present at initial and final weigh-in unless excused with prior approval from the Fair Board.



It's not too early to make your plans!

Now is the time to consider what projects you may want to participate in for the 2013-2014 4-H Year.

Have you given a club demonstration? Why not take it to the next level... County Demonstrations. Blue ribbon demonstrations at county level advance to District Events. District Junior and Intermediate category winners receive a full scholarship to Camp Cloverleaf, and Senior District winners advance to State competition, a week long trip at UF, paid for by our Sarasota County 4-H Foundation!

4-H has over 200 projects to choose from. During the fair last year did you say "I want to try that"? Well now is the time to set goals and start planning!

If you have questions please contact the 4-H Office, we are here 4-YOU! 861-9810

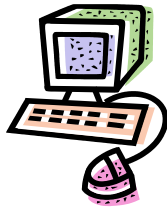
Why not try something NEW!

Record Books...

4-H Record Books and Project Books can be found on the Sarasota County 4-H website: sarasota.extension.ufl.edu

4-H members can review and / or print these books as needed. Books will still be available at the 4-H Office if needed, but we ask that you call in advance. Thanks!

Leaders visit the "Leader Section" on our 4-H webpage for information and club resources.



4-H Fishing Tournament Results

On August 17th, 34 local youth, 4-H and non-4-H, participated in a Sarasota County 4-H Foundation sponsored fishing tournament at Harts Landing. The largest fish caught was a 2.5 foot hammerhead shark by Ellis Patton and the most fish caught (10) was by Brian Szkitnek. Harts Landing provided monofilament recycling canisters to each person participating to emphasize the importance of responsibly caring for old fishing line. Our thanks to JP Gellermann for his assistance at checking in anglers and their catch.

Is the Dairy Cattle Project 4-U?

Do you want to learn more about the Dairy Cattle project and all the opportunities available? The first "Moo-Crew" meeting is August 20th, 7:00 pm, at McIntosh Vo-Ag. At this meeting we will go over basic things you need to know to get started for a successful 4-H year. Learn more about showmanship, fitting and grooming, nutrition, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Dairy Judging, and MORE!

The dairy cattle project in Sarasota is growing, and we are here to help YOU! Contact Vicki, 4-H Dairy Leader, at 941-355-3658 or visit their Facebook page!

Learn by Doing...

Would you be interested in raising the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Swine for the 2014 Sarasota County Fair? This is a great way to learn about the swine project. The Foundation will supply the animal and feed; the 4-H member may raise the animal at home or a facility will be provided. You also receive a portion of the profits.

Applications are due by Monday, September 16, 2013. Contact the 4-H Office 861-9810 for details.

2013 State Horse Show Results

Sarasota County "took a step back through history" at the 2013 4-H State Horse Show and WON the State 4-H Emerald Award for their stall decorations! But, they didn't stop there, the delegation also WON Reserve Champion Golden Shovel Award. Congratulations to Lindsey Cosby, Kimberly Cutler, Danielle Gill, and Ashley Miller! Thank you and great job to all the youth, parents and leaders that worked so hard to make this a successful event.

Volunteers Make It Happen!

Are you interested in becoming involved in the Sarasota County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee? The Committee plans 4-H horse activities, clinics, and shows for 4-H youth through out the year. All are welcome; to make the horse program a success we need volunteers! Call the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for details.

Ridin' Rednecks Roundup

The Ridin Rednecks 4-H Club will hold their annual club round-up on Sunday, August 25, 3:30 -5:30 at Twin Lakes Park.



Let's Get Ready!



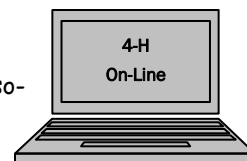
Florida 4-H Online Family Registration

Once again Sarasota County 4-H will be re-enrolling and enrolling 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers using the **Florida 4-H On-Line** registration for the 2013 -2014 4- H year. Club membership and project participation will be approved by the assigned club leader and/or the Sarasota County 4-H staff. All independent members will require the approval of the Sarasota County 4-H staff.

4-H On-line registration for 2013-2014 will open on August 23. DO NOT attempt to enroll prior to August 23rd!

How to Log In to 4-H Online

1. Go to <https://florida.4honline.com>
2. Enter your family email address and password. If your email changed, enter the email address associated with your 4-H online account and then change it to your current email. If you forgot your family email address, please contact the 4-H office for assistance. **Do not create a new log in!**
3. Check; "I have a profile" and Role "Family", then "Login"
4. If you forgot your password; Click "I forgot my password" to be emailed a temporary password (may take 30 minutes) and use it to log in. Your family profile will open and you will be prompted to enter a new password of your own choosing.



How to Re-Enroll

1. Login to your family profile in 4-H online.
2. Click "Edit" on a Family Member to open their Personal Information screen.
3. Review the Information then click "Enroll for 2013-2014" and then update any information
4. Click Continue to "Additional Information" and update for the current year.
5. Carefully review Emergency Contacts, Medical History, and change the "Dates" for the current 4-H year. The 4-H Code of Conduct and Health History questions are in the "Additional Information" section
6. Click Continue to the Participation Information and verify Club, Project, and Group Memberships and roles. The program assumes re-enrollment in the same Clubs and Projects. Add new clubs or projects and delete any clubs and projects you will not be in during the new 4-H year. Click "Continue" to move to the next screen. Click on 'Submit Enrollment' to complete re-enrollment for this 4-H year.
7. Enrollment Status will change to Pending and will remain Pending until Confirmed by the Club leader and Reviewed and Accepted by the County. Once Accepted, the Enrollment Status changes to 'Active'

To update a Member's Information; Click "Edit" next to the member, make the appropriate changes, and click "Continue" at the bottom to save the changes. (you must select "continue" to save changes)

To add a family member - On the "Add New Family Member" drop down menu, select either "youth" (4-H member) or "adult" (volunteers, alumni, etc.) and click "Add New Member". Complete all sections and submit for approval.

Leader Meetings

The first 2013—2014 Leader and County Council meetings will be **August 19th**, 7:30 PM, at Twin Lakes Park. Leader meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. Leader meetings provide important training and keep you informed. Contact Keith Wilson for information 861-9818.

Attention New Leaders:

Mark Your Calendars! "New leader orientation" is scheduled for **August 29th**, 7:00 PM, at Twin Lakes Park. New leaders who have not attended an orientation are invited. For details contact Keith Wilson at 861-9818.

Forms, Forms, Forms

Please complete and return "2013- 2014 Leader Renewal" forms as soon as possible. Leader Renewal forms should be completed by **all organizational, project, and activity leaders.**

Organizational leaders: Please complete your "2013 -2014 Club Information" forms, this information is very important. Potential new members access this information to choose a 4-H club to enroll in for the upcoming 4-H year. Your clubs information (where and when you meet, who to contact, and if your club is open or closed) is posted on our 4-H website.

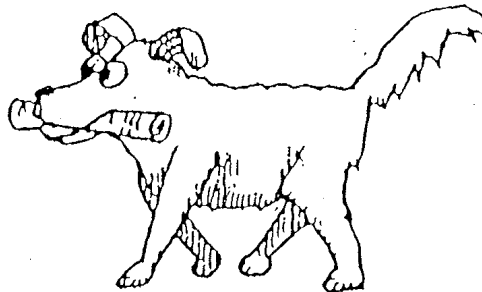
For more information contact Sheila at 861-9810.

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