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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.



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FROM THE AGENTS DESK

At the October 4-H Leaders meeting, **Butch Phelps** of the Sarasota Toastmasters Club spoke to a group of 4-H volunteers on the methods of developing good public speaking skills. Mr. Phelps provided the 4-H office with a paper entitled, "**10 Steps to an Effective Presentation**". This paper would be a good resource for 4-H members who are planning to compete in the **4-H Public Speaking / Demonstrations Day** event in 2014. If any of our 4-H members or leaders wish to receive a copy of this paper along with a 4-H Demonstrations Tip Sheet, you may simply visit our office at Twin Lakes Park to pick them up.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of **November 16**, as that is when the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring the **4-H Casino Night** event at Sun and Fun in Sarasota. Your participation or contribution to this event will have a huge impact on 4-H youth and the resources that will be available to them for **4-H program scholarships**. Tickets are going fast! Call our 4-H office to learn more.

The 4-H staff wishes to send out a big thank you to **Riley Price** for her generous **donation** of a **telescope** to the 4-H program. 4-H members may now use this resource to explore the exciting field of astronomy, thanks to Riley!

We wish to welcome three new 4-H clubs to our family. The **Whalers 4-H Club** of the Learning and Families Cooperative is about to be initiated in Sarasota, the **Herd Nerds 4-H Club** of Sarasota are busy on their projects and the **Hammerheads 4-H Club** of Tuttle Elementary School is already off and running.

Texting and driving is an accident waiting to happen. **Control the urge!**


Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent

Happy Thanksgiving



2013 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit



The 3rd Annual 2013 Youth Ocean Conservation Summit will be held on Saturday, November 16 at Mote Marine. Youth attending the summit will learn from marine scientists and conservationists about current threats facing marine ecosystems, will work with mentors to develop action plans for their own ocean conservation projects, and will take part in workshops designed to give them the skills necessary to successfully implement these projects. New workshops and sessions will be offered for returning participants to further develop their ongoing ocean conservation work! On Friday evening, November 15, Mote Marine will host the second annual **Community Ocean Conservation Film Festival**. This event will feature a screening of the film **Operation: Blue Pride**, which tells the moving story of how three severely wounded, combat veterans are fighting to save our oceans and sharks, and in doing so, are saving themselves. Visit: www.yocs.org for details.

You Need To Know...



Swine Showmanship Clinic

The Florida State Fair and UF Extension are hosting a youth Swine Showmanship Clinic on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Lykes indoor arena. The clinic will be from 10 am until 3 pm, with lunch provided for youth and their parents. Cost for the clinic is \$20 per youth. There is no additional cost for the parents' lunches; just indicate on the entry form how many lunches are needed. FFA and 4-H youth of any age (8-18) are welcome to attend and there is no limit to the number of participants from each county or school. However, entries will close if/when there are 200 registrants.



Complete information available at:

<http://animal.ufl.edu/youth/livestock/SwineShowmanship.shtml>

December 4-H Project Workshop!

Here's what we are doing...

December 5th—Christmas Wreath. Create this beautiful holiday ribbon-wreath to deck-your-halls in style! Please bring a straw base wreath (16") and we will supply all the materials needed to complete this project.

Remember: you can enter all these 4-H projects in the Mini Building at the Fair.

Please call by November 25th to register 861-9810.

Lead The Way...

Club Accounts: All checks, for club accounts, should be made payable to the: **Sarasota County 4-H Association.** This includes fundraisers, donations, etc... The money will be deposited in the Sarasota County 4-H Association account under your club. All clubs (with account balances) will receive a monthly statement - thanks.

Can you help make "Casino Night" a success... November 16: The **Sarasota County 4-H Foundation** is sponsoring a "Casino Night" at Sun-N-Fun. Items are needed for the silent auction and baskets. When you help the foundation, you help send our **Sarasota 4-H Youth** to 4-H Camp Cloverleaf, Dog Camp, Dairy Camp, Marine Camp (the foundation helped over 80 youth last year with camp scholarships), and leadership opportunities such as Legislature, Congress, Executive Board, SRTLCL, Washington Focus and LAW. They provide the Sarasota 4-H Program with funds for County and District Demonstrations, Awards night, trophies, ribbons, pins and MORE! **THANK-YOU!**

Training Day - 4-H Members and Their Dogs

A Training Clinic & Educational event for 4-H members & their dogs will be held at the Charlie Lykes Arena, FL State Fairgrounds on November 16. This event will be a great way for Basic to Advanced exhibitors to get help in the areas they want to work on! Training topics will include Agility, Showmanship and Rally. The Educational activities being considered include; Instruction on - How To Do A Record Book, How To Groom for the Show Ring, Studying for the Champions Skilathon, Canine Good Citizen testing, How To Make Tug Toys & more!

Contact the 4-H Office for entry forms, "on-time" registration ends November 8.

LOOK WHAT WE DID! Awards and Recognition Night

Youth, parents, leaders, volunteers, foundation members, and friends gathered to celebrate the Sarasota County 4-H "2013 Awards and Recognition Night". Congratulations to everyone for an outstanding 4-H year! "Thank-you" to our 4-H County Council Officers for their help at this event, and to everyone who brought a dessert to share—YUMMY!

Special Awards:

I Dare You: Morgan Mierswa and Easton Underdahl

Rookies: Ariel Gustafson and Austin Keeney

Achievement: Jillian Bland, Devon Kirkley, Riley Price, Shelby Stasik, and Grace Watts

Citizenship: Sabrina Chianese, Samantha Chianese, Michael Dean, Morgan Holdsworth and Nina Vannucci

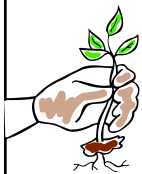
Leadership: Shannon Kehoe, Maxim Lowe, Shelby Martin, and Madeline Ruch

Best Record Books: President: Mariel Wrench, Vice President: Lindsay Cosby, Secretary: Sara Martin, Treasurer: Clay Linthicum, Reporter: Nina Vannucci, Historian: Savannah Jacobson, Chaplain: Avery Underdahl, Council Delegate: Riley Price and Sergeant-At-Arms: Samantha Chianese.

The 2013 Sarasota County "**4-H Leader of the Year Award**" was presented to Linda Cutler! Linda has served as a leader in the Southern Spurs 4-H Club. She has provided leadership to her club through teaching, coaching, mentoring, inspiring and sharing. Thank you Linda for being a part of the Sarasota County 4-H Program!



Fair Days Ahead: Sarasota County Fair, March 14–23, 2014



Attention Plant Exhibitors:

A Plant Screening — will be conducted by members of the Florida Nursery Growers Association, on Saturday, **November 2** from 9:00 am - 12 noon at the Fairgrounds (Potter Building Parking lot).

Plants will be checked and identified, record books **MUST** BE up-to-date. All exhibitors must be present with their plants and record book—**attendance is mandatory**.

Blazers Swine Sale Fundraiser, November 9

The Blazers 4-H Club is having a Fundraiser / Show Pig Sale on Saturday, November 9. Preview the hogs at 9:00 am and the sale will start at 10:00 am. The selection will be done by a lottery system, for those who have contacted Danny Lewis, being in the first draw.

RSVP Danny Lewis at 941-356-3545. There will be no early preview and no early sales. If you have any questions about this event please call Dan Lewis.

County Demonstration Day

Start planning your demonstrations now! Categories include: Animal Science, Civic and Leadership, Communication and Expressive Arts, Environmental Education, Family and Consumer Science, Workforce Preparation and Career Development, Healthy Lifestyles, Plant Sciences, and Science and Technology. Rules for demonstrations can be found on pages 36 and 37 in the Sarasota County Fair rulebook.

Demonstration entry forms can be found on page 64 in the Fair Rules Book. Forms are due by 5:00 PM on January 10th—at the **4-H Office**. You must pre-register at that time for eligibility in the **Superior Exhibitor** competition, one demonstration will count towards one superior exhibitor category only, and a maximum of three demonstration will be allowed.

To be considered for a **Superior Exhibitor Award** in the Mini Building, Small Animal Barn, or Plant Show and Sale Tent you must do a demonstration in the project area you are exhibiting (example: Rabbit - a rabbit demonstration, Plant—a plant demonstration). Superior Exhibitors receive a trophy and a \$50.00 cash award.

Demonstrations and Public Speaking will be presented on **Saturday, February 8** at The Bayside Community Church on Fruitville Road.

Public Speaking Contest rules can be found on page 38 in the Sarasota County Fair rules book. Rosettes and premium money will be given to 4-H Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and FFA placing 1st–10th.

Attention Swine Exhibitors...

The Sarasota County Fair Swine Check-in will be held **Saturday, December 7, 7:00 to 9:00 AM** at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Bring your Bill of Sale, Entry form, housing agreement (if applicable) and entry fee—you must use the forms found in your Sarasota County Fair rules book. Please make sure your forms are complete (or you will be sent to the back of the line!)

Hogs will be ear tagged, tattooed and inspected. There is no minimum or maximum entry weight. It is suggested that hogs weigh between 65 and 80 pounds at the first weigh-in. If an exhibitor wants their hog weighed, the exhibitor may opt to unload their hog and have it weighed at check-in, but it is not required by the Fair Rules. Hogs must weigh at least 210 pounds at final weigh-in on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Reminder: All swine must be bled and tested for pseudo rabies and brucellosis by a certified veterinarian no more than 30 days before the final entry to the fair to be eligible for the fair. The current Swine record book (revised July 2013), and the 2013-2014 Sarasota County Fair Rulebooks can be found on the 4-H website: sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu

Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle Exhibitors...

The first entry date for Beef Breeding and Dairy Cattle is **Saturday, December 14** at the Sarasota County Fair grounds between 8:00 AM and 10:00AM. Exhibitors must turn in completed entry form and entry fee at this time. All animals will be vaccinated with CattleMaster 4+ L5 and Clostrin 7, Ecoli, or their equivalent. Don't forget to enter this information in your record books!

A **second vaccine** will be administered on Saturday, January 11 between 8:00AM and 9:00AM at the Fairgrounds. Cattle shown in the previous year will need only one vaccine.

Please refer to your 2013-2014 Sarasota County Fair Rule Book for all the details!

Looking Ahead... the dairy Skills contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 15. And Livestock Judging is Saturday, March 22.

Dairy and Pygmy Goat Exhibitors...

The official entry date for Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats is **Saturday December 14 between 8 AM–10AM** at the Sarasota County Fair Grounds. Exhibitors must bring completed entry forms with entry fee to check-in.

ALL goats must be certified on the Scrapies Program and be individually, permanently, and legibly identified by a Scrapies-Program approved ear-tag, tattoo, or micro chip. Refer to the Sarasota County Fair rulebook pages 24 and 25.

4-H record books can be found on our Sarasota County 4-H website: sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu

News From Out There...



Indian Creek by: Shana Martin, Reporter

Hey 4H-ers! At our last meeting, we had so much fun! We talked all about Fun Pasta fundraiser. The pasta is so cute, I love them! Our club is sponsoring Hope Children for Christmas, which are kids that are in need of things like clothes, toys, food, and more. We have two girls and two boys.

The awards night was amazing for everyone! Sara Martin received Best Secretary record book, Shelby Martin received a Leadership award, Shelby Stasik received an Achievement award, our club received a State Standards of Excellence award, and so much more.

For our craft, we made Halloween paintings. We painted pumpkins, candy corn, ghosts and more on glass bottles. They all looked incredible! All of them showed personality and creativity! See you next meeting on November 5th!

Horse N' Around by: Samantha Chianese, Reporter

Greetings, fellow 4-Hers, and welcome to another fabulous year! At our meeting on September 28, Horse N'Around inducted its new club officers: Max Lowe as President, Sabrina Chianese as Vice President, Sabrina Chianese as Secretary, Trent Schlabach as Treasurer, Samantha Chianese as Reporter, Kayla Gebert as Historian, and Cheyenne Johnson and Madison McGrath as the Inspirational Leaders. Congratulations to all who were elected! Horse N' Around members also made Halloween decorations and treat bags, using glue and wax paper to make ghosts and cobwebs and paint for decorative purposes. It was a lot of fun! For our next meeting, our club is going to have a costume party in order to celebrate the upcoming holiday of Halloween.

I hope everyone has a wonderful year and a Happy Halloween, and we look forward to hearing from those of you who participated in 4H's Civil Engagement Day on October 12th!

Hammer Heads by: Brianna Roberts, Reporter

What we did!

We talked about how to tell the difference between a male and female shark. We also got to touch a real shark. We talked about the different types of sharks. We also played a game, where we had to find a type of fish that one of the teachers called out and we students had to find it as fast as we could and say the page number first. (And we voted for a president, vice president, and a secretary! I am one of the secretaries.)

Moo-Crew News... Hey Everyone.

Just a reminder that the Moo-Crew will be meeting every 4th Tuesday instead of every 3rd. This month's meeting is October 22, at 7 pm. We will be handing out Leasing Contracts that will need to be brought back to the November meeting with a deposit of \$50.00 for the calves that were picked last Sunday. Heifer's at Jerry's Dairy will be picked up on November 9th.

Anyone planning to keep dairy animals at Vo-Ag this year: there is going to be a meeting on Tuesday October 29th, at 7 pm. Parents also need to attend this meeting.

The Bartow workshop/show will be November 23 and 24. I have copies of the entry forms for all that will be showing. The Entry forms are due November 1st. If you have any questions, please let me know. Vicki Fonte (941-355-3658)

Livestock Club by: Clayton Woods, Reporter

Our October meeting was held on October 8th. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Stoll at 7:00 pm. Pledges were said, Megan gave the devotional, roll call was taken and the treasurer's report was given. We again welcomed several new members to the Club. All of the Club members introduced themselves and told everyone what 4-H projects they were doing this year.

Reminders for lots of upcoming dates including the 4-H awards night, plant clinic, hoof trimming, pig clinic, swine sale and swine weigh-in. We have several club members participating in dairy projects this year; they will be selecting their animals on Sunday October 13th. Make sure to refer to the monthly 4-H Newsletter.

A big **Thank You** to all of the Members, other 4-H Clubs, Leaders and 4-H Families who have assisted in finding a place to house all of the animal projects that would have normally been kept at Vann's Farm. Thanks to everyone's help and generosity we will be able to have housing for all of the animals. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50. Refreshments were provided by the Woods' family.

Clogging Clovers by: Hannah Nichol, Reporter

The weekend of October 19th and 20th, our group did a fundraiser at the Fruitville Grove Pumpkin Festival. On Saturday we danced, and also had a fundraising booth. On Sunday, the senior girls in the club did crafts, fair hair, hair braids, and a photo booth. We want to thank everyone who helped with the booth and made it a great learning experience. It was really fun and we got a lot of customers. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our dance instructors. They are Misty Cole, April Lee, JoAnn Burden, and our student instructor, Grace Watts. They work very hard and are always happy to help. We wish to welcome all of our new members as well, and look forward to getting to know one another in the months ahead. In November we start preparing for our winter dances which includes the Venice Holiday Parade on November 30. It's a great community event, and we hope to see you there!

Blazers by: Kayla Bowser, Reporter

Our Blazers meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm. The meeting was ran by our new officers. At the beginning of our meeting we welcomed a few new members, we are very happy to have them in our club!! We had plenty of yummy snacks to enjoy thanks to everyone that brought them! During our meeting we reviewed upcoming pig events with Mr. Dan including the swine clinic and swine sale. Ms. Vicki announced upcoming dairy dates including when you can pick your dairy calf. Mrs. Julie talked with us about fund raiser ideas and let us know her boss will be visiting us during our next meeting! He is going to talk with us about BUGS and how they effect our 4-H projects. On Wednesday October 9th a few of our members were able to attend the Sarasota county 4H awards night, where we received our pins and different project awards. Our club is very excited for the 2013-2014 4-H year we are looking forward to learning new things and helping others!

Hearts & Horses by: Nicole Versovsky, Reporter

We had so much fun on Monday, October 21 at our monthly Hearts & Horses 4-H meeting! We discussed our meeting dates, farm dates, and fundraisers. We also had Rio and Velveteen, our chosen mascots, visit us during the meeting. We originally thought that we would have one horse as a mascot, but since Rio and Velveteen are so close to each other and cannot be separated, we picked both of them. We all agreed on going to Thunder Head Ranch to meet and train our mascots on November 2, 2013. At our next meeting, November 18, 2013, we are going to decide on what kind of fundraising we are going to do. Below are some of the options that we are thinking doing. * Online - Kickstarter.org / Indiegogo.com * Independent donations * Fundraising events Thank you so much for reading, and I hope to see everyone at our next meeting!

Jr. Cattlemen's by: Tommy Jackson, Reporter

It's official. Jr. Cattlemen's 4-H Club has elected it's officers. At our meeting, we voted to have Valerie Bixler as president, Mikalya Bishop as vice president and Alternate County Council Delegate, Delanie Bartell as our secretary and County Council Delegate, Marena Bartell as treasurer, Tommy Jackson as reporter and we also voted to share the responsibilities of the historians for our club. Voted as historians were Katelyn Sanders, Tyler Corso, Mia Morales and Ryleigh Kelley. Congratulations to everyone. We are learning about parliamentary procedures and gaining a lot of information needed for our projects and upcoming events. We are having lots of fun getting to know each other and our leaders. We voted on an upcoming field trip to learn about cattle and a donation basket for the Cattlemen's Association Christmas dinner. We will also be helping to serve the meal at this event. We are very excited to be on our way as a new club.

Animal Crackers by: Zoie McDonald, Reporter

Meeting Date: October 8, 2013; 13 members attended.

We went over Fruitville Groves event, scheduled parents and members booth time and what they needed to bring. We collected money for our shirts. Kyle and Alex explained the "Casino Night" event to everyone - as they went to the council meeting. Our leader, Joan, went over dates again for registration of animals for the fair. Our next meeting is November 12th.

Mini Hooves by:

Savannah Jacobson, Reporter

We had a great monthly meeting on October 7, 2013 at the Aqua Plumbing & Air meeting Center. We congratulated all of members that went to the AMHR National Show in Tulsa Oklahoma in September that received Grand Champion & top 10 placings.

Some of our members are involved in a great community service project. Sophia & Skylar Cummings read their stories & shared their photos of horses at Fallen Pines Farm. Their stories are being brought to patients at the Children's Hospital in Tampa so that they too, can experience & enjoy miniature horses.

Our club also had a visit from an animal shelter; Hooves, Paws, & Claws. They brought in dogs that are to be adopted, & explained their need for volunteers & supply donations. Mini Hooves is delighted to help. We are gathering supplies & are planning volunteer efforts for upcoming events.

Mrs. Vicki Jacobson collected our order for our Yankee Candle fundraiser. Our candles should arrive before the holidays!

The club discussed the Harvest Festival schedule at Fruitville Grove. It's fun to interact & introduce miniature horses to those who have never seen them before.

Hailey Bonnet & I did a 4-H Demonstration on "The Perfect Horse", to show new members how it is recommended to be done.

We have our first show of the year coming up at Fallen Pines Farm on November 24, 2013.

Good luck to all of our members!

Sea Grass with GeoGang by: Samuel Stahlmann, Reporter

For those of you who do not know us, GeoGang is a marine biology club for homeschoolers, and this article is about our October meeting. On the second Tuesday of October, we met at South Lido Beach with Mr. Wilson. It was so much fun. We played games, we held fish, and we learned about sea grass. We played a game to help us understand how sea grass traps debris. First we tore construction paper into strips and put the strips in two plastic shoe boxes. The torn paper represented sea grass. Then we attached some paper clips to the pieces of paper and sprinkled loose paper clips in the box with the paper. The paper clips represented the debris.

Next, we scattered loose paper clips in the bottom of two different plastic shoe boxes. These boxes didn't have any paper in them. Four volunteers were chosen and blindfolded, and each one sat down in front of a box. Two sat in front of boxes with the paper strips and two sat in front of boxes with just paper clips. The volunteers were told to take out as many clips as they could in 10 seconds. The ones taking paper clips out of the boxes without paper was able to grab many more than the ones who had paper in their boxes. The game taught us that sea grass does a good job of holding onto debris and keeping it out of the water.

We also played another game. In the first round one team was the sharks (predators) and the other team was the fish (prey). The prey were told to run down the beach and get three clumps of seaweed and bring it back to a picnic table (one clump at a time). Meanwhile, the sharks were trying to "eat" the prey, which really just meant that they tagged them on the shoulder or back. Once the prey was tagged it had to stand still. But if any of the fish were able to collect three clumps of sea weed without getting tagged, they would win.

On the second round, a third group played the part of the sea grass. They blocked the sharks from getting to the fish. Some fish still got tagged, but in this round, more of the fish were able to get their food and return to the picnic tables without being "eaten" by the sharks. This game taught us another important job of sea grass -- to protect sea creatures from predators.

After we played the games, we met Mr. Wilson who was with the middle and high schoolers at a sea grass meadow. They were catching fish and learning their names and studying them in a bucket. We set the fish free before we left. We also got to see some jellyfish that day. At the end of our trip, we had a short 4-H business meeting, and then we moved over to the playground and had a picnic lunch and time to play.



News From Out There...

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Ridin' Rednecks by: Hayes Bush, Reporter

Ridin Rednecks have been very busy this month. Agent Marcia Morris made and described how to make arrangements and talked about ferns in Florida. She did a great demonstration on arrangements for the holidays and how we could do them and enter them in the Fair in the Mini Building. Names were drawn for the floral arrangements and the winners were Nathan Whitten, Daniel Spindel and Avery Underdahl.

The club voted to check further on the color for new t-shirts. The club also voted to take on the Triple J Farms concession for the days following Thanksgiving. We will be serving breakfast, lunch, and supper type items; snacks, cold drinks and water. We are arranging shifts and the next two meetings we will be setting up the schedule for adults and members for the dates of Nov 29-30 and Dec 1.

Those wanting Mr. Strickland to get pigs for them need to come to the next meeting and or call him. The plan is to get them about a week before Thanksgiving. Money will need to be given to him by Nov 10. The club did really well at the 4-H Awards and in general, Ridin' Rednecks received an Emerald Award. Officers awards received were: President, Treasurer, Chaplain and Reporter received recognition. Easton Underdahl received the I DARE YOU Award; Nina Vanucci received a citizenship award and Clay Linthicum received a leadership award.

The next couple meetings have several important announcements. It would be helpful for all members to try to be at the next couple meetings. We will also be making a pumpkin craft. We will be discussing swine projects, the Christmas party and parade.

Members should be working on demonstrations regarding their projects. Projects entered into the fair are required to have a demonstration in the record book.

County Council by: Maxim Lowe, Reporter

Hey 4-H'ers! Today, you get two reports.

1 - Executive Board: The weekend of September 13th, I attended 1st Executive Board, a State 4-H event at Camp Cherry Lake in Madison, Florida, with Shelby Martin and Madeline Ruch. It is one of the 3 meetings in which a council of 60 to 80 senior 4-H'ers come together to plan the state events of the year, including Congress, Legislature, Leadership Adventure Weekend, State Project, 4-H Day at the Capitol and more. While there we accomplished a lot, setting our state and district goals for the year, such as new community service projects (Serving Those Who Serve Us, which we will be implementing at a future meeting) and changes we're making to state events (like Changing the Teen Health Summit back to Leadership Adventure Weekend). It was a great weekend and the three of us will be returning in December to continue planning and working hard! The only downside to this great weekend is that I came back sick and was unable to attend County Council on Monday, September 16th. Thank you to Shelby Martin for letting me use your notes!

2 - County Council: Our second County Council meeting of the year was very well attended: there were 18 club reports from 10 different clubs. Awesome! At the meeting, we had two speakers. June Haley talked about the 4-H Foundation and what they do for us. The 4-H Foundation helps organize and fund many of our 4-H events, and pays for awards and ribbons for 4-H'ers - and it's important that we give back to them! Volunteering at the 4-H Office and participating in 4-H fundraisers are just 2 easy ways to help the Foundation. Marlene Strickland, our second speaker, talked about the Hope Children's Home, a Christian organization that rescues children between the ages of 2 and 18 who have been abused, unwanted or orphaned. County Council has decided to sponsor a 9-year-old girl there for Christmas! If anyone is interested in helping, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Marcia or Shannon. Thank you very much to the speakers for taking the time to come and talk to the Council!

We then planned our community service projects for the year. We will be visiting the Salvation Army twice, once in February and again after the fair. We will also be implementing the State community project for the year, "Serving Those Who Serve Us," which involves giving back to those who serve our community, like policemen, firemen, nurses, EMTs, and many more. At the November meeting we'll be making thank you notes for this project that we will deliver to those who serve us. We would love to impress them with as many cards as possible, so please attend our meeting on November 18! We will provide the cards and other supplies. If you like, feel free to start on some cards at home or with your club!

Next, Shelby Stasik talked to the Council about a project that her club is doing, the Hooves and Paws sanctuary. It's a non-profit organization that rescues dogs, cats, birds, horses, pigs and other animals! The sanctuary is accepting donations of: bleach, newspapers, dawn dish soap, laundry detergent, bottles of hand sanitizer, paper towels, litter, latex free exam gloves, trash bags (13 gallon kitchen and 35-40 gallon heavy duty), cat and dog biscuits, and heartworm medicine. If you have anything that you would like to donate, please bring it to the next County Council meeting!

A regional event, Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLTC) is coming up on September 26-29. It is a weekend in beautiful Crossville, Tennessee, where senior 4-H'ers gather from all across the south to learn leadership skills and to inspire positive change in teens across the region. Kelsey Morrison and Morgan Mierswa will attend representing Sarasota County. Have fun, you two!

Last but not least, the reading of the 4-H proclamation to celebrate National 4-H Week is September 24, at the Board of County Commissions meeting, at 9 AM.

The next County Council meeting is October 21st - this time I'll try to get sick! See you there!

News From Out There...



County Council by: Maxim Lowe, Reporter

Hey 4-H'ers, I hope everyone's year gotten off to a great start!

County Council reminds everyone of our community service projects:

The Salvation Army: We will be volunteering there, as usual, in February and again in spring.

Hope Children's Foundation: Shannon, Shelby Martin, Shelby Stasik, Morgan Holdsworth, Kelsey and Riley are meeting up in a few weeks to buy gifts for the girl at the foundation who has been "adopted" by County Council.

Hooves and Paws Sanctuary: We are helping out Shelby Stasik's club in their community service project for the Hooves and Paws Sanctuary, a non-profit that rescues various animals. Please bring donations of bleach, newspapers, Dawn dish soap, laundry detergent, bottles of hand sanitizer, paper towels, litter, latex free exam gloves, trash bags (13 gallon kitchen and 35-40 gallon heavy duty), cat and dog biscuits, and heartworm medicine. If you have anything at all you can donate, bring it to the 4-H Office!

Highlights from last month... and next month(s):

Kelsey and Morgan Mierswa attended Southern Region Teen Leadership from September 26-29. SRTLTC is a youth conference in Tennessee in which 4-H'ers from all across the south (Texas to Florida to Kentucky) come together and learn all about leadership from each other. Kelsey says she enjoyed it very much and she recommends that everyone to go! Shannon and I have also gone in the past, and we recommend it as well - it's a great way to make new friends and learn and experience leadership, teamwork, and communication activities.

October 9th was the County Awards Night. Thank you so much to everyone who came, we had a great turnout! If you were unable to make it and haven't received your award packet, contact the 4-H Office.

Shelby Martin, our district delegate and the president of the District 9 4-H Council, encourages everyone to come to the next district meeting, which will be in Hillsborough County on November 19th! We need as many representatives as possible, and attending the district meetings is a great way to learn about district and statewide activities and get involved in 4-H at higher levels.

Don't forget the plant workshop at Drymon's Nursery on Oct. 26th; you can repot your plants and get new soil for free!

Ms. Marcia reminded us about an upcoming national 4-H event: Citizenship Washington Focus. CWF, which will be from June 7-14, 2014, is an amazing opportunity for senior 4-H'ers. Participants will get to spend a week in our nation's capital, meet senators and representatives, participate in community service, have fun, and meet 4-H'ers from all across the nation. It typically costs around \$1200, but the 4-H Foundation is extremely generous and often pays for up to half the total price! A \$200 deposit is needed by November 15th if you want to go. If you're interested, give the 4-H Office a call!

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 18th**; I hope to see you then! Have a Happy Halloween!

Make Your Plans NOW...



November 2013

- 2 Plant Screening
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 4-H Foundation Meeting
- 7 4-H Project Workshop
- 11 Veterans Day—4-H Office Closed
- 16 4-H Foundation—Casino Night!
- 18 Leader & Council Meeting
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving
(4-H Office Closed 28 & 29)



December 2013

- 5 4-H Project Workshop
- 7 Swine check-in
- 9 Foundation Meeting
- 14 Cattle and Goat Check-in
- 16 County Council & Leader Meeting
- 20 Reporters—don't forget your news
- 24-25 Merry Christmas! (4-H Office Closed)
- 31 Happy New Year!



SAVE THE DATE:

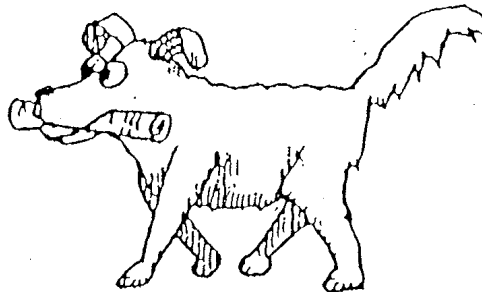
**Saturday,
November 16:**
Sarasota County
4-H Foundation
"Casino Night"
at Sun-N-Fun.
Get tickets at the
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