

4-H CLUBS

4 Paws
Animal Crackers
B & S Farms
Blazers
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Clogging Clovers
Crafty Scientists
Eagles
Florida Crackers
Foxmill Kids & Colts
GEO Gang
Hammerheads 4-H Club
Heart and Horses
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Kelly Community Clovers
Livestock Club
Miakka Allstock
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Myakka Ranchers
Ridin' Rednecks
Sarasota Cows & Company
Sarasota Sharp Shooters
Southern Spurs
The Bridge
The Whalers

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.



The Clover Times December 2013



FROM THE AGENTS DESK

The 4-H staff would like to wish all members, leaders, parents, and friends Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings. As we celebrate this very special time of year with many community service projects and activities.

We are pleased and excited to welcome our new CED Mr. Bryan Dailey to the extension team. Hopefully you will have the chance to meet him soon and welcome him to Sarasota. Mr. Dailey has extension experience with Cornell Extension and has a dairy and IT background.

December 7th and December 14th, are the Swine and Dairy check-ins please check your fair books for times and details. Staff will be on hand to sign record books and assist you.

County Council members have been busy attending District 9 Council lead by President Shelby Martin and attending 2nd Executive Board at Camp Ocala.

Many thanks to all the clubs who donated baskets for the 1st Foundation Casino Night and clubs and individuals who attended and sponsored tables. We couldn't have done it without you.

Don't forget the Walk In the Park coming up on January 11th. See your leader or call the office for envelopes. We need everyone to help make this a success!

Marcia Morris

Marcia Morris, 4-H Agent



Make Your Plans NOW...



December 2013

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!

NOTE: CANCELLED—December 5th project workshop

January 2014

1 Happy New Year! 4-H Office Closed
10 Fair Forms Due (check your rules!)
11 **4-H Foundation WALK-A-THON**
11 2nd Cattle Vaccine
13 4-H Foundation meeting
17-19 L.A.W.
20 MLK Holiday; 4-H Office Closed
26 **4-H Horse Show**
27 County Council & Leader Meetings

LOOKING AHEAD... The 7th Annual—Sporting Clay Event, February 1st

You Need To Know...



Florida 4-H Hog-N-Ham Program

The Florida 4-H Hog and Ham Program is a state-wide 4-H program which takes the participant through the total process of pork production from beginning to end. Youth select a feeder pig and grow it to harvesting weight, all while keeping records on feed amounts and costs, health care, expenses, weights, etc. After harvesting the hog and processing it into wholesale or retail cuts, 4-H'ers cure the hams and prepare bacon and sausage for smoking. The project concludes by participating in a retail comparison project, completing a record book, and presenting a demonstration or illustrated talk to the other participants.



Mandatory Workshop: Gainesville -

Monday, January 20, 2014

In an effort to familiarize everyone with the Hog & Ham program and provide them with the background information needed for success, a workshop will be conducted before the beginning of the program. All new youth are required to attend this workshop to participate in the Hog & Ham program. Participation is open to youth (12 and older as of 9-1-13), parents, leaders, agents, or anyone interested in the program. Registration for the workshop is due by January 15, 2014.

L.A.W. - Leadership Adventure Weekend

Who: 4-H Members aged 13-19

What: "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens"

When: January 17-19, 2014

Where: 4-H Camp Ocala

Cost: \$110 Full Time (includes book)

Being a successful leader requires many things. Some habits of a successful leader include "Being Proactive," "Being with the end in mind," and "putting first things first." The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens will be the focus of Leadership Adventure Weekend this year. The 7 habits curriculum helps individuals understand that different perspectives exist and are many solutions to a common problem. Florida 4-H will be hosting this 3-day event to prepare our leaders to be successful and to open their eyes to habits of successful leaders. The goal is for participants to use newly acquired skills in their counties and districts to be effective in all aspects of 4-H. 4-Hers will also learn more about 4-H opportunities, effective communication, and how to be an effective member of a team.

4-H On-line registration opens December 3.

4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest



2014 Topic: "Beekeeping in Colonial Times".

To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

Each year, the UF HBREL organizes the Florida 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest. The contest is a national competition offered by the Foundation for The Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. The deadline for the 2014 contest is **February 20th, 2014**. For more information visit the Florida 4-H website.

Stall Talk...

2014 Horse Calendar

Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show— January 26, 2014
Triple J Ranch, Sarasota

4-H Area E—April 26 -27, 2014 State Fair Grounds, Tampa

4-H State—July 9 -12, 2014 State Fair Grounds, Tampa

Southern Regional 4-H Championships — July 30 -August 3
Raleigh, NC

Are you leasing your 4-H Horse Project?

Just a reminder: If you are leasing your 4-H horse project a horse lease agreement (form 4H HSF 01) must be on file at the 4-H Office by January 1, 2014.

This is a Florida 4-H state requirement. Contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810 for more information or leasing form.



4-H Horse Project Youth:

Are you interested in showing your 4-H horse project this year; and do you plan to participate at the Area E Horse Show? Follow these steps:

1. Own your project horse/or have a "horse lease agreement" (4-H HSF 01) on file at the 4-H office. (Before Jan 1, 2014)
2. Complete a Horse Project record book. **Your record book must be up-to-date and checked at the County Horse Show, then complete your book and turn it in with your Area E registration forms.**
3. Participate at the 2014 Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show.
4. If this is your 1st year or you have a new project horse and have not received "safety-approval" at a previous safety clinic or show; you must get "safety-approval" at the 2014 Sarasota County 4-H Horse Show.

Questions? Call the 4-H Office 861-9810.

Sarasota County 4-H Foundation News



Time to lace up your sneakers for a Walk-In-The-Park! JANUARY 11, 2014

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation is holding their Annual 4-H Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, January 11, in Myakka State Park. This annual fundraiser provides an opportunity for foundation members, leaders, and families to show their support for our **Sarasota County 4-H Program**. As our program grows so do our needs, with donations received from the Walk-A-Thon, the foundation can provide scholarships for youth attending Summer Camp, Congress, Legislature, CWF, Dairy Retreat, Horse Programs, Horticulture, Livestock Judging, Workshops, Project Support, Club Support, Leader Training, Youth Leadership Training and much, much more.

THE SCAVENGER HUNT is back! As a club you will be given clues to find objects in the park, when you find the object... take a picture. The first club to solve ALL the riddles and return with all the correct photos WINS!

WALK-A-THON RULES **REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM - WALK AT 9:30 AM**

1. All participants must have collected a minimum of \$20 in donations to walk (adults & 4-H members). This covers a Walk-A-Thon t-shirt and lunch.
2. All entry fees must be turned in the morning of the walk in order to participate.
3. Siblings under eight years old are exempt from \$20 entry fee when walking with a paid adult.
4. Siblings will get lunch and transportation (no shirt).
5. All participants will be given a wristband in order to receive lunch and transportation inside park.
6. The top 5 walkers in each of three categories; 1. Cloverbud/Junior 2. Intermediate and 3. Senior will receive prizes for the most money turned in on January 11, 2014. Scavenger Hunt awards will also be presented to winners.
7. Prizes will be given out the day of the walk, after lunch, in the lunch pavilion.
8. Money that is donated for advertisement on the Walk-A-Thon t-shirts must be for t-shirts only.
9. Money that is for sponsorship of a child goes for the child only.
10. Money cannot be used for both t-shirt advertisement and child.
11. Participants must be picked up PROMPTLY BY 1:00 PM in the SUPERVISED PICK-UP area only.
12. ALL YOUTH UNDER AGE 15 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT CHECK IN. ALL YOUTH MUST WALK IN GROUPS

Are you, your club, or your business interested in being a Walk-A-Thon "t-shirt sponsor"? It's fun to see your name on ALL those t-shirts—contact the 4-H Office for details

Great Prizes!

Lets all enjoy a Walk- In-The-Park with Great Friends for a Great Cause!

(Walk-a-thon envelopes are available at the 4-H Office / or ask your club leader)

4-H Foundation Casino Night... Was a great success!

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation wants to THANK the businesses, individuals, and 4-H clubs that provided goods for our **Casino Night** Silent Auction Baskets and Raffle items. Special Thanks to our Banner Sponsors: Sarasota County Farm Bureau, Gecko's Pub & Grill, SUN-N-FUN Resort. Table Sponsors: Albritton's Nursery, Bangz Hair Studio, Bill's Handyman Service, Brewer's Nursery, Elva Farrell, George & Pam Liedl, Griffin Mobil Fabricators, LLC, Hochstetler Portable Welding Inc., Jay's Fencing, Joe Calinski, Mark & Christine Stasik, Mini Hooves 4-H Club, Sam's Automotive Service, Sarasota Ice House.

Thanks to all that came out and supported this event!

4-H Foundation Sporting Clay Event

Save the date: **FEBRUARY 1st** for the 7th Annual Sporting Clay Event! Whether you're an experienced shooter or a beginner interested in learning a new sport, you'll find a day of great fun and excitement.

Located at beautiful Knights Trail Park, this course is designed to challenge the master and make a believer of the novice. Whether it's a pair of targets launched into the pine trees to simulate a rising covey of quail, targets flying above to simulate incoming ducks, or a target zooming



across the ground to simulate a rabbit, each station is designed for fun. 12 stations, 100 clay bird shoot; something for Teams, Individuals, 4-H Youth, and Youth.

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

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.

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.

Note: 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.

Fashion Revue at the Fair

Whether you are a Fashionista, want to learn more about how the retail industry works, design your own outfit, learn to accessorize, challenge yourself to make a pattern, improve poise or just be able to mend your own garments participating in the 4-H Fashion Revue will help you learn and gain the necessary skills.

Why not try Clothing Construction and/ or Clothing Selection

1. Clothing Construction or Personally Sewn: This category showcases the member's sewing skills and ability to coordinate an outfit. The garment must be sewn by the 4-H member. Skill levels range from beginning to advanced.

2. Clothing Selection or Purchased: Members demonstrate the ability to purchase and coordinate an outfit exhibiting positive consumer skills. The garment must have been purchased within the current 4-H year. Categories listed in the Sarasota County Fair Rule Book.

Entry forms to participate in Clothing Construction or Clothing Selection are due Friday, January 10. Fashion Revue (modeling) will be Sunday, March 16 on the Main Stage at the Fair!

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



Lead The Way...

Make the change:

The January and February Leader and County Council meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month:

January 27 and **February 24** at Twin Lakes Park, 7:30 pm.

All are encouraged to attend these informative and educational meetings.

4-H Shooting Sports Training Dec. 13 and 14

A 4-H Shooting Sports Level 1 Instructor Training has been scheduled for **Friday Dec 13** beginning at 6pm and continuing all day **Saturday Dec. 14** 2013 in Okeechobee County.

Archery, shotgun and rifle training will be offered. We are also trying to schedule a muzzle-loading training depending on the interest of volunteers. If interested contact Carrie Muldoon in Okeechobee County (863) 763-6469 or email cmuldoon@ufl.edu for registration forms and information.

Please remember you must select one discipline for training. The fee will be \$50.00 and will include all training materials and equipment. Lodging will be on your own. Registration deadline is **Friday Dec. 6th**.

2014 4-H Calendars will be available at the December Leader and Council meetings, and also available on the Sarasota County 4-H website.

Member and Leader 4-H Cards

4-H membership cards will be distributed at the December Leader meeting. Please be sure to pick them up.

Member and Leader 4-H Club Insurance

The 4-H Office will send each organizational leader a current "club roster" and statement for your clubs members and leaders insurance. Please carefully review this information.

The **Sarasota Children's Garden** is looking for youth volunteers to help with gardening and creative events. The website is www.sarasotachildrensgarden.com. Contact Robin Fulk 941-330-1711 if interested or want more information. This is a non-profit that also qualifies for school's volunteer hours.

Looking Ahead—UF Policy Changes

UF/IFAS Youth Protection Policy

To protect youth and adults involved in UF/IFAS programs, UF/IFAS has established mandatory volunteer background screening and youth registration procedures to meet requirements of the State of Florida via the Department of Children and Families (DCF); and the University of Florida Office of Youth Conference Services (OYCS). All youth participation in UF/IFAS-sponsored programs is defined as UF/IFAS 4-H Youth Development and shall be promoted as such and reported via the 4HOnline enrollment system in lieu of the OYCS database. This policy and corresponding procedures apply to all camps and activities led by IFAS faculty/staff for youth, either on or off campus. The policy does not apply to programs that IFAS faculty assist with if they are not responsible for supervising the youth attending (such as when contributing to another organiza-

Who Must Be Screened

Do all 4-H club organizational leaders need to be 435 Level 2 screened? Yes. Club organizational leaders are directly supervising youth and other volunteers throughout the year including the time frame of April 1 - Sept 1.

Do all 4-H club volunteers need to be 435 Level 2 screened? No. Only the club organizational leader is required to be 435 level 2 screened. Organizational club leaders supervise the club including youth and other volunteers.

Are minor youth exempt? No. Youth who are minors must follow the same policy as any adult volunteer. For example, youth who will be serving as a camp counselor at a 4-H camp will be required to have a 435 Level 2 screen.

Are UF | IFAS volunteers previously screened under 435 Level 2 required to be rescreened? Maybe. If you have a "Letter of Clearance" from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), a signed "Affidavit of Good Moral Character" and the volunteer has served continuously since the date of the clearance letter, they are not required to be rescreened for five years from the date of the letter.

Are there any other background screenings that will substitute for 435 Level 2? No. At this time, only volunteers that have been screened through the Department of Children and Families under Chapter 435 of the Florida Statutes is acceptable.

Let's Learn Together... Online UF Youth Protection Training (# YCS800) is required of all volunteers. All University of Florida-affiliated youth programs are responsible for ensuring that any program employees, volunteers, and other individuals directly in contact with minors under the age of 18 successfully complete an annual Youth Protection Training (course number **YCS800**) offered by the University of Florida. It is currently posted at <https://oycs.ufsa.ufl.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2012/10/YCS800-simulatedversion1.swf>.

We will have more information in the next coming weeks... stay tuned!



News From Out There...

Southern Spurs by: Katie Werla, Reporter

The Southern Spurs are off to an exciting 4-H year! Our officers this year are Lindsay Cosby, President, Ashley Miller, Vice President, Jennifer Blackburn, Secretary, Mia Kurecki, Treasurer, Katie Werla & Kate Neily, Historians, Katie Werla, Reporter, Brianna Gutierrez & Alicia Brower, Sergeant at Arms, and Lauren Neily & Brittney Gutierrez County Council. We have lots of community service, fund raising events, and outings planned for the 2013-14 4H year. We are off to an exciting 4-H year as the Southern Spurs volunteered for the Sarasota 2013 Costal Cleanup on Saturday September 21st. It was a fun and successful day and a great way to make BIG contribution to keep our Sarasota Beaches beautiful! At the 4-H Award Banquet October 9th Linda Cutler won the Sarasota County 2012-2013 Leader of the Year Award. Members Lindsay Cosby, Kimberly Cutler, and Ashley Miller were recognized for their participation in the 4-H Area E Horse Show, 4-H State Horse Show and won top awards for their 2012-13 Horse Project Books and Officer Record Books. Members Mia Kurecki and Jennifer Blackburn were recognized for their Officer Record Books and received top awards. The Southern Spurs will soon be volunteering at Pinebrook Rehab & Nursing Home October 26th to celebrate Halloween with residents. We are looking forward to an awesome year!

In October, the Southern Spurs partnered with Pine Brook Nursing Home in Venice to celebrate the spirit of Halloween. The residents judged costumes and pumpkins the 4H members had decorated. The group played Bingo with the residents shared treats and donated the decorated pumpkins to the nursing home. The Halloween party was a great success! We had a very successful Christmas wreath fund raiser and raised a lot of money for the club. The club is donating 50% of the profit for the children's giving tree in Venice to celebrate the holiday season.

Mini Hooves by: Savannah Jacobson, Reporter

Mini Hooves 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on November 4th at the Aqua Plumbing conference center. We collected the dog & cat supplies our club is donating for Hooves, Paws, & Claws animal rescue. Some of our members will be helping them with adoptions at the Jingle Paws festival at Twin Lakes Park on December 8th.

We discussed the great fundraising success we had at the Fruitville Harvest Festival & with our Yankee Candle sales.

The club had a show grooming clinic at Fallen Pines Farm on November 9th. We are anticipating our first miniature horse show of the year on November 24th. Good luck to all our competitors!

Mini Hooves Holiday party will take place at the Farm Bureau on December 21st. We hope you all enjoy the holidays!

Indian Creek by: Shana Martin, Reporter

Hi 4-Hers! We all had a spectacular Halloween and are ready for the next holiday. At our meeting, everyone brought in gifts for the Hope Children, they are going to have a great Christmas!

This month we have two birthdays. Happy Birthday to Andrea Boyd and Austin Jackson! We wish them a wonderful birthday.

Our crafts this month were Snowmen made out of spray-painted sunglasses and Cork Ornaments. They are very creative. Each and every one were so unique! We made them for The Pines of Sarasota, which we are visiting for Christmas soon.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! See you next meeting!

Horse N' Around by: Samantha Chianese

Greetings, everyone! For our October meeting, Horse N' Around had a costume party in celebration of Halloween. It was a lot of fun for all who attended! Thank you to everyone who participated and brought food, costumes, and fun! We had a great discussion about Florida birds, looking at pictures and listening to their calls, and discussed plans for our next meeting. Making glow-sticks is a potential idea and should be a fun project. We'll bring our supplies and let you know how they turn out! We hope you all had a wonderful Halloween and that the upcoming holidays are just as enjoyable for you!

Animal Crackers by: Zoie McDonald, Reporter

We had a great November meeting. We had 14 members at the meeting. Let's start by saying we finally got Real-tree Camo shirts. So yes we were all excited to receive our shirts at the meeting. Animal Crackers participated with a booth at Fruitville Groves in October and we earned \$ 478. What a great amount of money earned for what we were selling. During our meeting we planned our December meeting which is going to be a Holiday Party. We all signed up for a covered dish, we will be having a gift exchange at the party. We can't wait sounds like a lot of fun. We have also decided to participate in taking animal treats to a local animal shelter in December for the holiday as well as Cards for the Military. We discussed upcoming weigh ins for the county fair. Over all we had a great meeting. Our next meeting is December 10th at 6 for our Holiday Party.

News From Out There...



Livestock Club by: Clayton Woods, Reporter

Our November meeting was held on November 12th. The meeting was called to order by President Megan Stoll at 7:05 pm. Pledges were said, the devotional given, roll call was taken and the treasurer's report was provided. All of the Club members told about their 4-H projects they are doing this year.

Reminders that December 7th will be the swine weigh-in and December 14th will be the dairy and beef breeding check-in. Check your rule books and make sure you have all of the information completed.

All of the Club members signed holiday cards that have been given to MOTS (Manatee Operation Troop Support). Through the MOTS operation packages are provided to local deployed soldiers and they will include personalized cards from our 4H families. A total of 133 signed cards were given Kellie Dietz that will be in the care packages.

We will begin working on the holiday parade float on Monday November 25th at the Farm. A reminder that the December meeting is the Club pot luck and holiday gift exchange. Watch facebook for specifics on our holiday collection for the Immokalee Homeless Coalition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10. Refreshments were provided by the Ruben & Ricardo families.

Clogging Clovers by: Hannah Nichol, Reporter

Hi everyone. At our most recent meeting, we discussed the money raised at our October fundraising events. We also continued getting ready for the Venice Christmas Parade on the 30th of November. We are learning Christmas songs that we will be performing at the parade, and getting our holiday costumes in order. We also anticipate dancing on November 23 at the shopping plaza at Beneva and Bahia Vista at their outdoor event. After that we will have our clogging clovers Christmas party in December. It's going to be a busy holiday season, and we are looking forward to the fun!

Jr. Cattlemen by: Tommy Jackson, Reporter

We met on Wednesday 11/13 and were excited to have two new members join our club! In our meeting we talked about the county council meeting and all the upcoming events, check in dates and paperwork deadlines. We have started a collection for our club basket donation and we decided to get started in December with demonstrations for our fair projects and talked about some examples of what we could do. We also discussed some fundraising ideas and club t-shirt ideas. Some of our members will be helping at the Cattlemen's Meeting this month and for our next meeting on December 11 we voted to have a gift exchange and Christmas party.

Ridin' Rednecks by: Hayes Bush, Reporter

Our club has had a very busy month first off we had our Red Wheel fundraiser to raise money for the club. Thanks to everyone who reached their quota of 12 items. We discussed our Christmas party and thanks to the Koss Family for volunteering to host our Christmas party. We will be doing a gift exchange of 10 dollars. We also talked about our float that will be in the downtown Christmas parade. Mr. Strickland went and selected pigs for Lane Brickey, Gunner Maus, Shane Gaines, Dustin Davis, Hayes Bush, Tanner Stutzman, and Max Steel. We drew for numbers to see what order we get to pick in. Our club will also be working the concession stand at the Triple J Ranch on November 29th, 30th and December 1st. Our Last meeting will be November 21st, and we will be having a break until January 2nd.

Christmas Trivia... can you fill in the blanks?

"I saw ___ kissing Santa Claus"

"Silent night, Holy night, all is calm, all is ___"

"I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my ___"

"He had a _ pipe and a button nose and two eyes made of coal"

"and folks dressed up like ___"

"___ around the Christmas tree"

How many of these Christmas songs can you identify using just the initials of their starting phrases?

(I will help you with the first)

1. HYAMLC—Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
2. TFNTADS
3. GRYMGLNYD
4. ICUAMC
5. SNHNAICAIB
6. OTFDOCMTLGTM
7. DTHWBOHFLLLLLLLL
8. YBWOYBNC
9. JTTWTLHC
10. YKDADAPAVCACADAB



**Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays ♀**

*From: Marcia,
Keith, and
Sheila*

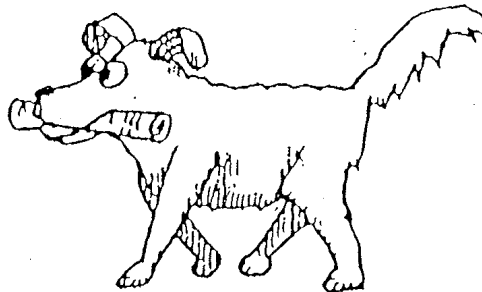


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