

4-H CLUBS

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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.



The Clover Times

June 2014



FROM THE AGENTS DESK— Keith Wilson

Summer time is here. **Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors** for what you have achieved not only in the 4-H program but also in your academics in school. We are very proud of your accomplishments!

4-H District events went very well this year in the host county of Pinellas. Not only did our junior, intermediate and senior **Sarasota County 4-Hers** perform extremely well in the event, but also our very own Shelby Martin was elected as District 4-H Council president. A special thanks to the judges who drove up to the event to volunteer their services. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Remember that if you are into fishing, there will be a free **4-H Fishing Tournament** held on June 18 and July 16 from 9-12noon at Harts Landing in Sarasota. It is open to all youth, so bring a friend along. The event is sponsored by the **Sarasota County 4-H Foundation**, who generously provide the prizes for the largest fish caught and the most fish caught.

Each day I observe many drivers in our county with their heads down **texting** away **as they drive** their car. This is an accident waiting to happen. Be smart behind the wheel and wait until your vehicle is parked before texting.

PLEASE READ THIS!

Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent

Going, Going, Gone... We still have several boxes of record books, ribbons, and trophies from the fair. Please stop by the 4-H Office to pick them up. **JUNE 6:** record books will be tossed, ribbons and trophies will be returned to the fair.

Make Your Plans NOW...



June 2014

- 1 Hurricane Season begins
- 2 Last Day of School!
- 12 Marine Biology Field Trip
- 15 Happy Fathers Day
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- 23—27 4-H Camp Cloverleaf
- 23—27 4-H Legislature

July 2014

- 4 **Happy 4th of July!**
- 9—12 State 4-H Horse Show
- 13—17 SE Dairy Retreat, Virginia
- 16 Fishing Tournament
- 17 Beach Clean-up
- 21—25 Shooting Sports Camp
- 21—25 Marine Camp
- 28—August 1 4-H University
- 30—August 3 Regional Horse Championships



Summer Means Camp... 4-H Camp Cloverleaf!

Camp Cloverleaf is located in Lake Placid and offers a week of fun and exciting summer activities. The dates for 4-H camp are June 23—27, 2014. The cost for camp this year is **\$225.00**—this price includes lodging, meals, canteen, crafts, and bus transportation. Please, make checks payable to the **Sarasota County 4-H Foundation**. Camp T-shirts will be sold at camp for \$10.00. **Do not** include t-shirt fee with camp payment.

Make plans now for a fun filled week of swimming, fishing, canoeing, crafts, sports, campfire, songs, and new friends! Space is limited, **you must** return this **registration form** and **\$100.00 deposit** to reserve your spot and receive a "2014 Camp Cloverleaf Packet". Camp is based upon "first come - first serve"!

Partial camp scholarships are available to 4-H members upon request by using the "**Scholarship Request Form**" which is included in your camp packet. You must complete a "scholarship request form" to be considered for a camp scholarship.

4-H CAMP CLOVERLEAF JUNE 23—27, 2014 REGISTRATION FORM



Please circle packet request:

Camper Age 8-12
(as of 9/1/2013)

Counselor-In-Training Age 13
(as of 9/1/2013)

Counselor Age 14-18
(as of 9/1/2013)

Name: _____ Age: _____ (as of 9/1/2013)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ email: _____

Phone: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Request **1 (one)** cabin friend _____

Sorry, we can not accommodate group requests, space is limited.

This form must be filled out completely with your deposit attached to receive a camp packet.



OFFICE :

Date received _____

Check# _____

Amount _____

Packet Received _____ Packet Sent _____

*Spots still available—get your applications in TODAY!

4-H Doesn't Slow Down!



Counselors and C.I.T.'s—Save the date!



Counselor and CIT orientation / training is scheduled for **Monday, June 16**, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at 4-H Office, Twin Lakes Park—Auditorium. See you there!

Camp Cloverleaf—June 23-27, 2014

We have spots available for campers! Don't miss this opportunity to go to camp. Call the 861-9810 for details.

Summer FUN...

A **free marine biology field trip** is being made available to all youth on **June 12** from 10:00 AM-12 noon at **South Lido Park**. 4-H youth may bring a friend to participate in this outdoor adventure. Live sea creatures will be collected, identified and released back into the wild. The importance of sea grasses to a healthy marine ecosystem will be discussed.



4-H will host two saltwater fishing tournaments...

On Wednesday, June 18 and Wednesday, July 16, from 9:00 AM—12 noon at Hart's Landing.

These tournaments will be open to all youth ages 5-18 years of age. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish caught and the largest fish caught. Contact Mr. Wilson at kwilson@scgov.net to learn more about these events.

Beach Clean-UP

The Clogging Clovers and Mr. Keith Wilson are teaming up to clean the beach as a community service project.

Join us on Thursday, July 17, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at S. Lido Beach (Sperling Park).

This event is open to ALL 4-H families. Sun lotion, drinking water and beach shoes are recommended.

Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat

The Southeast Dairy Youth Retreat is a weeklong camp for youth 8 to 19 years of age focusing on the area of Dairy. The retreat's activities include various dairy industry professionals who will address youth on topics such as, milk marketing, dairy cattle reproduction, nutrition and dairy foods. Youth from seven different southeastern states (Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky) will be in attendance. This fun and educational week will provide our youth the opportunity to build team work skills, gain a greater understanding about the dairy industry and form lasting friendships. The dates are July 13-17, this year the event will be held in Virginia.

DON'T MISS THIS! ARE YOU A SENIOR 4-Her (14-18) **4-H University, July 28th – August 1st** held at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Registration closes MAY 30. *Discover*: the University of Florida campus, *Explore*: career possibilities, *Interact*: with faculty and teens throughout the state, *Meet*: new friends, *Help*: others and the neighboring communities, *Have fun*, and *Make a difference*: when you return home. Contact the 4-H Office (941-861-9810) for details.

Attention 4-H Club Leaders and Officers

Now is the time to get together and make sure your officer record books are complete and up-to-date. They are due on MONDAY, JUNE 30.

Club Treasurer and Secretary books are mandatory and must be turned into the 4-H Office no later than **Monday, June 30**, for your club to be "a club in good standings" and move forward to the 2014-2015 4-H Year. This is required by the Florida 4-H State office. Sarasota County 4H and the Sarasota County 4-H Association must complete a report and turn this information into the FL State Office.

BOOKS MUST BE ON TIME!

Record Book Deadline—Monday, June 30

Just a reminder— All officer, project and record books are due in the 4-H Office by 5:00 PM on Monday, June 30. If you have turned in a record book during the Sarasota County Fair, and would like to improve your score, you can make corrections, add photo's, add to your story and resubmit it by June 30. It is not necessary to resubmit your book if you did not make any improvements. You must turn in a project book or record book to receive a 4-H year pin.

Have you ever noticed the medals on some 4-H members jackets, and wondered...

"What are they, and How did they get them?"

Well, they are called recognition medals, and you can apply to receive a 4-H recognition medal by completing a county "Project Portfolio". Junior 8—10, Intermediate 11—13, or Senior 14—18.

Any 4-H youth wishing to be considered for a county medal must; complete the project portfolio, include photos, write a short story about your 4-H experience, and include your project record book—in a folder.

Turn your "Project Portfolio" into the 4-H Office by **June 30**. As always, if you have any questions or need assistance contact the 4-H Office at 861-9810.



Look What We Did!

2014 District Events—Pinellas County

Demonstrations:

Juniors:

Alexis Brotherton: Jewelry Making
Eden Finfgeld: Paper Mache
Scott Martin: Video Gaming Thru Time
Avery Underdahl: Self Propagating Plants

Intermediates:

Aleah Burrill: Always Try to Identify
Madison Dill: Suzanne's Converted Pickles
Devon Kirkley: Decorative Staghorn Mounting
Riley Price: How to Get Your Rabbit Ready For a Show

Seniors:

Maxim Lowe: E-Trash
Madeline Ruch: The Chemistry of Coca Cola
Jillian Bland & Alex Kirkley: Decorative Window Box Gardening

Public Speaking:

Junior:

Benjamin Adams

Intermediate:

David Dean: Drug Awareness

Seniors:

Easton Underdahl: Organizing a Service Project
Nina Vannucci: Speak Up!

Share the FUN:

Juniors:

Hailey Jones, Jasmyn Nunes, Keara OMahony, Kendra Petrovich, Kaylin Sherrard: Clogging Dance
Shana Martin & Lauren Pellegrino: This is My Dance

Intermediates:

Rachel Grohman, Hannah Nichol, Rachel Watson, Grace Watts: Watermelon Crawl

Seniors:

Erin Formanski & Lydia Watson: Calling Baton Rouge
Jaimie Tabar: Piano Medley

2014 Area E Horse Show

Congratulations to all the 4-H members that participated in the **2014 Area E Horse Show** in Tampa, April 25—27, 2014. It was a great weekend and FUN was had by all; Sarasota County 4-Hers did a fabulous job!

Qualifying and advancing to the Florida 4-H State competition are:

Lindsey Cosby and IE Mania, Mia Kurecki and Over And Away, Kate Neily and Face The Future, Lauren Neily and Niftys Rockstar, Ashley Miller and Last Details Jack.

The **State 4-H Horse Show** will be held July 9 –12, 2014, at the State Fair Grounds in Tampa. **Good luck to all!**

4-H Outreach—School Enrichment; 4-H is everywhere, making a BIG impact in Sarasota County!

4-H Science Programs. 4-H environmental science education programs served thousands of local youth during the past 4-H year. Many Sarasota County schools, private schools and home school organizations received science classes under the leadership of 4-H staff. These schools included Toledo Blade Elementary, Garden Elementary, Woodland Middle, The Learning and Families Cooperative, Children First, Brookside Middle, Lakeview Elementary, St. Martha's School, The Cottages and Oak Park School. In addition, science classes were provided to local summer camps for youth of all ages at Woodmere Park, Colonial Oaks Park, Arlington Park, Bee Ridge Park, Lemon Bay Park, Longwood Run Park and Sun and Fun Resort. Extensive science classes were delivered at numerous local libraries throughout the year from North Sarasota to North Port and Englewood. All participants were provided a unique opportunity to discover the immense and fascinating biological diversity found in local coastal ecosystems through hands-on learning experiences.

This year 1,750; 4, 5, and 6 grade students participated in the **2014 4-H / Tropicana Public Speaking Contest**. The 4—5 grade Division Winner was Julia Lejnar from Ashton Elementary. Julia's speech was "If I Could Go Back In Time". The 6 grade division winner was Joshua Kroepfl from Sarasota Middle School. Joshua's speech was: "What do a Race Car Driver, an Archaeologist, and a Model Have in Common?". Public Speaking is a valuable skill that will last a lifetime. Congratulations to all who "Spoke—UP"!

Third graders can grow radishes! 1,500 third grade students participated in the **2014 4-H Radish Growing Contest**. They began their projects in January; the radishes were judged and displayed at the Sarasota County Fair. This project is a great introduction to plant science, and students become excited about growing vegetables.

Lead The Way...



Let's Review...

Florida 4-H has expanded their volunteer website at florida4h.org with more information, training, and resources **4-YOU**. We would like all 4-H leaders to review this information.

Florida 4-H Online Volunteer Orientation

Why does 4-H require volunteers to participate in this orientation? Many seasoned volunteers may ask, "Why do I have to take this orientation?" We want to provide as much training as possible so Florida's youth have the best possible 4-H experience.

- ⇒ Volunteers deserve to be well prepared
- ⇒ We value you and the work that you do for 4-H
- ⇒ Our children and youth are worth our time in training
- ⇒ Trained volunteers are essential to a quality 4-H program
- ⇒ We want to lay a foundation for success in your 4-H work with young people

Please take a moment to review the 5 videos in the **Volunteer Orientation** section. After complete, move on to the **Volunteer Training**:

Section 1: Introduction to 4-H

Section 2: Starting Your Own 4-H Club

Section 3: Enriching the Club Experience

Section 4: Understanding Youth and Their Needs

Section 5: Volunteers and 4-H Program Management

The Next Step... Have YOU taken the Test?

UF Youth Protection Training (# YCS800) is **required of all volunteers working with youth**. **YES, we all need to take the test!** The training lasts about 20 minutes and includes a brief quiz that must be completed successfully. It is currently posted at **Volunteer Resources** found on the Florida 4-H website: florida4h.org Once you have completed the quiz the 4-H office will receive notification.

Are YOU in compliance? To meet all state guidelines, established by the University of Florida and the FL 4-H State Office, the process of Level 2 background screening and fingerprinting for **all organizational leaders** has begun. The 4-H Office has set up an account with Tops located at: 2831 Ringling Blvd., Bldg A, Unit 101, Sarasota FL 34237 to help facilitate this process. Just pickup a form at the office (we can email, fax, send...) and bring it with you to Tops. Questions? Give us a call: 861-9810.

The ABC's of 4-H: LEARN BY DOING + A LITTLE BIT MORE

Field trips can be a great experience for youth to learn project content and life skills. Field trips also contribute to the 4-H philosophy of learning by doing (plus a little bit more).

Consider the following as you plan for a field trip: What will be learned? What teaching methods will be used? What opportunities for hands-on experiences? How can the field trip be used to introduce a project or enhance a project? How can it be made more special and fun?

Think about places that: 1. Match needs of youth projects, 2. Are relevant and interesting to youth (give them choices when possible), 3. Are affordable, 4. Are close by.

Some field trip ideas: Environmental and nature centers, Bird sanctuaries and wildlife refuges, Historical sites, Natural attractions - including state and national parks, Hiking, biking, walking, canoeing, Farms, orchards, greenhouses, nurseries, Factories and corporations, Government offices and agencies, University offices, laboratories, and research stations, Hospitals and veterinary clinics, Museums, Cultural festivals, Supermarkets and other retail stores, Zoos, hatcheries, aquariums, Radio & television stations, newspapers, Police and fire stations, Restaurants and bakeries

When youth start talking and asking each other questions about the activity and you can step back out of the conversation... you know learning is occurring!

Foundation News...



A Fabulous Night Out!

The Sarasota County 4-H Foundation held their annual awards banquet on May 19 at Marina Jacks, downtown Sarasota. Graduating seniors: Amanda Boyd - Indian Creek, Sabrina Chianese - Horse 'N Around, Samantha Chianese - Horse 'N Around, Rachael Cramer - 4 Paws, Michael Dean - Blazers, Shannon Kehoe - Blazers, Maxim Lowe - Horse 'N Around, Jaimie Tabar - Independent, and Justin Woods - Livestock Club all received foundation scholarships. We are very proud of your accomplishments and contributions to the 4-H Program, and we wish you all the brightest of futures!

Each year the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation awards scholarships to Sarasota County graduating 4-H High School Seniors. Applicants must be a current 4-H member with a minimum of 3 years in 4-H, and have completed a record book for each of the 3 years. Applications are due in April.

The 2014—2015 Foundation Officers were also installed that evening: President—June Haley, Vice President—Barbara Briggs, Correspondence Secretary—Amanda Rojas, Treasurer—Annette Chapman, and Parliamentarian—Roger Barr. A BIG THANK-YOU to all the foundation members for their continued support and dedication of our Sarasota County 4-H Program!

Learn by Doing

Would you be interested in raising the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Steer or Swine for the 2015 Sarasota County Fair? This is a great way to learn about these livestock projects. 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 will also receive a portion of the profits.

Please contact the 4-H office at 861-9810, if you are interested in raising one of these projects, and to receive an application form. The dead-line for application to raise the 4-H Foundation Steer is Monday, June 16, 2014. Applications to raise the 4-H Foundation Swine are due by Monday, September 15, 2014.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 15

CASINO NIGHT

Your Club News...

Horse N' Around by: Samantha Chianese

For me, this was my last year as a member of 4H, and I must say that this final month has been an emotional one. I, along with fellow club seniors Sabrina Chianese and Maxim Lowe, attended my last meeting as a member of Horse N' Around. We had a party, with baked goods and board games galore, but underneath it all, for me, was a sense of sadness and nostalgia. I'm graduating, and as I leave high school, I must too leave 4H and begin a new adventure as a member of FSU's inaugural class of Presidential Scholars. 4H has been a part of my life for the last five years, and for the last four, I've been a reporter for the monthly newsletter. 4H has given me so many new experiences: I've been a part of the Mini Building for five years, made elephant ears and funnel cakes, fished, gone on marine biology outings, developed skills in arts and crafts, and discovered a talent for flower arranging. I've had the opportunity to showcase my creative writing. I've become a part of something bigger through various community service projects, including being introduced to the Racing Dog Rescue Project, for which I started an annual donation bin and have devoted many, many hours to, both walking and loving retired greyhounds. But most importantly, I have made many wonderful friends, people who I know I will connect with throughout my entire life. With my final newsletter, I just want to say: thank you, 4H, for everything. You've been a part of my life for so long, and if I could change one thing, I would have joined sooner. Thank you!

Mini Hooves by; Savannah Jacobson

At our last Mini Hooves meeting we voted for our 2014-2015 officers:

Alex Kirkley- President; Savannah Jacobson-Vice President/Reporter; Devin Kirkley - Treasurer; Shelby Price-Secretary; Shelby Stacik - County Council Representative; Angelina Kossoff - Parliamentarian; Veronica Martucci- Historian; Jade Murph - Chaplain

On May 11th we had our end of the year fun show.

Many of our members participated in hunter, jumper, & liberty competitions. It was great to see what everyone had learned throughout the year. We had a concession stand. All of the proceeds went to a donation to the animal rescue Hooves, Paws, & Claws.

We are looking forward to our end of the year banquet at my home on May 26th. Enjoy a wonderful summer!

Jr. Cattlemen; Delanie Bartell, President

We finished off the year with a wonderful buyers banquet. We recognized our buyers, volunteers and club members. We had a wonderful meal. Our leaders Mr. and Mrs. Bartell thanked us all for making the first year of Jr. Cattlemen's 4-H club a success. We had a great time swimming and socializing together as a group. We will be starting the club back up in August after a break for summer. We all look forward to next year.

Please be aware that if you are interested in joining our club we already have a waiting list for the 2014-2015 year. We hope everyone enjoys their summer break and stays safe.

YOUR Club News...

Ridin' Rednecks by: Hayes Bush

On Saturday, May 17 our club had its Annual Banquet. We enjoyed time decorating and preparing for our guests. We decorated the Potter Building with lots of color and plants which made it look lovely. The Reams, Scarbroughs, Barbara Briggs, Whittons, Vannucci's, Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Strickland spent several hours in the morning decorating. We had fun working together and preparing for the evening. Many families brought door prizes, appetizers, hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed the event. The club welcomed buyers, friends, parents, and guests to share a great meal and program. Our club named David Spindell as our Rookie of the Year; Achievement recipient Avery Underdahl; Leadership recipient: Nina Underdahl; Citizenship recipient: Easton Underdahl and the winner of the Christina Marie Skillin 4-H Scholarship: Clay Linthicum. Also, Carly Scarbrough was recognized for her outstanding abilities with our club Hog "RayBan" and her check from the proceeds of the sale. In addition, Carly received a scholarship check. She will be going all the way to California to college in the fall. We thanked all our Activity and Project Leaders for their help this year as well as our officers in helping "Make the Best Better". We were able to thank our T-Shirt Sponsor, Shelley Carpet for assisting us with great shirts. We are planning our end of the year outing at Sun n' Fun for a great time with all our members. Many are planning for camps and Congress with some scholarship help from our club. Have a great summer.

Clogging Clovers by; Hannah Nichol

Hey everyone! Hope you all had a good Memorial Day. I have so much to talk about. Our club won at Share The Fun with best of show. After that we got to go to District in St. Petersburg. We didn't win but our club learned something. (I know I did). We learned that it's not about winning, it's about going up there and doing your best with all your heart and having fun, and about being grateful that we even got to go to District.

Our club is also having meetings every Monday through the summer. Now we do crafts, cooking, and clogging, and we learn about the world around us. I want to thank all of our teachers for always being willing to come every week and teach us: Misty Cole, Joanne Burden, and Sher Formanski. I would also like to thank all of our parents for taking us to our club every Monday so we can learn. Have a great June! :D

Hearts & Horses by: Nicole Versovsky

On April 14, 2014, we elected new officers. We also added 2 new additions to our officer chart. A historian, and a sergeant at arms. These are our new officers: President: Angelina, Vice President: Riley, Secretary: Shelby, Treasurer: Anthony, Reporter: Nicole, County Council Delegate: Riley, Historian: Jaed, and Sergeant of Arms: Riley

We would like to congratulate one of our faithful club members, Riley, on getting 38 ribbons, 4 trophies, and 2 medals, a blue ribbon in rabbit, best of show for cupcakes, herb box best of show, overall grand champion gelding, and 1st place in halter obstacle. You Rock! We are so proud of you!

At our last "farm day" we went to Harbor Chase to entertain the residents with singing, dancing, instrument playing, and freshly baked goods. We will be going there again with Rio and Velveteen, our miniature horses, on May 24. On May 17, we will be having a clipping clinic. On June 14, we will be having an End-of-the-year party at Rose's house. We hope on seeing everyone there.

Southern Spurs

The Southern Spurs had a wonderful 4-H year. New officers have been elected for the 2014-15 year. We are very excited to see where our new leadership will take us. Our new officers are as follows; Katie Werla - President, Mia Kurecki - Vice President & Sargent At Arms, Brianna Gutierrez - Secretary, Alicia Brower - Treasurer, Brittney Gutierrez - County Council, and Historian and Reporter TBA.

The Southern Spurs will host their end of year party at the beach on June 7th.

We would like to wish Katie Neily, Lauren Neily, Mia Kurecki, Ashley Miller, and Lindsay GREAT success in Tampa at the State Horse Riding Competition. We know you will make Sarasota Proud!

4-Paws Club News

Our end of year 4-H Dog Competition was held at the Manatee County 4-H Invitational at Palmetto Fairgrounds. 3 of our club members competed at this event and this is how they fared:

Katie Bonner with Dog (Kayla): 1st Place in Agility; 1st Place in Obedience - with Dog (Buster): 2nd Place in Rally; 1st Place in Agility; 3rd Place in Showmanship

Ryan Ellis with Dog (Dave): 1st Place in Agility; 4th Place in Obedience—with Dog (Chewy): 2nd Place in Agility

Josie Reyna with Dog (Wish): 3rd Place in Agility

Congratulations to all 4-H Paws Club members for a great year!

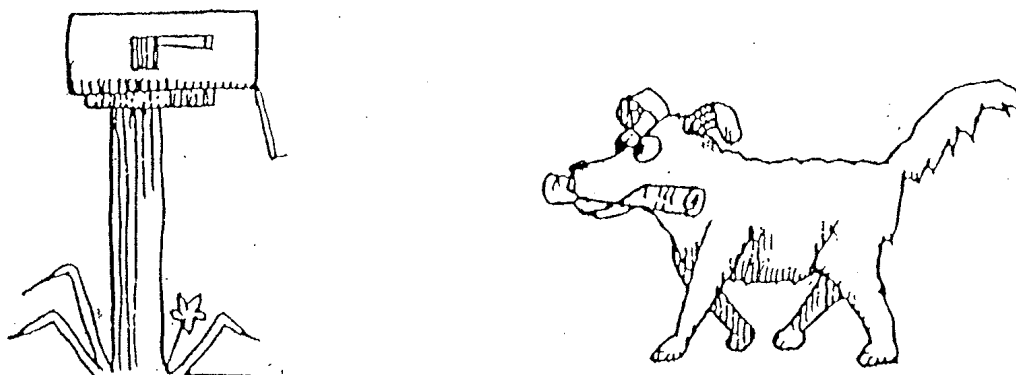
Hurricane Season is June 1 through November 30. **Do you have a plan?** The first step in preparing your family, pets and home for a disaster is to **plan now**. Interactive tools found on www.floridadisaster.org or www.scgov.net can help create a plan for you and your family. These sites provide recommendations for a "home survival kit", evacuation routes, emergency contacts and useful checklists. The best way to make your family, pets and home safe is to be prepared **before** a disaster happens.

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