FROM THE AGENTS DESK— Keith Wilson

**Libraries** throughout the county will be offering free marine science classes at select times to all youth in partnership with 4-H. If you have an interest, check with your local libraries to see what they have to offer.

We are extremely excited to have our new **4-H agent, Rebecca McCafferty**, on board as a member of the “4-H Family”. Rebecca joins Sarasota County 4-H with an excellent 4-H background in Michigan where she had to serve two counties as a regional 4-H Agent. Her energy and knowledge is going to be an excellent asset to the 4-H program. Please introduce yourself to Rebecca when you are next in the 4-H office. We continue to be blessed with the expertise and passion of former 4-H staff member **Marcia Morris**, as she serves the local 4-H program in a volunteer capacity at special events! She also offers support to our Sarasota County 4-H Foundation.

If you drive, please make **wise decisions** about texting or talking on your cell phone while behind the wheel. Innocent lives in passenger seats depend on it.

Keith Wilson, 4-H Agent

Happy 4th of July!
Results from the June Fishing Tournament...

Fun was had by all and a lot of fish were caught; mangrove snapper, whiting, grunt, star fish (really!), a purple sea urchin, pin fish and more!

Kayla Mitchell won the award for the biggest fish with a 12” whiting and Hunter won the award for the most fish with 7 mangrove snapper. A big thanks to June Haley, Sarasota County 4-H President, for handing out the awards.

Learn by Doing

Would you be interested in raising the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation Swine for the 2015 Sarasota County Fair? 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. It’s a great way to learn about this livestock project. Contact the 4-H office at 861-9810 to receive an application form. Applications are due Monday, September 15, 2014.

Do YOU Have An Official 4-H Club?

August is the time to re-new your 4-H Club Charter. Florida 4-H has established criteria for enrolling clubs as an “Official 4-H Club”. Your 4-H Club Charter gives your club the authority to use the 4-H name and emblem. The criteria for 4-H clubs in Florida are as follows:

• The club has five members (from at least two families) with completed enrollments.
• The club is organized with youth officers.
• There are one or more appointed club volunteers, following application, screening and training.
• An initial meeting place is secured for at least several consecutive months.
• An official non-discriminatory club name is chosen.
• Club rules, which may be in the form of by-laws, are established.
• At least six or more regular meetings plus project meetings are scheduled.
• A written educational plan/calendar for the club program and activities is presented to the county 4-H office (a draft is okay).

Charter Applications should be completed by the Club Secretary, and signed by the Club President, Club Leader and Extension Faculty. Clubs may have continuous use of their charters over many years, however; clubs are required to submit an “Annual Request for Charter” each year. Charters are due by September 1 of the current 4-H year. Forms to establish your club charter, or to renew your annual charter are available at the 4-H Office, or on our 4-H website.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 15

Sarasota County 4-H Foundation CASINO NIGHT

Summer is here and physical activity, heat, and humidity can increase our need for WATER. Keep water bottles close at hand and drink frequently to avoid dehydration. Approximately 80% of our water intake comes from drinking water and other beverages, and the other 20% comes from the food we eat.

Did you know... 75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated and lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue. When you are thirsty; make good choices.

SUMMER TIP:

Frozen juice bars (100% juice, no sugar added) make healthy alternatives to high-fat snacks and are refreshing on a hot summer day.

Beach Clean-UP

The Clogging Cloggers 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.
Let’s Get Ready!

Florida 4-H Online Registration

Once again Sarasota County 4-H will be enrolling and re-enrolling 4-H members, leaders, foundation members, and all volunteers using the Florida 4-H On-Line system.

Registration for the 2014-2015 4-H year will open on August 23.

DO NOT attempt to enroll prior to August 23rd. Please do not create a new family profile if your family was previously enrolled.

How to enroll:
1. Login to: florida.4honline.com
2. Select: I have a profile or I need to setup a profile or I forgot my password.
3. Enter your family email address and password. If your email has changed, enter the email address associated with your 4-H online account, then make the change to your current email.
4. Check role as "Family", then login
5. If you forgot your password; choose “I forgot my password”, a temporary password will be sent to your email (this may take about 30 minutes).

How to Re-enroll:
1. Click “Edit” on a Family Member to open their Personal Profile screen.
2. Review your information and click “Enroll for 2014-2015”.
3. Select “Continue” and update all information.
4. Carefully review addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, and medical history. Make any changes as needed.
5. Verify your club and project information. The system assumes you have re-enrolled in the same club and projects. You can add or delete clubs and projects for the new year. Click “Continue” to move to the next screen.
6. When you have updated your information click “Submit Enrollment”.
7. Your enrollment status will change to “Pending” and will remain pending until “Confirmed” by your club leader and then the 4-H office. Once accepted, the enrollment status will change to “Active”.

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.

To update a members profile at anytime; Click “Edit” next to the member name, make the appropriate changes, select “Continue” at the bottom of the screen. You must select “continue” to save any changes.

We will use “4-H On-line” for our newsletters, mailings and emails, so please register as soon as possible (after August 23) Leaders; don’t forget to sign-in and confirm your 4-H members.

Leader Meetings

The first 2014—2015 Leader and County Council meetings will be August 18, 7:30 PM, at Twin Lakes Park. Leader meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. Leader meetings provide important training and information. Contact Keith Wilson for details 861-9818.

Attention New Leaders:

Mark Your Calendar! “New leader orientation” is scheduled for August 27, 7:00—8:00 PM, Twin Lakes Park. All 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 the “Leader Renewal” and “2014-2015 Club Information” forms as soon as possible. Leader Renewal forms should be completed by all organizational, project, and activity leaders.

Organizational leaders: Please complete your “2014 – 2015 Club Information” form. Your clubs information (where and when you meet, who to contact, if your club is open or closed) is posted on our 4-H website. Potential new members view this information when choosing a club. Thanks!
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