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4-H Notes at Noon – December 14, 2016

Accomplishments

AgVenturers – The AgVenturers 4-H Club made 43 “Blessing Bags” to donate to the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry at the December club meeting. Members brought in personal hygiene items, sorted the items, and placed them in bags for the GCS Food Pantry volunteers to pass out to families who visit the Food Pantry this month.



Happy Hooves – The Happy Hooves 4-H Club participated in the Penney Farms Christmas Parade and the group had a great time. This was their 1st activity as a brand new club in Clay County.



5th Annual Steer & Heifer Showmanship Showdown – The Steer & Heifer clinic was held on Sunday at the fairgrounds. We had 15 participants in this hands-on workshop. We had 6 volunteers from the Gator Collegiate Cattlewomen Association and UF Block & Bridle presenting and they did a fantastic job. Thank you to everyone that came out. Hope to see you next year.

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4-H Holiday Bake-off – On Friday we held the annual 4-H Holiday Bake-off with 54 participants. We had some fantastic looking entries this year. Way to go 4-Hers! Thank you to Annie Sheldon for the wonderful room set up, the cookbook and the prizes. A big thank you to all of our volunteer judges.

Congratulations to our winners:

Juniors:	1st Place	Makenna Brown
	2nd Place	Christopher Mize
	3rd Place	Nora Ibrahim

Intermediates:	1st Place	Brianna Batton
	2nd Place	Payten Worthington
	3rd Place	Evva Janossy

Seniors:	1st Place	Emily Mauch
	2nd Place	Taylor Worthington
	3rd Place	Dylan Pierce

Overall Winner: Brianna Batton



Leader Action Items

TLC Community Service Project – the members of the Teen Leadership Council are collecting clothes for a local family in need this season. The sizes are a girl in size 5/6 and a boy in size 7/8. You may also donate gift cards to clothing, shoe or department stores. You may bring your items to the 4-H office, unwrapped (new or very gently used items please) by December 22nd.

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Community Service Updates – Leaders please forward me information and pictures on any community service projects that your clubs are involved in.

Sign-in Sheets – Please remember to turn in your club sign in sheets to the 4-H office. We also ask that you let us know when your members do their club presentations. You can either e-mail Katrina or mark it on the sign in sheets. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Announcements

Caroling at Penney Farms Retirement Community – The AgVenturers 4-H club will be at Penney Farms Retirement Community on December 22nd at 5:00pm to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Kelly Mosley has invited any 4-H clubs and members that want to join. They will begin at Pennmore House. If interested please let us know and we will give you her contact info.

New 4-H Position open – The Clay County Extension Office is seeking to fill a full time 4-H Agent position. For details, click on the following link: http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/jobs_countyvacancies_status.shtml

Clay County 4-H T-shirts - If family members and friends would like a t-shirt, we will be selling them for \$10 each. Please send your name, club and size to Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu. Once the t-shirts are in you will be notified.

Horse Project Paperwork – All Clay County 4-H members enrolled in a horse project for the 2016-2017 4-H year need to submit the mandatory paperwork to the 4-H office by December 31st. The list of forms and forms themselves can be found on our website under the title "Horse Forms": http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4H_Forms.shtml

Winter Wonderland of Horses – January 20-21, 2017 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. We will kick things off on Friday at 5:30 pm with Dr. Bess Darrow and her mobile Equine Dentistry Clinic, followed by the Horseless Olympics. Saturday morning equine check-in will begin at 8:00am followed by the start of our six, 45 minute clinic rotations. For details and registration click on the link: <https://4-hwinterwonderland.eventbrite.com>

Chess Spin Club – Are you interested in Chess? We are trying to find out if we have youth interested in an eight week chess club. No chess experience necessary. See the flyer for details: <http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/Events/Other/Chess%20Flyer.pdf>

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

3rd Annual CBC 4Kids – January 7, 2017 9am – noon at Camp Chowenwaw Park - CBC4Kids is a fun, winter event engaging youth and their families and promoting appreciation and awareness for birds and nature. Ages 8-16, free and open to the public. This family friendly event offers a binocular boot camp, intro to birding and 60 minutes on the trail with experienced birders/naturalists. Special Educational Program follows: Snack Attack by the WILD Jax Zoo Ambassadors. RSVP Required: <http://cbc4kids.eventbrite.com> or call Debi at 904-612-3780.

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2017 Hog and Ham Workshop – January 13th This workshop is a requirement for youth that wish to participate in the 4H Hog and Ham project for the first time or have not participated in the 2016 project. After the 4Her has completed this workshop they will be eligible to apply for a spot in the project; which is limited to 30 participants. Registration and rules can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-hog-and-ham-workshop-tickets-29996062029>

2017 UF Youth Meat & Livestock Judging Clinics – January 13th This program is targeted to 4-H and FFA youth ages 11-18 (4-H Intermediates & Seniors, FFA Middle & High School), leaders/coaches, teachers/advisors, and Extension Agents. There will be a \$20 per person registration fee for both youth and adults. For details and registration, click the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-university-of-florida-youth-meat-and-livestock-judging-clinics-tickets-29819629314>

Putnam County Jr. Cattlemen's 2nd Annual Jackpot Show – January 20-21, 2017 at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, 118 Fairgrounds Rd., East Palatka. Steer & Heifer show for exhibitors 21 years old and younger. Health Certificates are required. Registration and rules are attached to this e-mail.

Volunteer Resources

Leader/volunteer – Please mark your calendars so that you can join us for the following Volunteer Bootcamp Trainings. These webinars will take place via the computer so that you can remain in the comfort of your home or office and not have to travel to the 4-H office. More information and the links will come out within a week of the webinars.

February 23, 2017	4-H Activities and events	12pm – 1pm
May 18, 2017	Evaluation, recognition and awards	12pm – 1pm

Our first webinar in this series has been recorded and you can log on and view it at your convenience. This webinar focus was on Community Service Learning and Recreation. To view the recording, please follow the link to our webpage to access it. http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/Clay_County_4H_Newsletter.shtml

4-H Jackets and Vests – Interested in purchasing a 4-H jacket or vest for shows? Follow the link to Universal Lettering Co. for details: <http://www.showjacket.com/>

Important Dates / Deadlines

Dec.	23-26	Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
	31	Deadline to submit Horse Project Paperwork
Jan.	2	Office Closed – New Year's Holiday
	20-21	Winter Wonderland of Horses

Save the Date – County Events – March 11th
St. Johns River Clean-up – March 18th