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4-H Notes at Noon – December 28, 2016

Accomplishments

Ranch Hands – Members of Ranch Hands volunteered with Christmas in a Box by helping make cards, picking up trash around the grounds and helping out at the snack station. Way to support your community Ranch Hands.



Liberty Riders – Congratulations to Liberty Riders for winning 2nd place for the “Closest to Theme” in the Keystone Heights Christmas Parade. Great job!

Clay Country Kids – A big “congratulations” to **Evva Janossy** for winning a spot in the National 4-H Council “4-H 2017 Art Calendar”. Evva’s artwork was chosen for one of the 19 spots in the calendar from submissions by 4-H’ers all over the country. Great job Evva, we are proud of you!!



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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 January 4th.

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.

****Reminders for the beginning of the year****

Eligibility for Clay County Fair shows, Area B horse Show and other competitions:

(example: Market Swine and Market Steer show/sale)

To participate in these competitions Clay County 4-H youth must be members in “good standing”. To be a members in “good standing”, youth need to meet the following three requirements:

1. [Attend 70% of their club meetings \(example: swine show exhibitors – your attendance record needs to be a minimum of 70% during the time frame of April 2016 - to March 2017\)](#)
2. [Present a speech, demonstration or talk at the club level](#)
3. [Submit a project and/or record book \(If exhibiting in the Market Swine, Steer or Horse, you must submit your related project record book.\)](#)

Eligibility for Horse Shows:

Paper work due by December 31st –

[Horse Project Record Book Requirement Form](#)

[Annual Horse Program Application](#) *due 12/31*

[Horse and Pony Lease Form](#) *due 12/31*

[Clay County Horse Program Dress Code](#) *due 12/31*

[Horse Program Code of Conduct and Commitment](#) *due 12/31*

[Equine Activity Sponsor Release Form](#) *due 12/31*

[Area B 4-H District Horse Show Qualification Form](#) *due 3/31*

[Horse Show Rules 2016](#)

Announcements

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

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Winter Wonderland of Horses –Horse Clinics, 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>

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.

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

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. Cattleman'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.

Hiring Camp Staff – Florida 4-H Camping is looking for camp staff this summer for week long residential camps. Applications are due by January 13th. For details follow the link:
http://florida4h.org/camps/_jobs/summer-camp-staff-application/

Florida Youth Institute (FYI) – Summer Program seeking applicants for 2017. The Florida Youth Institute is a one-week residential summer program offered July 9-14, 2017 and July 16-21, 2017 for up to 25 selected students per session. Applicants must be entering their junior or senior year of high school. FYI will expose students to issues in agriculture, life science, and natural resources to stimulate interest in and an appreciation for the range of college majors and career opportunities available in these areas. Applications are due before March 17, 2017. For details click on the link:
<http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d637441e32af6dd4f0f6615f&id=fa35218203&e=2bf25a5fe0>

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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.	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
Clay County Fair – March 30th - April 8th