

CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – March 20, 2017

Accomplishments

Consumer Choices Contest – The Consumer Choices Contest was held on March 2, 2017. We had 20 participants. Thank you and congratulations to all the 4-H members that participated.

- Juniors – 1st Place** – Taylor Thigpen – Ham Jammers
- 2nd Place** – Nora Ibrahim – Super Otters
- 3rd Place** – Ashlynn Amburgey – Heels Down

- Intermediates – 1st Place** – Evva Janossy – Clay Country Kids
- 2nd Place** – Brody Mauch – Barnyard Bandits
- 3rd Place** – Johan Ibrahim – Bullseye Bandits

- Seniors – 1st Place** – Marissa Williams – Show Stoppers
- 2nd Place** – Hailey Turner – Show Stoppers
- 3rd Place** – Hannah Rathjen – Bullseye Bandits

County Events – County Events was held on Saturday, March 11, 2017. We had a good turnout for the event and would like to thank all of our judges for helping out. Congratulations to all the participants, you all did great. For the list of placings, please check out the website: http://clay.ifas.ufl.edu/4H_Achievements.shtml

Leader Action Items

4-H District Events – All Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors that received a blue or red ribbon at County Events are eligible to go to District Events on April 22nd as long as they arrange a time to come in and work with Stephanie ahead of time. **Please let Katrina know who plans to go to District Events by Friday, March 31st.**

4-H Raffle Tickets – Once again the Clay County 4-H Foundation will be holding a raffle along with our 4-H/Garber Ford Fundraiser. The raffle tickets are now available for you to purchase or pick up to sell. Tickets come in books of 10 and they are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the end of the 4-H Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 6th. There are 3 big ticket prizes, a \$500 Visa gift card, a YETI Tundra 65 cooler and an RTIC 45 cooler, as well as 10 or more other prizes (spa gift baskets, attraction tickets, restaurant gift certificates and more). If you need tickets, please let Katrina know how many you would like, piercek@ufl.edu or 284-6355.

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

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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.

4-H Raise Your Hand Campaign – we're asking 4-H alumni to raise their hands and pay it forward to the next generation of 4-H'ers! Each new alumni hand raised is a vote towards a **\$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000** award for the states with the most alumni hands raised. Show your 4-H pride and raise your hand to help bring the same opportunities to kids in your community and nationwide. Share your support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands at www.4-H.org/RaisYourHand

4-H Legislature – June 26-30, 2017 Senior 4-H'ers come develop your skills to debate, analyze legislation and speak publicly, all while making new friends and having a whole lot of fun. At this civic education event, you can sponsor a bill, amend, or lobby it, then debate the issues on the Capitol house and senate floors with your friends. Legislature is open to Senior 4-H'ers ages 13 to 18 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Registration is through 4hOnline.com and the registration deadline is April 28th. For details, follow the link: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_leg/

The Gator Pit – Time to Jump into the Gator Pit! Check out the website and encourage your senior age youth to participate. They do not have to complete an entrepreneurial project in order to participate. All information can be found at the following site: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_gator-pit/.

4-H Tailgating Contest - Florida 4-H is excited to host the Annual Florida 4-H Tailgating Contest sponsored by Sonny's BBQ & Winn Dixie Supermarkets. The purpose of this contest is to promote the use of animal protein in the diet by teaching the art and science of safely preparing beef, pork, poultry, and seafood in an outdoor setting. Investment in this activity will provide 4-H youth with life skills, including decision making, healthy lifestyle choices, and communication. The Northeast District contest will be on Saturday, May 20th at the UF Horse Teaching Unit. Follow the link for details: http://florida4h.org/programsandevents/_animalscience/4-h-tailgating-contest/

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

Clay County Fair Shows – Now is the time to go check out all the Clay County Fair shows and contests to see what you want to enter. Don't forget to be gathering your items to submit in the **4-H Booth**. For details and online registration, click the following link:

<http://www.claycountyfair.org/p/getinvolved/handbook>

Clay County Fair Community Service Opportunities – There are a few opportunities for volunteers to help set up for some of the Fair exhibits. The Horticulture Exhibit needs help on Saturday, March 25th beginning at around 8am and Tuesday, March 28th at 10am. The Photography, 4-H and Creative Home Arts exhibits also need help on Saturday, March 25th at 8am as well.

During Fair – You can sign up for a shift at the TLC 4-H booth in the livestock barn or at the 4-H Projects Booth in the fair exhibit building. For available shifts, please contact Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu.

Volunteer Resources



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Livestock Judging Resource - A subscription for the Livestock Judging online resource has been purchased for use by any 4-H county. The Livestock Judging website is an online resource that has over 100 livestock classes including cattle, sheep, swine, goats, keep/cull and more. To access the online livestock judging classes go to www.livestockjudging.com. The username is Florida4-H and the password is FLClover1.

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.

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

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| March | 23 | 4-H Day at the Capitol |
| | 25 | State 4-H Archery Match |
| | March 30 – April 8 Clay County Fair | |
| April | 22 | 4-H District Events – Duval County |

Save the Date – 4-H/Garber Ford Family Fun Day – May 6th
4-H Camp Cherry Lake – July 17-21, 2017
4-H Awards Banquet – August 10, 2017