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4-H Notes at Noon – November 3, 2016

Accomplishments

We are proud of our Clay County 4-H members and their recent accomplishments!
Thank you for representing Clay County 4-H so well.

Northeast Florida Fair – AgVenturers – Hunter Russell
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy & 1st Place Jr. Showmanship



Way to go Hunter!

Jacksonville Fair Horse Show - Pony Express – Kasey Spencer – Sr. High Point Western
Liberty Riders – Emma Geiger, Ella Geiger, Josie Geiger,



Prime Cuts – Jillian Baker and “Velvet”

Livestock Judging Contest – Intermediates – Pony Express – Josie Alexander, Kasey Spencer
Seniors – Pony Express – Amber Lovell, Hannah Whray

Pony Express – Congratulations to Pony Express members for participating in the Gold Head State Park annual Haunted Hike on October 15th. The club was tasked with decorating the bathhouse area to haunt for the evening. They had 1078 people come through their haunted house that night and helped the park raise money for the Friends of Florida State Parks. What an amazing and adventurous accomplishment. Way to go Pony Express!



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Leader Action Items

Annual Donations – All club leader's, please have your clubs send thank you cards or letters to Clay County Farm Bureau and to Clay County Fair Association for their annual 4-H program donations. Once you have sent your thank you cards, please let Katrina know. If you have any questions, just let me know.

Clay County Farm Bureau, 3960 Lazy Acre Rd., Middleburg, FL 32068

Clay County Fair Association, P.O. Box 1066, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Senator Bradley Donation –Senator Rob Bradley very generously donated \$30,000 from his campaign earnings to Clay County 4-H to help with funding scholarships for Clay County 4-H members to attend 4-H Legislature programs and leadership development trainings/programs. To help show our appreciation for this very generous donation, we ask that all clubs please write thank you cards to Senator Bradley. You can send the cards to the 4-H office and we will forward them to Senator Bradley.

Community Service Updates – Leaders please forward me information and pictures on any community service projects that your clubs are involved in. We would like to have all the information by November 23rd.

Educational Program Speaker- We have been contacted by Young Marine PFC Michael Manley, a 10 year old member of the NAS JAX chapter of the Young Marines. To earn a ribbon he needs to give four 20 minute classes to youth on the dangers of drugs and drug awareness. He has offered to come to clubs and present. If you would like to schedule him in your club, please contact Katrina at piercek@ufl.edu with a date and time. We will contact Michael and see if he is able to accommodate.

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

Getting Down and Dirty....Swine Showmanship Clinic – Sunday, November 13th, 2:00pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds. This clinic is open to 4-H and FFA members wanting to learn more about selecting your pig, feed and supplements, identifying illnesses, daily care, showmanship and more. For registration and details, click the link: <http://swineshowmanship16.eventbrite.com>

4-H Holiday Bake-Off – The Holiday Bake-Off will be held on Friday, December 9th in the Auditorium. This contest is open to all Clay County 4-H members. The deadline to register is November 30th. Rules and registration can be found at the following link: <https://holidaybakeoff.eventbrite.com>

5th Annual 4-H Steer & Heifer Showmanship Showdown - This clinic will provide 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to work with the experienced women of the UF Collegiate Cattlewomen Association. Participants will learn valuable showmanship techniques, why knowing your animal's strengths and weaknesses are important, as well as how to answer questions the judges might ask. Details and registration through Eventbrite:

<https://4-h-steer-heifer.eventbrite.com>

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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

Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

LAW(Leadership through the Arts Weekend) – This program is open to 4-H members between the ages of 13-18. This year the weekend camp will be held at 4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid on December 2-4, 2016. The focus of this weekend will be “Leadership through the Arts.” Participants have the opportunity to select from a variety of arts, communications, and leadership workshops. Registration is \$110 per participant and youth register through Florida 4-H online event registration. http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/law/

Jackpot Pig Show – Saturday, November 26th in Fanning Springs, FL. 1 ring, 2 shows, back to back, 2 different judges. You can register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/orange-blue-preview-tickets-26631427316>

Dine in Day – December 3, 2016 – Dine in Day encourages residents to prepare and eat a nutritious meal in the company of family, friends or coworkers. It is also a chance to support Florida agriculture by including local foods and products in our meals! Pledge to dine in on December 3rd by going to <http://www.aafcs.org/FCsday/commitment.html>

Local Community Service Opportunity – The Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade will be on December 3rd. They are looking for volunteers over the age of 15 to help in many different capacities. For information go to: <http://www.greencovesprings.com/GCSBL%20Volunteers.jpg>

2016 Florida 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School – Saturday, Dec. 10th 9am-3pm at the UF Horse Teaching Unit in Gainesville. Anyone interested in horse shows and horse judging should benefit from this opportunity and is encouraged to attend. The cost of the school is \$5 per person and registration is through Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-florida-4-hffa-horse-judging-school-registration-28159531918?aff=ehomecard>

4-H State Archery Indoor Match – Saturday, Dec. 10th at the Easton-Newberry Sports Complex. The registration fee is \$25.00 per archer. This is the one match out of the year that we allow adults to compete. These individuals will need to register via 4-H online. Counties will be billed for all youth and adults registered. Registration will be through 4-H Online and will open up on October 31, 2016 and on-time registration closes November 30, 2016. http://florida4h.org/events/shootingsportsfiles/4-h_2016_indoor_archery_match_rules.pdf

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.

November 17, 2016 Community Service and recreation 12pm – 1pm

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

FCS Resources – Do you have youth interested in beginning sewing projects or that need help with sewing, nutrition, or cooking projects? Leaders would you like someone to come to a club meeting and teach a lesson on one of these subjects? Our new Family and Consumer Science Agent, Annie Sheldon, is available to help. You can contact Annie at the Extension Office at (904)284-6355 or aasheldon@ufl.edu

UF PLT Educators Workshop – Jan. 28th 8:30am – 3pm at the Austin Cary Forest Learning Center, Gainesville. Project Learning Tree is an award-winning international environmental education program that uses trees as a “window to the world”. This workshop is for formal and non-formal educators, club leaders, community volunteers, and will prepare you to lead activities from PLT’s PreK-8 Activity Guide. Cost is \$10 and includes the PLT Guide. Details and registration are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uf-plt-educators-workshop-jan-2017-tickets-27948653174?aff=ehomecard>

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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| Nov. | 7 | Teen Leadership Council meeting 6pm |
| | 11 | Office Closed - Veterans Day |
| | 13 | Getting Down & Dirty Swine Clinic 2pm |
| | 18 | Registration deadline for LAW |
| | 24-25 | Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday |
| | 30 | Registration deadline for Holiday Bake-Off |
| Dec. | 2-4 | Leadership through the Arts Weekend (LAW) |
| | 3 | National Dine In Day |
| | 9 | Holiday Bake-Off |
| | 10 | 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School |
| | 11 | Steer & Heifer Showmanship Showdown |
| | 23-26 | Office Closed – Christmas Holiday |
| | 31 | Deadline to submit Horse Project Paperwork |

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