

# CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – November 21, 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.

**Jacksonville Fair Poultry Judging Contest –**

**Prime Cuts Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

Halynn Timms – **1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual**

Houston Timms – **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual**

Hailey Garrison

**Prime Cuts Seniors: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

Nick Woodcock – **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Individual**

Brooklynn Haselwood

**Getting Down & Dirty...with Swine Showmanship** – We had 37 youth attend this hands-on educational workshop presented by Bagley Farms. They brought in pigs for the youth to practice their showmanship skills and an accomplished showmanship competitor was on hand to offer pointers and answer questions. It was a great success and we are extremely thankful to Ricky Bagley and Heather Hicks for this wonderful opportunity and thank you to Luke Harlow for speaking with the participants about ethics.



## Leader Action Items

**Thank you cards** - Once you have sent your thank you cards, please let Katrina 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

**Clay County Cattlemen's Corporation**, P.O. Box 217, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

**Senator Bradley Donation** –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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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**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

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

**5<sup>th</sup> 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>

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](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>

## Opportunities (Non 4-H & Surrounding Counties)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> by going to <http://www.aafcs.org/FCsday/commitment.html>

**Local Community Service Opportunity** – The Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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>

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**2016 Florida 4-H/FFA Horse Judging School** – Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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](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

<b>Nov.</b>	<b>24-25</b>	Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
	<b>30</b>	Registration deadline for <b>Holiday Bake-Off</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>2-4</b>	Leadership through the Arts Weekend (LAW)
	<b>3</b>	National Dine In Day
	<b>9</b>	Holiday Bake-Off
	<b>10</b>	4-H/FFA Horse Judging School
	<b>11</b>	Steer & Heifer Showmanship Showdown
	<b>23-26</b>	Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
	<b>31</b>	Deadline to submit Horse Project Paperwork

**Save the Date** – 4-H Winter Wonderland of Horses – Jan. 20-21  
County Events – March 11<sup>th</sup>  
St. Johns River Clean-up – March 18<sup>th</sup>