

# CLAY COUNTY FACTSHEET



4-H Notes at Noon – November 30, 2016

## Accomplishments

**Leafstastic 4-H Club** – The horticulture club met this past Saturday and they learned how to make homemade soap from Amy Morie and leaf castings from Glenn Thigpen. Each member made their own items and had a great time learning.



**Wild Wranglers** - The Wild Wranglers met on Monday night for their monthly meeting and had a guest speaker talk to them about preparing for showing rabbits at the fair. Lisa Wilson of Gentle Giant Rabbitry and her husband brought Clementine and Sam, two of their Flemish Giant rabbits. They went over showing and tattooing, how the shows work and the rules for ARBA sanctioned shows. They also showed the club a poster and a book that had the 50 recognized rabbit breeds.



## Leader Action Items

**Community Service Updates** – Leaders please forward me information and pictures on any community service projects that your clubs are involved in. Please let us know ASAP.

**Club Highlights** – We would like to highlight 2 clubs a week in this newsletter, so we need your help. Please send us updates on what your clubs are doing, guest speakers, field trips, community service, educational topics, etc. and pictures. Let us know if you have any questions.

**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.

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## Announcements

**4-H Holiday Social** – The Teen Leadership Council will be hosting a Chili Dinner Social in the Godbold Building during the judging of the Holiday Bake-Off. Dinner will be a bowl of Chili with your choice of toppings, cornbread and a drink for \$5 with preregistration or \$8 at the door. For details and registration click on:

<https://holidaysocial4-h.eventbrite.com>

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Steer & Heifer Showmanship Showdown** – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds. 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. Dairy calves are welcome. We have a 4-H leader that has offered to bring 7 beef calves for anyone that does not have one to use for the clinic. They will be 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve, so if you want to use one let Katrina now ASAP, piercek@ufl.edu. Details and registration through Eventbrite:

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

**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](http://personnel.ifas.ufl.edu/jobs_countyvacancies_status.shtml)

**Clay County 4-H T-shirts** – We have sent in our first order for t-shirts and they should be ready soon. The Clay County 4-H Foundation will provide a t-shirt for every enrolled Clay County 4-H member and the Organizational Leaders. 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](mailto: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 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>

**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>

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**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>Dec. 3</b>	National Dine In Day
<b>9</b>	Holiday Bake-Off & Holiday Social
<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>