If you wish to be removed from this email listing, please let Vera know, she will need the name of your club. For all extension newsletters go to: http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/index.shtml. For more info call me direct at 352-343-4101 ext: 2723.

- Feb 25th, 4-H County Event Day Sat, sign in from 8:00 - 8:30. Awards will be presented in the auditorium after all judging & scores are tabulated. Please support our TLC concession stand. District Events is May 19th, in Orange County, for qualifiers. Winners must RSVP to our office by April 23rd to participate at District Events 352-343-4101, ext 2723.

- Feb 27th, is the next volunteer meeting. It is really important that each club sends a representative, until a new agent is in place. The meetings are informative & short. Charter certificates will be in club leader’s file box for pick up.

- Feb 28th, 4-H Day @ Capitol the theme is "I AM the Revolution of Responsibility" View the participation guide and tour information. http://www.florida4h.org/about/mystory.shtml

- Feb 29th, DEADLINE Area D, T shirt design to office.

- March 3rd, at Central Florida Fair (http://www.centralfloridafair.com/Default.aspx). Approximately 3 PM at 4-H Building – final time will be set by pre-judging. Judging of Blue Ribbon Trees. Project Books are returned; someone from each county must pick up the Books. Auction will be held. Proof of Thank you letter being sent is required before any funds are provided to contestants. Citrus Tree project website is http://cfextension.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/4h_tree.shtml.

- March 14th, Skill-a-Thon Overview and Study Session at 6pm, Ag center auditorium. This session will include an overview of material by Ms. Meg and a chance to run through a few practice stations. Everyone is highly encourage to participate so you will have an idea of what to expect the following month. Livestock Skill-a-thons topic this year will be reproduction. Below is the schedule for the 2012 Lake County Fair Skill-a-thons! Please remember that I will need as many adult volunteers to help at each as possible. Many of you have already let me know that you are available (thank you!!). No special knowledge/skills are needed to help…just a comfy chair and a good sense of humor!

  March 4th @ 3:00 HEIFER
  March 4th @ 6:30 CHICKEN and RABBIT
  March 6th @ 12:00 GOAT
  March 7th @ 12:30 STEER, if you are showing a chicken or rabbit, you will be allowed to go first.
  March 12th @ 3:00 SWINE
• March & April --Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness by Lou – For All Ages. Cost: $5. Per class, youth 15 & under, no charge, youth must be accompanied by an adult. Next class March 12th & 19th and April 9th & 16th. classes will continue through May, starting at 7:00 pm. Money collected goes toward scholarships for volunteers attending Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum, Little Rock Arkansas. Contact info: LittleLoug@gmail.com

• March 30th -- If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or Counselors in Training (CIT), please fill out an application found at http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/camp.shtml , applications are due March 30th. Mandatory Counselor & CIT interviews will be April 16th, Mon, starting at 2 pm. Call me, Vera, at 352-343-4101, ext; 2723 for a time slot. 4-H Summer Camp, Ocala July 23-27, 2012.

• April 11th DEADLINE to order & pay for citrus trees for the 12-2013 year.

• April 20-22nd, Florida 4-H Volunteer Forum, Camp Ocala, contact Bill Heltemes at whelteme@ufl.edu more info at: http://florida4h.org/events/state_volunteer_forum.shtml

• April 21st, citrus tree pick up at Mid Florida Research & Education Center from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Deadline to the office with order & monies is April 11th. Limit 2 trees per youth at $10 per tree. 12-13 Central FL Fair 4H Citrus Tree Project tree is Bearss Lemon on Sour Orange Rootstock.

• Instructions for Reserving/Paying for trees: 4Hers interested in picking up trees (limit 2 trees per youth) must inform the 4H Office in their County how many trees they will pick up and pay the County 4H Office by April 11, 2012. Each participating County 4H Office must have their tree request, including 4Her name and number of trees purchased and full payment for all trees purchased in their county delivered to Anna in the Lake County Extension Office (address below) before Monday, April 16, 2012 at Noon. Final tree number is due to the supplier that afternoon and any orders received after this deadline will not be honored. It is imperative for County 4H Offices to have the tree counts and money into the Lake County Office before the deadline.

Weapons Forbidden at 4-H Events (except for 4-H Shooting Sports programs) Under state law, Section 790.115, Florida Statutes, the possession of firearms, destructive devices, other weapons and ammunition (for antique firearms, short-barreled shotguns, short-barreled rifles, automatic rifles, and other destructive devices) at any 4-H activity or event is prohibited. An exception is made under University of Florida Regulation 2.001, allowing firearms education classes to be conducted on properties designated for 4-H use provided the firearms are handled, used and stored in a safe and responsible manner and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The program coordinator or property manager shall have the right to prohibit or limit the use, handling or storage of firearms on properties designated for 4-H use in connection with approved firearms education programs for the safety of persons on the property.
Horse:
Qualifier Horse Show registration paperwork can be downloaded at http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/horse.shtml.

I want to remind you about the “2012 State Rulebook Receipt Form”. Youth and their parents should sign this form and turn it in when they get a rulebook. Signed forms will be collected with the Area D Horse Show registrations.

Feb 29       DEADLINE Area D, T shirt design to office
March 12 DEADLINE Reg Horse Qualifier                      May 4-6   Area D Horse Show
March 24  Qualifier Horse Show                                May 22   Horse Advisory Mtg 7 pm
April 6    DEADLINE reg Area D HORSE                          Aug 17    Horse Awards
April 16   HORSE Project Books due

- Area D Horse Show Artwork Design Contest: http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/horse.shtml - for flyer, due to office Feb 29. $100.cash & a free T-Shirt to the winner.

Miscellaneous:
Feb 28: Lake County Small Farm Series Introduction to Backyard Chicken 12 - 1:30 pm Umatilla Public Library, 412 Hatfield Dr; 6 - 7:30 pm Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr, Clermont. Backyard chickens are more popular than ever and it is no small wonder why! This class will cover flock management, chick brooding, predator protection, and marketing opportunities for poultry producers.

State:
➢ 3rd Executive Board date change, to April 20-22,2012.

➢ 4-H Legislature Prep materials (lesson plans) for county-wide trainings will be available in early March. This year’s focus is on preparing lobbyists.

Calendar:
Feb
25 County Events day – TLC will have concession http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/ALL%20county-events.shtml
27 volunteer meeting
28 4-H Day @ Capitol
29 AREA D contest shirt designs due to office
March
2   DEADLINE fashion Revue reg, no garments [http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/AllSTFun-Fashion.shtml]
3   Citrus tree auction at CFF
5   TLC meeting 6:45
7   Area D Advisory mtg
8   4-H Advisory mtg, 6 pm. AG Center
9   Fashion Revue and Skill-a-thons, AG Center
12  DEADLINE for Qualifier horse reg [http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/horse.shtml]
15  District Council, Seminole * TGLee Interviews * RSVP for Tropicana Workshop
20  Tropicana Workshop, 10:00 am [http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/school_enrichment.shtml]
24  Qualifier Horse Show
26  Volunteer Meeting 7 pm
30  DEADLINE Applications for camp counselors and CITs due [http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/camp.shtml]
31  State Horse Judging, Gainesville

April
5-14 Lake County FAIR. Need volunteers to help with exhibit check in & staffing 4-H booth during fair time. [http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/fair-livestock.shtml]
2   NO TLC, fair exhibit check in from 1-7:00
6   DEADLINE reg Area D HORSE
11  DEADLINE for citrus tree orders 2012-2013 & monies due to office
16  CIT’s & Counselor interviews start at 2:00
16  HORSE project books due to office
20  RSVP for Tropicana School winners & RSVP for lunch after the contest due
20-22 3rd Executive Board, Camp Cherry Lake
20-22 State Volunteer Forum, Camp Ocala
23  RSVP for youth attending District Events
24  Legislative reg & monies due
30  Volunteer Meeting 7 pm – Barbara Smith will talk about record book judging.

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