UF/IFAS Lake County 4-H FYI
January 2, 2013

Happy New Year 4-H Families!

From the desk of ... Laura Valencia, 4-H Agent

Dear 4-H families, I wish you a very warm and joyful new year. May this New Year bring immense joy and fun to your life. Let your journey with 4-H always bring in many memorable times and for our 4-H youth the opportunity to reach new heights of success.

Sincerely,
Laura & Vera.

Important Notes

✱ It is important when submitting paperwork to our 4-H office all paperwork is turned in on time and complete (these include proper signatures, participation forms). Late entries or incomplete paperwork will not be accepted after the dateline. Our office is asking everyone to please DO NOT FAX any paperwork.

✱ Most of you are used to coming to the office through the doors that read “Employee Entrance”, we have to keep that door locked from now on. You must go through the main entrance.

✱ Support our Lake County 4-H Fund raiser:
Florida, A Century of Youth Success, by Julie S Wilson & Laura C. Lok (2008). This book is a spectacular 8.5" x 11" hardcover volume, that celebrates the people and the history of 4-H in Florida over the past 100 years. Relive those precious memories throughout 208 pages of stories complemented with many historic and photographs. Books are $25.00 each, that is $15.00 off the regular price.

✱ Calendar Date Change: District Share the fun previously schedule for April 26, 2013 has been re-scheduled for May 11, 2013. District Events will also be held on this date at MREC-Mid Florida Research and Education Center 2725 S. Binion Road, Apopka, FL 32703-8504.

✱ Volunteer Mary Cooksey Breast Cancer Benefit Event would be held on January 12, 2013 at the Lake Helen Equestrian Center in Deland at 10:00am. For more information please contact. Stacy Rutledge at 407-620-2058.Jackpot barrel race and other activities have been offered to raise funds.

✱ All 4-H youth and volunteers forms must be submitted to the 4-H office by January 7, 2012. Please, Do Not Fax Them. Thank you. (When filling out forms please make sure that the information is readable.)
Reflections on Newton, CT
Submitted by Keith Diem, Ph.D.

Our hearts and minds are certainly with the families and friends of both victims and survivors of the tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in CT on Friday. Because of the ages of many of the victims, this was especially close to home to 4-H Youth Development audiences. Some resources are provided below that may be helpful to you in dealing with youth after such a tragedy.

In the wake of this event, I have asked Dr. Jerry Culen, Extension Specialist with statewide responsibility for the 4-H Shooting Sports program, to work with the state 4-H Shooting Sports committee and others as needed to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire Florida 4-H Shooting Sports program, particularly our risk management procedures and how the program is conveyed to others. 4-H Shooting Sports is focused on youth development, education, and responsibility and it has an excellent safety record. But I think now more than ever it is paramount that our program has in place whatever is necessary to ensure that the program being deployed is true to these goals and conveyed in a transparent manner to those within the UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and beyond.

On a related note, please remember that, in accordance with state law, the UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Program forbids guns and other weapons from 4-H functions unless they are part of 4-H sanctioned educational programs such as 4-H Shooting Sports. That policy is posted at http://florida4h.org/about/policies/#weapons.

Although we honor the victims and survivors with a pause to remember them, we choose not to dwell on the tragedy but celebrate their lives and learn from the experience. Thank you for the work you do to make the world a better place by providing positive youth development in the communities where you work and live. We hope you will especially be thankful for your families and friends during this holiday season.

Keith Diem
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State Program Leader, 4-H Youth Development
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**Miscellaneous**

**What:** Up to four $500 scholarships will be presented on 4-H Day at the Central FL Fair.

**Who:** JR & SR High School 4-H members in District VIII.

**Deadline:** January 11, 2013 to our office (No fax are accepted).

**Screening Committee:** Makes the selection of those who will be interviewed.

**Applications:** Are available from Laura.

**Interviews:** During District Council. Must be present for interview—no exceptions.

**Submit the following:** -- A completed District VIII T. G. Lee Scholarship Application, typed or legibly printed in black ink), a two page narrative, one letter or recommendation from a school counselor/advisor, teacher or employer and a letter of recommendation from your 4-H Agent. *Previous scholarship winners are ineligible.* Interviews will be on March 19, 2013 at the Orange County Extension Office at 6:00 pm. For further questions please call (352)-343-4101 ext. 2724.

**January 19**\(^{th}\) Marion County 4-H postponed the Sears Poultry Show from October 27\(^{th}\) to Jan 19\(^{th}\). All questions should be directed to: Margaret.Gleason@marioncountyfl.org

**Show opportunities for** March 16 Ewe Sheep/Goat/Dairy Show and March 17 Steer/Heifer Show. Pre-registration preferred, check-in 7:30-10:30, the gate will lock at 10:30, show time is 12:00. A Health certificate is required for all animals. Email: livelyw@lake.k12.fl.us, for an entry form. Participants must be a member of FFA or 4-H between the ages of 8-18.

**Horse Notes**

**Important**

The next Area D committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 starting at 7:00 PM in Seminole County.**

Area D 4-H Horse Show Artwork Design Contest entries are due to you Vera by noon Friday, February 22, 2013. The winning artwork design will be used as the artwork for the 2013 Area D t-shirt and the runner up artwork design will be used as the cover for the show program. The 2013 Area D Artwork Design contest flyer can be found online or by contacting our your club leader.
**Livestock Notes**

**Poultry Seminar** Saturday January 12, 2013 from 9 am to 1 pm at Tractor Supply Company 1706 Citrus Blvd., Leesburg, FL 34748 Cost: $5.00 a person or $12.00 per family
Door prizes will be given out during seminar that can be helpful to your poultry project! For information, contact Debbie Hayes jdhmoma5@embarqmail.com or 352-267-3437 Come ready to learn!!

Registration and payment should be submitted to:

*Lake County Explorers 4-H Club* 5600 Marion County Road Lady Lake, FL 32159

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**4-H State Notes**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**4-H Day at the Capital** March 14, 2013, Tallahassee, FL Please mark this date on your calendar for the upcoming event. IMPORTANT NOTE: Registration will be available beginning February 1, through 4-H Online.

**Citizenship Washington Focus** June 8-15, 2013 Chevy Chase, MD (Washington D.C.) Do you have senior age youth that are interested in attending the upcoming CWF trip to Washington D.C.? If so check out our webpage at [http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/cwf/](http://florida4h.org/programsandevents_/cwf/) for more details on the upcoming trip. **Registration Deadline: January 9, 2013**

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth (open to all Florida 4-H members 14 to 19 years old as of September 1, 2012). Delegations from across the country attend this 6 day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, located just outside Washington, D.C. The program is aimed at enriching young people’s lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

**Registration Information** A $200 non-refundable deposit & registration form are due by **Wednesday, Jan 9, 2013**. (If you are interested but cannot commit by the 9th, please contact Laura Valencia by Noon Tuesday January 8, 2013

**Costs** The standard registration package for CWF is $900 per person, plus tax. Delegates and/or counties will be responsible for all costs. The remaining $700 will be due by May 15, 2013. 4-H will provide a charter bus for transportation to and from Washington, D.C., and during the week of CWF. Transportation costs will be determined by the number of participants, and will be announced after the final delegation size is determined. It is estimated to be between $200 and $350 per participant.
Calendar

**January (21st Office will be closed)**

3  Registration due State Office- Livestock/Meat Judging Clinic
5  Fair Swine Weigh In
5  Robotics Club Kick –Off
7  TLC & Leader’s Meeting @ 6pm
11-12 Livestock/Meat Judging Clinic
14  Horse Mandatory Meeting 1 of 2 @ 6pm
15  District Council Meeting @ Seminole County 6pm
18-20 L.A.W. (Teen Health Summit) Camp Ocala
20  CFF Essay Contest Due (Volusia County 4-H Office)
19  Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

*If you wish to be removed from this email listing, please reply to this email. Thanks.*

**February (18 Office will be closed)**

1  RSVP Dateline 4-H Day at The Capitol
4  CFF Powerpoint Registration Due (Lake County 4-H) Resume Due (Seminole County 4-H Office)
4  Lake County 4-H Events Registration Dateline
4  TLC & Leader’s Meeting @ 6pm
6  CFF Interview Due (Seminole County 4-H office)
7-16 Florida State Fair, Tampa
9  Horse Mandatory Meeting 2 of 2 @ 6pm
11  CFF Nutrition Contest Due (Orange County 4-H office)
19  CFF Banner Contest Due (Lake County 4-H)
22  Area D Art Design Contest Due
23  County Events at 9:00 am @ Ag Center
25  CFF Gameboards Due @7 pm 4-H Building at the Fair
25  CFF Scarecrow Contest Registration Due 4 pm 4-H Building @ Fair
28- March 10 Central Florida Fair (CFF)

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