



4-H Newsletter

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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

November 2009

Dear 4-H Family,

It is the time of the year to remember the things you are thankful for. Take time to count your blessings. I am thankful for my family, Okeechobee 4-Hers, volunteers and parents. What are you thankful for?

Okeechobee County 4-Hers have once again been given a wonderful opportunity to let the world know about 4-H. We have been invited to participate in the Annual Farm/City Week Luncheon on November 19.

Welcome to our newest 4-H clubs and their leaders. 4-H has so much to offer and your opportunities have just been increased with the addition of more clubs.

Fair time is just around the corner. Now is the time to clean your show box, locate your registration papers and begin working with your animals. Remember to keep your records up to date. (It will make your life much easier). 4-Hers, work in school to keep your grades high and your absences low, teachers are much more willing to allow a 4-Her with high grades (and no missing assignments) to miss school for fairs and 4-H functions. I am proud of all of our Okeechobee 4-Hers. You are willing to share your knowledge and your friendship with others. Continue to make your best better.

Happy Thanksgiving,

DEBBIE S. CLEMENTS
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"To make the best better"

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Bacon Bunch

By: Joyce Thomas

We would like to thank Mr. Buddy Mills and the FFA members who joined us at our last meeting. They talked to us about parliamentary procedures, gave a demonstration, and paired up with our club members to help show how it works. Thank you! We all learned a lot!

It's the time of year to start our community service projects with Thanksgiving right around corner. There was a sign-up list at the last meeting to bring in items that will provide two families with a holiday meal. Don't forget to bring your items to the next meeting!

Mr. Prescott is getting ready for Farm City week and would like our members to bring him digital pictures of your past 4-H projects. This would include pictures you may have taken during the show, the sale, or even while raising your project. Bring these to the next meeting.

If your ethics certification number begins with 06 or 07 your certification has expired. For those of you who need to take the Ethics class, make sure that you have signed up on-line at www.floridastatefairag.com. The first Okeechobee class will be on Saturday, November 7 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center from 9 am – 12 pm. Please arrive by 8:30 to allow time to sign in.

Our meetings are now being held on the second Thursday of each month. Our November meeting was scheduled to be at 6:30 pm on November 12 at Osceola Middle School cafeteria, but it has been moved to November 19 due to the OHS Homecoming Parade. See you there!

Barnyard Buddies

By: Janet McKenna

The Barnyard Buddies had a great meeting last month. We received our World's Finest Chocolate to sell for our fundraiser, talked about our Hospice Tree, and went to visit Jacob Larson's calf barn. Mrs. McGehee gave us a nice tour and we would like to thank her and Mr. Larson for a great field trip.

The Barnyard Buddies November meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. We will be decorating a tree to donate to the Hospice Festival of Trees. Anyone who has a glue gun, please bring it to the meeting. We also need pine cones if any members have access, please bring some. See you at the meeting!

4-H LEADERS:

Please turn in your plan of work if you have not already done so.

Reports for the newsletter are due the 20th of each month. Please remember to turn them in on time!!

Report can be turned in to the Extension Office, faxed to (863) 763-6745 or e-mailed to lmhougt@ufl.edu

**4-H Age Divisions
As of Sept 1, 2009**

Cloverbud: 5-7

Junior: 8-10

Intermediate: 11-13

Senior: 14-18

**It's time to sign
up to decorate
the bulletin
board again!
Please call the
Extension Office
to reserve your
club's month!**

Beef-N-Bacon Raisers

By: Nat Stratton

The Beef-N-Bacon Raisers 4-H Club met on October 13. We voted on our new officers, which are:

- President Janna Mullis
- Vice President Hayley Orr
- Secretary Jacey Mullis
- Treasurer Taylor Beal
- Reporter Nat Stratton

Our next meeting will be on November 10 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. All OYLS Beef Breeding Entries are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 2. See you all at the next meeting!

Bits & Spurs

Bits & Spurs held their last meeting on Monday, October 12. We had a great guest speaker, Moe Williams, come and talk to us about his race horse farm. On Saturday, October 31, we went to visit his farm. We learned about what all goes into training, raising, managing and competing race horses.

Our next meeting will be on November 9 at 6:30 at Mi-Cin Ranch. All members should bring a fresh manure sample from one of their horses. We will be testing the samples for parasites. Bits & Spurs will have a trail ride at Williamson Cattle Company on Saturday, November 14. See you all at the next meeting!

Chobee Cattle Kids

By: Jenna Wolff

At our last meeting we talked about prospect shows, grooming and breaking our animals. We also talked about the 4-H Fundraiser BBQ. Remember to check your ethics certification to be sure it is up-to-date if you plan on showing at the OYLS, FSF or SFF. OYLS Beef Breeding Entries are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 pm on November 2. Our next meeting will be held on November 12 at 6:00 pm at Osceola Middle School.

Chobee Roundup

By: Cameron White

We held our monthly club meeting on Monday, October 12. We went over rules and events of this upcoming year. For those who are interested, our club will also be showing lambs, as well as beef and swine, this year. We elected officers at this meeting. They are:

President	Josh Goforth	Reporter	Cameron White
Junior Advisor	Shelby Kirton	Junior Advisor	Hope Wisener
Vice President	Cali Pearce	Secretary	Jessica Wisener
Junior Advisor	Logan Etherton	Junior Advisor	Jared Pearce
Treasurer	Amanda Goggans	Junior Advisor	Chance Deen

For those of you showing pigs, OYLS Swine Check-in is December 5 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. There will be an Ethics Seminar on November 7 at the Agri-Civic Center from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 9 at 6:30 pm at the Osceola Middle School Ag Classroom. Hope to see you there!

County Council/Junior Leaders

By: Shiloh Anuez

Congratulations to all the new officers that were installed! Thank you to everyone that participated in our officer training workshop. Great job to our officers on their presentations. There will be a District X Council meeting on November 9 in Sebring. See Ms. Debbie if you are interested in attending. Our next meeting will be on November 17 at 7:00 pm at IRSC. Our guest speaker will be Representative Denise Grimsley. Hope to see you there!

On The Hoof

By: Payton Byrd

On The Hoof is always on the move. We have been raising a lot of donations for the club with our Flamingo Flocking fundraiser this fall. We anticipate a lot more this winter when our northern friends come down. Attendance at our judging practice sessions has been very high and to all our judging team members – keep up the good work, judging contests will be here soon! As a volunteer at the Annual 4-H BBQ Fundraiser, I thought it went very well. Thanksgiving will be here soon and we should all be thankful for something – involved patens, healthy animals, supportive volunteers, friends and so on. A little more patience and a lot more compassion can go a long way for someone in need.

Places To Go

Places To Go had their last meeting on October 27. This month we will meet on November 9 at 7:30 to travel to the Dolly Hand to see the production “3 Redneck Tenors”. On November 24 we will meet at Ms. McGehee’s home to make pumpkin bread! I hope to see all the Places To Go members at our meetings this month!

Raisin’ Em Right

By: Zachary Stripling

We had another great meeting on October 15. We discussed the details of the Farm/City Week luncheon, which is at the KOA on November 19. We will be sending Club President Shayla Pendrey, Vice President Caleb Stewart, Secretary Cristin Shelton and Treasurer Ashleigh Ezard. We also discussed the different Jackpot shows in the surrounding areas and the possibility of attending. Two of our members, Ashleigh Ezard and Zachary Stripling, attended the UF Block and Bridle Beef Clinic on October 24.

Mrs. Angela gave an “Ideal Steer and Heifer” handout to all members. I hope you have been studying this handout because you never know when we will have a POP QUIZ!! Before the meeting ended, we all discussed how our projects were going and it sounds like everyone has made a lot of progress in the last month. I would like to thank Mr. Keith and Mrs. Shawntell for providing snacks and juice.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19. Can’t wait to see you all there!

Swine Time

By: Paige Arnold

At our last meeting, Mrs. Tomi handed out Swine Time manuals, which contain a monthly calendar, contact information, 2010 OYLS handbook, growth chart for your animal, record book worksheet, pig parts, a pamphlet on selecting pigs for the show, swine farms, an example of what a completed 4-H project is, deworming suggestions, swine project score sheet, and breeds of swine. If you missed the last meeting it is very important that you receive one of these. Since these require a large amount of copies, it would be fair that each family only had one copy. At this meeting, Clay Archey from ADM Alliance Nutrition and Jeff Jones from Jones Supply, were kind enough to give us a Moorman's Showtec presentation.

On November 7, Mrs. Tomi, Mr. Jay and a few members are going up to Vienna, GA to get hogs for our club. Gilts are \$200.00 and barrows are \$150.00. If you are not going to Georgia but wish to purchase a hog there let Mrs. Tomi know at the next meeting and please have your money turned in before November 7.

The first Ethics Seminar in Okeechobee is on November 7 at the Agri-Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and you must be pre-registered. If you haven't registered you can sign up at www.floridastatefairag.com. The next Ethics Seminar is on December 5 at the Extension Office. The Ethics Seminar is for everyone showing at the OYLS, FSF or SFF who is eight years old and up and the certification is good for up to 3 years.

Our next meeting will be held on November 10 in the YMS cafeteria at 6:30 pm. At our next meeting we absolutely need to come up with an ornament craft idea for our Christmas tree for Hospice. We are in need of a tree skirt and a tree topper. The colors of our tree are green and yellow/gold. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Swine Time's 2009-2010 Officers are:

- President Paige Arnold
- Co-President Tyffani Zeller
- Vice President Vanessa Bowman
- Secretary Brittany Baker
- Treasurer Sage Alexander
- Reporter Preston Arnold

Udder Bunch

By: Emilie Lege

Hello fellow Udder Bunch members! The holidays are approaching fast and this means we will all soon start to have busy schedules! **November 16** is our next meeting. We will be using this meeting as one of our two workshops that we are required to hold during the year. All Udder Bunch members are required to attend at least one of these workshops. If you did not bring in your ornaments for the October meeting, please bring them to the Extension Office. In addition, we are doing the annual Thanksgiving canned food drive. Please bring in your donations. On November 19, we will be decorating the Christmas tree for Hospice. Come and join in on the club spirit! That's all for now. See you at the next meeting! Reminder to check your ethics certification number, if it begins with 06 or 07 it has expired and it is time to renew. There will be a class at the Agri-Civic Center on November 7.

Remember – you must have a CURRENT Ethics Certification to participate in the FSF, SFF and OYLS.

Wild Bunch

By: Cindy Letcher

The Wild Bunch got together on October 30 and built “people” and “animals” from plastic containers and cans (all items which can be recycled) for Arnold’s Wildlife Center Open House, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. We decided to do something different this year and “Going Green” seemed like a good message to send to the visitors of the Center. Our club will also be helping out at the Open House.

It looks like we are adding a few new members to the club and hope to have officer elections at our next meeting in December.

We would like to thank Katie Muldoon and Ashley Carter who travelled to St. Lucie Civic Center with Ms. Doni and Sue Arnold to help with a “Creatures of the Night” exhibit and demonstration. It was a great success!

Our club is planning to have a display at Farm City Day on November 19 at the KOA and after that, we will be getting together in December for the Christmas Parade.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the Wild Bunch. Our members need to be 8 years old and our meetings are usually held at Arnold’s Wildlife Center.

*No news submitted from Absolutely Splitting Hares, Chobee Crackers or Rough Riders.
Please contact your leaders for November meeting information.*



Monday, November 2

OYLS Beef Breeding Entries
Due to the Extension Office
No later than 5:00 pm!

*Read your OYLS Rule Book for Beef Breeding Entry
Information!*

Saturday, November 7

Ethics Training Seminar
Agri-Civic Center
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

*Remember, you must have a current Ethics Certification
to participate in the OYLS, FSF and SFF Shows!*
*****SFF Youth Horse Participants are now required to
have a current ethics certification!!!**

Thursday, November 19

Farm/City Week Luncheon
All clubs are encouraged to present a booth!
Please call the E.O. to let us know what you are
planning to do.

2010 Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show

ENTRIES & INITIAL WEIGH-INS

Steer	September 12, 2009 Okeechobee Livestock Market	8:00 – 10:00 AM
Beef Breeding	November 2, 2009 Extension Office	Before 5:00 PM
Swine	December 5, 2009 Agri-Civic Center	8:00 – 10:00 AM
Lamb	December 12, 2009 Agri-Civic Center	8:00 – 10:00 AM
Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry	January 4, 2010 Extension Office	Before 5:00 pm

*Complete OYLS Rule books are available at the
Okeechobee Extension Office.*



NEW!

ATTENTION HORSE PARTICIPANTS!

Ethics certifications are now required to participate in the South Florida Fair Horse Events.

If you are planning to participate in any of the South Florida Fair Horse Events, please be sure to attend one of the Ethics Seminars listed on the Florida State Fair website.

The Ethics Seminar that will be held in Okeechobee on November 7 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm will include horse activities. Please go online to www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics to pre-register.

NEW!

Youth Livestock Ethics and Animal Care Certification Seminar

All youth planning to show at the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show (as well as other Florida Livestock shows) MUST attend at workshop and obtain a certification number. Certifications are good for three years.

A seminar will be offered at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on November 7 from 9 am – 12 pm and at the Okeechobee Extension Office on December 5 at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. You may register online at www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics

Other dates and locations are available at the above website.

Chobee Roundup Fall Classic Jackpot Show

Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center
Okeechobee, Florida

Arrival Times: November 14, 2009 – 4-6 PM
November 15, 2009 – 7-9 AM

Show Times: November 14, 2008 – 7 PM Showmanship
November 15, **2008 – 10 AM – Steers followed by
heifers then bulls**

Premiums:

Grand Champion Overall Heifer - \$500
Reserve Champion Overall Heifer - \$250
Grand Champion Overall Bull - \$500
Reserve Champion Overall Bull - \$250
Grand Champion Steer - \$500
Reserve Champion Steer - \$250
Junior Showmanship - \$100
Intermediate Showmanship - \$100
Senior Showmanship - \$100

Directions:

From East (St. Lucie County)– Take Highway 70 West 7.5 miles passed Okeechobee/St. Lucie County line, Agri-Center is on the left (South) side of Highway 70.

From East (Palm Beach County) – Take Highway 710 West 8.25 miles passed the Okeechobee/Palm Beach County line, the entrance to the Agri-Center is on the right (North) side of 710.

From the West – Take Highway 70 East through Okeechobee 2 ¾ miles passed the intersection of Highway 441, Agri—Center will be on the right (South) side of Highway 70.

[Entry Form and Rules](#)

http://ruddsshowsupply.com/pdf_files/Chobee_Roundup_Fall_Classic_09.pdf

2009 Purina Mills Show Chow Jackpot Okeechobee

November 13 & 14, 2009
Arrival time – November 13, 2009
November 14, 2009

Check-in Times:

Friday Nov 13, 2009 - 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Saturday Nov 14, 2009 – 7:00 AM until 9:00 AM

* All showmanship entries must be checked in by 6:00 PM November 13.

* All Steers, Heifers & Bulls must be checked in by 9:00 AM November 14

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years on November 13.
2. All Beef Cattle Breeds on the U.S.D.A. Recognized Beef Breed's list as of Sept. 1, 2009 will be eligible to compete.
3. Each exhibitor/owner must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal and any injury or death incurred by his/her animal.
4. All exhibitors competing in showmanship must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years by November 13, 2009.

ENTRIES:

1. There will be no maximum number of entries per exhibitor.
2. There is a \$25.00 entry fee per head; \$10 entry for showmanship (must be 8 – 18 years old). Checks need to be payable to Purina Mills.
3. Use separate entry blanks for each exhibitor
4. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED
5. Entries will be accepted at check-in. A \$10 late fee will be applied to each entry.
6. No refunds on pre-registrations. You can substitute a different animal or exhibitor.

Full Details

http://ruddsshowsupply.com/pdf_files/Show_Chow_Okeechobee_Rules_09.pdf

Entry Form

http://ruddsshowsupply.com/pdf_files/Show_Chow_Entry_Form_Okeechobee_09.pdf

DeSoto County 4-H presents the 2009 BEEF Prospect Show Chow Jackpot

November 21, 2009

Arrival time – Gates will be open at 7:30am

Check-in Times:

Saturday Nov 21, 2009 8:00 to 10:00

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years on November 21st, 2009.
2. All Beef Cattle Breeds on the U.S.D.A. Recognized Beef Breed's list as of Sept. 1, 2009 will be eligible to compete.
3. Each exhibitor/owner must assume all liability in case of death or injury to his/her animal and any injury or death incurred by his/her animal.
4. All exhibitors competing in showmanship must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years by November 21, 2009.

ENTRIES:

1. There will be no maximum number of entries per exhibitor.
2. There is a \$25.00 entry fee per head; \$10 entry for showmanship (must be 8 –18 years old). Checks need to be payable to DeSoto County 4-H; memo line: Cattle Prospect show.
3. Use separate entry blanks for each exhibitor
4. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED
5. Entries will be accepted at check-in. A \$10 late fee will be applied to each entry.
6. No refunds on pre-registrations. You can substitute a different animal or exhibitor.

Full Details

http://ruddsshowsupply.com/pdf_files/DeSoto_4-H_Prospect_Show_Rules.pdf

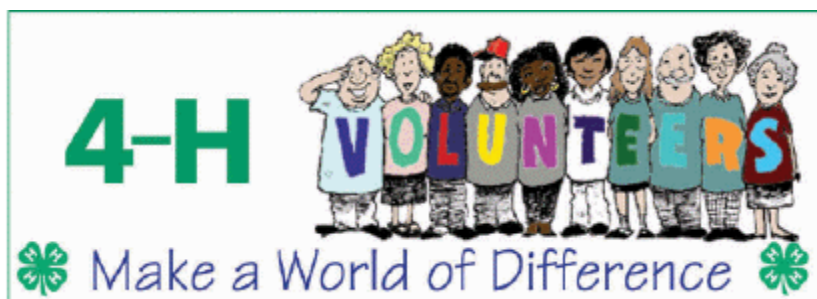
Entry Form and Rules

http://ruddsshowsupply.com/pdf_files/DeSoto_4-H_Prospect_Show.pdf

THANK YOU
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To everyone who helped make the
4-H Banquet and the 4-H BBQ
Fundraiser a success by setting up,
cleaning up and everything in
between!

You are much
appreciated!



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OYLS Beef Breeding Entries Due to E.O. no later than 5:00 pm! ***** Bits & Spurs Wreath Fundraiser due	3	4	5	6	7 Animal Care/Ethics Seminar Agri-Civic Center 8:30—12:00 ***** Hunter Safety Class
8 Hunter Safety Class	9 Chobee Roundup OMS—6:30 pm ***** District X Council Meeting—Sebring ***** Bits & Spurs Mi-Cin Ranch—6:30 ***** Places To Go meet at 7:30 to travel to Dolly Hand	10 Beef-N-Bacon Raisers E.O.—6:30 pm ***** Swine Time YMS—6:30 pm	11 E.O. Closed for Veteran's Day	12 Chobee Cattle Kids OMS—6:00 pm	13 Purina/Chobee Roundup Jackpot Shows →	14 Barynard Buddies E.O. - 10:00 am ***** Bits & Spurs Trail Ride at Williamson Cattle Company
15 Chobee Roundup Jackpot Show ←	16 Steaks & Chops E.O.—6:30 pm ***** Udder Bunch E.O.—7:00 pm	17 CC/JL IRSC—7:00 pm	18	19 Farm/City Luncheon KOA ***** Raisen' Em Right E.O.—7:00 pm ***** Sharp Shooters Mr. Sellers' - 7:00 ***** Bacon Bunch OMS—6:30 pm	20	21 DeSoto County 4-H Beef Prospect Show
22	23 SFF, FSF & State 4-H Dairy Show entries due to Ms. Debbie	24 Places To Go Ms. McGehee's House—6:00 pm	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving! E.O. Closed	27 E.O. Closed National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA →	28
← No School – Fall Break →						
29 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA ←	30					