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Happy Holidays 4-H'ers, volunteers and parents! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. With Christmas just a couple of weeks away many of our 4-H families will be traveling out of town or are preparing to have relatives visit. We wish each 4-H family a beautiful, joyous and safe holiday season.

GREEN HORSE FORMS ARE DUE

4-H Youth with Horses—your green qualification form for your horse is due January 19. These forms will be mailed to your club leaders. They must be completed and returned to the 4-H Office in order to compete at the Area A and State Horse Shows.



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LAW—LEADERSHIP
ADVENTURE
WEEKEND
January 19-21, 2007



There is a fun weekend planned by youth focusing on communication and leadership skills, and *you won't want to miss it!* Leadership Adventure Weekend or LAW is offered to all intermediate 4-H'ers (ages 11-13). The cost is \$65.00 per person and will be held at Tyndall AFB. Please call the 4-H Office today for more information, the deadline to register is December 29th.

4-H'ERS ON
ICE!!!



The 4-H Honor Club would like to invite all 4-H'ers to join them for Ice Skating.

When: December 19, at 4:00 p.m.
Where: Fort Walton Beach Landing
Cost: \$8.00 (cash only)

For more information, call the 4-H Office.



NEW SHOOTING SPORTS

For all youth ages 8-18, we will be starting a 4-H Shooting Sports Club. We will be holding an organizational meeting January 4th at the Extension Office in Crestview. All interested youth and one parent/guardian should make plans to attend. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office.



New Dog Club in
Crestview

There is a new dog club in town...and you are invited to join us!!! We will meet at the Crestview Extension Office, beginning Monday, January 29th at 6:30 pm.

Members will have a great time learning all about the care and different training opportunities you can enjoy with your best pal. During the year, we plan to do some obedience lessons and showmanship classes. We will have a variety of guest speakers who will tell us about dog grooming, how to teach your dog tricks, first aid care, dog shows, careers in dog fields, and much more!

Give us a call at the 4-H Office and let us know if you are Interested... See you in January, and invite a friend!!!

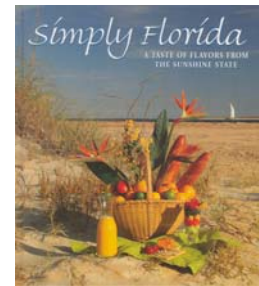




Whether you are a new 4-H volunteer, or an “old timer” this training is for you! Join us for a fun filled day to learn how to help our club members get the most out of the 4-H experience. Lunch and refreshments will be served, and lots of door prizes will be given away. The registration fee is \$10.00 per person, and is due January 8th. Training will be held February 3, 2007 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Walton County Extension Office, DeFuniak Springs. For more information call us at the 4-H Office.

A TASTE OF FLAVORS FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE

“Simply Florida” is a new cookbook filled with wonderful recipes and information that represents the varied and unique flavors of the Sunshine State.



“Simply Florida” is a project of the Florida Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the University of Florida/IFAS Extension. Order these as wonderful gifts for the season. Enjoy 192 pages filled with 214 delicious recipes. Many of them are from Florida Extension Agents.

The pre-sale cost of the colorful hard back “Simply Florida” recipe book is \$23.00 until December 31st. For more information call our Extension Office.

Results from the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up



Katie Marcoux returned with honors from the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup held in Louisville, Kentucky, November 4-6th. Competing in the Individual Presentation category with her demonstration “Turning Faults Into Performance Success,” Katie received the prestigious Third Place Award.

This Eastern National served as the final destination for 352 4-H’ers from 28 states, who are involved in the 4-H Horse Program. Making the 2006 contest the largest in history. This competition provides opportunities for 4-H’ers to showcase their horse management and communication skills, as well as equine knowledge. This is the ultimate experience that recognizes 4-H’ers achievements.

We are extremely proud of Katie and excited that she is now sharing her wonderful talents and skills with 4-H’ers of the Horse Force Club, as a volunteer. Great job!!!



Fair Highlights



Congratulations to all who participated in the 4-H Mini Fair, November 17-18. We really appreciate the time and extra effort 4-H leaders and youth put into helping it run as smoothly as possible. You also made it a welcoming event for the spectators who came to watch the shows. The animal shows had wonderful participation, including the new Model Horse Show, and quite a few 4-H'ers entered really nice individual project exhibits. Everyone did a great job. Special thanks to the Northwest Florida Fair Association and especially Mr. Charles Rigdon for their support and generosity, to make this event possible for our youth. **And now for the results.....**

Project Exhibit Championship Awards

Samantha Arvin—Companion Animal
Kayla Taylor—Companion Animal

Model Horse Show

Performance Classes -

Brittany Farris—Grand Champion
Samantha Arvin—Reserve Champion

Halter Classes -

Sierra Riddle—Grand Champion
Alexa Farris—Reserve Champion

Open Market Lamb Show

William Morgan-Champion Showmanship
Cameron Morgan-Reserve Showmanship
William Morgan-Market Grand Champion
Katheryn Quigg-Market Reserve
Champion

4-H Dog Show

Erin Anderton—Grand Champion
Vickie Payne—Reserve Champion

Open Youth Dairy Goat Show

Nathan Mooers-Grand Showmanship
Adam Mooers-Reserve Showmanship
Nathan Mooers-Grand Junior Doe
Kelvin Williamson-Reserve Junior Doe

Nathanael Pelling-Grand Senior Doe
Adam Mooers-Reserve Senior Doe

Open Youth Meat Goat Show

Jaydin Vanderford-Grand Showmanship
Adam Mooers-Reserve Showmanship
Nathan Mooers-Grand Champion
Jaydin Vanderford-Reserve Champion

Open Youth Pet Goat Showmanship

Jaydin Vanderford-Grand Showmanship
Sarah Ward-Reserve Showmanship

Open Youth Poultry Exhibits and Showmanship Show

Heath Stewart-Best Standard Pair
Dakota Voyce-Best Bantam Pair
Adam Mooers-Best Exotic Pair
Nathan Mooers-Best Game Pair
Jaydin Vanderford-Best Miscellaneous
Pair

Dakota Voyce-Best in Show Pair

Jaydin Vanderford-Grand Showmanship
Sarah Ward-Reserve Showmanship

Rabbit and Cavy Exhibit

Their were 22 entries in the exhibit

Great Job Everyone!



4-H Club Reports



Honor Club— The Honor Club members will be meeting at “Okaloosa on Ice” at the Landing in Ft. Walton Beach for a fun evening skating, December 19, at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person (cash only). Hope to see all of you there!

Holt Hooves and Halters— Our club members participated at the Heritage Day Festival. We ran the bobbing for apples booth and sold caramel apples as a fundraiser. It was a great success. November 12 we had our meeting held at the Farris’s house. Brittany Farris explained the different color patterns in paint horses. We also decorated horseshoes with beads and everyone enjoyed it. All members competed in many events at the fair, November 17-18. All members had great success and fully enjoyed the experience.

Horse Force— Our meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church, room 700 in Niceville. **November 13th**—The Christmas Parade in Niceville is approaching quickly—it is on December 2nd. So, we have started on our Christmas Parade Float. We traced 4 seahorses, cut out 2 and painted 1. There will be a Lipizzaner Show on Sunday, January 28th in Pensacola and we are planning to go to it. Mrs. Brooks has offered us household items in a house she is going to demolish. We will have a rummage sale. The house is located in Seminole. This could be a good fundraiser for us, we just have to get it organized. **November 27th**— Our Parade Float is coming along nicely. The Seahorses are all painted, the sleigh is painted, and we just have to put it all together. There will be a small meeting on Friday, December 1st to put it all together. The parade is December 2nd, and after the parade we will have a Christmas Party at Sand-N-Spur stables. There will be refreshments and games. *Submitted by: Sierra Riddle*

4-H Calendar

December

- 1-3 2nd Executive Board, Camp Ocala
- 19 4-H’ers on Ice, hosted by the Honor Club, Fort Walton Beach Landing, 4:00 pm
- 25 Holiday, 4-H Office closed

January 2007

- 1 Holiday, 4-H Office closed
- 4 Shooting Sports Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Crestview Extension Office
- 19 Green Horse Forms Due Today!
- 19-21 Leadership Adventure Weekend, North, Tyndall AFB, registration deadline December 29th
- 29 Dog Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Crestview Extension Office

February

- 3 Volunteers the Heart of 4-H—Volunteer Training, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Walton County Extension Office, DeFuniak Springs



**"4-H is a community of young
people...across America...
who are learning leadership,
citizenship and life skills"**

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