As many of you are already aware, the Northwest Florida Fair has unfortunately been cancelled for this year. Many of you have already put in so much effort and time into preparing animals for shows, and project exhibits to display, that we have decided to hold a little Mini Fair at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach on November 17-18. The Northwest Florida Fair Association has generously offered the use of the fairgrounds for this event. The event is a group effort and we will need everyone’s help to make it a success. So let’s all roll up our sleeves, call the 4-H Office today and volunteer to help make this event a great experience for our youth.
The Mini Fair is almost here and 4-H’ers and volunteers are working feverishly to get ready for the events!!! **Everyone needs to pre-register by November 13th.** The Fair will begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 17th until 8:00 p.m. and run all day Saturday, November 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach.

We are including some of the highlights of the events. A fair registration form is included with this newsletter, fair books and forms have also been sent to your club leaders. You can also now access the 2006 Fair Book and Registration Form on the Okaloosa County Extension Website: [http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/FourH.htm](http://okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/4-H/FourH.htm)

**Mini Fair Time Schedule**

**Monday, November 13**

Pre-registration is required for all your entries and due on this day. You can bring your form by the 4-H Office in Crestview, mail them to 4-H Fair Entries, Okaloosa Extension Service, 5479 Old Bethel Rd., Crestview, FL 32536-5512 or FAX to the 4-H Office at (850) 689-5727.

**Friday, November 17 at Northwest Florida Fairgrounds**

4:00 P.M. All project exhibits, poultry (exhibit entries and showmanship), rabbits and cavy must be brought to the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach for check-in. Be sure your entry is officially checked in and recorded.

4:00 P.M. Open Model Horse Show check-in.
4:30 P.M. Open Model Horse Show
5:00 P.M. Open Market Lamb Show weigh-in.
6:00 P.M. Open Market Lamb Show

**Saturday, November 18 at Northwest Florida Fairgrounds**

8:00 A.M. 4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest, check-in.
9:00 A.M. 4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest
10:00 A.M. Market Meat Goat weigh-in.
10:30 A.M. Open Youth Dairy Goat check-in.
11:00 A.M. Market Meat Goat and Open Youth Dairy Goat Shows
3:00 P.M. Open Youth Poultry Showmanship Show
8:00 P.M. Remove exhibits from the fairgrounds.
Opportunities for you to enter in the Mini Fair - Details on all these events can be found in the 2006 4-H Mini Fair Book.

**Project Exhibits**

A project exhibit may be something a 4-H’er has made during this past year (since November 1, 2005) in a project area or a tabletop display telling what a 4-H’er can learn in a project. For a display you might use the sides of a cardboard box covered with butcher, freezer or contact paper; or foam board. They can be no larger than 18” wide X 18” tall X 18” deep. Science Fair boards are too large and will not be accepted. Posters alone are not considered an exhibit. A 4-H member may submit one exhibit in as many as three different project areas (a total of three exhibits). Every 4-H’er should take this opportunity to do an exhibit, since this is a requirement for the completion of all projects. Exhibits will be judged by the Danish System – each on its own merit. Also one Grand Champion Award will be given to the most outstanding exhibit entered. The list of project categories can be found in the fair book.

**Open Model Horse Show** - This is a new event, for youth ages 5-18 who are interested in model horse collecting, tack-making, and showing. The show takes place Friday, November 17, with check-in at 4:00 p.m. and show beginning at 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors will be provided one half table of workspace. Only one horse per exhibitor can be entered in a class, but there is no limit on the number of classes you can enter. Each entry must have the tag filled out correctly and attached to the model before judging begins. Information on the tag must include exhibitor name, model number, and class entered. Tack and props do not have to be hand made. The class list includes: Performance Classes - Western Pleasure, Western Trail, Western Games, English Pleasure, English Trail, English Fences, Dressage, Saddle Seat Pleasure, Harness with vehicle, Harness without vehicle, Champion Performance, and Reserve Champion Performance; Halter Classes - English Type, Stock Type, Draft Type, Pony/Mini/Other, Champion Halter and Reserve Champion Halter; and Costume Classes.

**Open Youth Lamb Show** - Lambs will be judged Friday, November 17. Weigh-in will start at 5:00 p.m. with judging beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone has a great time at the Open Lamb Show. Members of 4-H and other youth groups may compete. Exhibitors must be 8-18 years old. Lambs must be owned and in possession of the youth exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the date of the show, except youth showing showmanship. Exhibitors may show up to three lambs in the show. The show will include showmanship and market classes. A costume contest will also be judged.

**4-H Dog Show and Costume Contest** - The twelfth annual Dog Show and Costume Contest will be held Saturday, November 18, registration is at 8:00 a.m., and the show starts at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors must be 4-H members between the ages of 5-18. Youth must be able to control their dogs at all times without assistance. Dogs must be owned by the 4-H’ers or a member of their immediate family. Cloverbuds will show their dogs in a separate division. Junior, Intermediate and Senior entries will be judged together as one division. Ribbons and premiums, will be given to the entries receiving First Place through Honorable Mention in each category. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Award will be given to the two outstanding 4-H’ers and their dogs.
Open Youth Dairy Goat & Market Goat Show - This is the third year for the dairy and market goat shows, including showmanship classes. They are going to be held Saturday, November 18, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the Meat Goat weigh-in. At 10:30 a.m. Dairy Goats will be checked-in, and shows will begin at 11:00 a.m. Youth exhibitors must be 8-18 years old. Goats must have been owned and in possession of the youth exhibitor for 60 days prior to the date of the show.

4-H Poultry Show Exhibits - This is the fourth year for this exhibit and poultry show and it has grown to include showmanship classes as well as more varieties of poultry to be exhibited and judged. 4-H’ers age 5-18 will be exhibiting pairs of various breeds including chickens, other poultry and game birds. Entries will be checked-in at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17 and the judging of the exhibits will take place later that afternoon. The poultry showmanship classes will take place on Saturday, November 18, beginning at 3:00 p.m. with check-in.

Open Youth Rabbit and Cavy Exhibits - This is the third year for these exhibits at our fair. This event is open to youth ages 5-18. The animals will be checked-in at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17 and exhibited that evening and all day Saturday, November 18. Rabbits and cavy must be 8 weeks or age or older. Youth may exhibit up to five entries.

After the Fair
After the Fair closes at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 18th, leaders and 4-H’ers will be able to remove exhibits. Early removal of exhibits before the Mini Fair ends will result in loss of premiums.

Having fun at the fair!!!
**Horse Force** - At our October 9th meeting we decided to begin working on the Christmas Parade. We will **not** be riding horses in the Parade due to safety precautions. Great ideas are flowing from our members, and we will be decorating our float. Horse Force will be hosting a Grooming, Showmanship, and Ground Manners clinic on November 5th at Sand-n-Spur from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This will be great for the younger members! For our Club T-Shirts, Robyn Riddle has given us a final price at $12.85 per shirt. They will be Royal Blue, with a large Horse image on front, clover on back with wording, “May the Horse Force be with you!”

We learned how to measure a horse in hands with the help of our President, Vickie Payne, and co-leaders, Karen Payne, and Susan Simmers.

Our next meeting will be held on October 23, 6:30 p.m. at FUMC in Niceville, Room 700. *Submitted by Sierra Riddle*

**Just Kidding Goat Club** - Our members competed at the Walton County Fair Goat Show, October 16th. The results were:

- **Peewee Division** -
  - Klarissa Williamson - 1st Place
  - Hannah Mooers - 2nd Place

- **Showmanship** -
  - Intermediate - Nathan Mooers-Grandshowman
  - Adam Mooers - 4th place

  - Junior - Kelvin Williamson 2nd Place

- **Dairy Class** -
  - Adam Mooers, 1st + 2nd Place
  - Nathan Mooers 1st Place
  - Kelvin Williamson 2nd Place

- **Meat Class** -
  - Jayden Vanderford, 1st Place
  - Nathan Mooers, 3rd Place
  - Adam Mooers, 5th Place

A very special THANK YOU to Katherine Grigg, who was an extra set of hands during the show!
November

3-12 North Florida Fair, Tallahassee
4 State Marine Ecology Event, 4-H Camp Timpoochee
10 Holiday, 4-H Office closed
13 **Pre-Registration for 4-H Mini Fair due today!**
17-18 Okaloosa 4-H Mini Fair, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach
21 Honor Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Crestview 4-H Office
23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H Office closed
24 “Youth Leaders for Literacy” Grants, deadline to apply

December

1-3 2nd Executive Board, Camp Ocala
25 Holiday, 4-H Office closed

January 2007

1 Holiday, 4-H Office closed
19-21 Leadership Adventure Weekend, North Location, Tyndall AFB

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November Wildlife Happenings

- Cedar waxwings come south for the winter. Their flocks can be seen on cedars, hollies, cherry laurels, privet, and other fruit plants.

- Look for downy, hairy, red-bellied, and redheaded woodpeckers on suet feeders.

- Sandhill cranes return in full force from their breeding grounds up north.

- Look for migrating Hoary and Red Bats in North Florida. Hoary is a large bat with frosted fur.

- Peak of deer rutting in central and north Florida.

- Bears are on the move and crossing roads, especially in Central Florida.

- As water temperatures lower, manatees begin to move to relatively warm waters at springs. Boaters beware of idle speed zones.

- Ornate chorus frogs begin calling.

Interesting Facts About the History of Camp Timpoochee

- Camp Timpoochee was the first state 4-H camp in Florida.

- District Agent J. Lee Smith had the idea to start a camp, and James Pace donated the land at Stake Point on the Choctawhatchee Bay.

- In order for Camp Timpoochee to be built, the funds had to be raised from private sources.

- The first donation to build the camp was made by 700 4-H’ers, both boys and girls, who donated chickens. These chickens were loaded on railroad cars at several points between Pensacola and Marianna. The chickens were sold from the tracks in Marianna for about $500!

- Interested citizens and area counties donated money and furnished the lumber for the cabins. 4-H boys helped clear the land and build the cabins. They also helped planted and set grass around the cabins.

- In 1970 the dining hall was built as well as the horse barns.

- In 1984 construction began on new cabins.

- In 1986 the Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative erected the pavilion.

- In 1998 the Marine Center was dedicated with funds donated by the Dupont Company.