



The Clover Times



AUGUST, 2008

WOW!!! What a summer we have had. 4-H'ers had so much fun with the many summer activities this year. Between Wildlife, Bug, Food, and Sewing Day Camps plus a week long overnight experience at 4-H Camp, Sumter County 4-H'ers had a blast. We made new friends and kept the old. Don't forget as we plan for the new 4-H year remember to complete your enrolment forms and make a club plan. If you need help electing officers or getting ready for the new year give me a call or ask one of our county council officers to come and speak at one of your club meetings. We also have several clubs who are open to you coming for a visit to get new ideas. As always please feel free to call and ask if you have any questions.

Making the Best Better!!!

Sarah T. Hensley

4-H Youth Development

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TO DO LIST:

- ⇒ READ NEWSLETTER!!!
- ⇒ Enrollment Forms
- ⇒ Join County Council
- ⇒ Watch Fair website for Swine Deadline in September



AUGUST

- 7: County Council 6:30
- 8: Rock Eagle Registration DUE
- 12-14: Hog & Ham Contest
- 16: JR Cattlemen's Ranch Tour
- 22: YOUTH AWARDS NIGHT

SEPTEMBER

- 1: New 4-H Year
- 2: District Council 6:00 (Hernando)
- 4: County Council 6:30 (Ag Center)
- 13: Steer Weigh-in
- 27: Sumter County 4-H Dog Clinic

OCTOBER

- 2: County Council 6:30 (Ag Center)
- 2-5: Southern Region Volunteer Forum (Rock Eagle 4-H Center)
- 11: Open House
- 18: Fall Festival

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 however small, is ever
 wasted
 ~ AESOP*

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COME & GONE

District Events: District Events this year was hosted by Sumter County. I would like to thank the Sumter 4-H'ers who came out and assisted with setting up for the day and decorating the stage. Participants from Sumter County included: Demonstrations; Garrett Allen 3rd, Ashley Grady 1st, Kayla Ross 1st, Deanna Mercado 3rd, Jake Mayo 1st, Derek Vorobok 1st, April Schlotter 1st, Kendall Clark 1st, Stephanie Arnold 2nd; Share-The-Fun; Kaylee Ray 1st; Brittani Grady 2nd, and Fashion Revue; Christina Senuick 1st, Emily Weed 1st, Louisa Deweese 1st, Devin Papenheim 1st, Dakota Treffeisen 1st, Tiffany Maddox 1st, Alma Russ 1st, Magen Hayward 1st, Candy Munz 1st, William Jameson 1st, and Meredith Hayward 1st. Congratulations to you all for a job well done!!!

Summer Day Camps: Our summer day camps this year were well attended. We held a Wildlife, Bug, Fun with Foods and Sewing day camps. The youth who participated all stated having fun and of course the adults felt that they learned a lot. Watch for a day camp coming Christmas break and remember to sign up early.

4-H Camp: 4-H camp was held July 14-18 at Camp Ocala. Sumter County had 49 members attend this year. The camp theme this year was "The Movies." There were 5 movie related groups. They were: western, action, comedy, drama, and sci-fi. In these groups we learned to do different activities like archery, canoeing, healthy lifestyles, fishing and swimming.

The first day we had a swim test, we learned all of the camp songs, had a counselor hunt, and then in the evening we had a dinosaur egg hunt. The second day we did 3 of our activities. We learned how to line dance, and we had a flag retirement ceremony. The third day we did 3 of the activities in our groups and at night we had a dance. The fourth day we did our last 3 activities and had a candle lighting ceremony. The last day we formed a circle and said goodbye to everybody.

This was my second year to attend 4-H camp and my favorite activity for this year was archery. In archery we learned how to correctly hold the bow and arrow to aim at the target. Because I did this activity last year I was a little better this year and hit the target 5 out of 9 tries!!!

Another fun activity which was new this year and a surprise from our camp staff was the marshmallow paint fight. There were four stations with four colors—yellow, green, blue and red. All campers divided into the four colors and mixed the paint with marshmallows. The rules were: you could only throw one marshmallow at a time and to throw it at someone from the shoulders down. This was a really fun activity and a colorful one too! After the paint fight everyone jumped into the lake to swim and wash the paint off our bodies and clothes.

Our chaperones for 4-H camp this year were: Mrs. Sarah Hensley, Mrs. Linda Burt, Mrs. Toni Tucker and Mrs. Patty Wells. We want to thank them for sharing 4-H camp experiences with all of us.

By Brandon Grady, Sumter County Council Reporter 2008-09



4-H Congress: Over 300 4-H'ers across the state attended 4-H Congress at the UF campus last week. From Sumter County the following 4-H'ers showed off: Fashion Revue—Candy Munz 3rd place division, Tiffany Maddox 1st place division; Share-the-Fun—Kaylee Ray 2nd place state winner. Congratulations also go to Candy for receiving a college scholarship. We had a great time participating in workshops and meeting others from across the state. Remember 4-H'ers 14 and older may participate in State Congress or State Council. Watch the newsletter this year for upcoming 2 events.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Jr Cattlemen's Ranch Tour: Mark your calendars Jr. Cattlemen members are invited to attend a Ranch Tour to be held at the ranch of David Caruthers on August 16th.

Youth Awards Banquet: All youth who completed a project book are invited to the end of the year Awards Banquet. 4-H'ers, immediate family, and volunteers are free to attend. We are asking that other guests pay \$5.00 to cover the expense of the meal. Please RSVP by August 8th.

Silent Auction: We will be holding a silent auction before our Awards program during dinner. Each club is asked to bring 1 nice (theme) basket and one cake to enter in the silent auction. The bids will close after dinner before we begin the awards program. If clubs would like to solicit further donations please feel free to do so. Just remember this is a nice silent auction and quality items are best.

4-H Dog Clinic: The Ruff n Ready 4-H dog club will be hosting a dog clinic on September 27th. The clinic will begin at 9 am. Pre-registration is \$10, and general public are welcome for \$1 gate fee. Pre-registration is due by **9/19/08!!!**

Southern Region Volunteer Forum: Also known as Rock Eagle, or 4-H camp for adults this is an awesome opportunity for all adult volunteers. Held October 2-5th in Edenton GA. Registration is due in our office by August 8th with payment to attend this weekend long retreat. You will have opportunities to learn new projects and activities to do in your club and also see how 4-H operates in other counties and states. Be sure to check it out on the state 4-H website under the Volunteer Page.

COUNTY CORNER



County Council is open to all 4-H'ers ages 11 and older!!

County Council is for teens. Come find out what leadership is all about and help make decisions for Sumter County 4-H. This 4-H year we will be focusing on Community Service. Meetings will be held the first THURSDAY of every month at **6:30!!!** The next meeting is August 7th.

Congratulations to our new officers: President: Kaycee Barco, V. President: Kaylee Ray, Secretary: Brittani Grady, Treasurer: Justin Stream, District Delegates: Coral Knight and Emily Weed, Reporter: Brandon Grady, Parliamentarian: Dakota Treffeisen, Sargent at Arms: CJ Costanza, and Historian: Emily Knight. Please feel free to contact any of our officers to speak at your next club meeting.

Sumter County Fair:

Swine applications will be due in September. Steer weigh-in will be September 13th. Watch the website for more info. at sumterfair.net

Fair dates for 2009 February 27-March 7!!!



DISTRICT VII COUNCIL

District VII Council Meeting—District Council will be meeting on September 2nd at 6pm. The meeting will be held at the Hernando County Extension Office.

Transportation can be provided. Any member of County Council may attend. We have four district delegates who should plan to attend. Please RSVP by Thursday August 28th to Ms. Sarah.

Congratulations to our District Council Officers: President—Veronica "Niki" Uzar, V. President—Baye Adams, Secretary—Coral Knight, Treasurer—Monica Frank, Reporter—Cheyenne Concidine, Parliamentarian—Kaylee Ray, Historian—Callie Newbern, Sergeant at Arms—Brittany Houston, Council Delegate—Alicia Indelitato.

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