



THE CLOVER CHRONICLE



A quarterly publication of the Orange County 4-H Program

2008 CENTRAL FLORIDA FAIR 4-H CONTEST WINNERS

Booth Contest

Wranglers Club (Fourth)
Orange Clovers (Fifth)

Citrus Tree Knowledge Test

Samantha Feliciani (Third, Senior Division)
Hannah McDonald (Third, Junior Division)
Jack Stein (Second, Senior Division)
Rachel Stein (First, Senior Division)
Andrew Stein (Second, Intermediate Division)

Citrus Tree Record Books

Rachel Stein (Third, Senior Division)

Citrus Reserve Grand Champion

Rachel Stein

Interview Contest

Dominique Meyer (First, 14/15 year old)
Samantha Feliciani (Third, 16 year old)

Photo Contest

Jacquelyn Mason (First, Intermediate Division)
Catie Mason (First, Junior Division)

Scarecrow Contest

Wranglers Club (Third)

Share the Fun

Alysia Waugh (Third, Junior Division)
Andrew Faris (Third, Intermediate Division)

Tropicana

Kelsea Jophannes (Second, Junior Division)
Juliana Mestre (First, Intermediate Division)

Essay Contest

Jagger Ferguson (First, Intermediate Division)
Jacob Ferguson (Fourth, Intermediate Division)
Dominique Meyer (Second, Open Division)
Sydney Feliciani (Fourth, Open Division)
Samantha Feliciani (First, Creative Writing)
David Styron (Fifth, Parent Division)
Sherie Wildermuth (First, Alumni Division)

The 4-H Staff would like to express a big THANK YOU to all who helped at the fair - from the very beginning to the last day - to the judges of the contest, for setting up your booths, to the booth sitters and to all volunteers that worked in the livestock area . Without all of your help it would be impossible to have such a successful fair. Thank you!

WELCOME OUR NEW 4-H AGENT TIM PEHLKE

4-H youth, parents and volunteers,

Hello! It is my pleasure to serve as one of your new 4-H Agents. Over the past few months I have gotten to know many of you and I have come away impressed with the depth of your commitment to 4-H. As agent I will work to ensure that your club(s) have the resources necessary to succeed.

In terms of my background, I was born and raised in South Bend, IN. This region is best known for being home to the University of Notre Dame, and yes, I am a big Irish fan. Growing up I was heavily involved with sports, competing in track and cross-country, along with a number of academic programs. I hold a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Greenville College in Illinois. I have also completed Master's degrees in Family and Child Studies, from Miami University in Ohio, and Public Administration, from the University of Missouri.

I got my start working with young people through an assistant coaching job with a youth sports program. From there I went on to work for a number of youth serving organizations in both paid and unpaid capacities. Previous experiences include summer camps, day camps, after school programs and youth mentoring. Through these experiences I have come to appreciate the role that community organizations like 4-H play in promoting positive youth development. Simply put, the small efforts of many concerned citizens can make a world of difference.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I can be reached at (407) 254-9213 or tim.pehlke@ufl.edu

Visit to the Horsin' Around Club



Pictured seated left to right : Brittany Miller, Ashley McEachern, Moriah Chandler and Evan Calloway

Pictured standing left to right:: Tim Pehlke (4-H Agent), Erika Richardson (Club Leader)

WELCOME OUR NEW 4-H AGENT REBECCA HARRIS

WHEN DID YOU START AT THE ORANGE COUNTY EXTENSION?

May 2008

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I was born in Kentucky and lived there until I was 14. I'm a sixth-generation Kentuckian and very proud that my Harris ancestors fought in the American Revolutionary War and were given land in Kentucky as payment for service in the Continental Army. When I was in high school my family moved to Seminole County.

SO YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH CENTRAL FLORIDA?

Yes! I spent almost every summer in New Smyrna Beach before moving here with my family in 1987. I graduated from Lake Brantley High School and then went to the University of Florida for my undergraduate degrees in Anthropology and Classical Archaeology. I have had the opportunity of living in every region of Florida in the last twenty-one years, but Central Florida is home.

WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?

I already mentioned that I graduated from UF in Anthropology and Classical Archaeology. I went on to study at the graduate level in Social Work but finished my Master's degree in Anthropology at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. I also completed the PhD coursework in Anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. And I was a PhD candidate at the University of Arkansas in Environmental Dynamics.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER BEFORE JOINING 4-H?

I have done a little bit of everything it seems to me! I have spent the largest portion of my professional career working as an archaeologist, college professor, or museum educator. I have a very wide educational background and a curious mind that keeps me wanting to learn more and to share my love of knowledge with others!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

I love to read, sew, craft, write, and travel. I could go on and on; I have more interests than spare time!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOST IN YOUR NEW POSITION?

Certainly meeting all the 4-Hers in the county is most exciting, but I'm also interested in starting new educational/curriculum programs that focus on environmental and conservation issues that face our communities today.

THANKS REBECCA! WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON THE TEAM! TO CONTACT REBECCA HARRIS YOU CAN EMAIL HER AT RLHARRIS@UFL.EDU OR CONTACT HER THROUGH OCES AT 407-254-9205.

County Council Update

Samantha Feliciani

Reporter, County Council

As this 4-H year draws to a close, everyone wishes time could stop for a while so we could enjoy the year just a little longer. The 2007/2008 4-H year has been so eventful for Orange County, it is no wonder that it has slipped by so quickly. Between getting used to a brand new Extension Office, losing and gaining agents, starting a new cookie fundraiser, changing our county constitution, and simply doing our normal activities, everyone has been extremely busy. Our Council President, Kelly Wildermuth's main goal for this year was to increase participation and she told the Council at the commencement of the year, "I believe we have the tools to solve our people problem, all we need to do is to put those tools into action." With new clubs established and new events created, this year Kelly made strides toward achieving her goal. Our Council Vice President, Dominique Meyer chaired the Community Service Committee. Her committee decided to contribute to the District project, literacy in young people, and was able to touch the lives of hundreds of children by providing them with books acquired through a district-wide book drive. This 4-H year has truly been a successful one and every single Orange County 4-Her played a part in making it great. While we close the door on this fabulous year remember that the door to our new year is just beginning to open.

Club Report: City Farmers

Abbie Wetzstein

Reporter, City Farmers 4-H

This year there were new members coming in and old members dropping out. For the people that started and are here now we are glad you are with us. And for the people that left, we miss you. When we started 4-H we were feeding two goats by bottle. Six months passed and we are still bottle feeding one goat. The goat, Slater, enjoys her milk. Although she is bottle feeding, milk isn't the only thing Slater eats. Queeny, the other goat, chewed up her bottle. We got new bottles for them, but Queeny never quite learned how to nurse out of the new bottle.

We have a new member of the farm!!! We got a new pig!!! When we got her she was 8 weeks old!! She now lives in our pool area and is potty trained. She knows how to do a lot of tricks!!! She can now SIT, BEG, and DANCE!!! When she wants into the house she will squeal. That's one AMAZING pig!!!

Our 4-H club had a booth at the Central Florida Fair. This raised money for the club. Everybody had fun looking around. There were rides too. Next year we will be more prepared. We are discussing fun activities for next year as well.

Wacky Olympics

May 17 10:00 AM—2:00 PM @ OC Extension Office

With the 2008 Summer Olympics quickly approaching, many people are looking forward to watching their favorite Olympic events on television. But how would you like to actually get to compete in shotput... with water balloons? How about a frisbee discus throw? And how would you like to do all of this with your 4-H friends cheering you on? If this sounds like a good time to you, then I would like to invite all of you on behalf of Orange County 4-H to the Wacky Olympics! On Saturday May 17th from 10am-2pm you can have a great time participating in classic Olympic events with a twist at the Orange County Extension Office. All Orange County 4-H members are invited to come, but make sure you have turned in a health form in order to compete! It's going to be a blast. Everyone's a winner at the Wacky Olympics!

Election Results

County Council

New 2008-09 Officers

President: Samantha Feliciani
Vice-President: Dominique Meyer
Secretary: Bethany Gowan
Treasurer: Amy Simmons
Delegate: Kelly Wildermuth

The position of Alternate Delegate, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-arms will be filled at a later date. These positions will be made available by application only. Please talk to your club leader for further details.

District Council

New 2008-09 Officers

President: Dominique Meyer (Orange)
Vice-President: Sarah Smith (Lake)
Delegate: Kelly Wildermuth (Orange)
Alternate Delegate: Karly Vojnar (Volusia)
Secretary: Samantha Feliciani (Orange)
Treasurer: Ashley Avant (Osceola)
Reporter: Bethany Gowan (Orange)
Parliamentarian: Richard Cash (Volusia)
Sergeant-at-arms: Stephen Gable (Seminole)
Historian: Amy Grayford (Lake)
Historian: Logan Schrack (Brevard)

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER JULY 18-19 HOTEL CARIBE, ORLANDO

The Florida National Guard is hosting their annual conference in Orlando at the Caribe Royal on July 18-19. In exchange for our assistance with their children's program, they have agreed to make a generous donation towards Camp Ocala scholarships. Volunteers will be responsible to helping out with the children's programs. We need volunteers to fill the following slots:

Friday, July 18 1:00—4:30 PM (six people)
Saturday, July 19 7:00 AM—4:30 PM (12 people)
Saturday, July 19 5:30 PM—11:00 PM

Please contact Tim in the 4-H Office at (407) 254-9213 or tim.pehlke@ufl.edu if you are interested in helping out.

Are 4-H Project Clubs for You?

Submitted by

**Judy Butterfield, Central District
Regional Specialized 4-H Agent III**

Although General 4-H clubs are the most commonly known type of delivery mode, 4-H reaches youth in other ways – one of those being a **project club**. This delivery mode serves a different purpose but is equally important. Project clubs may differ in regard to duration and intensity, but always involve the “learn by doing” concept. Project clubs should be developed and started based on the needs of the youth involved, the availability of volunteers with special knowledge in the project area, and research-based curriculum should be available to support the specific project whether it be computers, gardening, woodworking, bee-keeping, llamas, etc. In Florida, Shooting Sports is probably one of the best known subject areas using project clubs as its delivery mode.

Because they may have fewer members than a General Club, project clubs provide the needed quality time for youth to form a caring relationship with adults, as well as promoting a sense of belonging. It is also wise to keep in mind that 4-H Project clubs usually have a beginning start date and a specific ending date – it could be a swine club specifically geared for raising an animal for the fair, or a sewing club where the items being made are being donated for a specific use such as a neonatal unit or hospice. As previously mentioned these clubs usually have a specific duration and purpose.

Project clubs are a wonderful way to get more youth involved in true youth development programs and activities. They also allow volunteers to become more involved and use their individual skills; therefore having more ownership in the program.

**Summer Camp
June 29—July 3
@ Camp Ocala**

Summer camp will be held from June 29—July 3 at Camp Ocala. This year’s camp will have a Hawaiian Luau theme. More information is available at: <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/ocala.htm>. Applications are available through the 4-H Office. Those wishing to attend must submit a completed application, along with a check for \$150 made payable to Orange County 4-H, by Friday, May 16 at 5:00 PM. No late applications will be accepted. Registration forms are available through the 4-H Office.

**State Congress
July 21-25
@ University of Florida**

State Congress will be held from July 21—25 at the University of Florida. This event brings together Senior 4-Hers from across the state for a week full of educational and competitive endeavors. More information about this event can be found at <http://florida4h.org/events/congress.shtml>. Those wishing to attend this event must submit a completed registration form, along with a check for \$210 made payable to Orange County 4-H, by Friday May 16 at 5:00 PM. Registration forms are available online at: <http://florida4h.org/events/congress.shtml>.



Graduation Does Not Mean 4-H is OVER...

Your role is just CHANGING!

By: Georgene Bender, Regional Specialized 4-H Agent –South Central

Graduation announcements have started to arrive. The stores are filled with graduation cards and party supplies. It is an exciting time as youth begin to walk down that aisle. It's a start of a life journey they have anxiously waited for, but there is a hesitation as it means change from their secure lifestyle. 4-H is not over, there are just different 4-H roles you can choose.

Assist with a Club

If you remain in your local community, consider assisting your 4-H leaders in the club. New club members always need help and you are now the 4-H Expert, so share your knowledge and experience. You can be a volunteer as a project leader. You'll have to wait to be an organizational leader until you are 21 years.

Volunteer at County Office on Projects

Your county 4-H staff has a lot of opportunity for you to learn new leadership skills. Skills include coordinating judging, assisting with workshops on demonstrations, writing newsletters, organizing 4-H groups in the schools or after school programs are just a few. You might discover a whole different 4-H world as the 4-H agent...a possible future career!

Collegiate 4-H'ers

If you are going on to college, there is collegiate 4-H involvement. It's a little different and a great source of support in the early years at school.

Collegiate 4-H is open to all secondary-education students who wish to support youth and the 4-H program. It is not necessary to have prior 4-H experience, only to have an interest in the 4-H ideals and in serving your community.

Goals of Collegiate 4-H

- Develop the person,
- Leadership skill development in group settings,
- Service to 4-H, and
- Social interaction

Florida has two collegiate 4-H Clubs: University of Florida at Gainesville and Florida Southern University in Lakeland. Dr. Kate Fogarty, Assistant Professor in Family, Youth and Community Sciences serves as the UF Collegiate 4-H sponsor. Visit the National website to learn more about what a collegiate 4-H club could mean for you.... www.collegiate4h.org

A South Central Chapter of UF Collegiate 4-H is in the works. The Chapter will be a part of the Plant City - University of Florida Campus. Contact *Georgene Bender, Regional Specialized 4-H Agent* if interested: gmbender@ifas.ufl.edu .

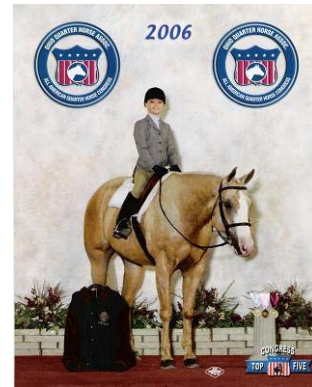
Member Spotlight

Clay Cravey, Wrangler 4-H Club

Mae Santore, Devonwood 4-H Club



Clay took home four first prizes in the Market Steer Competition at the Central Florida Fair. He went on to win the Grand Champion Steer Award.



Mae was High Point winner for the Junior/ Intermediate division at both the County and Area D Horse Shows.

STATE HORSE SHOW QUALIFIERS

Marylou Barber	Marissa Marchena
Katherine Braley	Shelby McCulley
Courtney Capehart	Destiny McKinney
Moriah Chandler	Brittany Miller
Shay Crawford	Amanda Payne
Kendrick Edwards	Mae Santore
Nadja Gelatka	Sabrina Searles
Zoe Gobetz	Magnolia Smallwood
Lauren Katarakas	Delaney Smith
Mikayla Kearney	Hannah Smith
Aimee Londergan	

Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 1	County Council Meeting 7 PM
May 2-4	Area D Horse Show @ Clarcona
May 10	Citrus Tree Distribution @ MREC 10 AM
May 15	Horse Advisory Meeting 7PM
May 30	Record Books due
June 9-13	Kitchen Science Camp 9 AM—1 PM
June 16-20	Babysitting Camp 9 AM—12:00 PM
June 23-27	4-H Legislature in Tallahassee
June 29-July 3	Summer Camp @ Camp Ocala
July 10-12	State Horse Show in Tampa
July 14-17	Teen Horizons (Week 1)
July 17	District 4-H Legislature @ OC Extension Office
July 21-24	Teen Horizons (Week 2)
July 21-25	State Congress in Gainesville
July 28-Aug 1	Financial Management Camp 9AM-12 PM

Florida 4-H Volunteer Forum

June 20-22 4-H Camp Cloverleaf

This weekend is designed just for volunteer leaders, and adults considering becoming a 4-H leader. Dozens of workshops to choose from, fun, good food will be guaranteed.

Contact Tim in the 4-H office for more information

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