Nature Made it Green, Let’s Keep it Clean

It is fair time in Suwannee County and the 4-H office is here to help you as you are getting your entries ready. Located inside this issue, you will find the complete fair schedule—keep this close by! You will also find information on county and district events, our new 4-H blog, and how to order the Florida 4-H centennial book. On the back of this month’s issue, you will find “Guess who’s reading Suwannee County 4-H News.” Try and guess this month’s mystery reader and check your answer on our blog.

4-H clubs throughout the county have been very busy completing record books, doing projects, and having fun. Several livestock judging teams have sprung up throughout the county and have done very well throughout the state. A senior team placed second at the state fair in Tampa and a junior team placed first in Madison.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Suwannee County 4-H, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 386-362-2771 or bestevez@ufl.edu. Good luck!

Brian Estevez
4-H/Youth Development

Forestry Workshop

On March 4, 2009 from 2-4:30pm, Suwannee County 4-H and the Florida Division of Forestry will host a forestry workshop at the Live Oak Forestry Station. Suwannee County Forester, Mr. Brian Cobble, will host the event. All Suwannee County 4-H’ers are encouraged to attend the 2.5 hour workshop to learn about reforestation techniques used in Northeast Florida, wildfire fighting strategies employed by the Division of Forestry, and general facts about forestry in the State of Florida. All 4-H’ers are encouraged to meet at the Live Oak Forestry Station at 2pm on March 4.
2009 Suwannee County Fair
Daily Schedule

Wednesday March 25
7:00am-1:00pm....Entrance of youth market hogs
9:00am-6:00pm....Set-up commercial and educational booths
12:00pm-6:00pm....Entrance of fine arts
6:00pm............Swine Showmanship

Thursday March 26
11:00am-2:00pm...Entrance of baked goods
4:00pm-7:00pm.....Entrance of creative crafts, canning, quilts
6:00pm............Youth hog show
8:00am-12:00pm...Entrance of youth steers
9:00am-8:00pm.....Set-up commercial and educational booths
9:00am-3:00pm.....Entrance of 4-H exhibits
5:00pm-7:00pm.....Entrance of rabbits and poultry
4:00pm-7:00pm.....Entrance of shoebox floats

Friday March 27
5:00pm............Fair opens
5:00pm............Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
6:00pm............Youth steer show

Saturday March 28
8:00am............5-K registration
9:00am............5-K race starts
1:30pm............Sale of youth livestock
5:30pm............Entrance of talent show contestants
6:00pm............15th annual talent show-Adults phase one

Sunday March 29
1:00pm-3:00pm.....Entrance of beef heifers and goats

Monday March 30
6:00pm.............Youth goat show
5:30pm.............Entrance of talent show contestants
6:00pm............15th annual talent show-Adults-phase two

Tuesday March 31
11:00am-1:00pm...Senior citizen day ~
(Free admission & lunch)
12:00pm...........Seniors lunch will be served
5:30pm.............Entrance of talent show contestants
6:00pm............15th annual talent show-Youth
6:00pm............Youth heifer show
“confirmation”

Wednesday April 1
10:00am-1:00pm...Special entrance of handi-capped citizens
6:00pm............Youth heifer show
9:00pm............Release of beef heifers and goats

Thursday April 2
8:00am-12:00pm...Entrance of dairy
7:00pm............Turkey calling contest

Friday April 3
5:00pm............Fair opens
5:30pm.............Entrance of talent show contestants
6:00pm............Dairy Show
6:00pm.............15th annual talent show Grand Finale
7:00pm............Tractor pull

Saturday April 4
12:00pm............Fair opens
1:00pm............Bovine costume contest
2:00pm............Pee-wee dairy show
9:00pm............Release of dairy

Sunday April 5
2:00pm-4:00pm...Removal of fine arts, crafts, baked goods, booths, and shoe box floats
2:00pm-4:00pm...Release of poultry and rabbits
2:00pm-4:00pm...Removal of 4-H exhibits

Suwannee County Fair Website
www.suwanneecountyfair.org
County Events Set for April 25; Districts May 2

County Events have been set for **April 25, 2009**. Now is a good time to start thinking about speeches, illustrated talks and demonstrations that you would like to do. Maybe you could form a team for share the fun or create a poster to present. Mark April 25 on your calendar as it will be a great time for all of Suwannee County 4-H to come together and compete. District events will be the following **Saturday May 2, 2009** in Perry. The County Events Registration Form is included in this newsletter. Please complete and return the form to the 4-H office no later than March 6, 2009. No late entries will be accepted!

Visit our blog

**www.suwanneecounty4h.blogspot.com**

What is a blog? A blog (a contraction of the term "Web log") is a website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video.

Suwannee County 4-H is proud to present it’s newly created blog, **www.suwanneecounty4h.blogspot.com**. Use our blog to stay current with all of the happenings with Suwannee County 4-H.

Florida 4-H Centennial Celebration

To commemorate its 100th Anniversary, Florida 4-H is proud to announce the publication of **Florida 4-H: A Century of Youth Success**.

Since 1909, the Florida 4-H Program has impacted the lives of youth through lifelong learning, leadership skills, and self-confidence. What began as a program to teach new farming techniques became a community-based educational program that teaches young people how to learn by doing and become engaged citizens.

**Florida 4-H: A Century of Youth Success** is a stunning 8.5" x 11" hardcover volume, that celebrates the people and our history from the past 100 years. Relive those precious memories throughout 208 pages of interesting text complemented with many historic and modern photographs.

Books are now available. Purchase your copy today for $55.00, plus shipping. Special edition leather bound books are available for $90.00 per book.

A portion of the proceeds will fund a Florida 4-H scholarship endowment. Please contact the 4-H office for more info.
This month’s mystery reader has an animal science degree from Zamorano University and an Extension degree from the University of Florida. She has two sisters and one brother. She loves dairy cattle and her hobbies are reading and swimming. Check your guess in next month’s issue or online beginning March 1 at www.suwanneecounty4h.blogspot.com.

Last month’s mystery reader was born and raised in Suwannee County. She has two kids and five grandchildren. Her hobbies are traveling, sewing, and spending time with her husband. Mrs. Carolyn Williams, administrative aide in the 4-H office, was the February mystery reader!