Give Thanks for Head, Heart, Health, and Hands

The 2009-2010 4-H year is going great. Make sure to tell all of your friends about the exciting things that have been happening in 4-H. Remember that to be part of the Suwannee Valley Livestock Show and Sale, enrollment forms must be in the 4-H office and stamped by November 2 at 3pm.

Help me congratulate both the McAlpin 4-H club and Mrs. Betty Hicks for being selected as winners of prestigious awards from Florida 4-H. They will be honored in Jacksonville on November 14.

Florida 4-H and Chevron have teamed up to provide the 4-H Community Pride Program. The deadline for Community Pride proposals is November 6, so hurry up and get your proposals in.

Remember to attend the Bread Making Workshop hosted by the HCE organization. In December we will be hosting the Meat Science Workshop and making beef jerky! Please plan on attending both of these exciting opportunities.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Brian Estevez
4-H/Youth Development

November 2 is the deadline to enroll in Suwannee County 4-H and participate in the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale (SVYLSS). Youth may still enroll after this date but will not be allowed to show in the SVYLSS. Contact your club leader or come by the 4-H office to pick up an enrollment form. Contact Mr. Brian for more details at 386-362-2771.

Age as of September 1, 2009

Cloverbud-5-7
Junior-8-10
Intermediate-11-13
Senior-14+
4-H Centennial Gala

Suwannee County 4-H is proud to announce that the McAlpin 4-H club and Mrs. Betty Hicks from the Leona 4-H club have received prestigious awards from Florida 4-H. Mrs. Betty Hicks, club leader for the Leona 4-H Club, received the Florida 4-H Longest Serving Volunteer award. Mrs. Hicks has been a 4-H volunteer for 42 years, becoming the leader of the Leona 4-H club in 1967. Mrs. Hicks estimates that she has impacted over 650 kids while being a 4-H leader. Her club members have always turned in record books, done demonstrations, and created educational posters through the 4-H program.

The McAlpin 4-H club was awarded the Florida 4-H Longest Running 4-H club award. The McAlpin 4-H club was started by Mrs. Willie Haas in 1945 in the McAlpin community. Today, the club meets at the McAlpin community center and is led by Mrs. Dana Tidwell. The McAlpin 4-H club and its 26 members are very active in judging contests, fair entries, county event demonstrations, and community service. The 4-H office would like to congratulate Suwannee County 4-H and its award winning volunteers, youth, and clubs!

Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Tidwell will both be presented with awards at the Florida 4-H Centennial Gala on November 14, 2009 at the Embassy Suites-Baymeadows in Jacksonville.

Hurry...Community Pride Proposals Due

The 4-H Community Pride program involves helping the members of the group learn about their community and encourage them to improve the quality of their environment.

All 4-H members may participate in the Community Pride project. A project is selected by the group. The process of planning, implementation and evaluation is plotted out and discussed by the group members.

Each group may submit a proposal for funding of Community Pride projects. Proposals accepted from the county must be in the State 4-H Office by the NOVEMBER 6th deadline date to be considered for the current 4-H years funding. Those groups that are awarded funding will have to follow up with the Florida 4-H Community Pride Report that will be made available when the award is received. This will be a revised final report and will be due to the State 4-H Office by the annual deadline.

For more information visit http://florida4h.org/staff/Awards_Handbook/competition_group.shtml or call the 4-H office at 362-2771.
Suwannee County 4-H Technology

Are you technologically inclined? Do you spend more time with your friends online than you do in real life? Then Suwannee County 4-H has just the thing for you. From Twitter to Facebook to Snapfish to YouTube to Blogs to webpages, we have it all. Join us online on these social networking sites as we try to bring a positive environment to the World Wide Web.

Facebook

Twitter
http://twitter.com/suwannee4H

Snapfish Photo Sharing
www.suwanneecounty4h.snapfish.com/snapfish

-password is suwannee

Blog
suwannee county4h.blogspot.com

UF/IFAS Suwannee Co. website
http://suwannee.ifas.ufl.edu/4H.shtml

If you cannot tell the difference between a tweet and a text, an IM and a wall post, or a Snapfish and a YouTube, we still have hard copies of our newsletter in the Extension office.

Bread Making Workshop October 7

On November 4, UF/IFAS Suwannee County 4-H will be hosting a Bread Making Workshop open to all youth in Suwannee County. The workshop will be taught by the Suwannee County Home and Community Educators (HCEs). The workshop will be on a school early release day, November 4 from 2-5pm, at the Suwannee County Extension office.

Meat Science Workshop December 2

On December 2, UF/IFAS Suwannee County 4-H will be hosting the Meat Science Workshop open to all youth in Suwannee County. The workshop will be taught by staff at the University of Florida’s Meat Processing Center. Activities include quality grading, identification, and beef jerky making. The workshop will be on a school early release day, December 2 from 2-5pm, at the Suwannee County Extension office.
Katherine Allen, County Extension Director (CED) and Family & Consumer Science (FCS)
Cathy Rogers, FCS & 4-H
Bonnie Box, Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Program Assistant
Diane McMillan, Staff Assistant
Wanda Walters, FCS/Dairy, Admin. Secretary
Carolyn Saft, Suwannee River Partnership Educational Coordinator/ Horticulture/FYN
Elena Toro, Agriculture/Natural Resources
Pam Burke, FYN/AG Administrative Aide
Brian Estevez, 4-H & Youth Development
Carolyn Williams, 4-H & FNP Administrative Aide
Mary Sowerby, Dairy, Regional Specialized Agent
Linda Landrum, Marketing, Regional Specialized Agent
Bob Hochmuth, Vegetables and Small Farms, Regional Specialized Agent

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Dated Material

September’s Mystery Reader
Mrs. Bonnie Box

This month’s mystery reader is originally from Princeton, New Jersey. She graduated twice from Virginia Tech and received her PhD from the University of Tennessee. Her hobbies include traveling, critters, and gardening. Check your guess in next month’s issue or online beginning November 1 at www.suwanneecounty4h.blogspot.com. ✿

October’s mystery reader is originally from Suwannee County. She graduated from Suwannee High School and has worked at the Extension Office for 2 years. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, fishing, and hunting. Congratulations to Mrs. Bonnie Box for being the October Mystery Reader! ✿