



Martin County Clover Times

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Martin County Fair— February 18-27, 2005

The Martin County Fair is just around the corner. Time to finish many of our livestock projects. Time to preen and polish, clip and brush, wash and rinse our animals for show. It is an exciting time. There are still many things we must do. The first barn work day is February 12, 9am until noon. All exhibitors must attend and help set up for our part of the fair. Martin County 4-H will be selling lunch as a fundraiser. Money collected from this lunch will go towards our scholarship fund. We have many 4-H seniors planning to continue their education, we want to give as many scholarships as possible. Lunch will be \$4.00,

please plan on eating with us. The other work day is after the fair, on Saturday, March 5, 2005. The need to know dates are as follows:

Steer Weigh-In:***Friday, February 18 - 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Swine Weigh-In: **Saturday, February 19 - 8:00 to 10:00 AM

Rabbit & Poultry Entries: *Saturday, February 19 - 9:00 AM to Noon

Beef & Dairy Entries: **Saturday, February 19, 10AM to Noon

Poultry Show:***Saturday, February 19 (time to be announced)

Rabbit Show:***Sunday, February 20 - 2:00 PM

Horse Show:***Sunday, February 20 - 1:00 PM

Swine Show:***Monday, February 21 - 7:00 PM

Steer Show:***Tuesday, February 22 - 7:00 PM

Dairy Show:***Wednesday, February 23 - 7:00 PM

Goat Show:***Wednesday, February 23 - 4:30 PM

Beef Show:***Thursday, February 24 - 7:00 PM

Steer Auction:***Friday, February 25 - 8:00 PM

Swine Auction:***Saturday, February 26 - 7:00 PM

Martin County 4-H Clubs Help the Community

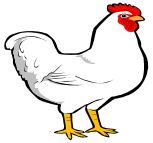
Martin Grade Rustlers 4-H Club was written up in the *Stuart News* for their help in clean up after the twin hurricanes. There is a copy of the article attached to this newsletter. During Thanksgiving many of

our 4-H clubs collected food for the needy. We were able to give away 6 turkeys and over 200 lbs. of food. This Christmas the **Palm City Porkers 4-H Club** was able to make a wonderful holiday for 8 children, by getting

gifts which included 5 bikes. Count 'em

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4-H Workshops



We have several workshops scheduled for January. On Saturday, January 15, there will be a "Bring your Rabbit Workshop." This will be given by one of our 4-H Leaders, Bo Cromer. Bo showed rabbits for years and will help identify your rabbit, give you tips on how to get your animal ready for show and help you with showmanship. Time will be Saturday, January 15, 9AM to 11AM, at the 4-H office. Bring your rabbit.

There will also be a "Bring your rabbit workshop." It will be given by Mike Schmidt. Mike has shown poultry for years and is very knowl-

edgeable. Mike will help identify your poultry, give you tips on how to get your animal ready for show and help you with showmanship. Time will be Saturday, January 15, 11:30AM to 1PM, at the 4-H office. Bring your bird.

There will be a "Barrel Racing Workshop. On January 29, 2005 At Timer Powers Park, 14100 SW Citrus Blvd, Indiantown, FL 34957. The cost is \$50 per horse and rider. The instructor will be Kellie Bowen - 2x Fla High School Rodeo State Champion

and National Finals Qualifier-Barrel Futurities of America_ Futurity Finalist Speedhorse Futurity_ multiple Finalist Eastern Barrel Futurity Association_ Futurity Champion Old Fort Days Futurity_ Finalist Dixie National Quarter Horse Show_ Reserve Champion_ Junior Barrels AQHA World Show_ Finalist_ Junior Barrels.

There will be two sessions of 12. 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm. Each session will be 3 hours long.

Leadership Opportunity for our Teen 4-H members

Martin County 4-H is presenting a Special Needs Camp for 30 of our special needs teens. We are targeting 30 youth from our three high schools. The camp will be an overnight experience at our 4-H Camp in Lake Placid, Florida, Camp Cloverleaf. These

youth will have a fun, learning experience that ordinarily would not be offered to them.

There will be canoeing, swimming, boating, fishing, archery, crafts, games, dances, and many more fun activities.

Although the main goal for this program involves our county's

special needs youth, this program will also give our club youth leadership opportunities, since they will be presenting some of the activities during this camping experience.

The camp is scheduled for April 14, to April 17. The cost for the camp is \$5,625.

4-H Club Giving *continued*

Other clubs collected money and food to help people over the holiday hump, these included, **Martin Grade Rustlers, Crazy Kritters, Tropical Farm Ropers, Palm City Ranchers, and 4-H Leadership.** These are just the ones I know of, many clubs do for others and we don't always hear about

your good works. The items that were donated for the *Indiantown Council on Aging* were all put in a large usable container, wrapped by youth from the leadership club and given to each of the members of the Council on Aging by Santa himself. You helped many, many people this holiday. You should feel proud.



Santa at IT Council on Aging

Workshops *continued*

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Clinic focus will be: Teaching the rider how to cue the horse properly with leg, body and hand signals. Tips on how to shave seconds off of the riders time. If time permits, Tips on improving a pole bending pattern will also be discussed. Kellie will demonstrate on horseback and spend time with each rider individually. There is room for only 24 participants- 12 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. The clinic

will be geared to beginner and intermediate riders. Space is on a first come, first serve basis. Registering early is suggested, people will be taken on that Saturday only if there are openings. Helmet is required and participants must be 8 years old by September 1, 2004. If participant is not a 4-H member, a release form must be signed at time of clinic. For more information, call Cindy Harris at 772-288-5654. There is an application form attached to this news

letter.



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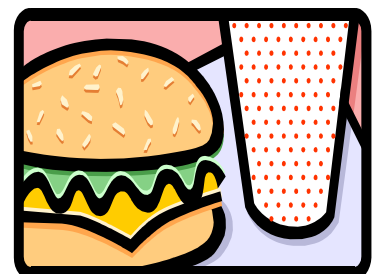
The cost per individual is \$125. This includes our targeted 30 youth plus 15 adults and 4-H Teen leaders. We need teen leaders for this program. It is counted as volunteer/community service hours. If you are interested, contact Cindy at 288-5654



4-H Luncheon Fund-raiser

Lunch will be available for the first "Barn Work Day." It will be a Martin County 4-H Fundraiser. Lunch will cost \$4.00. Menu includes Hamburger or Hot Dog, baked beans, cole slaw, a drink and dessert. All money collected will go for our scholarship fund.. Please plan on buying lunch from us that day

and help support our 4-H club youth that are planning on attending college. We need to support our club youth and help them achieve their goals in life.



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Check out the State 4-H Web Site
<http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/index1.htm>



Pick up your extra tickets on sale
until February 15.

Master Volunteer Workshop

Friday, March 4 (7:00pm) – Saturday, March 6, 2005 (10:30am)

Cherry Lake 4-H Camp

AGENTS ARE INVITED, TOO

- 1) Agents who have volunteers attending the workshop, are invited to participate.
- 2) Agents, who have less than two years experience, are invited to participate and learn with us.

TENTATIVE AGENDA/TOPICS

All participants will learn about:

- Six Florida 4-H Youth Development Goals
- Understanding youth ages/stages
- Appropriate supervision and positive discipline
- All aspects of risk management
- Appropriate use of the 4-H Clover
- Conflict management; Teamwork
- Multi-culturalism; meeting diverse needs
- Convening a Review Board

**Interested? Call Cindy
for more info**

Track I: “Event Coordination” participants will learn more about:

- Working effectively with Extension staff
- Focusing on guiding, leading and delegating to committee members
- Planning forms
- Handling funds; budgeting

Track II: “Over Night Chaperone” participants will learn more about:

- Providing orientation for youth and other adults
- Creating and keeping a safe environment
- Working with other chaperones