We've Moved...

As of October 21st, you will no longer find us at the Harborview location. The Charlotte County Extension Office has moved to North Charlotte Regional Park which is located at 1120 O’Donnel Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33953

The 4-H staff will continue to work at both the new office at North Charlotte Regional Park as well as the Grace Street 4-H Office. If you need to drop off paperwork, meet with 4-H staff, etc., please make sure to call or email ahead of time to set up an appointment. We greatly appreciate your understanding with this matter and look forward to serving the youth in Charlotte County.
America Recycles, Do You?

All Charlotte County residents have the opportunity to recycle. As we celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15th, use the chart below to better understand what you should and should not recycle. Why recycle? You may ask. Well, recycling helps reduce the amount of garbage in landfills that take hundreds of years to break down. Recycling also helps to preserve trees by reducing the need for new paper since we can reuse what we already have. All in all, we are preserving natural resources by recycling. Recycling things you shouldn’t slows down the recycling process, increases the cost of recycling and decreases the value of the end product. So, do your best to recycle correctly!

Take this opportunity to use recycled items to create a recycled craft for the Fair Exhibit Booth!

Celebrating our Veterans

November 11 is a U.S. Federal holiday to celebrate those who have served in the armed services or military including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The Veterans should be celebrated for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our freedoms. As we celebrate United States Veterans, take time to do one more more of the following activities: attend a Veterans Day Parade, Read a book related to Veterans Day or the military, raise money to donate to a local veterans group, say thank you in person or by writing a letter to those in uniform or those who have served previously. Please take a moment to recognize a few members of 4-H families (shown below) who have served in the military.

Niernan Corrigan
United States Marine Corps

Jonathan Corwin
Army National Guard

Melvin John Corwin
United States Air Force

NATIONAL PARFAIT DAY

Ingredients:
- 3 cups chopped apple or other fresh fruit
- 2 cups low-fat yogurt, plain or vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat granola or other whole grain cereal

Instructions:
Cut fruit into bite sized pieces. Place 1/2 cup fruit in bottom of bowl. Spoon 1/3 cup yogurt on top. Spoon 1/4 cup cereal on top of yogurt.
Marketing Your 4-H Livestock Project

Not only do you have the opportunity to gain valuable life skills through your 4-H Livestock project, you also have the opportunity to receive a premium price for your animal that you are able to market through the Charlotte County Fair. Thinking like a business person is essential to your success with your project and identifying and communicating with potential buyers is key. With business in mind, you should be sure to know what your expenses are and be able to calculate your break even price for your animal.

Recruiting buyer's for your livestock animal project should begin several months prior to the fair. By starting early, you will allow buyers plenty of time to plan to attend the auction and to budget for their purchase. Also, contacting buyers early allows you time to build rapport with the buyer(s) and answer questions they may have about your project and/or the auction. Making sure that you have at least 2 buyers who will be bidding on your animal during the auction is extremely important.

Start early by sending a letter of introduction towards the beginning of your project. You can send additional letters throughout the project as updates and a final letter to follow-up closer to the fair. Send letters to businesses, families, individuals, relatives, grocery stores, coaches/mentors, groups of people. Use lists of buyers from previous years and also contact people that your family knows or does business with (gas station, dentist, insurance, bank, etc.). Most buyers at the auction take into consideration several factors when bidding including if you sent them a letter or invite to the fair, did you send them a thank-you if they bought before and whether or not your family conducts business with them when possible.

Join us for our Buyer's Letter Workshop on Tuesday, November 12th from 4:00 until 5:00 at the Grace Street 4-H Office to learn how to write a good buyer's letter.

BUYER'S LETTER HELPFUL HINTS:

- INTRODUCE YOURSELF (AGE, GRADE, NAME)

- INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

- WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THIS YEAR FROM YOUR PROJECT?

- WHAT WERE CHALLENGES OR THINGS YOU ENJOYED?

- 4-H INVOLVEMENT (OFFICERS, MEETINGS, TEAMS ETC.)

- PLANS FOR FUTURE EDUCATION

- CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT THE BUYER CAN REACH YOU TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION

- INCLUDE PICTURES OF YOU AND YOUR ANIMAL

- PROOF READ!

- SIGN EACH LETTER
Are Ewe Kidding Goat & Lamb Club

The Goat & Lamb club members learned how to give different types of shots at their last club meeting.

4-H Wildlife Club

The 4-H Wildlife Club met on Monday, October 7th. They had a guest speaker, Animal Control Officer, Jordan Nord. Jordan spoke to the members about her job as an Animal Control Officer. Members were also able to look inside her Animal Control truck to see what she uses to do her job. Members ended their meeting by making pine cone bird feeders.

4-H Fall Dairy Day Camp

On October 18th, a group of 4-H youth attended the 4-H Fall Dairy Day Camp. On this day, 4-H’ers were able to learn about different types of dairy cows, make ice cream and visit Dakin Dairy Farm.

National 4-H Week Proclamation

4-H members attended the Board of County Commissioners Meeting and received the proclamation for National 4-H Week!

4-H Bug Club

The Bug Club members learned all about Bed Bugs, Termites and other pests during this meeting. They were able to take a look at them up close. They also were able to enjoy a tasty spider snack!
4 Paws & a Tail Dog Club

This month, the 4 Paws & a Tail Dog Club hosted a Halloween Costume Contest at Gilchrist Park. This club also visited Village Place Nursing & Rehab where they needed to use the training they have learned to handle their dogs.

4-H Cloverbud Club

The 4-H Cloverbud Club learned all about Pumpkins during their October meeting. Thanks to the donations from Kings Highway Walmart, Punta Gorda Win Dixie and Kings Highway Win Dixie, each 4-H’er was able to learn how to measure the circumference and height of their pumpkin, weigh their pumpkin and take it home to carve it. In addition, 4-H’ers learned about the life cycle of the pumpkin by creating a pumpkin craft. Finally, they read the book Spookly the Square Pumpkin and made an edible Spookly snack. We look forward to learning about Poultry at the November meeting.

4-H Teen Leader Group

The Charlotte County 4-H Teen Leader group has been working hard to plan their 1st fundraiser of the year. Please look out for the information about their Parents Night Out event. During their October meeting they were also tasked with preparing to teach various portions of the 4-H Officer Training course. Thank you Teen’s for all of your help!

ETHICS SEMINAR

JANUARY 7, 2020
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
514 E GRACE STREET
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950
RSVP ONLINE AT
ON THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR
AGRIBUSINESS PAGE
CERTIFICATES ARE VALID
FOR 3 FAIR SEASONS
(SEPTEMBER - MAY)
Current Community Club Listing

**Cows n Plows Beef & Breed Club:** This 4-H club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on beef cattle and how to prepare them for the fair.

**Beaks & Bills Poultry Club:** This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club focuses on poultry (chickens, turkeys, ducks).

**Cloverbuds Club:** This 4-H club is open to youth ages 5, 6 & 7 years old. This club will introduce youth to 4-H while they complete fun/educational activities.

**4 Paws & a Tail Dog Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club has monthly meetings for youth who would like to learn more about dogs and complete service projects. They also have weekly meetings for youth interested in teaching their dogs various skills & showing at local shows.

**Horse Club:** This 4-H club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club will determine the needs of the members before determining instructional topics. Members are not required to have their own horse to attend.

**Are Ewe Kidding Goat & Lamb Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on educating youth about goats and lambs and preparing them to show at local fairs and shows.

**Top Choice Livestock Judging Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on teaching youth how to judge cattle, sheep and swine and participates in multiple competitions throughout the year.

**Charlotte Shutterbugs Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on teaching youth the basics of still and stop motion photography.

**Fast & Furriest Rabbit & Cavy Club:** This club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club focuses on educating youth about rabbits and cavy and preparing them to show at the county fair.

**Cows n Plows Swine Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on swine and how to prepare them for the fair.

**Show Swine Club:** This club is open to youth ages 8-18. This club focuses on educating youth in swine care and showmanship. Youth in this club must commit to attending at least 2 Swine Prospect Shows this year.

**Teen Leader Club:** This club is open to youth ages 13-18. This club focuses on citizenship, leadership and community service. Youth must complete the application process to be considered for the group.

**Wildlife Club:** This club is open to youth ages 5-18. This club teaches youth about local wildlife.

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**HOW TO JOIN 4-H**

A child’s eligibility for participation in 4-H is determined by their age as of September 1, 2019. The minimum age for a 4-H'er is 5 years old as of September 1st.

If you are ready to participate in Charlotte County 4-H, complete a Florida 4-H Enrollment online at 4honline.com. Be sure to choose a club prior to enrolling online as you need to select the club(s) you plan to attend.

The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program requires an annual $20.00 membership fee for Community Club Members ages 8-18. You will need to follow the link to pay after enrolling to be considered an active 4-H member.
November 2019 Calendar of Events

November 4, 2019: Wildlife Club
November 5, 2019: Horse Club
November 6, 2019: Livestock Judging Club
November 7, 2019: Leader's Meeting
November 11, 2019: Veterans Day - Office Closed
November 12, 2019: Buyer's Letter Workshop 4-5 pm
Swine Club Meeting
November 13, 2019: Dog Club Monthly meeting
Poultry Club Meeting
November 14, 2019: Leroy's Fall Social 6-9 pm
November 18, 2019: Peace River Elementary School Club
November 19, 2019: Beef & Breed Club
November 20, 2019: Swine Show Club
November 21, 2019: Bug Club
   Cloverbud Club
   Teen Leader Club
   Goat & Lamb Club
   Rabbit & Cavy Club
November 28, 2019: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DID YOU KNOW?
Mature turkeys have over 3,500 feathers.
Wild turkeys can fly 55 miles per hour and run 25 miles per hour.
Americans will cook over 45 million turkeys on Thanksgiving Day.

Looking Ahead
January 4, 2020: 4-H Day at the Gator Basketball Game
January 7, 2020: Ethics Seminar (9am - 12pm)
January 30, 2020: 4-H Day at the Capitol

GIVE THANKS FOR BLESSINGS EVERY DAY.
EVERY DAY. EMBRACE GRatitude.
ENCourage OTHERS.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE GRATEFUL AND HATEFUL AT THE SAME TIME.

Denzel Washington
COME ONE, COME ALL...

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

4-H

FALL CHARITY SOCIAL

Hosted by the Charlotte County 4-H Association

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LEROY’S SOUTHERN KITCHEN
201 W. MARION AVENUE
PUNTA GORDA, 33950

DINE OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE!
LEROY’S IS DONATING 25% OF PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT CHARLOTTE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH PROGRAMS.

SILENT AUCTION FEATURING RTIC COOLERS

NO TICKETS NECESSARY, ALL ARE WELCOME!

WANT TO DONATE DIRECTLY? CONTACT KRISTIE POPA AT 941-764-4345 OR KPOPA@UFL.EDU

JOIN US FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL AT LEROYS IN PUNTA GORDA!

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

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