Celebrating National 4-H Week

Let’s celebrate National 4-H week! October 4th - 10th is a week for millions of youth, parents, volunteers & alumni across the country to celebrate everything 4-H. Charlotte County 4-H will observe National 4-H week this year by showcasing incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. We will continue to showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people and will highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

The theme of this year’s National 4-H Week is “Opportunity4All,” which is a campaign that was created by the National 4-H Council to rally support for the 4-H program and to identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America. So many children are struggling to reach their full potential and 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe that every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed and that every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world. Please celebrate National 4-H week with us by participating in one of the many state events below.

A New and Improved 4-H Online

Florida 4-H is pleased to announce the 4-H Online enrollment and event registration site has been upgraded. Click http://4h4ononline.com to access the new login page. This is where you will enroll for the 2020-21 4-H year beginning August 24. Please confirm with your county 4-H personnel for local enrollment dates.

4-H Online 2.0

You can access 2.0 from the following browsers on your computer and mobile device. For the best experience, make sure your browser is up-to-date.

Chrome
Firefox
Microsoft Edge
Safari

2.0 will not work with Internet Explorer

Re-Enrolling a Youth

1. Click on Family in the sidebar menu to update family profile information.
2. Click on Enroll Now for the member you wish to re-enroll.
3. Confirm that you are enrolling in Florida as a returning 4-H member.
4. Complete all sections of the enrollment.

LIVE events begin at 6:30 pm EST

- Florida 4-H Hall of Fame - FB Live
- Spirit Day - Wear Green
- 4-H Trivia Night - FB Live
- Camp Night - 2-00M #Opportunity4All Forum - FB Live
It's Fall Y'all

Even though Floridians do not witness many of the changes caused by the seasons here in our home state, sweater weather, falling leaves, clocks falling back and pumpkin spice can be found throughout the United States this time of year. These are just a few staples of the Fall season.

Fall, is one of the 4 seasons and is the transition between summer and winter. During the 1500's, this season was called "harvest" as it was the time of year when farmers would gather their crops and prepare for winter storage. Although the season has evolved over the years, many of the same events still take place each year. Once people began moving away from farms and into cities to work in factories, the season began being known as fall or autumn.

Some of the significant changes you will notice during this season include:

- The color change and falling of the leaves due to the short amounts of sunlight and plants no longer producing their own food. Leaves change from green to red to golden yellow and finally a vivid orange before falling off completely.
- Shorter days and longer nights caused by daylight savings time resulting in less daylight during this season.
- Mild temperatures are more likely causing this to be the perfect time for outdoor activities.

As we enjoy all that fall brings us, spend some time outdoors or doing fall related crafts and activities with a friend.

The Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to educate students of the mandatory procedures and requirements that will be in effect for the Florida State Fair. Certifications are valid for three (3) Fair seasons, not 3 calendar years.

The Charlotte County Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing a youth animal project. With this in mind, the Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Training Program was developed by the Florida State Fair and is required for all exhibitors 8 years old and older.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the expiration date for the 2018 Certifications will be extended until May 2021. For the 2020/2021 Fair Season, Certification Numbers starting with 18, 19, 20, and 21 are valid.

Find a workshop here: https://tinyurl.com/yysb77g2
**2020-2021 4-H ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H year has begun. Make sure to pay your $20.00 enrollment fee for all youth ages 8 and older. Enroll using this link: http://v2.4honline.com

**YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4HONLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY FAIR.**

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**STARTING A FALL GARDEN**

Florida's perfect fall weather provides the perfect opportunity to start a vegetable garden. This time of year in Florida brings cooler weather without freezing temperatures that would kill many vegetables planted in your garden. Take a look at the graphic below to figure out which cool season vegetables you should consider planting.

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

**October 24, 2020**

Make a Difference Day serves as the perfect opportunity to help others by doing volunteer work in the community.

Try to find a community improvement project that you can help out with on Make a Difference Day this year (October 24th). These projects could include:

- Cleanup trash or overgrown flowerbeds
- Paint a house, a room or wall
- Repairing something that is broke

Volunteer for a non-profit, community, town, nursing home, church or food kitchen in your community and share your pictures with us on Make a Difference day.
4-H SWINE CLUB

It's that time of year, where our members have been busy selecting their new project animal for the 2021 fairs. They have spent a lot of time researching, learning what to look for in a market hog project and have been talking to breeders from all across Florida and all the way to Iowa in hopes to select a blue ribbon pig. They will start with a pig that weighs around 65-100lbs and by fair time their animal should weigh between 240-280lbs. They will have a lot of work in the upcoming months as they learn how to feed and care for their animal as well as train their pig how to properly drive in the show ring. Many of our members will also be competing in the Florida Jr Swine Circuit this winter to gain experience before they show at the fair. The circuit consist of several shows across the state between November thru January where they can earn points to compete for overall awards and have the opportunity to compete against other exhibitors across the state. We also have a couple of members who also in January will be competing in Perry, Ga at the Winter Type Conference where they will be competing at the National level against other exhibitors from around the country. In the next few months our club will be learning showmanship skills and how to market their projects to potential buyers.

4 PAWS & A TAIL

DOG CLUB

Over the summer, 2 of our kids participated in a nationwide virtual dog show put on by the Kentucky 4-H program. I'm proud to announce that Isa Bell won the 2 classes she entered, Most Creative Costume and Best Trick. Bryton Sanner came in 3rd in the Best Trick class.
## 2021 Charlotte County Fair
### Livestock - Dates to Remember

**Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.**
The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County
2333 El Jobean Road * Port Charlotte, FL 33948 * 941-629-4252 * Fax 941-629-6540
www.thecharlottecountyfair.com

### 2021 Schedule to Follow
**Fair Dates are January 29th - February 7th, 2021**

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**Paperwork Due is the Appropriate Entry Form, Exhibitor & Parent Code of Conduct, Signed Barn Rules. You will not be allowed to unload, weigh-in, tag-in unless all paperwork is properly filled out and presented with animal.**

**Breed Cattle/Small Animal/Goat**
At Weigh-in/Tag-in
October 18, 2020 if not before to Jackie or Fair

**Daily Arrival Times for Exhibitors will be announced. You must check in yourself no later than 15 mins after that time, you will be charged $25 fee for each late arrival. Emergencies are to be called in ASAP.**

### Shows/Activities:

**Friday, January 29, 2021**
- 7PM: Goat & Lamb Show
- 1PM: Steer Show
- 5PM: Breed Show & Sale
- 12:30PM: Rabbit & Cavy Show
- 3PM: Hog Show
- 3:30PM: Poultry Judged (Closed Barn)

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**
- 6PM: Exhibitor Ride Night (bands $10 each)
- 6:30PM: Agility
- 7:45PM: Market Animal Buyer Social

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**
- 6:30PM: Market Animal/Breed Cattle Sale
- 7PM: Record Books & Thank You's

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**
- 9AM-3PM: Small Animal/Goat Sale
- 4PM: Post Fair Workday

**Daily Schedule Market Exh. Subject to Change**
- 5:30PM: Feed Animals
- 5:45PM: Meeting (as necessary)
- 6:00PM: All exhibitors eat dinner

**Breaking any rules or leaving without permission will result in a fine of $100 per occurrence.**
It is better to start something early rather than wait until the last minute. Use the first week of October (Get Organized Week) to organize your 4-H project. Choose 1 task from the list below or create your own for each day of the week!

*Record Book: Create or review objectives
*Record Book: Take and/or print pictures
*Record Book: Outline Buyer's Letter
*Record Book: Receipts/Financial Records
*Outline or write Buyer's Letters
*Create a list of shows/fairs you plan to participate in and their registration deadlines
*Complete show registrations
*Clean and organize show supplies
*Groom your animal
*Determine your County Events topic.
*Create an outline for your County Events presentation

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**2020-2021 4-H Club Calendar**

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2020-2021 4-H Club Calendar

Virtual Cooking Club
- September
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May

Book Club
- September 21st
- September 28th
- October 5th
- October 12th
- October 19th
- October 26th

Statewide Clubs
Please contact the local 4-H office to see what clubs are offered statewide.

Leader’s Meetings
- August 11th
- September 29
- October
- November
- December
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June

*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*
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