

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Official Newsletter of Charlotte County 4-H



A Compliment a Day and the Smiles Will Stay

National Compliment day which takes place on January 24th serves as the perfect time to begin paying compliments to those around you. A compliment is an expression of praise, commendation, or admiration. Both giving and receiving compliments can not only boost happiness but also the self confidence of those giving and receiving the compliments. Take a moment out of your day and give at least one compliment each day! Whether you give the compliment in person, over the phone or via text or email, any compliment received is appreciated.

Here are a list of common compliments that may be given:

- Your smile is contagious!
- You are brave.
- You have a good head on your shoulders.
- You are a great friend.
- You are one of a kind.
- I appreciate you!
- You are inspiring.
- You are like sunshine on a rainy day.
- You are making a difference.
- You are a gift to those around you.
- You have the best ideas.
- You light up the room.
- You should be proud of yourself.



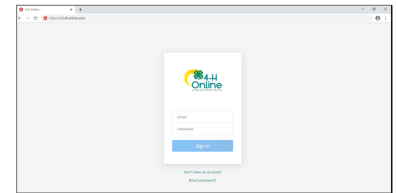
you're doing great!



4-H ENROLLMENT

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://v2.4honline.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.

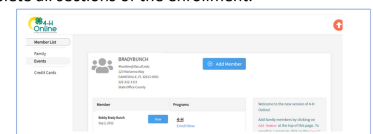
- Chrome
- Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari

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.





Pop Your Own Popcorn

Corn planted in spring is pollinated during early summer and removed from stalks when matured using a combine. The combine not only removes the stalks but also removes the kernels from the cob leaving the husks and stalks in the field.

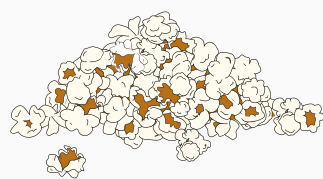
Once the corn is removed from the cob, it is dried to the perfect moisture level and is sealed into containers to be sold.

Most corn is grown in the United States "Corn Belt," which includes Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska. The corn grown Different types of corn are used for different purposes. On January 19th, we will celebrate National Popcorn Day. On this day, try popping popcorn on the stovetop (with a parent's help). Even though buttery microwave popcorn sounds delicious, stove popped popcorn is the healthiest and certainly delicious when you add your own toppings.

In order to pop your popcorn, you will need a heavy duty stockpot with a lid or dutch oven, 3 tbsp. of olive oil and 1/2 cup of popcorn kernels. Over medium heat, pour in popcorn kernels, stir to coat with oil and keep stirring occasionally until kernels begin to sizzle. Put lid on and raise heat between medium and medium high after 1-2 minutes of popping, pick up with lid on and shake up and down. When popping slows to every couple of seconds, turn off the heat. Set the lid partially off so that the steam can escape. After 1 minute, pour into a bowl and drizzle with olive oil and your favorite toppings.

Ranch Topping

- 1/2 tsp dill
- 1/2 tsp chives
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper



Other Toppings

- cheese
- cinnamon
- cocoa powder
- garlic powder
- pepper

ELEVATOR SPEECH

When meeting with a potential buyer in person, it is important to have an elevator speech prepared. Elevator speeches should serve as a quick synopsis of your background, experience and what you want to achieve.

- An elevator speech should be 30-60 seconds or short enough to be presented during an elevator ride.
- Keep the speech positive and persuasive.
- Spark the interest of your listener.
- Do your best not to speak fast & avoid rambling.
- Include
 - who you are
 - what you do
 - what you want to do with your earnings from your market animal project.
- Share your goals with your listener.





CRAFTY CLOVERS SPRING EDITION

Are you interested in doing crafts from your own home? We will be starting our Spring Edition of the Crafty Clovers program. We are working on a list of crafts we will be completing and will post it in the next edition of the Hot Off the Press Newsletter.



4-H SWINE CLUB

The 4-H Swine Club recently collected toys at Peace River Seafood, wrapped them and delivered them to the Homeless Coalition shelter. Congratulations on a great Community Service activity!



BUYER'S LETTERS

When marketing your animal, a Buyer's Letter is one of the most important aspects of ultimately selling your animal. A buyer's letter is a way for you to acquire new and returning buyers to come to the livestock sale. A Buyer's Letter serves as an invitation from you to become a potential buyer. Many buyers. Use these tips to write a great Buyer's Letter:

- Make it personal - instead of Dear Sir, use the persons' name for example, Mr. Smith
- Letters should be handwritten if possible. Do not photocopy and add a written name. If you do type and print letter, personally sign each letter.
- Layout of letter:
 - Introduce yourself (name, age, school, years in 4-H etc.)
 - Information about your project and your 4-H club.
 - About your animal (breed, age, temperament)
 - How you raised your animal & what you learned while doing it
 - 4-H club name and your involvement within the club & county 4-H program
 - Contact information
 - Fair dates (show, sale, etc.) including times and locations of each event
 - Add a photo of you and your project



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

RULES AVAILABLE			ON WEBSITE
STEER WEIGH-IN	AUGUST 2, 2020	8AM-10AM	XL BAR COWPENS
HOG/MARKET LAMB TAG-IN	OCTOBER 4, 2020	8AM-10AM	ALBOE FARMS
SMALL ANIMAL CHECK-IN (BAND/TAG)	OCTOBER 18, 2020	9AM-11AM	4-H OFFICE, GRACE ST
SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT ARRIVE	JANUARY 27, 2021	5PM-8PM	FAIRGROUNDS
MARKET/BREED LAMB ARRIVE	JANUARY 28, 2021	4PM-7PM	FAIRGROUNDS
BREED CATTLE ARRIVE	JANUARY 30, 2021	8AM-10AM	FAIRGROUNDS
POST WORK DAY (ALL)	FEBRUARY 7, 2021	9AM-3PM	FAIRGROUNDS

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 PRESENT WITH ANIMAL.

MARKET ANIMALS	AT WEIGH-IN/TAG-IN
BREED CATTLE/SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT	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
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021	1PM	STEER SHOW
	5PM	BREED SHOW & SALE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021	12:30PM	RABBIT & CAVY SHOW
	3PM	HOG SHOW
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021	3:30PM	POULTRY JUDGED (CLOSED BARN)
	6PM	POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP & AWARDS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021	3PM-6PM	PICTURES (Dressed in Club or Sale Attire, No ball caps)

AFTER SHOW/SALE PICTURES WILL ONLY BE TAKEN AFTER EVERYTHING IS COMPLETE AND APPROVED BY BARN CREW (NO EXCEPTIONS)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021	6PM	EXHIBITOR RIDE NIGHT (BANDS \$10EACH)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021	6-8PM	AGILITY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021	5PM-7PM	MARKET ANIMAL BUYER SOCIAL
	7PM	MARKET ANIMAL/BREED CATTLE SALE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021	6PM	RECORD BOOKS & THANK YOU'S
	4PM	SMALL ANIMAL/GOAT SALE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021	9AM-3PM	POST FAIR WORKDAY

DAILY SCHEDULE MARKET EXH.	5:30PM	FEED ANIMALS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE	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 OCCURANCE

Dear Charlotte County Fair exhibitors,

As the fair is quickly approaching I just want to remind you of a few important things that need to be done prior to fair check-in.

For the swine exhibitors, make sure your breeders identification is in your animals ear and our fair ear tag and BOTH of those numbers MUST be on your health paper.

For steer and breed animals, if your animal will be over 18 months at the fair you must have a state I.D. tag in your animal and that number as well as the flap tag MUST be on the health paper.

For chicken exhibitors if you need your birds bled you can contact Ms. Abby, our health inspector and she can get with you prior to the fair that way it is done.

As always thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time. If you need state tags, or breeder tags please contact Abby, her information is below.



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PEN FRIENDS

This is the last chance to sign up for the 4-H Pen Friends program.

Sign up here to write letters to another 4-H'er from somewhere in the United States!

<https://tinyurl.com/y4qwbps6>

Make a new friend this year!



**4-H
Pen
Friends**



**CONNECTING YOUTH
FROM AFAR**

Contact us:

Charlotte County 4-H
514 E Grace Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Kristie Popa - 4-H Agent
(941) 833-3836
kpopa@ufl.edu

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2020-2021 4-H Club Calendar

Charlotte County 4-H
514 E. Grace Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



Charlotte County 4-H

CALENDAR

2020-2021



Phone: (941) 764-4345
Kristie: kpopa@ufl.edu
Carrie: clbaucom@ufl.edu

Beef & Breed

August 25th
September 22nd
October 27th
November 17th
December 15th
January 26th
February 23rd
March 23rd
April 27th
May 25th

Rabbit & Cavy

September 8th
October 13th
November 10th
December 8th
January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th

Dog

August 26th
September 23rd
October 28th
November 18th
December 16th
January 27th
February 24th
March 24th
April 28th
May 26th

LifesMarts

September 15th
October 20th
November 17th
December 15th
January 16th
February 16th
March TBD
April 20th
May 18th

Swine

August 5th
September 2nd
October 7th
November 4th
December 2nd
January 6th
February 3rd
March 3rd
April 7th
May 5th

Beaks & Bills Poultry

September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December 9th
January 13th
February 10th
March 10th
April 14th
May 12th

Goat/Lamb

September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th
January 21st
February 18th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th

Horse

September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd
December 1st
January 5th
February 2nd
March 2nd
April 6th
May 4th

Vet Science

September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th
January 20th
February 17th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th

Citrus

August 27th
October 29th
December 3rd
January 19th



ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

An Equal Opportunity Institution



**Don't delay, start
working on them
today!**

**Record Books will be
due May 7th.**