



Giving kids a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.



# ST LUCIE COUNTY 4-H QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT SPRING 2024-25

Hurray! It is almost the end of another successful 4-H year. With many accomplishments, we must celebrate, applaud, and recognize everyone who has dedicated their time, talent, effort, energy, and contributions (kind and in-kind). These accomplishments span county, district, regional, and state-level events and programs, including county fairs, demos, district competitions, regional-to-state horse shows, Insectathon, public speaking contests, and Food Challenge Competition, to name a few. We have made a deliberate effort through our 4-H Advisory Board and County Council to increase participation in the various Citizenship and Leadership programs at all levels. We applaud the benevolence of all our 4-H sponsors who made it possible for us to offer the following twenty-nine scholarships:

- 4 \$1,000 SLC Senior Scholarships.
- 3 Full Scholarships to attend the FL Executive Board Sessions.
- 3 Full Scholarships & 1 Partial Scholarship to attend Discovery Camp.
- 4 Full Scholarships to attend FL Camp Cloverleaf for overnight summer camp.
- 2 Full Scholarships to attend FL 4-H LEG.
- 6 Full Scholarships to attend FL iLead.
- 6 Partial Scholarships to compete at the FL State Horse Show.

Compared to the past years, this is an example of how we live up to the 4-H Motto: "To Make the Best Better." We look forward to closing the year with an Awards and Recognition Ceremony on August 22nd as a culmination of the year's program. I encourage you to support the process and participate in the effort to achieve Positive Youth Development (PYD) in every 4-H project, event, activity, and program we offer.

Sincerely,

## 4-H CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### June

6/23-25

iLead

6/27-29

State Horse Show

### July

7/1

Exec. Board & State Officer  
Candidate Applications Due

7/18

4-H University County Zoom

7/25

Annual Leader Meeting

7/29 - 8/1

4-H University

7/31 - 8/4

Southern Regional Horse Show

### August

8/22

Awards & Appreciation Event

### September

9/19-22

Southern Regional  
Team Leadership Conference



# EDUCATION OUTREACH

St. Lucie County 4-H  
County Council members  
engaged and educated the  
public at the Oxbow Earth  
Day Festival in April.

E D U C A T I O N

The St. Lucie County 4-H  
Team offers numerous  
Education Outreach  
programs to schools,  
homeschool groups, and  
afterschool programs  
throughout the year.

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**SLC 4-H Education Outreach  
with Helping People Succeed  
Hands on Learning with Insects!**



# FL 4-H 3RD EXECUTIVE BOARD



# FL 4-H AREA SOUTH HORSE SHOW



# SLC 4-H CLOVER CLUB'S FREE LITTLE LIBRARY PROJECT

On Friday, May 10, 2024, the Clover 4-H Club held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the area's newest Little Free Library. The Clover Club is a homeschool club, and what is one thing all homeschoolers have in common? Books! The combination of a love of books and the 4-H commitment to community service paired for a perfect project in the Little Free Library. Club President Gabriel Pilch stated, "My favorite part of the Little Free Library was how it all came together when everybody worked together." This Little Free Library is the first to be built by any 4-H club in St. Lucie County.

The design chosen for the Little Free Library is a light green background with dark green clovers painted by each member and commemorated with the names of each 2023-2024 club member. Club Vice President Ava Schildmeier said, "I think the design chosen for the Little Free Library represents our club in many ways." The Clover Club worked diligently all year to bring this project to completion. Club Leader Lydia Pilch summed it up, "So today, we get to celebrate the culmination of hard and intentional work from a huge variety of willing people. And every time we look at the library, we can remember the efforts of our 4-H community that made this possible. The heads that had so many creative ideas, the hearts that wanted to be a blessing to those around them, the hands that gave to larger service to their community, and the health that everyone who takes a book from this library will receive in the benefits of reading good books." This new resource was constructed at the UF/IFAS Hurricane House at 8350 Picos Road, Fort Pierce, Florida, and is registered on the Little Free Library website.

Written by: Brayden Schildmeier



# CLUB AWARD CELEBRATIONS



# SLC 4-H DISCOVERY CAMP



# CONGRATULATIONS ADRIANNA SPOTTS!



We were honored to be invited to see Adrianna Spotts be presented the City of Fort Pierce's **Outstanding Role Model Award**. Adrianna is a member of Trails & Tails 4-H Club as well as our County Council. We are proud to have her represent 4-H along with the other youth organizations she belongs to. Way to go!





# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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*Congratulations!*

**Thanks to our generous community partners we gave 36 St. Lucie County 4-H Scholarship awards to several deserving youth!**

**Watch for additional scholarship opportunities to open in 2024-25**

- 4 \$1,000 SLC Senior Scholarships
- 3 Full Scholarships to attend FL Executive Board
- 4 Full & 1 Partial Scholarships to attend Discovery Camp
- 4 Full Scholarships to attend FL Camp Cloverleaf for overnight summer camp
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- 6 Full Scholarships to attend FL iLead
- 5 Full Scholarships to attend 4-H University
- 6 Partial Scholarships to compete at the FL State Horse Show



The selection of the St Lucie County 4-H Youth Scholarships are made based on applications received, availability of funds, and standards established by our St. Lucie County 4-H Advisory Committee.

# SLC 4-H YOUTH IN THE NEWS



Berkley being honored on the House Floor by Senator Trabusly  
Photo provided by Laura Barnes



Berkley with Senator Trabusly  
Photo provided by Laura Barnes



Berkley with Senator Trabusly  
Photo provided by Laura Barnes

**Florida 4-H Youth Development Program LEG 2024 is a wrap, but its impact on participants will last a lifetime!**

**This annual program introduces participants like Berkley Barnes to Florida's legislative process. You might not know this 17-year-old's name, but if you have a Florida 4-H'er or Florida FFA Association member, you owe her a high five because she's the reason your child receives an excused absence when participating in events!**

**Learn more about how her leg experience led to working with State Representative Dana Trabusly to make her 4-H leg mock bill part of the recently adopted, State Bill 1084 [bit.ly/4b64pZE](https://bit.ly/4b64pZE).**

# TESSA TOMAN'S WORKFORCE PREP



Removing the skin for rinds and trimming the meat. Photo credit: Shaelyn Toman.



Tessa learning to break down primal cuts. Photo credit: Shaelyn Toman.



2024 St. Lucie County Fair Queen. Photo credit: Stacy Dale.

4-H Workforce Preparation is a clear indication that sometimes, we don't acknowledge the work that goes into the food at our table, and this program gives a hands-on opportunity for the participants to have this insight. Tessa Toman is a senior 4-H member of the Feathers and Furs 4-H club with eight years of active participation in 4-H. Her parents are Christian and Shaelyn Toman, and she is the first of two children; her younger brother is Jasper Toman. Homeschooled as part of her [workforce preparation](#), Tessa is dual enrolled at Southeastern University for her associate degree. She hopes to continue her education at the University of Florida for a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Tessa's main 4-H project interest, or "central SPARK," has been the Hog and Ham 4-H program. It is her interest and aptitude to become a Butcher by profession. Tessa is the Feathers and Furs 4-H club president and the 2024 Saint Lucie County Fair Queen winner.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about Tessa's Story!



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**YOU'RE INVITED TO**

# **SLC 4-H AWARDS & APPRECIATION**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024**

**6 PM**

**Havert L. Fenn Center  
2000 Virginia Ave. Fort  
Pierce, FL 34982**

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED &  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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# SLC 4-H MARKET LAYING HENS PROJECT REGISTRATION “SAVE THE DATE”

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## 4-H MARKET LAYING HENS PROJECT



1. General St. Lucie County youth livestock rules apply. No exceptions.
2. All entries must be preapproved through the St. Lucie County 4-H Office and approved by the 4-H Agent.
  - Exhibitors may show or auction only one market project during the 2025 St. Lucie County Fair.
  - Members must have completed one successful 4-H project year before enrolling in the Market Layer Hens Project.
  - Only Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Her's are eligible to participate.
3. Exhibitor Project Fee: A \$35 entry fee for each project will be due upon registration and no later than Chick Project Pick Up. This entry fee helps to cover the cost of the chicks.

[Click Here](#) to read the 2024-25 SLC 4-H Commercial Laying Hens Rules & Guidelines.

**REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15**



# SLC 4-H MARKET TREE REGISTRATION “SAVE THE DATE”

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## 4-H MARKET TREE PROJECT



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2. All entries must be preapproved through the St. Lucie County 4-H Office and approved by the 4-H Agent.
  - Exhibitors may only show or auction one market project at the 2025 St. Lucie County Fair.
  - Members must have completed one successful 4-H project year before enrolling in the Market Tree Project.
- c. Only Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Her's are eligible to participate.

Exhibitor Entry Fee: A \$25.00 entry fee for each project will be due upon registration and no later than August 9, 2024. This entry fee helps to cover the cost of the tree and the starting supplies

[Click Here](#) to read the 2024-25 SLC 4-H Commercial Tree Project Guidelines.

## REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 15



# SLC 4-H POULTRY CLINIC

## “SAVE THE DATE”



DISTRICT XI  
SAVE THE DATE!



# 4-H Poultry Clinic

WITH CINDY KINARD

This clinic will be packed full of information to help you understand how to care for and show your poultry projects!

Bring a snack and bring your poultry project if you have one.



Thurs., Oct. 3  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
\$5 Per Person



SLC FAIRGROUNDS

15601 Midway Rd, Fort Pierce, FL 34945 Building A

Questions? Please contact Candy at [Wickham.c@ufl.edu](mailto:Wickham.c@ufl.edu)

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# SLC 4-H FALL FARM FESTIVAL

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## ST. LUCIE COUNTY 4-H



## FALL FARM FESTIVAL



- \$5 PER CHILD
- ADULTS FREE & DONATIONS ACCEPTED
- USE QR CODE TO REGISTER & PAY
- ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT 4-H FARM PROGRAMS



## October 12



3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

1901 S FFA Rd., Ft. Pierce, FL



Farm Animals, \*New\* Safety Day Booth, 4-H Club Activity Booths, Treats, Music, Face Painting, Food Trucks & More!



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# SLC 4-H FALL FARM FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## ST. LUCIE COUNTY 4-H FALL FARM FESTIVAL Sponsorship Opportunities



ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT 4-H FARM PROGRAMS



### 2024-25 Farm Sponsor \$1,000



Sponsor the 4-H Farm and know that you are supporting maintenance and improvements. Your Logo will be prominently displayed on our event banner, Social Media sites, and in our annual St. Lucie County 4-H Yearbook.



### 2024-25 Education Sponsor \$500



Sponsor a designated Education Area at the 4-H Farm. Your Logo will be displayed on our event banner, on the designated sign for your chosen education area, and our Social Media sites.



### 2024-25 Field Trip Sponsor \$200

Sponsor a school grade level to come out to the 4-H Farm and we will waive our fee! Your gift will be known to the school officials, Your Logo will be displayed on our event banner, and our Social Media sites.



### Sponsor Details

Please email or call Terri Zuidema at 772-462-1285 or [tzuidema1@ufl.edu](mailto:tzuidema1@ufl.edu) with your business and logo information or to ask questions. St. Lucie County 4-H association is a 501c3 organization. Checks can be made payable to St. Lucie County 4-H Association. We also accept Venmo using the code to the right.



# SLC 4-H RABBIT & CAVY CLINIC "SAVE THE DATE"

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NOVEMBER 20TH**

**4 PM - 6 PM**

**SLC FAIRGROUNDS, BUILDING C**

**PRESENTED BY:  
WHEELER'S RABBITRY**

**QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT: CANDY WICKHAM  
AT 772-462-1669 OR WICKHAM.CI@UFL.EDU**

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## **RABBIT & CAVY CLINIC**

**THIS CLINIC OFFERED TO  
DISTRICT 11 4-H YOUTH WILL  
BE AN AWESOME  
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ALL  
ABOUT THEIR RABBIT AND  
CAVY PROJECTS AND GAIN  
SOME AMAZING SHOW TIPS!**



# SLC 4-H WORKSHOP "SAVE THE DATE"

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## Save the Date

DISTRICT XI  
BREVARD, INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, ST. LUCIE  
**4-H ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP**

11.16.24

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!

# SLC 4-H GALA "SAVE THE DATE"

2ND ANNUAL SLC 4-H OPPORTUNITY  
FOR ALL BENEFIT GALA  
AT ADAM'S RANCH

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## *Ranch Life & Moonlight*

SAT. JAN 11, 2025  
5:00 - 9:00

DINNER, DJ, CASH BAR, SILENT AUCTION, & MORE.  
ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY BENEFIT  
THE SLC 4-H YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

ADAMS RANCH



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