



4-H Newsletter

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Community Service is a joy. Amanda Harrison, Bobbi Harrison and Shelby Cody in a Lucky Horseshoe 4-H Club pose.

"4-H has always come through for us," says Director Lisa Goehle of LA Services. "We are a private, non-profit organization in its ninth year serving families' youth to adults with special needs."

"Every year we have a Spring Festival and a Christmas dinner. Six years ago, the members of Lucky Horseshoe first arrived with their horses. One little boy, short-legged and heavy-bodied from the large amounts of steroid medication, wanted to get on a horse in the worst way. It was impossible for us to pick him up until one gentleman stepped out from the club, used his own legs as a step stool, put the little boy on the horse, and gave him his cowboy hat to wear. The little boy's mom cried. He was the happiest child and slept well that night after he called as many relatives as possible to say that he rode a horsy."

The 4-H office appreciated Miss Goehle's comments. We would like to hear about your club's community involvement and

publish it if you wish. Learn by doing, meeting challenges for excellence and community service are common threads that run through the fabric of 4-H - youth having fun, making friends while helping others.

Research shows that youth want to make a difference in their community, but many feel powerless and are searching for ways to fulfill those aspirations. 4-H is the answer. "Shine Up The Sunshine State" is one such project. By having 4H members from all across the state participate in this community service project it will help promote the cleaning and beautification of the environment, recycling, beautification, improvement, and caring for Florida's natural resources, waterways, beaches, and communities.

Your Lee County Council teens would like your suggestions and help in fulfilling this challenge to make Florida beautiful. Call or e-mail your County Council representative or call the 4-H office.

For more information about the 4-H Program, please contact the Lee County Extension Service at (239) 461-7517 or (V/TDD) 1-800-955-8771. For persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations for any scheduled 4-H program or event, please contact the 4-H Office at the above number within three days of the program so that proper consideration may be given to the request.

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Lucky Horseshoe Report

We started our 4-H year off later than usual due to the hurricanes, but we've accomplished a lot. We changed our meeting night to the third Thursday at our leader's house (Ms. Bobbi). We have a smaller group this year. Our 2004-2005 officers are:

President:	Amanda Harrison
Vice President:	Melanie Byrd
Secretary:	Katie Ferguson
Treasurer:	Kalyn Overbee
Sgt. At Arms:	Paige Pohle

We have quite a few members doing Fair projects. We started our community service by providing Thanksgiving Dinner and collecting donations of money, food and clothing for an Arcadia family that were hurricane victims; collecting socks for the elderly, a program through the Lee County Sheriff's Office; and providing needed items for overseas troops. Our club is ordering the official 4-H jackets for our members and to help cover our expenses we sold the Classic Christmas Wreaths. We are discussing doing clinics and craft/food meetings for this year. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Amanda Harrison, President

Patch of Heaven Report

Our 2004-2005 club officers are:

President:	Shannon Gilmore
Vice President:	Holly Herndon
Secretary:	Cassi Dennis
Treasurer:	Malaine Carmine
Parliamentarian:	Malaine Carmine
Reporter/Historian:	Will Carmine, Josh Bantillo

We have been busy. We updated our Bylaws and changed our club name from Lucky Charms to Patch of Heaven.

We have performed two service projects. In October we helped Lee County Parks and Recreation with the Olga Community Center Halloween Haunted House. We were asked to set up and run an entire room of the center. In December we sang Christmas carols to the residents and staff at the Lee Convalescent Center.

At our December meeting Malaine Carmine and Cassi Dennis showed and handled their rabbits, while Malaine explained what they were doing. In January we had a field trip at Ding Darling Preserve and had our meeting at the Buckingham Presbyterian Church.

Goats R Us 3rd Annual Goat Show Lee Civic Center February 5, 2:30 pm

Pre-Registration Deadline & Cost:
January 24 - \$4.00 per goat, per class

Registration After January 24: \$6.00 per goat, per class

Check-In: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. **Show Begins:** 2:30 p.m.

Classes: Dairy Goat Meat Goat Pygmy
Wether Boer Nigerian Dwarf
4-H Jackpot Showmanship

**** Health Certificates Are Required ****

**Call Barbara Underwood at 694-1297
for More Information & Registration Forms**

District Council

The next District Council Meeting will be:

March 21, 2005, 5:30 p.m.

Hendry County Extension Office, LaBelle

* Rides are Available

The 4-H District Council consists of representatives from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties.

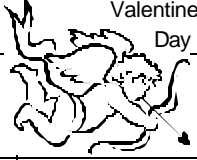
"How 4-H Benefits America" Contest

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2005


National 4-H Supply Service wants to know how you think 4-H benefits America, and your story could be used in the 2007 National 4H Calendar. Sending in a submission may even get you a free gift certificate towards your next purchase of merchandise from the 4-H Source Book! The 2007 calendar theme is "How 4-H Benefits America." It will be up to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff, and partners to furnish the stories that will be featured. These personal testaments must tell the what, when, where, why, and how, so everyone can understand how 4H benefits America. One story for each month will be featured in the calendar, and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a purchase in the 4H Source Book. Please limit your entry to 125 words, due to the space restrictions of the calendar.

Please e-mail, fax or mail your stories to Maria Cascioli at: National 4H Supply Service, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu; www.4-hmall.org; Phone: 301-961-2948; Fax: 301-961-2937

February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 4-H Fair Exhibit Judging, 9 am, Shandler Hall Lee Co. 4-H Goat Show, 2:30 pm, Lee Civic Center
6	7	8 4-H Fair Exhibit Judging Make-Up Date, 6 pm, Lee Co. Extension Ofc.	9	10 State Fair Tampa	11	12 4-H Day at State Fair →
13	Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 4-H County Council Mtg., 7 pm, Lee Co. Extension Ofc. →	22 4-H Leader Mtg., 7 pm, Lee Co. Extension Ofc.	23	24	25 SWFL & Lee County Fair "Something To Remember"	26
27	28 →					

March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SWFL & Lee County Fair →	2	3	4	5
6 4-H Ice Cream Social at Fair →	7 4-H Club Fair Booth Breakdown and Clean-Up, 9am-7:30pm	8	9	10	11	12 Lee Co. Parks & Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Manatee Park
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 4-H District Council Mtg., 5:30 pm, Hendry Co. Ext. Ofc., LaBelle	22	23	24	25	26
27  Easter	28 School Spring Break →	29	30	31	→ (April 1)	

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"Parents can only give good advice or put them [children] on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."

Anne Frank (1929-1945)

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl (1952)
entry for July 15, 1944



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