

4H TIDBITS

May Wildlife Happenings

- May initiates the onset of Florida's summer.

Birds of Florida

- Brown pelican and white ibis young are now visible in nests.
- Painted Buntings nest through summer in north-east Florida.
- Least terns and snowy plovers nest on Panhandle beaches.
- Bald eagles begin migrating north
- Breeding begins for many resident and summer songbirds
- The last of the cedar waxwings and goldfinches head for their northern breeding grounds.
- Least terns and Snowy Plovers nest on beaches and sandy flats of the Panhandle.

Mammals of Florida

- Gray Bats congregate at maternity caves now through mid-July.

Reptiles of Florida

- Alligators begin to court and make loud resounding 'bellows'.
- Loggerhead sea turtles begin nesting on summer nights.
- Soft-shell and alligator snapping turtles complete egg laying.

Fish of Florida

- Bluegill are bedding at the full moon.
- Redbreast sunfish and spotted sunfish begin spawning in rivers
- Pompano running in the surf in north Florida

Plants of Florida

- American lotus bloom at Paynes Prairies State Preserve

May Gardening Guide

What to Plant

- Annuals/Bedding Plants: Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, angelonia, wax begonia, and ornamental pepper.
- Bulbs: Planting varieties of daylily ensures months of color from these low-maintenance plants.
- Herbs: Continue to plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary.
- Vegetables: Swiss chard will take the heat as well as okra, southern pea, and sweet potato.

What to Do

- Pests: Insects become more active in warm weather. Watch for thrips, scales, and mites on ornamental plants.
- Gardenias: Yellowing of older leaves is usually normal; yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency.
- Oleanders: Inspect chewed or ragged leaves for oleander caterpillars at work.
- Lawn insects: Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in bahia grass lawns.
- Tomatoes: Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants.
- New plants: Produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings.
- Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and pruning if needed. Hire an ISA-certified arborist.
- Lawn Mowing: Encourage healthy growth and discourage insects, weeds, and diseases by mowing correctly.

Local Outdoor Challenge

During the month of May I challenge all 4Hers to get out to your local parks and have an adventure. There are so many wonderful places that are right under our nose to get out and enjoy. There is also a challenge from the Florida Fish and wildlife service with prizes to go and visit Wildlife Management Areas and record what you see. In order to find more about it checkout Florida WildQuest at myFWC.com.

There are so many things you can go from hiking, to swimming, to fishing, to boating, and so much more. The weather is perfect and you can socially distance like a pro out there. To be honest your nearest neighbor may be the wildlife that calls this place home. Send us pictures of your adventures and you may see them in the next newsletter. Have fun and enjoy the great weather.



JEFFERSON COUNTY 4H EVENTS



Jefferson County 4H Day Camps

Our Half Day Camps are starting to fill so if you would like to join us this summer for some fun in person camps please contact us soon. We will have a waitlist for those that don't know yet about summer.

These camps are fun, in person half day camps that will be filled with activities, learning, and of course lots of hands on fun. Covid 19 policies will be followed and masks will be worn. Mark your calendars now. The schedule is as follows:

June 15 –17; 11-14 yr olds (Food to Fork Half Day Camp)

July 13—15; 8-11 year olds (Nat Resource Half Day Camp)

July 20—21; 5-7year olds (Half Day Camp)

Hope to see you there. Stay Tuned!

UF/IFAS Garden Talks

Gardening season is in full swing! The monthly Garden Talks program will be held at the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension Office (2729 W. Washington Hwy. Monticello, FL 32344) from **10-11:30 AM EST on the 2nd Friday of each month**. The program will feature an educational session on a different gardening and landscaping topic each month. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to be a successful gardener. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions!

Garden Talks Schedule:

- Growing Tomatoes - May 14
- Composting - June 11
- Insects in the Garden - July 9
- Turf Grasses - Aug 13
- Growing Citrus - Sept 10
- Panhandle Wildflowers - Oct 8
- Planting and Maintaining Trees & Shrubs - Nov 12



The cost of the session each month is \$5. This fee will include printed copies of educational publications and an entry for door prize giveaways!

Attend one session or attend all! Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, registration will be limited so reserve your spot ASAP! We ask that you register individually for each session you would like to attend. All sessions will follow COVID -19 safety protocols such as social distancing and mask-wearing.

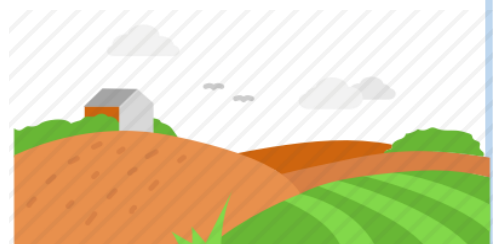
You can register online at: <https://jeffgardentalk.eventbrite.com> or by calling the UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension Office at 850-342-0187.

Get out and garden and let us help you! For more information about the program or assistance with registering, please call 850-342-0187 or email Danielle Sprague at dsprague@ufl.edu

The Land Explorers Club

We are off and running with our new program which can be viewed here: <https://sites.google.com/view/the-land-explorers/home>. All of the topics are self paced and can be viewed online with worksheets to help guided you through the content. A new section will be added every two weeks or so. You can join us anytime to see if you are interested in what is happening. Life long learners are more than welcome to join in on the fun and see what new tidbits you can pickup. Come join the fun and explore your land with us!

Note: this a program which you can ask questions, talk to fellow participants, and have live updates with Bryan (the instructor)





2021

JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMPS

FIELD-TO-FORK DAY CAMP



June 15-17, 2021 - 8AM-12PM

Ages: 11-14

Cost: \$30



Activities include:

Farm Tour & Processing Facility Tour
Hands-on Gardening
Learn to Grill & Grilling Contest

NATURAL RESOURCES DAY CAMP



July 13-15, 2021 - 8AM-12PM

Ages: 8-11

Cost: \$30



Activities include:

Forestry
Wildlife
Conservation

5-7 YEAR OLD DAY CAMP

July 20-21, 2021 - 8AM-12PM

Ages: 5-7

Cost: \$20



Activities include:

Crafts, Outdoor Cooking, Organized Recreation

To register or for more information, please contact:

UF/IFAS Jefferson County Extension
2729 W. Washington Hwy. Monticello, FL
850-342-0187

Each camp has a limit of 10 campers and will follow CDC Guidelines such as mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. All camps held at the Jefferson County Extension Office.

UPCOMING FLORIDA 4H EVENTS

General Florida 4H News



Legacy Nominations

This award is for Graduating Seniors. Nominations are submitted by 4-H Agents and are evaluated by 4-H University committee members. This award was created by youth members for youth members. A nomination is a huge honor as it shows how youth have exemplified what it means to be a 4-H member. Successful nominees will have represented the best of the 4 H's – Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Their 4-H activity has demonstrated excellence in the Essential Elements of 4-H: Belonging, Independence, Generosity, & Mastery.

We are first looking for a district winner – our Committee will first select a winner for each district from the nominations submitted. Then we will select a State Leader of the Legacy from the District winners...so it is really important to have nominations from each district.

The Nomination form is a fillable form. Please see the nomination form and scoresheet for your review.

Nominations are due June 1.

Please contact Courtney Quirie if you have any questions about the Leader of the Legacy Nomination Process.

Courtney.Quirie@ufl.edu

352-294-2901

Senior Portfolios

Scholarship portfolios are due.

Important Dates:

April 1 at 9am – Portfolio and references open online

June 1 at 4pm – Portfolio and References close online (nothing is accepted after this date and time)

Links to Submit a Portfolio and References – this will not be active until 4/1/2021



Tractor Supply Paper Clover

Paper Clover Runs **Wednesday, April 28 through Sunday, May 9.**

4-H'ers are not allowed to be in store (including the parking lot for Spring 2021) per TSC Corporate.

NEW FOR THE SPRING EVENT: 4-H Counties/Clubs can set up a display near the 22x28 poster that will be posted in store.

CONTEST: TSC stores will submit photo of display to corporate who will select winners and award gift cards. So your county could win a tractor supply gift card, expected to be relatively sizable (over \$100 at least).

Due to COVID-19, this display will not be manned during the event.

No more than four individuals from the 4-H club (including the advisor) are allowed in store for set up/tear down.

4-H Members and Advisors must follow TSC safety protocols: wear face coverings appropriately, maintain 6' social distancing from TSC Team Members and customers, use hand sanitizer & have temperature taken when arriving to the store to set up/take down.

No one with symptoms or exposure should be permitted to participate.

The 4-Hers will check in with the Manager on duty to introduce themselves upon arrival.

The standalone displays will only be up during the duration of the 12-day campaign.

Local 4-H programs should reach out to confirm set up/take down timing with the Store Manager.

Suggested Set Up: April 27th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Suggested Tear Down: May 9th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

The display cannot block any walkways. No impeding traffic in & out of the store.

UPCOMING FLORIDA 4H EVENTS

General Florida 4H News

National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

Florida 4-H is hosting 3 qualifier events for the National 4H Shooting Sports Championship. The Shotgun match will be 50 rounds of Trap and 50 rounds of Skeet. The Rifle Discipline will only consist of CMP and the NRA 3-Position. Both Shotgun and Rifle will be mail in matches and youth will shoot at their club practices. The link for Shotgun score cards will be emailed from 4-Honline after they register. The Rifle targets will be mailed to the members. Shotgun scores must be emailed back May 21st by 8:00pm est. The rifle targets must be postmarked by May 21st.

Archery will be an in-person event on Sunday, May 16th at Easton Archery Complex in Newberry, Florida.

These 3 events are only open to senior level 4-H'ers who wish to advance to the National 4-H Championship. Registration is open from April 19th until April 30th.

Any question can be directed to Bill Tillett (wtillett@ufl.edu)

Rifle-Laura Cash (lcash@volusia.org)

Shotgun-Julie Dillard (Juliepd@ufl.edu)

Archery-Julia Kelly (Julia.kelly@ufl.edu)

Gator Pit

Information can be found at the website: thegatorpit.com.

Pitch: This Summer, Gator Pit will host a pitch competition with the opportunity to win real prizes. Our team will provide students with training before the event. Participants will be judged on creativity, passion and business viability. Sessions run Thursdays in May, 4-5pm.

Competition: Virtual in June 2021

Connect: The goal of Gator Pit is to not only provide students with the necessary education to incubate great ideas and foster an entrepreneurial mindset, but to also equip students with tools and connections to be successful post program participation. As such, Gator Pit also includes a virtual incubator space designed for emerging entrepreneurs and their coaches to network with the business community

and access various resources.

For more information: contact Vanessa Spero at Vspero@ufl.edu.

2021 State 4H Poultry Judging Event

Register Through 4-H Online

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Check In: 8:30 AM

Event Start: 9:00 AM

Florida State Fair, Tampa

MAY 13, 2021

Keeping Backyard Chickens - Online EVENT

Keeping BackyardChickens - ONLINE EVENT

Thursday, May 13, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

<http://ocagriculture.eventbrite.com>

Poultry Club



Climate Smart Floridian Certificate Program

Free Event

The Climate Smart Floridians program is specifically aimed at educating participants on individual actions they can take to reduce their environmental impacts. The program takes an innovative, fun, and comprehensive approach to climate change, to help build community support and reduce household impacts on climate change.

Through the program you'll learn what greenhouse gases are, how they impact our climate, and individual actions that can make a big difference to reduce those impacts on us all.

Topics covered by the course include climate change, and how it relates to water resources, green building, home energy, renewable energy, yards, food, water, transportation, and consumption with a special focus on issues that impact Volusia County and its residents.

This program is being hosted by Lyonia Environmental Center. In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy during the pandemic, this program will be held online. Computer access is required with Zoom capabilities (e.g., camera and microphone).

UPCOMING VIRTUAL FLORIDA 4H EVENTS

Culinary Herbs: GIP Live!

[May 13, 2021](#)

The next Gardening in the Panhandle Live is on Thursday, May 13. The topic will be culinary herbs. You may [register for the Zoom session](#) and submit a question to be covered by the panelists. The session will be hosted on the [Gardening in the Panhandle Facebook page](#) and recorded if you can't participate live.

Sessions are from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Central time.

So, whether you are at home or work, bring your lunch up to your desk (or smart device) and enjoy Gardening in the Panhandle Live! [Please see our schedule here for upcoming live events.](#)

Chainsaw Safety Training

May 1 [by Florida Farm Bureau - Volusia Cnty](#)

Event Information:

Register today for free chainsaw safety training by the pros at Stihl USA. This training is designed for homeowners and landowners.

About this Event

Join us for an hour of chainsaw safety training. Adults and youth are encouraged to attend. Learn about the necessary safety equipment and how to properly start and operate your saw. Plus raffles for great prizes including a new Stihl chainsaw. Sales reps will be available to answer questions and demonstrate Stihl and Kubota equipment.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping 101

[MAY 17, 2021](#)

This class will teach you the basics of the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program. We will show you the nine principles that can help you have a successful, beautiful landscape while protecting our natural resources. Register early at [uf Sarasotaext.eventbrite.com](#) to save your seat and receive notice of any changes. Instructors Wilma Holley Florida-Friendly Landscaping Specialist, Sarasota County and Dr. Pat Williams County Extension Director, Wakulla County Register early through [uf Sarasotaext.eventbrite.com](#) to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. For questions or further information, please call 941-861-5000 or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu. If you require special accommodations to attend one of our events, please contact us in advance at 941-861-5000 or sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu. NOTE: Classes and events may be canceled at any time due to low registration or other circumstances, with full refunds issued for paid events. Similar classes or events often are offered on future dates.

Disaster Preparedness (webinar)

[MAY 12, 2021](#)

Join us as we discuss ways you should prepare to stay safe. This class will offer tips and ways to prepare for unexpected disasters, such as hurricanes. Learn how to assemble an emergency supply kit and other ways to prepare for emergencies. Register early through [uf Sarasotaext.eventbrite.com](#) to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. Instructor: Dr. Maria Portelos-Romero, UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County family and consumer sciences agent For questions or further information, please call 941-861-5000 or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu. NOTE: Classes and events may be canceled at any time due to low registration or other circumstances, with full refunds issued for paid events. Similar classes or events often are offered on future dates.

Cooking with Herbs and Spices

[MAY 11, 2021](#)

This class discusses ways to use herbs and spices, how to properly store them and use them safely in garlic-herb oil mixtures. Register through [uf Sarasotaext.eventbrite.com](#) to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. For questions or further information, please call 941-861-5000 or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu. NOTE: Classes and events may be canceled at any time due to low registration or other circumstances, with full refunds issued for paid events.

Native Plants to Attract Birds

[MAY 04, 2021](#)

Learn how you can attract throngs of songbirds to your yard. We'll show you native plants that provide food, offer them shelter from predators, and allow them to safely nest and raise their young. Join us for tips and techniques on landscaping for songbirds, whether you're just starting on your yard or looking for a change. Register early through [Eventbrite.com](#) to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. For questions or further information, please call 941-861-5000 or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu. NOTE: Classes and events may be canceled at any time due to low registration or other circumstances, with full refunds issued for paid events. Similar classes or events often are offered on future dates.

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D-3 Public Speaking Contest

The 4-H District III Public Speaking Program Held

The Annual 4-H District III Public Speaking contest is the final step in the public speaking education program. The program was conducted by Aucilla Christian Academy and Somerset K-12 Schools, administered by 4-H, and supported by the Florida 4-H Foundation.

The contest was held at the Wakulla County Extension Office on Saturday, April 24. Five speakers participated in the 4th & 5th-grade division and five in the sixth-grade division. Jefferson County had two outstanding students to participate in the contest. In the 4th & 5th-grade division was Larrie Cherry, the title of her speech, "5th Grade Girl Extinction." In the sixth-grade division was Maggie Walker, the title of her speech, "North Florida Citrus." Both received honorable mention and received a 4-H medallion and a participation certificate.

The Florida 4-H Public Speaking Program (formerly known as the 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Program) began in 1969 in Manatee County. Prior to 1986, the program was conducted in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in eight Florida counties. In 1986 Leon County became the first North Florida county to participate in what is now known as the Florida 4-H Public Speaking Program. Other Panhandle counties soon followed. It is our goal that every youngster will receive public speaking instruction for three years.

The objectives of the Florida 4-H Public Speaking program are for all fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students to:

- Recognize the necessity of obtaining as much of the available information on a given topic as possible.
- Carefully organize the material to be presented in a timed, orderly, and thorough speech.
- Develop a pleasing personal appearance before an audience.
- Acquire the ability to speak convincingly in public, expressing ideas effectively.
- Develop confidence and poise.
- Be recognized for their accomplishments through participation and competition.

Jefferson County 4-H would like to congratulate Larrie Cherry and Maggie Walker for doing a phenomenal job with style and poise.



Jefferson
County
Participants

Right Pic (L-R):
Larrie Cherry and
Father Lee Cherry



Below Pic: L-R: Mother,
Christell Walker, Maggie
Walker, & Father, Thom-
as Walker



May

2021

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9 Paper Clover Drive Ends	10	11 Natl Eat What You Want Day	12	13 	14 Garden Talk: Growing Tomatoes	15
16	17	18 National Visit Your Rela- tives Day	19	20	21 Natl Bike to Work Day 	22
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