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4-H DEADLINES & REMINDERS:

- **February 4** North Florida Beef Conference
- **February 17th** Jackson County Fed Cattle Show.
- **March 5th** deadline Black History Month Essay Contest

See insert for Black History Contest Rules.

AND

Breeding beef timeline for kids with new calves.

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Eureka 4-H Clubs joins in Arbor Day Celebration

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates according to their best tree planting times. The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't disclose that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s. Arbor Day in Jackson County was celebrated January 17th at the Citizens Lodge Building. The Eureka Home School 4-H club braved the cold temperatures and assisted Mr. Barry Stafford in planting a tree to honor this occasion.



Fed Cattle Show & Sale

It's time to get your show skills tuned up and steers groomed up. The 2009 Jackson County Fed Cattle Show is just around the corner! Check-in will be Monday, February 16th, from 4-6 PM. A Livestock-Judging Contest will start at 9:30 AM, on Tuesday, February 17th (remember, you must pre-register with the 4-H office in order to

be excused from school). The show will start at 2:00 PM; awards ceremony & buyer registration at 6:30 PM. The auction will begin at 7:00 PM. Be sure to have your buyer(s) lined up ahead of time. If you have any questions or concerns about your animal, please feel free to contact Doug Mayo or Patti Peacock at the 4-H office at 482-9620.



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Tropicana Time Again!

That's right, it's Tropicana time. By now you should have received information concerning the Tropicana Speech Contest from your school. The purpose of this program is to provide students with knowledge and experience in preparation and delivery of a speech. It also provides students an opportunity for recognition, builds self-confidence, and fosters a sense of school pride. The program has three levels of competition: classroom, school, and county. The 1st place winner from each class will be eligible to compete in the school contest. The first place winners from each school in each grade division will compete in the county contest on Tuesday, April 28th, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the Ag Conference Center. If you are interested in taking part in the Tropicana Speech Contest and have not received anything from your school, please contact Patti Peacock at the 4-H Office 482-9620. We are looking forward to seeing you at your school contest, so good luck with your speeches!



Sneak Peek— Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars! We have several exciting events coming up in the New Year:

- **February 17th– Fed Cattle Show and Sale.**
- **March 3, 5, 6, 7, 2009– Shooting Sports Training.** Teens and adults can become certified 4-H shooting sports instructors in archery, rifle, or shotgun. Must be at least 14 years old. March 3rd and 5th will be from 6-8PM; March 6-7 will be at 4-H Camp Timpoochee. Registration info will be available in January.
- **April 14th– 4-H Day at the Capitol–** tour the Capitol and talk to legislators about 4-H.
- **April 28th– 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking County Contest**
- **June 15-19th, 2009– County Camp at Camp Timpoochee.** Camp rates have gone up about \$20.00 per person, so the registration fee will be around \$200.00. Registration will be available in April. Start saving now!
- **September 25-26th, 2009– Northwest 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum** at Camp Timpoochee. There will be workshops, funshops, motivational speakers, and door prizes. More info will be available in June.

Orderliness: Arranging myself and my surroundings to achieve greater efficiency



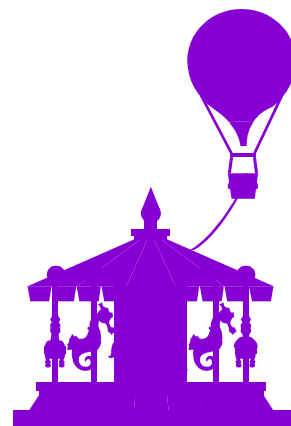
Jackson County Fed Cattle Show Info

Remember: Your Steer Must Weigh at Least **900 lbs to Qualify!**

Where does the time go? If you have any doubts concerning your steer's weight, don't hesitate to call Doug Mayo at the Extension Office (482-9620). Hopefully you have pre-sold your steers (found one or more buyers to bid on your steer at the Sale), and have been working with your calves. If not, you had better get to work, because time is running out!

Florida State Fair—4-H Showcase

Florida State Fair 4-H Showcase and Fashion Revue will be held at the State Fair in Tampa, February 7th, 2009, 10:00AM-3:00 PM. 4-H'ers from across the state will be competing in Fashion Revue, Share the Fun and Public Speaking. All 4-H competition will be held in the Special Events Building. Don't miss seeing our 4-H'ers in action!



4-H Club Reports

- **Character Keepers**– The presentation will be on February 23rd, at Golson and McClain, at 3:30 PM. If you would like information, contact Lisa Hamilton the Character Counsel at 482-0001.
- **Dayspring Eagles 4-H**– Next meeting will be February 13th, at 3:15PM in the cafeteria. For more info contact Dayspring Academy at 526-4919.
- **Eureka 4-H Club**– Next meeting is February 5th, at 10AM, at the Extension Office. For more info, contact Kate Bagy at 482– 3022.
- **Graceville Kountry Kids**– Next meeting is February 17th, at 6PM, at the Graceville Civic Center. For more information, contact Laurel Merritt at 334-671-2027.
- **Horsing Around**– Next meeting is February 21st, at 10 AM, at the Angel's Gate Ranch. For more info, contact Virginia Coco at 526-3417. **NOTE* Please Come if you would like to see this club continue to exist!**
- **4-H Lego Storm**– February meeting is on the 13th, from 9 AM-12 PM, at the Extension Office. For more info, contact Nikki Maddox at 569-2297.
- **Panhandle Pioneers**– Next meeting is February 13th, at 3:45PM, at the Extension Office. For further information, please contact Kate Bagy, at 482-3022.
- **Sharp Shooters**– No meeting scheduled at this time for February. Additional shooting sports instructors are needed. For more info, contact Anita Githens, at 482-4351.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 North FL Beef Conference	5 Eureka 4-H Club 10:00 AM	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Panhandle Pioneers 3:30 Dayspring 3:30 Lego Storm 9:00	14
15	16 Check in Fed Cattle show	17 Fed Cattle Show Graceville 4-H 6:00 pm	18	19	20	21 Horsing Around Club 10:00 am
22	23 Character Keepers 3:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28 Pensacola steer- Grooming Clinic

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