



# Martin County Clover Times

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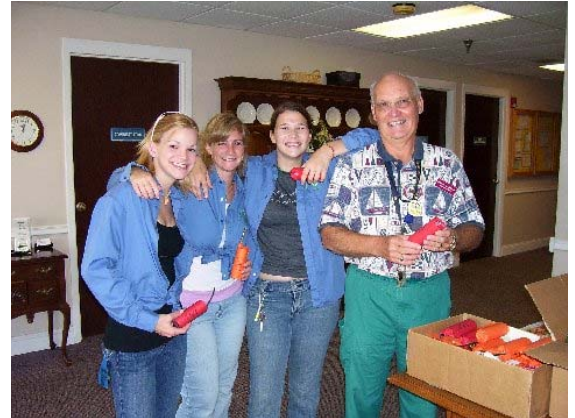
## Martin County 4-H, Working for the Community

During the summer, not all Martin County 4-H Clubs were idle and enjoying the lazy days. The teens in the **Country Crossroads 4-H Club** were hard at work on their community service project. Using toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes, they made "firecrackers". Inside each one they put sample sizes of shampoos, lotions & candy, then wrapped in red tissue paper with a 'tinsel' fuse. Then they delivered them to a local nursing home for distribution to residents that seldom receive visitors or gifts. It was a fun project and the Club would like to do it several more times throughout the year. The club needs donations of small items to stuff inside to continue their project. Can your club donate some "stuff"? Bring it by the 4-H office and the office staff will make sure it get to the club.



"Firecrackers" made by Country Crossroads 4-H Club

Members of the Country Crossroads 4-H Club delivering "Firecrackers"



## Martin County 4-H/Fair Kick-Off

The kick-off will be at the Martin County Fair Grounds, building A at 9AM on Saturday, September 15. There will be several different types of workshops, information about the fair, new rules for 4-H, and sign up for clubs. Also at this time record books and fair rule books will be available. If you are

planning on showing in the fair this year, be with us on the 15th of September. A fund-raiser lunch for 4-H. All money raised from this lunch will go toward scholarships for the Martin County 4-H Club Youth. The lunch will be \$5 and include hamburger or hot dog, beans, slaw and sweet tea.

**SUPPORT 4-H**

# 4-H Information

Kick-Off– Saturday, September 15, 9AM to Noon, at the Martin County– this will count as one workshop

Rabbit Workshop – Saturday, November 17, 10AM to Noon– Bring your rabbit

Swine WS will be in October

Steer WS will be in October

**Public Speaking and Leadership Workshops are on early release days from school, always on Wednesday**

Public Speaking Workshop– Wednesday, September 26, October 31, November 28, Jan 30, March 5, and April 23, 2PM at the 4-H Office

Leadership Workshop– Wednesday, September 26, October 31, November 28, Jan 30, March 5, and April 23, 4PM at the 4-H Office

## 4-H HORSE SHOWS

4-H Horse Show– January 19, 2008 at Timer Powers Park

4-H Horse Show– March 15, 2008 at Timer Powers Park

## MARTIN COUNTY FAIR

The Martin County Fair is February 8 through February 16. Barn work days, are February 2 and February 23.



## New Rule for 4-H During the Fair



During the 2008 Martin County Fair, Martin County 4-H youth will be required to wear a 4-H shirt at all times, while you are at the fair. The only exception will be during show time and sale time. A club t-shirt is quite acceptable, however, at the first barn day (Saturday, February 2ed) 4-H shirts will be available through your clubs and also through the 4-H office at \$5 each.



Wear a 4-H T-Shirt Each Day

## 2007 Southern Regional Leader Forum



This is a fun opportunity for 4-H leaders from 13 southern states to meet, greet, learn and just have a great time. All forms and money must be in the Martin County Extension Office by Friday, August 17, 2007. Presently we have 2 leaders going and several others interested. To find out more about this program and to download applications and health forms go to

<http://florida4h.org/volunteers/srlf/index.shtml>



# Martin County 4-H



## In Sync with the Indian River Lagoon

The Martin County 4-H Day camp teamed up with Martin County's Artificial Reef program. Kathy FitzPatrick, P.E., Coastal Engineer, Baret Beal, Environmental Lands Field Tech, Jessica Meinardi, Administrative Assistant and Nicole D'antonio, Student Coastal Assistant helped us make "Reef Balls" that would be used to create an artificial reef in the Indian River Lagoon. Our day camp youth all 26 of them, and 4 camp counselors worked hard at preparing the molds, mixing the cement and pouring the mixture into the molds to create the "Reef Balls." Ms. FitzPatrick and Ms. Beal arrived at the 4-H office with a power point to explain the loss of aquatic habitat due to human impact and how we could help with this problem by helping to create artificial reefs. They explained there were many different types of artificial reefs including, sunken ships, large concrete debris, and even decommissioned airplanes which were stripped and sunk to be utilized as artificial reefs. The youth first had to prepare the molds. Then they had to mix the cement and pour it into the mold. The cement structures had to set up overnight before they could be "hatched" out of the molds. After they set and harden, about 6 months, they will be placed into the Indian River Lagoon to become a new habitat for our aquatic animals.

Rebecca Long and Alison Frost Prepare molds



"Hatching out Reef Balls" from left Alison Frost, Holly Hunter, Sarah Paust, Ashley Ebright and Rebecca Long



Above - Kyle Annase working hard at mixing cement for molds



Almost finished- L to R - Jake Corcoran, Jason Salcedo, Rachel Chappell, Owen Croyle, Blake Hicks and Blake Croyle

For more information on this really great environmental project go to [www.martinreefs.com](http://www.martinreefs.com)



## Martin County 4-H Scholarships

Martin County 4-H was able to give out 3 scholarships totaling \$1000. The Scholarships went to (pictured) Anthony Stracuzzi, Daniel England and Peter Linde. Peter is planning on finishing at



University of Florida. Daniel is planning on attending North Florida and Anthony is attending IRCC and pursuing a degree in fire science. Martin County 4-H wishes all our scholarship recipients the best of luck.





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## 4-H Pledge

*“I pledge My head to clearer  
thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service, and  
My health to better living,  
For my club, my community, my  
country, and my world.”*



## Tidbits of Information

**NEW CLUB- 4-H Camping for  
Teens** – Space is limited in this  
program – Call Cindy Harris for  
more information. 288-5654

Do not forget the kick-off– on our  
web site there are links to Fair,  
Fair books and this news letter in  
color. Take a look

<http://mcifas.com>



### Feeling Stressed ??

Exercise for 30 minutes 3 to 5  
times a week. You can walk,  
run, swim, dance, bike, play  
sports, or any other activity that  
gets your body moving.  
Exercise is a great way to re-  
lease extra energy and keep fit.



### 4-H Awards Ceremony

You are invited to the Martin County  
4-H Awards Ceremony. Come and  
have your 4-H accomplishments  
recognized.

**When: Tuesday, September 25, at  
7PM**

**Where: At the Martin County 4-H  
Extension Office**

**Who: You are the honored guest**

Plan on attending and bring, Mom,  
Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, sisters, broth-  
ers and friends. Hope to see you there.