August 2007

Dear 4-H Families,

It is time to begin a new year of 4-H in Bradford County! We are currently searching for a new 4-H Agent, however I wanted everyone to know that 4-H in Bradford County will continue to operate and new and existing clubs will function normally during this period of time. Bradford County 4-H is one of the best in Florida and a temporary agent vacancy cannot hold you back. This was shown at the recent 4-H Foundation Auction in which everyone pulled together to raise almost $9000 to support your local program! Congratulations!

To kick off the new 4-H year, there will be a 4-H Enrollment Night next Thursday, August 30th, anytime from 6-8pm at the Fairgrounds. Club leaders will be available for prospective and existing 4-H members to enroll. Bring your family and friends, we will provide hot dogs, chips and drinks free for all attendees.

Please give me a call if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Sweat

Acting Extension Director
Bradford County

Important Dates
Aug 30-Enrollment night 6pm
Sept 6-Foundation Meeting
Sept 10 -Swine Officer Elections-Lake Butler Elem.
7:00pm
Sept 10-County Council Mtg.
Oct-8 Swine Meeting
Oct 11-Cattlemans Meeting
Mar. 31– Record books due, 5:00pm
April 11—Fair opens

Newsletter Topics
- Awards Banquet
- Club News
- Annual Auction
- Foundation Update
2007 Awards Banquet

The awards banquet went very well this year even without Ms. Judy! The Banquet was catered by the Western Steer Steakhouse of Starke. Bradford 4-H recognized three business’ that had given their support to us throughout the year. Community State Bank, Western Steer Steakhouse & Northeast Florida Buckmaster’s were all recognized. Buckmaster’s presented 11 brand new bows to our Shooting Sports Club. The following members were recognized for their hard work.

Outstanding Senior—Amy LaFollette          Senior Performance Emerald Award– Amy LaFollette
Outstanding Intermediate-Kali Hendon          Senior Performance Emerald Award– Kali Androlevich
Outstanding Jr.-Courtney Paul

Outstanding

Community Service Awards:
Senior-Amy LaFollette
Intermediate-Kali Hendon

Congratulations!

Club Corner

This year we have two new clubs joining us. Jill Fulgham will be the leader of one club and Terrasa Wood will be the leader of another club.

Cloverblossoms has a new leader this year. Kay Androlevich will be leading the club this year. Mrs. Denise Crawford has finally given it up after several years. A big thank you to Mrs. Denise for all her dedication and support!

Green Acres has a new leader this year. Jodie Brewer will be leading the club and Kim Paul will be the co-leader.

4-H Foundation Update

The Bradford County 4-H Foundation was established to provide funds for programming materials and educational opportunities for both members and volunteers. Family Membership this year is $25.00 per family—that is a small price to pay to become a member of the foundation and take advantage of all of the opportunities available. One of the guidelines is for members to be awarded scholarships for trips, etc. they must be a member of the foundation. As our program grows, so do the needs, therefore I encourage each family to join the foundation and begin to reap the benefits of membership. All project materials, books, awards, etc are provided by the foundation at no cost to the member.
4-H Enrollment Night

The Bradford 4-H will be having an open enrollment night on August 30th 2007 6:00pm-8:00pm @ the Bradford County Fairgrounds building #1. Most of our club leaders will be their to answer any questions you may have about their club. Please let your friends know to come by and sign up! Hope to see you.

Members Showing Cattle & Swine must be enrolled in 4-H by the first Swine Meeting (October 8, 2007) and the first Cattleman’s Meeting (October 11, 2007). We must have the forms in the 4-H Office before these meetings.

Annual Auction

Our annual auction was held August 4, 2007 and was a huge success!!!!! Thanks to our dedicated community we able to raise $8,978.50 that went into the Bradford County Foundation. This money will help send kids to camp, congress, leadership events and much more. Our yearly awards for our 4-H members are purchased with these funds. I would like to thank everyone who helped me out preparing for the auction and helping at the auction! Without all of you volunteers, Bradford 4-H wouldn’t be such a success. To all our 4-H members who helped at the auction, make sure to put that time on your Community Service Log for 4-H hours.

Leader Notes

Make sure you work with your club members to get their forms for into the 4-H office as soon as possible. Please make your club members aware of the new performance standards awards. For a club member to be eligible for any awards they must complete the appropriate application—see Kim for these. I would love to see more 4-H’ers recognized for all their hard work. Please encourage them to complete their record book and turn it in for recognition at the awards banquet. For those of you who were aware, even if the 4-H’ers don’t finish their book they can still turn in their community service log with at least 10 hours and be recognized for their hours. The 4-H’er with the most amount of hours in their age category will be awarded a trophy at the awards
2008
Bradford - Union County
Fair Dates
April 11-19 2008

“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."

4-H is AMAZING!