November 2005

DeSoto County 4-H T-Shirts
We will be ordering DeSoto County 4-H T-Shirts for the 2005-2006 year. The cost of the T-Shirt will be $10.00 per shirt. If you would like to order a shirt please contact Ms. Cherie with the number and sizes of shirts you would like. It is a great idea to have 4-H shirts to wear to 4-H functions to show off your support. Order yours now.

Leader and County Council Meeting
Our next Leader Council Meeting of the 2005-2006 4-H year will be on Monday, November 7. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm at the DeSoto County Extension Office. All leaders and delegates should make plans to attend. The meetings are open to any member, leader, parent, volunteer or supporter of the 4-H program. We will be discussing upcoming events and community activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

Leaders Needed
The DeSoto County 4-H Program is seeking leaders for new and innovative clubs. If you have an interest that youth may enjoy learning about stop by the 4-H office and talk to Christa about starting a new club. Being a leader is a great way to make a difference in a young person’s life.

State Fair Educational Seminars
Every year the Florida State Fair offers Educational Pre-Fair Seminars for potential livestock exhibitors. The next session will be held on November 19 from 8:30am – 12:00 noon they will have a seminar for Beef and Dairy Cattle. This seminar will be held in Gainesville at the UF Animal Science Department. Following this seminar will be a three hour show ethics and animal care workshop for youth who have not previously participated in the workshop. This workshop will begin at 1:00pm. If you are interested in more information for these seminars call the State Fair Livestock Office for more information, 1-800-345-fair. You must pre-register for the seminars.

New Awards and Recognition System
DeSoto County 4-H will begin utilizing the State Awards and Recognition System this year. Youth will be rewarded based on the standards they meet throughout the 4-H year. Each leader has the information on the new system or you can stop by the 4-H Office and talk with Ms. Christa or Ms. Cherie about the new system and for an Award form and a Summary on the standards to be met throughout the year. Good Luck to everyone.
**New Scrapbook Club**
Are you interested in developing scrapbooks? Do you enjoy being creative? Have you wondered what to do with all of those photos? The new Scrapbooking Club may be just what you have been looking for. The club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 at the DeSoto County Extension Office. Their next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8.

**DeSoto County 4-H Prospect Show**
The 7th Annual DeSoto County 4-H Prospect Show will be held, December 10th at the Turner Agri-Civic Center Barns. This is a great opportunity for youth with both breeding animals and steers to practice their showmanship skills prior to the DeSoto County Fair. Weigh-in for steers will take place from 8:00am - 10:00am. The breeding show will begin at 11:00am with the steer show following at 12:00pm. Entry fees are $15 for the animal and $5 for showmanship. Participation is open to all bona fide 4-H and FFA members. For more information contact the 4-H Office, 993-4846 or Mary Ellen Brown, 491-0087.

**Parelli Horsemanship Seminar**
There will be a two-day "Live Your Dream with Horses" Seminar conducted by Linda and Pat Parelli at the Ocala, FL on December 10-11, 2005. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. each day.
Linda and Pat are nationally known for their work with horses, natural horsemanship, and their seminars. There will be free admission for all 4-H'ers who wish to attend this seminar. Please RSVP no later than December 7, 2005 by 12:00 pm. All you need to do is fax Parelli Natural Horsemanship a list of how many Leaders and Members who are planning on attending the event on your county extension letterhead. The fax number is 970-731-9763. Then at the show just identify yourself as a 4-H Leader or Member and you will be admitted for free. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Laura Morris at 1-800-642-3335 x 238 / 970-731-9465 or emailing her at lmorris@parelli.com

**Home CLASS Club**
**Reporter: Sam Reynolds**
Our 4-h home class meeting was on October 13th. In our meeting we had speeches by Travis Reynolds, Sam Reynolds, Lauren Hatcher and Emily Hatcher. We planned to do crafts at our next meeting. We are going to the Planetarium in November.

**Rooters Swine Club**
**Reported By: Kellie Emery**
The Rooters Swine Club met on Tuesday, September 6th. We held an election for our officers. Kayla Patton – President; Heather Emery – Vice President; Austin Patton – Secretary; Kellie Emery – Reporter; Maison Skinner – Historian; Niki Emery – Treasurer; Bailey Lyons and Caleb Kilgo – County Council. We discussed the we would give $200 to a 4-H Club in the area that Hurricane Katrina hit. The initial weigh-in is Sunday, October 2.

**Just Kidding Goat Club**
**Reported By: Sara Jackson**
We met on Sept. 26th and elected officers. Elisabeth Ragan – President; William Pfeil – Vice President; Jonathan Robinson – Secretary; Philip Ragan – Treasurer; Sara Jackson – Reporter; Sam Reynolds and Chelsea Dyal – County Council Delegates. There will be a workshop on Oct. 29th and a goat show in St Johns County on Nov. 19th. Elisabeth and Philip continue to tear up the show circuit earning high honors with their goats.
October 30  Time Change, Fall Back 1 Hour
November 1  Swine Club, DeSoto Fairgrounds, 7pm
November 7  Leader Council Meeting, DeSoto County Extension Office, 6pm
             County Council Meeting, DeSoto County Extension Office, 6pm
November 8  Fishing Club Meeting, Turner Agri-Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 5:30pm
             Poultry Club Meeting, DeSoto County Fairgrounds, 7pm
November 10 Home CLASS Meeting, 10am
             Horse Club Meeting, DeSoto County Extension Office, 7pm
November 11 Veterans Day Holiday, Office Closed
November 13-20 Farm City Week
November 14  Beef Club Meeting, Turner Agri-Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 7pm
November 21  DeSoto 4-H Rabbit Club Meeting, DeSoto County Extension Office, 6pm
November 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
November 28  Just Kidding Dairy Goat Club Meeting, DeSoto County Extension Office, 7pm