February 2006

**Leader and County Council Meeting**
Our next Leader Council Meeting will be on **Monday, March 6**. 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.

**Anglers Fishing Club Meeting Location**
The Anglers Fishing club will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 4:30pm. The meeting will be held at the DeSoto County Extension Office.

**Rooters Swine Club Meeting Location**
The Rooters Swine club will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the DeSoto County Extension Office.

**Scrapbook Club Meeting Date Change**
The Scrapbook Club Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 21. The meeting will begin at 4:30pm at the DeSoto County Extension Office.

**Florida State Fair 4-H Day**
4-H Day at the Florida State Fair is on Saturday, February 11. Youth are admitted to the fair free of charge with their 4-H membership card or 4-H Jacket. If you need a membership card please contact the 4-H Office by Thursday, February 9. We will be happy to make a card for you.

**University of Florida Animal Science Department Open House**
The University of Florida’s Department of Animal Sciences will be holding an Open House for all Florida High School Students and parents on Friday, April 21, 2006 from 9am – 5pm. There is a $5.00 registration fee which covers lunch. All participants must be pre-registered by April 7. The event is limited to 100 participants. If you are interested contact Cindy at the DeSoto County Extension Office, 993-4846.

**Scholarships Available**
There are numerous scholarships available to high school seniors through various organizations. DeSoto County 4-H offers two separate scholarships to active 4-H members. The Susie Brewer Scholarship is available to a 4-H member who is in financial need to attend an accredited college to further their education. The Mary Rutter Scholarship is available to a 4-H member who is in financial need to attend a technical school to further their education. The Susie Brewer Scholarship and Mary Rutter Scholarship are due, completed, to the 4-H Office no later than Monday, April 10, 2006. **No scholarships will be accepted after the due date.** If you would like more information contact the 4-H Office, 993-4846.
**Tropicana Public Speaking Contest**
Any youth who is home schooled and in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade is encouraged to participate in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Anyone interested should contact Ms. Cherie at the 4-H Office.

**Home Class Club Report**
Submitted By:
Sam Reynolds

For our December field trip, we went to the Environmental Learning Lab. There were lots of plants and animals to learn about as we walked around. We delivered goody bags and sang Christmas carols at the Assisted Living Facility. Most of our club participated in delivering the decorated holiday planters and putting items in the 4-H fair booth. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 9, 2006.

**Upcoming Events**

February 6  Leader / County Council Meetings, 6pm, Extension Office
February 7  Fishing Club Meeting, 4:30pm, Extension Office
            Rooters Swine Club Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office
February 9  Home CLASS Club Meeting, 10am
            Traildusters Horse Club Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office
February 9-20 Florida State Fair
February 13  Beef Club Meeting, 7pm, Turner Exhibit Hall
February 14  Poultry Club Meeting, 7pm, DeSoto Fairgrounds
February 20  Rabbit Club Meeting, 6pm, DeSoto Fairgrounds
February 21  Scrapbook Club Meeting, 4:30pm, Extension Office
February 24-March 5 Southwest Florida Fair, Lee County
February 27  Goat Club Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office