ALISON HICKEY SELECTED AS OUTSTANDING 4-H'ER OF THE YEAR

At the August 25th 4-H Achievement Night, I was named 4-H’er of the Year. I remember sitting with my friends and asking them “Who do you think will win this year?” I NEVER thought it would be me! After I won, I was thinking “How did I win this?” and then I remembered all the things I’ve done this year.

Last year I was Vice-President of the 4-H “ECO” Club. I have spent hundreds of hours doing community service on Manasota Key Beach doing sea turtle patrol. I helped with the “For the Love of Kids” Christmas dinner. I participated in many hikes and cleaned up numerous trails in Charlotte County. I helped with the “Tree-mendous” giveaway, and spent most of my spring fundraising for the exchange program. I helped with the two-day fishing camp where kids learned about our estuaries, and learned how to fish. I was leader of the “Snapper” group, and those kids still come up to me today, and tell me how much fun they had.

I participated in County Events with a speech, a demonstration, and a 4-H poster. All three made it to District events where I got to compete for the chance to go to the 4-H State competition. My poster won, and so did my speech!

Just this past summer I was a camp counselor at a five-day camp, Camp Clo-

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

4-H Achievement Night was held Friday evening, August 25th, at our new Family Service Center facility in Port Charlotte.

Our theme was “Seems Like Old Times” and pictures and newspaper articles decorating the room illustrated current 4-H’ers and family members of previous years.

Parents and leaders brought pot-luck dishes to accompany the meal of fried chicken, provided by the Charlotte County 4-H Foundation and Publix Supermarket.

Pins and ribbons were awarded to youth who submitted project books. Rick Keeney, President of the Charlotte County 4-H Foundation, and leaders of the various 4-H clubs presented the awards. Youth submitting three project books and receiving a blue ribbon for all three also received an achievement pin and plaque. The winners this year were Michael Keeney and Lauren Lubitz. Their awards were presented by Ralph Mitchell, Director of Extension Services.

COWS ’N PLOWS

Lana Cardwell ....... 4 yrs.... Hog ........ White
Jillian Deriso .......... 2 yrs.... Beef .......... Blue
Jocelyn Jennings.... 1 yr .... Hog ........ Participation
Jasmine Jennings.... 1 yr .... Hog ........ Participation
Joshua Jennings..... 2 yrs .... Hog ........ Participation
Michael Keeney ..... 8 yrs.... Beef .......... Blue
Goat ........ Blue
Veterinary Science .. Blue
Achievement Form - Yes 6th
Clayton Martin ....... 2 yrs .... Beef .......... Red
Horse ........ Red
Alyssa McKenzie .... 8 yrs .... Beef .......... Red
Jaimie Melo......... 1 yr .... Beef ........ Red
Katie Nottingham .. 5 yrs .... Lamb .... White
Steer ........ Red
Chelsey Outlaw ...... 7 yrs .... Hog ........ Red
Dalton Smith ........ 6 yrs .... Beef .......... Red
Hannah Taylor ...... 2 yr .... Beef .......... Blue
Haley Webb........... 6 yrs .... Beef .......... Blue
Hunter Wells ........ 1 yr .... Beef .......... Red

Lauren Lubitz .... 6 yrs.... Horse .... Blue
Dog ........ Blue
Cat ........ Blue
Achievement Form - Yes 1st
Megan McGehee .... 2 yrs.... Horse .... Blue
Jackie Rainer ...... 3 yrs .... Horse .... Blue
Dog ........ Blue
Megan Rainer ...... 3 yrs .... Horse .... Red
Dog ........ Blue
Courtney Schreibung .. 5 yrs .... Horse .... Red
Cat ........ Blue
Rocky Shelton .... 2 yrs .... Horse .... Blue
Poultry .... Blue
Companion Animal . Red
Megan Winter .... 3 yrs .... Horse .... Blue

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Alison Hickey ..... 7 yrs.... Marine Ecology ... Red
Cassidy Hickey .... 5 yrs.... Marine Ecology ... Blue

MANES ’N REINS

Susana DelaTorre ... 3 yrs .... Horse .... Blue
Gabriayla DeLauri .. 1 yr .... Horse .... Blue

POUNCING PAWS

Harlee Schreibung .. 1 yr .... Cat .... Participation
(Cloverbud)
Destiny Kauffman ... 1 yr .... Cat ........ Blue
Justin Wik............. 3 yrs .... Cat .... Blue
Ryan Wik............... 1 yr .... Cat .... Participation
(Cloverbud)

PUPPY PALS

Maegan Baird ....... 1 yr .... Dog .... Participation
(Cloverbud)
Alexis Buel ........... 5 yrs .... Dog .... Blue
Ricki Hemstreet ...... 3 yrs .... Dog .... Blue
Horse .... Blue
Christy McCay ....... 1 yr .... Dog .... Blue

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Hi everyone, my name is Michael Keeney. I am 4-H’er of the Year for 2004/05 and I got to go on a trip of a lifetime to Washington D.C. It is called Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF).

Youth from all over the country attend this event. There were youth from California to Maine so one gets to meet a lot of new and interesting people. When you go to CWF you stay the National 4-H Building. It is huge. It has sleeping rooms (three to a room), a game room, meeting rooms and a cafeteria. While you’re there your state is assigned a staff member. The staff members have a tour guide license and they show you all of Washington D.C. and they do a very good job. Our staff member Gabe was so concerned with showing us all of the city that he went to the Washington Monument at 5:30am to get us tickets. The staff are very good and very involved which makes CWF so much fun.

During the day you attend fun but educational workshops or go on tours. They also have a big dance the last night which is awesome. While I was there I got to meet one of Florida’s Senators and one of Florida’s House of Representatives members.

I highly encourage everyone in 4-H to attend CWF before they graduate and leave 4-H forever. It is a fun and memorable trip of our Capitol I’ll never forget. I would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Anderson and the Charlotte County 4-H Foundation for paying for me to attend Citizenship Washington Focus, and Miss Pam for being a great chaperone and telling me about CWF.

Alison Hickey was announced the 2005/2006 Outstanding 4-H’er of the Year by Pamela Phillippe, 4-H/Youth Development Agent. See front page for article by Alison.

The closing of the program was a thank you by the Hogue Family who will be leaving Charlotte County but will continue their 4-H experience in Hardee County.
MISSION POSSIBLE TEEN CLUB  
By Sally Kalama, Club Leader

Betsy Williams from the Herald Tribune was our guest at the Teen Club meeting on September 28th. Ms. Williams did a short presentation of how to become better photographers. She gave us so much information. I know we will get some really great photographs to display at the Charlotte County Fair and for County Events if we follow her directions.

Our club members decided to meet at K-Mart in Port Charlotte on Saturday, October 7th to distribute 4-H pamphlets for National 4-H Week. Volunteering to man the booth was Anika Langaigne, Tiffany Morgan, Megan Blanchard, Amanda Blanchard, Tabitha Supples, Mrs. Supples, Rachel Mace and me.

In honor of Make a Difference Day, October 28th, the club members will be working with the Senior Friendship Centers and volunteering to visit area nursing homes focusing on the patients who do not get any visitors.

Our next meeting will be on November 30th and we will delivering thank you cards to patients at the VA Nursing Home. The teens will have an ice cream social afterwards.

Our club has a new name. After much debate the name Mission Possible Teen Club was selected.

ECO CLUB
By Jacob Kalena, Historian

TURTLE PATROL (09/09/2006): The ECO Club is a group of kids from the 4-H Ecology Club. Our team studies the relationship of living things to their environment. This month we went to Manasota Beach on turtle patrol to check on sea turtle nests. Our job was to count the eggs to see how many have hatched and how many didn't hatch. There was a whole nest of unhatch eggs. One of the nests was full of live babies. We observed the baby turtles as they made their way down to the shoreline. I felt very happy to see them swim away.

COASTAL CLEANUP (09/16/2006): The ECO Club has taken part in the Florida Coastal (Continued on page 5)
On August 12th at Christopher Barron’s barn we attended a clinic given by the Cows ‘n Plows Club to teach showmanship and grooming tips to all 4-H and FFA members. A total of approximately 25 4-H and FFA members attended with 26 parents, leaders and four guests coming to support our combined clubs.

Our leader, Nancy Lee began by introducing Rose and Gary Sapp who were there to support out efforts by selling show supplies to anyone who needed them. Then Mrs. Lee introduced Karen and Scott Andrle who were there to teach showmanship tips and work with the members learning to walk their calves.

Mrs. Lee gave out packets of information. She reminded us that you can learn how to groom your calf and learn showmanship however it will not matter if you do not work with your calf. Mrs. Lee told us that you must trailer him around to towns, to clinics, and prospect shows to get your calf use to people and noise. You must handle him every day, walking the calf will get him or her use to you and to trust you.

We then split into groups and started working with the calves. If you were not in the ring with your calf you were watching from the sidelines. Mrs. Karen Andrle went into the ring and gave advice on showmanship and walking your calf. We set them up and checkout out what we needed to get them to look good for a judge.

Then we began washing our calves and Christopher Barron gave information on types of soaps to use and how to rinse your calf everyday. You should only wash your calf once a week unless you are preparing for a prospect show. Then you should wash the calf the night before you go to make it easier the day of the show.

Everyone had a chance to purchase items like halters, soap, brushes, combs, leads, etc., from Rose Show Supplies. The day ended around 2:00pm. A special thank you to Kelly and Victoria Baker, Christopher Barron, Rose and Gary Sapp, Karen and Scott Andrle, Mrs. Lee, and all of our other leaders and parents who came to support and help us with the clinic.

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Cleanup on Saturday, September 16th. It is the 20th anniversary for the International Coastal Cleanup. Our team was under the Gilchrist Bridge (to pick up trash from our shoreline). I asked some of our kids why they came out here today to help. Devin said “to pick up trash and save wildlife.” Christy said “to pick up trash to keep the beach clean.” Rachel said “to clean up the community.” I came to clean the shoreline which will help protect our wild life. We picked up 40 bags of trash that weighed about 20 pounds each. It takes everybody to help keep the environment clean in Charlotte County.
2006 4-H CONGRESS
"Galloping into the Horizon"

4-H Congress (July 24-28, 2006) was an exciting five-day event for the participating members of Charlotte County. The goal of 4-H Congress is to provide youth with experiences in competitive events in a wide variety of topics, participation in educational programs and social interaction with other 4-H teens from throughout Florida.

Representing Charlotte County were: Allison Hickey, Brittany Hogue, Michael Keeney, Jake Suggs, Jessica Suggs, and Steve Suggs. Chaperoning the group was Cathy Suggs, while our 4-H Agent Pamela Phillippe served as Dean of Women.

Jessica Suggs took first place with her clothing construction entry in Fashion Revue. Alison Hickey received a red ribbon for her Public Speaking entry. Mike Keeney received a red ribbon for his Animal Science demonstration. Jake and Steve Suggs received a blue ribbon for their citizenship demonstration.

Three youth submitted senior portfolios this year and all three were winners. Jake and Steve Suggs won a trip to the National 4-H Congress to be held in Atlanta, Georgia this November. Jessica Suggs won a trip to the National 4-H Conference at Chevy Chase MD this upcoming March.

Cows ‘n Plows 4-H Club received a plaque for their Community Pride project. Their project was a butterfly garden at Ponce de Leon Park. Hope everyone gets a chance to see it.

2nd place State winner in the Dairy Poster Contest was Alison Hickey. Anika Langaigine was first place county winner. Both girls received a plaque and Alison received a $25 savings bond.

AREA F HORSE SHOW
T-Shirt & Program Design Contest

CONTEST RULES:
1. All designs must be hand drawn (no computerized or traced drawing). The designs must be black and white, no color.
2. The design MUST be on 8½x11 sheet of paper with the following information:
   • Date: May 5 & 6, 2007
   • Host: Palm Beach County
   • Location: Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, West Palm Beach
   • Participating Counties: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Hendry, Lee, Monroe, and Palm Beach.
3. Make sure your name and county is on the back of the entry!

Make sure the design contains a horse-related theme as well as a 4-H clover. The 4-H logo cannot have anything on top of it.

The winning artwork which must have a horse-related theme will appear on the Area F Horse Show t-shirt as well as on the cover of the Area F Horse Show Program. The winning artist will receive a free t-shirt. Entries are due on or before Friday, February 2nd. Submit entries to the 4-H office. A winner will be selected February 7th.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Christmas Magic is the theme for this year. Just think of all the ways you can represent that theme for the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce’s 28th Annual Christmas Parade.

If your club is planning on participating this year please call Mary at 764-4340 and let her know the category in which you will be judged. She will also need to know the length of your float and the approximate number of members either walking or riding in the parade. All clubs will participate as one entry although each club may have their own float, decorated car or pick-up truck.

Event will be in downtown Punta Gorda on Saturday, December 2nd at noon. Arrival of floats and cars is 10:00am with walkers/riders about 11:00am.

Parade units should enter the staging area from the Taylor Street entrance into the Tentatorium parking lot. The staging area will be laid out in numerical order. Each position in the parade is marked. You will receive your number the week before the parade. The parade will leave the Tentatorium parking lot at the north end of Taylor Road, proceed to McKenzie Street and turn left, then to the Sallie Jones Elementary School parking lot for disbanding.
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4-H Goes To The Charlotte County Fair!
February 16-25, 2007
Charlotte County 4-H and Charlotte Sr FFA Members
will be bringing their...
swine, steers, heifers, goats, chickens, rabbits,
guinea pigs, dogs and horses...
to the Charlotte County Fair!!

It is the place to see 4-H’ers and FFA members exhibiting their animals!

When will the 2007 shows be? Well now that you asked!

Poutry Show Friday, Feb. 16 5:00 PM
Rabbit Show Saturday, Feb. 17 12:00 PM
Heifer Show Saturday, Feb. 17 7:00 PM
Horse Show Sunday, Feb. 18 12:00 PM
Swine Show Monday, Feb. 19 7:00 PM
Dog Show Wednesday, Feb. 21 7:00 PM
Goat Show Thursday, Feb. 22 7:00 PM
Steer Show Friday, Feb. 23 7:00 PM
Small Animal Auction Sat, Feb. 24 12:00 PM
Market Steer/Swine Auction Sat, Feb. 24 4:00 PM

LAST CHANCE: Large and Small Animal Ethical Treatment Class
January 11, 2007 - Extension Office - 4:00pm-7:30pm
(Pre-register by January 2nd 941.764.4340)