Congratulations to Steven Pink on achieving the following accomplishments at the 2015 Florida State Fair:

- **Senior High Point Champion**— a combination of showmanship, obedience, rally, and agility!
- **Champion of Champions**— First Place Winner on: Skill-a-thon test, Record book test, Record book, Poster, and Showmanship score!
Introduction to Stop Motion Animation

April 2nd and 3rd 2015
9:00AM-3:00PM
Cost $15.00

Hot Off The Press
April 2015
This two day workshop is for youth ages 14-18 who wish to learn about the art of stop motion animation. This type of animation was used in movies like The Nightmare Before Christmas, Paranorman, Chicken Run, Frankenweenie and recently The Boxtrolls.

Topics will include:
- What is stop motion animation?
- The history of stop motion animation.
- Basic tools and materials needed.
- Composite filming using a green screen.
- Lighting

Each participant will receive a posable wooden manikin and clay to be used to create a stop motion video.

This workshop will be held at McGuire Park- 21125 McGuire Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL

Due to the fact that this is a hands-on workshop space is very limited.

YES! Reserve a spot for me! This form will reserve your spot for this two day class; an enrollment and participation form must be filled out separately. Send to Charlotte County Extension ATTN: Pam Phillippe at 25550 Harborview Road Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Name: ___________________________ Date: __________ Age: ______________

Address: __________________________

Phone Number: ________________ Email Address: __________________________
**Cloverbud Club**  
*Ages 5-7, as of September 1, 2014*  
This club meets the 1st Monday of each month, 6pm (September-May) at the Extension Office in Port Charlotte. Call (941) 764-4340 for more information.

**Cows 'n Plows 4-H Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
Projects for this club include cattle, hogs, and sheep. The club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, at the Extension Office in Port Charlotte. For more information, call Nancy Lee at 941-637-0821 or Jackie Andrews at 941-628-6815.

**Four Paws & a Tail 4-H Dog Club**  
*Ages 5-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
Project area includes dogs of all ages. For more information, contact Lucia Pink at 941-575-7535 or (863)-660-5969.

**Fur 'n Feathers 4-H Club**  
*Ages 5-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
This club meets the 1st Thursday of each month, 6:30pm, at the Extension Office in Port Charlotte. They raise small animals - rabbits, chickens, ducks, and guinea pigs. For more information, call Michael Flowers at 941-575-7912.

**Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
This club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, at the Extension Office. For information contact Shelley Jordan at shel.jordan67@gmail.com

**Manes ’n Reins 4-H Horse Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
This club meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm. You will learn about horses, meet new friends, and have fun! For more information, email shelley4983@hotmail.com or shelatz@comcast.net

**Marine Ecology 4-H Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
Interested in learning about marine life and ecology? Then this club is for you! The club meets the 2nd Monday of each month, with field trips and competitions throughout the year. Contact Club Leader April Crane at 941-380-4073.

**Rockin' Paper and Scissors Scrapbooking Club**  
*Ages 5-18, as of September 1, 2014*  
Contact Club Leader April Crane at 941-380-4073.

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**Special Interest Groups**

*These meet intermittently throughout the year in the form of day camps, workshops, or clinics.*

**Environmental Explorers**  
*Ages 5-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Sewing and Consumerism**  
*Ages 11-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Fun with Foods**  
*Ages 5-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Teen Leadership 4-H Club**  
*Ages 12-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Outdoor Adventure 4-H Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Veterinarian Science**  
*Ages 11-18, as of September 1, 2014*

**Charlotte Shutterbugs Photography Club**  
*Ages 8-18, as of September 1, 2014*
Club Updates:

April 2nd and 3rd
Stop Motion Animation TWO Day Class! $15.00 per person, this two day workshop is for youth ages 14-18 who wish to learn about the art of stop motion animation. This type of animation was used in movies like The Nightmare Before Christmas, Paranorman, Chicken Run, Frankenweenie and recently The Box-trolls. Space is limited – reserve your spot today!

Shirt Orders
$10.00 per shirt. The shirt was designed by 4H-ers, CJ and Michelle Rambo!

2015 Buyers Dinner
Friday, April 10 at 6:30pm
Charlotte County Fairgrounds

Camp Cloverleaf Teen Counselors – I haven’t been told yet how many cabins we will be allowed, so I’m not sure of how many teens I can take as Counselors and/or Counselors-in-Training (CIT). The requirements for Counselors are: 16 years old, pass a fingerprinting and background check, and attend all of the counselor trainings. We can take Counselors-In-Training (CIT) 14 – 15 years old. Only active 4-H members may apply for counselor or counselor-in-training positions. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in applying. CITs pay half price for camp, and there is no charge for counselors.

Camp Cloverleaf – Mark your calendar! June 29th to July 3rd is Camp Cloverleaf! We will begin accepting applications March 2nd. We are going to have more counties camping with us this year, so the number we are allowed will be less than normal. Cost will remain at $250.00 for non-4-H members, and $230.00 for active 4-H members. Full payment will be due by June 1st.

Recipe of the month:
Chocolate Avocado Smoothie!

Ingredients:
1 ripe medium avocado
1 heaping tbsp cocoa
1-1/2 cups milk
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 tbsp honey (optional)
1 cup frozen strawberries

Instructions
Place in blender and blend until smooth.

Leader of the Month:
Mr. Michael Flowers

Thank you Mr. Mike for leading our Furs N’ Feathers club and helping our members learn as much as possible about their animals. We appreciate your dedication and hard work for Charlotte County 4-H youth!!
Are you SunAWARE?

While some exposure to sunlight can be enjoyable, too much can be dangerous—especially here in Florida! Overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can result in a painful sunburn. It can also lead to more serious health problems, including skin cancer, premature aging of the skin, cataracts and other eye damage, and immune system suppression.

**BE SUNAWARE**

Most people are unaware that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer within the United States. More than one million cases are reported annually. By following some simple steps, you can still enjoy your time in the sun and protect yourself from overexposure.

Use these simple techniques to insure your skin is protected from the sun:

- **Do Not Burn:** Sunburns significantly increase one’s lifetime risk of developing skin cancer, especially for children.

- **Avoid Sun Tanning and Tanning Beds:** UV light from tanning beds and the sun causes skin cancer and wrinkling.

- **Generously Apply Sunscreen:** about one ounce to cover all exposed skin 20 minutes before going outside. Sunscreen should have a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 and provide protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Reapply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

- **Wear Protective Clothing:** such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses, when possible.

- **Seek Shade:** when possible and remember that the sun’s UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- **Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand:** reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn.

- **Check the UV Index:** this provides important information to help you plan your outdoor activities in ways that prevent sun overexposure.

- **Get Vitamin D Safely:** through a diet that includes vitamin supplements and foods fortified with Vitamin D. Don’t seek the sun.

The UV Index forecasts the strength of the sun’s harmful rays. The higher the number, the greater the chance of sun damage. (www.epa.gov/sunwise/uvindex.html.)

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CES = County Extension Service
MPB = Mcguire Park Building
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