

Pure Country 4-H Club



A Word From Your Club Leader—

Mrs. Deanna

I am excited for the new 4-H year and all in has in store. Thank you for joining the Pure Country 4-H Club. We are a very active club with many members participating in open shows, State Fair, and the Florida Agriculture & Wildlife Expo. We also attend many events such as the Brooksville Christmas Parade, 4-H Day at the Capital, County and District Events and those Seniors that qualify attend State Events.

The club will host several livestock skill-a-thon events to get your prepared for showing your animal whether it be a rabbit, chicken, pig or steer. We also try to attend educational field trips throughout the year as well

The club as a webpage www.purecountry4h.com and a Facebook page as Pure Country Club. You can monitor these sites for updates and information about the club.

Let's make this a great year full of learning, fun, and excitement. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email, text, or phone call if you have any questions or need any help throughout the year.



THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge...



my **HEAD** to clearer thinking.



my **HEART** to greater loyalty.



my **HANDS** to larger service.



my **HEALTH** to better living.

For my club, my community,
my country and my world.

Upcoming Shows/Dates

- Feb. 14-15 Sweethearts of the Sunshine State—Swine—Tampa
Feb. 26 Southwest Florida Ag Expo—Cattle, Swine, Dairy Goats—North Fort Myers
Mar. 6-7 West Florida Livestock Show—Swine, Cattle—Quincy
Mar. 7 March Mini Madness 2026—Nigerian Dwarf Goat—Brooksville

***For more information on upcoming shows and events go to the Showman App
<https://showman.app/shows/>***

4-H Day at the Capitol

Members had a great time attending 4-H Day at the Capitol meeting with CFO Balise Ingoglia, Senator Martin, and Ag Commissioner Wilton Simpson. The members explained the importance of 4-H and Agriculture and the positive impact 4-H has had on them.



FAWE Calendar of Events



2026 Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATES	Day of the Week	Time
Pullet Entries Due	9/18/2025	Thursday	midnight via Showman app
Steer Entries Due	9/19/2025	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Initial Steer Weigh-in	10/4/2025	Saturday	7:00am, line by 9:00am
Pullet Pick up @Ranch Hand Feed	10/11/2025	Saturday	Schedule to be based on entries/clubs
Swine Entries Due	11/14/2025	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Swine Tagging	12/6/2025	Saturday	2:00 pm, in line by 4:00 pm
Poultry Entries Due	1/16/2026	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Rabbit Entries Due	1/16/2026	Friday	midnight via Showman app
Ethics course completion	1/31/2026	Friday	various
Steer Record Books DUE	3/6/2026	Friday	by 5:00 p.m. to Ranch Hand (no earlier than 3/5/26)
Swine Record Books DUE	3/6/2026	Friday	by 5:00 p.m. to Ranch Hand (no earlier than 3/5/26)
Poultry pre-testing with FDACS	TBD	TBD	TBD
Rodeo #1	3/13/2026	Friday	7:30 PM
Rodeo #2	3/14/2026	Saturday	7:30 PM
Poultry & Rabbit Check-in	3/15/2026	Sunday	4-6pm (Checkin by club at scheduled time spot)
	Pre-tested & NPIP will go first in club		MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Poultry Show	3/16/2026	Monday	judging starts at 3pm
Poultry Showmanship	3/16/2026	Monday	shows starts at 6pm
Steer Weigh-in	3/17/2026	Tuesday	4pm start, must be in line by 6pm
			MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Rabbit Show	3/17/2026	Tuesday	judging starts at 5pm
Rabbit Showmanship	3/17/2026	Tuesday	show starts at 7pm
Swine Weigh-in	3/18/2026	Wednesday	4pm start, must be in line by 7pm
			MANDATORY MEETING AFTER CHECK-IN approx 6:15
Swine Show/Showmanship	3/19/2026	Thursday	show starts at 6pm
Steer Show/Showmanship	3/20/2026	Friday	shows starts at 6pm
Market Animal Sales	3/21/2026	Saturday	Times see below
			Pullets 1pm
			Swine not before 3pm
			Steer not before 5pm
Load out for Rabbit & Poultry	3/21/2026	Saturday	after auction is completed
Clean Up for all Exhibitors	3/22/2026	Sunday	12pm-1pm ENTIRE HOUR
Exhibitors must check in, stay/work the entire hour, and check out			
Thank you notes - Market Animals/Buckles	3/22/2026	Sunday	1pm-2pm (AFTER clean up)
Any exhibitor selling a market project or earning a belt buckle must turn in a hand-written thank you at this time			
Donation (add-on) lists available for distribution	3/30/2026	Monday	Lists will be emailed to address on file
Donation Thank you notes due	4/10/2026	Friday	8am-5pm
	4/11/2026	Saturday	8am-5pm (cutoff time 5pm)

Pure Country Club Calendar

February 2026

- 2 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island
- 5-16 Florida State Fair
- 6 Livestock Judging
- 13 Poultry Judging
- 24 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island
- 26 County Events Makeup

March 2026

- 1-31 4-H 5K Virtual Run**
- 2 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island
- 7 County Events
- 13-22 Florida Agriculture and Wildlife Expo
- 31 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

April 2026

- 6 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island
- 11 State Livestock Judging Conest
- 28 6:00pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

May 2026

- 4 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island
- 8 County Photography Photos Due
- 26 6:00 pm Officer Meeting—Coney Island

June 2026

- 1 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 3 6:00pm Livestock/Poultry Judging Team Meeting—Coney Island
- 10-12 Project Reports, Record Books, Standards of Excellence Due

July 2026

- 6 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 27-30 4-H University

August 2026

- 3 6:00pm Pure Country Club Meeting
- 14 Hernando 4-H Awards- August 14 (tentative)
- 21-23 4-H Volunteer Leader's Forum- August 21-23

We want to give a shout out to one of our members SJ Watler for attending the Cattle Clinic and obtaining a health Certificate for her Steer as well as getting some hands on practice as well as information on completing on her record book.



March 4-Health

Back again for 2026, the 4-H Virtual 5K. This 'event' runs the entire month of March and every participant can earn a 5K medal. Registration will officially open December 1, 2025. We can choose to participate as a club. Running is not required. The funds raised with your \$10.00 entry fee will then be used to support Florida 4-H programs through mini-scholarships and Health Rocks programming. That fee also allows you to receive your medal.

March 4-Health 5k



March 1-31, 2026

**Our Virtual 5K can be completed
with a run, walk, by rowing a boat,
or even riding a horse from any
location you choose.**

Cost is \$10 for a medal.

Group packages available.

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
DECEMBER 1,
2026**



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**HEALTH!
ROCKS!**
INSPIRED TO BE SUBSTANCE FREE

February Birthdays

02/4—Rosemary Jarrett

02/7—Kendyl Rotunda

02/12—Samantha Wyman



Club Information

Our club has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/purecountry.club>

And a webpage: www.hernandopurecountry4h.com

Follow our Facebook and webpage for information and updates.

Prepare for County Events Now

What is County Events?

4-H County Events (also known as County Showcase) is an opportunity for 4-H youth to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have mastered as part of their 4-H experience. Youth can share what they have learned through several contests, from public speaking, to demonstrations, visual arts, and theater arts.

How to Prepare:

First, become familiar with the different contests and rules. Know what category you will be in: Public speaking, Demonstration & Illustrated Talks or Share the Fun.

Demonstrations are simply showing and telling how to do something. You explain what you are doing while you work on something you like to do. You've seen lots of demonstrations without realizing it. When your mom or dad shows you how to pound a nail, make your bed, or set a table, that's a demonstration. When your 4-H leader shows you how to transplant a house plant, that's also a demonstration.

Illustrated Talks are like demonstrations but, instead of working on something while you talk, you just talk and use a variety of visual aids to help you. When your 4-H leader explains the horse breeds and colors by using horse models, that is an illustrated talk. When your friend explains a family vacation trip and shows you pictures, maps, and souvenirs, that is also an illustrated talk.

Public Speaking is like an illustrated talk but you do not use any visual aids.

Share the Fun is designed to give 4-H members opportunities to express themselves through the performing arts (Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Drama/Reading, or a combination).

