



Hands on Broward 4-H

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Pictured above: 4-H'ers. Back row left to right: Kathryn Douglas, Dalton McClain, Towns McClain, Danielle O'Connor, Daniel Dedrick-Dwyer, and Shane O'Connor. Front row: Forrest McClain, Julie Weiss, Phoenix McClain, and Alizdair Ray.

4-H Fair a Huge Success

The Broward County 4-H Fair was held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the Green Market in Pompano Beach, Florida. This event was coordinated by Fred Segal in conjunction with Bonny Hadjucko, from the Broward County Farm Bureau and the 4-H Foundation, as well as Broward County Extension staff.

Several vendors were present selling some of Florida's best produce as well as some other treats. Booths ranged from homemade yogurt, arts and crafts, and even a Honeybee exhibit, presented by the Florida Bee Keepers Association. Several individuals who frequent the Green Market were able to interact with 4-H'ers, as well as learn about our organization and clubs. We were able to recruit potential volunteers as well as potential club members. During the fair we conducted our annual 4-H fair projects. Many 4-H'ers presented their projects to be judged by several judges. We also held our annual Chicken Barbecue Cook-off. A total of six 4-H'ers participated in this Barbecue Show-down. We had a total of three judges for this event.

The Footprints Club held a candy fundraiser at this event. This was a sweet treat for all in attendance.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event, especially those who helped in the planning and organization stage. We hope to see everyone next year!

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Meet the Broward 4-H Agent

Hello, all:

I am Rina LaRosa, your new Broward County 4-H Youth Development Agent. First and foremost, I am extremely ecstatic to be a part of such a wonderful organization. I have worked with children since I graduated from high school almost 13 years ago and have been an elementary teacher for the past eight. I have also been director of several afterschool dance clubs as well the talent show manager.

My goal is to create, develop, and implement programs that teach the youth of Broward County life skills that will help them in their future.

Hope everyone has a safe and

Happy Holiday!

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Broward 4-H Fair Awards



✿ Make a World of Difference ✿

Several 4-H'ers submitted fair projects in different project categories such as Agriculture, Animal Science, Clothing, Food, Photography, Environmental Science, Crafts, Fine Arts, Hobbies, Entomology, Posters, Citizenship and Careers, Health and Home Economics, Industrial Arts, and Club Entries. Each 4-H'er was allowed to submit up to five projects in any of these categories. Cash prizes were given to the winners.

Daniel Dedrick-Dwyer took home four Best in Show ribbons, as well as four first-place ribbons, and one second-place ribbon, for a total of \$59. Taking home a total of \$27 was Shane O'Connor. Shane received three second-place ribbons, two first-place ribbons, and one Best in Show. Danielle O'Connor received five first-place ribbons and two Best in Show, taking home a total of \$45. Kathryn Douglas took home \$39 by receiving two Best in Show, and three first-place ribbons. Towns McClain received three first-place ribbons, one second-place ribbon, one third-place ribbon, and two Best in Show. Dalton McClain received two first-place ribbons, three second-place ribbons and two Best in Show, taking home a total of \$42. Julie Weiss received one second-place ribbon, as well as two first-place ribbons and a Best in Show. Julie won a total of \$23 for her fair projects. Austin Douglas received two second-place ribbons, two first-place ribbons, and a Best in Show, receiving a total of \$23. Forrest

McClain received two second-place ribbons, three first-place ribbons, and three Best in Show receiving a total of \$58. Three of our Cloverbuds were also part of the action. The Cloverbud members received one dollar for each project submitted. Jayden Raines submitted a total of five projects, Phoenix McClain submitted one project, and Alizdair Ray submitted three. There was one club entry by Footprints, which was a scrapbook.

Congratulations to all for their hard work and determination. Everyone was impressed with the projects submitted and the quality of work. Everyone present had an opportunity to see that our 4-H'ers have talent.



Alizdair Ray (above) and Danielle O'Connor (below) present their projects.



Become a Broward 4-H Volunteer Today!

Would you like to make a positive impact on the youth of Broward County? Do you have the potential to create positive learning experiences for young people across the county? If you have answered yes to these two questions then you should consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. Florida 4-H aspires to be the leading youth development program that creates positive change in youth, families, and communities. 4-H cannot exist without volunteers like you*. Your desire to work with young people and influence their lives in a positive way is the first step toward becoming a 4-H volunteer. 4-H volunteers are provided with extensive resources to assist Florida's youth. Volunteering just one evening a week with 4-H can make a difference!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or for information on starting a 4-H club please call the Broward County Extension office at 954-357-5270 or you can e-mail us at 4-H@broward.org.

We hope you become part of our 4-H world soon!

**Each volunteer is screened through a background check to ensure the security of our children.*





Wanna Barbecue?



Broward 4-H'ers on the path to becoming Top Chicken BBQ Chefs

The annual Chicken Barbecue Cook-off was held during the 4-H Fair. There were a total of six contestants demonstrating their extraordinary cooking skills. Three judges had the difficult task of tasting and judging diverse flavors and styles of barbecue chicken.

One of our first-time judges commented that he was “very impressed to see kids not only cooking but entirely setting up a grill and choosing the perfect condiments for their creation.”

“Setting up and barbecuing is difficult enough for an adult, so for a child to do this on their own is very impressive,” continued one of our judges.

In the Junior division, Forrest McClain won first place and Shane O'Connor won second. In the Intermediate division Danielle O'Connor won first place and Towns McClain won second. In

the Senior division Julie Weiss won first place and Dalton McClain won second. Julie Weiss was our overall winner and will go on to compete at the state barbecue cook-off. Congratulations to all.



Pictured above: Shane and Danielle O'Connor are setting up to begin grilling.

Pictured below: Julie Weiss will be competing in the state chicken barbecue cook-off in June, at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, Florida. Good luck, Julie!



UPCOMING BROWARD 4-H EVENTS

- ◆ December 15: Leaders Meeting at Broward County Extension Auditorium @ 6 p.m.
- ◆ December 15: County Council Meeting at Broward County Extension Auditorium @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ December 15: Horse Committee Meeting in Broward County Extension Conference Room @ 7 p.m.
- ◆ January 21, 2012: Extension Open House at the Broward County Extension Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's theme is "Do You Have a Clue What We Do?"



From Broward County 4-H

Happy Holidays

Extension Open House

On January 21, 2012, the Extension Education Section will host its annual "Do You Have a Clue What We Do?" Open House, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All 4-H club members are invited to this event. Any 4-H clubs that would like to set up a display on the 4-H table, please call 4-H agent Rina LaRosa at 954-357-5270 or e-mail 4-H@broward.org. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



4-H Alumni Corner:

Mindy Proaño was a 4-H'er for ten years. She was part of the Exploring Pioneers Homeschool Club, and then ventured with Project Stable. Mindy later established the club, Soaring Angels alongside her mother, Debbie China.

Here are Mindy's December 4-H Tips:

- December is a great time to do Volunteer Work.
- Take plenty of pictures and try to tie them into your yearly projects.
- Practice speeches, demonstrations, share the fun acts, and fashion modeling in front of all your visiting families during the holidays.



Happy Holidays from Mindy and Family!



Coming soon to 4-H near you!



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****Congratulations to Shane and Danielle O'Connor, who both won \$50 at the Broward County Fair for their photography projects. Shane and Danielle are both members of the Stepping Stones Club.**

****Special thanks to Tracy O'Connor for providing pictures for our newsletter.**



**** Thank you to all the judges and participants of the 4-H Fair. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.**

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