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ADOPT-A-COWBOY PROJECT

by Micah Gallagher

Gilchrist County 4-H Agent, Jessica Cooper and I worked together for the Adopt-A-Cowboy Program in Levy County. The teachers in this program read *The Cattle Tale* and showed their classes videos created by other Extension Agents in Florida including the topics:

- **A day in the life of a cowboy**
- **Beef nutrition**
- **Ecosystems on ranches**



This year multiple 4th grade classes from four different schools in Levy County joined the program. Our two cowboys Lint Jerrels and Korey Griner met with 183 students in April. The cowboys demonstrated their skills and knowledge about what it takes to care for cattle and greenspaces, have a good horse, and rely on your trustworthy dogs to help round up the herd.

The Adopt-A-Cowboy Program was a hit! We anticipate the 2025-2026 program will have double the amount of classes register in Levy County. I am excited to continue working with Jessica, ranchers, and cowboys to exhibit the importance of Florida's ranching heritage.



To register a class please email micah.gallagher@ufl.edu





From the Agent's Desk

Our extensive 4-H Summer Day Camp series is in full swing!

Offering 6 weeks of summer day camps, Levy County 4-H is providing youth in the community with quality positive youth development experiences. Participating youth will engage in fun educational activities all while learning valuable life skills through positive adults.

Check out a few pictures from our first week of camp, Cloverbud Paleontologists Camp!



Partnering with Levy County Extension Director, Mark Warren, we are excited to pilot the Levy County 4-H Giant Watermelon Project with a few of our members. These members checked their giant watermelons into the Chiefland Watermelon Festival the morning of June 7th. These melons were auctioned off at the event to raise proceeds for a local community resource. These members gained valuable insight into all the decisions and problem solving that our farmers go through when growing melons!

The new 4-H Year kicks off September 1, 2025. Levy County 4-H will be hosting our annual 4-H Open House on the evening of August 19th. 4-H Clubs and other project areas will be sharing information with returning, new and potential 4-H families.

Save
THE
Date





From the ROOTS Up

submitted by Barbara L. Edmonds, extension program assistant, master gardener coordinator and ISA arborist

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Master Gardeners encourage little people to be ocean heroes during Levy Library Summer Reading series.

"Make everything as simple as possible but not simpler." Albert Einstein



Bronson Library, June 9



A.F. Knotts Library, Yankeetown, June 10



Cedar Key Library, June 13



What is the stingray shuffle?
I wonder if SpongeBob SquarePants is real.

Do pearls come from clams?

How long does a sea turtle live?

What do jellyfish eat?

Do stingray bite?



Do manatee have tongues?

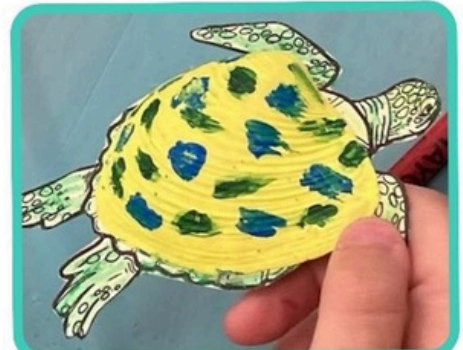
What do sea turtles eat?

Do snakes live in the water?

What is the largest shark?

How do scuba divers "talk" underwater?

Luther Callaway Library, Chiefland, June 12



Williston Library, June 11





The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) is an essential community initiative that helps facilitate access to nutrition education and resources for children and their families within the county. Not only does FNP provide education but also installs school gardens across the county equipping teachers with tools to provide students with hands-on learning skills to help them grow their own food. Currently, FNP has helped install eight school gardens systems. The most recent install took place at Bronson Elementary, where we provided 8 garden boxes and various vegetables for them to grow.

FNP was able to set up a new school garden at Bronson Elementary School



← WHAT'S COMING UP →

4-H

July

- Shotgun - Every Thursday @ 4:30PM

August

- Shotgun – Every Thursday @ 4:30PM

September

- Shotgun – Every Thursday @ 4:30PM

Master Gardeners

**Great Florida Pollinator Census,
August 22nd and 23rd at Levy
Extension Campus time TBD**

Livestock

- Levy County Cattlemen's Dinner and Social September 13th
- Small Ruminant Short Course October 10th - 11th
- Ocala Bull Sale October 14th
- Ag Expo Moultrie, GA October 14th - 16th
- Livestock Forage and Field Day October 21st

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