



# FAIR FAMILY

## Newsletter

### Another Blue Ribbon Fair!

The Clay County Agricultural Fair was awarded the "Blue Ribbon" status again this year at the Florida Federation of Fairs Convention held in May of this year. The Clay County Fair has received this honor since 2003.

#### 2012 Board Members

On June 21, 2011 the Clay County Fair Association elected it's newest member to the Board of Directors, Becky Trexler of Green Cove Springs.

2011-2012 Board of Directors:

##### Executive Board

Johnny Mack Smith-Chairman

Sharonda Johnson-Vice Chairman

Virginia Hall-Secretary

Andrea Tharp-Treasurer

##### Board of Directors

Rick Bebout      Robin Gann

Wayne Heath    Glenn Lassiter

Becky Trexler    Betty Thomas

Max VanFossen    Mary Lou Wilkinson

Tom Waugh-Advisory Seat

#### Florida Federation of Fairs Awards

At the State Convention held in May, the Clay County Fair received top awards for several different contests.

Newly established to promote agriculture : " Going Green"

Program designed to correct an issue: "Early Florida Trash Barrels"

New or unique class : "Rabbit Fashion Show"

Agricultural Photo: photo taken from our facebook page submitted by Casey Nelson Jones



We also won 4th Place for our 25th Anniversary Historical Display. In addition, the fair was recognized with a plaque for its role in the Giles Ellis Golf tournament held at the Slammer & Squire golf course at the World Golf Village during the Florida Federation of Fairs Convention. The plaque is on display in the fair office lobby. Board of Directors who worked on the golf committee: Sharonda Johnson, Robin Gann, and Mary Lou Wilkinson. Staff members included Karen Brown and Pete Sutton.

#### Friends of Clay County 4-H Award

We were recognized as a "Friend of 4-H" with a nice plaque at the 4-H Awards Banquet on August 4, 2011. Betty Thomas, Clay County Fair Association Director accepted the award and shared the good news at the August Board meeting. The plaque is on display in the fair office lobby. Thanks to Stephanie Conner and the Clay County 4-H team for the nice comments and the award.

#### 2011 Summer Bee Jubilee

The Fair Association partnered with the Northeast Florida Honey Bee Association to put on the Summer Bee Jubilee for the Florida State Beekeepers Association this past June.

The Fair opened up the entire Early Florida Village during the conference to host the BBQ lunch and tours of the village.



Pete Sutton, Fair Manager, was a guest speaker at the event along with Jayla Gillaspie the 2011 Florida Honey Queen. This was a great opportunity to help promote the fair and educate others on ways to use the fair to promote agriculture education.

#### The 2012 Fair Theme is

##### "Cowbelles & Carousels"

Early reaction from our fair family on facebook indicates strong support.

#### Florida Federation of Fairs Summer Workshop

The summer workshop was held July 29-30, 2011 at the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City. Attendees: Robin Gann, Becky Trexler, Jimmy Trexler, Karen Brown and Pete Sutton.

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2012 Fair Dates

March 29-April 7, 2012

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