

Periodical Publication Abstract

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Objective

The *Growing Together: Glades County 4-H* supporter newsletter was created to keep our supporters and community partners informed and engaged year-round with the Glades County 4-H program. This publication highlights how their contributions directly impact local youth by providing enriching programming opportunities across the county. Recognizing that our supporters generously come together each year to purchase the Glades County Chapter hog, this newsletter was developed to ensure they remain connected to the program beyond show time, fostering a sense of inclusion and appreciation throughout the year.

Target Audience

The target audience for this periodical publication was supporters of the Glades County 4-H program. Specifically, those supporting our chapter hog fundraiser, advisory committee members, and county commissioners are included. According to the latest United States Census Quickfacts data, as of July 2019, Glades County's population totaled 13,811. The county's demographic breakdown reveals 78.8% Caucasian, 13.7% African American, 5.2% American Indian, 21.8% Hispanic, and 0.7% Asian residents.

Methods Used

The *Growing Together: Glades County 4-H* newsletter was expertly designed using Canva as the primary platform. This visually engaging publication incorporated photos to showcase ongoing 4-H activities while highlighting opportunities available to youth, made possible through the generous support of our community partners.

Impact Results

In its second year, the *Growing Together: Glades County 4-H* newsletter, launched in 2023, has played a vital role in strengthening community engagement and support. In its inaugural year, local supporters contributed \$14,022 to the Glades County 4-H program. By 2024, that support nearly doubled to \$27,522. While multiple factors influence donor contributions, the newsletter has been a powerful tool in informing supporters about how their generosity directly benefits 4-H youth programs. By fostering transparency and ongoing communication, the newsletter has helped cultivate a deeper connection between our supporters and the impact of their contributions.

Applicant's Role in the Entry

The applicant carefully curated the newsletters by collecting photos and stories from various 4-H clubs and activities, ensuring a dynamic and engaging showcase of the program's impact.

Publisher's Requirement

The *Growing Together: Glades County 4-H* Newsletter was not subject to specific publishing requirements. However, as a component of the University of Florida, it is obligatory to incorporate the Affirmative Action statement in each publication.

Production Costs

The periodical publications were meticulously crafted using computers within the County Extension Office and leveraging the cost-free resources available on the CANVA website, resulting in no financial burden for the applicants. Distribution of the newsletters was facilitated through traditional mailings via USPS. Printed copies were provided to all Glades County 4-H supporters, with in-house printing funded by county resources, thus eliminating printing expenses. Furthermore, postage fees were covered by University postage funds, further minimizing costs. If produced externally, the estimated cost per newsletter, including printing and postage, would amount to approximately \$2.00 per supporter.

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SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER



2024 GCYLS SCHEDULE



Monday, February 26th - Pee Wee and Dairy Shows @6pm

Tuesday, February 27th - Swine Show @6pm

Wednesday, February 28th - Market Steer & Commercial Heifer Shows @6pm

Thursday, February 29th - Pee Wee Parade & Livestock Auction @7pm

Can you feel the excitement of show week in the air?

We want to take a moment and thank you for all you do for the youth of Glades County throughout the year! We look forward to seeing you during the week of February 26-29.

If you have any questions on how you can help the youth or get involved please call Tycee at 863-946-0244.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

ROOTERS SWINE CLUB

The Rooters Swine Club has been busy in January and February. From celebrating their club members in January with a birthday bash to having a pork product identification contest to practicing showmanship, the club leaders and mentors have been busy providing a wide array of learning experiences to make sure the youth are not only prepared to show their swine project but are knowledgeable about the swine industry.



Rooter Mentors



Glades County 4-H members enjoyed the 2024 Florida 4-H Day at the Capitol. Thank you for making experiences like this possible for our youth!

THANK YOU
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4-H Day at the Capitol



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Welcome to the new 4-H year!

This year our Little Rascals Club will be having “visitors” at their meetings. Club officers and mentors from the Dairy, Swine, and Beef Cattle clubs will be practicing their leadership skills by sharing their knowledge with our youngest group of 4-H members.

The Rooters mentors and officers played games, and brought special “pigs” to help our Little Rascals sharpen their swine showing skills.



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>>> ARCHERY

Glades County 4-H is happy to announce that they are once again offering the archery project thanks to Matt Whidden and Eddie Brown. Members are encouraged to join and try out their archery skill.

Upcoming 4-H Archery Meetings/Practices

Meetings/Practices

December 5, 2024

December 19, 2024



Meetings/Practices will be held at the
Bronson Arena @ 6 pm
Parents need to plan to stay with their child.



Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

This year Glades County 4-H sent seven youth to the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference. The youth were able to attend leadership workshops and learn about 4-H programming in other states. This is the largest delegation that Glades County has sent!



Glades County 4-H extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supports our program. Your generosity allows us to create meaningful opportunities for the youth in our community. The photos and updates shared here offer just a glimpse of the impact your support makes possible.

We're thrilled to embark on another exciting 4-H year and can't wait to see the incredible adventures and achievements ahead!



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THANK YOU KNICK SHOW PIGS!



For the third year in a row
Knick Show Pigs has
donated the Glades
County 4-H Chapter Hog.