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Save the Date

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Joint meeting with Manatee
Longino Ranch



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sarasotacattlemen@gmail.com



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February 2026 Newsletter

SARASOTA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Thursday, February 26, 2026
6:30 social time
7:00 meeting/supper

Mabry Carlton Ranch
9430 Sidell Road
Sidell, FL 34266

We will be honoring our
First Responders



*Sheriff Kurt Hoffman will be
at our meeting to give us an
update on all things first
responder*



March 13-22, 2026
Sarasota County Fairgrounds
Save the date!

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP

Thank you for joining, re-joining, or renewing your membership to the Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association

Jeffri Durrance

Kim Bonner

Brooke Langston

Adam Maio

Jessie Johnston

Sally Place

Elizabeth Moore

Congressman Greg Steube

Dr. Wadi Gomero-Cure

Stephen Rodgers

WE WANT YOU!

— TO HELP AT THE —
SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 8:00 AM
LARGE ANIMAL BARN & HOG SET UP

Exhibitor Call In: February 21-28, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Call Stacy McClain 941-921-9417

Fair Workday: Saturday, March 7, 2026, 8:00 AM

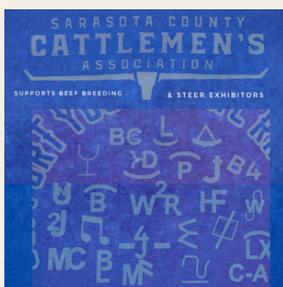
Hog Bleeding: Monday, February 23, 2026, 4:00 - 6:00 PM



The 2026 Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship application is now available. *Also attached to the newsletter.*

Join us to support the youth

Sarasota County Cattlemen support the youth who have beef projects at the county fair.



Display your cattle brand on the youth t-shirts \$50



All youth with beef projects receive a t-shirt celebrating local ranchers and families in the beef industry!



With our Allied Members, we provide a financial add-on to the youth who have beef projects.

Purchase a belt buckle in memory of your loved one. Call/text Lisa @ 941-809-2181 \$100 per Buckle

Display your cattle brand on the youth T-Shirts for a \$50 investment call/text Delanie 941-806-7405

Provide an investment for Youth Scholarships, Whip Cracking, or Add-ons for beef projects call/text Jason @ 941-504-8468



During the 2025 Fair, Lydia Egolf was one of sixteen youth to earn a belt buckle. All buckles were presented by the Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association and dedicated to the memory of loved ones.

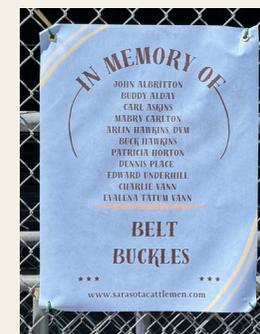


Scholarships for youth who are pursuing higher education.

"Top Carcass Award" financial recognition to the youth who has an exceptional steer!

Significant award for Reserve Grand and Grand Champion steer meeting certain eligibility requirements.

Support the Youth Whip Cracking Contest



Honor your loved one with a belt buckle.



The mission of the Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association is to promote and protect the growth and long-term viability of Sarasota County cattle producers, to develop the next generation of agricultural leaders, and to encourage the responsible stewardship of agricultural working lands.

Allied Member Celebration



At our January meeting we celebrated our Allied Business Members



Best Wishes to LuAnn Biggy and Greg Harkness on their wedding.

To have your mission-driven photo featured in the newsletter text Patty at 941-302-1984

THIS JUST IN



Coffee Mugs \$10



Long sleeve, Dry Zone moisture-wicking technology, UPF 50. Available at the meeting in three colors



Ladies and men's custom shirts available at the meeting



- T-Shirts \$20
- Long-Sleeve T Shirts \$25
- Hats \$25
- Grocery Bags
- Key Chains/Lapel Pins
- Stickers

Allied Member Spotlight

George Wadsworth Insurance

Family Owned and Operated

At George Wadsworth Insurance we live and work in the communities that we serve. We know and understand the challenges that you face and we share in the success of our clients. We take customer service serious and our clients are always our priority. We don't want to just sell you a product, we want to meet your needs. Have a unique problem? Let us give you a solution.



**Sarasota County
Association**

SARASOTA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION PAST PRESIDENTS

2025 Lisa Carlton	2002 Robbie Martin	1979 Dr. Arlin Hawkins
2024 Norman Stockton	2001 Robbie Martin	1978 Chuck Downs, Jr.
2023 Norman Stockton	2000 David Milburn	1974 Bill Welch
2022 Norman Stockton	1999 Rory Martin	1973 L.H. Buck Hawkins
2021 Chuck Johnston	1998 Joe Padgett	1972 L.H. Buck Hawkins
2020 Chuck Johnston	1997 Joe Padgett	1971 Mabry Carlton
2019 Bryan Bartell	1996 Joe Padgett	1970 Mabry Carlton
2018 Bryan Bartell	1995 Joe Padgett	1969 Mabry Carlton
2017 Paul Taylor	1994 Dick Kelly	1968 Max Carr
2016 Paul Taylor	1993 Carl Askins	1967 Max Carr
2015 Bryan Bartell	1992 Chuck Johnston	1966 Buster Longino
2014 Bryan Bartell	1991 Chuck Johnston	1965 Buster Longino
2013 Bryan Bartell	1990 Mitchell Welch	1963 Max Carr
2012 Paul Taylor	1988 Carl Askins	1958 Latimer Turner
2011 Paul Taylor	1987 Harvey Benschoter	1951 E.A. Carr
2010 Paul Taylor	1986 Carl Askins	1949 Jim Springer
2009 Paul Taylor	1985 Louis Vodila	1947 Herman Turner
2008 Don Strickland	1984 Carl Askins	1946 Herman Turner
2007 Don Strickland	1983 Carl Askins	1943 L.H. Buck Hawkins
2006 Paul Taylor	1982 Carl Askins	1942 C.H. Downs, Sr.
2005 Paul Taylor	1981 Boyce Blackmon	
2004 Bill McClain	1980 Dr. Arlin Hawkins	
2003 Bill McClain		

if you are able to fill in missing names/years please text Patty at 941-302-1984

**SARASOTA COUNTY
CATTLEMAN OF THE YEAR**

2025 CAROL HAWKINS

2024 LISA CARLTON

2023 ED MCCRANE

2022 CHRIS EGOLF

2020 SARAH BOSTICK

2019 DR. JOHNNIE COPELAND

2018 NORMAN STOCKTON

2017 DENNIS PLACE

2016 TONY CARLTON

2015 PAT HORTON

2014 GREG HARKNESS

2013 EARL UNDERHILL

2012 CARL ASKINS

2011 JOHN ALBRITTON

2010 CHUCK JOHNSTON

2009 DON STRICKLAND

2008 PAUL TAYLOR



Please Support our 2026
Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association
Allied Members



LONGINO RANCH



CKP
SPECIALIZING IN PRF & LRP

WATERSHED
HOSPITALITY CONCEPTS
#WESERVEHOSPITALITY

CASK & ALE



PI PIZZA
3.14

BLASÉ
MARTINI BAR

PIE ON MAIN
BAR & PIZZA



**FARM
CREDIT**
OF FLORIDA



RESILIENT RETREAT



Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.



Scholarship Application

The Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. scholarship is intended for applicants demonstrating a strong commitment to pursuing a career within the beef industry, including animal science, veterinary medicine, meat science, nutrition, food safety, agricultural education, or related agricultural disciplines, with the goal of contributing to the advancement and sustainability of the beef industry. The applicant must intend to pursue their education in a school of higher learning.

Administration: Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association, Inc. Board of Directors

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a member of OR have an immediate family member who is in good standing of the Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.
 - a. Good Standing – *Paid in full membership for current year and have been a member since March 31, 2025.*
2. Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a student in an accredited school of higher learning for the upcoming academic year.
3. Applicant must have a current overall GPA of 2.0 or higher and be in good academic standing.

Items to be included with Application:

- (a) Application Cover Sheet
- (b) One (1) Letter of recommendation
- (c) Most up to date transcript available at time of submission (GPA must be included)
- (d) Typed 300-600 word essay based on the following prompt: *How has the beef or agricultural industry impacted your life and how will your higher education plans further your goal of working in the industry.*

Submission

Applicant must submit a completed hand delivered or emailed application to a Board Member of the Sarasota County Cattlemen's association by 5:00 pm on **March 31, 2026.**

Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association, Inc.



Application Cover Sheet

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Are you a United States citizen? _____ Yes _____ No

Birth Date: _____

Planned area of agricultural study: _____

Current High School G.P.A. _____ OR G.P.A upon High school graduation _____ OR

Current College G.P.A. _____

Name of current high school OR school of higher learning that you are presently attending

Intended School of Higher Learning: _____

The following immediate family member is a **current** member in good standing and has been a member in good standing of the Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association since **March 31, 2025**.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION & SUPPORTIVE MATERIALS IS TRUE, CORRECT & COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____



Membership Application

Return this form with payment to:
Florida Cattlemen's Association
PO Box 421929, Kissimmee, FL 34742
or Membership@floridacattlemen.org



Join/Renew Online

Date: _____ (Check One) Renewal New Member, Recruited By: _____

Contact Information

Member Name: _____

Ranch/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Billing Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Please provide a valid email address

Membership Type

FCA State & County Membership: \$150

State Dues = \$100 County Dues = \$50

If you join as an At Large/Out of State member, the full \$150 will stay with the State. You must select at least one option from the box to the right. Affiliate with multiple counties for an additional \$50 per county.

\$ _____

FCA

Collegiate Membership: \$100

UF Block & Bridle UF AGR

Warner Univ. ABAC

Other: _____

\$ _____

Collegiate

Aillied Business Membership: \$200

Required for tradeshow booth discount

\$ _____

Allied

JFCA Membership: \$10

Junior membership intended for young cattlemen aged 21 and under. Required to be eligible for the JFCA Point Series and other JFCA Contests. Add a Magazine subscription for an additional \$10. Please list member name(s) below if different from contact section above.

_____ w/Magazine \$10 \$20

_____ w/Magazine \$10 \$20

_____ w/Magazine \$10 \$20

\$ _____

JFCA

Donation:

Florida Cattle PAC \$ _____

Florida Cattlemen's Foundation \$ _____

Voluntary Environmental Fund \$ _____

\$ _____

Donation(s)

FCA County Affiliates

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of State/At Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alachua | <input type="checkbox"/> Lee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big River (Calhoun/Liberty) | <input type="checkbox"/> Levy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bradford-Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Madison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brevard | <input type="checkbox"/> Manatee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broward | <input type="checkbox"/> Marion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte | <input type="checkbox"/> Martin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citrus | <input type="checkbox"/> Nassau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clay | <input type="checkbox"/> North FL (Baker, Columbia, Duval, Hamilton & Suwannee) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collier | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest (Escambia & Santa Rosa) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dade | <input type="checkbox"/> Okeechobee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DeSoto | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dixie | <input type="checkbox"/> Osceola |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flagler | <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadsden | <input type="checkbox"/> Panhandle (Okaloosa & Walton) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gilchrist | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glades | <input type="checkbox"/> Polk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf | <input type="checkbox"/> Putnam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarasota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hendry | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hernando | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Johns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Lucie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillsborough | <input type="checkbox"/> Sumter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holmes | <input type="checkbox"/> Volusia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian River | <input type="checkbox"/> Wakulla |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson | |

Payment

Check # _____ Cash (In person Only)

Card: Visa MC Amex Discover

Would you like to Auto Renew? YES / NO

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____ V Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____ Total Due: \$ _____

Dues must be received on or before the 15th of the month to receive the following months issue of The Florida Cattleman & Livestock Journal.

Sarasota County Cattlemen's Association
Thursday, January 29, 2026
General Membership Meeting
Resilient Retreat, Sarasota, Florida Meeting

Call to order

William Bernet, vice president

7:06 pm

Invocation

William Bernet

Pledge

William Bernet

Thank you to Brandy at Resilient Retreat for hosting the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Hawkins-Dydra, Secretary

(meeting at Silver Star East)

First- Jason Dyrda

Second- Lisa Carlton

Passed unanimously

Financial Report

Jason Dryda, Treasurer

Checking Account \$22,052.38

Savings Account \$10,582.92

Scholarship Account \$16,157.18

Grand Total \$48,792.48

Guest Recognition William Bernet welcomed
the Allied Members

Break for supper

\$15 a plate

Introduction of Allied members and guests

Norman Stockton

Allied Membership Committee consists of Norman Stockton, Chuck Burns, Lisa Carlton, and
Kate Traugott.

Allied Members:

Watershed Hospitality Concepts (Ann Rawlings and Gary Harney attended)

Purina (Drew Collier attended)

Big Waters Land Trust (Christine Johnson attended)

Resilient Retreat (Brandy attended)

FerAppease (James Stice attended)

W&W Supply (Orin Webb attended)

Longino Ranch

Mabry Carlton Ranch (Lisa Carlton attended)

Chick-fil-A Clark Road (James Young)

Arcadia Stockyard

Merck Animal Health (Dallas Lock attended)

Westway Feed Products

CKP Insurance

George Wadsworth Insurance

American Legacy Wealth Management

Sarasota Ford

Farm Credit of Florida

Membership Report

Norman Stockton

General Membership Committee consists of Norman Stockton, Lisa Carlton, and Trevor Garofolo.

The SCCA was recognized in the January edition of the Livestock Journal for reaching 100 members.

Director and Committee Reports

Jr Cattleman's report

Cooper Dyrda, President of Jr. Cattlemen's 4H Club of Sarasota

Members are giving their presentations and getting ready for fair

Marketing/Communications

Patty Wacha

Contact Patty Wacha for anything needed.

Fair Board

Dan Corso

No report

Robbie Martin reported that the fair will be hosting the swine bleeding and health certificate opportunity on 2/23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at gate 5. Dr. Holifield will be providing the veterinary services.

2/28 is the barn assembly day. Please come out and help if you can. The SCCA will be providing 16 belt buckles for the fair. Sponsors are needed. Please see a board member to sponsor. Barn shift sign up for fair exhibitors is 2/21 to 2/18. Please reach out to Stacey McClain. Nettles will be the processor for the fair animals this year. The fair workday is 3/7. Please help if you can. This year the fair will be hosting whip cracking, dummy roping, livestock judging and farm and ranch obstacle course competitions.

State Directors Report

Cliff Coddington

No report

Scholarship Committee

Lisa Carlton

Scholarship applications are due March 31. They are available on the website or newsletter.

Range Deputy Report

Deputy George Yock

With water levels being low, individuals have been cutting fences to get into Myakka Park and digging in the river and camping illegally.

Unfinished business

New business

Fair Sponsors

- Looking for sponsors to cover buckles, t-shirts and carcass contest
- 16 Belt Buckles
- T-Shirts
- Carcass contest
- Roughly \$2500 needed for the Youth Fair Awards/Recognition

50/50

½ goes to winner ½ goes to the Sarasota Cattlemen Scholarship Fund

Total for the night was: \$100. Kristen Sanders won and donated her winning to the Junior Cattlemen.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

1st Lisa Carlton

2nd Jason Dyrda