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4-H Achievement Night

Fifty-five proud relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held Tuesday, February 23rd at the Cooperative Extension Center. Our speaker for the evening was Mr. Chris Stinson, principal of Anson New Technology High School. The event was held to honor Anson County 4-H’ers and 4-H Volunteers for their accomplishments over the last year in 4-H. Youth and adults were recognized and awarded ribbons, certificates, and medals. This year’s Jr. Outstanding 4-H’er was 9-year-old Katie Edwards.

Katie has been a 4-H’er for six years. She participated in Sandhills Showmanship Circuit, Jr. 4-H Camp, Centennial Kick-off at NC 4-H Congress, Centennial Events, and helped with the Chicken plate fundraiser. Last year she competed in 4-H Presentations and won gold on the county, district and state levels. Outstanding Volunteer Leader was awarded to Debra Ratliff. Debra has been a 4-H volunteer for 3 years. She has helped build the arch and make luminaries for Relay for Life, collected can goods to feed a family for Thanksgiving. She has also collected clothing and toys for needy families. She is a Bronze level Master Ace participant and has served in the capacity of Parliamentarian for the Anson County Volunteer Leaders Association.

The evening was capped off with recognition of outgoing officers and the installation of incoming officers with county council and the volunteer leaders association. The leaders raffle was a great success also they raised $ 180.

If you are interested in learning more about any information in this newsletter, contact me at the Extension Center or E-mail me at roshunda_blount@ncsu.edu. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact me no later than five business days before the event.

Sincerely,

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Clover Crawl Report

Over 140 individuals came out and had a great time at this year’s Clover Crawl. The event was on Friday, March 19 at G&G Ballroom from 7 until midnight. Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise would like to extend a big thank you to all the supporters, sponsors, volunteers, parents and community for helping us to exceed our goal of $12,500. Pictures can be viewed at http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=266317530725.

Everyone having fun on the dance floor during this year’s Clover Crawl.

Summer Day Camp Planning

Plans are under way for planning this year’s Summer Adventure Day Camp! If you have ideas for theme weeks, classes, programs or tours please feel free to let me know at your earliest. I welcome all ideas. We want this to be a summer program that is not only fun but also educational and appealing to all youth.

New 4-H Year

In order to create a more uniform reporting and awards program, the State 4-H Office and a committee of 4-H Agents have decided to officially adopt a statewide 4-H Program year starting October 1- September 30 each year. As you know Anson County has been operating on a traditional calendar year of January- December- this means a few changes must take place in order for us to follow this new program year. I will be asking for all new forms in November that can stay on file through September 2011. If you have already received your project books remember they are due back to me on August 13th. We will have a small scale Achievement Program in October for this year to get us on track since we already had one in February. Starting in 2011 our annual Achievement Night will be in November or December. This is going to be a very busy and slightly confusing time for all of us to get on schedule. I will be talking in more detail about this at county council and volunteer leaders meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I want to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone.

County Presentation Night

If you have done a presentation in years past, now is the time to break out those posters and dust off those visuals and get back in the swing of things. We will be having a presentation workshop April 20th for those that need a review and for new members to get an idea of what 4-H presentations are all about. Our county presentation night will be Thursday, June 3rd at 7pm. Remember if you need help with your presentation, getting posters together of determining a topic, your club leaders are there for you as well as myself. Feel free to call the 4-H office and set up a time to get some help. I look forward to a big number of participants, old and new!
District Activity Day

This year’s District Activity Day will be in Lee County on June 24th. As I get details about this I will be sure to send them out. Go ahead and mark this date on your calendar. Remember if you do a county presentation, this is the next level you go to for competition.

Jr. 4-H Camp

Spaces are still available for Jr. 4-H Camp which will be June 27 – July 2. We will be camping at Millstone 4-H Center again this year, which is in Ellerbe, NC. Cost for camp is $325, which includes a camp t-shirt, materials, insurance, and a $15 store card. If you would like to register, please come in the office and receive your necessary paperwork and pay your $50 nonrefundable fee to secure your space. I only have 8 spaces available so don’t wait too long to sign up. Remember you don’t have to be in 4-H to attend camp so bring a friend.

Club News

**Busy Bees 4-H Club** members learned about healthy snacks, being active and Parliamentary Procedure while playing games with food. In March, Debra Garris presented a program on Poverty in Anson County and North Carolina. Members did a hands to service project by creating and donating personal care bundles to Anson County Domestic Violence.

**Eager Beaver Club** members are changing their lifestyle by eating healthier snacks at their club meetings and exercising 15 minutes a day. They also had a program on the importance of eating healthier and nutritious foods. They have also been busy working on their community service projects for March and April which is making care packets to be given to nursing homes, domestic violence clients and senior citizens.

County Council/Volunteer Leader’s Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next county council and volunteer leaders meeting which will be Tuesday, April 20, 2010. We will be starting at 6pm. If you plan to attend the meetings please RSVP by April 16. Our program for the evening will be on presentations.
Dates to Remember

Please keep the following dates available and posted for your convenience.

April 10-11 – District Teen Retreat
April 20 – County Council/Volunteer Leaders Meeting
April 20 – Presentation Workshop
June 3 – County Presentation Night
June 21, 22 & 23 – Traveling Day Camp
June 24 – District Activity Day
June 25 – Cloverbud Day Camp
June 27-July 2 – Jr. 4-H Camp-Millstone