



4-H Newsletter



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Anson County 4-H Celebrates Achievement Night

Thirty-seven proud relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held Wednesday, February 25th at the Cooperative Extension Center. The event was held to honor Anson County 4-H'ers, 4-H Volunteer Leaders for their accomplishments over the last year, and Volunteer Leaders who have given of their time to help with programs in 4-H. Youth and adults were recognized and awarded ribbons, certificates, and medals.

Deserving young 4-H'ers earned scholarships for club project work. These scholarships, provided through program fundraising efforts, will be used toward 4-H trips, camps and 4-H project area supplies.

This years Cloverbud (5-8) project winners were: Levi Greene, Maddie Carpenter, Brayden Howell, Shayland Robinson, Andrew Martin, Kendall Duncan, Janiaya Maxwell, Janiyah Maxwell and Aalya Liles. Junior Division (9-10) winners were: Quenton Cromartie, Olivia Allen, Hayden Allen and Milayjah Smith. Junior Division (11-12) project winners were: Emily Sutphin, Neveah Lilly and Michael Sutphin. Senior Division (13-15) project winner was: Na'La Brown, Katherine Brown and Katie Edwards.

Our Sr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Katie Edwards. Katie has been in 4-H for 10 years. She has participated in District Teen Retreat, NC 4-H Congress, teen led for her 4-H club, and attended state 4-H council conference. Some of her community service activities are volunteering with the crisis ministry, serving community outreach meals at church, shopping and collecting items for Samaritan's Purse shoebox and cleaning kennels at the Stanly County Humane Society. In her statement she wrote: "4-H means everything to me. Going new places, meeting new people, doing things I've never done and didn't know I could do. 4-H is my adventure; it's always introducing me to opportunities. 4-H means working hard to achieve, making new friends and it pulls me out of my comfort zone. 4-H is my life, and it's a life I love."

Our 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized with years of devoted service to the 4-H program. They were: Eric Mitchell - 4 years, William Terry - 4 years, Natasha Duncan - 5 years, Carrissima Garriss - 5 years, Yolanda Mitchell - 8 years, Debra Ratliff - 9 years, Addie Richardson - 10 years, Janice Bennett - 11 years, Dave Edwards - 12 years, Hannah Dunlap - 14 years, Kim Bennett - 23 years, Betty Garriss - 31 years, and Pearl Blount - 32 years. Each Leader was given a certificate and a token of appreciation. Two community clubs were recognized for renewing all of their paperwork to receive emerald charter seals in the county. Those clubs receiving charter seals were Eager Beavers 4-H Club and Busy Bees 4-H Club.

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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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Certificates of Appreciation were given to volunteers that gave their time during the past year to 4-H in the capacities of teaching a program, judging or helping structure programs. Those individuals were: Peg Pinkston, Bessie Wilson, Willie Wilson, Carolina Farm Credit Staff, Marion Young, Janine Rywak and Janet Gilreath.

This years Outstanding Volunteer Award went to Carrissima Martin. She has been involved in various programs and community service projects from assisting with Clover Crawl and Chicken Plate fundraiser, and participating in backpack buddies to name a few. She has served as Secretary of the 4-H Volunteer Leader's Association for two years. In her statement she writes, " I am a very involved volunteer and will do what is asked of me to help make the program successful." Her dedication, support and participation in Anson County 4-H and the Volunteer Leaders Association are endless. The evening was capped off with the recognition of the 2014 4-H Leaders Association Officers: Betty Garris - President, Kimberly Bennett - Vice President, Carrissima Martin - Secretary and Yolanda Mitchell - Treasurer. Installation of our new officers was held and they are: President - Kimberly Bennett, Vice President - Sharon Edwards, Secretary - Pearl Blount, Treasurer - Yolanda Mitchell and Treasure r- Elect – Hannah Dunlap.

Volunteer Leaders Conference

Ten 4-H volunteer leaders attended the state Volunteer Leaders Conference in Raleigh on February 7-8, 2015. Volunteers attended workshops, district meetings and an awards banquet that highlighted district and state achievements of volunteer leaders as well as Master ACE levels completed. Yolanda Mitchell won the District 4-H Volunteer Leader Award. Hannah Dunlap and Betty Garris were recognized for their Master ACE levels. A great time was had by all that attended.



Volunteer Leaders who attended the 2015 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference.

Robotics Competition

On March 18th, 4-H youth and adults traveled to Raleigh for the NC Regional's for the FIRST Robotics competition. The 4-H RoboWolves did a wonderful job on their robot. Way to go RoboWolves!



Pictured at above: This year's robot created by the RoboWolves for their Robotics Competition.

Clover Crawl

This annual fundraising event was held on Friday, March 13. Over 190 tickets were sold. This year we actually exceeded our goal of \$16,000. Thanks to all that helped, setup, breakdown, sold tickets, whatever you did. Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise really appreciates it all the hard work.

Teen Retreat

South Central District Teen Retreat was held at the Betsey-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC March 27-28. Volunteer Leader; Kimberly Bennett took group this year. A wonderful time was has by all

County Presentation and Talent Show Competition

On Thursday, April 2 a total of three youth did presentations, three youth participated in the talent show competition and two did science fair projects. Katie Edwards also won our talent competition and will represent the county at District Competition on May 2nd.



Youth that participated in the 4-H Talent Show and County Presentation and Science Fair Night. Pictured above from left: Milayah Smith, NaLa Brown and Jiaya Smith, Quenton Cromartie, Katie Edwards and Katherine Brown.

Fashion Revue and Creative Talent Show

Eight youth modeled their garments and showcased their creative talents at this year's Fashion Revue and Creative Talent Show on April 30th. Seven youth made garments with the help of 4-H volunteer leader Betty Garris. A big thank you goes to Samuel Cole, Hannah Dunlap and Karen Osborne for judging for us this year.



District Activity Day

This year's District Activity Day was held in Cabarrus County at Cox Mill High School on Saturday, May 2nd. We had a total of 18 going to support and cheer on the youth in presentations, science fair and 4-H Entertains. Anson County youth did a great job and represented the 4-H program well. Milayjah Smith place Silver in the Consumer & Family Science 11-13 age category, Katie Edwards placed Bronze in Citizenship and Community Service 14-18 age category and Katherine Brown placed Silver in the District Science Fair for 11-13 year olds. Other presentation participants were Na'La Brown in Health and Fitness 14-18 year old. All of you all did a terrific job and should be very proud of yourselves.

Club News

Eager Beaver Club – We elected our officers for the new year as follows: President - Milayjah Smith, Vice President - Kania Sturdivant, Secretary - Shania Sturdivant and Assistant Secretary - Teyona Little. We had a program by Pearl Blount on "Planting Seeds, What Plant Part Am I?" Talked about the 4 essential things that is needed to help plants grow. Each 4-H'er planted a seed in a dampen cotton ball placed in a plastic bag. They had to care for it and chart its growth. We also discussed various projects and activities we will participate in the remainder of the year. Hannah Dunlap presented a program on "The Proper Way of Hand Washing". Our club participated in the Paper Clover Sale at the Tractor Supply Store and sold 186 Clovers. We had one youth to participate in District Activity Day, Milayjah Smith. We also participated in Relay for Life, where we made the balloons arch and helped with the luminaries. And we participated in the Postal Service "Stomp out Hungry" program by donating bags of food items to the post office. Mrs. Peggy Pinkston will be presenting a workshop on "Sole Hope" Saturday, May 16th.

Busy Bees Club – In March club members participated in a workshop where they learned to make different styles of scarves from t-shirts and saw a demonstration on making tote bags from plastic grocery bags. One member also attended District Teen Retreat. In April club members participated in a workshop on Personal Development, Self-Esteem and Etiquette. They demonstrated making introductions, handshakes, making eye contact, dressing for success and how I see myself at home and with friends. Some members participated in County Presentations, Paper Clover Sale and the Fashion Revue and Creative Talent Show.

Livestock Club – The April meeting included a pot luck supper and field day activities directed by Ms. Jessica! Fifteen 4-H youth participated in a relay race that included potato sack races, three-legged race, wheelbarrow and smashing eggs! The night also included a sunflower seed spitting contest and a scavenger hunt. Many thanks go out to all the parents that helped cook, provide food/drinks, and helped with the nights events! Our May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. The 4-H Livestock Club's community service project this year is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Police and Fire Stations in Anson County. When children are in an emergency situation, our rescuers hand out stuffed animals for comfort during a traumatic time. Stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Extension Office to Ms. Jessica throughout the year and the club will make a donation in late November. For more information about the Anson Co. 4-H Livestock Club contact Jessica Morgan at 704.694.2415.



4-H Livestock Club enjoying field day relay races.

Summer Day Camp

Dates have been set for 2015 summer camps but I will not release let. I will let you know that enrolled youth whose paperwork was in the office by February 2015 will have the opportunity to register for summer camp May 12-14. On May 19 all youth will be allowed to register. Be on the lookout for letters and brochures.

NC 4-H Congress

NC 4-H Congress will be July 18-21 at NCSU. Estimated cost is \$190, this does not include some meals and lodging whether you are on campus or off. This is for youth ages 14-18. Anson County 4-H is looking at staying off campus at a reasonable hotel where breakfast, sheets and towels are already included and it will not be as much. Please let me know if you plan to attend this event.

Calendar of Events

June 8th – Teen Training, 6pm, Extension Office
June 13 – 4-H VL Assoc. Yard Sale, 6:30 until noon.
Location to be determined.
June 15-17th – NC 4-H Citizenship Focus, Raleigh, NC
July 13-15th – Electric 4-H Congress, UNC-Charlotte
July 18-21st – NC 4-H Congress, Raleigh, NC

Anson Co. 4-H is now on social media! Follow us on Twitter
@aco4h or instagram @ansonco4hchick



Volunteer Leaders Spring Raffle

The Anson County 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association has kicked off its Spring Raffle. Tickets are \$2 each with a chance to win some neat prizes. The drawing will be held August 28. You do not have to be present to win. Come by the office or buy some from volunteers.

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