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## 4-H Achievement Night

Thirty - eight proud relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held Tuesday, February 21st 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 year's Cloverbud (5-8) project participants were Andrew Martin, and Laia Smith-Maxwell.

Junior Division (9-10) winner was Kendall Duncan. Junior Division (11-12) project winners were Keyshawn Tillman, Cameron Tillman and Quenton Cromartie. Senior Division (13-15) project winners were Katherine Brown, LaMia Smith-Maxwell and Alexis Smith. Senior Division (16-18) project winner was Na'La Brown. Katie Edwards and Na'La Brown also submitted portfolios which are three years of project work in one specific project area.

Our Jr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Keyshawn Tillman. He has done community service activities from donating supplies and treats for the animal shelter, doing bingo and lunch for seniors, donating supplies to hurricane victims and supplies for the wish list. His leadership activities are gold presentation state winner, holding the office of club president, district state bronze, silver and gold project record winner. He wrote, "4-H to me is an opportunity to learn new things in an interesting way. 4-H to me is a way for me to connect with all types of people who also enjoy helping everybody." Sr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Katherine Brown. Katherine has been in 4-H for 11 years. She has been teen volunteer for her 4-H club and teen training, assisted with younger 4-H'ers and led teambuilding exercise. Some of her community service activities are volunteering bingo and crafts with senior citizens, spring and fall paper clover campaigns, puppy treats and supplies to the animal shelter and donating supplies to hurricane victims. In her statement, she wrote: "To me 4-H means a lot of different things. For one, 4-H means learning and there has been a lot of things that I have learned at the hands of 4-H."

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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\\_terry@ncsu.edu](mailto:roshunda_terry@ncsu.edu). For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact me no later than five business days before the event.

Sincerely,



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4-H Youth Development

4-H can give you many different experiences. Having different social experiences can really help you become a well-rounded person in the end. 4-H has been a very important part of my life and it always has." Our 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized with years of devoted service to the 4-H program. They were: Quantelya Dumas 1 year, Leslie Smith 1 year, Natasha Duncan 7 years, Carrissima Martin 7 years, Debra Ratliff 11 years, Addie Richardson 12 years, Hannah Dunlap 16 years, Kim Bennett 25 years, Betty Garris 33 years, and Pearl Blount 34 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.

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 Janine Rywak, Janet Gilreath, Wendy Efird and Marion Young.

The evening was capped off with the recognition of the 2016 4-H Leaders Association Officers: Sharon Edwards-President, Carrissima Martin- Vice President, Betty Garris-Secretary, Hannah Dunlap- Treasurer and Debra Ratliff-Treasurer Elect. Current officers agreed to serve another year with the exception of Treasurer Elect Quantelya Dumas. All officers were recognized and our new Treasurer Elect was installed.

## South Central District 4-H Winter Enrichment

Four 4-H'ers attended this year's South Central District Winter Enrichment. The event was held on the campus of UNC-Charlotte January 21<sup>st</sup>. Participants enjoyed workshops, campus tours, lunch at the student union and the day was capped with group activity to DefyGravity Trampoline Park. A good educational day was had by all.



Youth getting ready for the district meeting at 4-H Winter Enrichment.

## NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference

Over 200 4-H volunteers from across the state gathered in Raleigh for learning and friendship. Many of our Anson County 4-H Volunteers; Carrissima Martin, Pearl Blount, Hannah Dunlap, Leslie Smith, Addie Richardson and Betty Garris attended the conference banquet in Raleigh on February 3-5. Volunteers attended workshops on youth development, 4-H curriculum and much more throughout the weekend! The exciting part of the conference was the awards banquet. Our county was represented proudly.



Pictured are 4-H volunteer leaders sitting are: Pearl Blount and Betty Garris; standing are; Addie Richardson, Hannah Dunlap, Carrissima Martin and Leslie Smith.

## 4-H Teen Retreat

South Central District Teen Retreat was March 17-19 at Betsey Jeff Penn 4-H Center. Five 4-H'ers attended the event. 4-H volunteer leader Carrissima Martin chaperoned the group. The weekend was filled with workshops, spirit stick competition and teambuilding. I am sure all had a great time and thanks again Carrissima for taking the group.

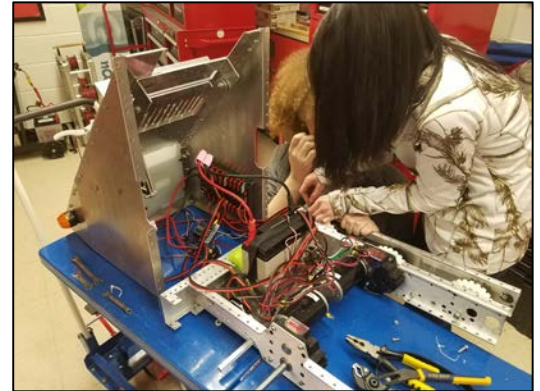
## 2017 4-H Clover Crawl

This annual fundraising event was on Friday, March 10 at South Piedmont Community College Lockhart Taylor Center. Over 170 were in attendance this year and raised over \$14,000 for Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise. Thanks to all who came, supported and volunteered. The youth of Anson County 4-H thank each of you!

## Robotics Competition

The RoboWolves have already started their district competitions. They were in Greensboro March 9-11 for district competition. They placed 25 out 31 teams. They will travel this week to UNC- Asheville for another district competition. Let's continue to cheer on our Robotics team and let them know Anson County 4-H is rooting for them all the way to state competition! Check the 4-H Facebook page for links to competition live streams.

4-H youth at right working hard to ensure the robot is working for the competition.



## 4-H Day with the Hornets

About 15 4-H youth and volunteers attended this event on March 26. This was a day the Hornets set aside for North and South Carolina 4-H'ers. Free hats, block seating and county program recognition was on the scoreboard. A great time was had by all and thank you for attending and representing Anson County 4-H.



## Fashion Revue and Talent Show

This event is going to be on April 27<sup>th</sup>, which is a Thursday and on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> is a mandatory rehearsal. Forms have already gone out with deadlines to register.

## Spring Paper Clover Event

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign starts April 26<sup>th</sup>- May 7<sup>th</sup>. Anson County 4-H wants to do an event on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Tractor Supply. Our goal is to sell 4000 paper clovers this time. The event will be similar to last year. Activities include face painting, health screening & bounce house but in order to pull this off I need help so let me know what you think and if you are willing to volunteer. Thanks in advance!



## NC 4-H Congress

NC 4-H Congress will be July 29 - August 1 at NCSU. As I receive more details I will send out.

## NC 4-H Electric Congress

Electric Congress is July 11-13 at UNC- Charlotte this year. Representing Anson County are Na'La Brown, Quenton Cromartie and Keyshawn Tillman. Forms will go out as soon as I receive them.

## District Activity Day

Alexander County is hosting this year and the date will be Friday, June 16. As I get more details I will send out to each of you.

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## Club News



**Eager Beaver Club** – January - The youth worked on their project books.

February - Pearl Blount presented a short program on Black History Month. We talked about George Washington Carver, did Word Search and Alphabetical Order worksheets. We also talked about "7 Things a Plant Needs to Grow". The 4-H'ers planted seeds and were ask to keep up with their growth pattern by taking pictures and sharing them at the next meeting.

March - Addie Richardson presented our program on "Decorating Plastic Eggs." She used various colors on yarn and also showed how to make flower pots using plastic eggs.

Some club members shared their pictures of their plants from the February meeting. Some had done well, some not so well, but it was a great learning experience for them all.

**Busy Bees Club** – January - Club members participated in a Project Record Book Workshop. They learned the fundamentals of how to put the books together, what information goes in the books, where it goes and started working on their books. A total of 13 project and 1 cumulative portfolio was turned in to the 4-H office for county competition. 2016 club officers agreed to serve a second term in their current positions.

February - Club members participated in a workshop called "No Soil, Just Water". They learned about hydroponics, growing plants without soil. They learned to build a hydroponics planter, properly handle seeds so they can germinate, the difference between growing plants in soil and water and identify the parts of a seed. 4-H'ers and family attended Achievement Night where they were recognized for their past years work in 4-H. Katherine Brown was recognized as 2016 Outstanding Sr. 4-H'er and Keyshawn Tillman as Outstanding Jr. 4-H'er.

March - Five teen members attended District Teen Retreat held at Betsy-Jeff-Penn 4-H Center in Riedsville. Two members participated in the State Robotics Competition in Asheville. When members returned home, mini meetings were held to discuss upcoming presentations, science fair, fashion revue, talent, and creative talent shows.

Many thanks to all my 4-H'ers for a great turn out.



### County Presentation Night

This year county presentation night will be Thursday, April 27, at 6pm. If you need help with getting your presentation together or updating your information, please call the 4-H office.

### 4-H Summer Programs

Anson County 4-H is offering a Summer Day Camp starting June 20-22; July 4-7; July 11-13 and July 18-20. These are tentative dates. These day camps will be for youth ages 5-12. Camps will be specified by age. There is a limit of 25 and the cost is \$30. Youth can use their scholarship to attend. Flyers and brochures will go out soon with more details.

## Calendar of Events



March 17-19 – South Central District Teen Retreat  
March 17-19 – District Robotic Competition-  
UNC- Asheville  
March 20-23 – Environmental Field Days – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
March 26 – 4-H Day with the Hornets  
March 27-30 – Refuge Adventures – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders  
April 26-May 7 – Spring Paper Clover Campaign  
April 27 – County Presentation, Fashion Revue,  
Talent and Creative Talent Shows at 7pm  
May 6 – Spring Paper Clover event at Tractor Supply  
June 16 – District Activity Day, Hoke County



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