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4-H'ers Crafting and Cooking for Christmas

Bladen County 4-Hers enjoyed Crafting and Cooking over the Holidays with classes taught by NC Cooperative Extension Staff - Sandra Cain, Bladen County's Family & Consumer Science Agent and Stacie Kinlaw, Bladen County's 4-H Agent. Bladen County 4-H is looking for adult volunteers, youth members interested in participating, and community partners that have similar interests and focuses.



Sarah Beyer and Mrs. Stacie finish off the cranberry nut muffin mix gift that Sarah created to give to someone special at Christmas



Lee Barnes decorates his edible Christmas Tree at the Holiday Cooking Class—YUMMY!

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Club Meeting Dates

Super Clover Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Wesley's Chapel Church, unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meetings will be:

February 11th, 3:30 pm and

March 11th, 3:30 pm

Sandhills Community Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church. The next scheduled meetings will be:

February 14th, 6:30 pm and

March 14th, 6:30 pm

New Clubs sprouting in 2013!

(Tarheel, East Arcadia, and Clarkton — we are ready for you!)

January County Council Meeting

The Bladen County 4-H County Council met at the Extension Office on January 17th. Officers were elected. Your new officers are as follows: Leighanne Kelly - President; Hayley Hall - Reporter; Turea Lucy - Treasurer; Alexandra Evans - Photographer. The decision was made to hold all other nominations for office at our Annual Achievement Night Program, slated for March 5th at 6:30 pm. Upcoming events were discussed. Some of these are: Presentations to be held March 15th, and District Activity Day to be held April 27th at Mt. Olive College. We also talked about United Way projects being carried out in the county and the possibility of our 4-H partnering with United Way. Yummie refreshments were provided by Ms. Stacie, and the date of the next meeting was set for March 21st at 5:30. County Council meetings are open to all 4-H'ers. It is important that we have representatives from each club present so we can all work together as a unit. If you would like to present a project at County Council, you are welcome to do so. The more input we have, the more successful 2013 will be! If you have any questions about County Council, contact Stacie Kinlaw at the 4-H Office.

Submitted by: Hayley Hall,

Reporter

Super Clovers Collect New Toys for Kids!



This event/activity is operating under the 4-H Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure. The NC 4-H Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure (http://www.nc4h.org/publications/forms/4-H_codeofconduct.pdf) is a condition of participation in 4-H events and activities.

Persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency may request accommodations to participate by contacting Ryan Harrelson, County Extension Director, at 910-862-4591 or email Stacie_Kinlaw@ncsu.edu or fax 910-862-6939 or in person at the County Extension Office at least (7) days prior to the event.

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Facebook & Facebook Friday!



Do you LIKE 4-H? If so, then LIKE us on Facebook. Check out Bladen County's first step into the world of social media with our Bladen County 4-H Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/BladenCounty4H?ref=hl Here you will find information about upcoming due dates AND every Friday is 4-H Facebook Friday! On Fridays, we will share an interesting 4-H fact, trivia question, quote, or story that you can also share with your friends too!

LET'S GET HATCHING!



This January through March 2013, the second graders across Bladen County will be expecting lots of new arrivals - hatching chicks. Bladen County 4-H, in cooperation with Bladen County Schools, will be supporting the school enrichment embryology curriculum project for ALL second graders in Bladen County Schools. Materials and support of this project were provided in part through United Way of Bladen County.

Teen Retreat

The Southeast District Teen Retreat is coming up on March 8 & 9, 2013. **Registration forms and $65 must be paid by February 11, 2013**. If you are aged 13—18 and would be interested in participating in this district retreat, then please let Mrs. Stacie know by Friday, February 8, 2013.

Save The Date!



We are planning a Favorite Foods Contest for 2013. The tentative date is set for Tuesday, May 7, 2013, from 6 to 8 pm. Registration information will be coming soon!

4-H Achievement Night

4-H'ers, Volunteers, and Families, please SAVE THE DATE for the annual 4-H Achievement Night program on **Tuesday, March 5, 2013** at 6:30 pm. This is the night of celebration for our 4-H accomplishments in 2012. Packets were mailed to Club Leaders earlier this month. Packets must be completed in order for kids to receive local recognition. We are planning for a covered dish meal, so please call Sherry at 910-862-4591 or email Stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu to let us know how many from your family will be coming AND an idea of what you will be bringing for the meal (i.e. vegetable, dessert, salad, bread, etc.). The deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 28, 2012. In addition, Mrs. Stacie would like to include 4-Hers and their families as part of the program, if you or your 4-H'er has a talent that they think would be a great entertainment for the evening's affair - please call or email Mrs. Stacie ASAP! The night's program is filling up quickly.

District Activity Day

SAVE THE DATE! 4-H District Activity Day is coming soon on April 27, 2013 at Mt. Olive College for the Southeast District of NC.

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BakPak Pals



BakPak Pals is a new service opportunity in our community. United Way of Bladen County, Bladen County Schools, and other local churches and service organizations are providing food for children to take home in their backpacks every Friday. In order to ensure that backpacks are packed similarly and with food items that children can prepare themselves or with little help from an adult, it is important that we try to ONLY collect the items on their wish list. This is a GREAT project for individual 4-H'ers or for 4-H clubs to support. The 4-H office will be a local drop off point for items that you collect for this purpose.

If you support this cause in other venues (like your local church or other service related group) please let Mrs. Stacie know by calling 862-4591 or emailing her at stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu when and how you supported it. From now until the end of the school year, Mrs. Stacie will be tracking what items have been dropped off from 4-H'ers. In addition – be on the look out for opportunities in the NEW YEAR to go and help package the food for the program.

Please remember that all of these items should be the SINGLE SERVING sized variety:

Chef Boyardee Spaghetti	Ramen Noodles	Juice Boxes (low sugar)
Cereal	Cereal Bars	Pudding Cups
Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups	Crackers	Beanie Weenies
Vienna Sausage	Tuna Fish/canned chicken	Chili Beans

4-H Presentations

It's time to practice your public speaking skills and put them to the test. 4-H Presentations will be Friday, March 15, 2013 beginning 1 pm until 5 pm in the Cooperative Extension Office at the Powell Melvin Agriculture Center. To participate: 1) Choose a category and topic that you would like to speak about 2) Call and register your name, age, topic, and phone/ email to Sherry Hall at (910) 862-4591. Registration is due by **FEBRUARY 15, 2013** so that we can prepare the schedule and help individuals that request information about topics before the event. Categories and information about state level competitions can be found at the following weblink http://www.nc4h.org/nc4h-publications/presentations . If you are interested in participating but have questions, please let us know. The 4-H staff and volunteers are available to help you make your presentation the best! Participation in this county level competition is necessary to qualify for district and state level competition.

Artastic and Talent Showcase

4-H Artastic and the 4-H Talent Showcase are coming up on **Saturday, March 2, 2013.** Both activities coincide with the Rumba on the Lumber event in downtown Lumberton, NC. This is a chance for our local artists and entertainers to participate and compete with children from our neighboring counties.

In order to participate in Artastic , 4-H'ers must be age 9 to 18 for competition and 5-8 for Cloverbud participation. An entry form and entry items must be submitted to the Bladen County 4-H office by February 21, 2013 in order to be considered. Rules and Regulations are outlined on the entry form.

More registration information for the talent showcase will be forthcoming. On March 2, 2013 the art show will begin in the Civic Center in downtown Lumberton at 12:30 pm with the Talent Showcase starting at 1:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing the talent in you!



As always, please let Mrs. Stacie know if you have questions or need assistance with a 4-H program or project.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Deadline to register for Teen Retreat.	9
10	11 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	12 8th Grade Job Shadow Day	13	14 Sandhill Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church	15 Registration Deadline for Presentations	16
17	18	19	20	21 Registrations Deadline: Artastic & Talent Showcase	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Deadline to sign up for 4-H Achievement Night. Please let us know what dish you will be bringing when you call to sigh up.	29	30

I pledge...

my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service, and
my health to better living for
my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

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17	18	19	20	21 CC O Mtg, 5:00 pm; CC Mtg, 5:30 Internet Safety Program for Parents, 6pm	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday Office Closed	30

Sincerely,

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