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Alleghany Clover News

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4-H PLANT SALE

***ALLEGHANY 4-H IS CURRENTLY TAKING ORDERS
FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE.***

The following types of plants will be available to purchase:

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| **Blueberries | **Raspberries |
| **Blackberries | **Rhubarb |
| **Flowers | **Strawberries |
| **Herbs | **Vegetables |



All blueberry orders are due by **Monday, March 23, 2015** and orders for all other plants are due by **Tuesday, April 17, 2015**. Payment is due at the time the orders are placed. The pick-up dates for blueberries are **Weds. & Thurs., April 1-2** and **Thurs. & Fri, April 23rd & 24th** from 9am to 5pm at Alleghany County Office Building.

**** We can now accept credit/debit cards for payment, with a small fee of 3.75% or less charged. Phone orders can/will be accepted with a credit/debit card purchase. ****

For an order form, visit the 4-H blog or contact the Extension Office. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 336-372-5597. **ALL** proceeds will help send kids to summer camp and other summer fun opportunities.

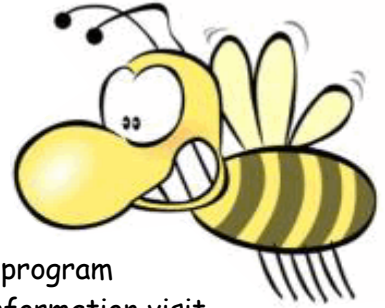
Beekeeping Essay Contest

2015 Beekeeping Topic: "Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up"

Deadline to enter: February 15, 2015

Beekeeping has become difficult due to a lack of native plants for forage. In this essay, you will be required to discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become "bee friendly". Does your community allow roadsides and open land to grow wildflowers and encourage native planting of bee friendly plants?

Survey your community to see what is being done to help honey bees. Include your state in your survey to see if there is a wildflower planting program available or any other program that could aid the honey bee. For more information visit the blog or facebook page details.



Area Food Show

Who: Youth ages 5+

Cost: Free

Where: East Wilkes Middle School

It's time to show off all your culinary skills at the upcoming Area Food Show! This will be held on **Sat., March 7th** at East Wilkes Middle School and is open to youth ages 5 and up. There are three age categories to participate in: Cloverbud (ages 5-8), Junior (9-13), and Senior (14-18).

Categories include snack/appetizer, main dish, vegetable/soup/salad and desserts.



Transportation will be provided. Setup will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 9:45 a.m. Your dish must be cooked ahead of time. Judging will begin at 9:45 a.m. While judges taste all the wonderful recipes, participants can enjoy different hands-on activities. Participants will be judged on recipe, taste, table setting and nutrition. All participants will receive a cookbook of all the recipes featured at the event. You must fill out a registration form to participate. A link to these forms can be found on the blog or by contacting the Extension Office. There are sample questions listed of things the judges may ask you. If you would like more information about the food show, please contact the office at 372-5597.

Sole Hope Project

Cost \$5 + a pair of old blue jeans

When: March 11 (3:30 - 5)

Who: Ages 8+

Deadline to Register: Friday, March 6

Join us as we participate in a Sole Hope service project where we will help make shoes for people in Uganda. Sole Hope is an organization founded in Asheville. The project offers HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related diseases through education, jobs, and medical relief. Come to learn more and GET INVOLVED!!! We need your help, so bring any blue jeans you can spare for cutting out patterns. Snacks will be provided. You must register so we can make sure we have enough supplies for everyone to participate.



Teen Retreat

When: March 21-22

Who: Ages 13+ (must be 13 as of January 1)

Where: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp, Reidsville

The 2015 North Central Teen Retreat will be held on March 21-22 at the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center. This is a leadership building retreat that offers exciting workshops, community service activities, great opportunities to interact with other 4-Hers from across our district.

We will also be electing our incoming District Officers for 2014/2015.

Teen Retreat is for youth who are between the ages of 13-18. You must be 13 as of January 1, 2015.

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2015

Clover Classic 4-H Livestock Show

The Clover Classic Livestock Show will be held **March 14th** (Beef cattle) and **March 15th** (breeding ewes, market lambs, breeding does and market goat wethers) at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem. Showmanship and a skill-a-thon will take place both days.

Entries should be postmarked by Monday, February 23rd. For more information and entry form, visit the 4-H blog or facebook page.



SUMMER CAMP 2015

Where: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center (Reidsville)

When: July 5 - 10, 2015

Ages 8+

Cost: \$420 or \$440

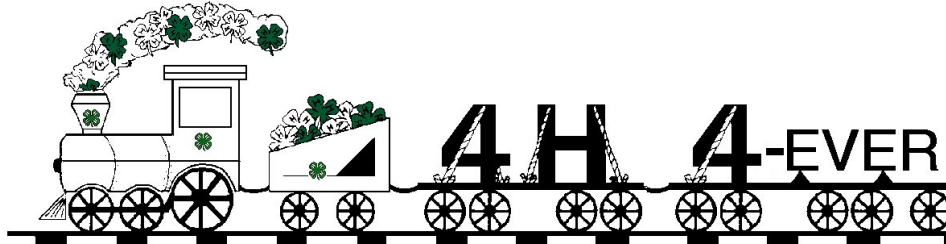
Scholarships may be available



Spots are now being reserved for Summer Camp 2015. We will be traveling to Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville on July 5-10. Camp is open to youth age 8+ (must be 8 by week of camp). Cost is \$420 for traditional camp and \$440 for Trekker Camp (ages 13-14). Includes transportations, all meals, camp store voucher & t-shirt.

Also, if you are interested in being a LIT please contact the office immediately. This is a great opportunity for youth age (15-17) to learn what it takes to be a camp counselor.

Spaces are extremely limited.

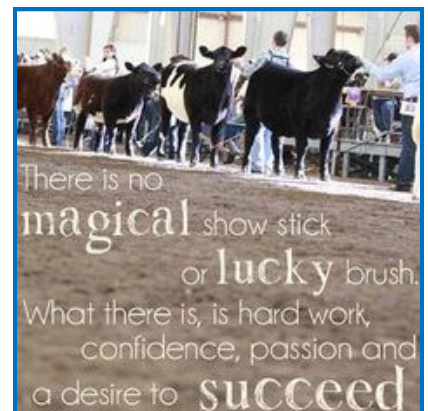


Livestock Institute

The Alleghany County and Grayson County Cooperative Extension offices will host a Livestock Institute with a showmanship clinic on April 7th. The Institute will take place at the Alleghany County Fairgrounds beginning at 9 am.

Instruction will be on Sheep and Cattle including showmanship, fitting & clipping and nutrition. The sheep clinic will be open to youth ages 4-18 and the cattle clinic will be open to youth ages 8-18.

Prior experience is not necessary and animals will be provided. Lunch will be available. Watch future newsletters for more information or contact the Extension Office at 336-372-5597.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 2015

Feb. 14 – North Central District Horse Bowl Competition – Rockingham County

Feb. 15 – North Carolina 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

March 2015

Mar. 7 – Food Show – East Wilkes Middle School

Mar. 11 – Sole Hope - County Office Building, 90 S. Main St.

Mar. 14-15 – 4-H Clover Classic Livestock Show – Dixie Classic Fair Ground

Mar. 21-22 - Teen Retreat – Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

Save the Dates

District Activity Day – June 13 – A&T State University - Greensboro

4-H Camp - July 5-10 - Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center - Reidsville

NC 4-H Congress & State Presentations – July 17-21 – NCSU Raleigh



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Sincerely,
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Cooperative Extension's Youth Development Program

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