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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NCAE4-HA

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Cathy Brown, Hoke County, 4-H Agent



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Greetings! I want to tell everyone, how honored I am to serve as your President for 2011-2012. I was reading a book the other day on leadership and in the book it had a statement that said, "Everyone influences someone." Not one person is excluded from being the leader, we spend all our lives either leading or being led. Such is the way in our professional and personal life with our youth and peers. I'm always surprised when someone approaches me and tells me what I've done to influence them. Sometimes we forget to realize all the who's or the how much influence we

carry. One of the reasons we do the job we do is to influence our youth and help mold them into the great leaders we know they will become. The same thing can be said about our NCAE4-HA organization. Our organization provides support, recognition and great relationships within. There are leadership opportunities throughout our professional organization and you need to seize those opportunities. Everyone should take the opportunity to step up into a leadership position. John C. Maxwell who is an International Leadership expert stated, "No matter where you are on the leadership ladder, developing the leadership within you will inspire others through committed, visionary leadership." The success of our organization relies on you and your love of it.



Join us for “The Big Chill”



By: Holly Jordan, Buncombe County, 4-H Agent

We hope you are planning to “chill out” in the mountains on January 19 and 20, 2012 for our NCAE4-HA winter professional meeting. The West District Association of Extension 4-H Agents is looking forward to having our 4-H friends and colleagues join us in Mills River at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center while we “chillax” from our office duties and get the “snowball” rolling into some exciting professional development. Plan to bring your hot chocolate and coffee as we learn about Evaluation Learning Circle Teams and become more familiar with our local Research and Extension Centers.

And...because networking with our colleagues is important to our success as 4-H Agents, we’ve planned time to “chill out” in the evening as well. With Asheville only a few minutes away, you are sure to find plenty of exciting and wintry things to do. If you’d rather stay indoors, you can choose to sit by the fireplace and drink hot chocolate at our host hotel, the Hampton Inn and Suites at 1-26 (Asheville Airport).

Make sure to visit the NCAE4-HA website for registration and lodging information as well as our tentative agenda. You won’t want to miss out on being part of “The Big Chill”!

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Member's Corner

I have had many wonderful opportunities and experiences in my short career as a 4-H extension agent. Each has offered some new insights and perspectives into not only my job, but also my professional development as an agent. I am always eager and look forward to new opportunities to develop my professionalism, which is one of the many reasons that I am very thankful to have been the recipient of the first time national meeting scholarship. I learned many new things and had a wonderful experience while at this event. The first is that our association and members are nationally doing some very interesting and innovative programming across the country. I was able to attend several workshops on



programs that other agents have planned and implemented in the areas of science and animal science. While at the event, our wonderful delegation from North Carolina, got to hear several keynote speakers who all had different and interesting messages. Perhaps the most interesting was one by a Gallup employee regarding research on hope and its effect on people and their performance. The main point of his research showed that as long as we have hope in our work, our impact and ourselves on young people that we would be able to do more than people who don't have the same high levels of hope.

While at the meeting I had the opportunity to tour some wonderful Nebraska farms. These farms were transitioning from traditional row crop and livestock production to a more niche-marketing farm. They were transitioning into more small market land raised animals and diversifying into orchards and creating vineyards. I also had the opportunity to meet and network with other agents from across the nation. In talking with them I soon realized the issues and problems our state are facing were not as significant as in other states. I met an agent from Alabama who had been in charge of 5 counties for 4-H by herself. Though our state is facing tough financial decisions it makes me feel better to be in our situation verses some of the situations our fellow colleges are facing.

After attending this national meeting, I look forward to being in Orlando next year. The Florida delegation said, "They are planning a wonderful meeting". As Champions of our jobs, we should all want to say that classic line "I'm going to Disney World!!" I encourage everyone to make the trip down to Orlando for the next national meeting.

Mason Lawrence, Pasquotank County, 4-H Agent

Teamwork... Is it for you?

MEG WYATT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, 4-H AGENT

Erin Bain, Warren County, 4-H Agent

Have you ever talked yourself out of doing something because you thought it would be too much to take on? Well, did you ever think to ask nearby agents for help or even to partner with you to help you succeed in reaching a goal?

In the North Central District there seems to be a lot of teamwork that goes on and that is a fabulous thing. Extension markets that we are working with others in the community to achieve a common goal, but are we all working together in extension to reach our goal? In Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren Counties the 4-H agents, Livestock agents, CEDs, and A&T Technicians work together to deliver two awesome programs yearly for youth ages 5-18. The first program we work together on is the Four County 4-H Livestock Show and the second is the Four County 4-H Pullet Show and Sale. Without each other and each county, the planning, organizing, educating, and delivery of this program would not be a success.

Teamwork plays a very important role in our professional careers as 4-H agents in that none of us can truly be successful without working together. We have all dedicated our careers to educating youth and giving them opportunities they may not otherwise have, and reaching out to those around us allows us all to improve our programs and expand the list of options available to the youth in our communities.

Ultimately combining our resources and talents will not only strengthen our programs but it can also help negate some of the more stressful elements of our jobs by spreading out the work. This is a prime example of working smarter, not harder in 4-H and Extension! So if you have a great idea but hesitate because it may be too much to take on by yourself, use a lifeline and call a fellow 4-H agent for help.



2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



Lori McBryde
Educational Piece, Team
Periodical Publication



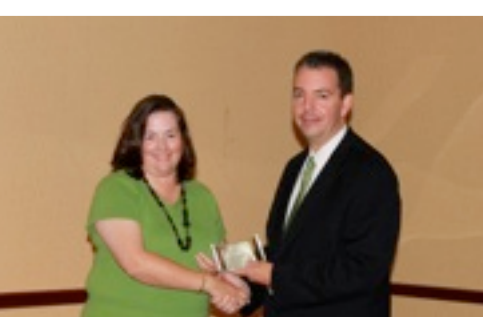
Angela Shaver
Periodical Publication, Team
Promotional Package



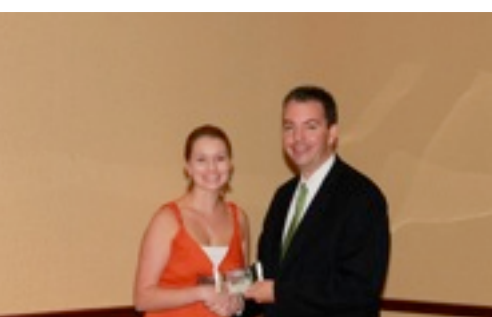
Erin Bain
Personal Column



Laura Byrd
Radio Program



Shea Ann DeJarnette
Exhibit



Blair Green
Promotional Piece
Educational Piece

2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



Erin Morgan
Feature Story
News Story



Sandy Hall
Video Program
Media Program



Amy Lucas
Promotional Package, Team



Laura Byrd
Diversity Award



Patti Talley
Excellence in 4-H Teen Programming
Excellence in 4-H Club Support



Denise Sherrill
Excellence in 4-H Club Support, Team

2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



Erin Bain, Pam Jones, Crystal Smith
Excellence in Teamwork



Ellen Owens
Excellence in Camping



Angela Shaver, Cathy Brown, Shea Ann
DeJarnette
Excellence in Camping, Team



Michelle Stumbo
Excellence in Animal Science
Programming



Suzanne Rhinehart
Excellence in Natural Resources and
Environmental Education



Blair Green, Leslie Kammer
Excellence in Natural Resources and
Environmental Education, Team

2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



April Bowman
Power of Youth Award



Linda Gore
Denise Miller 4-H Innovator Award



Spring Williams-Byrd
Dalton Proctor Achievement in Excellence



Angela Shaver
Michael A Davis Family 4-H Award



Lauren Irby
TC Blalock 1-3 Years



Mason Lawrence
TC Blalock 1-3 Years

2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



Terri Bost
TC Blalock 4-7 Years



Laura Byrd
TC Blalock 4-7 Years
Achievement in Service Award



Tara Taylor
TC Blalock 4-7 Years
Achievement in Service Award



Erin Morgan
Distinguished Service Award



Mason Lawrence
Achievement in Service Award



Ben Silliman
Distinguished Service Award

2011 NCAE4-HA Award Winners



Spring Williams-Byrd
Meritorious Service Award



Cathy Lowery-Graham
25 Years of Service

Not Pictured

Promotional Piece Team
Ricky Winebarager

Dalton Proctor Livestock Award
Walter Earle

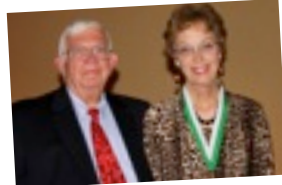
TC Blalock 1-3 Years
Natalie Wayne

25 Years of Service
Danny Butler

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