

4-H News

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I hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative. If you have ideas or suggestions for future issues, please call or stop by my office. My door is always open and I always welcome your feedback!

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Achievement Night Awards Given

Chatham County 4-H'ers were recognized at the Chatham County 4-H Annual Achievement Night and Dessert Social on November 15, 2005. At this event, 4-H'ers were honored for their hard 4-H work as well as community service work. 4-H volunteers were also recognized. Those being honored for their service to the community were: Hailey Allen, Heather Allen, Kim Anderson, Siobhan Cahill-Billings, Blythe Freeman, Matthew Graham, Allie Leight, Rachel Thomas-Levy, Taylor May, Roby Moreland, Mariah Perry, Allison Powell, Nicole Powell, and Maggie Strickland.

4-H'ers who were recognized for participation in the Chatham County 4-H County Activity Day as well as the South Central District Activity Day were: Hailey Allen, Heather Allen, Abe Herbert and Allison Powell.

Several 4-H'ers participated in an art and writing contest held at the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show. These 4-H'ers also entered their work into the Chatham County Fair as well as the North Carolina State Fair. Those 4-H'ers who participated in these activities were: Siobhan Cahill-Billings, Manon MacAllister, Taylor May, Roby Moreland, Leah Purvis and Maggie Strickland.

Four 4-H'ers took a big leadership role within their club by leading the project their club was working on. These 4-H'ers are members of the Red Wolves 4-H Club and they are Matthew Graham, Allie Leight, Allison Powell and Nicole Powell.

Those 4-H'ers who have been active in the 4-H Livestock program were also recognized. 4-H'ers recognized for their participation in this program included: Dani Culberson, Kaylyn Groce, Ethan Jones, Nathan Jones, Logan Thomas, and Sarah Thomas.

4-H volunteers were also recognized. Volunteers who were honored included: Dedrah Earles, Phyllis Graham, Janet Groce, Julie Groce, Susan Thomas-Levy, Patty Moreland and Dan Sundberg. Ms. Bernice Hinshaw was also recognized with over 35 years of service to the Chatham County 4-H program.

The guest speaker for the program was Mary Kathryn Hardison a Harnett County 4-H'er and South Central District 4-H President. She talked about her 4-H experiences as well as how to "get your 4-H game on and become a Chatham County 4-H All Star."

Congratulations to all of the Chatham County 4-H'ers and volunteers!



Chatham County 4-H is supported by the United Way of Chatham County.



Chatham County

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Important Dates

Jan. 2	Holiday
Jan. 16	Scholarship Apps. Due Honor Club Apps. Due Holiday
Jan. 19-20	4-H Agents Winterboard
Jan. 30	BJP Camp Registration Due
Feb. 1	Beekeeping Essay Due
Feb. 2	4-H Family Valentine Snack Night
Feb. 3-5	Vol. Leader's Conference
Feb. 11	SC Dist. Horse Bowl/Hippology Contest



Dixie Classic Fair

Two Chatham County 4-H'ers, Logan Thomas and Sarah Thomas brought home several awards at the Dixie Classic Fair held in October. Awards Logan received included: 4th in the Spring Heifer Holstein class, 2nd in the Winter Calf Holstein class and 1st in the Holstein Winter Yearling class. Logan was also named Junior Champion in the Junior show and he placed 1st in the senior 2 year old Ayrshire cow class. Logan also placed 4th in showmanship.

Awards brought home by Sarah Thomas included: 3rd in the Spring Heifer class, 2nd in the Guernsey Winter Calf class and 1st in the Brown Swiss Spring class. Sarah was also Reserve Junior Champion in the open show and Junior Champion in the Junior show. Sarah also placed 1st in showmanship in the 6-9 year old class.



Kids Helping Kids



Hats off to the first grade students in Mrs. Coleman's first grade class. These students participated in National 4-H Week as well as North Carolina 4-H's Helpful Hands and Healing Hearts initiative by filling up 5 shoeboxes with much needed school supplies for children whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

All across North Carolina, 4-H'ers participated in this service project. A total of 7 tractor trailer trucks filled with supplies were sent to Extension and 4-H families in the Gulf States. A total of 3355 Clover Kits, 2958 Essential Kits and 575 Miscellaneous Kits were collected from across North Carolina. The total cash value of the kits was \$137,760.00.

Thank you to Ms. Coleman's class as well as other Chatham County 4-H families who participated in this project!



Lost and Found

While cleaning out over the last couple of months, we found a pair of shoes that need a home. The shoes are a pair of black Nike's which were left at 4-H Jordan Lake Day Camp. If these shoes belong to you, please call the 4-H office to claim them. At the end of January, if we still have the shoes we will donate them to charity. Thanks!!



State Fair Wrap-Up

The North Carolina State Fair was held in October, 2005. Several Chatham County 4-H'ers brought home livestock awards. The 4-H'ers who participated in the State Fair were: Ethan Jones, Logan Thomas and Sarah Thomas.

Ethan placed 4th in his class with his Angus Heifer. Logan placed 5th in the Spring Heifer Holstein class, 5th in the Winter Heifer Holstein, class and 1st in the Ayrshire Senior 2 year old cow class. Finally Sarah placed 7th in the Spring Heifer class, 2nd in the Guernsey Winter Calf class 1st in the spring calf Brown Swiss class, and 4th in showmanship.

A big round of applause goes to these 4-H'ers for their participation in the NC State Fair. We can't wait to have more 4-H'ers involved next year!



4-H TRIVIA

Congratulations to the first winners of our 4-H Trivia contest. The question was: What do the 4 H's in the 4-H clover stand for. The winners that knew the correct answer was Head, Heart, Hands and Health were: Diamond Ferguson, Dionna Bright, and a tie between Corie Johnson and Heather Allen.

This newsletter's 4-H Trivia question is:
What is the 4-H Motto?

The first three people to email Paulette Thomas at paulette_thomas@ncsu.edu with the correct answer will receive a prize and will be recognized in the next newsletter. Be sure to email your answer in as soon as possible. If you do not have access to email, feel free to call Paulette at 542.8202.

Good Luck!



Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

The dates for Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp have been announced! Chatham County 4-H will be camping at this residential camp which is near Reidsville, NC on July 23-28, 2006. The cost for this camp is \$295 and includes all transportation as well as food, t-shirt and \$10 store money. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due January 30, 2006.



Honey Bee Essay

Do you enjoy writing? If so, Chatham County 4-H has an opportunity for you. The annual Honey Bee Essay is just around the corner and the topic this year is "Honey Bees in Art and Culture". The essays are due to the Chatham County 4-H office on February 1st. For more information, please visit <http://ipm.ncsu.edu/4-H/essay.html> or contact the 4-H office for a printed copy.



Point System Announced at Ice Cream Social

The new Chatham County 4-H Point System has been announced! This is the new way that 4-H'ers will keep track of the work they do in 4-H as well as be recognized for their achievements. Through this system, 4-H'ers will be able to be recognized for not only what they do in 4-H, but in other community activities as well. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual Achievement Night which will be held in November 2006. For more information on this please visit our website at: <http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=youth4h> or you can contact the 4-H office for a printed copy. Be sure to start keeping track of your work, so we can recognize you in November!



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New Newsletter Scheduled Announced

The Chatham County 4-H News will be published 5 times per year. You will receive a January-February, March-April, Summer (May-July), August-September and October-December newsletter. We are trying to work out the best schedule to keep you informed without crowding your mailboxes. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please let us know! If you ever lose your newsletter you can always find it on our website at <http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu> or contact our office for another copy!

