

## NEWS FROM

# The Cloverfields of Chatham County



March 2016

*From your 4-H Program Staff...*

This month has been a busy 4-H month! The 2016 year is really getting going now - between Achievement Night and getting to announce our County Awards for project record books, and the Horsekateers winning at District Horse Bowl, as well as members of the Charging Champions attending the Teeter Beef Leadership Institute - Chatham County 4-Hers have been hustling!

We were also so proud to be able to share the accomplishments of 4-H with the County Board of Commissioners at their annual report this month. They love hearing about all the things you all get up to in a year! It also gives us an opportunity to tell a much wider county audience of county advisors about our activities, who may not always know how much the youth in our county are doing.

Getting the word out about 4-H is so important for networking, and member recruitment - not just with adults and county board members! Talk to your school friends about what you get to do in 4-H - you never know, they may not have heard of it and would love to join your club!

*Sincerely,  
Ginger & Carolyn*



*Thanks to our  
wonderful and generous 4-H sponsors:*



## 4-HERS SHINE AT ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT!



*Above left: Trophies and awards ready for the night to begin!*

*Above top right: Horsekateers after the ceremony.*

*Above bottom right: Charging Champions pose with 4-H State President Luke LaHay.*



Luke LaHay from Nash County.

We were also pleased to be able to honor our club leaders and 4-H volunteers, who put in so much of their time and effort in helping our members reach their goals and dreams.

Inside this issue, we have a list of all the members we featured and their accomplishments. Members were honored for their 2015 project record books, their levels in our Points of Success program, and for their involvement in the county Livestock program, the Horse program, as well as their successes in our educational contests like Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, Dairy Bowl and Dairy Judging.

Also a big thank you to everyone for helping clean up after the ceremony!!

Our annual achievement night went off with a bang in February! We were so excited to have everyone out to celebrate the accomplishments of our county's 4-Hers, and greatly enjoyed catching up with everyone. Representation from all of our current clubs came to collect awards from their efforts in 2015, and to enjoy dinner together, catered by The Old Place. We had a full house in the auditorium of the Chatham County Agricultural Building!

County Director Sam Groce served again this year as our announcer for the evening, and we were pleased to have our District Director Jim Cowden in attendance, as well as our 4-H State President for 2015-2016,

# 2015 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT RECAP

## *Points of Success*

### **Green Level**

Abby Adams (122 points)  
Lily Taylor (122 points)  
Miana Taylor (122 points)  
Emma Langley (126 points)

### **Bronze Level**

Emily Turner (314 points)  
Georgia Schmidt (339 points)  
Emma Schmidt (394 points)  
Brandon Turner (399 points)

### **Silver Level**

Fiona Keele (620 points)  
Wyatt Nixon (740 points)  
Mattie Crowder (760 points)

### **Gold Level**

Carolina Lucas (970 points)  
Jenna Self (990 points)  
Hunter Cheek (1033 points)  
Raegan Brinkman (1045 points)  
Taryn Self (1120 points)

### **Gold Plus Level**

Brandon Downs (1200 points)  
Ezra Beckerdite (1235 points)  
Brylee Downs (1240 points)  
Kirsten Gregory (1245 points)  
Hunter Batchelor (1260 points)  
Riley Spohn (1350 points)  
Lindsay Seitz (1480 points)  
Grace Conerly (1515 points)  
Lisa Dickerson (1525 points)  
Summer Brown (1570 points)  
Julie Dickerson (1600 points)  
Luke White (1605 points)  
Hannah Seitz (1650 points)  
Katie Carlson (1704 points)  
Kaitlyn Berly (1735 points)  
Katelyn Batchelor (1740 points)  
Victoria Hume (1830 points)  
Matthew White (1970 points)

### **Super Gold Plus Level**

Laura Dickerson (2030 points)  
Leah Nelson (2040 points)  
Evan Carlson (2184 points)  
Anna Roberson (2380 points)  
Maddie Edwards (2960 points)  
Molly Carlson (3169 points)  
Sarah Thomas (6968 points)

## *County, District & State*

### *Level Presentations:*

Hunter Cheek  
Rae Fridley  
Sarah Thomas (1st at District & State)  
Katelyn Batchelor (2nd at District)

### *Inducted into the NC 4-H Honor Club:*

#### *Sarah Thomas*

### *NC Horse Bowl Participants*

**Senior Team** (1st at District, 3rd at State)

Julie Dickerson (4th Individual overall at District, 6th at State)

Maddie Edwards (1st Individual overall at District, 11th at State)

Laura Dickerson (2nd Individual)

Summer Brown

**Mixed Team** (2nd at District, 3rd at State)

Grace Conerly (1st Individual overall at District, 4th at State)

Raegan Brinkman

Lisa Dickerson

Ellie Belvin

### *State Hippology Participants*

**Senior Team** (3rd Overall, 4th at Team Problem)

Julie Dickerson (9th Individual Judging, 6th Individual Overall)

Lisa Dickerson

Ellie Belvin

Summer Brown (10th Individual Judging)

## *Junior Individuals*

Grace Conerly (4th Individual Judging, 7th Individual Overall)

Raegan Brinkman (5th Individual Judging, 8th Individual Overall)

## *State Horse Judging Individual*

Grace Conerly (1st in Halter, 7th in Performance, 1st in Reaseons and 1st Overall)

## *AQHA Congress*

Maddie Edwards (Horse Bowl, 1st place team, 2nd place individual. Hippology, 1st place team, 1st in overall individual)

Laura Dickerson (Horse Bowl, 1st place team, 3rd place individual)

## *Dairy Circuit*

Sarah Thomas (1st place team for Dairy Quiz Bowl, 1st place individual for Reasons and Overall at NC 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, 3rd place team for National Dairy Quiz Bowl, 7th place individual written exam, 1st place team in Gurnseys at Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest)

## *Project Record Books 2014 District Awards*

Molly Carlson (2nd place 13-15 age group for Environment and Natural Resources)  
Evan Carlson (3rd place 9-10 age group for Personal Development and Leadership)

## 2015 County Awards 9-10 Age Group for Animal Science:

1st: Riley Spohn  
2nd: Kathryn Carlson  
3rd: Mattie Crowder

## 11-12 Age Group for Animal Science:

1st Caroline Lucas  
2nd: Anna Roberson  
3rd: Evan Carlson

Evan Carlson also received 1st place for his project record book on Science, Technology and Computers.

## 13-15 Age Group for Animal Science:

1st: Molly Carlson  
2nd: Lisa Dickerson  
3rd: Victoria Hume

Molly Carlson also won 1st for her project record book on Environment & Natural Resources, and 1st for her Portfolio, a 3 year cumulative record book.

## 16-18 Age Group for Animal Science:

1st: Sarah Thomas  
2nd: Julie Dickerson  
3rd: Maddie Edwards



## Good Luck at State!!

The Senior Horsekateer Horse Bowl Team moved on to the State Level after winning 1st in the District last month in a close match with Alamance County. Their next match will be on March 5th at NC State!



Left to Right: Mentor and fellow club member Laura Dickerson, Team members Julie Dickerson, Kirsten Gregory, Grace Conerly, Raegan Brinkman, and Mentor and fellow club member Maddie Edwards

Happy  
ST PATRICK'S  
Day

St Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for thousands of years. But, how did we come to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the United States?

The history of St Patrick's Day in America, however, begins with Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Befitting of the Irish, it is a tale of Irish patriotism and evolving political power. That very first parade in New York City not only helped the homesick Irish soldiers connect with their roots through the familiar strains of traditional Irish music—usually featuring bagpipes and drums, but also helped them to connect with one another, finding strength in numbers. Over the years as nearly a million Irish immigrants fled to America in the wake of the Great Potato Famine, St Patrick's Day parades became a display of solidarity and political strength as these often ridiculed Irish immigrants were frequently victims of prejudice. Soon enough, their numbers were recognized and the Irish soon organized and exerted their political muscle, becoming known as the “green machine”.

Today, St Patrick's Day celebrations abound. St Patrick's Day celebrations continue to be a show of Irish strength and patriotism. So, get out your green and get ready to celebrate!

## Spring has sprung, and everything is coming up **GREEN!**


The weather is warming up, everyone is ready for Spring Break and Easter - so shed your winter coat and check off some of these spring activities!

- PLANT SOMETHING GREEN
- SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
- HAVE A PICNIC IN THE PARK
- FIND THE FIRST CROCUSES
- RUN OUTSIDE
- TAKE A HIKE
- VISIT A FARM TO SEE THE ANIMALS
- GO HORSEBACK RIDING
- FLY A KITE
- LOOK FOR 4 LEAFED CLOVERS!
- JUMP IN PUDDLES
- GET DIRT UNDER YOUR FINGERNAILS
- BLOW BUBBLES
- CLIMB A TREE
- FIND A PLAYGROUND AND SWING ON THE SWINGS
- FEED THE DUCKS AT A POND
- DRAW PICTURES ON THE SIDEWALK WITH CHALK
- SKIP STONES ACROSS A POND
- BAKE CUPACKES AND DECORATE THEM WITH SPRING COLORS
- VISIT A FARMER'S MARKET
- PICK STRAWBERRIES
- LISTEN TO THE RAIN
- WATCH BUMBLEBEES AT WORK IN A GARDEN
- LISTEN TO THE BIRDS SINGING
- SPOT A RAINBOW
- FEEL THE SUN ON YOUR FACE
- PET A BUNNY
- WEAR SANDALS
- VISIT THE ZOO
- PICK SOME FLOWERS TO BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY!



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ANY OF OUR 4-H CLUBS, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT (919) 542-8202 OR EMAIL CAROLYN AT CAROLYN.JOHNSON@CHATHAMNC.ORG**

## March 4 - H Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1st & 2nd place project record books go to District Competition	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> State Horse Bowl & Hippology Competition at NCSU
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> DUE DATE FOR TEEN RETREAT RSVP	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> → CLOVER CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW & SKILLATHON
<b>20</b> →	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Holiday Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	For more details on any of these activities and dates, see online at <a href="http://chatham.ncsu.edu">chatham.ncsu.edu</a> or call 919-542-8202	

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