

The Clover Connection

**October/November
2012**

National 4-H Week!

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JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY



October 7-13 is National 4-H Week, and Bladen County is celebrating the 4-H youth who have made an impact on the community, and are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world.

Recent findings from Tufts University's *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that young people in 4-H are three times more likely to contribute to their communities than youth not participating in 4-H. Notably, the Tufts research discovered that the structured learning, encouragement and adult mentoring the 4-H'ers receive play a vital role in helping them actively contribute to their communities. In Bladen County, more than 1000 youth are impacted by 4-H annually with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers.

4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing your country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. **THANK YOU FOR JOINING the Revolution of Responsibility!**



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BLADEN COUNTY BITS

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:

October 8th, 3:30 pm and

November 5th, 3:30 pm

Roots & Shoots Club Please contact club leader for information on further meetings.

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:

October 11th, 6:30 pm

November 8th, 6:30 pm



Thank You!

Thank you so very much to Tractor Supply Co. and Kinlaw Produce for providing space and boiled peanuts for our fundraiser held Sept. 15th. We raised over \$45.00 for the Bladen County 4-H program!



Pictured from left are Olivia Hellingworth, Ellie Kinlaw, Jacie Kinlaw and Christian Ryckeley.

County Council Officers' and County Council Meetings

The next county council meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, 2012 in the kitchen at the Extension Office. Officers need to come at 4:00 pm, and the regular meeting will begin at 4:30 pm. All clubs are encouraged to have at least one youth and one adult volunteer present at the meeting – the more the merrier. This will be a great time to plan and identify service projects and future programs for the coming year. Please call Sherry Hall at 862-4591 and let her know if you are planning to attend so that we can plan light refreshments.



Happy 4-H New Year!



October 1st is the start of the new enrollment year for 4-H. Every year we must update our files with new enrollment forms, medical forms, photography releases, etc., for all of our members and volunteers.

Consider this the time of year when you say "YES!" to 4-H again and submit your paperwork as a pledge to serve and participate in programming this year. This enrollment form is KEY to unlocking a year of programs, events, and activities because without the necessary documentation you can not participate in 4-H. Packets will be mailed in the next few weeks and we hope that you will complete the necessary information and return it by our upcoming county council meeting on **November 1, 2012.**

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 Ryan_Harrelson@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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Welcome, Stacie!

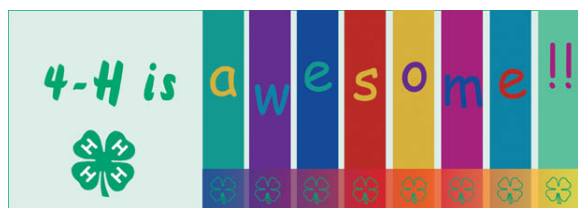


After 18 months of waiting for a new 4-H agent to help coordinate the 4-H program for our local volunteers and youth, Stacie C. Kinlaw

found her way "back home" to serve in this position. She looks forward to meeting everyone and working with them to help grow our program with a vision of "making the best better" for ALL children in Bladen County.

She has lived in Bladen County her whole life, but has worked in Robeson County for the last five years at Exploration Station and the Robeson County Partnership for Children. She stays busy at home with three young daughters and her devoted husband. She loves serving and "growing" children; not only in her career, but in her free time, serving in youth music and dance ministries and Sunday school classes to ensure that the children of her community have the opportunity to grow and develop into unique and better people.

Let's extend a warm welcome to our new 4-H agent – feel free to come by the office for a visit, give her a call, or invite her to your next 4-H club activity or event.



4 K 4 Food

This year's annual 4 K 4 Food event to benefit Bladen Crisis Assistance is set for Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 9 am at the Industrial Park in Elizabethtown AND at a new location - the Town Hall in Bladenboro. Pre-registration before November 1, 2012 ensures that you receive the correct t-shirt size and the first 75 participants will receive a gift item from Omega Sports of Wilmington. Registration flyers are available at Healthworks, the Town of Elizabethtown office, the Chamber of Commerce, the Bladen County Center of NC Cooperative Extension office, Bladen Community College, Bladen County Library, and the Health Department. Registration fees for Non-Healthworks members are \$15 for individuals and \$30 for families, and for Healthworks member's fees are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. ALL 4-H'ers are invited to participate – this is a great community event that pairs our pledge of health with our pledge of service. Please click [here](#) for further info and an application.

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Constitution Day

Each year Bladen County 4-H joins the Daughters of the American Revolution in celebrating Constitution Week with the "Bells Across America" Ceremony. The event is always held on September 17th at 4:00 p.m. The bell is rung one time for each year since the Constitution was signed. This year, eleven 4-H members joined in the ringing at the Bladen County Courthouse.



COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL

Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program



The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program is Accepting Applications for the 2013 Community Service Awards.

The biennial Nestlé Very Best in Youth program was created to spotlight the best in youth leadership by identifying and honoring teenagers in the United States whose community service efforts are making a profound difference in the lives of others.

Nestlé seeks to help young people who want to make a difference realize their dreams by donating \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. Nestlé also awards the winner a trip to Los Angeles, California, for the Very Best in Youth awards ceremony. The trip includes round trip air travel and hotel accommodations for three nights for the winner and a parent or guardian as well as spending money. In 2011, the program made awards to twenty-three young people.

Contestants must be between 14 and 18 years of age and be legal residents of the fifty United States and the District of Columbia. Contestants must demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and be able to demonstrate how they have made a special contribution to their school, church, or community.

Please contact Stacie Kinlaw or Sharon Parrish at 862-4591 for an application on or before October 15th. The deadline for applications to be turned in to the 4-H office is November 1st

SERVERS NEEDED!!



The annual Cape Fear Farm Credit Dinner has once again invited Bladen County 4-H'ers to volunteer as servers for their annual dinner on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at Lu Míl

Vineyard in Dublin, NC. The dinner begins at 6 pm, so volunteers will have to arrive at 5:15 pm dressed in black pants and white shirts with hair nicely pulled away from their face. Interested volunteers MUST contact Sherry Hall at the Cooperative Extension office, 862-4591, by October 16, 2012 to be considered for this opportunity.

SCIENCE IS IN THE AIR!!!

4-H is offering a 4-H Science Fair on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Catawba Science Center, located at 243 3rd Avenue Northeast, Hickory, NC 28601. This is a qualifying science fair event to enable projects from 4-H'ers to compete in regional science fair competitions. Winners at this level who register by October 31, 2012 AND meet the regional competition requirements will compete for opportunities to participate in our region's Science Fair Competition at UNC Pembroke in February 2013. This provides an opportunity for youth who do not have opportunities to enter school science fairs to enter a qualifying event. Registration information and competitors' packet information are available electronically and by mailing a request. Early Registration to be considered for Regional Competition is prior to October 31, 2012 and regular registration (projects will NOT move on to compete regionally regardless of their placing at the qualifying event) is prior to December 1, 2012. Please contact our Bladen County 4-H office if you are interested in receiving this additional information, or click on this [link](#).

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
ROBESON COUNTY FAIR						Deadline to register for new volunteer training
			Ag'em Up Days			
7	8 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	9	10	11 Sandhills Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church FIRST DAY OF NC STATE FAIR!	12	13
	National 4-H Week!!					
14 4-H Sunday at Wesley's Chapel Church, 11:45 a.m.	15 New Volunteer Training, in Lumberton, 6:00 p.m. Deadline to receive the Nestle Very Best of Youth Application	16 Deadline to sign up to volunteer for the Cape Fear Farm Credit Dinner	17	18	19	20
21 FINAL DAY OF THE NC STATE FAIR	22	23 Cape Fear Farm Credit Dinner at Lu Mil Vineyard 6:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Deadline to register for the 4-H Science Fair			



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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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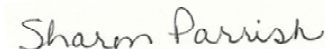
November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 County Council Officers meeting, 4:00 pm; County Council Meeting 4:30 pm Extension Office <i>2013 Enrollment Forms Due!</i> Nestle Best in Youth Applications Due	2	3
4	5 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	6	7	8 Sandhills Community Club Meeting Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church 6:30 pm	9	10
11	12 OFFICE CLOSED  Veterans Day	13	14	15	16	17 4 K 4 Food Event 9:00 am
18	19	20	21	22 OFFICE  HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	23 CLOSED	24
25 Elizabethtown Christmas Parade 3 pm	26	27	28	29	30	

Sincerely,



Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development


[Sharon Parrish](#)

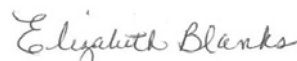
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4-H Life Skills Coordinator




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