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LUKE HILL ELECTED STATE 4-H REPORTER

The end of the year's hard work was concluded at 4-H Congress held July 16-19, 2012. One Bladen County 4-H'er's dream came true when he was elected as State Reporter. Luke Hill, 17, has spent the last twelve years as a 4-H'er in Bladen County.

Running for State Office includes campaigning and question and answer sessions. Candidates must answer a panel of questions before the entire Congress. On Tuesday night, they played out a two minute skit telling why they would be the best officer. Afterward, 4-H'ers visited each candidate's booth to ask questions one on one. Wednesday afternoon was spent tallying the votes and recognizing the new officer team. This year will take the four across the state of North Carolina. They will teach and represent 4-H from the local levels to NC State government.



This year's team is Nathan Barrick, President; Hannah Davis, Vice President; Dallas Perry, Secretary; and Luke Hill, Reporter. Pictured along with the newly elected officers are N.C. State University Chancellor, Randy Woodson and the NC State Mascot, Ms. Wuff.

CONGRATULATIONS, LUKE!!

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Club Meeting Dates

- Super Clover Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Wesley's Chapel Church, unless otherwise noted.
- September 10th, 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, unless otherwise noted.
- September 13th, 6:30 pm

Hayley Hall Performs With 4-H Talent Revue



Hayley Hall, of the Bladen County 4-H Super Clovers Club, was one of 15 individuals from the southeastern U.S. who were selected for the 2012 4-H Talent Revue. The Revue performed a variety show during the National Association of County Agricultural Agents' AM/PIC conference, held in July in Charleston, South Carolina. Hayley performed "Over the Rainbow" from The Wizard of Oz, which was her winning audition entry. Hayley also had the honor of being selected by the Revue committee to perform The National Anthem for the Opening Ceremony of the conference.

BLADEN COUNTY 4-H'ERS WIN HONORS AT STATE 4-H CONGRESS

Two Bladen County 4-H'ers received awards during the recent State 4-H Congress. Congress is the high point of the 4-H year, bringing young people from across the state to the North Carolina State University campus and Raleigh for four days of activity July 16-19.



Laura Ashley Willis, formerly of Elizabethtown, was inducted into the 4-H Honor Club, one of the highest honors a 4-H'er can achieve. New Honor Club members were tapped during a candlelight ceremony Monday night, July 16th. Laura was also selected, through the AIRE process, to receive a trip to the International Leadership Conference.

A 4-H'er for seven years, Laura was a member of the Super Clovers and Roots & Shoots 4-H clubs.



Victoria Evans was also honored. She won a gold medal in the 14- to 18-year-old division of the electric competition with her presentation "Unleash the Power of the Sun". Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of North Carolina sponsored the contest.

More than 560 4-H'ers, volunteer leaders and North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents attended 4-H Congress. Others attending from Bladen County were Allen Monk and Alexandra Evans. The group was chaperoned by 4-H Volunteers, Kelli Hill and Peggy Monk.

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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4-H Delegation Attends Annual Electric Congress

A delegation from Bladen County attended the annual 4-H Electric Congress July 9-11 at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Two hundred and twenty 4-H'ers, adult leaders and Cooperative Extension agents from 61 counties attended the three-day event. Since 1947, Progress Energy, Duke Energy and Dominion North Carolina Power have sponsored the annual congress to emphasize energy conservation and safe electricity use. The 4-H electric energy program is one of the most popular activities among Tar Heel 4-H'ers. The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. More than 235,000 young people between the ages of 5 and 19 participate in North Carolina 4-H activities each year with the help of 21,500 adult and youth volunteers.



Pictured from left are Bob McCall, Progress Energy Carolinas Vice President, Eastern Region, Kelli Hill, Bladen County 4-H Volunteer Leader, 4-H'ers Luke Hill, Laura Willis, Allen Monk, Sarah Willis and Bladen County 4-H Volunteer Leader, Peggy Monk.

Summer Fun 2012



We wrapped up Summer Fun 2012 with a bash at Jones Lake on August 15th. Everyone enjoyed swimming, lunch and snow cones! Thank you to all our volunteers for helping make our program a success. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

County Council Officers' and County Council Meetings



Further CCO and CC meetings will be scheduled after the new 4-H Agent is in place.

2012 Dublin Peanut Festival Cooking Contest

A "Peanut Cooking Contest" is being held during the Dublin Peanut Festival on Saturday, September 15th. Recipes are being accepted in three categories: candy, bread, and dessert. There are two age groups: Youth (ages 8-16), and Adult (ages 17-up). Age is determined by the age on the date of the contest. All recipes must contain at least one half (1/2) cup of peanuts or peanut butter. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Dublin Primary School cafeteria, and all dishes must be registered by 11:30 a.m.



Winners in each category will receive the following prizes: first \$50; second \$30; and third \$20. Applications and a complete list of rules are available by calling Sandra R. Cain at North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Bladen County Center, 910-862-4591 or by clicking on [application](#) and [rules](#). The deadline for applications is Tuesday, September 11th, at 5 p.m.

Teen Court Volunteers Needed

The 4-H Teen Court program is looking for teen and adult volunteers! Please contact Johnice Autry, 4-H Teen Court Coordinator, for more information at call 862-4591. Those interested should contact Ms.

Autry prior to Friday, September 14th.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Office Closed Happy Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Super Clovers Club Meeting, Wesley's Chapel Church, 3:30 pm	11 Recipes for Dublin Peanut Festival Cooking Contest Due by 5:00 pm	12	13 Sandhills Community Club Meeting, Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church 6:30 pm	14 Deadline to contact Ms. Autry about volunteering for Teen Court	15 Dublin Peanut Festival 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 31	24	25	27	28	29	30

Sincerely,

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