



# Clover County News

September/October 2012

## Welcome Back to 4-H!

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We have had an exciting summer this year and we are looking forward to our 4-H Clubs starting their meetings! We know that many of our clubs have started with their August and September meetings. We are looking forward to seeing what you have planned for the year and who will be your club officers this year! If you are not currently in a club, and are inter-

ested in joining a club, please feel free to visit any clubs that might catch your interest. **Enclosed is a schedule of our club meetings, or you can find it on our 4-H website.** Be sure to contact a club leader to make sure nothing has changed since publication date. We look forward to a great 4-H year. Please call the 4-H staff at 237.0113 if you have questions about 4-H.



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## County Council Nomination & Elections

Do you wanna learn about what it takes to be a good leader? Do you enjoy working with fellow teens to change the world, one county at a time? Are you dedicated? Are you dependable? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should run for a County Council Office. If you are interested (I know you are) then download the application and bring it to the County office and you could become our next County President, Vice President, Reporter, or Secretary-Treasurer. My name is Kenyatta Lanier, And I approve this message!!!

## Hungry for Help 4-H Harvest Ball

**September 15th 7:00—10:00 pm (This SATURDAY!)**

The Kickin Klovers 4-H Club is sponsoring a **4-H Harvest Ball** benefiting their project to stop childhood hunger. It will be held at the Wilson Ag Center and all 4-H members and guests are invited to attend. Cost will be \$6 or \$6 worth of can foods. Children under age 9 will need to be accompanied by an adult. We will have our own 4-H Idol Contests and will be giving trophies and ribbons. This night will be lots of fun with a DJ, refreshments, & 4-H! Please come out and support this worthwhile cause. If you have questions, please call the 4-H office at 237.0113 **Great fun for all!!!**



## IT'S FAIR TIME!

The Wilson County Fair will be held, Tuesday, September 18 through Sunday, September 23. There will be 5 4-H booths in the youth building at the fair. Be sure to check them out.

For the clubs that are doing fair booths, you can set up your exhibit on Saturday, September 15th from 1-3pm or Sunday, Sept. 16th from 1-3p.m. Booths must be removed Monday, September 24th from 3-6pm.

### Club Help Needed at the Fair

This year, we really want to highlight 4-H to our fairgoers. We will have people "man" a 4-H booth each day at the fair.



If you, or your club, is interested in signing up for a day, please let Ms. Kenyatta know. We are asking you to serve 2-3 hours. During this time, you can tell people about 4-H and your club work and give out 4-H materials! Thanks to the clubs that have already signed up!

For more info visit the fair website: [wilsoncountyfair.org](http://wilsoncountyfair.org)

### Wilson County Fair Schedule

Sat & Sun (15 & 16th) - Entry check in  
Mon (17th) - Entry judging  
Tues (18th) - Market Hog Show, 6:00 pm  
Wed (19th) - 4-H Poultry Show & Sale, 5:00 pm w/ auction following at 7:30 pm  
Thurs (20th) - Meat Goat Show, 6:00pm  
Fri (21st) - Market Lamb Show, 6:00pm  
Sat (22nd) - Fun Day at the Fair!  
Sun (23rd) - Heifer & Steer Show, 2:00pm

### Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Youth can participate in this fun contest at the fair! Just paint your pumpkin ahead of time, then bring it to the fair during check in times on Sat or Sun! The categories are Scariest, Funniest, and Most Creative. You can enter one in each category.

### Adult/Youth Grilling Compt.

What a fun way to work with one of your favorite adults! Youth/Adult teams will compete by grilling steaks donated by Cooperative Extension. The contest takes place on Sun, Sept. 23rd. You must sign up by 5pm on Friday, Sept. 14th at the Ag Center.

### Ice Cream Making Contest

You and your team of 2-5 people can show off your ice cream making skills in this contest! Ice cream will be judged on taste, texture, presentation, and overall quality. Rock salt and ice will be provided by the Jr. Fair Board. Ice cream must be ready for judging by 4:30pm on the 22nd. Entries must be submitted by Fri, Sept 14th.

### Scarecrow Contest

Sunday, September 16th

Come to the Wilson County Fairgrounds and decorate your very own scarecrow! You will need to bring all of your decorative supplies. A standard scarecrow body will be provided for you along with the straw for stuffing! **Decorating Times: Sunday, Sept. 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Prizes will be awarded based on the creativity of the individual and/or group in all age divisions. Clubs are encouraged to participate in this contest!





Six youth attended the Eastern 4-H Center camp with Mrs. Vanessa this summer. From left to right they are, Jocelyn Avent, Jamison Kyles, Jaden Boyette, Javan Harrell, Raigan Avent, & Madison Barnes. Thanks to the Evening Optimist Club for helping sponsor youth to attend camp.

## 4-H Iron Chef



Do you think you have what it takes to be Wilson County 4-H's Iron Chef? If so, come out to the Wilson County Extension office and show us what you got!!!! Participants will be given a choice to make a dish using sweet potatoes, peanuts, apples, tomatoes, white potatoes or chocolate. Food will be judged on Appearance, Presentation, and Nutrition knowledge. Iron Chef will be held November 15, 2012

## 4-H Calendar of Events:

### September:

12: State Fair booth committee meeting

18-23: Wilson County Fair

24: County Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

### October:

7-13: National 4-H Week

11-21: NC State Fair

22: County Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

### November:

3-4: State Council Conference

12: Veterans Day Holiday, 4-H office closed

15: 4-H Iron Chef (deadline to register is Nov. 1)

21: Weigh steers for 2013 Show & Sale

22-23: Thanksgiving Holiday, 4-H office closed

23-26: National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

26: County Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

### December:

24-26 Christmas Holiday, 4-H office closed

27-28: Weigh hogs for 2013 Show & Sale

## State Council Conference...Nov. 3 & 4, 2012

It's back! NC 4-H is hosting its State Council Conference again this year in Raleigh, NC. State Council Conference is a statewide event for youth 13-18 years old. During the conference, you will attend workshops, attend meetings, and spend time with your 4-H friends from across the state! The workshops will be presented by district and state officers.

Our two district officers, Abi & Hannah, have already started putting together a great workshop for the SE District.

The cost to attend will be around \$100. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 10th.

Call the 4-H office for registration information.

Thursday is Fight Hunger at the Fair Night!  
Save \$2 off admission with a donation of 3 or more non-perishable foods for Hope Station.



## 4-H Summer Fun a great success!

The 4-H Summer Fun program was a huge success this summer. Many of you participated in several of our fun, educational workshops. We would like to congratulate Kristy Eaton, 4-H Program Assistant, on her first of many successful Summer Fun Programs. She did a great job in providing excellent classes and programs for the kids to enjoy this summer.

If you have any ideas for next summer, just let us know!



**Oh FUN!**

## NC 4-H Citizenship Events

4-H Youth participated in many citizenship events this summer. In June, Abi El-Ramey, Tyler Sharp, and Allyson Brake attended NC 4-H Citizenship Focus. During Citizenship Focus, the youth developed an action plan, attended workshops, and met with their legislators.

Also, five youth attended the Southeast District 4-H Citizenship Academy

in August. Those participants were Benji Godwin, Amber Lathrop, Rayven Anderson, Khyra Best, and Zoe Hines.

Tyler Sharp was chosen as the Wilson County delegate to the NC Association of County Commissioner's Youth Summit. During the conference, Tyler worked with other youth to come up with solutions to problems in county government. He also spent

time with Wilson County commissioner Rob Boyette at the event.

Citizenship is an important component of 4-H—don't forget to join us next year!



## 4-H Congress...

Twelve local 4-H'ers attended NC 4-H Congress this year, representing Wilson County very well. These 4-H'ers were involved in the state-wide presentation competition, workshops, and a community service project. Thanks to Mrs. Lynn Barnes for attending with the delegation again this year. Several 4-H'ers received awards and/or scholarships during Congress week.

They were:

**Abigail El-Ramey:** 4-H Honor Club

**Hannah Ferrell:** National 4-H Congress

**Southeast District Officers:** Hannah Ferrell, Secretary - Treasurer; Abigail El-Ramey, Vice-President

**Presentations:** Auston Dew, Gold; Marco Agostini, Silver; Zeke & Eli Ferrell, Silver; Hannah Ferrell, Bronze; Daniela Agostini, Bronze;

Benji Godwin/Ben Scott, Bronze.

**Hungry to Help Presentation:**

Abigail El-Ramey & Earon House

**4-H Scholarships**

Alexa Zolman, Allyson Brake, Frank Scott

***Congratulations All!***



Wilson County delegates prepare for Hands to Service. Left to Right are Earon House, Abi El-Ramey, Amber Lathrop, Tyler Sharp, Hannah Ferrell, Sam Brake, Alli Wells, and Liz-Anne Earle

**Tractor Supply's  
Paper Clover  
Campaign raised  
\$469.20 for  
Wilson County  
4-H this spring.  
Thank you for  
your support!**



Allyson Brake carries in the American flag at Congress opening ceremonies as the NC 4-H President.

## THANK YOU TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Wilson County 4-H was blessed with some wonderful teen volunteers this summer! Thank you to everyone who volunteered. You did an excellent job!

Volunteers were: Benji Godwin, Khyra Best, Zoe Hines, Will Barnes, Auston Dew, Carol Jablonski, Kariann Coldwell, Kate Han-

son, Kirsten Miller, Amoret Stinagle, Randi Gerwatosky, Rachel Garrou, Earon House, Sam Brake, Shannon D'Ambrosio, and Carlin D'Ambrosio.

**Thanks for a job well done!**

## ASPIRE program finishes its first class!

Twelve youth attended an ACT test prep class this summer. During the class, they took 4 practice exams and learned about each section of the ACT. The next class will start in January and will be held in Goldsboro. Call the 4-H office for more information. 4-H youth who completed the class were: Earon House, Hannah Ferrell, Brandy Godwin, Kasey Pittman, Allison Bartlett, Rayven Anderson and Katherine Kirby.



## Students attend 4-H Electric Congress

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Several 4-H'ers attended NC Electric Congress on the campus of University of North Carolina—Wilmington in July. This event was hosted by Duke/Progress Energy. Students learned about bio-fuels and put together electric kits. They also enjoyed a trip to the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. Those attending were: Kristy Eaton, James Flowers, Benji Godwin, Joshua Gray and Donna Flowers.



## October 11-21, 2012

### NC State Fair

### "Bumper Crop of Fun"

NC State Fair will be here before we know it! If you would like to put in any of your craft, photography, woodworking entries, etc., contact the 4-H office for entry details. The 4-H office will be able to take your entries to the fair, but will be unable to pick them up and bring back to Wilson. Please contact us if you have questions. Also, Wilson County 4-H has been selected to do a fair booth this year at the State Fair. We are looking for 5-10 youth and adults to be part of the State Fair Booth Committee. If you would like to participate please let Vanessa Spiron know as soon as possible. Our first committee meeting will be Sept. 12th at 6:00 pm at the Wilson Ag. Center.

If you have any questions or need more information on the contests at the County and/or State Fair, please visit their websites or contact the 4-H office at 237-0113.

## Wilson County 4-H Poultry Show & Sale

Wednesday, September 19th

Location: Wilson County Fairgrounds Arena

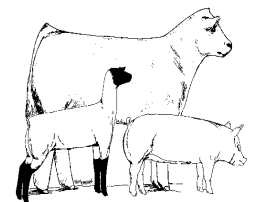
The poultry show will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Come out and support the  
4-H Poultry Show & Sale.

## Reminder: Steer Weigh-in, November 21st

Those of you who are planning to have a steer project for the 2013 4-H Livestock Show & Sale, please call the 4-H office at 237.0113 to let us know where your steer will be located for weigh-in. In order to show animals at the Show & Sale you must be an enrolled member of a community club and be 9 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2013. Steer weigh in will take place on Wednesday, November 21st. If you have questions you may call Walter Earle at 237.0111.



**Also, if you are interested in having a pig project for the 2013 Livestock Show & Sale, please call the 4-H office by December 14th. Swine weigh-in will be December 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>.**