

Happy Holidays!

Hello 4-H World! I hope you are ready for a great holiday season! Here at the 4-H office, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Be sure to take time to thank your parents and your 4-H volunteers for what they have done for you throughout the year.

Also, make time for your family this holiday season. Before you know it, you will be grown up and will miss being a kid during the holidays...so enjoy it!!!

As we close out 2012 and gear up for 2013, be sure to think about the many things you would like to

accomplish in 4-H this year. Maybe you want to do a project book in a new area, win a gold medal with your presentation, run for a county/club/district office, or show the grand champion hog.....set goals for yourself and make it happen! I have faith that you can do whatever you set your mind to.

Achievement night is right around the corner where you will be recognized for your accomplishments from 2012. It is on Feb. 8th and all 4-H'ers and their guests are invited. Be sure to RSVP to Ms. Sue so you do not miss out on this

great night. Everyone should RSVP by Feb. 1st. Also, each club needs to sign up to help with something.

As always, please read through the newsletter to see what's happening in 4-H. Be sure to check out the upcoming dates on the back page!

Again, we wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Wilson County 4-H Staff

State Fair: Winners

The NC State Fair held in October produced several winners in the livestock shows from Wilson County.

Those winners were: Rachel Garrou, Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmanship; Emma Vick, Champion Novice Showmanship for Mar-

ket Goats; Frank Scott, Reserve Champion Market Hog; and Amy Blacklock, Champion NC Born & Breed Market

Hog.

Also, Wilson County 4-H receive 4th place for their fair booth.





ASPIRE offered in Wayne County

Once again the ASPIRE program will be offered to High School Sophomore and Juniors with a 3.2 un-weighted GPA and have an interest in agriculture or life sciences. This course is for preparation of the ACT Exam.

The program includes The Princeton Review ACT study manual, The Princeton Review 1,296 practice question manual, 4 ACT full-length practice exams with score analysis and break-

down, The Princeton Review selective college admissions booklet, and 30 hours of class time instruction, where students will learn the skills they need to be able to tackle the ACT!

Once again, Wilson County 4-H will be partnering with Wayne County 4-H. Classes will be held in Wayne County at the Cooperative Extension office starting in January 2013. The cost is \$150.00. \$100 will be refunded after

completion of the course if students take the exam and have good attendance for the classes.

If you are interested in registering, please contact Mrs. Vanessa Spiron. Check out the ASPIRE website for more information: <http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/aspire/index.cfm?pageID=6313>

4-H'ers selected to state rifle team.....

Two Wilson County 4-H Shooting Sports club members have been selected for the NC 4-H Rifle Team. They are Corey Lane & Wooten Dougherty. Brandon Matthews was chosen as 1st Alternate for the state shotgun team. Participating in

tryouts also was Joshua. It is the dedication of members such as these that continue to strengthen our 4-H programs in Wilson County. Also, thanks to the leaders, volunteers and parents who worked so diligently with these young people to help them

achieve recognitions such as these.

Congratulations to all!

4-H Biofuels Class

Twelve Wilson County 4-H'ers recently learned about Biofuels in a class offered by 4-H. Mrs. Vanessa and two volunteers led the group in experiments, online blogging, lectures, field trips and more. Thanks to Ms. Martha and Ms. Lena for teaching this group. In the class, the group made biodiesel, visited a biofuels plant, and more. The group had a great time and learned a lot. You can check out their experience on their Biofuels blog at: <http://wilson4hbiofuels.blogspot.com/>



Wilson County 4-H busy during holiday season.....

Wilson County 4-H has been busy during this holiday season with holiday workshops and their annual Christmas wreath sale.

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser:

Again this year, 4-H held their Christmas wreath fundraiser. We sold 85 beautiful Fraizer Fur Christmas wreaths for a total profit of \$807.50. Several clubs participated in this fundraiser. Those were: Sims 4-H Club, New Hope 4-H Club,

4-H Shooting Sports Club and Lucama 4-H Club. They will receive a portion of profits from sales to fund their club projects.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a wreath, and for sup-



porting Wilson County 4-H.

Gifts & Goodies Workshop:

On December 1st, Mrs. Kris and Mrs. Vanessa held a holiday crafts and goodies workshop. We had 11 youth participate. They made ornaments and baked yummy treats. Beth Trogden from Arts Unlimited came to make crafts with the kids. A fun time was had by all and we hope to make this a 4-H tradition.

Wilson County 4-H'er wins County Volunteer Service Award.....

Wilson County 4-H'er, Earon House, was presented with the "A J Rightway Character Award" for her Speight Middle School Formal Closet Project. Earon, a member of the Kickin Klovvers 4-H Club and a junior at Beddingfield High School spearheaded this project which collects formal dresses to dis-

tribute to those middle school students who would not otherwise be able to attend the eighth grade prom because of the cost of purchasing a formal dress.

Because of this project and her other community service efforts, Earon was also awarded the SE District 4-H Youth Volunteer Award. She was presented this

award at the State 4-H Council Conference. Well deserved!



4-H Movie Night!!!!



Join us on

*Friday, January 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm
for 4-H Movie Night at the Wilson Ag
Center*

Popcorn and drinks provided

RSVP by January 23rd

We will be showing a fun, family movie!

Junior Fair Board.....

If you are interested in helping in our community as well as being involved with our county fair, this is the job for you. Applications are being accepted for members of the Wilson County Jr. Fair Board. If you have questions you can contact Vanessa Spiron at the 4-H office or Ricky Aycock at the Wilson County Fair. More information and a copy of the application can be found on the following website: www.wilsoncountyfair.org

4-H Club Happenings.....



Sims 4-H Club: We have a very busy time coming up for our group. The meeting was started with discussion and planning for the donation of food for a Thanksgiving feast for the Lucama group home. We will make our donation of food on Tuesday, November 20. Ideas were also discussed for our annual Christmas party at the Lucama group home. We had a special quest join us for our November meeting. It was Ms. Kris, the program assistant of 4-H. She gave information on events and the new cloverbud club. Hope Nguyen attended the county council meeting in October and brought back a project idea for the club to do. Hope gave some facts on sweet potatoes. She had the group do an experiment with sweet potatoes. We powered a digital clock using sweet potatoes. It was a fun experiment and was enjoyed by everyone.

4-H Envirothon Club: This month at the 4-H Envirothon Club, we have been busy starting off our year, studying, taking quizzes and going on a field trip to the Haw River State Park. The first subject we studied was *Aquatics*, and now we have started *Forestry*, all while reading about different species of wildlife. This past weekend we took a trip to the Haw River State Park to learn about tree identification, soils, and to bond as a team. My favorite activity was the platform balance, where we had to fit the whole team onto a platform, and by moving ourselves around, make sure neither side hit the ground. The night we were there we participated in a program they called the "The Underground Railroad" where in about an hour they simulated the experience of being on the railroad. I think of all our favorite part was seeing our leaders and parents dressed up for their parts.

Kickin Klovvers 4-H Club: At our last 4-H meeting we installed our new 2012-2013 officers into office. We would like to say congratulations to our new officers for this new upcoming year. We also had a candle light ceremony to make it official. Later after the ceremony Miss Vanessa took over and had a lesson on Parliamentary Procedure. During the lesson we used the Parliamentary Procedure rules to make a bowl of yummy Chex Mix. After the lesson we got to eat the Chex Mix we prepared during the lesson. To close the meeting, we all made Christmas Cards to give to the troops. Everyone seemed to have a great time making the Christmas cards and doing a good deed to try to bring cheer to others. After we finished

the cards we all had a great snack and headed home. Again we would all like to congratulate our new 2012-2013 officers. The following Saturday we took a trip to Ayden for the Give to the Troops Christmas packages. Everyone had a great time packing the care items for the Troops. The Kickin Klovvers 4-H Club would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season. We would love for you to come join us on December 7th for our next meeting.

Rock Ridge 4-H Club: In our last meeting we had a guest speaker from the Ag Center talking to us about different opportunities we could be involved with. Also, she told us what she does and any new events coming up. Afterwards, we stuffed shoe boxes for children in need and helped Sandy Ingram with our scrapbook.

Lucama 4-H Club: President Wyatt Scott called the meeting to order. Jonathan Ellis did the American pledge and Benji Godwin did the 4-H pledge. Club members Sam Brake and Benji Godwin were elected president and vice-president of county council. Members Frank Scott and Amy Blalock were recognized for winning reserve champ Market hog and champion born bred Market hog at the state fair. The club will visit The Landing and play bingo with the seniors and then go bowling in December. Allison Pate did the program and taught line dancing.

4-H Shooting Sports Club: Congratulation Wooten and Corey. They have been selected as members of the NC 4-H Rifle Team. Also, would like to thank Joshua for participating in the tryouts. The rifle tryouts as well as the shotgun tryouts were very competitive and the state leaders had a difficult time selecting a team. I look forward to Wooten, Cory, Joshua, and Brandon improving our Shooting Sports program thru their experience at the tryouts. I am proud of all the members of the Wilson County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. It is unfortunate the State Tournament does not have awards for Gun Safety and Sportsmanship as I feel they are the most important aspect of the 4-H Shooting Sports program. Looking forward to next year.

4-H Flywheel Electric Club: On October 8, 2012 1:00 pm at the Ag. Center we had our Electric Club meeting. The number of members present was 12 and no guests. Pledges were led by Benji and Michael.

Mr. Ronnie taught us how to make a flashlight and a switch. We discovered what a conductor and insulators were and how they operated. We also learned about opened and closed circuits. Lastly we learned about series or parallel circuits. On Nov 14, 2012 1:00pm at the A.G. Center we had our Electric Club meeting. The number of members present was 11 and no guests. Pledges were led by Benji and Michel. In our meeting we covered chapter three in our Magic of Electricity book



about magnets. We learned about objects that magnets attract or repel. We built an electromagnet, a galvanometer, and a motor. Our next meet is at the A.G. Center on December 12, 2012 at 1:00pm.

Thank you for all the reports.

**REMINDER:
SWINE WEIGH-IN
DEC. 27 & 28**

New 4-H Clubs have started

4-H Cloverbud Club

Submitted by Kristy Eaton

Kristy Eaton, our 4-H Program Assistant met on November 29th with youth ages 5-8 to discuss and organize our new Cloverbud Club. They discussed goals for the club and gathered ideas for projects to work on in the future.

The club met again on Thursday, December 13th at the Wilson Ag. Center. They made tree cookie ornaments for the tree in the Wilson Botanical Gardens.

This club will be meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00—5:00 pm at the Wilson Ag. Center.

If you have questions about the club you can call Mrs. Kristy at the 4-H office at 237.0113.

Please tell others about this new club.

We will have lots of fun!

Trogdon Angels

Submitted by Beth Trogden, club leader

The Trogdon Angels are 2 groups, special angels and gifted angels. The special angels are children with disabilities, and the gifted angels are able-bodied kids. In just a few months, 4-H has made a difference to the children. I have seen the self confidence grow in these children. For example I had only one child from the special angels to say the pledge after a Gifted angel volunteered to help with the Special angels. In our last meeting every special angel got up and went in front of their peers & did the pledge! Remember these children have many disabilities including speech and motion disabilities, but they are doing their very best with it & to see them so happy they got up there is very rewarding in itself! The club has been very busy already. The members collected milk jugs to make feed scoops for the farm animals to learn about recycling and feeding their animals. We are planning a therapeutic farm for this spring. They also collect cans for recycling to help raise money for their group, and the can tabs go to the Ronald McDonald house. Third they painted four-leaf clovers to make magnets or pins to sell at \$3 each. Fourth they helped make ceramic coasters with a clover and "Trogdons Special Angels" which were given out at Parkwood rest home. The Trogdon's Angels are special children showing our community how they can make a difference given a chance! We have big plans for the new year. The Trogdon's Angels welcomes all youth with special needs to come join. Also if a special needs person is bedridden or unable please don't let this stop you from joining. Become part of our Special Angels because everyone can make a difference in showing our community we are Special for a reason...because given a chance we can make a difference.

New County Council officers



We would like to congratulate our new County Council officers for this year. New officers were installed at our November 26th county council meeting. Those officers are:

President: Sam Brake

Vice President: Benji Godwin

Secretary: Sarah Bizzell

Reporter: Daniella Agostini

We look forward to working with the officers and accomplishing great things in 4-H this year.

Iron Chef a success.....

Thanks to all who came out and participated in the Wilson County Iron Chef competition. The night was filled with lots of food and fun. Our 4-H chefs presented us with all types of food, from a Peanut Butter Truffle, all the way to Chicken Satay.

Just as in the past, Chefs really came with their A game. Everyone walked away a winner. We look forward to making this show a success each year.

We're on the web
<http://wilson.ces.ncsu.edu/>



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To Make The Best Better

4-H Calendar

December:

17—Deadline to sign-up to show pigs

24-26—Christmas Holiday, 4-H office closed

27 & 28—Swine weigh-in for Show & Sale

31—Project books & award nominations due by 5 PM

January

1—New Years Holiday, 4-H office closed

7—County Commissioners meeting for State Fair winners

11—Deadline to sign up for HealthRocks Day Camp

18—**HealthRocks! Day Camp**

21—Martin Luther King Holiday, 4-H office closed

25—4-H Movie Night

28—County Council and Leaders Meeting. Program by New Hope on *Evaluating your Livestock*.

February

1—Deadline to register for 4-H Achievement Night

8—**4-H Achievement Night**

25—County Council and Leaders Meeting. Program by Lucama 4-H Club.

HEALTH ROCKS! DAY CAMP

All youth 9-14 years old are invited to attend (not just 4-H'ers).

We'll have fun workshops and guest speakers to learn about living a healthy life, including avoiding risky behaviors and the effects of alcohol and other substances.

Participants will receive prizes for attending and lunch will be served.

Call the 4-H office by Jan. 14th to sign up 237-0113.

Great way to spend your teacher workday!

**FUN, FREE,
Hands-on
Day Camp
Friday, Jan. 18th**

