

The Clover Connection

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2013 4-H Achievement Night

Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers for their accomplishments in 2012! We also want to thank our parents and volunteers for helping 4-H reach their goals. Here are some highlights from the 2013 4-H Achievement Program on March 5, 2013.

Junior Eager Beaver: Autumn Brisson

Outstanding Junior Girl: Anna Kate White

Outstanding Junior Boy: Gabriel Sprouse

Outstanding Senior Girl: Leighanne Kelly

Outstanding Senior Boy: Jacob Sprouse

Scrapbook Award: Super Clover 4-H Club

Jane Ross Community Service Award: Super Clover 4-H Club

Outstanding 4-H Club: Super Clover 4-H Club

Senior Recognitions: Luke Hill



Mrs. Stacie with the outstanding Eager Beaver Award winner, Autumn Brisson, Outstanding Jr. Girl and Boy, Anna Kate White and Gabriel Sprouse; and Outstanding Sr. Girl and Boy, Leighanne Kelly and Jacob Sprouse.



Pictured is the Super Clover Club. This club won the Jane Ross (pictured) Community Award, the Outstanding Club Award and the Outstanding Scrapbook Award



Roots and Shoots Club - Left to right, Jeralyn Hill, Luke Hill, Alex Evans, Victoria Evans and Mrs. Stacie.

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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. The next scheduled meetings will be:

April 8th, 3:30 pm and

May 13th, 3:30 pm

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:

April 11th, 6:30 pm and

May 9th, 6:30 pm

We have a new club!

Tar Heel Community Club meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at Purdie United Methodist Church, unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meetings will be:

April 1st, 6:00 pm and

May 6th, 6:00 pm

Super Clover Club Report

At our March meeting, the Super Clover members brought items to be donated to the BakPak Buddies Program. We made St. Patrick's Day cards for the Nursing Home patients. Ouam for the month was Food Safety and Handwashing. We had several new members. We also elected new club officers:

Pres. - Emily Barnes

VP - Samantha Marshburn

Sec. - Anna Kate White

Reporter - Layne Ross

Photographer - Sam Inscoc

Treasurer - Gabriel Sprouse

County Council Meeting



The next scheduled County Council Officers' meeting and County Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013. Officers will meet at 5:30 pm and the County Council meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

Our newly elected County Council Officers standing beside Mrs. Stacie from left to right are:

President: Leighanne Kelly

Vice President: Megan White

Secretary: Samantha Marshburn

Treasurer: Turea Lucy

Reporter: Hayley Hall (Not pictured)

Photographer: Alexandra Evans



Dates for the remainder of 2013 are:

April 25, 2013 - Officers at 5:30 pm and CC Meeting at 6 pm

May 16, 2013

July - TBA

September 19, 2013

November 21, 2013



All meetings will begin at 5:00 pm for the Officers' followed at 5:30 pm by the County Council Meeting. We will meet at the Extension Office at these times unless otherwise noted.

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 Stacie_Kinlaw@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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Teen Retreat

This week I went to Teen Retreat 2013 with Mrs. Stacie and Alexandra Evans. The social aspect was very warm and friendly, I knew no one there and made at least 5 new friends, the meetings were organized and mixed with skits from the different districts advertising their role as nominee for different offices such as president. We participated in 3 workshops and they were entertaining, very social, and very fun. Unlike some other events I've been to with youth groups or other groups, I never found myself alone. I was either talking or doing something as a group. We all ate breakfast together and I made even more friends that morning. It was an amazing experience that I'll be going to every chance possible.

Submitted by: Jacob Sprouse



Bladen County's Delegates to Teen Retreat 2013 were Alexandra Evans, left, and Jacob Sprouse, right. Also pictured is Stacie Kinlaw, 4-H agent, center.



Jacob and Alex help Joel and Abby with their campaign skit, "OH TOODLES"!!!



Teens from across the Southeast District unite for fun, fellowship, and leadership training. Teen Retreat 2013!

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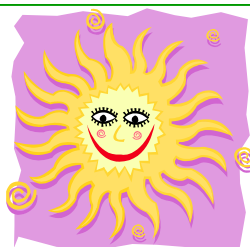
New to 4-H?



One of the trickiest parts of being a 4-H'er is figuring out your "4-H age". The following is a guide for you to go by:

Regardless of when your birthday falls within the calendar year, whatever age you are on January 1st is your 4-H age for that entire year. For instance, if your birthday is August 15th and you turned 15 in 2012, on January 1, 2013 you are 15 years old and that is your 4-H age for the entire 4-H year of 2013. Take a minute to calculate your 4-H age.....Still confused? It can be tricky, and that is why you can always contact the 4-H office with any questions at 862-4591.

2013 Summer Fun



Bladen County 4-H Summer Fun Activities and Classes for Kids are currently being planned. Information and registration information will be mailed/emailed as it is available and will be available on the Bladen County Cooperative Extension website as it is finalized. Estimated time of announcement will be around May 1, 2013.

Summer Vacation

Favorite Foods



We are happy to announce that Bladen County 4-H will once again be hosting a Favorite Foods Show. This year's Favorite Foods Show will be held on

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6 pm at the Extension Office. Details can be found [here](#) or by request made to the Bladen County 4-H office.

In order to participate, individuals must have a current 4-H enrollment form on file in the 4-H office.

Register by May 1, 2013 by calling Sherry Hall at the Bladen County 4-H office at 862-4591.

Let's Celebrate 4-H Talent



Sarah Sprouse, of the Super Clover 4-H Club, competed in the recent multi-county Talent showcase in Lumberton on Saturday, March 2, 2013. She came in 1st place with her mime act, "The Dentist Office" and received a \$30 prize!!! Congratulations Sarah! Sarah has the opportunity to compete in the district talent competition at District Activity Day on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Other Bladen 4-Hers entered their artwork in the Artastic Competition. Some of our county's winning entries included:

Olivia Miller 3rd place in the age 9-10 fine arts category.

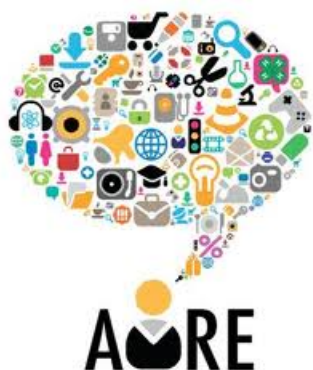
Jacob Sprouse received 1st in the Decorative Painting and Fine Arts categories for ages 14-18 AND a 2nd place ribbon in the woodcarving and woodworking.

Hayley Hall received 2nd place in the Decorative Painting and 3rd place in the Fine Arts categories for ages 14-18.

Congratulations! Bladen 4-H has got TALENT!!!

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AIRE



What is AIRE?

ARIE stands for **Application, Interview, Resume, and Essay**. It is an opportunity for 4-Her to practice skills (resume writing, interviewing, etc.) they will need for college and career AND it's also the way that NC 4-H chooses delegates for super-fun trips to **National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and International Leadership Conference**.

Who Can Participate?

4-Hers ages 11 – 18 can participate in AIRE. Youth ages 11 – 13 participate in a non-competitive AIRE process and are not eligible to win the National trips. **Youth ages 14 – 18 compete for the national trips.** All participants get really good feedback from judges and participating at a younger age allows a 4-H'er to better position themselves for a more competitive AIRE submission once they are old enough for the national trips. Remember – 4-H Age is determined as of Jan 1, 2013.

Due Date — MAY 8, 2013

AIRE packets are due to the Bladen County 4-H Office by 5 PM on May 8, 2013. (Note: If you see a May 15th deadline on paperwork or the NC 4-H website, that's because May 15th is the state deadline. Bladen 4-H staff need applications by May 8th so that we can proof everything and get it entered into NC 4-H's online system and delivered to NCSU by May 15th).

How to Enter?

The first step in the AIRE process is to fill out the attached application. **Be sure to complete the Mock AIRE app only if you are 11-13 years old.** Youth ages 14 and up should use the competitive AIRE application in either Word or PDF format. NC 4-H will review applications and contact youth to set up the next step of the process, the Interview if youth make it to the second round of the contest. AIRE interviews will take place on June 24, 2013.

[2013 AIRE for 11-13 Year Olds](#)

[2013 AIRE App \(Word\)](#)

[2013 AIRE Application PDF](#)

More information: contact Stacie Kinlaw, 910-862-4591 or stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu



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Volunteers Needed!



White Lake will be hosting two upcoming tri-athlon events and an organization called set up events is helping to fill the necessary volunteer positions needed to make these successful.

Your commitment of time and energy to this cause in the name of Bladen County 4-H will ensure that a donation is made to our 4-H youth development program for programs and activities that will benefit our local children.

The dates and deadlines for signing up are below. Requirements: Volunteers must be adults and youth ages 14 and up. In order to sign up, please call or email Joanie with set up events and she can provide information about available shifts and positions to sign up as well as the meeting location for event volunteers at the FFA camp at White Lake, NC.

Tell Joanie that you are with BLADEN COUNTY 4-H and would be interested in filling one of the volunteer event positions. Participation in this opportunity is not limited to 4-Hers SO if you have friends or family that would be interested in offering their time to benefit our Bladen County 4-H program, please share this information!!! Joanie's contact information is joanie@setupevents.com or (910) 520-1895 .

1) Event is Sunday, April 7 - please call or email ASAP!!! (the sooner the better as positions are limited!!! Still had openings on Friday!!!)

2) Event is Saturday and Sunday - May 4-5, 2013 - please call or email no later than April 30, 2013 (the sooner the better as positions are limited!!!)



Crazy Color Run

BLADEN COUNTY CRAZY COLOR RUN
Saturday, April 27, Town Hall of Bladenboro, 10 AM
Most Colorful and Fun 3.2 Mile Walk/Run of your life!
White t-shirt required at the Starting line, Sunglasses or Goggles are highly suggested.

Each Mile Marker, Runners will be blasted by volunteers with Different Color Powder!
By the end of the race, you will look like a tie dye explosion!

AND

DIXIE YOUTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

at Wateree Park

April 19th @ 7:00 pm

April 20th @ 9:00 am

Men and Women's Divisions

Playing ASA Rules Men Entry team Fee: \$150.00

Only Ages 18-up Women's Entry Team Fee: \$100.00

Britt Huggins, CHAP Coordinator [910-872-3593](tel:910-872-3593)

Bladen County Relay for Life

The Bladen County Relay for Life will be held at Elizabethtown Middle School, 1496 US Hwy 701 N, Elizabethtown. The dates are Friday - Saturday, May 3rd and 4th, 2013, from 11am Friday until 11 am Saturday. Show up and support our county's fight against cancer!

Teens Take on Health Video

If you're a 4-H'er or a teen ready to take on local health challenges, it's your turn to Join the Revolution of Responsibility:

1. Submit your video by May 3 (max 90 seconds). Be sure to identify a health challenge in your family, school or community, and then explain how you would tackle it.
2. Vote for your favorite five finalists starting May 3 at 5pm EST.
3. The winner will be announced on May 17!

Check out this [link](#) for more information of how to participate in this national video contest!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tar Heel Community Club meeting, 6:00 pm, Purdie UMC	2	3	4	5	6 Tri-athlon Event at White Lake
7	8 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	9	10	11 Sandhill Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Sandhill Mission- ary Baptist Church	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Dixie Youth Softball Tournament	
21	22	23	24	25 County Council Offi- cers' Meeting, 5:30 pm; County Council Meeting, 6:00	26	27 CRAZY COLOR RUN 10 am; Town Hall of Bladenboro District Activity Day
28	29	30				

4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.

Check us out at
www.facebook.com/BladenCounty4H

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May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Last day to register for Favorite Foods	2	3 Deadline to enter "Teens Take on Health" video	4 Tri-athlon Event
					Relay for Life	ETMS
5 Tri-athlon Event	6 Tar Heel Community Club meeting, 6:00 pm, Purdie UMC	7 Favorite Foods, 6 pm, Extension Office	8 AIRE packets due to the 4-H office no later than 5 pm	9 Sandhill Community Club Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11
12	13 Super Clover Club Meet- ing, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	14	15	16 County Council Officers' Meeting, 5:00 pm; County Council Meeting, 5:30	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31	

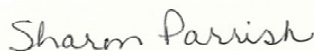
Sincerely,

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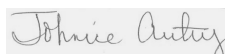
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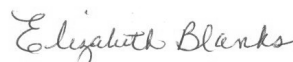
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