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Our 4-H'er is Governor's Page

Leighanne Kelly of Elizabethtown participated in the Governor's Page Program in Raleigh. Kelly spent a week gaining valuable life experience and providing administrative support as a page for the Department of Commerce for the week of October 8, 2012, the National 4-H Week.

"By participating in the page program, high school students from all parts of North Carolina have the opportunity to see first-hand how our government and government agencies work" Gov. Bev Perdue said. "These students represent North Carolina's future, and it is important for them to understand how our state functions".

The Governor's Page Program provides students with an opportunity to gain knowledge of the roles and functions of state government. During the week, pages have a chance to attend press conferences, meet with the governor and assist in day-to-day office operations. Pages also tour several state government buildings such as the State Capitol, Legislative Building, Executive Mansion, Museum of Natural History and Supreme Court.

Leighanne Kelly is the daughter of Terry and Sandra Cain and is a junior at East Bladen High School. The one-week program is open to high school students between the ages of 15 and 18, who are in good academic standing at their schools.



Leighanne Kelly, third from left, served as a Governor's Page in Raleigh during National 4-H Week, October 8 - 12.

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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:

December 10th, 3:30 pm and

January 14th, 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:

December 13th, 6:30 pm and

January 10th, 6:30 pm



Happy Holidays!

Bladen County Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Staff would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.



County Council Meeting and Officer Nominations

A new year is coming and with that means NEW 4-H County Council officers will need to be elected at the January 2013 County Council meeting. Nominations can be made by completing the appropriate form found at this [link](#) or available through your leader or the 4-H office. For consideration, nominations must be submitted by December 31, 2012. The first county council meeting of the new year will be January 17, 2013 at 4:30 pm.. All 4-Hers and Leaders are invited to attend, and all clubs should send at least one youth and one adult representative. Please RSVP to the 4-H office by January 10, 2013.



Getting Connected and Staying Connected

Our new agent now has official email address! Please add this address to your contacts and feel free to use this as a method for communicating. The new email address is Stacie_Kinlaw@ncsu.edu and messages from this account will be checked most business days.



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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Christmas Craft Craze



Do you like to craft? Do you need gifts for loved ones on your list? Join us for a Christmas Crafting Craze on December 19, 2012 from 10 am to 12 noon. The cost for this activity is \$3/person. Participants have to be have completed 4-H enrollment forms prior to event. We have a **limited** number of slots and will only accept registrations up to 5:00 pm on December 12, 2012. Call Sherry Hall at 862-4591 and get your name on the list **TODAY!**

LET'S GET HATCHING!



This January through March 2013, the second graders across Bladen County will be expecting lots of new arrivals - hatching chicks. Bladen County 4-H, in cooperation with Bladen County Schools, will be supporting the school enrichment embryology curriculum project for ALL second graders in Bladen County Schools. Materials and support of this project were provided in part through United Way of Bladen County.

Award Winning Bunnies



Super Clovers, Olivia and Lee Barnes, competitively showed their bunnies at both the Robeson Regional Fair and the NC State Fair. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

4 K 4 Food



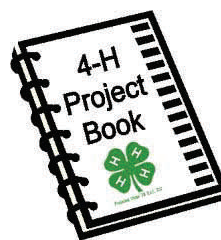
On Saturday, November 17, 2012, runners, walkers and strollers were out early under cloudy skies and temps in the low 40's to participate in the 4K4 Food event. The annual fundraising event benefits Bladen Crisis Assistance. This year over 125 people were ready for the 9 am start in either of two locations - Elizabethtown and Bladenboro.

The Bladenboro event began at the Municipal Building and in Elizabethtown at the Industrial Park.

Organizers were pleased with the number of participants and the fact that so many youngsters and families were involved.



Project Record Books



The time to submit your 4-H project record book is nearing. We have record books for all the age ranges in the 4-H office (they can be mailed or emailed as well).

Everyone is encouraged to complete a record book as county achievement night is coming up and some awards are based on participation in this activity. Please discuss with your parent, club leader or the 4-H agent to ensure that you choose a project and complete a record book correctly and in a timely manner. In order to be considered for competition, Project Record Books must be at the 4-H office by Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

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BakPak Pals



BakPak Pals is a new service opportunity in our community. United Way of Bladen County, Bladen County Schools, and other local churches and service organizations are providing food for children to take home in their backpacks every Friday. In order to ensure that backpacks are packed similarly and with food items that children can prepare themselves or with little help from an adult, it is important that we try to **ONLY** collect the items on their wish list. This is a **GREAT** project for individual 4-H'ers or for 4-H clubs to support. The 4-H office will be a local drop off point for items that you collect for this purpose.



If you support this cause in other venues (like your local church or other service related group) please let Mrs. Stacie know by calling 862-4591 or emailing her at stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu when and how you supported it. From now until the end of the school year, Mrs. Stacie will be tracking what items have been dropped off from 4-H'ers. In addition - be on the look out for opportunities in the **NEW YEAR** to go and help package the food for the program.

Please remember that all of these items should be the **SINGLE SERVING** sized variety:

Chef Boyardee Spaghetti
Cereal
Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
Vienna Sausage

Ramen Noodles
Cereal Bars
Crackers
Tuna Fish/canned chicken

Juice Boxes (low sugar)
Pudding Cups
Beanie Weenies
Chili Beans

2013 Essay Topic: Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in my Community



Pesticides are a fact of modern life, but misuse or overuse of pesticides, or making poor choices when selecting and applying pesticides can be devastating to honey bees and other pollinators. The 4-H'ers are encouraged to learn about bee-killing pesticides being used in their communities – by homeowners, businesses, or farmers. Then, they should investigate how the impact of those pesticides on honey bees can be lessened.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers, farmers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Please contact Stacie Kinlaw at 862-4591 or stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu if you have any questions.

Your essay is due to the 4-H office no later than 5 pm on January 25, 2013.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	11	12 Deadline to sign up for Christmas Craft Craze, 5 pm	13 Sandhill Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Sandhill Mission- ary Baptist Church	14	15
16	17	18	19 Christmas Craft Craze, 10 am-12 pm, Extension Office	20	21	22
23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29
30	31 County Council Nominations Due					



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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January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7 Project record books due by 5 pm	8	9	10 Sandhill Community Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church Deadline to RSVP for the CC meeting	11	12
13	14 Super Clover Club Meeting, 3:30 pm, Wesley's Chapel Church	15	16	17 County Council Meeting, 4:30 pm at the Extension Office	18	19
20	21 OFFICE CLOSED "I HAVE A DREAM..." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. 	22	23	24	25 Bee Essays Due to the 4-H Office by 5 pm	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sincerely,

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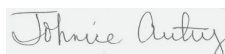
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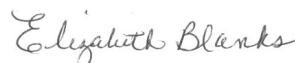
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