



Jones County 4-H Clover Corner



November/December 2013 **Be Thankful for 4-H**

Note from the 4-H Agent



Brandon Gillen at the NCSU game on Oct. 12, 2013

Congratulations to Brandon Gillen who was one of 12 4-Hers selected to “Run with the Pack” at the start of the NC State Football Game held on October 12, 2013. Brandon was selected through an application process, with preference given to those youth who participated in the 4-H Electric presentation program. The opportunity was offered through a partnership with NC 4-H and Touchstone Energy – electric cooperatives. In addition to leading the NC State Football team onto the field, Brandon also received four tickets to the game, meal passes, a parking pass, and tee shirt. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Logan Murphy, a member of the Jones County Livestock Club, for winning Junior Heifer Showmanship for the Eastern Carolina Showmanship Circuit. Logan received a belt buckle for this honor. Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the 4-Hers and volunteers who entered exhibits into the Coastal Carolina Agricultural Fair this year. This year the Jones County 4-H exhibits won a combined total of over \$200 in prize money. The following 4-Hers entered exhibits into the fair: Anthony Almanza, Eddie Almanza, Katie Almanza, Brandon Gillen, Nicholas Gillen, Coleman Stewart, Hannah Stewart, Lane Stewart and the Emerald Knights 4-H Club. Congratulations to everyone, as almost everyone had their exhibits place!

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Anthony, Katie, and Eddie Almanza with their awards at the Tri-County Food Show!

Congratulations to Anthony, Eddie, and Katie Almanza for a job well done in the first ever Tri-County Favorite Food Show. Eddie made Oreo truffles, Anthony made Amish friendship bread, and Katie made snicker doodle cookies. All three received ribbons, trophies and fair passes to the Coastal Carolina Fair. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Deadlines

Record books will be due on January 10! 4-H Honor Club Applications will be due on January 15, and the scholarship applications are also due in January! Should you need assistance in filling any of these applications out, please let me know. Should you need assistance please call to make an appointment with me, so I can be sure to have ample time to spend with each 4-Her on their record book or application.

Clubs if you are interested, I can do a record book workshop at one of your upcoming meetings. Please let me know as soon as possible if your club members are interested, so I can put your club meeting on my calendar.

Upcoming Events

Community Service Activities

If clubs are in need a great community service project, the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with the store, and the food pantry. If interested, please contact me and I will get you all the details.

Anyone into decorating Christmas trees? Each year Jones Co. 4-H decorates the Christmas tree at the Senior Center. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let me know. We plan to do this right after school on Tuesday, November 26. This is an easy way to get an hour of Community Service in.

Last opportunity in December will be when 4-Hers sing carols at Brookstone Living Center to spread holiday cheer. This will be done on Friday, December 20, TBA.

Winter Break Workshops

On Thursday, January 2, and Friday January 3, Jones County 4-H and Craven County 4-H will be joining forces to conduct training for teens interested in teaching Health Rocks! Health Rocks is 4-H's substance abuse prevention curriculum. It is a great curriculum that provides teens with the tools to effectively spread the message on the dangers of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. To be trained teens must agree to attend the full ten-hour workshop, which will be split between the two days. The training will be five hours long on each day and participants must be able to attend both days. There will be giveaways, and lots of fun to be had during this training. This is great leadership training for teens looking to develop their leadership skills, and aid in the mission to prevent substance abuse.

Mike's Farm Trip

The annual 4-H trip to Mike's Farm will be taking place on Wednesday, December 18. We have reservations for 4pm; therefore we will be meeting here at the Jones County Extension Office at 3:00pm. The prices for 4-H members and volunteers are: 12 - adult - \$16.00, youth 7-11 - \$11, youth 5-6 \$8. This price includes your meal, taxes, gratuity, and hayride. This is a discounted price, as Jones Co. 4-H will cover the rest of the cost. Please remember to dress in layers on this trip as the restaurant can be on the warm side, and the hayride is an outside, nighttime activity! Feel free to bring blankets and such for the hayride. Any 4-Her interested in going on this trip needs to register by paying their fee by 5pm on Friday, December 6, as I will have to confirm my numbers with Mike's Farm!

Fund Raisers

As a reminder, all 4-H clubs need to fill out the fundraiser form and get your fundraisers

approved while you are in the planning stage. It is a simple form that you fill out and send back to me. If you need a copy of this form please let me know. I don't see anyone's fundraisers being turned down, but you still need to go through the proper paperwork!

Jones County 4-H is looking into a few alternative products to sell for our fundraisers. Once the county council meets, I will get more details out to everyone.

The wreaths are sold by taking orders now through November 13. Each wreath cost \$20 and for each wreath sold, the 4-Her will receive 8 "cloverbucks". The wreaths are nice Frazer Fir Christmas Wreaths that will be available for pick up at the Extension Office on December 4.

Competitions

The start of the New Year also means the start of another year of various competitions 4-Hers can be involved in. Upcoming competitions include: Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horticulture Judging, Livestock Judging, WHEP, Forestry Judging, Photography, among many others. If anyone is interested in learning more about these competitions, please let me know.

On January 21, I will be having the first 4-H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) practice. The purpose of the competition is to promote wildlife management practices. Youth interested in wildlife, safe hunting practices, nature, etc. are strongly encouraged to attend this session. This practice will take place from 1pm – 3pm at the Extension Office.

In addition to WHEP I will be conducting a practice session for a Jones County Envirothon team. Each county can have a middle and high school team. The regional Envirothon competition will be held on Tuesday, March 18, in New Bern. Envirothon is similar to WHEP, but not quite as intense.

4-H Camp

Currently 4-H camp is in a transition period. We have yet to hear which week we will be going to camp next year. As soon as I hear something I will let everyone know. I know all who went to camp this past year, would like to go back next year. So as I get the details I will get them to you!

4-H Clubs

Clubs this is your space to share all the wonderful things that are happening! Please be sure to get me articles by the first day of each month to be included in this section!

Teens

We need to have another county council meeting ASAP, so be looking for a doodle poll, so we can get a date and time selected. We need to plan for the upcoming year, discuss some changes that will be taking place, and do some brainstorming.

Be sure to check out the Jones County 4-H facebook page! This is a great way to learn what is going on, in the wonderful world of 4-H! In addition to the facebook page, Jones County 4-H now has a twitter account!

<https://www.facebook.com/JonesCounty4H?ref=hl>



Club leaders don't forget I need to have your club enrollment forms turned in ASAP. Remember these forms are to be filled out and turned in each year! If you have not already done so, please get these to me ASAP!

Once all enrollment forms are completed, please see me about purchasing liability insurance on your entire club membership. The cost is only \$1 (except for animal clubs), and will ensure club members are covered at club meetings, during club outings, and other 4-H sanctioned events.

Start watching for the details on the State Volunteer/Leaders Conference taking place in February! This is a great conference to attend workshops, gain new ideas, and network with other volunteers from across the state.

Visit Jones County Cooperative Extension on the Web!!

<http://jones.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Jones County 4-H is open to all Jones County youth ages 5-19. For more information on 4-H programs, please call 448-9621.

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4-H Youth Development

If you wish to be taken off the 4-H mailing list please call the Extension Office at (252) 448-9621, and ask that your name be taken off the 4-H mailing list!

4-H Calendar of Events

November

November 4-6 – State Extension Conference
November 7 – Volunteer/Leaders Meeting
November 11 – Extension Office Closed
November 26 – Decorate tree at Senior Center
November 28-29 – Extension Office Closed

December

December 1 – Trenton Christmas Parade
December 7 – Maysville Christmas Parade
December 18 - Mike's Farm Trip
December 21 – Caroling at BrookStone
December 24 - 26 – Extension Office Closed
December 31 – Camp Deposits Due for Discount!!!

January

January 2 -3 – Health Rocks Training @ Craven Extension Office
January 10 – 2013 Record Books Due
January 15 – Scholarship and Honor Club Applications Due to me!
January 21 – WHEP/Envirothon Competition Practice

February

February 1 – Horse bowl Competition
February 1-2 – State Volunteer/Leaders Conference
February 14 – Presentation Workshop
February 22 – Favorite Food Show and Achievement Night @ Civic Center

March

March 18 – Envirothon Competition
March 29 – District Activity Day

This event or activity is operating under the 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure. The NC 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure 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 Ivy Reid, County Extension Director, at (252) 448-9621 or by email Ivy_Reid@ncsu.edu or by fax (252) 448-1243 or in person at the County Extension Office at least 5 days prior to the event.