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Alleghany Clover News

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Beekeeping Essay Contest

2014 Beekeeping Topic: "Beekeeping in Colonial Times"

Deadline to enter: Friday, February 14

All entries must be submitted electronically.

To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

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. Historical research will be important. The more authoritative the source, the better. Personal interviews with beekeepers 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.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.



Cash prizes will be awarded to state and national winners

For full contest rules visit: <http://www.growforit.org/programs/detail/beekeeping-essay>

Area Food Show

Who: Youth ages 5+

Cost: Free

When: March 1, 2014

Where: East Wilkes Middle School

It's time to show off all your culinary skills at the upcoming Area Food Show! This event is open to youth ages 5 and up. There are three age categories to participate in: Cloverbud (ages 5-8), Junior (9-13), and Senior (14-18). Categories include snack/appetizer, main dish, vegetable/soup/salad and desserts. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to show off your "best dish", participate in some great 4-H activities and meet new friends.



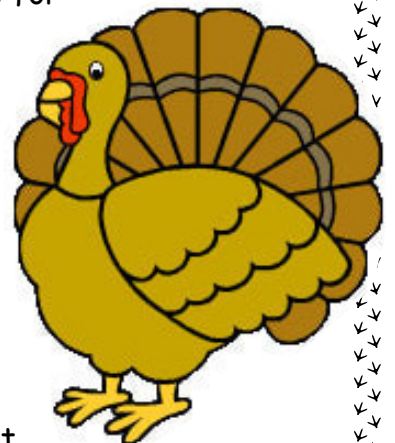
REGISTRATION FORMS can be found on the Allegheny 4-H Blog or by contacting the Extension Office.

Registration Deadline: February 21, 2014

Youth Market Turkey Show

REGISTRATION is Mandatory ~ Online registration will open March 2nd at 3:00pm. The link to registration can be found here: <http://poultry4hyouth.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-market-turkey-show/> The Youth Market Turkey Show will be held on **October 17, 2014**. All participants will bring their one show hen to the NC State Fairgrounds for registration on October 15, 2014. This competition is open to any NC youth between ages 5-18 who will be in grades K-12 on the day of the show.

There is a limit of 300 participants due to space at the State Fair and the availability of turkey poults. The first 300 participants who pay the \$10 registration fee (for each person not for each poult) after they have registered online, will have poults reserved for them. Turkey hen poults will be available for pick up, on June 12th and 13th, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, at the NCSU Animal and Poultry Teaching Unit.



For more information and complete rules visit the link:

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Turkey-Show-Information-2014.pdf>

Teen Retreat

The North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat for youth ages 13-18 will be held **March 22- 23, 2014** at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center. Cost for the entire event will be \$75 (scholarships may be available).

This is a great opportunity to meet new 4-Hers and participate in some really great workshops. There will be a spirit stick competition and you will also be electing our new district officers (we have a couple of candidates from Alleghany County). There will be a variety of workshops on topics including leadership, science, sewing, physical activity and agriculture. You may also have a chance to use the climbing wall and canoe. You must be 13 as of Jan 1, 2013 to attend.

Registration Deadline: March 5, 2014. To register or for more information contact the Extension Office.

County & District Activity Day

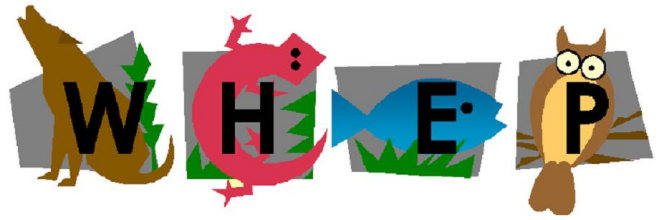
County Activity Day will be Wednesday, March 12th at the Alleghany County Office Building beginning at 3:30 pm. You **MUST** contact the office in advance & sign up for a time to present. This competition is open to any youth ages 5 - 19 (Cloverbuds are non-competitive) and your presentation can be on **ANY** topic you like. If you would like a complete list of the presentation categories and descriptions visit <http://www.nc4h.org/nc4h-publications/presentations>.

District Activity Day will be held in Surry County. Mark the date now for **Saturday, April 12th** at **Central Middle School**. Competition is open to youth ages 9-18. Presentations should be 5-12 minutes in length and can be on any topic you choose. There is also a cookery division and an Expressive Arts portion where you can showcase your talents. Cloverbuds ages 5-8 are also encouraged to participate, but they will not be judged on a competitive level.

Top winners at the district level will be invited to present at the state level at NC4-H Congress in June. Depending on category, winners will receive cash prizes, medals and scholarships to attend Congress. ****You must present to either a club leader or at County Activity Day before attending District Activity Day.**

If you have any questions or would like help with your presentation, visit the Alleghany 4-H Blog, Facebook page or contact Amy at 372-5597.

3rd Annual Clover Classic



The 3rd Annual Clover Classic Livestock Show will be held **March 15th** (Beef cattle) and **March 16th** (breeding ewes, market lambs and breeding does) at the Dixie

Classic Fairgrounds in Winston-Salem.

Showmanship and a skill-a-thon will take place both days.



The NC Jr. Hereford Associations will be having their state show in conjunction with the classic. Anyone that is currently a member of their association will be allowed to show bred and owned bulls and cow/calf pairs in their breed show.

For more information and registration forms, visit the Alleghany 4-H Blog or Facebook Page

The 2014 NC WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) contest will be held on May 3, 2014. We will be returning to Carolina Beach State Park in New Hanover County. This competition is open to all youth ages: 9-19 (must be 9 as of January 1).

The first place senior team will have the opportunity to represent North Carolina at the National WHEP Invitational at a location and date in Missouri to be determined.

This is a team activity where members practice and compete in four categories: wildlife identification, wildlife foods, wildlife habitat management, aerial photograph habitat interpretation. If you are interested in being a team leader or being on a team, contact the Extension Office.

For the informational memo about this year's contest, the registration form, as well as other extremely helpful information, visit the [Extension Forestry webpage](http://go.ncsu.edu/extensionforestry4h) - <http://go.ncsu.edu/extensionforestry4h>

NC State Farm Animal Days

NC State has been hosting Farm Animal Days for over 20 years, and the last 5 years have averaged almost 10,000 visitors each year. This event is going to be held April 9-11, 2014 at the NCSU Beef Educational Unit and runs from 9:00 am-2:00 pm each day.

If you are interested in attending or volunteering, please visit this webpage for more information: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/farmanimaldays/>.



NC 4-H HORTICULTURE CONTEST

The 2014 North Carolina 4-H Horticulture Contest will be Saturday, **May 3rd** at 12:00pm in Kilgore Hall on the campus of NC State University, registration is free and lunch is provided! Teams and individuals must **register by Friday, April 18th** at <http://go.ncsu.edu/hortcontest>.

This year's winning state Senior Team will be eligible to receive scholarships attend the National Junior Horticultural Association's annual convention in Lexington, Kentucky (October 10-13). Any and all other plant-loving friends are also welcome to attend. Full contest rules and materials can be found on the blog and facebook page.



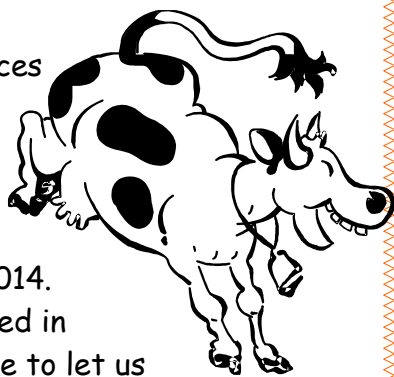
Dairy Quiz Bowl & Skillaton

Want to know more about dairy topics or general information about dairy foods, the dairy industry or just like learning about new things? You may want to think about becoming a Dairy Quiz Bowl member.

We will begin practices soon and the State Dairy Quiz Bowl Competition will be held in Iredell

County on April 5, 2014.

If you are tinterested in participating, be sure to let us know! Anyone age 9 (as of Jan. 1) and up can participate. You DON'T have to be an expert—we welcome first-timers! You will receive all study materials. For more information please contact the 4-H office at 336-372-5597.



EXTENSION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!!

In May of 2014, Cooperative Extension will celebrate its 100th birthday. The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 established the Cooperative Extension Service, a state-by-state national network of educators who extend university-based knowledge to the people. As Extension moves into the next century of service, it is an opportune time to take a look at how we can adapt to past changes in order to strengthen our presence in the future.

For more information about Extension's 100 Year Celebration visit

ncce100years.ces.ncsu.edu



Mailing List Update

Due to rising costs, etc. we are in the process of updating our mailing lists. We are now offering you the option of choosing how you receive your monthly Alleghany Clover News.

In addition to the print version, there will now be an electronic version, which can be delivered to your email inbox.



There will be a couple of different ways that you can notify us of your choice of how you will receive our newsletter.

There is an online "sign-up" available at: <http://tinyurl.com/khfrevg>. You can email michele_hamm@ncsu.edu or call the office at 336-372-5597.

If we do not receive a response by **Monday, March 31, 2014**, you will unfortunately be removed from our mailing list. If you have already provided us with your preference, you do not need to contact us again. We have recorded your selection.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Michele Hamm if you have any questions.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ♦ Feb. 14th - Entry Deadline - Beekeeping Essay Contest
- ♦ Feb. 21st - Reg. Deadline Area Food Show - East Wilkes Middle School
- ♦ Feb. 15th – District Horse Bowl – Guilford County
- ♦ Feb. 17th – Deadline to postmark District Officer Intent Forms
- ♦ March 1st – Area Food Show – East Wilkes Middle School
- ♦ March 2nd - Online registration opens for Turkey Show poult
- ♦ March 5th - Reg. Deadline Teen Retreat
- ♦ March 12th - County Activity Day – Alleghany Office
- ♦ March 15-16 - Clover Classic - Dixie Classic Fairgrounds
- ♦ March 22-23 - Teen Retreat - BJP 4-H Center
- ♦ April 5th - State Dairy Quiz Bowl & Skillathon
- ♦ April 9-11 – NC State Farm Animal Days - NCSU
- ♦ April 12th – District Activity Day – Surry Co
- ♦ April 18th - Reg. Deadline NC 4-H Horticulture Contest
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Office Closings

April 18, 2014



Sincerely,
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Cooperative Extension's Youth Development Program

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