

# The Clover Connection

**April-May 2014**

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## **2013 Achievement Program**

On Friday, February 28, 2014, Bladen County 4-Hers and their families recognized and celebrated their 2013 successes and achievements. We celebrated each person and their role as an essential piece to the puzzle of our county's 4-H program. Using our A.C.H.E.I.V.E. point system, youth received points for their participation in club activities, county activities, district events and activities, and state activities. We recognized Green ACHIEVE winners from each club first, then the BRONZE, and finally SILVER (no gold this year – which means we have room to grow for next year).

Two clubs were presented their initial charter in 2013—the Green Team 4-H Club in Tar Heel and the Down East 4-H Club from the Carver's Creek community. The Club of the year recognition went to the Super Clovers. So proud of all of our outstanding youth, parents, volunteers, and leaders working to MAKE THE BEST BETTER!



Down East 4-Hers recognized for their achievements this year and club leader, Mrs. Luella Wills, left, shows off their club charter!

**Jacob Sprouse**

**Outstanding**

**Senior**

**Boy**



**Leighanne Kelly**

**Outstanding**

**Senior**

**Girl**

**NC**

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# 4-H Club Central

## Club Meeting Dates

Super Clover Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Wesley's Chapel Church, unless otherwise noted.

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 pm

Green Team 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: **NOTE: The April meeting will be held at Bethlehem UMC in White Oak..**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

Down East Club meetings will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month at Tabernacle Church, unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meetings will be:

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

S.T.A.R. Club meetings will be on the third Monday of each month at Wesley's Chapel UMC, unless otherwise noted. The next scheduled meetings will be:

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm

**\*\*New Club formed in East Arcadia—Classy Kids**

Kids. WELCOME to Bladen County 4-H. More details about this club with meeting times in the next edition of the Clover Connection.

## 2014 4-H Dates to Remember



## County Council News

On May 15, 2014 the 4-H County Council will have the next scheduled County Council meeting at 6 pm. Officers please plan to arrive at 5:30 to prepare for the meeting and the training. **RSVP to our office by May 12, 2014.**

**APRIL SERVICE PROJECT:** The County Council recently approved a community service project to collect #100 gallon sized zip-lock freezer bags. Club leaders and officers please work with your club members to collect and bring to the Bladen County 4-H Office by Monday, April 21, 2014. The bags will be used with this year's Embryology Project.



The County Council meetings scheduled for the 2014 year are below: Officers arrive at 5:30 to discuss the agenda and official meeting begins at 6 pm for all other Council members and guests.

May 15 at 6 pm

July TBD

September 18 at 6 pm

November 20 at 6 pm

A leader and representative from each club is expected to attend; all other 4-H volunteers, club members, and members-at-large are invited to become a part of this group. Please consider joining us!!!

- ♦ June 2 - 4-H Summer fun open to 4-H members
- ♦ June 21-24 - 4-H State Congress
- ♦ June 21—State Presentation Competition
- ♦ July 14-16 - 4-H Electric Congress

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](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](mailto: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.

# BLADEN COUNTY BITS

## Volunteer Vittles

4-H Volunteers are the backbone and heart of our county's 4-H program! Thank you for your commitment to the youth in Bladen County. This month's tips and resources for volunteers can be found in a tip sheet published by the Ohio State University Cooperative Extension Program with contributions from Vicki Schwartz, Extension Specialist, and other Extension Educators from the state of Ohio. The fact sheet in full print can be found at the following link <http://ohioline.osu.edu/4h-fact/pdf/0026.pdf>.

Recognition is key to the 4-H experience and improves the learning for youth and adults. Recognition can easily be built into the experience by using 8 key elements of positive youth development as a framework. The 8 elements are listed below and examples are included in the full fact sheet at the link above:

- 1) Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult
- 2) Safe Environment—Emotional and Physical
- 3) Opportunity for Mastery
- 4) Opportunity to Value and Practice Service
- 5) Opportunity for Self-Determination
- 6) Welcoming Environment
- 7) To be an active participant in the future
- 8) Engagement in learning

Thank you volunteers for continuing to help our youth MAKE THE BEST BETTER! Always check out this section for trainings, tips and encouragement to help make your role as a 4-H volunteer leader successful.

***"The work goes on, the cause endures,  
the hope still lives and the dreams shall  
never die."***

*[Edward "Ted" Kennedy](#) (1932-2009);*

*Us Senator*

## S.T.A.R. Club Report

Hey everyone! The special interest expressive arts club has FINALLY started. We are now the S.T.A.R 4-H club! We had our interest meeting In January where we came up with the name, filled out the club paper work and elected our club officers. Our new officers are Alex Evans -president, Marry Butler- Vice president, and Jacob Sprouse- Secretary/Treasurer.

We had our first official meeting on March 17th at Wesley's Chapel UMC. We went over parliamentary procedure as our program. We used the procedure to make trail mix and it was fun and easier for everyone to understand. After we made the trail mix, we had some refreshments and then had a small St. Patrick's day party. We played some games, gave out some silly little prizes and had a bunch of laughs. Everyone is more than welcome to join, we are currently meeting on the third Monday of every month in the fellowship hall at Wesley's Chapel church at 6:00 pm. Our next two meetings will be on April 21 at and May 19.

*Submitted by Alex Evans*

## 4-H Summer Fun

**Can you believe that the 2014 Summer Fun schedule and activities will begin in just a few short months! We are busy at the 4-H office narrowing down some events and classes and maybe a few changes for this year's schedule. Be watching your mail and emails in May for the release of the schedule and Registration in the first week of June 2014.**

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# BLADEN COUNTY BITS

## Teen Retreat

Bladen 4-H Teens, Parents and Leaders -

We have been saving the date for Teen Retreat for months. The details for this activity have recently been released!!! Unfortunately, we have a VERY quick turnaround to turn in our number. Mrs. Stacie will need to know if you are DEFINITELY planning to attend by Monday, April 7, 2014. This 4-H Activity is reserved for youth ages 13 – 18 (**\*\*\*checking to see if need to be 4-H age or actual age**)

Registration fees for the retreat are \$45 per youth or \$65 per adult. These amounts must be turned in by Friday, April 16, 2014. Checks can be made to Bladen County 4-H for 2014 Teen Retreat. Below is an agenda for this retreat. Plans are for attendees to meet at the Bladen County 4-H office at 5:30 Friday, April 25 and should return on Saturday April 26 at around 12:30 pm.

**\*\* Please note that if you reserve a spot, you are obligated to pay the registration fee even if you do not attend.**

**\*\* you can use scholarship money earned this year to participate in this 4-H function.**

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Stacie.

### Tentative Retreat Agenda

Friday, April 25

6:00-6:30 Check in @ Robeson County Office Complex

6:30-8:30 Dinner

Business Meeting

County Huddles ( work on spirit stick competition)

Candidate Speeches

8:30-11:00 Movie

11:00 Check into Hotel

11:30 Curfew

Saturday, April 26

7:00 am Breakfast @ Hotel

Check out of Hotel

8:15-9:00 am Workshop A (Ambassador Series)

9:15-10:00am Workshop B

10:15-11:00am Workshop C

11:00-11:30 New District Officers announced

Closing announcements

Adjourn meeting

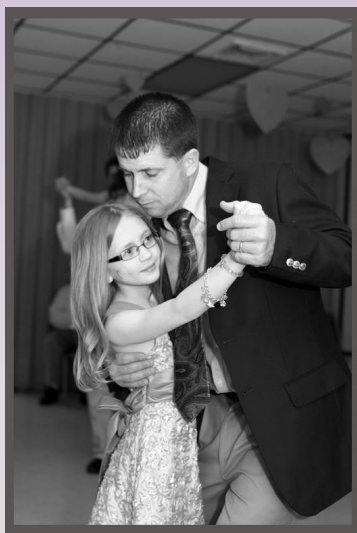




# BLADEN COUNTY BITS

## Father Daughter Dance

The Annual Father-Daughter Dance supporting Bladen County 4-H and in partnership with Bladen County Parks and Recreation was a HUGE success! The attendees were treated to pizza from our local Giorgio's restaurant, a delicious cake, fruit and veggies, and chocolate covered pretzels. Fathers and Daughters danced the night away, made crafts, and most importantly made memories to last a lifetime. One of the special treats for the guests were visits to the photobooth donated by Sweet Cherish Photobooth. Using lots of silly props and accessories the dads and girls glammed it up for some awesome photos.



## Job Shadow Success

After re-scheduling twice due to snow, the annual 8th grade job shadow experience finally took place on March 25, 2014! About 80 youth had the opportunity to shadow a professional in a career area that interests them and had a brief workshop on WHAT NOT TO WEAR - Job Interview Style. This annual activity is made possible through the Bladen County Schools Career and Technical Ed Dept., Bladen County 4-H, and the committee of Business Partners that supports our schools.

Eighth grade students submit an essay on their desired career to guidance counselors and a selection of students from each middle school are chosen to participate.

Below is a photo from this year's event. These students desire to have a career in writing. They met two published authors and even got signed books!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SOUTH EAST DISTRICT  
TEEN RETREAT IS APRIL 25-26, 2014...**

**LET MRS. STACIE KNOW IF THIS  
DISTRICT EVENT INTERESTS YOU!**

# BLADEN COUNTY BITS

## 4-H State Congress

We are gearing up for a great 4-H Congress 2014! I know our youth are looking forward to this great event. Please see below for information about this event. As more details are finalized, those will be shared with you. If you have any questions, please let me know. 4-H Congress is designed for teens ages 13-18.

**Dates:** The dates for Congress this year are June 21-24, 2014

**Location :**

\* We are working to have presentations on NC State's Campus.

\* The candlelighting ceremony will be at Dorton Arena.

\* All other events will be at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

**Cost:**

\* Option 1: Full time (Saturday Evening-Tuesday) registration will be **\$170**. This does not include lunch on Saturday.

\* Option 2: Full time registration WITH presentation day lunch on Saturday will be **\$182**.

Full time Option 1 registration fees cover registration, facilities, optional Saturday tour, Monday lunch, Monday dinner and Tuesday lunch. All other costs (including lodging) are additional.

Full time Option 2 registration fees cover registration, facilities, optional Saturday tour, Saturday lunch, Monday lunch, Monday dinner and Tuesday lunch. All other costs (including lodging) are additional.

**Housing:**

We will stay in the dorms at NC State, and the cost will be \$26.75 per person/per night. This fee includes breakfast the next morning at the dining hall.

**TOTAL LODGING: \$80.25/person**

**Nametags:**

This year we are enforcing that everyone must have an official Congress nametag or an event ticket to attend any part of this event with the exception of presentation day and Honor Club tapping on Saturday night.

**I need to know by May 1, 2014 if you are planning to attend!!!**

## Bladen County 4-H Presentations

On the last Saturday in March, we took 9 presentation participants and 4 entertainers to represent Bladen County 4-H at District Activity Day. Congratulations to all that participated—we are so proud of you!!!

# AWESOME

### GOLD WINNERS

Hayley Hall

Leighanne Kelly

Jacob Sprouse

Alexandra Evans

Emily Barnes

Olivia Barnes

### BRONZE WINNER

Clinton Ryckeley

### BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Amelia Brisson

Connie Carroll

Caroline Brisson

Kaitlynn Brisson

4-H  Power of YOUth

4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System.

# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

## April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Collect Gallon Size Freezer bags through April 21!!! Turn into Bladen County 4-H Office for community service project.</div>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Green Team 4-H Club—6 pm RSVP—Teen Retreat	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Super Clovers—3:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 STAR Club—6 pm	22	23	24	25	26 <b>Teen Retreat</b>
27 Down East Club—2 pm	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](http://www.facebook.com/BladenCounty4H)

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## May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 RSVP—4-H Congress	2	3
4	5 Green Team—6 pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Super Clovers 3:30 pm	13	14	15 County Council—6 pm Officers at 5:30	16	17
18	19 STAR Club 6 pm	20	21	22	23	24
25 Down East—2 pm	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sincerely,

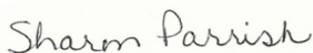
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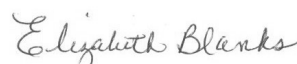

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