

The Clover Connection

**February/March
2014**

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Cooperative Extension's
Youth Development Program

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Hands to Larger Service

Bladen County 4-Hers spent the month of December really living out the pledge of hands to larger service. Between our club sponsored projects and our county wide efforts, Bladen County 4-H was able to reach others during this Holiday season and help make life better, easier, or more comfortable for others.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Down East 4-H'ers
make hygiene packs
for Bladen County
Schools students



Super Clovers
collect food for
Bladen Crisis and
gift items for DSS

The Green Team
makes blankets for
residents in the
NICU at Duke
University Hospital



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State University
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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.

February 10th, 3:30 pm

March 10th, 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:

February 3rd, 6:00 pm

March 3rd, 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:

February 23rd, 2:00 pm

March 23rd, 2:00 pm

2014 4-H Dates to Remember

- ♦ February 27 - 4-H Presentations beginning at 2 pm, please let Mrs. Stacie know by Friday, February 14th if you will be presenting
- ♦ February 28 - 4-H Achievement Program
- ♦ March 29 - District Activity Day
- ♦ June 2 - 4-H Summer fun open to 4-H members
- ♦ June 21-24 - 4-H State Congress
- ♦ July 14-16 - 4-H Electric Congress

County Council News

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.

March 20 at 6 pm (4-H Entertains at 6:30 pm)

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!!!

2014 County Council officers

President—Alexandra Evans

Vice President—Emily Barnes

Treasurer—Turea Lucy

Secretary—Olivia Barnes

Reporter—Gabriel Sprouse

Photographer—Jacob Sprouse

New Club Forming!

Hi, Everyone! We have a new 4-H expressive art club forming and our first meeting was at the Bladen County Senior Center in Elizabethtown on Friday, January 31st at 6:00 PM. We are a wide interest club (covering all different kinds of art) and everyone is invited to join. For more information, or if you have any questions, please call Alex Evans at [\(910\) 234-7520](tel:9102347520).

Submitted by Alex Evans.



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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Volunteer Vittles



Thank you once again to our 4-H volunteers. The beauty of this program is that we cannot exist without you! You are the backbone of our youth development program. We have some exciting activities in store for you this year as we begin to pull together a training calendar for the coming year. We will be starting at the basics with Club management and then build our training program based on needs that you identify and that are expressed from other volunteers across the state. One tip for this month is to hang out on the NC 4-H website some this month. Here you will find tools for your 4-Hers, their families, and forms and resources that you need to be successful. Explore the site and feel free to contact Mrs. Stacie with any questions that you have about the information that you find. The web address is www.nc4h.org

Also, Mrs. Stacie will be checking in with each club leader this week to get some information and totals for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Night. We can't wait to celebrate success with you and your 4-Hers!

Super Clover Club Report

Hello people, I'm Gabriel Sprouse, your new reporter for the Super Clover 4-H Club, and here's my first article! I shall write this in the way I talk, which would make it kinda' fun to read I guess. Instead of reading it like... *a robot!!!* (1) ... NAH!!! Anyway, so to start things off, we had our first meeting of the year!!! First, we elected our new Officers; Jacob Sprouse won as the President, then, our new vice president is Megan White, and then our Photographer is Autumn Brisson, our reporter is your one and only, ME!! Olivia Miller is our Treasurer and Olivia Barnes is the new Secretary.

After the elections, we had had to make pages of our Club Scrapbook for achievement night. We put together pictures, and glued them to bigger papers, then glued *those* into bigger papers. While we did so, we had some hot co-co n' some cookies. Those chocolate cookies were the *best!*

So, sorry it was a bit short, but I'm sure I'll have more to write about in the *future!!!* Until then, see ya next month!

Submitted by Gabriel Sprouse

4-H Presentations - County Activity Day

We will be hosting our county wide competition for 4-H presentations open to currently enrolled 4-Hers ages 5 through 18 (competitive age will be age as of 1/1/14). Our competition date will be on Thursday, February 27, 2014. Please contact Mrs. Stacie at (910) 862-4591 or Stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu on or before 5 pm on Friday, February 14, 2014 to sign up for a time after 2 pm until 8 pm (or until last scheduled appointment). At the time of your appointment sign up you will need to submit your name, your age as of 1/1/2014, and your topic. Check out the link from the state 4-H page for information about categories and competition at the state level – as winners from our county competition in each category will go to District Activity Day in April where they may have a chance to advance to state competition – some categories have CASH prizes!!! <http://www.nc4h.org/nc4h-publications/presentations> If you would like some visual examples of 4-H presentations check out these helpful YouTube videos:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRkyTsMttSU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTytHTCkv8c>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buqxPAhBwSU>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIFxdpxxVal>

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Register for the CHICK CHAIN



I wanted to make you all aware of the new poultry program that will be occurring in 2014 with several counties in the east organizing it called the Southeast 4-H ChickChain Show and Sale. The purpose of this event is to give youth ages 5-18 (as of January 1st) another way to learn financial management and record keeping through a poultry project. **Below is a list of need to know information about the project:**

Ages- 5-18 (as of Jan 1)

Registration Fee- \$25 per child participating (check made payable to- Lenoir County CES)

Each child will receive 10 chicks (10 of one breed or 5 of each breed) and will pick those up from an Extension Office listed below in May. The date of chick pick up will be determined at a later date, but all registered participants will be notified.

Money Details- Youth will have to bring back 3 chicks to show AND sale on November 8th. There will be trophies, ribbons and premium awards for the winners in Record Books, Showmanship, & Market classes and youth will have to sell their 3 chickens during an auction. 75% of the money will go to the child and 25% will go back to the program.

Registration Deadline- Monday, MARCH 3rd - this means registration forms and payment are received to the office closest to them, listed below.

Show Date: Saturday, November 8th at the Livestock Arena in Kinston

There's is a newly created **Facebook page** created called 4-H Chick Chain Show & Sale if you would like to 'Like' it. <https://www.facebook.com/4hchickchainshowandsale>

All the **registration forms and rules** are located at this website:

<http://lenoir.ces.ncsu.edu/southeast-4-h-chick-chain-show-and-sale/>

Record Books- Each youth will have to complete a record book in order to show their animal and these record books will be given to the participants at the coordinating agents discretion, either at chick pick up or at a mandatory educational event, all well before the show. Times and dates of educational events will be planned and sent out as soon as they are established and all participants will be notified.

We are very excited about this program and hope the enthusiasm spreads so we can make this a successful event!! If you think you have people in your county that would like to participate OR would be interested in purchasing these birds in November at our auction, please let them know! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Stacie or Mrs. Becky, our Livestock Agent..

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4-H Achievement Night

It is time to celebrate 2013 successes and achievements for all of Bladen County 4-H. Join us on Friday, February 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Powell Melvin Agricultural Center Auditorium. We will be having a potluck dinner, so call our office on or before February 24 at 5 pm to RSVP with number attending and possible item that you will be bringing to share with our 4-H friends and family. Mrs. Stacie will be contacting 4-H leaders this coming week to summarize and count up all of our successes, so that we can celebrate them in front of everyone. We will also install all new club and county officers at this event, so if you are a recently elected officer in your club or county council, please plan to attend our annual achievement night.

As a special attraction to the night's festivities, our outgoing Bladen County 4-H County Council President, Leighanne Kelly, is preparing a 2013 4-H photo slide show to show to our families. PLEASE submit photos and brief descriptions of your 4-H youth from 2013 using their heads, hearts, hands, and health to make the best better!!! All submissions need to be emailed to me at Stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu by February 14, 2014 at the latest! The earlier the better!!!

4-H Entertains

4-H Entertains is BACK!!! – We are bringing talent back – back to Bladen anyway. Our 1st local 4-H talent show in years will be the special program at our upcoming County Council Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014. The meeting is at 6 pm and 4-H Entertains should begin around 6:30. Refreshments will be available (and if you want to help furnish let Mrs. Stacie know). All currently enrolled 4-Hers ages 5-18 are eligible to participate in this event (Winners could move on to District for competition!) In order to participate, please complete the following [form](#) and submit to Mrs. Stacie (email entries are eligible) on or before 5 pm on Friday, March 14, 2014. Individual and group acts welcomed.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT ACTIVITY
DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014
AT JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY
COLLEGE—ALL COUNTY
PRESENTATION WINNERS WILL BE
ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT
TEEN RETREAT IS APRIL 25-26, 2014...
LET MRS. STACIE KNOW IF THIS
DISTRICT EVENT INTERESTS YOU!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Green Team Meeting 6:00 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Super Clovers 3:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Last day to sign up for Presentations	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Down East 2:00 pm 30	24 Last day to RSVP for 4-H Achievement Program 31	25	26	27 4 H Presentations 2 pm	28 4 H Achievement Program 6 pm	29

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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23 Down East 2:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29 District Activity Day
30	31					

Sincerely,

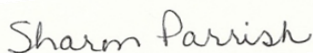
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Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development



[Sharon Parrish](#)

Secretary, 4-H Youth Development



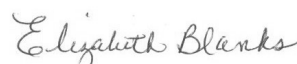

[Johnice Autry](#)

4-H Teen Court, Restitution & Community Service Coordinator



[Elizabeth Blanks](#)

4-H Life Skills Coordinator




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