

The Clover Connection

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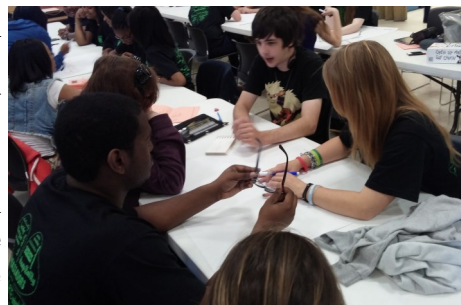
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4-Hers Attend Teen Retreat

Hey everybody! This year's South East District Teen Retreat was held on April 25-26. The Bladen County delegates were Jacob Spouse, Mary Butler, Justin Brooks, Anna Marie Smith and myself, Alexandra Evans. We were all driven up to the Robeson County 4-H office in



Lumberton by our beloved 4-H agent, Mrs. Stacie Kinlaw. When we got there we checked in and got our SE district 2014 teen retreat t-shirts. Shortly after that we had dinner and the district business meeting. After the business meeting, we had our county huddles(where the county's 4-H'ers would think up of something to do for a county skit). After the county huddles there were the candidate's speeches and skits for our 2014-2015 South East District officers. where Jacob and I starred in one, we were in Sarah Willis's candidate skit and She is now our SE District president. After all that we watched the Disney movie *Frozen*. Then we went to check in to the hotel. The next day we had breakfast at the hotel and checked out. Later we had 4-H ambassador workshops and a Parliamentary Procedure workshop at the Robeson County Office. After the workshops they announced the new 2014-2015 district officers and had closing announcements. After the workshops, Teen Retreat was adjourned. It was a bunch of fun and I learned a lot. I can't wait to go again next year!

-Submitted by Alex Evans



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Club Connection

Club Meeting Dates

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

June 9th, 3:30 pm

No July Meeting

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:

*June 9th, 6:00 pm

July 7th, 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:

June 22nd, 2:00 pm

July 27th, 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:

June 16th, 6:00 pm

July 21st, 6:00 pm

Welcome to Bladen County 4-H CLASSY KIDS in East Arcadia—we can't wait to hear all the great things that you will do!

NEW Club forming in Turnbull area between White Lake and Elizabethtown!!!



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.*

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!!!



County Council Report

So, um... we didn't have many people today... that's... um... that's a thing... still, we had people. There was Jacob, Alex, Mary, Ms. Stacie, her daughter, Ellie, and Ms Jean. Still, Mary did the US pledge, and I did the 4-H, and by now, I think I might know that one by heart. It's kinda catchy. We discussed summer fun stuff, which you can look up on the 4-H website. We have a baby sitting class, cooking class, canning class, science class, robotics class, and more! As a project, we created Bladen County 4-H Scrapbook pages for the Southeast District 4-H scrapbook. Come on guys, please come next time, it will be fun! See ya then!

All My Best,

- Gabriel Sprouse, 4-H County Council Reporter

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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.

Club Connection

Super Clover Club Report

Hello, hello, hello! Nice to see ya again... well... you read what i am writing again that is... or wrote... whatever... so, first thing; the 4-H pledge was done by Annakate, and the US pledge was lead by Olivia, we were given forms for sign-ups of the upcoming events, so, yay! Also, Jacob and Anna got to talk about their experiences at Teen Retreat, second, we got ANOTHER NEW MEMBER!!!! George Smith. If you see him, tell him welcome, and let him know I said 'hi'. And, best for almost last, we are gonna have lots of stuff to do at Summer, so, go to the 4-H site, and take a look!

So, anyway, now the best, for last! We got to Build-a-Bear- I mean, STUFF a bear, excuse me. All n' all, it was fun, really fun. You want to know WHY we made the bears...? We are doing this for the children of the hospital, when they are about to have surgery or operations or just scary things in general... or if they just can't sleep... then they can have a Teddy Bear. So, we made them some!

So, that's everything! I hope your liking me as the reporter, because I like this job! See ya next mouth.

All My Best,

- Gabriel Sprouse, Super Clover Club Reporter

S.T.A.R. Club Report



Hiya Everyone! The STAR club has literally been clowning around these past few months. Back in April we began our 3 part class on clowning which was taught by one of our club leaders Ms. Jean Cross (who is also my grandmother). At our first class Ms. Jean talked about what makes a clown, the different types of clowns and a little bit on the history of clowning. Then afterwards Ms. Jean had us play some games to help us use our... IMAGINATION! Where we moved in fast forward, in slow motion, and even backwards. Then in May Ms. Jean had us do a few games, only this time we had partners. Then she showed us the different kinds of clown faces and how to dress like a clown. It has been loads of fun and I can't wait for the June class because that's when we get to put it all together!

Submitted by: Alex Evans



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Volunteer Vittles

Hello Fabulous 4-H Volunteers and Leaders! You have been on my heart lately because you are the heart of the success of our county's 4-H program. I am preparing to kick off a training/meeting plan to keep us ALL connected since our team is growing month to month! You will receive invitations/reminders about these upcoming trainings but go ahead and mark your calendar to let's get together once each quarter.

The first Bladen County 4-H Volunteer and Leader training/meeting will be on **Friday, July 25, 2014 at 5:30 pm** beginning with a light meal. This first training will be about getting to know each other, a 4-H 101 overview, and upcoming deadlines. Please come and feel free to invite someone that you believe may be called to help with our county's 4-H program. This could be a great orientation tool for new volunteers. RSVP for this meeting by July 18 so that we can get a good count and prepare food appropriately. I am planning the October training/meeting for Friday, October 17, 2014 beginning with a light meal at 5:30 pm.

This month I have been thinking about communication skills and looking for tools that I can share with you to use with your 4-H youth to learn and practice these skills. Today I found a great 4-H resource that may be beneficial to building programs or classes for your club or group. Check it out at the link—

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/resources/communications_toolkit

Have a GREAT summer!

4-H Summer Fun

It is time once again to sign up for 4-H Summer Fun! The schedule and the required registration forms can be downloaded [here](#).

Current 4-Hers can register beginning on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 9 am.

Registration will be open to the public beginning at 9 am on Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

All 4-H Registrations are made in person at our office – 450 Smith Circle Drive, Elizabethtown, NC.

A one time, non-refundable registration fee of \$4.00 is due at time of registration plus fees associated with each class.

Space is limited so plan to sign up as early as you can.

For more information, contact Stacie Kinlaw, Bladen County 4-H agent or Sharon Parrish, Bladen County 4-H Secretary (910) 862-4591 and stacie_kinlaw@ncsu.edu



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“Christmas in July”

Come out to the Powell-Melvin Ag Center and get a jump start on your Christmas Shopping OR rent a booth and sell your wares! The BIG day for the Bazaar and Salad Lunch is Friday, July 18, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm with a salad lunch available for \$5 between 11 am and 2 pm. Booth Rentals are \$10.

This event is sponsored by Bladen County Extension and Community Association. Tickets and Information are available from Bladen County ECA members or the County Extension Office at (910) 862-4591.

It is NEVER too early to shop for yourself or your loved ones!!!

Summer Reading 2014

Bladen County Public Library kicks off its Summer Reading 2014 schedule on June 30, 2014. Storytimes are at 3 pm and they are partnering with the Summer Feeding Program from Bladen County Schools for each event.

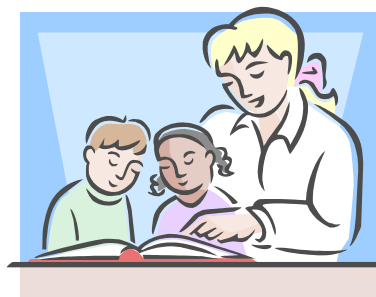
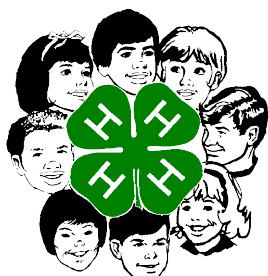
Each Library Location has its own day each week according to the schedule below:

Mon—Bladenboro

Tuesday—Clarkton

Wednesday—Elizabethtown

For more information call (910) 862-3990 or visit <http://bladenco.libguides.com/home>



Members of the STAR Club and their leader Kelly Evans, shown below, use their artistic talents to entertain and communicate with the patrons of the Bladen County Senior Center at one of their recent club activities—this club may be new but they are making moves!!!





Deadlines and Events

June

- 2 4-H Summer Fun Registration for 4-H
- 4 4-H Summer Fun Registration for general public
- 9 Super Clovers meet at 3:30 pm
- 9 Green Team meets at 6 pm
- 16 STAR Club meets at 6 pm
- 21 4-H State Presentation Finals RALEIGH
- 21-24 4-H State Congress
- 22 Down East Club meets at 2 pm
- 30 2014 Summer Reading Kicks off at Libraries

July

- 7 Green Team meets at 6 pm
- 14-16 4-H Electric Congress
- 16&17 4-H Livestock and Skill A Thon Contests
- 18 Christmas in July
- 18 RSVP for Volunteer/Leaders training
- 21 STAR Club meets at 6 pm
- 25 4-H Volunteer/Leaders Training 5:30 pm
- 27 Down East Club meets at 2 pm

Upcoming dates

August 25 - First day of school for Bladen County students

September 18 at 6 pm - 4-H County Council meets (officers at 5:30 pm)

October 17 at 5:30/7:30 pm 4-H Volunteer and Leader Training/Meeting

November 20 at 6 pm - 4-H County Council meets (officers at 5:30 pm)

January 8, 2015 at 5 pm - LAST day to turn in a 2014 4-H project book for competition

Sincerely,

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