



4-H Newsletter

Anson County Center

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NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference

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Over 200 4-H volunteers from across the state gathered in Raleigh for learning and friendship. Many of our Anson County 4-H Volunteers; Carrissima Martin, Kim Bennett, Hannah Dunlap, Debra Ratliff, Addie Richardson and Betty Garriss attended the conference banquet in Raleigh on February 6-7. Some volunteers attended workshops on youth development, 4-H curriculum and much more throughout the weekend! The exciting part of the conference was the awards banquet. Our county was represented proudly.

Addie Richardson and Debra Ratliff were all recognized for their Master ACE Portfolio level advancement and renewal. The conference was capped with an installation of state and district officers. Addie Richardson was installed as the District Treasurer. Anson County 4-H has the greatest volunteers to support the program! We are so proud of all of our volunteers and their awards.



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Pictured are 4-H Volunteers Addie Richardson and Debra Ratliff receiving their awards with Dr. Mitzi Downing, Assistant Program Leader, 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences and Dr. Richard Bonanno, Director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.



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If you are interested in learning more about any information in this newsletter, contact me at the Extension Center or E-mail me at roshunda_terry@ncsu.edu. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact me no later than five business days before the event.

Sincerely,

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4-H Achievement Night



Forty-one proud relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held Tuesday, February 16th at the Cooperative Extension Center. The event was held to honor Anson County 4-H'ers, 4-H Volunteer Leaders for their accomplishments over the last year, and Volunteer Leaders who have given of their time to help with programs in 4-H. Youth and adults were recognized and awarded ribbons, certificates, and medals.

Deserving young 4-H'ers earned scholarships for club project work. These scholarships, provided through program fundraising efforts, will be used toward 4-H trips, camps and 4-H project area supplies.

This year's Cloverbud (5-8) project winners were Levi Greene, Andrew Martin, Maddie Carpenter, Brayden Howell and Melanie Jones.

Junior Division (9-10) winners were Kendall Duncan, Cameron Tillman, Kirsten Greene and Aalysa Liles. Junior Division (11-12) project winners were Keyshawn Tillman, Hayden Allen, Olivia Allen, Emily Sutphin, Gracie McSwain and Quenton Cromartie. Senior Division (13-15) project winner was Na'La Brown, Justin Duncan, Katherine Brown and Katie Edwards.

Our Sr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Na'La Brown. Na'La has been in 4-H for 11 years. She has participated in District Teen Retreat, NC 4-H Electric Congress, and teen leader for her 4-H club. Some of her community service activities is volunteering with the soup 'n' sandwich dinners for seniors, spring and fall paper clover campaign, donating supplies to Backpack Buddies, doing crafts with residents at Meadowview Terrace and donating personal care items to the high school. In her statement she wrote: "4-H is basically my life. I have become more involved with 4-H when I became a teenager at 4-H age. I love being around people especially 4-H kids. 4-H has helped me figure out what I want to do the rest of my life. 4-H means the world to me and it is a great way to make friends and to be a good leader in the future."

Our 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized with years of devoted service to the 4-H program. They were: Natasha Duncan 6 years, Carrissima Martin 5 years, Yolanda Mitchell 8 years, Debra Ratliff 9 years, Addie Richardson 10 years, Janice Bennett 11 years, Dave Edwards 12 years, Hannah Dunlap 14 years, Kim Bennett 24 years, Betty Garriss 31 years, and Pearl Blount 32 years. Each Leader was given a certificate and a token of appreciation. Two community clubs were recognized for renewing all of their paperwork to receive emerald charter seals in the county. Those clubs receiving charter seals were Eager Beavers 4-H Club and Busy Bees 4-H Club.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to volunteers that gave their time during the past year to 4-H in the capacities of teaching a program, judging or helping structure programs. Those individuals were Janine Rywak, Janet Gilreath and Wadesboro Tractor Supply Store #1278.

The evening was capped off with the recognition of the 2015 4-H Leaders Association Officers: Kim Bennett - President, Sharon Edwards - Vice President, Pearl Blount - Secretary and Yolanda Mitchell - Treasurer. Installation of our new officers were held and they are: President - Sharon Edwards, Vice President - Carrissima Martin, Secretary - Betty Garriss, Treasurer - Hannah Dunlap and Treasurer - Elect - Debra Ratliff.

Annual 4-H Clover Crawl Fundraiser

This year's annual fundraising event was on Friday, March 11 at South Piedmont Community College Lockhart Taylor Center. Over 185 were in attendance this year and raised over \$14,000 for Anson County 4-H and 4-H Youth Promise. Thanks to all who came, supported and volunteered. The youth of Anson County 4-H thank each of you!



SC District Teen Retreat

South Central District Teen Retreat was March 18-19 at Betsey Jeff Penn 4-H Center. Four 4-H'ers attended the event. 4-H volunteer leader Hannah Dunlap chaperoned the group. The weekend was filled with workshops, spirit stick competition and teambuilding. I am sure all had a great time and thanks again Hannah for taking the group.

Robotics Competition

Since January 11th, the RoboWolves 4-H Club has worked diligently to design their robot for this year's competition. The last day for build season was Tuesday, February 23rd, the team traveled to Raleigh, NC March 12-13 to participate in a District Competition. We are happy to report the RoboWolves were District Winners which automatically qualifies them for state competition in April. Great Job RoboWolves! Anson 4-H is proud of you and will continue to cheer for you through your April competition.



College Tour

So far we have nine youth and parents signed up to tour UNC-Pembroke. I will send out more details after the deadline. You still have time to sign up by the March 26th deadline.



Fashion Revue & Talent Show

The Fashion Revue & Talent Show is going to be April 28th, which is a Thursday. Mandatory rehearsal is the 27th, which is Wednesday. Forms have already gone out with deadlines to register.



Spring Paper Clover Event

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign starts April 13-24. Anson County 4-H wants to do an event on Saturday April 23rd. Our goal is to sell 4000 paper clovers this time. I want this to be a good event but I am in need of ideas. Please contact me with whatever thoughts you have about this. I was thinking along the lines of a mini spring festival. Face painting, crafts, little games and hotdogs but in order to pull this off I need help so let me know what you think and if you are willing to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

County Presentation Night

This year county presentation night will be Thursday, April 28th, Thursday at 6pm. If you need help with getting your presentation together or updating your information, please call the 4-H office.

4-H Projects



NC 4-H Congress

NC 4-H Congress will be July 16-19 at NCSU. Estimated cost is \$180 for full time registration and \$192 for fulltime registrants with a Saturday lunch. The lunch option is only for those that may advance to state presentation competition. This is for youth ages 14-18. We will stay in a hotel again this year. You will also need additional money for meals that are not included in registration cost. Meals that will need to be covered are Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and dinner, Monday breakfast and lunch and Tuesday breakfast. I normally get a hotel that supplies breakfast so that can save us. As I get further details I will send out. Youth can use scholarship money to attend.

District Activity Day

Hoke County is hosting this year and the date will be Saturday, June 4th. As I get more details I will send out to each of you.



Summer Programs

Anson County 4-H is offering Summer Day Camps — June 21-23; July 5-8; July 12-14 and July 26-28. **These are tentative dates.** These day camps will be for youth ages 5-12. Camps will be specified by age. There is a limit of 25 and the cost is \$30. Youth can use their scholarship to attend. Flyers and brochures will go out soon with more details.



Club News

Eager Beaver Club – January: Worked on youth project record books and will work on them every three months during club meetings. **February:** The program was "Get Well Cards for the Needy" and we discussed a county community service project for the animal shelter and gave list to youth and parents to collect items. Items were collected at our March meeting. **March:** Club members discussed and decided on club service projects for the next four months.

Busy Bees Club – January: Elected Club officers for the 2016-17 year. President – Keyshaun Tillman, Vice President – Quenton Cromartie, Secretary – LaMia Smith-Maxwell, Reporter – Cameron Tillman, Parliamentarian – Na'La Brown, Program Co-Chairs, Katherine Brown and Akera LeGrand. Club members participated in an Electric Workshop. They learned about motors, circuits, conductors, soldering and made electric games. Had a total of 15 record books turned in. **February:** New officers for 2016-17 were installed. Club members enjoyed a workshop on "Parliamentary Procedure". They collected and donated supplies and made treats for the Anson County Animal Shelter. Club members attended Achievement Night where they were recognized for their past years work in 4-H. Katherine and Na'La Brown were recognized as Blue Ribbon 4-H'ers and Na'La received Outstanding Sr. 4-H'er.



Spring is here!

Calendar of Events

March 18-19 – SC District Teen Retreat
April 4-8 – Environmental Field Days (2nd graders)
April 11-15 – Refuge Adventures (3rd graders)
April 16 – UNC Pembroke Tour
April 13-24 – Spring Paper Clover Campaign at Wadesboro Tractor Supply.
April 23 – Spring Paper Clover Event at Tractor Supply.
April 28 – County Presentation, Fashion Revue, Talent & Creative Talent Shows at 7pm.
June 4- District Activity Day at Hoke County.



Anson Co. 4-H is now on social media! Follow us on Twitter @aco4h or Instagram @ansonco4hchick and Facebook @Anson County 4-H.

Backpack Buddies Items Needed

This partnership is still going strong with Wadesboro Elementary School. We are up to 10 youth that we help weekly. Remember we can always use items to make these backpacks. We place non-perishable food items in these bags that go home with youth on Friday so they will have food to sustain them until they return to school on Monday.

Items for Backpack Buddies

**Mini Cereal Boxes
Juice Boxes
Packs of Crackers
Fruit Cups
Pudding Cups
Vienna Sausages
Pop Tarts
Cereal Bars (Nutra Grain, Breakfast or
Snack Type Bars)**

Sending Newsletters Via Email

Anson County 4-H will start sending newsletter via email. If you would like to get your copy of our newsletters by email please email Roshunda at roshunda_terry@ncsu.edu and let her her know.

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