

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



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Hands to Service Project Helps Flood Victims

Washington County 4-H'ers put their "Hands to Service" Saturday, November 5th during the 2nd Annual County Service Project. This year's project focused on a family in Creswell whose home and yard had been recently flooded during Hurricane Matthew. 4-H'ers came together to help Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of Creswell put their yard back in order, dead-heading the numerous rose bushes, repairing flowerbed boundaries, raking leaves, removing debris and limbs from the storm, and pulling weeds among other yard work. Participating 4-H'ers, parents, and volunteers included Megan Stotesberry,





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December 31st – Project Records Due to the Office

January 2nd – County Council Meeting

January 9th - Volunteer Leaders Meeting

January 20th – Inauguration Virtual Citizenship Event

January 31st – Hog, Goat, and Lamb Applications Due

February 1st – 4-H Honor Club, District Officer, and Scholarship Applications Due

February 3rd-5th – Volunteer Leader's Conference (Register By Jan. 17th)

February 13th – 4-H Achievement Night at the Vernon James Center



March-April – Livestock Show Clinics: Dates TBD

March 17th-18th – NED Teen Retreat – Currituck County

March 28th – 4-H STEM Fair

April - East Qualifying 4-H Horse Show*

April 20th & 27th and May 11th & 18th – 4-H Yoga for Kids Series

May 3rd - Washington County Livestock Show and Sale

May – AIRE Packets Due



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May 10th- 2017 Layer Hens Arrive (Register by April 24th)

May 15th – Livestock Show Evaluation Meeting

May 15th – State Officer Applications Due

May 16th- Presentations Registration Due

May 19th – Citizenship Focus Registration Due

*Contact the office for a complete list of 4-H Horse Events

Save the Date 2017:

- Citizenship Focus: June 12th-14th
- **NE District Activity Day: June 23rd**
- 4-H Electric Congress: June TBA
- 4-H Camp @ BJP: July 9th-14th
- **State 4-H Congress: July 29th- Aug. 1st**
 - Registration Due: July 5th
- NCACC Youth Summit: August 11th-12th
 - Registration Due July 14th

County Council

Rabbit and Chicken Show

By: Taylor Tucker, 4-H County Council Reporter

The Washington County Teen Council met for the first time on November 11, 2016. The attendees of the meeting were members: Keymiya Norman, Keyaria Norman, Kaylee Christenberry, Taylor Tucker, Jeff Horton, Marisa Horton, Cody Christenberry along with the advisor Laura Oliver. The guests present were Shirley Horton and Kristy Christenberry. The meeting took off at 6:00pm and many topics were discussed for the future and present of the council. A few items discussed were service projects and a cloverbud arts and crafts camp.

There was also an election of officers for the council.

Congratulations to our new officers!!

President: Audrey Glass
Vice-President:
Kaylee Christenberry
Secretary: Marisa Horton
Reporter: Taylor Tucker

The next meeting will be held at the Extension Office on January 2nd. A time will be decided upon closer to the meeting.

The county council and 4-H is a great opportunity to help better our community, while having tons of fun with friends. **I encourage all who want to join 4-H or the council to do so. It is lots of fun!!** You can contact the Extension Office or Mrs. Laura Oliver today to find out more about 4-H.

*This article was included in this issue via club reporter submission.

The brisk early morning air was filled with feathers and fur as twenty 4-H youth participated in the 14th annual 4-H Rabbit and Chicken Show on December 3rd! 4-H'ers from across the area



woke up extra early on a Saturday morning to brave the cold and show off their prized projects at the Plymouth Livestock Barn. Each youth participated in both composition and showmanship classes for their animals. Best-In-Show for the Open Chicken Classes went to Emma Barrett and Best-in-Show for the Rabbit Classes went to MJ McBride. Showmanship champions included chicken exhibitors Anna Claire Barrett and Sherfield Smith and rabbit

exhibitors Annabelle Howdy and Deaja Smith.

This year's show did not include the popular layer hen class, but layer hens are scheduled for arrival in the spring for the 2017 4-H Rabbit and Chicken Show.





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Morgan Stotesberry, Mandy Sawyer, Heather Rogers,



Keymiya Norman, Keyirah Bell, Keriah Bell, Gerda Rhodes, Keyaria Norman, Katlynn Stotesberry, Bailee Sawyer, Pam Sawyer, LeAnne Rogers, Timothy Bell, Kerry Bell, Tommy Sawyer, & Laura Oliver, 4-H Agent. 4-H plans to conduct another service project in the spring!



STEM Fair How -To:

- Develop a good question to study!
- Use the Scientific Method
- Do background research (With a bibliography)
- Construct your hypothesis
- Test your hypothesis by experimentation
- Analyze your data and draw conclusions
- **Communicate your results at the 4-H STEM Fair on March 28th!**

Contact the office for a full STEM Fair guide to help you complete your project in steps!

A Fun Fall for Farmview

By: Emma Barrett, Farmview 4-H Club Member

The Farmview 4-H Club has had a very fun-filled and successful fall. For starters, in September **we learned to tie different knots**. It was amazing to actually realize how useful knots are, and how many different ones there are. In October, we served soup and other foods and desserts at Askew's Corn Maze. **We raised \$250 at the corn maze**. It was an exciting night for everyone who attended. Also, some of our members showed livestock at the state fair.



Emma Barrett, age 12, won reserve champion British Breed with her steer (pictured above), placed 5th in class with her feed calf, placed 4th in class with her heifer, and won reserve champion market barrow and grand champion NC born and bred junior market barrow with her pig. Anna Claire Barrett, age 10, placed 7th in class with her steer. Audrey Glass, age 18, placed 2nd in class with her wether (goat), placed 5th in class with her wether (lamb), and placed 12th in class with her wether (lamb). Reagan Glass, age 16, placed 1st in her class with her wether (goat), placed 2nd in class with her wether (goat), placed 2nd in class with her wether (lamb), and placed 3rd in class with her wether (lamb), Sarah Glass placed 4th in class with her doe. Maggie Glass placed 8th with her wether (goat). Ruthie Glass placed 13th with her wether (goat). In November, we helped clean up from the hurricane in Creswell, with the county service project.

We met some very nice and friendly folks. In December, at our last meeting, **we learned about different types of grasses** and the proper grow and management of a pasture. That wraps up our fall meetings! **The Farmview 4-H Club wishes you a Merry Christmas!**

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The State 4-H Council Newsletter has been published and is available on the 4-H website. You can find it here:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/statecouncil/>

You're Invited!

Washington County 4-H Achievement Night

Mark Your Calendars for:

February 13th, 2017

We are excited to recognize the achievements of Washington County 4-H'ers in 2016! Please plan to attend and represent your club or program area at this fun event!

We are now accepting nominations for Club of the Year and Club Leader of the Year!

Washington County 4-H

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Ingredients:

- Liquid Starch
- Elmer's white school glue
- Artificial snow for Christmas Crafts



How to Make Snow Slime:

- 1.) Stir about 1/4 of the bag of snow into 1/2 cup of white glue
- 2.) Stir in 1/2 cup of liquid starch

**Happy Holidays
from Washington County 4-H!**

Are you a 4-H Club Reporter?

Did you know that you could submit articles to the Clover Connection?

Contact Mrs. Laura for more information on how your club projects could be featured in our next article!

Did you see something you are interested in? Contact the 4-H Office for more information!

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