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A Note from your 4-H Agent:

Whew!!!! I hope everyone has had a great summer and you are ready to get back to school.

This has been one of the busiest summers for McDowell 4-H in a long time. 4-Hers have traveled thousands of miles all over North Carolina and the Southeast representing McDowell County. 4-Hers have earned huge honors this summer at many different 4-H events. Everyone should be very proud of our accomplishments.

We have had a lot of programs this summer, if you would like to learn how to be involved in any of our programs next summer please contact me with any questions.

I look forward to making McDowell 4-H even better.

It’s time to Re-enroll in 4-H

Leaders will be receiving new enrollment packets in the mail for their club members.

If you are currently an enrolled member you **must** renew your paperwork to stay active and continue receiving this newsletter.

ALL Forms are due to the 4-H office by **October 1, 2011**

If you need additional forms please call Jane McDaniel

Forms are also available on the web at [http://mcdowell.ces.ncsu.edu/content/4-HNewsletter](http://mcdowell.ces.ncsu.edu/content/4-HNewsletter)
McDowell County 4-H was well represented at West District Activity day held at Cullowhee Valley School in June. McDowell had 11 youth presenting on various topics including horses, dental hygiene, dolphins, and cooking.

**Gold Medal Winners**
- Maggie Gouge - Chicken Barbeque
- Jamie Schunke - Public Speaking
- Austin Staton - Beef Char Grill
- Angel Schunke - Fisheries & Aquatic Resources
- Rachel Cinquanto - Horse Public Speaking

**Silver Medal Winners**
- Zac Schunke - Health and Fitness
- Kellyn Currie - Forest & Wildlife

**Bronze Medal Winners**
- Kaitlyn Evans - Horse

Also presenting were:
- Dakota Ricketts
- Abigail Cinquanto

**4-H Electric Congress**
This year the 64th 4-H Electric Congress was held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

McDowell County had three 4-Hers attend; Maggie Gouge, Jamie Schunke and Zac Schunke.

Participants are selected to attend this all expense paid trip by completing an electric project during the year and filling out a project record book that is then judged on the county level. Participants also can become eligible by completing a cumulative record book or by recruiting other youth into the electric program.

Electric Congress is presented each year by the North Carolina Electric Companies. McDowell is in the Duke Energy district and our delegation is pictured with Mr. Wayne Huddleston from Duke Energy.

**Julia Boal wins 1st Place**

**Junior “Patterns” Division 4-H Photography Contest**
The statewide NC 4-H Congress Photography Contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Agricultural Communicators Network and coordinated by the Department of Communication Services at NC State University.

The purpose of this exhibition is to provide a showcase of 4-H members' photographic accomplishments. The exhibit is unveiled at 4-H Congress in Raleigh, NC each summer. The winning photos are displayed at selected meetings and events throughout the year.
2011 4-H Congress

The capstone in the 4-H year is 4-H Congress held each year in July on the campus of NC State University. 4-Hers from across the state assemble together for many of our state contests, leadership opportunities, state awards ceremonies, and state officer elections.

Austin Staton, Angel Schunke, Jamie Schunke, Maggie Gouge, Kellyn Currie, and Zac Schunke represented McDowell county 4-H.

This was also the chance for our District Activity Day winners to compete at the state level with their presentations. Competing from McDowell county was Austin Staton, Jamie Schunke, Zac Schunke, Kellyn Currie and Maggie Gouge.

Maggie Gouge and Jamie Schunke were officially inducted as the West District 4-H President and Secretary.

Congratulations to all!

Maggie brings home “GOLD”

Congratulations to Maggie Gouge on her Chicken Bar-B-Que Award!

Maggie will represent North Carolina at the National Poultry contest in Kentucky this November.

2011 Teen Leadership Conference
November 4-5
Sertoma 4-H Educational Center
Cost is $60
Registration is due by October 3
This leadership retreat is geared toward teaching participants about community service and leadership training.
Please contact our office with any questions

4-H Volunteer Drive

As you have read, we are very busy all year round….We are recruiting volunteers to help make more programs possible.

If you are interested in starting a 4-H club, teaching a workshop or class, or just helping out in general please contact Chad Ray at 652-8104.
Sydney Lytle wins State and Regional Competition

Sydney earned 1st place overall in the Saddle Seat division at the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show. This qualified her to compete at the Southern Regional's in Tunica, Mississippi. At the Southern Regional competition, Sydney again earned 1st place honors.

This is a huge accomplishment for Sydney and all that are involved with the McDowell 4-H Horse program.

Sydney Lytle is a member of the Ride It! 4-H Club.

Congratulations Sydney!
4-H Citizenship Focus

In June, Angel Schunke, Zac Schunke, and Jamie Schunke had the opportunity to represent McDowell County at the annual 4-H Citizenship Focus event held in Raleigh.

This program is designed to give youth a firsthand look at how our government operates and to meet our representatives.

Participants are challenged with creating an action plan for something that they feel is a need in their community. They then bring their plans back to the area and implement it.

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