



THE CLOVER CHRONICLE

ALAMANCE COUNTY 4-H

Message from Beth

Happy Fall everyone! This is my favorite time of the year! I just love the cool crisp air, fairs, football, falling leaves, and of course, my birthday! Not only will I be celebrating my birthday this fall, but I along with all of you will be celebrating the 100th birthday of North Carolina 4-H. It's so exciting that we get to celebrate the past 100 years and bring in the future 100 years! There aren't many organizations that can say they've been around for 100 years, so we are privileged to be part of such a great organization. I hope to see you all at the BIG Birthday Bash on October 10th and bring as many friends as you can find to share 4-H with! We want everyone to "fall" into 4-H!



Beth

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Big Birthday Bash/National 4-H Week

You are cordially invited to attend the Big Birthday Bash to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in North Carolina on Saturday, October 10th from 1-4 pm at Thataways Youth Center. At this party, we will have cake, ice cream, games and a dance! I am still looking for volunteers to help, so if you are interested in volunteering some time during the event, please let me know. Pass the word along to all of your family, friends, acquaintances, and everyone you know! Be sure to wear green and bring canned food items.



National
4-H
Week



The week of October 4 –10 is National 4-H Week. One activity we will be doing is Alamance Walks. You can come out and volunteer or come out and walk. This will be Wednesday, October 7th. If you plan to come to the 11:30-1:00 walk, we will be at the Depot, and if you plan to come to the 4:30-6:00 pm walk, we will be at the Burlington City Park Walking Track. Wear a 4-H shirt when you come! If anyone is interested in doing a Public Service Announcement or coming with me to WBAG on Tuesday morning, October 6 to promote 4-H, let me know.



Livestock Show

If you are interested in showing a cow, sheep, pig or goat at the Orange Grove Show in April, please let me know ASAP. Now is the time when we start putting packets and information together for the show. Since Paul has retired, we need as much advanced notice as possible.

4-H'ers it's Time to Sell!

Fall Plant Sale

This year, Alamance County 4-H will be selling a number of fruit trees and plants as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund and programming efforts. The plants we will be selling include: apple trees, Japanese persimmon trees, pecan trees, peach trees, pear trees, fig trees, muscadine vines and blackberry plants. Information including cost and variety descriptions will be available online. The pick-up dates for these plants will be November 5-6 and will be at the Alamance Community College Greenhouse. I will probably need volunteers to help with the delivery and pick up, so let me know if you want to help.



Fraser Fir Wreath
\$18.00



Boxwood Wreath
\$20.00

Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

If you want to earn your own scholarship money, the wreath sale is a great way to do so. For every wreath you sell, you will earn \$5 of scholarship money to use for Summer Fun, 4-H Camp, other teen events, or even order out of the 4-H Catalog. For our wreath fundraiser this year, we will be selling Fraser Fir wreaths as well as Boxwood wreaths. In addition, we will be selling poinsettias. Fraser Fir wreaths will be sold for \$18 each and Boxwood wreaths will be sold for \$20 each. We will be selling 6 inch poinsettias for \$8 each and 10 inch poinsettias for \$18 each. You can choose between red, white, pink or marble and they come with a foil covering. If you sell a 6 inch poinsettia you will earn \$2 scholarship money for each one, and you will earn \$5 for each 10 inch poinsettia. This information will be sent out near the end of October and will be available online.



Red, White,
Pink & Marble
6 inch \$8.00
10 inch 18.00



Project Books Due

Project Record Books (or PRB) are a way of setting goals and ways to achieve those goals, as well as recording your accomplishments. If you've never done a project book before and are interested, please let me know and I'll work with you on completing one. PRB's will be due Tuesday, January 19th by 5 pm. This is the day after MLK, Jr. Day so be sure to get them finished that day so you can turn them in on Tuesday. If you need me to work with your club on projects, let me

know and I'll be glad to help.



Cards & Cookies

Because it was such a success last year, we are going to do Cards & Cookies again this year. We will be meeting at the 4-H Office on Saturday, December 12 from 9-11 am to decorate cookies for the homeless shelter and make Christmas cards for them. This is a great way to give back to our community and get to know other Alamance County 4-H families! If you plan on doing a project record, you could add this to your community service section.



NC State Fair

This year, the NC State Fair will be held October 15-25 and the theme is "A Whole Lotta Happy!" It's too late to enter exhibits now, but you can certainly join me on Monday, October 19th at the Fair for 4-H Day at the Fair. You can also find out how to order discounted tickets and other fun stuff at the State Fair website: www.ncstatefair.org.

North Central Fall Leader's Day

The North Central District Leader's Association will be holding its annual Fall Leader's Day on Saturday, November 7th in Franklin County. The cost is only \$5 and you can participate in workshops, meet leaders from other counties, exchange ideas to strengthen your 4-H clubs, and participate in the business meeting. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. The deadline to register is October 27th.



State Council Conference

State Council Conference is a statewide weekend conference for teens held Saturday, November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd. It will be held at the N. Raleigh Hilton for ages 13-19 yrs. The cost is \$137.00, you may use your scholarship money. Make sure to have an updated medical release. The deadline will be October 30th.

Leader Meeting

The next leader meeting will be Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 pm and will be held at the 4-H office. I would like to see each Club represented at this meeting because we are going to have a paperwork party! We will provide dinner, so please plan to attend or have a parent attend in your place. This is the paperwork we need to keep you in our records as a club. Please come prepared with a list of your members and their current information so we can update their records. If you have finances, please bring that information as well. All clubs need to be represented at each leader meeting.



County Council

We had such a great turn out at our September meeting with close to 60 people! I hope you will all come to the next meeting! Our next County Council meeting will be Thursday, November 12th at 6 pm. At this meeting, we will be electing our new County Council Officers as well as discussing the direction of County Council. So, if you want to give your input, please attend! Current County Council Officers should arrive 15 minutes early. The Dogwood 4-H Club has volunteered to provide refreshments and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge as well as read the Thought for the Day. All clubs should be represented because we will be covering quite a bit of information about upcoming events and you won't want to miss it!

Fire'em Up 4-H Club



The Fire'em Up 4-H Club met on Monday, September 21st. We talked about project record books and how to enter things in the State Fair. After that, we used salt dough and surrounded little bottles with it to look like volcanoes. Some kids made little towns around their volcanoes and Nathan and Ethan made a teapot shape around their volcano and called it Mount Teapot. Susanna and I named our volcano Mt. Zucchini. We put in baking soda, food coloring and dish soap and then we poured in vinegar really quickly. Our volcanoes exploded foam out of the top and it looked like a volcano was erupting. The vinegar reacted with the baking soda to make it foam and the soap helped it be more bubbly. After that we played baseball and soccer and we ate snow cones, chips and salsa. It was a fun meeting.

*By Alyssa Cavalieri,
Fire'em Up 4-H*



Making Volcanoes!

CLUB NEWS

Southern Alamance Horse Club

The Southern Alamance Horse Club has been busy this summer! In May, Cindy Sydnor came and instructed a dressage clinic, held at the Riddell's farm. Dressage, in French, means "training." Yet, it is so much more than that! It is being in harmony with your horse, using your aids as effectively as possible, striving for perfection in your horsemanship and your horse's responses. There is so much to learn! Even learning a little of dressage will enhance your riding skills no matter what discipline you ride. This clinic was a lot of fun for the participants, and I think even the spectators learned a lot! Then, in August, we had a quadrille clinic with Julie Garnett. Quadrille is the term for a drill team with four members. There are basically two pairs, and you try to be a mirror image of your partner. It helps a lot with speed control and steering! In addition, the patterns are great to teach your horse to become more responsive to your aids. I had a good time and can't wait for our next clinic!



By: Mattie Thompson, Southern Alamance Horse Club



Fantastic 4-H club makes cards for our Military & their kids.

Fantastic 4-H Club

Our 4-H meeting in August was about what a hero is. What? I know it sounds a little strange, but it was actually very interesting. At the beginning of the meeting we talked about what a terrorist is. A terrorist is someone holding a threat to reach a certain goal. We talked about the anniversary of an important day in U.S. history coming up, "9-11", September 11, 2001. We talked about 9-11 for a while then we started talking about heroes. All of us had different opinions of what we thought a hero was; a role model, someone who sacrifices their freedom for another, etc. Then we talked about all the troops in Iraq, and not just Iraq, but all sorts of different places where troops are being sent. After all of that we wrote notes on postcards and wrote letters to send to the troops and kids of soldiers for the 4-H Operation Military Kids. Altogether, I think we had a really good time that day.

By: Gabe Parks,
Fantastic 4-H Club

Notes
for our
Military.



You're invited to the...

BIG Birthday Bash!

Join us on

Saturday, October 10

From

1-4 p.m.

For

The 100th birthday of 4-H

At





The Clover Chronicle

We're online!

<http://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu>



Get Ready!

Start thinking about Summer 4-H Camp! It will be at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville, N.C. We're sure to have a great time!

spotlight on Extension

Paint & Pesticide Collection Day

When: Saturday, October 17, 2009

Time: 8:00—1:00 pm

Where: Burlington Fire Training Center, Haw River, N.C.

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