



# The Clover Chronicle

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Hello and Happy New Year Alamance County 4-Hers!

Last year had some amazing highlights for our 4-H Program as well as some great sadness that I know has affected our community. As we begin a new year I want to encourage myself as well as our entire 4-H family to make the absolute most of 2015 in a variety of ways. I



want us to find ways to remember Meaghan Geringer in our every day lives with small gestures and I hope that maybe we can also accomplish something truly outstanding in her honor. We need to make a conscious effort, not to dwell on our sadness, but to learn from this experience and find strength in being able to continue **together** the great work that 4-H does for young people here in our Clubs, our Communities, our Country, and our World.

These are things I will be challenging myself to do throughout 2015, and if you will join me in these or others you set for yourself, I believe that we can have an a truly amazing year together!

## Don't forget about these icons!

- =You can earn scholarship money for this
- =This event/activity has a fee
- =This is something you can put in your project book

1. Try something I've never done before.
2. Make new friends and connect as much as possible with the "old" ones too.
3. Be kind to myself and to others whenever and wherever I can.
4. Sing or dance or laugh or whatever and generally try to find joy every day.

What's on your list?

## 4-H Clover Spotlight



Alamance County 4-H Clover Spotlight will be held **Saturday, February 21** at Twin Lakes at 7:00 pm.

This is a fun night where 4-Hers can showcase their many talents on stage or off. There will be talent acts and a fashion revue, and on display will be artwork entered by 4-Hers.

Anyone that participates will receive 4-H scholarship money. This is a great way for young people to express their creativity. If you plan to participate in the 4-H Clover Spotlight, you will need to submit your entry forms by **Friday, February 6**.

If you are entering the fashion revue or visual arts, you will also need to submit your garments/artwork along with your entry forms. These items will be judged ahead of time. That way, you will be able to take your items home with you the night of the talent show.

Entry forms can be found online at: <http://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/>.

# Alamance County 4-H Youth Livestock Updates

by Lauren Langley, Alamance County Livestock Agent

## • State Fair Livestock Judging and Skillathon Contest Results

Several youth competed at the NC State Fair Livestock Judging and Skillathon Contest held on November 1-2, 2014 in Raleigh, NC. Help me in congratulating those youth for their achievements described below:

### Livestock Judging:

**Junior Team Members:** Grace Sudderth, Gracie Hadley, Evan Carlson, Molly Carlson  
(Grace Sudderth placed 7th high individual in swine.)

### Livestock Skillathon:

**Junior Team Members:** Madison Sifford, Salem Sifford (Salem placed 6th in quality assurance, Madison placed 7th in identification, 4th in evaluation, 8th overall & the team placed 3rd in quality assurance.)



Livestock Judging Junior Team



Livestock Skillathon Junior Team

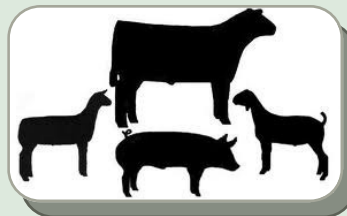
## • Judging in January Contest- NC Junior Hereford Association

Alamance County 4-H had one junior team, junior individual, and senior individual compete in the recent Judging in January livestock judging contest on January 24, 2015 in Raleigh, NC.

**Junior Team:** Michael Black, Lane Whitfield, Tyler Dodson, Evan Carlson

**Junior Individual:** Gracie Hadley

**Senior Individual:** Molly Carlson



Judging in January participants

## • Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **NC 4-H Livestock School-** February 28 - March 1, 2015- Rocky Mount, NC [Flyer for more information](#)
- ◆ **Central Piedmont Jr. Livestock Show & Sale-** April 15-16, 2015

Sign up to receive updates from the NC 4-H Youth Livestock Program, [click here.](#)

# Upcoming Events & Activities

## 2015 County Council Meetings



Mark your calendars! The County Council Meetings for 2015 are:



- \* **Monday, January 26 @ 6 pm**
- \* **Monday, April 27 @ 6 pm**
- \* **Monday, August 24 @ 6 pm**
- \* **Monday, November 16 @ 6 pm**

## Blueberry Plant Sale Fundraiser



We will be selling blueberry plants again this year for \$6 each as a fundraiser for our county 4-H program. The proceeds will help fund our county level events and activities. This year's varieties are Climax, Ira, Onslow, Pink Lemonade, Powder Blue, Premier, and Tifblue.

**Order deadline: Monday, March 16**

**Pick up dates:**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2015** noon-4:30 pm

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015** 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Thursday, March 26, 2015** 8:30 am-noon

Click [here for the brochure](#).

## 4-H Celebration Night



This year, we are changing up Celebration Night! Instead of Celebration Night being on a school night, we are going to try something new and have it on **Saturday, March 28th at 6 pm** at Twin Lakes. We will provide the main dish and we ask that everyone bring potluck sides and desserts. This is the time of year we set aside to celebrate all of the accomplishments you have achieved in 2014. We will recognize our Project Record Book winners as well as 4-Hers who have completed another level in their Achievement Plans. Additionally, we will install our 2015 County Council Officers.



They are:

**President**--Elizabeth Kenney

**Vice President**--C.J. Sanchez

**Secretary**--Haylee Borden

**Reporter**--Madison Sifford

Each 4-Her will be recognized during the celebration and there will be an area set up for 4-H Club pictures as well as individual pictures. So make sure you dress nicely! An online invitation will be sent through email so be sure to respond. We want to make sure we have plenty of seating and food! Come celebrate your 4-H success!

## Teen Retreat



The North Central District Teen Retreat will be during the weekend of **March 21-22 at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center**.



Teen Retreat is a weekend retreat for 4-Hers ages 13-18. At this retreat, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to attend workshops, make new friends, develop leadership skills, and have lots of fun! At this point, there aren't many details that have been released, but Erin will send those out by email as she gets them. Please let Erin know if you are interested in attending (and adults, if you want to chaperone, just let Erin know).

  
**JOIN THE CLUB**



# Upcoming Events & Activities (continued)

## Youth Market Turkey Show Interest Meeting:



**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**@ 6:00 pm** at the Alamance  
County Cooperative Extension Office.



All youth interested in participating in the 2015 4-H Youth Market Turkey Show at the NC State Fair!

This is a great opportunity for any youth interested in raising livestock and looking for a project to start with! Youth receive 1-3 turkey poulters and raise them until the NC State Fair in October. Youth will have the opportunity to show their birds and win prizes for their hard work. Youth will learn valuable life skills like record keeping, responsibility, showmanship, public speaking, and more!



Alamance County 4-Her Thomas Guthrie, showing his turkey at the NC State Fair Turkey Show

Online Registration Form (Required by 2/16):

<http://goo.gl/forms/DHYixaT6Tk>

For more information about the NC 4-H Youth Market Turkey program, visit:

<http://poultry4hyouth.ces.ncsu.edu/>

## 4-H Presentations



The 4-H Presentations Program is our public speaking component of 4-H.

This year, we will have appointments during the week of **April 27-May 1**, for 4-Hers to come to the Extension Office to give their presentations.

All you need to do is call the Extension Office at (336) 570-6740 or email and we'll schedule you for an appointment! Please call by **April 24** to set up an appointment and get started on those presentations now!

## Public Speaking Workshops:



Learn about Public Speaking from A-Z including: Choosing and preparing a topic, appropriate dress, using visual aids, and LOTS of practice and confidence building exercises.

**Where:** Alamance County Cooperative Extension Auditorium, 209-C N. Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington.

**When: Beginners: Monday, March 30 @ 6-8 pm**

This class is great for youth who have never done a presentation before and are just getting started.

**Intermediate: Tuesday, April 7 @ 6-8 pm**

Youth who have done presentations before can still learn and practice!

**Who:** ALL 4-H Youth ages 5-18

**Cost: FREE** - but Pre-Registration is required! Registration information will be sent out in March.



Save the Date for the....

## Food Fitness Fun Festival!

Saturday, May 16

10 am-4 pm with various activities scheduled throughout the day

Location: Tentatively - Fairchild Park, Burlington NC

The Inaugural Alamance 4-H Food Fitness Fun Festival will include a Culinary Showcase (similar to the old Nutrition Fair), a physical challenge, and LOTS of Fun!

More details including registration information will be sent out in March.

# Club Reports & Updates



Alamance County 4-Hers donated items and assembled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

## Dogwood Teens 4-H Club by Haylee Borden

Tis the season! On Friday, November 14, the Dogwood Teens 4-H club hosted a shoebox packing for Operation Christmas Child. Many thanks to the people who donated items. Due to your generosity, we were able to fill 33 shoeboxes. The shoeboxes will be delivered to children located all over the world. Members from multiple 4-H clubs showed up to help. The Dogwood Teens 4-H club would also like to thank Lamb's Chapel Church for covering the postage expense. We hope these shoeboxes put a BIG smile on a child's face!

## Wreath Sale Update

We had a great Wreath Sale! Alamance County 4-H sold 70 Fraser Fir Wreaths and 29 Boxwood Wreaths. Our total profit was \$928, which will go to our scholarships and county programming. Those 4-Hers who sold wreaths earned \$5 for every wreath they sold. A total of \$305 was earned by our 4-Hers. Thank you for your support of our 4-H program in Alamance County!



## Cards and Cookies Update

This is an annual event for Alamance County 4-H where we come together around the holidays for fun and fellowship and work together to give to others. On December 16, our 4-H youth and parents decorated over 300 cookies and made beautiful Holiday cards to give to local charities and community organizations including Allied Churches. We hope that the love we put into our creations is felt by all those who received them.



## 4-H Club Leader's Corner

### 2015 Leader Meetings

To be an official 4-H club, leaders must attend at least two (2) trainings throughout the year. Club leaders, please add the dates below to your calendars! We would like at least one adult leader from each club to be in attendance at this meeting. If you can't come, please ask another parent in your club to come in your place. Dinner will be provided.

- **Monday, February 16 @ 5:30 pm**
- **Monday, May 11 @ 5:30 pm**
- **Monday, August 17 @ 5:30 pm**
- **Monday, November 12 @ 5:30 pm**



### Monthly Club Reports

We have set up an easy way for you to submit information about what your club has been doing each month. This helps me in my reporting, and also helps me to know what you are doing in your clubs since I can't come to everyone's club meetings each month. Be sure to take time monthly to follow the link and include your club's information.

Club report link: <http://go.ncsu.edu/clubreport>



# In Memoriam: Meaghan Nicole Gerringer (1997-2014)



Cooperative Extension's Youth Development Program

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## Spotlight on Extension

4-H is just a part of Cooperative Extension. There are many other events and activities that go on in Extension. Here are a few that you might be interested in:

- **Alamance County 4-H Calendar online.** Click [here](#).
- **2015 Horticulture Classes—THINK GREEN THURSDAY classes (all classes are free)**  
Click here to: [Register online](#)

**January 29**—Spring Lawn Care

**February 12**—Grapevine Pruning w/Andy Zeman

**February 26**—Small Fruit

**March 12**—Composting

**March 26**—Pruning Trees and Shrubs

- **Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration, Wednesday, February 18 @ 1pm** at the Extension Office. Register online: <http://goo.gl/forms/KWZ1bEleX1>
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day—Saturday, April 18, 2015**, 8 am-1 pm Burlington Fire Training Center, 100 Stone Quarry Road, Haw River, NC
- **Locally Grown**—Looking for local farms and food in Alamance County? Looking for a local farmers markets? Visit our website for more information!

<http://go.ncsu.edu/alamancelocalfoods>



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