# Fall 2010

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We had a WONDERFUL summer! Thank you to everyone that participated in our many events, contests and workshops.

There is a hint of fall in the air, with cooler mornings and leaves already beginning to fall off the trees. That means that the Dixie Classic Fair is just around the corner! We hope to see you there.

Consider volunteering to help with the 4-H Operation Military Kids program. Volunteers are needed to write thank you notes to military personnel and their children. In addition, items are needed to be included in "Hero Packs" to distribute to children of military personnel. You can also sew backpacks or totes to put these items in. Contact the 4-H Extension office for details and specifications. If you would like to write letters or send care packages directly to military personnel please let us know. We have a former 4-H dad that is currently overseas that would love care packages from 4-H'ers...

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We have had both a local **horse producer** and an **alpaca breeder** that are 4-H alumni that have expressed an interest in letting 4-H members visit their farms and work with their animals for free. If you are interested or would like to schedule a **4-H dub tour** at either of these farms please let me know. They are both in the Walkertown area.

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GoExpo will offer 25 FREE workshops about sustainability, some tailored for homeowners, some for business owners, some for Spanish speakers, and some for everyone! Workshop titles include: "Why go green when you're barely breaking even?" "Greening your home with an energy audit," "Green gardening basics," and "Smarter water use for a greener tomorrow." See the complete line-up at:http:// www.cityofws.org/Home/Go/ Articles/ **GOExpoWorkshopsAndSeminars** 

The GoExpo is Saturday, Sept 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. http://www.GoExpoWS.com

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# Fun and Easy Service Project: Trick-or-treating for cans to help local food pantry!

Everyone loves trick-or-treating but what if you could serve your community while going door to door dressed in your favorite costume? Welcome to YOUth CAN a simple, unique and fun service project. Here's how it works:

- 1. Teams choose a neighborhood as their target donor.
- 2. One week before Halloween teams "canvas" their neighborhood leaving a packet one each doorstep consisting of a paper grocery bag with flyers explaining YOUth CAN and asking for donations of canned goods for their local food pantry.
- 3. On Halloween, teams trick-or-treat from door to door collecting the paper bags now filled with non-perishable food items to feed the hungry in their community.

Now is your chance to get involved! If you would like to lead or to be part of a team please contact Hosanna Gourley at HozannaG@gmail.com. Check out the blog at http://youthcanserviceproject.blogspot.com and get ready to have fun while serving!

### 98 Dollar Club

We would like to challenge your club to give \$93 to the Second Harvest Food

Bank or one of their partnering agencies. Then I would like to challenge each of you, as a 4-H member to give \$9.30. Why \$93? A woman in the grocery store forgot her wallet and couldn't pay for her

groceries. The woman behind her paid the \$207 bill. The lady was so thankful that the next day she repaid the lady with \$300. She decided to take the \$93 tip and donate it to the Second Harvest Food Bank which resulted in her friends joining her and forming the 93 dollar club. So join the 93 Dollar Club. Don't forget to tell me that you did it though by emailing 4H@forsyth.cc or calling me at 703-2855.



### MIGHTY DOLPHINS

The Mighty Dolphins 4-H club toured the PTI Airport in August.



The Mighty Dolphins would like to invite you to join them on Oct. 14th to hear a veterinarian speak. They meet at the VFW on Main Street. RSVP to club leader, Daphne Ammar at 575-0408.

On Saturday, Nov 13, you are also invited to participate with the club in the Veterans Day parade. Again please RSVP to Daphne. The club is also making placemats and sending them to the VA hospital and are writing letters once a month to soldiers who are stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This club is currently accepting new members so join in their fun or just come visit!

## Fall Target Sports Workshop

On October 22-24th, Millstone 4-H Center will be holding a Target Sports Workshop for adult volunteers. The cost is \$75 and registration is due October 14th. You must choose between shotgun, pistol, archery, muzzleloading or riffle as volunteers will only be trained in one discipline during this training. Adults should complete a 4-H volunteer application and be approved before registering for the workshop. Contact the 4-H office for forms.

## Tractor Supply Company

Visit Tractor Supply Company on October 2nd for out here with animals! If your 4-H club would like to hold a fundraiser there during this event please let me know.

4-H club members are also needed November 5-14 to help sell paper clovers at TSC. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to 4-H.

### PLEASE plan on participating!



# Trailblazers 4-H Club Update

The Trailblazers 4-H Club tie-dyed t-shirts at their last meeting. They also had a special guest from Japan, Shunta. He taught the club Japanese words and shared his scrapbook with the club. The group also held their monthly presentation at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living facility. In addition, four families participated in a special game day with the residents.

Four families picked produce at the Winston-Salem Children's home garden to help the Second Harvest Food Bank.



Celebrate the changing of the seasons at the Bur-Mil Park Fall Festival Saturday, October 9, 10 am-4 pm



Join us for games, prizes, crafts, a pumpkin patch, hayrides, 3-D dome experience, food and much, much more!

Admission is FREE. Call 336-373-3800 for more information or visit us on the web at www.burmilpark.org.

A special thanks to our sponsors:



# Congratulations!!!

# **District Activity Day**

#### **Gold Medalist**

Alex Arrowood 9-10 Forestry & Wildlife Hope Arrowood 11-13 Hort Production Bailee Phagan 9-10 Livestock Prod. Brandon Phagan 11-13 Bugs & Bees Nathan Barrick 14-18 Citizenship Samuel Barrick 11-13 Wheels & Engines Jessica Goodard 14-18 Public Speaking Emily Booze 14-18 Health & Fitness **Silver Medalist** 

Brian Phagan 14-18 Safety BJ Hutchins 11-13 Fishers & Aquatic Reaiah Byers 11-13 Hort Production **Bronze Medalist** 

April Mendenhall 14-18 Health & Fitness Laura Hutchins 14-18 Public Speaking

### **Poster Contests**

Winners of the county dairy poster contest included:

- 9-12 Andrew Pledger
- 13-15 N/A
- 16-19 Seth Barrick

Poultry Poster

- 9-10 Andrew Pledger
- 11-13 David Allen Pledger
- 14-19 April Mendenhall

### PHOTO CONTESTS

Hope Arrowood—Grand Champion OM K OM K Best of Show 11-12 1st Place 4-H Family Alex Arrowood— OM K Best of Show 9-10 year old 3rd Place 4-H in Action Honorable Mention Nature's Beauty Brandon Phagan—OM K Best of Show 13-15 year old Other OM K participants included: Brian Phagan Brynna Phagan Bailee Phagan Melanie Crews Lynae Bowman



# 4-H CONGRESS

Meghan Crawford and Josh Nzewi were both inducted into the 4-H Honor Club the highest honor one can receive in NC 4-H. Congratulations!

Alex and Hope Arrowood both earned Gold Medals for their presentations. Samuel Barrick pedaled his way to a silver medal while Brandon, Bailee and Brian Phagan all earned Bronze Medals.



**Seth Barrick** and **Josh Nzewi** both won trips to National 4-H Congress to be held in November through the 4-H Application, Interview, Resume and Essay contest. **Emily Booze** and **Brandon Joyce** also both participated in the contest.

### **TEEN LEADERSHIP FOCUS CONFERENCE**

Youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend a one day conference at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville on Saturday, November 20th. The cost is \$55 and one can of food. Payments accepted include cash, check or 4-H scholarship dollars and includes lunch, supper, materials and facilities as well as transportation. Participants will have the opportunity to take workshops that will help them become a 4-H ambassador as well as workshops related to our State 4-H theme of "Hungry to Help" and leadership. If you are unavailable to attend on the 20th but would like to participate we may be able to arrange for you to participate in workshops at Sertoma 4-H Center on Saturday, November 13th. Registration is due November 1st.

### **4-H International Exchange Program**

My trip to Japan left me with experiences that I will never forget. The moment I arrived in my host family's hometown, I was rushed to their home to drop off my luggage. My host brother was waiting for me at a festival. We have surely changed a lot in the two years since his homestay at my house. In the festival, I beat a drum that was being carried by my host brother and another student, while we walked through the streets. The next day I attended a LABO/welcome party. About twenty LABO youth joined us to play games, eat noodles flowing down a bamboo pipe, and end the night with fireworks.



Monday began one of the most enjoyable experiences I had while I was there – Sudo Junior High School. I thought I would never say this; but, I actually liked school (not having to study was a plus, too). I spent eight days at school learning a lot of Japanese. I could understand, to an extent, math, science, and English class. After school, I chose to be part of the basketball club. Even though the style of play and the court were different, it was easy to adapt; and I was able to use basketball as a connection to make new friends and enjoy Japanese culture.

My host family took me to many different places while I was in Japan. Although Fuji, where I stayed, is not exactly in the Tokyo area, we made the trip to KIE, a International

Exchange meeting for students near the Tokyo area. We also went to Tokyo Disney Sea where everything is still "magical" even though it is in a different language. We enjoyed going to Kakegawa castle, "relaxing" at an onsen, and visiting the popular imperial shrine and a buddist temple. Near the end of my visit, my host brother and I attended LABO camp. LABO camp was different from any camp I have ever been to. We stayed in lodges with about thirty other LABO youth. Basically we played games with others in the lodge. We slept on futons and ate on tables a few inches from the ground, which is not very comfortable for tall people with long legs.



Fuji gets its name because it sits right on the foot of Mt. Fuji. Although I occasionally saw glimpses of Mt. Fuji during my stay, it wasn't until the last day I was in Fuji that I could clearly see Mt. Fuji. The moment I saw it I realized why it is so symbolic of Japan. It is monstrous yet beautiful. Later that night some of us

exchange students went on a tour of Shinjuku, Tokyo, where we spotted Mt. Fuji far in the distance from the top of the Metropolitain Government Building. What an amazing way to end an amazing trip!

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Below are some upcoming dates. Contact us for more information on any of these events. <u>http://www.forsyth.cc/CES/4-H/</u> <u>4H@forsyth.cc</u> <u>336-703-2850</u>

Sept 25	Alpaca Day; <u>http://www.diastolealpacafarm.com/</u>
Sept 25	Go Expo, Benton Convention Center, 9-4
Oct 1-10	Dixie Classic Fair; <u>http://www.dcfair.org</u>
Oct 12-13	4th Grade Heritage Program, Bethabara Park; Contact us for more info.
Oct 14	Mighty Dolphins 4-H Club, Veterinarian Speaker
Oct 22	4th Grade Heritage Days, Horne Creek Farm
Oct 22-24	Target Sports Training, Millstone 4-H Center
Nov 1	RSVP for Veterans Day parade
Nov 1	Registration due for State Council Teen Leader Training
Nov 2	Election Day, GO (with your parents to) VOTE!
Nov 5-14	4-H Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promo
Nov 6	NCD 4-H Volunteer Leaders Fall Day, Walnut Cove
Nov 13	Veterans Day Parade, 4th and Spring Street, 9:30 am
Nov 20	State Council Conference/Teen Leader Training
Dec 10	Holiday Open House, Sciworks, 4:00-8:00; FREE

**Electric Congress**—Meghan Crawford, Kathleen Crawford, 4-H Volunteer, Emily Gilmore, Hosanna Gourley,, Tenley Long, 4-H Volunteer, Josiah Gourley, Adam Crawford, attended 4-H Electric Congress at UNC Wilmington in July. They brought their knowledge back with them to teach a Summer Adventures workshop.



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