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New 4-H Agent



We would like to welcome Ms. Shanika Gray, to our staff. She began work on Monday, November 11th as the new 4-H Youth Development Agent employed by NC A&T State University. Prior to joining 4-H, Shanika was employed by the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Schools as a teacher for six years and also spent two years as a Parent Involvement and Business Partnership Coordinator. She graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Political Science. Shanika also has a certification in Nonprofit Management from Duke University. She is the oldest of ten siblings and is the proud owner of one dog, CoCo. With a passion for youth and education she has been a volunteer with Crosby Scholars for 10 years and a mentor to several young adults.

New Teen 4-H Club

Walkertown 4-H Club - The Walkertown Wolfpack 4-H Club is accepting new teen members. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in Walkertown at Love's United Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining, let Mrs. April know! For more information:

Youth can contact Destiny Eller at [336-423-1534](tel:336-423-1534)

Parents can contact Jenny Shrewsbury at [336-423-7564](tel:336-423-7564)



Your Input is Needed!

Hopefully, you all know that 4-H is part of the [North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service](#).

As we near our centennial celebration, we are asking for your input into our future.

Forsyth County is hosting a listening session at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Center at 1450 Fairchild Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27105 in the County Agricultural Building on December 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Dr. Joe Zublena, N.C. Cooperative Extension Service director, will be in attendance to engage in discussion about the organization's future.



“I cannot state enough the importance of this endeavor and the need for participation and feedback from the public. At Cooperative Extension's core are people and communities, and it's their input we need to ensure another century of educational services for the people of North Carolina,” said Zublena.

Register here: http://go.ncsu.edu/2013_nces_listening_sessions

Cooperative Extension in North Carolina has seen recurring federal and state budget cuts of around \$20 million since 2000, leaving roughly 90 positions unfilled – mostly at the county level – over the past four years. The listening sessions and strategic planning process were implemented to help the organization adapt accordingly to the economic environment and resulting impacts going forward.

Participant feedback gathered during the listening sessions will be reviewed and analyzed starting in January and will assist in the development of a recommended action plan to meet the needs of Cooperative Extension and its partners for the future.

N.C. Cooperative Extension was founded in 1914, in conjunction with the [national Cooperative Extension System](#), as part of the Smith-Lever Act. The organization will officially turn 100 on May 8, 2014.

“North Carolina Cooperative Extension has built and maintained a high level of success over the last century,” said Zublena. “This is a journey we have to make together – employees, public and partners – and I believe that collectively we'll navigate Cooperative Extension through this process to another century of success.”

Community Service Opportunity

The Relatives as Parents Program, RAPP, is looking for sponsors for their annual Holiday Project. You can sponsor an individual family, multiple families, or only youth.

Visit <http://www.forsyth.cc/?StoryID=18915> for more information or call Katie McDaniel at 703-3744.





REQUIRED LEADER TRAINING

4-H Club Update for 4-H Club Leaders and Treasurers

At the state Extension Conference in November, Shannon McCollum released updated materials related to club finances. As a result, a few of the 4-H forms that club leaders should complete every year have changed. Mrs. April will be holding a meeting at the Extension office on **December 10 at 6:30pm** to discuss these and other important changes.

EVERY 4-H Club Leader, Adult Club Treasurer and 4-H Advisory Committee Member (and any other adult volunteer that would like to attend) really needs to attend this training. If this training time doesn't work for you, please email or call Mrs. April to set-up an additional time when you can be trained.



NCSU 4-H Staff Update

NC State University has re-structured their 4-H staff. As of January 1st, the State Program Leader for 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences will be vacant. Dr. Marshall Stewart has accepted a position as the special assistant to the Dean and Director of the College Strategy and Leadership team for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State University.

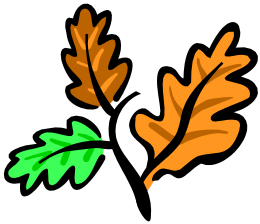
- ⇒ **Dr. Mitzi Downing** is now the Assistant State 4-H and FCS Program Leader and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Specialist as well as the 4-H Alumni and Friends coordinator. She will also be the Interim Associate Director and State Program Leader for 4-H Youth Development and FCS starting on January 1, 2014.
- ⇒ **Amy Chilcote** handles our 4-H curriculum.
- ⇒ **Larry Hancock and Dave Herpy** are our 4-H Camping Specialists.
- ⇒ **Sarah Kotzian** coordinates the State 4-H officer team, the 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association and 4-H programs (Congress, District and State Council, Youth Summit, State 4-H Volunteer Leader's Conference, etc.).
- ⇒ **Shannon McCollum** handles the 4-H Awards Program (project records, Ambassador, Presentations), coordinates all field faculty training, is the Manager for the 4-H International program and is the leader for 4-H Club Development.
- ⇒ **Ellen Woodward** is the Administrative Support for the above staff.

Other 4-H staff that you may be familiar with, such as Dr. Harriett Edwards, Dr. Dale Safrit, and Dr. Ben Silliman, are part of the 4-H (Teaching) Department at NCSU.



4-H Camp

If you are between the ages of 8 and 14 and are interested in attending over-night 4-H camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center this summer please let us know. The cost for this is \$420 for youth ages 8-12 and \$440 for youth ages 13-14 doing the Treker program. This includes your lodging, meals, store money for snacks, a t-shirt and programming/staff supervision. Betsy-Jeff Penn is an American Camp Association accredited facility. Read more at <http://www.acacamps.org/accreditation/stds glance>.



NC 4-H Dairy Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to David Allen Pledger who placed third in the 13-15 year old **NC 4-H Dairy Poster Contest**. David Allen will receive \$50 cash in prizes from the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association (SUDIA).



CIA

(Carolina Inspirational Artists)

The **CIA band** has been practicing their act for the talent show. The CIA Chorus has been working hard preparing songs to perform at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living Center, practicing handbells, learning about sunflowers, insect pests, and hunting for interesting things in nature. -by David Allen Pledger, Reporter



Forsyth Forestry Sweeps State Competition

On Saturday, October 5, our Forsyth County 4-H Forestry teams competed in the state level forestry competition in Raleigh, NC. The competition was held in the Schenk forest and included compass and pacing, tree identification, tree measurement, and the identification of 10 insects and 10 tree diseases. Our Junior and Senior teams each earned 1st place. First, 2nd, and 3rd place individuals were also won by our team members. Senior

team members are Hope Arrowood, Samuel Barrick, Kade Henderson, and Jacob Kline. Alex Arrowood, Spencer Cook, Addie Knepp, Lily Knepp, and Andrew Pledger make up the Junior team. Ethan Cook and Luke Arrowood are non-competing members this year.

Congratulations to these teams. - by Alex Arrowood

North Central District 4-H Winterfest!

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Forsyth Cooperative Extension Office
1450 Fairchild Rd, Winston Salem NC

Arrival Time: 9:00—9:30 A.M.

Cost: \$20 per person Payment (cash, check or 4-H scholarship dollars) and Registration is due to Kathy Hepler by Tuesday, December 10th

HELLO NCD 4-H'ers,

We want you to be part of our NCD 4-H **WInTerFesT!** It's a one day event where you will have the opportunity to participate in service projects at a local food shelter. Then we will enjoy a warm lunch (provided) and a fun social time to connect with your NCD **4-H** family!

For the afternoon **FUN TIME**, you have a choice of AirBound (a trampoline park), or bowling. **NOTE:** Mrs. April is going bowling. Another adult will chaperone youth going to the trampoline park. Both activities are at your own risk. We promise that both are going to be a ton of fun!

This year we are opening up NCD 4-H Winterfest! to some of our younger 4-H'ers to show them how much fun it is to participate on the district level. We also want to get them looking forward to upcoming state events! So please don't hesitate to encourage 4-H members 12 years old and up to register!

We are also excited to announce our 2014 Teen Retreat T-shirt design contest! This year's Teen Retreat theme is "Happy Birthday, Betsy-Jeff Penn, 50 Years of 4-H". Please submit your designs electronically by January 1, 2014 via e-mail to peggie.lewis@ncsu.edu. Please make sure to include the 4-H clover and "Join The Revolution of Responsibility" in the design. Designs will be voted on at NCD 4-H Winterfest! and the winner will receive a free 4-H Teen Retreat registration*.

Thank y'all!

Can't wait to see you at Winterfest!

~Your North Central District 4-H Officers:
Gabrielle, Khalil, Killian, and Madaline



*PLEASE NOTE: The winning prize is non-transferable nor will a cash prize be given.

Livestock Judging & Skill-a-thon



Forsyth/Stokes Skill-a-thon Team
Kate Hice, Lynae Bowman & Hannah King



Congratulations to the Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon participants who brought home several plaques and rosettes from the 2013 NC State Fair contest!

Lynae Bowman – 2nd Place Junior Overall Judging, 1st Meat Goat, 1st Swine, 10th Junior Overall Skill-a-thon

Hannah King – 2nd Swine, 7th Overall Junior Judging, 4th Reasons, 3rd Junior Overall Skill-a-thon

Josie Stanberry – 4th Meat Goats

Kate Hice – 4th Senior Overall Judging, 1st Swine, 4th Meat Goats, 5th (tied for 3rd) Senior Overall Skill-a-thon



Forsyth/Stokes Livestock Judging Team - Emma Stanberry, Josie Stanberry, Hannah King, Lynae Bowman and Kate Hice

Junior Team - Lynae Bowman, Hannah King

Emma Stanberry and Josie Stanberry :

2nd Place Junior Team Overall Judging

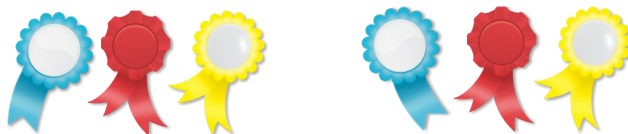
1st Place Junior Meat Goat Team

1st Place Junior Swine Team

2nd Junior Team Reasons

2nd Junior Team Sheep

3rd Junior Team Beef Cattle



Top Junior Team Goats & Swine
with Chris Jeffcoat, Livestock Agent



Forsyth/Stokes Livestock Judging & Skill-a-thon Team Members with Chris Jeffcoat, Livestock Agent

4-H Coming Events

Below are some upcoming dates. Contact us for more information on any of these events.

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Nov 28-29	Office closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 3	Extension Listening Session, 6:30pm at Forsyth CES
Dec 10	REQUIRED 4-H Club Leader Training, 6:30pm at Forsyth CES
Dec 10	WinterFest registration due at Forsyth CES
Dec 24	Office closes at noon for Christmas
Dec 25-26	Office closed for Christmas

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Jan 10	Meat Goat Leadership Institute applications due in Raleigh
Jan 10	NC Beef Leadership Institute applications due in Raleigh
Jan 11	WinterFest - 9am at Forsyth CES
Jan 14	County Council Meeting, 4pm at Forsyth CES
Jan 14	4-H Project Record Books due, 4pm at Forsyth CES
Jan 21	Portfolio (Cumulative) Records & Achievement Plans Due, 4pm
Jan 21	Group/Club/Individual Community Service Awards applications due, 4pm
Jan 25	Judging in January Livestock Contest, NCSU Beef Unit
Jan 28	Achievement Night RSVP deadline
Jan 31– Feb 2	NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Conference, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham
Feb 4	Achievement Night, 6pm at Forsyth CES
Feb 8	Meat Goat Leadership Institute, Raleigh
Feb 14-16	NC Beef Leadership Institute, Hickory
Feb 18	District 4-H Officer Candidates Applications Due (postmark deadline)
Feb 22-23	State 4-H Council Congress Planning Meeting, Raleigh
Feb 28	4-H Plant Sale Orders due
Mar 4	Talent Show, 6:30pm at Forsyth CES
Mar 27-28	4-H Plant Sale at Forsyth CES
Apr 1	4-H Presentations, 6pm at Forsyth CES
Apr 12	District Activity Day, Surry County Community College
May 15	State 4-H Officer Candidates Applications Due (postmark deadline)
June 21-24	NC 4-H Congress, Raleigh
July 14-16	Electric Congress, location TBD in Western NC