

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

July 2018



From the Agent:

I hope you are having a great summer! It's a fun and busy time in 4-H, with Summer Fun activities, 4-H Congress and more! It's also a great time to start making plans for 2018 Project Record Books, Achievement Plans and 4-H Club involvement. Don't forget about brainstorming a topic for the 2019 4-H Presentations!

Please let me know how I can assist you and your children as they dive further into their 4-H experience!

Remember, if you or your club want to highlight any of your activities or achievements with a short write-up or picture and caption, it must be to me by the 25th of the month prior to the newsletter being published.

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Pick up your 4-H t-shirt!

4-H t-shirts have arrived and look great! If you pre-ordered a t-shirt, please come by the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office from 8:30 AM-4:45 PM Monday-Friday to pick up your shirt. Payment is required at pick up (cash or check made out to Rowan County CES). Each shirt is \$10. We did order a few extras, so if you're interested, please email Laura at laura_allen@ncsu.edu.





4-H Booth help at Farmers Day, July 21!

4-H will have a booth set up at Farmers Day in downtown China Grove as part of the Rowan Cooperative Extension booth. **Farmers Day is on Saturday, July 21 from 8 am until 4 pm.** Since 4-H Congress is going on at the same time, those attending Congress will not be able to man the booth, including me. We **MUST** have 4-H'ers, leaders, PALS members and/or parents help man the booth. The County Council members are creating a display board and 4-H items have been bought to pass out to Farmers Day attendees. We just need people there to pass out items, field questions and promote 4-H.

We will have 2 shifts for the 4-H booth: 7:30 AM-11:30 AM; 11:30 AM-4 PM.

Extension Agents will load up and take all the materials for the booth to downtown China Grove. The early shift will help unload and set up the booth and the late shift will help take down and pack up the booth. All shift workers will meet at the Farmers Day event.

To make this a success, we need your help! Please consider working a shift! **If you plan on working a shift, please email Laura at laura_allen@ncsu.edu.** More information will be sent to those who sign up for shifts.

Club Leaders

Please make sure you get your current club member list updated on the google sheet I emailed out to you. I am still missing this information from several clubs. I also need information regarding your meeting times/dates.

If you have new club members, make sure that they have completed enrollment and medical forms for 2018. The original **MUST** be on file at the extension office and then a copy can be made for your records. You are expected to have a copy of their forms with you for all 4-H activities.

For 2019, all enrollment and medical forms will be on 4HOnline. I have not yet been trained on this system, but should be soon. I will probably start working with some of you individually to get a few members entered online so that we can play with the system...I think that will be the best way for me to learn how the system works. Stay tuned!

Please encourage your club members to participate in the 4-H Achievement Plan, Project Record Books and 4-H Presentations. All of these help your members grow and



develop as a 4-H'er and as a citizen.

Once summer is over, I plan to visit each of your club meetings to see you and your members in action! In the future, I also plan to meet with all club leaders to assess needs, gather ideas, and understand the assistance or support needed from me.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

Click here for more information:

[Achievement Plan](#)

[Project Record Books and Presentations](#)

Start a 4-H Club!

Are you interested in starting your own 4-H club to meet the needs and interests of your family or community? If so, here are the requirements to charter a new 4-H Club:



1. Must have at least 1 approved volunteer to lead the group (having co-leaders is also recommended). Volunteers must fill out an application and go through a background check.
2. The club must have at least 5 members from at least 3 different families.
3. A written program of work must be completed for the first 6 meetings and must be been submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.
4. The club is organized with appropriate youth leaders that are either rotated or elected.
5. A club roster is completed and submitted to the county Cooperative Extension office.

An approved 4-H charter application must be on file at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office and each club must re-charter annually. 4-H members must fill out 4-H enrollment and medical forms annually.

Please email laura_allen@ncsu.edu if you are interested in starting a club!

Click here for more information:

[4-H Clubs](#)

Upcoming Meetings

July 13, 1 PM

County Council workday: County Council members will be creating the display for Farmers Day. Bring copies of pictures involving 4-H that you want featured on the board. They need to



be 4x6 and printed on picture paper (from Walgreens, Wal-Mart, etc.).

July 17, 6 PM

County Council Meeting: This is our July meeting. Bring any new items of business that you want to share and be ready to finish up the Farmers Day display, if needed. Remember, this group is for any Rowan County 4-H'er age 12-18 as of January 1st).

August 21, 6 PM:

County Council: From 6-6:30 PM, you will have a "work/planning" time prior to the meeting while I meet with PALS. Our official meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

PALS: This meeting is for any parent, alumni, or leader (or anyone at all) who supports 4-H. Please come share your ideas for 4-H and help us find ways to support Rowan County 4-H.



4-H Fundraiser at Tractor Supply

SAVE THE DATE: October 6, 2018

We will be selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and baked goods outside of Tractor Supply in Salisbury! This will be a 4-H fundraiser and we need 4-H clubs, 4-H members, volunteers and parents to find a way to help! County Council is heading up this fundraiser and will be the lead planners in this fundraiser. More information will be shared later, but make sure you have this date saved!



NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association

SAVE THE DATE! The NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association will hold their summer meeting on Sunday, July 22 from 3:30-5 PM. The meeting will be held in Room 9 of the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

All North Carolina 4-H Volunteers are invited to attend this meeting.

4-H Shout-outs!



-Five Rowan County 4-H'ers competed in presentations at District Activity Day on June 19 in Harnett County. Those presenting included: Jaysa Causby (gold), Holly Wallace (gold), Sara Blandino (silver), Christian Stebe (silver) and Kailey Newsome. Jaysa, Holly and Christian will all be presenting at the state competition on July 21. Congratulations to all!

-Thanks to all who filled out project record books for 2017. The winners for the South Central District were recently announced. Our Rowan County winners are:

Gold medal:

- Sara Blandino, age 9-10, category: Plant Science
- Madisyn White, age 9-10, category: Citizenship & Civic Education.

Silver medal:

- Christian Stebe, age 11-12, topic: Personal Development & Leadership.

Bronze medal:

- Christian Stebe, age 11-12, topic: Environmental Science
- Madisyn White, age 9-10, topic: Animal Science.

-Special thanks to the East Equine Explorers 4-H Club for hosting the Summer Fun Cloverbud Horse Camp! You all did a great job sharing your knowledge!

-Congratulations to Sam Oster who competed in the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition on the NC team. This contest was held in Nebraska at the end of June.

-Good luck to the following 4-H'ers who will be competing in the 4-H State Horse Show July 4-8:

- East Equine Explorers: Jaysa Causby, Micah Furr, Nicole Lackey, Madisyn White
- BCR Trailblazers: Emily Barlow, Josie Correll, Baylee Hampton, Kayla Hampton, Madison Hampton
- Blazing Hooves: Livvie Hill, Charlene Holt, Tiffin Jacobs, Baydn Sweatt

-4-H'ers Nathan Gobble and Sam Oster will be attending 4-H Electric Congress July 10-12.

-Good luck to the Rowan County 4-H Jr. & Sr. Poultry Judging teams that will be competing on July 20 in Raleigh!

- Junior team: Talton Correll, Lucas Parker, Joshua Wilson
- Senior team: Josie Correll, Dylan Hawkey, John Lee

-Emily Barlow, Kayleigh Hill and Holly Wallace will be attending 4-H Congress July 21-24 in Raleigh.

I've had some folks mention that they would like for 4-H to have a Remind 101 account. It is a website where folks can enter their phone numbers to receive text reminders from me about 4-H happenings. These reminders would mainly be about fundraisers, PALS, RACE or County Council meetings , but possibly other things.

In order for 4-H to establish a Remind 101, I need at least 20 folks willing to sign up. I've been working hard to keep you updated via email, newsletters, Facebook and Twitter and don't want to add another outlet of communication unless it is needed or wanted by several people.

If you would like for 4-H to have a Remind 101 account for text reminders, please click on the link below.

[I am interested in 4-H Remind 101](#)

Upcoming Events

July 4-8: NC 4-H State Horse Show
July 9: Broiler Project Mandatory Meeting, 6 PM
July 10-12: Electric Congress
July 13: County Council workday, 1 PM
July 17: County Council meets, 6 PM
July 20: NC 4-H Poultry Judging Contest
July 21: Farmers Day, China Grove (come work at the 4-H Booth)
July 21: NC 4-H State Presentation Finals
July 21-24: NC 4-H Congress (will leave on July 20 at 4 PM)
July 26-28: NC 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
August 18: Central Region Shooting Sports Tournament
August 21: PALS & County Council meet, 6 PM
August 24-25: NCACC Youth Voice Summit
September 14-23: Rowan County Fair

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