

Clover Connection

Rowan County 4-H Newsletter

August 2018



From the Agent:

Summer is dwindling down, but what a fun and busy summer it has been! My first 4-H Congress experience was great and our Summer Fun workshops have been lots of fun as well!

The Fall will be just as busy for many of our 4-H'ers. We have 10 youth participating in the broiler project and many youth gearing up for showing animals at local fairs. We also have 4-H'ers getting involved in projects for their project record books.

Over the last several weeks, I have had lots of calls and emails from parents interested in getting their youth involved in 4-H. 4-H offers so many opportunities that every child can benefit from, so please help your children take hold of those opportunities.

Please let me know how I can assist you and your children during your 4-H experience!

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Pick up your 4-H t-shirt!

There are still a few of you that need to pick up the 4-H t-shirts you ordered. 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.



NC 4-H Dairy Youth Photo Contest

Interested youth can participate in the NC Dairy Photo Contest. Competition in this contest will be conducted on an individual basis in Division I (9-12 years of age), Division II (13-15 years of age), and Division III (16-19 years of age) at the county and state level. Youth in Division IV (5-8 years of age) will participate on a non-competitive basis at the county level only. Youth in Division IV may choose to still enter a poster, rather than a photograph, in the local contest.



Any Rowan County youth interested in this contest MUST turn in their entry to Laura Allen by Monday, August 20. The entries will then be judged at the county level and sent to state competition. The rules are linked below. Please let me know if you have questions!

[Dairy Photo Contest Rules](#)



4-H Club Fair Booths

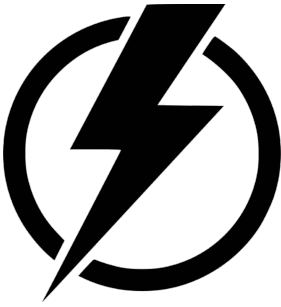
I highly encourage each 4-H club to have a 4-H booth at the Rowan County Fair! This is a great way to advertise your particular club and help others know about 4-H. Plus, there is money involved for the top 4 winners. The prizes are: First \$90 Second \$80 Third \$75 Fourth \$70.

Your club booth must be attractive and the content can be anything...it can advertise your club and what you've been doing, it can be leadership focused, it can be educational, etc. It's whatever your club members want it to be, as long as it is neat and attractive.

I do not know the exact location of the booths yet. I do know that it will be up against a solid wall that has no place to hang things. So, if you want to hang a sign, you need to have your own free standing sign holder. Otherwise, your signs need to be on a table, etc. You will need to bring your own table and supplies to create your booth, nothing will be provided.

Your booth will need to be put up on Thursday, September 13.

If your club wants to participate, you must let me know by 5 PM on Monday, August 13. I do have to let the fair know how many booth spaces we will need so that they can plan accordingly, so don't let that date pass you by or it will be too late.



4-H Electric Workshop!

Volunteer Charles Nettles, with the help of 4-H'er Sam Oster, will be conducting an Electric Workshop on Saturday, August 11 from 9 am-3 pm at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office.

This workshop, which was limited to 10 participants, is already full. However, if you are still interested, please email or call with your child's name, age and a good contact for you and we will add your child to the waiting list. If a future event is offered, we'll already have names of those wishing to participate!

Club Leaders

-Please update your member list on the google sheet emailed out to you a while back. Thanks to those who have done this! I'm only missing a couple clubs.

-As you get new club members, please keep me updated. We MUST make sure you have a copy of their form and that I have the original form in the office. I've been sending out info to lots of folks recently who are interested in 4-H Clubs!

-Just as a reminder, the 4-H year runs from January-December. New forms must be filled out each year for 4-H'ers (will be online starting in 2019). Club charters must also be renewed annually.

-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.

-If any of you are in need of material to assist you with your monthly club meetings, I have lots of curriculum books in the office. Please stop by sometime and look through them!

-As a reminder, each club should be having monthly business meetings (using parliamentary procedure). If any of you need assistance with this, please let me know. I will be planning volunteer trainings this fall to make sure we are all on the same page!

-I look forward to visiting all of your clubs once the busy season is over....this will happen after the Rowan County Fair.



THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

Click here for more information:

[Achievement Plan](#)

[Project Record Books and Presentations](#)

[4-H Ambassador Program](#)

Since I've had a lot of interest lately, I'm sharing this again: 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 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

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. Remember, this group is for any Rowan County 4-H'er age 12-18 as of January 1st). This group will meet at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office in the conference room in Suite A.

PALS: This meeting is for any parent, alumni, or leader (or anyone at all) who supports 4-H. If you are interested in 4-H or

new to 4-H, you are invited to attend this meeting as well! Please come share your ideas for 4-H and help us find ways to support Rowan County 4-H. This group will meet at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office in Auditorium A.

August 30, 7 PM:

RACE: This group is for anyone involved in and interested in the equine 4-H program in Rowan County. This will be a very important meeting regarding the future of RACE, so please be in attendance. This group will meet at the Rowan County Cooperative Extension office in Auditorium A. (The RACE board of directors will meet at 6 PM).

September 11, 6 PM:

County Council: The September County Council meeting date has changed due to a training conference I have to attend. We will NOT meet on Sept. 6 and WILL meet on Sept. 11 at 6 PM in the Suite A Conference Room.



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.

Please start thinking about how you could assist with this event! More information will be shared soon!

4-H Shout-outs!

-The Rowan County 4-H Jr. & Sr. Poultry Judging teams did a great job at their competition on July 20 in Raleigh! A special congratulations to Josie Correll who was the 3rd high individual in the senior division!

Junior team: Talton Correll, Lucas Parker, Joshua Wilson

Senior team: Josie Correll, Dylan Hawkey, John Lee



-Three Rowan County 4-H'ers competed in the State Presentation Finals on July 21 in Raleigh. Those presenting included: Jaysa Causby (gold) in Agricultural Science, Christian Stebe (bronze) in Bugs & Bees, and Holly Wallace in the Open category. Congratulations to all!

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

-Congratulations to Sam Oster and Nathan Gobble who participated in 4-H Electric Congress on July 10-12.

-Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who will be competed 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

-Good luck to Jaysa Causby, Micah Furr and Nicole Lackey as they compete in the Southern Regional Horse Show this week!

-THANK YOU to County Council for creating a wonderful display board for Farmers Day and THANK YOU to all those who worked at the 4-H Booth at Farmers Day in China Grove on July 21! The booth looked great and you all did a great job advertising 4-H! I've already had some folks contact me after seeing the booth at that event.

-Good luck to all Hot Shots club members competing in the Central Region Shooting Sports Tournament on August 18!

-Holly Wallace will be representing Rowan County 4-H at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Youth Voice Summit on August 24-25.



East Equine Explorers

Submitted by Dr. Ann Furr

The East Equine Explorers competed at the State 4-H Horse Show in July. As a part of the non trotting division, members showed in several classes, including gaited pleasure, equitation, western pleasure, dressage and showmanship and versatility. Especially fun was the costume class held on Saturday night. The club represented "the Original HorsePower" by dressing in racing gear and simulating a Pit Stop on Madisyn White's horse, Castile Centellas. The group checked her tires (hooves), checked the engine (listened to heart) and gave the "driver" water. Congratulations to Micah, Nicole, Madisyn and Jaysa!



Sam Oster attends 4-H Electric Congress & Competes in National Shooting Sports

Submitted by: Cheryl Oster

Rowan County 4-H'er Sam Oster attended the 71st annual 4-H Electric Congress held at UNC Wilmington. He attended as a Rowan County Portfolio Delegate. While there he participated in several workshops, enjoyed a sightseeing cruise and met lots of new 4-H'ers from across the state. The most exciting part was having the honor of presiding over Electric Congress on Wednesday. He was nervous but did great. He is looking forward to attending next year and is already working on his portfolio.

Sam Oster competed in the 4-H National Shooting Sports held in Grand Island, Nebraska the last week of June. He was a member of the North Carolina Air Pistol Team. He shot his best score ever in slow fire and represented Rowan County and NC well. Thanks to all the clubs and individuals who helped sponsor him on his trip. It was his first flight and first time out west. It was an amazing experience. He had the honor of being asked to lead the pledges on the second day.



remind ¹⁰¹ Remind 101 Update

Last month, I had folks fill out a google form if they were interested in a Remind 101 for 4-H. At this time, we do not have enough folks interested in this for it to happen. We will revisit this again in 2019.

Upcoming Events

August 18: Central Region Shooting Sports Tournament
August 20: Dairy Photo Contest Submissions due to Laura
August 21: PALS & County Council meet, 6 PM
August 24-25: NCACC Youth Voice Summit
August 30: RACE meeting, 7 PM (RACE Board of Directors at 6 PM)
September 11: County Council Meeting, 6 PM
September 14-22: Rowan County Fair
October 6: 4-H Fundraiser at Tractor Supply
October 3-14: Paper Clover Week at Tractor Supply

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