



Alleghany Clover News

April, 2016

Amy Lucas, 4-H Agent

4-H PLANT SALE

ALLEGHANY 4-H IS CURRENTLY TAKING ORDERS FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE.

The following types of plants are available to purchase:

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| **Blueberries | **Raspberries |
| **Blackberries | **Rhubarb |
| **Flowers | **Strawberries |
| **Herbs | **Vegetables |



All plant orders are due by **Monday, April 18, 2016**. Payment is due at the time the orders are placed.

The pick-up dates for blueberries are **Mon. & Tues., April 11-12 (9am-5pm)** and the pick-up dates for all other plants are **Thurs. & Fri, April 21st & 22nd (9am-5pm)** Alleghany County Office Building.

**** We can accept credit/debit cards for payment, with a small fee of 3.75% or less charged. Phone orders can/will be accepted with a credit/debit card purchase. ****

For an order form, visit the 4-H blog or contact the Extension Office. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 336-372-5597.

ALL proceeds will help send kids to summer camp and other summer fun opportunities.

NCSU Farm Animal Days



NCSU Farm Animal Days will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday **April 13th to 15th** at the Beef Unit at Lake Wheeler Road Field Lab, 4505 Mid Pines Road, Raleigh, NC.

Farm Animal Days give children a chance to see and touch farm animals and learn about agriculture; tractors will also be on display. The event is designed for school field trips (pre-school through first grade). Families and individuals are still welcome to attend. For more information visit:

<https://www.cals.ncsu.edu/faranimaldays/>

Presentation Workshop

Who: Youth ages 5+
When: Wednesday, April 27; 4-5 pm
Where: County Office Building - 90 S Main St.
Cost: FREE
Registration Deadline: Monday, April 25

There will be a Presentation workshop on **Wednesday April 27th** from 4-5 pm if you would like to learn about presentations and find out exactly what they are all about. Teen 4-Her's that have presented at County, District and State Levels will be available to provide tips and advice on how to make a winning presentation and will answer your questions. **You must register by Monday, April 25.**

You can register by calling the office or registering online at the link below:
<http://goo.gl/forms/EAscG5ZzVX>



4-H CITIZENSHIP NC FOCUS

Who: Youth ages 14-18 (must be 14 as of Jan 1, 2016)
(limited to two participants from each county)
When: June 13-15
Where: Sheraton Raleigh
Cost: \$200 per youth (scholarships may be available)
Registration Deadline: May 11



4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus will be held June 13-15, 2016 in Raleigh at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel. Some of the highlights include: * Citizenship themed workshops * Panel discussions * Distinguished speakers * Legislative breakfast * Visits with elected officials

In order to be considered as a participant, please fill out the registration form found on the blog or Facebook page and return to the office with a \$50 deposit. Since spaces are extremely limited, if you are not chosen your deposit will be refunded.

Application, Resume, Interview & Essay

Who: Youth ages 11-18
Cost: FREE

AIRE (Application, Resume, Interview and Essay) is a workforce development and college prep program.

Youth, ages 11 - 18, are eligible participate in this program in one of two ways.

Option 1: Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program portfolio (online PDF) and submit it for review by our AIRE judges. All participants submitting an AIRE portfolio will be invited to participate in either the competitive portfolio review (open to youth ages 14-18) or in the non-competitive portfolio review (open to youth ages 11-13), which takes place annually during NC 4-H Congress. Youth participating in the competitive AIRE review process are eligible to be selected to attend national events such as National Congress, National Conference, and International Leadership Conference. *

Option 2: Youth participate in this program by completing the AIRE program portfolio (online PDF) as self-study and/or as part of their local 4-H program. Option 2: Does not require the participant to submit their AIRE portfolio for review.

Requirements for the AIRE packet submission are listed on the Application Cover Sheet. Please note that the packets are due to the office by **Wednesday, May 18th**. *AIRE Interviews will take place on Monday, July 18, 2016 (during NC 4-H Congress).

Want to know more about AIRE??? We will be having an AIRE overview on **Monday, May 2 at 5:30 pm** at the County Office Building. You must RSVP to attend. Contact the office at (336) 372-5597 or registering online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/Pyk8ro9eQm>

County Activity Day & Talent Show (4-H Entertains)

Who: Youth ages 5+ (competitive level begins at age 9)
When: Wednesday, May 18
Where: Alleghany County Office Building - 90 S Main St., Sparta
Cost: FREE
Deadline to Register: Friday – May 13

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 18** for Alleghany 4-H County Activity Day. Presentations will begin at 3:30 p.m. and youth will be able to sign up for a 15 minute time slot. County winners will be eligible for district competition at District Activity Day which will be held on Saturday, June 18th at Yadkinville Elementary in Yadkin County.

Have an interesting talent you would like to share? Come showcase this as well. There is a talent portion in addition to presentations. You can do both a presentation as well as talent at District Activity Day.

To register, contact the office or register online at the link below
<http://goo.gl/forms/3msvKbX9JP>



NC 4-H Photography Contest

The statewide NC 4-H Congress Photography Contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Agricultural Communicators Network (formerly the North Carolina Farm Writers and Broadcasters Association) and coordinated by the CALS Communications at NC State University.

The purpose of this exhibition is to provide a showcase of 4-H members' photographic accomplishments. The exhibit is unveiled at 4-H Congress in Raleigh, North Carolina each summer. The winning photos are then displayed at select meetings and events throughout the year until the next Congress. New category for 2016: "Animals"

NC 4-H CONGRESS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY RULES

** All entries must be submitted digitally or postmarked NO LATER THAN May 27, 2016.

** NEW THIS YEAR: Please submit digital entries to ken_ellzey@ncsu.edu

** This exhibit is open to (and only to) all North Carolina 4-H members ages 9-19.

** Participation is NOT limited to just those 4-H'ers enrolled in photography projects.

** All entry photos must have been taken by the 4-H'er submitting the entry during the contest year.

** Entrants must submit their photos within the division that applies (Junior/ages 9-12 OR Senior/ages 13-19).

** Each entrant may submit only one photo in each of the three categories ("4-H in Action", "Nature's Beauty", "Animals"). This means that each individual 4-H'er may have as many as three entries so long as they submit each entry in a different category.

** The same image may be entered in more than one category (if it applies to each category.)

** Photos may be in color OR black-and-white.

** Please end your entries at the highest image resolution possible so that we can display high-quality images.

** Please email all entries to ken_ellzey@ncsu.edu, using "NC 4-H Photo Contest 2016" as the subject line.

** You may attach as many as three contest entries per person to one email.

** Each email containing photos must also contain the following information:

Name of Photographer

Home Address

4-H County

Male/Female

Age

Parent's/Guardian's Name(s)

4-H Agent's Name (First and Last Name)

Entry Division: Junior Division (Ages 9-12) OR Senior Division (Ages 13-19)

Category: 4-H in Action, Nature's Beauty, Animals

Picture Name and Information: Please tell us any details about your image.



SUMMER CAMP 2016

Who: Youth ages 8 – 17 (age at camp)

When: July 31 – August 5

Where: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center

Cost: \$485 (Traditional 8-12 yrs. old) & \$505 (Adventurer (12-13 yrs. old) & Trekker (13 -14 yrs. old) *scholarships and payment plans may be available.*

\$50 camp deposit will hold your space. Spaces are limited!!!



It's never too early to start thinking about camp. Don't miss out on a fun-filled week of swimming, horseback riding, archery, crafts, hiking, climbing wall and more. Allegheny 4-H will be camping this year at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Educational Center in Reidsville, NC from **July 31 – August 5**. Camp is open to youth ages 8-14 and youth ages 15-17 have an opportunity to be Leaders in Training (assistant camp counselors).

If you are interested in attending camp or would like to learn more contact the office or visit the website: <http://www.bjpenn4h.org>. Spaces are limited and are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. A \$50 deposit will hold your camp spot.

Forms, a sample schedule and more can be found on the blog and Facebook page.

State 4-H Horse Bowl Winners

Congratulations to our Allegheny 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team. A team of Allegheny County 4-H'ers recently placed 2nd in the state at a competition held in Raleigh with Gretchen Huysman placing 3rd as overall High Scoring Individual.

The team advanced to the State 4-H Competition held at NC State University after a 1st place win at the District contest held in Greensboro on February 13. Members of the team include: Gretchen Huysman, Jessica Wyatt, Courtney Hash, Jackson Adams, Lenke Pasley and Coach Stacy Adams. The team competed against 5 other teams from across the state in a double elimination tournament.

The Horse Bowl Contest is designed to offer an opportunity for youth interested in horses to display the knowledge they have gained in a competitive and friendly atmosphere. Additionally, it is designed to encourage youth and leaders to study and obtain a more thorough and complete knowledge of horses and related subject matter.

Pictured L to R (back row) are Gretchen Huysman, Jessica Wyatt, Courtney Hash, Jackson Adams and (front) Lenke Pasley and coach Stacy Adams



Picture was taken after 1st place win at the district competition in Greensboro.

Area Food Show

On March 5th, twenty-five youth participated in the Area Food Show held at the Wilkes County Cooperative Extension Office where they showcased their culinary skills. Alleghany 4-H had five youth participate with a wide assortment of savory dishes and treats. Everyone did a fantastic job and they were also able to participate in some great activities.

Participants included:

Isaac Owen – Chocolate Birthday Cake - Cloverbud
Gabriel Hamm – Crockpot Green Beans, Sausage and Potatoes - Cloverbud
Joshua Owen – Taco Salad – Junior – Blue Ribbon
Ethan Pardue - Homemade Pumpkin Pie – Junior – Blue Ribbon
Corrie Owen – Homemade French Dressing - Senior – Best in Show

Youth are encouraged to arrange a table as well as a place setting and each participant is asked questions related to their dish on preparation and nutrition.

Corrie won Best in Show with her fantastic Homemade French Dressing. Congratulations Corrie!!!!



4-H COUNTY CLOTHING COMPETITION

Who: Youth ages 9 – 18 (as of January 1)

When: Registration due by May 13; competition May 18th

Cost: FREE

Come show off your sewing talents. Alleghany 4-H will be hosting a County Clothing Competition on May 18th beginning at 3:30. Entry forms must be submitted to the county office no later than Friday, May 13th. You will be assigned a time to present your garment at that time. The NCD Clothing Competition will be held at District Activity Day, June 18th. Alleghany will send their top three juniors and seniors onto this level to compete.

Garments will be judged for fit and construction. The following criteria will also be considered:

- 1) Seams and Seam finishing
- 2) Gathers/darts/pleats
- 3) Closures (buttons, hook & eye, zippers)
- 4) Decorative features (pockets, trip, appliques)
- 5) Fit/poise/confidence



For more information contact the office. Registration form can be found on the Facebook page and blog or we can mail you a copy on request.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 8-10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training; Millstone 4-H Camp

April 9: 4-H Dairy Judging Contest; Deerview Jersey Farm, Mocksville

April 11: Horse Judging entry form postmark date

April 11-12: Blueberry Plant Pick-up (9am-5pm); County Office Building

April 13-15: NCSU Farm Animal Days

April 15: Application Deadline: Horticultural Science Summer Institute

April 18: Plant Orders Due

April 21-22: Plant Pick-up (9am-5pm); County Office Building

April 25: Registration Deadline: Presentation Workshop

April 27: Presentation Workshop (4-5pm); County Office Building

May 1: Horse Artistic Expression Contest Deadline

May 2: AIRE Workshop; County Office Building

May 11: Registration Deadline: 4-H Citizenship NC Focus

May 13: Reg. Deadline: County Activity Day; Talent Show; Clothing Comp.

May 14: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Skillathon; Iredell County

May 18: County Activity Day; Talent Show; Clothing Competition

May 18: AIRE Applications due

May 27: Entry Deadline: NC 4-H Photography Contest

June 13-15: 4-H Citizenship NC Focus

June 18: North Central District Activity Day; Yadkin County

July 10-15: Horticultural Science Summer Institute

July 15-19: NC 4-H Congress; NCSU

July 31-August 5: 4-H Camp; Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

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Sincerely,
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