Dear 4-H Families,

The cooler weather is here and it reminds me of the beautiful fall days we will be experiencing! These past few months have been full of activity and fun for many 4-H members! We had a terrific Youth Fair, followed by many 4-H members participating in Big Sweep, followed by a grand junior dairy show followed by the North Carolina State Fair.

At the State Fair – Randolph County 4-H was recognized with a 4th place Sweepstakes Ribbon, for the number of fair exhibits brought to the fair! Congratulations to all youth who are working hard and keeping 4-H on the top of their “to do” list.

Have you started working on your 4-H record book? Those will be due to the Extension Office in December. Jody and I can help you get started!

In 4-H Spirit,

Barbara Dunn Swanson
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
4-H Parent/Leader Meeting

Don’t forget the 4-H Parent/Leader Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Extension office at 6:30 pm. We want to close out the year and follow up on exciting upcoming events! Please RSVP to Dawn at 318-6000.

4-H Clubs: We Need Homemade Cookies & Desserts

Each year, Randolph County implements their United Way Campaign. Because 4-H is a United Way agency, (we get money from the United Way to support 4-H work) we work together to assist them in their campaign. Randolph County will sponsor a Chili Cook-Off contest to be held Tuesday, November 10.

We need each club to donate several dozen homemade cookies or bars for this event. Please let us know who will be making desserts from your club. We need them delivered to our office by 3:00pm on Monday, November 9.

Thank you for helping to make this the best United Way Campaign ever!

4-H Soup Luncheon

Randolph County 4-H will be hosting a Soup Luncheon to support our internal United Way Campaign. Come to the Cooperative Extension Office on Friday, November 20 and enjoy a hot bowl of soup and delicious dessert! Cost is just $5 and all proceeds support the United Way!
Scholarship Information

Are you a senior in High School this year? If so, you may be interested in applying for a 4-H scholarship! Here is the link to go to on our NC 4-H Website to access information about the 4-H scholarships.

http://www.nc4h.org/youth/awards.html

Click on the two links for scholarship. One is for information and one is for the application. It will be due to our office JANUARY 10, 2010.

Record Books

How are you coming along with those record books so far? Don’t forget, we need them turned in to the Extension office by Friday, December 11. There’s no harm in turning them in early or calling us up and asking for some help. You can call Barb or Jody to get some pointers or just help talk you through the process. Keeping record books in different categories of interest is an excellent way of cataloging your efforts over time and seeing the growth you have experienced. It is also a great tool for school and work projects that require all that important information about yourself! Good Luck!

Big Sweep

The rain did not dampen the spirits of our clean up effort at the Asheboro/Randolph YMCA on Saturday, Sept. 19. At this year’s clean up event, 19 bags of trash and debris were filled along with larger items that were carted away to make our waterways cleaner and safer. Congratulations to the following 4H youth for being such great volunteers: C.J. Stickler, Monica Stickler, Tyke Stickler, Addie Ward, Roby Ward, Wyatt Yow, Josh Laton, Heather Allred, Laura Allred.
Talking Turkey

Preston Long showed his first turkey in the Gobbler Division at the North Carolina State Fair this year. He brought home second place in his division! He is a member of the Country Kids Livestock Club. Way to go Preston!

Congratulations to 4-Her Evan Gunter for raising the Grand Champion Turkey shown at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh this year. Evan is a member of the Country Kids Livestock Club and attends Faith Christian School. His hen weighed in at 26 lbs 9 oz and competed on Friday, October 16 at the fairgrounds. Evan sold his grand champion turkey to Harris Teeter for $4,000.

YOUTH FAIR RESULTS

The 2009 Randolph County 4H Youth Fair was a big hit! We painted center court of the Randolph Mall 4H green with lots of great arts and crafts entries. Many traveled on to the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh. The following youth had entries shown in Raleigh:

Heather Allred, Josh Allred, James Bunch, Noah Cameron, Kelsey Ebanks, Adam Frazier, Terri Lane Frazier, Eric King, Rick Josey, Rose Longuillo, Zoe Roberts, Owen Spencer, C.J. Stickler, Monica Stickler, Tyke Stickler, Jesie Uhl, Aaron Uhl, Jordan Uhl, Addie Ward, Brenton West, and Thomas Lilly.

A special thank you to this years judges, Nancy York, Margie Stidham and Joan Allred.
Randolph County Dairy Show Results

The annual Randolph County Dairy Show took place in downtown Asheboro the weekend of October 5 and 6. There were lots of exciting events to make this years show extra special. Kudos to members and families of the Country Kids Livestock Club for doing such a great job to make a great show!

The judge this year was former Extension Dairy Specialist, Tony McGaha of Maggie Valley, NC. To begin the morning, youth participated in the showmanship division. Cloverbuds (youth 5 – 8 years old) participating included: Owen Spencer, Jacob Roberts, Zoe Roberts, Preston Long, Paison Cain, Fallon Cain and Emma Humphrey. Jona Humphrey and Shanna Langley were Junior Showmen (youth 9 -10 year old). Coby Kivett, Evan Gunter, Gavin Langley and Mickey Jo Grubb were Intermediate Showmen (youth 11 – 14 years old). In addition to these Randolph County exhibitors, we had participants from Alamance, Chatham, and Guilford Counties! Coby Kivett was the Jersey Junior Champion with his Winter Calf and Mickey Jo Grubb was the Jersey Reserve Junior Champion with her Fall Calf. Holstein Senior Champion was Evan Gunter and Reserve Senior Champion was Shanna Langley. Evan Gunter showed the Holstein Grand Champion while Shanna Langley showed the Reserve Grand Champion Holstein. Showing the Jersey Senior Champion and the Jersey Grand Champion was Shanna Langley and showing the Jersey Reserve Senior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion was Gavin Langley.

Prior to these champion classes, youth participated in showing their animals in the type classes! Jacob Roberts received a red ribbon, Evan Gunter received one purple and two blue ribbons; Emma Humphrey received a blue and red ribbon; Zoe Roberts received a red ribbon; Fallon Cain received a red ribbon as did Owen Spencer, Coby Kivett and Paison Cain; Mickey Jo Grubb received a blue and red ribbon; Preston Long earned a blue ribbon; Jona Humphrey earned a blue and red ribbon; Shanna Langley received one purple and two blue ribbons; and Gavin Langley earned three blue ribbons.

The Costume Class on Sunday was once again a big hit and perhaps had its largest participation to date! Congratulations to Pilgrim Preston Long and his Indian dressed dairy cow for placing first with the theme, “Be Thankful For Milk!”
Guess who competed in their first (of many to come!) shooting competition on Saturday, October 10 @ Millstone 4-H Camp? The Randolph County 4-H Club—Super Sharp Shooting Stars! We are so proud of their inaugural efforts! It was a long day of competitions and fun fellowship among 4-H families from across the state.

Congratulations to the following team members for competing at this event:

* Junior Team*
Hayden Thomas, Blake Gallimore, Bailey Altman, Addie Ward, & Kimmi Faircloth.

* Senior Team *
Blair Faulkner, Brandon Allen, Luis Martinez, & Adelaido Martinez

A special thank you to Ronnie Beal for coaching the teams and working with this new club!!