Dear 4-H Families,

The fall of the year reminds each of us that 4-H is in full swing. We have been busy collecting re-enrollments; in October we celebrated National 4-H Week; we had a great Junior Dairy Show and are hoping youth are getting their project records assembled! Jody and I are happy to help 4-H families prepare for 4-H record book completion. The books are due in December, so if you should need help getting your pictures or stories organized we can assist.

We will be camping next summer at the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center near Columbia, NC, June 24-29. If you should like to join Randolph County in this week camp, please let us know. See inside this newsletter for further details. We hope to encourage youth who want to camp to use the Human Race as a way to raise some additional funds to pay for this great adventure.

The month of November we celebrate Thanksgiving, and I continue to be thankful for each of you and the work you do in 4-H. Let us know if you need us, our telephone number is 336.318.6000.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunn Swanson
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
National 4-H Week was October 3-8, 2011. We would like to thank our Randolph County Commissioners for recognizing 4-H at their meeting on October 3. The following youth attended and lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge: Zoe Roberts, Kimberly Chapman, Kaeli Chapman, Monica Stickler, Tyke Stickler, C.J. Stickler and Ben Talbott.

The Randleman Outdoor 4-H Club has a great fundraiser invitation for everyone to attend their Ducks Unlimited Banquet to raise money for wetlands and waterfowl conservation. This will be held at Level Cross Community Center on Nov 18th at 6:00pm. A BBQ meal will be served (included in the ticket). The ticket prices are $40 per person, $75 per family, $20 per student. There will be tons of prizes given away as well as a live and silent auctions, and games. This will be a night of fun and to raise money for a great cause. Also the young lady who is club president is doing this as a part of her senior project. if you have any questions please contact Jody Terry at 318.6000.

I am sure EVERYONE is working hard on his or her project record books! If you are new and just started 4-H, just ask us what project books are and we will be glad to get you started! Books are due on or before Monday, December 12 in order to give everyone time to enjoy their holiday with family. For more information and for project book forms, see this website: http://www.nc4h.org/youth/awards.html, and you can check out page 6 of the 2011 Awards & Incentives Handbook.

Project categories include: Animal Science, Citizenship & Civic Education, Communication Arts, Environmental Science, Family & Consumer Sciences, Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership & Personal Development, Plant Science, Science & Technology, and Discovery (for 9-10 year olds only). If you have questions about what category your project would be in, just ask!

If you have been working on your Achievement Plan throughout the year, those are due the same day as project record books. If you have any questions about the requirements or optional activities, please ask Barb or Jody. We are available to work with youth individually or in groups so give us a call to set up a time to get together.
Hats off to our 4-H youth and leaders that came out to pick up trash for the Big Sweep event in September. This year’s location was the Asheboro/RandolphYMCA. A special thanks to Chad Stickler for taking charge and keeping everyone on task! 4-H participants: Clifford Stickler, C.J. Stickler, Monica Stickler, and Theta Stickler.

2012 4-H JUNIOR CAMP PLANNED

Randolph County 4-H will be taking a group of youth to Eastern 4-H Environmental Center near Columbia, NC the week of June 24-29. Cost to attend camp is just $300. Youth do not have to belong to 4-H to go to camp with us. Youth 8 - 14 years of age are eligible to attend. If you would like to camp with us, send a $75 non-refundable deposit to 4-H along with the following form so that we may hold a spot for you at camp.

All camp registrations will be held on a first come first served basis. Let us know if you should like to join us!

*********** Cut here and return this form with check or money order ***********

Randolph County Junior 4-H Camp Yes, please hold a space for ____________________________ (name of camper) to attend Jr. camp in 2012.

Address ___________________________________________________________ Age of Camper

________________________ Male or Female __________ Telephone

________________________ Email address ___________________________ Parents Signature

My $75 Non-refundable deposit is enclosed

RETURN FORM TO:
Barbara Dunn Swanson 112 W. Walker Avenue, Asheboro NC 27203
This year’s 4-H Shooting Competition was held at Millstone 4-H Camp in Ellerbe, NC, September 24-25. Randolph County 4-H’s very own shooting club, The Super Sharp Shooting Stars were a force to be reckoned with again this year! Congratulations to senior group for an outstanding tournament! We recorded the following recognitions:

Snipers (Blair Faulkner, Drew Deforge, and Sean Mackey)
2nd place in team rifle
3rd place in team shotgun
*Blair and Sean were in a 7-way tie for 2nd place individual high score in shotgun.

Snipers (Blair, Drew, and Ally Rumley)
2nd place in team compound archery
2nd place Individual high score - Blair Faulkner

Rangers (Cameron Harwood, Jon Pendergraaff and Kimi Faircloth)
1st place in team rifle

Congratulations to our Juniors for another outstanding tournament. Our juniors recorded the following recognitions:

Rangers (pictured left: Eric King, Wyatt Yow, and Evan Taylor)
1st place in team shotgun
3rd place in team archery
*Evan was in a 4-way tie for third place!

Hayden Thomas won the individual gold for sporter rifle competition! Way to go "Dead Eye" Thomas.

Thank you to our parents for your time and effort in helping our kids have a successful tournament.
Back in September six 4-H youth traveled to Sertoma 4-H Camp to participate in an intensive weekend of learning in order to form a TRY-IT Team in Randolph County. The goal is to teach young people to work with peer groups on various subjects. Our Randolph County Crew learned about the different learning styles youth respond to as well as how to engage groups in hands-on activities. The 4-H curriculum *Health Rocks!* served as a great teaching tool to practice teaching fellow youth. Our team all completed the training, became certified and received a tool kit to bring back to their community to teach youth about making better choices and recognizing the dangers involved with drug and alcohol use. Congratulations Kimberly Chapman, Kaeli Chapman, Kelsey Ebanks, Mackenzie Koenig, Zoe Roberts and Rachel Osborne.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS!**

Congratulations to all of our talented 4-Hers who participated in the Randolph County 4-H Youth Fair this year. The results are in! The following youth had items entered at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh:

Jessica Uhl, Emma Cheek, Blair Faulkner, Owen Spencer, Spencer McAden, Jesse Osborne, Rachel Osborne, Shenandoah Osborne, Thomas Lilly, Angel Simpson, Abigail Simpsn, Alexandria Lucas, Shelby McAden, Alexis McAden, Hayden Thomas, Brenton West, Mackenzie Koenig, Zoe Roberts Adam Frazier.

A special thank you to Margie Stidham, Dantzler Lewallen and Barbara Linder for the tough job of judging items this year.
Congratulations to the Country Kids Livestock Club!

Randolph County Dairy Show was held
the weekend of October 1-2, 2011 in downtown Asheboro.
It was a fantastic show once again!