



MAKING THE BEST BETTER

Randolph County 4-H Newsletter



WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Monthly Recap

October has flown by, bringing with it National Farm To School Month and National Apple Month! Did you know that North Carolina farmers produce over 4 million bushels of apples annually, making the state the 7th largest apple producer in the country? Pumpkins are also a significant crop here, with over 80 million pounds harvested in 2023.

To celebrate these seasonal favorites, Randolph County 4-H organized a variety of engaging programs at schools and libraries:

Liberty Public Library: Six young participants explored the apple life cycle and enjoyed making delicious apple nachos.

Southmont Elementary: 86 first graders learned about the apple life cycle and got to taste-test apple butter, apple cider, apple chips, Honeycrisp apples, and Granny Smith apples.

McCrary Elementary: 76 kindergarteners and first graders completed a multi-day Farm to Table 4-H Program in partnership with Randolph County Local Food Systems Agent Sophie Farlow. Students learned about the plant life cycle, tasted new fruits and vegetables, created their very own seed germination science experiments, and more!

Pumpkin Programs at Archdale Public Library and Ramseur Public Library: Nearly 30 youth engaged their senses to discover the pumpkin life cycle. They smelled and sampled pumpkin muffins made by Randolph County FCS Agent Jennifer Holmes, created pumpkin slime, and incorporated pumpkin seeds and pumpkin pie essential oil into their activities.

It's been a fantastic month of learning and fun!

Contact The Editor

Have questions about the newsletter or its contents? Want to highlight your 4-H club or 4-H'er? We love to hear from you!

Contact the editor, Taylor Wright, Randolph County 4-H Program Specialist.

Left to right: Randolph County Digital Skills Agent Hannah Bradley-Cobb leads a 4-H program at a local homeschool coop; a 4-H'er enjoys taste-testing at a 4-H library program; 4-H Program Specialist Taylor Wright helps kindergarteners conduct a pumpkin STEM experiment.

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SAVE THE DATES



Save the Date!!

Disco at

Winterfest

2025

Wear your best
disco outfit for the
chance to win a
prize!

January 25 9am-3pm
Guilford Co.
Extension Center
Cost \$25
Any 4-H'er over 11 yrs.
old

WHO? Any 4-H'er ages 11+

WHEN? January 25th, 2025 from 9am-3pm

WHERE? N.C. Cooperative Extension, Guilford County Center

WHAT? As part of the North Central District, Randolph County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 2025 North Central District Winterfest. At Winterfest, 4-H'ers will participate in youth-led workshops on topics such as leadership, arts, science, and more. Afterwards, youth will go ice-skating! ALL 4-H'ers ages 11+ are welcome!

Winterfest is a great way for 4-H'ers to meet other 4-H'ers in the North Central District and learn about 4-H district and state opportunities.

Engage In Global Food Security



High school youth are invited to explore these tremendous opportunities that will challenge them to explore our world and consider what it means to be a global citizen and the role they can play in making our best, better. [Read More.](#)



North Carolina Youth Institute

All high school youth are invited to join us for the 2025 North Carolina Youth Institute, an exceptional opportunity that ignites a passion for solving global hunger through an engaging exploration of agriculture and food systems. The North Carolina Youth Institute is an educational initiative of the World Food Prize Foundation and is designed to spark emerging leaders in developing innovative solutions for our world's most pressing grand challenges surrounding feeding a growing population. [Read more here.](#)



U.S. Dept. of State Scholarships

Do you have a student interested in culture and language learning? Explore virtual and in-person opportunities through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Virtual National Security Language Initiative for Youth (Virtual NSLI-Y) application is now available! Virtual NSLI-Y is a program that provides a beginner-level foreign language and culture experience. National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) provides overseas language study opportunities for high school language learners of all levels. Eligible U.S. high school students can apply to NSLI-Y 2025-26 to study Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Indonesian, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian, or Turkish. Selected finalists will receive a merit scholarship to study the target language in a host country in Summer 2025 or Academic Year 2025-26. Application deadline is November 4. [Read more here.](#)

NOVEMBER 2024

Mark Your Calendars!

Events that are underlined below are hyperlinked to webpages with additional information.

- Nov 4..... Liberty Library Poultry Program @ 4pm
- Nov 13.....Asheboro Library Farm Themed Story Time @ 10am
- Nov 15.....Archdale Library 4-H Homeschool Poultry Program @ 10am
- Nov 20-21..... National 4-H Poultry and Egg-
Conference
- Nov 27.....Archdale Library 4-H Homeschool Field Trip to Town Creek Indian Mound



Register for upcoming Cooperative Extension classes and events at:

<http://go.ncsu.edu/registerrandolph>



PREPARING YOUR HORSE FOR WINTER WEATHER

Feeding and Other Management Strategies

TOPICS:

- ✓ Nutrition for Cold Weather
- ✓ General Healthcare
- ✓ Facilities Consideration

FREE WORKSHOP!
NOVEMBER 13, 2024
6PM

GRANVILLE COUNTY CONVENTION & EXPO CENTER
4185 US-15 OXFORD, NC 27565

NC STATE EXTENSION **Amazing Grazing**
Pasture-Based Livestock Education Program

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