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Randolph County 4-H Newsletter







WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Monthly Recap

We're excited to announce the launch of our new afterschool program at Uwharrie Charter Academy! Allison will be working with 3rd through 5th graders, while Taylor will be working with Kindergarten through 2nd graders.

The first session with the 3rd-5th graders focused on icebreakers and getting to know each other. The youth explored the concept of branding and how their actions and attitudes represent their personal brand. To bring this idea to life, they designed their own personal flags. We also dove into public speaking, using soccer balls to toss around as prompts for reading aloud and answering fun questions. The group also shared their ideas for future programs, and we're looking forward to seeing this program grow! Read more about this exciting new partnership on page 2.

Club Highlight

In January, members of the Super Sharp Shooting Stars 4-H Club gathered for their annual Christmas party! After a delicious meal prepared by the club's leaders and volunteers, youth enjoyed social time before diving into their business meeting. Club officers were elected for the new year - Congratulations to Kendall Hagerman, President; Charlie Wallinga, Vice President; Macon Neighbors, Secretary; Nathanael Gordon, Treasurer. Adult officers were also elected, including Amy McGraw as Secretary, and Morgan Gordon as Treasurer. Afterwards, door prizes were given out and club members continued to fellowship in preparation for the new shooting sports season ahead.

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!

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Left to right: Youth construct dens using marshmallows and toothpicks to illustrate how animals stay warm in winter; a 4-H'er makes a fruit kebob bird feeder; Horticulture Agent Cody Craddock shows students how different animals use their fur coats to stay warm.

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UCA, continued.

Kindergarten-2nd Meanwhile, the graders learned how humans and animals stay warm in the cold winter months. To start the program, youth shared the various clothes accessories humans should wear to stay when outside in freezing warm temperatures. Everyone's favorite part was seeing and feeling various animal pelts, including fox, raccoon, beaver, and possum! Youth learned how different animals grow different types of fur, depending on their environment and the changing seasons.

4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Banquet

On January 17, Allison attended the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit Banquet, where we celebrated the hard work and achievements of all the youth participants. A special congratulations to our Randolph County winners:

Intermediate Heifers: 2nd, Jonathan Scarlett

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Intermediate Goat Winners: 4th, Josey Pulaski; 3rd, Jonathan Scarlett





Youth at Liberty Library had a blast learning about how animals adapt to cold weather! We discussed brumation, hibernation, and migration and how different animals respond to seasonal changes. The hands-on activity of the day was constructing dens and creating animals with marshmallows and toothpicks—perfect for illustrating which animals hibernate in these cozy structures. It was a fun and educational program that sparked curiosity about the natural world.











CHICK & RABBIT

Save the Date

Chick & Rabbit Educational Meeting & Pick Up April 10 @ 6:00pm at the **Randolph County Cooperative Extension Office**

For more information contact Allison Walker Allen at allison_walker@ncsu.edu or text/call (336) 467-2927





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Homeschool Explorers Program

Warm up at the library with our special 4H Hot Chocolate Bar! Create your perfect cup of cocoa with a variety of fun toppings and flavors. Spread the warmth by making Hot Chocolate Gift Jars for loved ones. practice measuring skills, and reflect on kindness and community.

Monday, February 3rd at 10AM



Mark Your Calendars!

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

Feb 1 <u>Hunter Skills Tournament</u>
Feb 3 <u>NC Honor Club Applications</u>
<u>Due</u>
Feb 3 <u>NC 4-H Scholarship</u>
<u>Applications Due</u>
Feb 8 North Central District
Horsebowl
Feb 15 <u>Youth Market Turkey</u>
Show T-Shirt Contest Deadline
Feb 15 4-H Shooting Sports National
Team Practice
Feb 28 <u>Poultry Science Summer</u>
<u>Institute Applications Due</u>

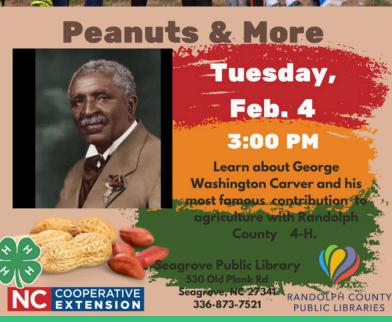




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