State Council Conference

If you are attending this year’s conference, do not forget the statewide community service project by donating supplies to 4-H’ers affected by Hurricane Ike in Texas. Needed are cleaning supplies, essential products, such as hand sanitizer, bottled water, hygiene items, etc., and/or cash donations. If anyone would like to write a tax deductible check, it should be made payable to NC 4-H Club Account and have Texas Hurricane Relief on the memo line. You will receive information concerning appropriate dress, parental consent for overnight sleeping arrangements and more within the next week. Tentative plans are to leave the CMAST building Saturday morning, November 15 at 6:00 AM.

Favorite Food & Talent Show

Don’t forget the Carteret County 4-H Favorite Food & Talent Show Monday, November 3 at East Coast Church located at 615 Tom Mann Road in Newport.

Health Rocks!!!

Hello to all!! My name is Sara Huckaby. My sister, Cheyenne Smith and I were trained in the Health Rocks curriculum at the 2006 SE District Ski Retreat. The program covers the consequences of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use and also teaches the positive and negative effects of peer pressure and how to make wise decisions. The curriculum is taught using fun and interactive activities aimed at youth, ages 8-14. This summer we taught a 4-H day camp using this curriculum and found it to be very successful. If your 4-H club is interested, we would like to teach during your regular meeting. If you are interested, please contact us at 726-0325 or via email at carolinagirl4@gmail.com. Thank you.

Submitted by Sara Huckaby, Crystal Clovers 4-H Club

Carteret County 4-H Shirt Order

Don’t forget to order you shirts by November 14 to hopefully have them before the end of the year.
Welcome New Club!

Please join me in welcoming the Pirates 4-H Club at Atlantic Elementary School. Volunteer Leader Monica Adams is utilizing the wonders of 4-H with the Communities In Schools afterschool program that is working to help students become successful in and out of school. Monica is very excited about what has been accomplished so far and is really enjoying this opportunity to follow the 4-H theme of 'learn by doing.' Keep up the good work, Monica!

Help Celebrate 100 Years of 4-H in North Carolina

Reminder – The next planning meeting to develop ideas for celebrating 100 years of North Carolina 4-H in Carteret County will be November 6, 7:00 PM. Remember to invite former 4-H’ers, volunteers, alumni or any community members who have an interest in 4-H. There is a new website for centennial information: www.nc4h100.org.

Centennial Contest Update

The NC 4-H Postage Stamp Contest is open to ALL 4-H’ers, volunteers, professionals, staff friends – literally everyone could enter! Entries should be postmarked by December 15 and mailed to Sarah Ray, NC 4-H Development Fund, NC State Box 7645, Raleigh, NC 27695-7645. First place receives $100 that could be used for attending any statewide 4-H event such as Congress, camp, etc and will be recognized during the 2009 Congress. There is no limit to the number each county is allowed to submit. Information will soon be posted on the website, but is also on the bulletin board in the office. If you would like a copy of the contest rules, notify the office and we will mail them to you as soon as possible.

Congratulations!

Laura Hannel, volunteer leader for the Ever Friends 4-H Club, was selected as one of two individuals receiving the Leaders Award from the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities Awards Banquet. Laura is having such a positive impact that the club is continually growing by leaps and bounds and is in the process of forming two groups. This is all possible because of Laura and her volunteer helpers who continually work to help all of those individuals with disabilities to have opportunities that would not be available were it not for the club setting.

Also congratulations to Amber Nead, who placed 3rd out of 15 at National Quarter Horse Congress. Hannah Davis was Grand Champion in the Junior Division for the East Coast Goat Circuit. Way to go ladies! I have not seen the results posted, but several Carteret County 4-H’ers also placed high in the circuit. Bobby Thompson was either 6th or 7th for the season. As soon as the results are available they will be posted. Keep up the good work!

Endangered Species Poster Contest

The North Carolina Zoo invites all North Carolina public and private school students and home school students to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to increasing awareness of endangered species, by participating in the Endangered Species Poster Contest. For more information, Email melinda.prior@nczoo.org or Phone (336) 879-7715 or toll free 1-800-488-0444 ext. 7715. Posters must be postmarked on or before the third Friday in December. Winners will be notified by mail.
Carteret County Council Report

Whew . . . October has been a really busy month. With the Coastal Carolina Ag Fair and the State Fair AND regular club and county meetings, this really has been a hectic month for us all. Congratulations are in order for the Road Runners for winning 4th place in the Hay Bale Decorating Contest at the State Fair, the Crystal Clovers for winning second for their booth “Defeat Your Dragon,” and the Dolphins for winning third for their booth “Slither into 4-H” at the County Fair.

During our last County Council meeting, we decided to pursue the Celebrity Server fundraiser at Golden Corral again this year. Last year’s fundraiser was a huge success. We raised $380 in tips in just one night. So while we haven’t come up with a definite date, be on the lookout for the Celebrity Server fundraiser tentatively scheduled for December 1. As for that $384 that we raised last year, $84 helped buy supplies for Junior 4-H Day and $300 will be distributed evenly to the participants’ fees for State Council Conference.

Since the Festival of Trees is just around the corner, we picked a theme, “Celebrating 100 years in 4-H,” so we can start creating the ornaments to decorate our tree. We hope to make ornaments that will show what has been accomplished in the past 100 years. If you would like to help make ornaments, the decorating dates are November 17 at 3:00 and November 25 at 3:30, at the Extension office.

The Favorite Food and Talent show is coming up also. Whether you love to cook, love to eat or love to perform, this will be a fun night for everyone! Last year our recipes ranged from Fried PBJ’s to Cherry Chocolate Cheesecake, and our performers were definitely talented. We had piano players, violin music, and of course, a good ole round of camp songs.

Last and definitely not least, the Centennial planning meeting to plan for the next three years of celebrating is November 6 at 7:00. If you are at all interested in 4-H and getting the word out about it and its huge success, this is the place to go. We welcome volunteers, leaders, alumni, current 4-Hers, and any well wishers of 4-H. November promises to be at least as busy as October if not more so.

Submitted by Abby Dana

Crystal Clovers Report

Weeks of hard work paid off for the Crystal Clovers when our booth placed 2nd at the Coastal Carolina Ag Fair. Our booth’s theme was “Defeat Your Dragon” by being active in 4-H. Congratulations to our members who entered their own individual entries. We are starting on a new project theme which is yet to be decided. So far this year has been one of the best, and I’m sure that it will continue to be.

Submitted by Abby Dana

Reminder: Club reporters, email your club news to cindy_day@ncsu.edu or bring to the Extension office by the 26th of each month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter.

Carteret County 4-H Celebrity Servers

The County Council voted again to become waiters and waitresses for an evening at Golden Corral. I am checking to see what our possible dates are, but we are tentatively planning for December 1. Last year the group netted over $380 and received compliments that they were the ‘BEST’ servers that had ever waited on their table. Of course this is no surprise to me. 4-H’ers ARE the BEST!
Save the Dates! The dates designated by Hospice to decorate the Festival of Trees at the Civic Center are **December 3 & 4**. County Council will decide during the November meeting the date and time that we will decorate the 4-H tree. **November 17** at 3:00 PM & **November 25** at 3:30 PM are scheduled dates to make decorations for the tree at the Extension office. If any individuals or clubs would like to make decorations, please have them to me by **December 1**.

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**Christmas Parade**

If you are interested in participating in the Pine Knoll Shores Christmas parade on Saturday, **December 6** at 10:00 AM, please contact Jacquie Pipkin **ASAP** at 622-0340 or via email, JPIPKIN@ec.rr.com. Options include entering a float, driving a decorated vehicle or marching.

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**FROM THE AGENT:**

It is once again that time of year when many people have a tendency to over-indulge, not only in eating, but also spending. I would like to challenge each of you to seize the opportunity of making decisions based on a frizzled economy, to look past the desire to spend too much on others and concentrate more on how many advantages and blessings we have in this country, as well as how fortunate we are to have family, friends and freedom. It takes so little to lose everything, let’s focus on cherishing what cannot be bought nor replaced. With each passing year and family members and friends beginning to face declining health, sharing love with them makes me realize that it is far more important for them to remember me for who I am rather than for how much I have spent. Share yourself unselfishly with your family and friends. I would almost guarantee that they will appreciate you more than you will ever know.

Thank you all for being a part of the Carteret County 4-H family of people who care about the youth and their role in becoming leaders of tomorrow.
George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

G. Washington (his actual signature)
Tree Decorations Workshop for Hospice Festival of Trees, November 17, 3:00 PM followed by the County Council meeting.

Don't forget to check the state 4-H calendar online at [www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/calendar/index.html](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/calendar/index.html)

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Over the river, and through the wood,
To Grandmother’s house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh
through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river, and through the wood –
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose
As over the ground we go.

Over the river, and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play.
Hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ding",
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river, and through the wood
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground like a hunting-hound,
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river, and through the wood –
And straight through the barnyard gate,
We seem to go extremely slow,
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river, and through the wood –
Now Grandmother’s cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

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