Newsletter Update & Delivery
Our newsletter may become an ongoing saga. We are having serious copier problems and, although the May issue should be mailed this month, it will only be posted online. Until the copy repairman arrives and spins his magic, we are that the mercy of only making a few copies at this time.

County Activity Day
County Activity Day – May 19 at 6:30 PM. Call the office or email me at pgcahoon@ncsu.edu to sign up as soon as you know what the subject of your presentation will be.
District Activity Day – June 26 at Ashley High School in New Hanover County
Career Exploration 4-H Poster Contest due May 27.

Carteret County 4-H Centennial Celebration
The time has arrived! Saturday, June 6 is our time to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in North Carolina and to share the magic with families in Carteret County who are not currently involved and possibly know very little about the fantastic opportunities for youths to learn life skills through 4-H. The 4-H Centennial Celebration Family Fun Day will be held at Swinson Park on Country Club Road in Morehead City from 9-12:00. Hands-on, interactive and informational activities are planned and will be taught by teens and adult volunteers.

Since this is a free event, we are hoping for a large turnout. If you have not attended any of the planning meetings, please consider volunteering to help with the day’s events. More hands to help will make less work for everyone. Early that morning there will be need for extra hands to help set up and clean up at the end of the day. If any teens would like to volunteer to help teach or adults like to help, call the office or email Patricia, pgcahoon@ncsu.edu.

A suggestion from the last planning meeting was to have a get-together after the event ends for 4-H families. Everyone is asked to bring a picnic lunch at 1:00 PM and, if we are not completely exhausted, there will be some family games. Maybe you would like to brush up on your soccer skills!

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http://carteret.ces.ncsu.edu

Let us not forget!

Memorial Day
May 25
**Washington, D.C. Trip**

Over 60 youth and adults from the Southeast District explored the wonders of Washington DC over the spring break. Traveling by bus and van, three days were packed with learning interesting facts about our nation’s capitol, riding the Metro, staying at the National 4-H Center and walking more than you could imagine! Pictured are (left) Patricia Cahoon, Agent, Pam Thompson, Julianne Fontenoy, Bobby Thompson, Jr., Sara Huckaby, Karen Dana, Cheyenne Smith, Emily Fontenoy, Abby Dana, Naomi Fontenoy and Natasha Dana.

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**Parents can only give good advice or put their children on the right paths; but the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands.**

- Anne Frank

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**Welcome 4-H Shooting Sports!**

Please join me in welcoming our newest 4-H club in the down east end of the county. As of this writing they have not selected an official name, but they are a specialized club for shooting sports. There are lots of adults volunteering helping with this group and they appeared very excited to be part of this new experience. The official club leader is Stephen Taylor. We look forward to working with you as you accept the challenge to positively affect the lives of youth and help them learn to make the best better.

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**ARI Applications Due**

Applications are due **May 15** – don’t be late! For those interested in participating in a mock interview prior to going to Congress, call or email me by June 1. For more information checkout [www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/publications/forms/ARI/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/publications/forms/ARI/) or nc4h.org.

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**County Council Minutes**

*Sara Huckaby, Reporter*

Highlights of the April meeting:

**Old Business**

- There was no old business.

**New Business**

- Voted to volunteer at Hope Mission as the County Council community service project. Ms. Patricia will be getting back to the council at the next meeting with the dates.

- Decided to distribute the neck pillows that were made in August to people coming to Hope Mission when the council is there.

- Voted to change the regularly scheduled meeting from the third Monday to the first Monday of each month, beginning in September.

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**Program**

Several members shared their experience at the SE District Teen Retreat and the Washington DC Citizenship trip. The Crystal Clovers presented Ms. Patricia with a gift and a card to thank her for taking them on the Washington DC trip.

The next County Council meeting will be **May 18** starting at **6:30 PM**. This will be the last meeting until September.
### Club Reports

**NEWPORT ROAD RUNNERS** – In January, some members of the Newport Road Runners bought potluck pigs to raise and sell. On March 27 the group held a spaghetti dinner to raise money to be used for sponsorships at the 2009 Coastal Plains Livestock Show & Sale held April 13-14. The group raised over $1,000. We also had some members showing and selling goats. Everyone received a ribbon for participating and some placed in different categories. Everyone had to turn in project books. Congratulations to J.D. Lanier for raising and showing a potluck pig that became Grand Champion in its category.

On April 3-4, the Newport Road Runners helped at the Newport Pig Cookin’ by serving drinks all weekend. Everyone that participated had a great time and there was great fellowship. We also had a pig cooked in the contest by J.D. Lanier’s grandfather and placed 74th out of 86 entries. The Caldwell family sponsored the pig.

_Submitted by James Blakely, Newport Road Runners Reporter_

The Roadrunner's have been learning about presentations in a box activity as well as a visit from our own Melissa for a night of worms. Results of the Coastal Plains Livestock Show and Sale are as follows:

- **Sydney**
  - 3rd Market Goat
  - 3rd Costume Contest
- **Amber**
  - 1st in Showmanship Goat
  - 4th Market Goat
  - 2nd Project Record Books; and
  - 3rd Showmanship Hog
- **Lola**
  - 3rd Project Record Books
- **J. D.**
  - 2nd Market Hog &
  - Grand Champion Potluck Pig
- **Kaitlyn**
  - 4th Costume Contest
- **Skyler**
  - 4th Market Goat
  - 1st Trophy Goat Showmanship
  - 1st Project Record Books
- **Abbi**
  - 3rd Showmanship Goat
- **Hannah Davis**
  - 5th Market Goat
  - 1st Showmanship Junior Goat
- **Ashlyn**
  - 4th Market Goat
  - 3rd Project Record Books
- **Alex**
  - 1st Showmanship Rookie Hog
  - 1st Project Record Books

Others who participated in the show were Madison, Casey, Hannah C, Aaron, Garrett, Hannah M, Jessica, Kiersten and Kayla. Everyone had a great time working on this project. See photo, page 5.

_Submitted by Kim Nead, Road Runners Club Leader_

**RIVER RIDERS** – Recently the River Riders held a going-away party for two of our oldest members. Ms. Tina Nicewarner, who volunteered at many of our club meetings and events, and her daughter, Juli Nicewarner, our previous treasurer, are moving to a new home. We would like to wish them good luck. During the meeting, we also made cards for Operation Military Kids.

_Submitted by Cierra Tomas, River Riders Reporter_

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### 4-H...More than you ever imagined!

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### Presentation Poster Bag Workshop

Would you like to make a bag that helps you easily transport your posters for presentations? Tentative plans are in the works for a workshop **June 19** between 9-12:00 for anyone interested in this project. Carteret County 4-H and a clover will be on one side of the material. As soon as all information is available, it will be passed on to volunteers and final information will be in June newsletter.

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### Jones Island Oyster and Marsh Habitat Restoration Project

Dr. and Mrs. Chris Elkins in Gloucester donated over 100 bushels of shells they obtained from a Squid’s Restaurant in Chapel Hill. The shell bags will be used to help create the two sills along Jones Island as part of a restoration project. If you would like to volunteer, **July 15** or for more information, contact NCCF, 393-8185.
4-H International Exchange Program
Students are still available for placement, July 24-August 20. Information is available at www.nc4h.org/professionals/exchange/index.html. If your family is interested email Patricia or call the Extension office, 222-6359.

Congress – July 20-24
The preliminary information for 4-H Congress 2009 in Raleigh has arrived! The dates are July 20-24 and if you 13 years old and completed either a cumulative record book, project record book or give a presentation at the county level, you are eligible to attend as a delegate. To celebrate the centennial, many exciting events are taking place including a birthday party Tuesday night. The registration is $250, an increase due to added fees for lodging, facilities and food. The deadline to register and pay in full to attend is July 1.

Goat Show participants at the Coastal Plains Livestock Show & Sale. See story on page 3.

Above: J. D. Lanier is all smiles as she displays two of her ribbons. Congratulations to J.D. in winning Grand Champion Potluck Pig. This was her first time competing in the show.

Left: Swine Show participants at the Coastal Plains Livestock Show & Sale. See story on page 3.
REMININDERS FROM LAST MONTH

**Career Poster Competition**
Any 4-H’er entering the Career Exploration Poster competition will need to submit their poster to me by **May 27**. Please make sure you read the rules and only include ORIGINAL artwork and NOT pictures cut out of magazines, etc. Check our website for contest details and complete the entry form, attaching it to the back of your poster.

**Summer 4-H Camp at BJP**
Are you between the ages of 8-14 and looking for something that is fun, educational and provides the possibility for you to make life-time friends this summer? Make plans to travel with Carteret County to Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp near Reidsville, **July 5-10**. The best part? This year, thanks to Carteret County Farm Bureau for providing funds for transportation, the cost is reduced by more than $100. For traditional campers the fee is $330 and for those interested in the higher adventure Trekker program, $350. This is an all-inclusive price and covers transportation, insurance, camp fees and material, t-shirt, $15 camp store allowance and lunch Friday.

![4-H Volunteers]

**Take Off 4-Health Summer Camp**
Take Off 4-Health summer camp is a specialized residential camp for overweight youth ages 12-18 that will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center from **July 26 – August 14**. The goals of the camp are for campers to lose weight, build self-esteem and learn strategies to lead a healthy life. The camp is sponsored by ECU and NC 4-H/NCSU with support from the ECU Brody School of Medicine. For more information, go to www.eastern4hcenter.org.

**FROM THE AGENT**
For those of you who have never visited our nation’s capital, please do not pass up another opportunity to experience what an awesome city it is. The SE District took a group of 60-plus on a weekend excursion and visited Arlington National Cemetery, several of the Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, National Zoo, a night tour of the mall monuments, rode the Metro and stayed at the National 4-H Center. This was an incredibly well behaved group (as always!) and I would personally like to thank our teens and Natasha Dana, Pam Thompson and Julianne Fontenoy for being real troopers and hanging with us. I think everyone really had a great time and would probably be ready to do it again.

Once again the Coastal Plains Livestock Show & Sale was a huge success. Raising and being responsible for an animal teaches our youth discipline and learning not to give up. Congratulations to all of the Carteret County 4-H’ers who did an outstanding job and especially J.D. Lanier, first time participant who won Grand Champion in the Potluck Pig category. *(Story on page 3.)*

In just a week we will be celebrating Mother’s Day. 4-H’ers, don’t forget to let them know how much you appreciate all they do for you.
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**4-H Calendar**

**Reminder:** County Council meeting, May 18 at 6:30 PM.

Remember 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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