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4-H Presentations, 4-H Entertains, & Fashion Revue!

The Granville 4-H County Activity Day will be held on Friday, June 3, at 5:30pm. 4-H presentations can center on almost any topic. This is a competitive event that, like other 4-H activities, gives you an opportunity to share something of interest to you, and to shine. 4-H Entertains is for those youth that enjoy showcasing their talents by playing instruments, singing, dancing, juggling, etc. Fashion Revue is similar to Project Runway in that you have to design and make your clothing and model it at County Activity Day, District Activity Day, and Congress.

Participants who receive top honors in the county will have the opportunity to present at the North Central District 4-H Activity Day in Rockingham County, on June 21. Scholarship money can be earned at County Activity Day and District Activity Day to be used towards a trip to the N.C. 4-H Congress in Raleigh, on July 17-22.

We strongly encourage you to participate in 4-H presentations, 4-H Entertains, and Fashion Revue. Beginning in 2008, presentations at the County level were requirements to attend 4-H Congress and become eligible for scholarships.

If you plan on participating in one of these events at County Activity Day, please mark April 29, on your calendar for a workshop on presentations, 4-H Entertains, and Fashion Revue.

North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat Update!

Two Granville County 4-Hers took the curvy roads to Sertoma 4-H Center outside of Danbury, NC, to attend the North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat on March 18-19. The event was kicked off by discussing solutions to the issues that were identified during the 2010 North Carolina County Commissioners annual meeting by 4-H’ers as the top ten issues facing youth today. Afterwards, a business meeting, district officer candidate skits, a bonfire (with s’mores), dancing and games sessions were held. The 4-H’ers attended five workshops on topics including Iron Chef, being a 4-H ambassador, to understanding the different economic systems, writing thank you letters to our military, first aid and got to participate in teambuilding activities. They also participated in a community service project to help beautify and clean Sertoma. Before leaving teen retreat, the 2011-2012 North Central District 4-H officers were announced. President is Molly Melton, Granville; Vice-President, Nathan Barrick, Forsyth; Secretary-Treasurer, Brandon Hartman, Stokes; Reporter, Rachel Rudd, Caswell. Congratulations, Mollie!

Mark your calendars for a MEET, GREET, and EAT night: April 21st at 6:30 pm

We are going to be starting back up another County Council for Granville County 4-Hers. For our first gathering, we want it to be all 4-Hers from Granville County to come and meet the new 4-H agent, our intern, Rebekah, and to learn what a County Council is. We will also discuss upcoming events and activities including presentations, livestock, camp, Congress, and answer questions.

If you are coming, please RSVP by April 18, so we can get enough food for everyone!
**A Message From Our New 4-H Agent**

Hello! My name is Jessica Harris, and I am the new 4-H Extension agent in Granville County. I started on February 14, 2011, and I have already had the pleasure of meeting many people. Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received!

4-H has always been near and dear to my heart. I was a 4-Her growing up in Nash County. I participated in club, county, district, and state events. My focus areas were horse, meat goats, expressive arts, leadership, and citizenship. I graduated with my Bachelor’s of Science in Extension Education with a concentration in Animal Science and minored in Animal Science with an Equine Science specialty in 2009, from NC State. For 2009-2010, I was at Virginia Tech to study the life skill development in youth through the 4-H/FFA livestock and horse programs. In 2010, I transferred back to NC State and should be finished with my Master’s degree this year in Extension Education researching the life skill development in youth through the NC 4-H horse program.

We are gearing up for an exciting spring and summer with County and District Activity Day, the Pullet Chain, Skillathon, 4-H Presentations, 4-H Entertain, Fashion Revue, and the Summer Fun program! If you have any new and exciting ideas for new programs, please let me know. If you remember doing something in the past that was a lot of fun, tell me about it so we can do it again.

I look forward to hearing from everyone about your past, present, and futuristic goals in 4-H. I can accredit who I am today to 4-H. Let’s work together “to make the best better” in Granville County!

Thank you!

Jessica S. Harris  
NC Cooperative Extension Agent  
4-H Youth Development

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**SPRING has SPRUNG!**

Complete the word search puzzle and turn it in to the Cooperative Extension Center by May 1, 2011. Completed and accurate puzzles will be entered into a drawing to win a 4-H prize!

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Bees  Kittens  
Birds  Planting  
Breeze  Puppies  
Chicks  Rainbows  
Eggs  Spring  
Fawns  Sunshine  
Flowers  Umbrella  
Garden  Warm
**Skillathon and Livestock Judging**

In February, the Granville/Vance County row crop and livestock agent, Mollie Buckham, and Granville County intern, Rebekah Wakefield, found interested youth in livestock judging and livestock skillathon to participate in competitions this year.

Livestock skillathon is an all-encompassing competition testing your knowledge from all aspects of the livestock industry. You are tested on management, feeds, breeds of livestock, equipments, hay judging, wool judging, meat identification, meat judging, quality assurance, as well as multiple other aspects of the livestock industry. Livestock judging also has been defined as a study of the relationship between an animal’s form and function.

These contests are a great way to meet new friends, learn everything you can imagine about livestock, and help you pick out the ideal animal for livestock production.

The first skillathon contest was held on March 30, in Wilson, NC. Congratulations on completing your first contest!

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**Important Information for 2011 Four County 4-H Show and Sale!**

Important informational meeting to be held:

**Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Franklin County Cooperative Extension Center**

We will be discussing all the important details for this year’s Livestock Show and Sale. It is MANDATORY for all participants. Please contact Jessica Harris if you have any questions.

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**Area 4-H Poultry Pullet Chain**

Each year, interested youth from Granville, Vance, Franklin, and Warren counties join in the annual pullet chain. A pullet is a female chicken less than a year old. Youth receive ten-day-old chicks in May and raise them until the November pullet show and sale. This year, 4-Hers will be raising either Speckled Sussex or Ameraaurantaca/Akuracana pullets. If you didn’t get a chance to sign up for the pullet chain this time, keep it in mind for next year.

There will be different opportunities to learn how to care for and show your chicks. Throughout the months of May-November, youth will be required to complete a Poultry project record book. These help youth keep records of what they are doing with their chicks, how much they are feeding them, weights, costs, and offer guidance and knowledge about how to raise and prepare them for a show.

The first mandatory workshop was held Friday, March 25, in Vance County. Livestock and 4-H agents went over important details on how to prepare for your chicks and what you are to expect. Check out the calendar for other important dates relating to the pullet chain at the end of this newsletter.

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**Personality Magic!**

Discover the colorful magic of why people do what they do. Knowing your personality style helps to understand how you approach life, work and other people. Understanding the personality styles of others with whom you work and live makes getting along easier. Join the fun and bring a friend. Registration is requested by email or telephone.

Cost is only $1 for materials. Refreshments will be provided.

**Date:** May 10th, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Granville County Extension Center, Oxford, NC

Contact to register: Sandy Ruble at (919) 603-1350 or sandy_ruble@ncsu.edu
The 2011 Summer Fun Program is out!

We are going to have an exciting Summer Fun Program for you this year! There are lots of new camps and activities to try out. This year’s program includes: a turtle safari along the Eno river, campout at Medoc Mountain with astronomy, tandem canoeing, horseback riding for Cloverbuds and older youth, babysitter certification, obedience dog training, healthy living day, Zoo Snooze, fun on a farm, learning the law with the Sheriff, archery, and Kerr Lake Safety Day.

Registration will begin on APRIL 11th, at 9am. We will need a 4-H enrollment form, registration form, and payment at the time of registering for summer activities. Do not let cost deter you! See our office for payment plans and scholarships if you are eligible. Any questions you have about the program--please call and ask.

2011 Spaghetti Garden—“You reap what you sow”

This year, Granville County 4-Hers can participate in a summer-long spaghetti garden program. We will prepare the garden site, plant vegetables for an organic, vegetarian spaghetti sauce, harvest the vegetables, cook the sauce, and have a spaghetti supper at the end of the season. This program teaches how to grow local organic foods, garden care, and healthy cooking. We will meet several times from April to September to care for our garden.

If you are interested in participating in the spaghetti garden, come out on April 21, at 5pm, before the County Council meeting to prepare the soil and take soil samples. We will be using 1-2 of the plots behind the Extension Center. On May 2, at 5pm, we will plant our vegetables.

2011 Citizenship Focus

The 7th Annual 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus is on June 13-15, 2011, in Raleigh at the Sheraton Downtown. Participants will be 100 - 170 North Carolina 4-H’ers, ages 14-19 and appropriate adults. All participants are selected by the application process in the state 4-H office. The state office recruits at least 2 per county - new or returning youth and adults. Registration fees are $150.00 per person (youth and adult), including 2 nights lodging and meals during the conference. This is less than a third of the actual cost per person. The actual cost per person is over $500.00 per person. (The remaining cost is covered by donors and other funding sources.) Transportation and chaperone's are the responsibility of participants and/or participating counties. Lodging for youth will be 4 per room and lodging for adults will be 2 per room. To apply, you need to complete an application and have it turned back in to the Granville County Extension Center by April 27th at 5pm. If you are interested, please contact Jessica at jessica_harris@ncsu.edu.

Congratulations! to our Granville County 4-H Record Book Award Winners!

To the right, please see a list of the 4-H Project Record Book winners that were sent to the District competition.

We also had 3 Cumulative Record Books submitted for judging! These books can be submitted when a 4-Her has spent at least 3 years working on one subject area. They demonstrate a level of mastery on a specific topic. They are automatically entered into judging at the State level.

Congratulations to all of our Project Record and Cumulative Record book entrants!

If you submitted a Record Book for judging this year, and your name is not on this list, please come by the Extension Center and pick up your book. Thank you!

Project Records:

Madison Dew for Animal Science
Victoria Hamrick for Photography and Electricity
Shannon Lafiere for Animal Science
Mollie Melton for Citizenship
Natalie Wilbourne for Animal Science
Monica Woodlief for Animal Science

Cumulative Records:

Victoria Hamrick for Photography and Electric Energy
Mollie Melton for Citizenship
April:
- 4-H Livestock Meeting
- Poultry Pullet Chain Meeting
- 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- Spaghetti Garden

May:
- Poultry Pullet Chain Chicks arrive
- North Central District Horse Show
- Spaghetti Garden

June:
- Summer Fun Programs begin
- County Activity Day
- District Activity Day
- NC 4-H Citizenship Focus
- 4-H Horsemanship Camp
- 4-H Youth Livestock Extravaganza
- 4-H Camp in Columbia
- Spaghetti Garden

July:
- State 4-H Horse Show
- 4-H Electric Congress
- NC 4-H State Conference
- Four County Junior Livestock Show Entries due
- Poultry Judging Contest
- Spaghetti Garden

August:
- State 4-H Council Planning Meeting
- Summer Fun programs conclude
- Livestock Project Record books due
- Spaghetti Garden

September:
- State Fair Entry Deadline
- Youth Volunteer Award Nomination due
- Four County Junior Livestock Show and Sale

October:
- Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference
- NC State Fair
- Poultry Pullet Chain Record Books due

November:
- North Central 4-H Leaders Fall Conference
- Four County Poultry Pullet Chain Show and Sale

December:
- National 4-H Congress

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