**2011 Four County 4-H Livestock Show**

On September 9, 2011, the Four County 4-H Livestock Show will be held at the Granville County Expo Center (formally known as the southern livestock center) off of Highway 15. The event will take place all day and feature 4-Hers’ livestock projects from Granville, Vance, Warren, and Franklin County.

Livestock to be shown include: breeding meat goats, market meat goats, dairy goats, breeding sheep ewes, market lambs, wool sheep, beef heifers, and a costume class.

Come out and support the five Granville County 4-H youth participating. They are: Madison Austin, Sean Fryman, Sydney Fryman, Anthony Goreman, and Daniel Barker.

The show starts at 1pm and will conclude around 5:30pm.

If you have any questions about how you can show livestock in 2012, contact the 4-H office for more information.

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**County Activity Day held on June 3rd**

The Granville County Activity Day was held on Friday, June 3, at 5:30pm. The following members presented on topics qualifying them for District Activity Day:

- **Daniel Barker**: Poultry Reproduction
- **Anthony Goreman**: Build-A-Bear
- **Katie Haynes**: Ironclads of the Civil War
- **Mollie and Hannah Melton**: Nuclear Energy
- **Rebecca Melton**: Energy Usage
- **Mya Rogers**: Dog Care

4-H Entertains also took place on County Activity Day. **Mya Rogers** did an excellent job playing the piano. 4-H Entertains is for those youth that enjoy showcasing their talents by playing instruments, singing, dancing, juggling, etc.

**District Activity Day held on June 21st**

Participants who received top honors at County Activity Day had the opportunity to present at the North Central District 4-H Activity Day in Randolph County on June 21. The following 4-Hers presented and medaled at District:

- **Rebecca Melton**: Gold Medal
- **Mollie and Hannah Melton**: Gold Medal
- **Daniel Barker**: Silver Medal
- **Katie Haynes**: Silver Medal
- **Anthony Goreman**: Cloverbud Special Recognition

Congratulations to all of our Granville County 4-H presenters!

**State Presentation Finals held on July 26th**

Rebecca, Mollie, Hannah, and Daniel also qualified to present at the state competition at 4-H Congress on July 26. Rebecca won Gold at Congress, and Mollie and Hannah won Silver at Congress!
ATTENTION 4-H Clubs and Members!!!

The 4-H year is coming to a close on September 30. Remember, 4-H clubs must recharter, and all 4-H members must fill out a new enrollment form for the 2011-12 year. Please come by the 4-H office if you need forms or visit the NC 4-H website: www.nc4h.org/procedures_and_guidelines/index.html If your club would like to have 4-H staff join you at a meeting to sign and collect everyone’s forms, please email jessica_harris@ncsu.edu.

Important for Livestock Show Participants!!

Remember your Livestock Educational Projects are due to the Granville County Cooperative Extension office no later than **August 23, 2011, at 5pm**. If you do not turn in a project, you will not be awarded prize money won at the show. If you need the guide and barn record book, please send an email to jessica_harris@ncsu.edu.

North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show Results

The North Carolina State 4-H horse show was held on July 6-10, at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh. We had **seven** Granville County 4-Hers participate. In order to compete at the State show, youth must qualify with their horses at the District show in May. The show presents magnificent animals, gifted youth, and outstanding sportsmanship in an unforgettable setting. There will be horses and ponies of many breeds, including Tennessee Walking Horses, Arabians, Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Paints, Connemaras, and Appaloosas. 4-H members from the 100 counties who either own or care for the horses showed during the 5 day event. The 4-H youth, ages 8 to 18, and their horses competed in a variety of disciplines that include jumping, western, saddleseat and hunt seat riding, games, and dressage. During the show, a consignment shop was held along with photographs and artwork displayed for competition. The following were participants of the North Carolina State 4-H horse show:

- Kathleen Burroughs
- Erin Cottrell
- Madison Drew
- Shannon LaPierre
- Catlyn Mosely
- Everett Pendergrass
- Natalie Wilbourne

Livestock Skillathon and Judging Updates

On June 4, the teams competed at the NC Jr. Beef Round-Up skillathon contest in Raleigh, NC, with 9 Four County participants. Colton Steffenson of Warren County placed 5th in the junior division. The teams are coached by Molly Buckham, Cooperative Extension Agent for row crops in Granville County and livestock in Vance County. Granville County 4-H participants included **Sean Fryman**, **Sydney Fryman**, and **Daniel Barker**.

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 consists of carefully analyzing animals and measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as being ideal. 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 pick out the ideal animal for livestock production.
4-H Citizenship NC Focus
4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus was held June 13-15, 2011, in Raleigh, at the Sheraton Downtown. This was open to two (2) 4-Hers from Granville County, ages 13-18.

Mollie Melton and Hannah Melton attended on behalf of our county and participated in hands-on workshops, panel discussions, distinguished speakers, and open discussion that helped discover how government impacts our everyday life, and how we can impact government in return. Participants learned about state government, learn about working with public officials, hear from prominent North Carolina officials, and visit legislators.

If you are interested in attending in 2012, please let Jessica Harris, your 4-H agent know.

North Carolina 4-H Electric Congress
North Carolina 4-H Electric Congress is an educational event designed to recognize excellence in the Electric Program throughout the state. Daniel Barker and Victoria Hamrick represented Granville County. Electric Congress travels from region to region of the state, thus allowing for a variety of programming opportunities for everyone. Four-H members participate in workshops, meet their Power Company Representatives, and interact with other electric winners. Special outings are planned to help the young people learn about their state. Whether in the mountains rafting on the Nantahala River, riding the waves at the beach, or somewhere in-between, the free afternoon at Electric Congress is fun for all participants.

Electric Congress is held for county winning 4-H’ers who participated in the Electric Project, electric project cumulative record book participants, and 4-H recruiters in the electric program. To attend, youth must be 11 years of age (by Jan.1st). Two county project winners, 2 cumulative record book participants, and 1 electric program recruiter are allowed to attend congress per county. Recruiting awards are presented to 4-H’ers in each county who recruit new members into the Electric Project.

North Carolina 4-H State Congress
4-H’ers from Granville County attended North Carolina 4-H Congress July 18-21st in Raleigh, North Carolina. Congress is the high point of the 4-H year, bringing young people from across the state to the North Carolina State University campus and Raleigh for four days of activity. More than 500 4-H’ers, volunteer leaders and North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents attended 4-H Congress.

4-H’ers who attended from Granville County includes Daniel Barker, Mollie Melton, Hannah Melton, and Rebecca Melton. While at 4-H Congress, delegates participated in activities such as presentations, workshops, 4-H Honor Club tapping and State Officer elections. All four Granville County 4-Hers participated in the state level presentations. Rebecca Melton won a gold medal for her presentation on electricity in her age division. Mollie and Hannah Melton presented as a team on nuclear electricity and won silver in their age division. Daniel Barker presented on poultry reproduction. Delegates also had the opportunity to tour the 4-H exhibit at the NC State Library and participate in a morning of activities related to science, technology, engineering and math.
2012 N.C. State Fair Hay Bale Decorating Contest!

Granville County will once again be participating in the N.C. State Hay Bale decorating contest. ALL clubs should plan on participating, as well as any other interested members, in planning, designing, and setting up the hay bale decorations. On September 15th, we will meet to discuss the planning stages of our design. We will also set a date to work together on decorating the hay bale and pick when to set it up in Raleigh. Below are rules and regulations set forth by the State Fair committee:

The North Carolina State Fair will provide a round bale for each participating county to decorate. Counties may bring up to 8 additional small rectangular bales to use in the exhibit. Entries will be judged on eye appeal, construction, use of materials, and creativity. Hay bales may be decorated October 8-10. Entries will be judged Tuesday, October 11. The bales should be decorated with a good clean wholesome nature. No vulgar or suggestive decorations will be allowed-this includes people rolled up inside a bale with feet or head sticking out. Bales can be placed lying on their side or standing on end. This will be your choice. Please specify position of bale on entry form. If you will be providing a maximum of 8 small rectangular bales for feet or decoration, please list on entry form. For safety purposes round bales will not be stacked on top of each other. Decorations should be weather and wind-proof. They will be checked and maintained daily. Paint may NOT be applied to the hay bale or grass. NO Commercial or Political party signs of ANY KIND are allowed.

Horses of Course!

Are you interested in horses? Do you want to learn more about the 4-legged equines and compete in competitions against other counties? Granville County will be having a meeting for all interested 4-Hers to learn about horse bowl, hippology, and horse judging on October 15 at 4:30pm in the Cooperative Extension Center. There are many scholarship and traveling opportunities associated with the 4-H horse program in N.C. All ages are welcome and encouraged!

![Horse Image]

Teen Leadership Focus Conference

When? December 9-10
Where? Eastern 4-H Center in Columbia, N.C.
What? This conference replaces the traditional State 4-H Council Conference. It is a great opportunity to learn more about State level 4-H activities and create lasting friendships. There will also be fun workshops and a dance.
Age? 13-18 years old
Cost? $95 (includes all meals Friday night-Saturday night)
Registration? It has not opened yet, but let Jessica Harris know by October 10th, if you plan to attend.

Autumn Fun Night!

Let’s get together at the Cooperative Extension Center on October 20, 2011, to carve pumpkins, learn how to make a pumpkin pie, build leadership skills, eat supper, make a Native American headdress, learn the basics to quilting, make soap, and wax candles! There will be no charge for this event. It will be from 6pm-8:30pm. All ages welcome! RSVP by October 13th. If any volunteers want to help or contribute, please let Jessica Harris know.