

Surry County 4-H Newsletter



November 2023

Quote of the Month

“Gratitude is an appreciation for every moment in your life. It is a feeling of abundance”

—Brenda Nathan



4-H Fundraisers

The holidays are quickly approaching, and it's the perfect time to get a head start on your shopping...while helping Surry County 4-H! Our County Council will have a booth at the Christmas Bazaar at Salem Christian Academy on Saturday, November 4th, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will be selling Dewey's Bakery items, handmade ornaments, and taking orders for fresh evergreen wreaths and garland grown in Alleghany County. All of the proceeds will be used for 4-H programs, camp, and leadership opportunities for our Surry County youth. Please come out and support us!

4-H Club News

Beulah Club- Beulah 4-H Club picked up individual fair entries, took down our booth-"Magic in the Fair", and collected ribbons won at the Carolina Classic Fair in Winston on October 9. We won 1st place for our fair booth! The Pilot Mountain 4-H Club invited us to join them at "The Farm" for a joint October 10th meeting. Amanda Gann, our 4-H Agent, delivered fundraising forms from Dewey's Bakery and our annual wreath sale. We gave out forms at our meeting. We enjoyed a hayride, each got to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, we went through the corn maze, rode the barrel train, and got to do many more activities! For our November 14th meeting, we plan to have an "Appreciation Dinner" for our parents and grandparents. Members and leaders will prepare the meal and present a short program. We're looking forward to entering the Holiday Food Show on November 30th.

Pilot Club- For our October meeting, we met at The Farm in Dobson. We enjoyed a fun evening with our families, taking in all of the activities. We found our way through the corn maze, rode the barrel train, met the farm animals, took a hay ride around the farm, picked out a pumpkin to take home, and enjoyed playing on the playground and bounce houses. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Pilot Center.

4-Hooves Club- At our October meetings, we learned about different breeds of horses, and looked at their coloring and patterns. Each member then painted their own horse, to complete their dioramas we made last month. We also got some riding time in! For the month of November, we will have one combined meeting on Tuesday, November 14th. At this meeting, we will have a guest speaker, Sandy Siegrist. She will be teaching our Horse Club members about the anatomy of a horse...she will even be bringing out real horse bones to show them! Our club members are also completing a service project this month. We invite each child to bring canned or nonperishable food items to the meeting on November 14th. They will be donated to our local food pantry to help our neighbors in need during the holiday season.



County Council- We held our third meeting of the County Council on Monday, October 16th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We started the meeting by making Christmas ornaments to sell at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th. We made wooden bead ornaments, snowmen, and cinnamon stick trees. We invite everyone to come out to Salem Christian Academy on November 4th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm, to get a jump on your holiday shopping and support our 4-H program! In addition to ornaments, we will also be selling Dewey's Bakery items, and taking orders for

evergreen wreaths and garland. Some of our County Council members completed volunteer time on Saturday, October 21st, at the Cornshucking Frolic in Pinnacle. Festival goers had fun spinning the Extension quiz wheel, and testing their knowledge. We were also able to educate about the services Extension offers, as well as our Surry County 4-H programs. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 20th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Extension office. We will be discussing our fundraiser results and preparing for the 4-H Holiday Food Show. Any interested youth ages 13-18 are welcome to join us!

Dog Club- We are excited to have the first meeting of our Dog Club this month! This club will focus on dogs and their care. We will be learning about the nutritional needs of dogs, the basic daily care they need, the importance of vaccinations and vet care, grooming and nail care, basic obedience, and learning tricks to do with our dogs. The club will be meeting on Tuesday, November 21st, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Since the youth will be working with animals, this club is limited to 12 participants. If you have questions, or are interested in your child participating in this club, please contact Amanda Gann at (336)-401-8025 or agann@ncsu.edu.

Homeschool Club- Our homeschool clubs have been meeting for two months, and our membership continues to grow! We met on October 12th, and we learned about pumpkins and how they grow. We cut a pumpkin open, and the kids were able to explore how the pulp, strands, and seeds grow inside. We read the book Pumpkin Jack, and how pumpkins decompose and the seeds can sprout again in the spring. We carved our own “Jack,” and put him in a jar with some soil. We will watch him over the next several months to see how he decomposes. At the end of the meeting, the kids were able to taste test some products made from pumpkin, including roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin smoothies, and pumpkin cake. On Thursday, October 19th, we took a field trip to The Farm to learn more about pumpkins. We were able to meet the farm animals, ride the barrel train, find our way through the corn maze, take a hay ride around the farm, and pick out our own pumpkin to take home with us! Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 2nd, at 2:00 pm. We will be focusing on cooking for this month. We will be talking about kitchen safety and hygiene, learning about kitchen tools and their uses, practicing measuring and reading and following a simple recipe. On Thursday, November 16th, we will be completing a service project. We will be taking what we learned about cooking to bake cookies. We will make notes of thanks to go with our cookies, and they will be donated to the Surry County Sheriff’s Department. If you have questions, or are interested in your child participating in this club, please contact Amanda Gann at (336)401-8025 or agann@ncsu.edu.

Dobson & Elkin Clubs- We would love to see our 4-H clubs expand to all parts of our county! We are currently looking for meeting locations in the Dobson area and the Elkin area. If you have a facility that you would be willing for our 4-H’ers to use for their monthly meeting location, please reach out to us. We also need at least 2 adult volunteers to serve as the leaders for these clubs. If you enjoy working with youth, have a couple of hours per month to volunteer, and have a passion for educating and sharing your talents, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Amanda Gann at (336) 401-8025 or agann@ncsu.edu for more information.

Enroll in 4-H Online 2.0 for 2022



Please enroll your child in our programs by creating a 4-H Online account for them. Access 4-H Online through this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Everyone should enroll in 4-H before attending a 4-H program or club meeting. If you have problems enrolling or re-enrolling your child, please contact Amanda at (336) 401-8025 or agann@ncsu.edu

4-H Holiday Food Show

Calling all budding chefs! We will be having a Holiday Food Show on Thursday, November 30th, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Youth may decorate their table with a holiday theme of their choice. They will bring a dish they have prepared, with minimal help from an adult, to share with the judges. They will also submit a copy of the recipe for their dish prior to the event, which will be published in the Food Show Cookbook. Youth will be judged on their table decoration, the visual appeal of their dish, the taste of their dish, and their presentation to the judges. Each participant will receive a ribbon, and one grand prize winner will receive a basket of cooking tools and utensils! If your child is interested in signing up, or if you would like more information, you may contact Amanda at (336)401-8025 or agann@ncsu.edu.



Upcoming Events

November 1st	Registration Opens for the 4-H Holiday Food Show
November 2nd	Homeschool Group Meeting 2:00-4:00 pm
November 3rd	Pick Up of Items Sold in Dewey's Bakery Fundraiser
November 4th	4-H Selling at Christmas Bazaar at SCA 10:00 am-3:00 pm
November 7th	Wreath & Garland Orders Due
November 10th	4-H Office Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday
November 14th	Beulah, Pilot & Horse Club Meetings 6:00-7:30 pm
November 16th	Homeschool Club Service Project 2:00-4:00 pm
November 20th	County Council Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm
November 21st	Dog Club Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
November 23-24	4-H Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30th	4-H Holiday Food Show 6:00 pm
December 1st	Pick Up of Wreaths & Garland



For more information about Surry County 4-H or to sign up for programs, please contact Amanda Gann, our 4-H Agent at agann@ncsu.edu for the quickest response. Our office can also be reached by phone at (336) 401-8025 and Amanda will get back to you as soon as possible. Our office hours are 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, and our address is 915 E. Atkins Street, Suite 300, Dobson, NC 27017.

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Special accommodations will be made for the physically disabled, vision, or hearing impaired person upon request. If special accommodations are required, please call Amanda Gann at (336) 401-8025, 3 weeks prior to the event or activity. This event or activity is operating under the 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure. You can obtain a copy from your 4-H Agent. This 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure is a condition of participation in any North Carolina 4-H activities or programs.