4-H Summer Opportunities Brochure—Enclosed you will find the 4-H summer camp brochure. This publication will go out to the public on April 1st. Alexander 4-H'ers and previous campers have priority until this date. You will need to pay 50% of the fee upfront to hold your space. This amount is non-refundable unless there is someone on a waiting list to take your place. Payment for Horsemanship Day Camps must be paid in full.

4-H Citizenship NC Focus—will be held June 14-16 in Raleigh for 4-H’ers 13-18 years old. During the three day event 4-H’ers will learn about local and state government, how to work with public officials, discuss local and state issues affecting them, talk and visit with prominent NC officials and legislators. Rachel Rogers and Trevor Davis have attended this event and can tell you about their experiences. The Alexander 4-H County Council has voted to pay the fee for 1 delegate from Alexander County. Participants are required to wear business casual wear during the event. To apply for the Citizenship Focus program, call the 4-H Office for an application. Deadline for applications is April 1st.

Junior Leaders Needed—In order to make sure everyone has an opportunity to serve as a 4-H junior leader for summer 4-H day camps, a 4-H junior leader application form will need to be completed. On the form, you will prioritize the camps that you are interested in helping with and list the individual skills they have to contribute. 4-H Junior Leaders will be required to attend the 4-H junior leader training session on Tuesday, May 25 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Deadline for 4-H Junior Leader Applications is April 1st. Only 4-H junior leaders completing applications will be able to serve as junior leaders. Call the 4-H office to receive a junior leader application.

4-H Mystery Trip—Come spend a fun and educational day by participating in a 4-H Mystery Trip scheduled for Friday, March 26 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The day is designed for youth ages 5-14 years old. We will have 12 youth spaces and 2 junior leader space available. Cost is $12 and each participant should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Deadline to sign up is March 22nd.

2010 Alexander Agricultural Fair—The Taylorsville Lions Club has set the date for the 2010 county fair. The fair will be held the week of September 14-18th. Mark the date on your calendar.

2009 4-H Club Project Completion Awards—OOOPS! We left out Curious Clovers 4-H Club. They also received a pizza party for Project Book completion.

State 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Conference—“Go Green… We Did” was the theme for the North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Conference held in Raleigh on February 5-7th. Alexander 4-H Volunteers attended many workshops and received many awards and recognitions during the conference.
Micki Earp received renewal credit for the Emerald Level Award for the Master 4-H Volunteer Leader ACE Program. She also presented a pre-conference workshop called “Judging the 4-H Way” and a workshop entitled “Fundamentals of 4-H & Ages and Stages of Development.”

Merylin Davis, Mike Adams, Ava Icenhour and Nicole Tadt attended the Friday pre-conference workshops on Application, Resume and Interview Process, 4-H Victory Gardens and 4-H Science Extravaganza.

Mike Adams and Nicole Tadt presented a workshop entitled “Beyond the Traditional 4-H Community Service”.

Nicole Tadt was installed as State Reporter for the North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Association. Laura Wahlers was installed as West Central District 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Association President-Elect and Mike Adams, District Reporter.

District 4-H Project Competition- Good Luck to the following 4-H’ers whose project books will advance to district competition. Twenty-nine project books will be advancing and we should know the results the first week of May. 4-H members whose project books are advancing are: Caleb Gilreath, Alison Keener, Cecilia Tadt, Holden Fink, Malachi Fox, Michala Brown, Brook Kohnle, Tanner Ingle, Erin Griggs, Coty Fox, Miranda Jansen, Seth Tadt, Vanessa Jansen, Melissa Mason, Dallas Perry, Courtney Bowman, Nicolas Dyson, Levi Fox, and Trevor Davis.

Cumulative Record Competition- Good luck to the following 4-H’ers whose cumulative records will advance to district and state competition: Trevor Davis, Dallas Perry, Melissa Mason and Courtney Bowman.

Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club- met on February 18th at the Chumley home. Trevor Davis led us in experimenting with electricity using items he brought with him. Everybody got to figure out how to make a light bulb light up using only tin foil and a battery. Then we used a battery, some wires, a paperclip, and cardboard to make a light "switch". After we put everything away, we all had some girl scout cookies that Miss Colleen and Jonna Williams brought. The club changed the meeting dates to the third Wednesday of each month to allow for sports programs. We also started planning our community service program and our fair participation ideas. Our next meeting will be held on March 17th at the Chumley home. Submitted By: Summer Chumley, Reporter

Curious Clovers 4-H Club- Curious Clovers, with the extended invitation to FACT Homeschool Group, gave a baby shower to the Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center. Baby items were collected and donated to their ministry. We also had a Valentine Party. We decorated Valentine bags, gave out Valentines, and had snacks. Thank you to all that came and donated items.

Emeralds 4-H Club- at their February meeting made plans to help the local McDonalds with a county tab collection project. They made foam Valentines and Gunk. Their Gunk had properties of a solid and a liquid.

Handy Dandy 4-H Club- Handy Dandy met at Valley Nursing Center and passed out rabbits and butterflies to the residents. We then enjoyed a pizza party at Cici’s Pizza before we went for a swim at the Wilkes YMCA. We also had our monthly community service meeting at Forgiven Ministries. Handy Dandy is still collecting Campbell Soup Labels to be sent to Barium Springs. Submitted By: Courtney Bowman

Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club- Homegrown Hearts had our February meeting at Unique Designs in Statesville on the 19th, where we painted ceramic tiles and raised $25 that will be donated to Haiti. They had lots of different ceramic items that people can paint. The lady explained that the paint changes color when the tiles are dipped in a special clear coat, and then baked and the whole process takes 18 hours! Thanks to all the families that attended and the Keeners for planning it all. Submitted By: Kaylor Berwick, Reporter.

Sugar 'n' Spice 4-H Club- In January the club meeting was led by the Wahlers family where we made three different recipes of dog treats and a batch of suet for wild birds. We each took home a variety of treats for our own pets and also carried three dozen homemade dog biscuits to the Alexander County Animal Shelter. In February we were visited by Mai Yang. She shared with the club what it was like growing up Laos and how different is was from America. She also taught us how to make fried rice and gave us the opportunity to make two batches ourselves! It was delicious!

Alexander 4-H Livestock Club- 4-H Livestock Club met in February, we played Animal Science Jeopardy and made file folders with old calendars (Go Green) provided by the Fagan family. Also had 2 new young people come for the meeting and joined the club. We provided a rabbit to a family new to the area and she plans to show it at the West Central Rabbit Show this spring.

Busy Bees 4-H Club- met on Thursday, February 25th. We made pillow pads for the dogs at the Alexander County Animal Shelter. Submitted By: Miranda Jansen

Don't Forget Daylight Savings Time is March 14th - Set Your Clocks Forward One Hour!