4-H Flag Retirement Ceremony - The Emeralds 4-H Club would like to invite any 4-H'er to help participate in the flag retirement ceremony to be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm at the DAV Building on Carrigan Road. We will be retiring flags that we have collected for the past 2 years and the flags that DAV members have to retire. If you would like to assist with a speaking part in the ceremony, please call the 4-H Office. We will need at least 10 people to help. This activity counts as a citizenship activity.

Community Service Projects - The Alexander County Department of Social Services are honoring foster parents at a celebration at Hiddenite Campground on Thursday, May 20th from 5:30-7:30 pm. They need 4-H'ers 13-older to help with games, face painting and crafts. They will have all the supplies that are needed. Call Teresa Smith at DSS at 828-632-1080, Extension 356 if you want to volunteer. Club of the year points will be assigned to those that help.

Spring Fling 4-H Booth - Alexander County 4-H Clubs will be manning a bean bag toss game at Matheson Park on Thursday, May 27th from 4:00-7:00 pm. We need 2 volunteers each hour to man the game and hand out 4-H information. There will be other activity booths to participate. Please call if you can help out.

4-H Presentations - Deadline to register is May 28th for a presentation. The district 4-H presentation contest will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd in Mecklenburg County. A video of state winning presentations can be checked out from the 4-H office. We will also help you develop an outline, and sketch ideas for your posters. Due to limited space, Cloverbuds will not be able to be presenters.

Summer Camp Opportunities - Several camps are filled and spaces are filling up fast for summer camps and workshops. Please remember that you will only receive a reimbursement if you cancel and there is someone to fill your space. Spaces are limited so call the 4-H Office as soon as possible to reserve your spaces.

4-H Poultry Poster Contest - The theme for the 2010 Poultry Poster Contest is “Avian Health and Bio-Security.” Youth should incorporate this theme into their posters. Please note the following rules:

1. Competition in this contest will be conducted on an individual basis in: Division I (9-10 years of age), Division II (11-13 years of age), and Division III (14-19 years of age) at the county and state level. Division IV (5-8 years of age) - will participate on a non-competitive basis at the county level only.

2. Posters should be a standard 22” X 28” size.

3. Posters MUST NOT contain copyright material such as cartoon characters, etc.

4. Currently there are no rules about what can or can not be used. ex.) using photos, clip art, pencil, crayon, markers, etc. Be creative and show us how you best express yourself with factual information and proper use of the poultry theme. Posters are due to the 4-H Office on June 11th. Each county age division winners receive the following cash awards: 1st place- $20; 2nd place- $15 and 3rd place- $10.
**June Dairy Poster Contest**- The theme for the 2010 Dairy Poster Contest **“Dairy Makes Cents”**, which highlights dairy foods as an economical source of nutrition. The theme must be incorporated into the poster.

1. Competition in this contest will be conducted on an individual basis in the following age divisions:
   - **Division I (9-12 years of age)**, 
   - **Division II (13-15 years of age)**, and
   - **Division III (16-19 years of age)** at the county and state level. Youth in **Division IV (5-8 years of age)** will participate at the county level only. County division winners will advance to state competition. State Awards are: **1st place - $45; 2nd place - $35, and 3rd place - $25.**

2. Posters should be a standard **22” X 28”** size.

3. Posters MUST NOT contain copyright material such as cartoon characters, etc.

4. Posters must have been displayed at least once in a public place (school, library, Extension office, etc.)

Posters are due to the 4-H office by **June 11th by 5 pm**. Each county age division winners receive the following cash awards:
- **1st place- $20**, **2nd place- $15**, and **3rd place - $10.**

**NC 4-H Photography Contest**- All entries must be postmarked NO LATER THAN June 8, 2010.

This exhibit is open to (and only to) all North Carolina 4-H members **ages 9-19**. Participation is NOT limited to just those 4-Hers enrolled in photography projects.

- All entry photos must have been taken by the 4-Her submitting the entry during the contest year.
- Entrants must submit their photos within the division that applies (Junior/ages 9-12 OR Senior/ages 13-19).
- Each entrant may submit only one photo in each of the three categories ("4-H in Action", "Nature’s Beauty", "4-H Family"). This means that each individual 4-Her may have as many as three entries so long as they submit each entry in a different category.
- The same image may be entered in more than one category (if it applies to each category) as long as separate copies of that image are provided for each category.
- SEPARATE and COMPLETED entry forms must accompany EACH individual photo entered. If entering in more than one category, then submit a separate form for EACH category entered. DO NOT use just one form for multiple photos, even if the same person is submitting them.
- Photos may be in color OR black-and-white. Any size 8x10 inches or smaller will be accepted.
- Entry prints may be made from negatives, slides, or digital media.

**4-H Career Poster Contest**-

1. Poster must be on **standard poster board** and must be of uniform size **22” X 28”**– other sizes are ineligible.

2. Use theme to select a career **you** are interested in and share it with us! For example: **“Explore Nursing.”**

3. Newspaper and film cartoon characters may **not** be used.

4. Posters must contain only original artwork done by the artist.

5. Do not attach items thicker than the poster board to the poster.

6. Keep it simple and to the point.

7. Display the poster in a prominent location in your hometown during the month of **May or June.** For example: local library, vet’s office, grocery store, school, or Extension office.

Complete a contest entry form and tape/paste it on the back of your poster.

A **$10 cash** prize will be awarded to the **1st place** county winners in the following age groups: **9-10 Age Division, 11-13 Age Division, 14-18 Age Division.**

The top two posters in each age division from each participating county will move onto district competition. District competition will be held during 4-H District Activity Days with the top poster in each age division at each of the district level events competing for state awards. The state competition will be held in July during 4-H Congress. All State level entries will be displayed on Tuesday of 4-H Congress. **Deadline is June 11th.**
Nicole Tadt represented Alexander 4-H at the North Carolina Lifetime 4-H Awards Gala on April 6th in Raleigh.

Nicole Tadt served as a judge at the 4-H Cumulative Record Book Judging in Raleigh, April 11-13.

State 4-H WHEP Contest- was held on April 24th at Jordan Lake State Forest near Durham. Alexander 4-H had 2 junior teams and 1 senior team participating in the contest. Junior Team #1- William Cheung, Jasmine Goodwin, Hunter White, and Faith Wahlers placed 2nd in the state. Tanner Ingle was 3rd high scoring junior individual. Junior Team #2- Erin Griggs, Alison Keener and Tanner Ingle also competed. The senior team of Hannah Rogers, Seth Tadt, Melissa Mason and Trevor Davis placed 2nd in the state in the senior division competition. The teams were coached by Lenny Rogers. If you are interested in studying about wildlife, the WHEP team will begin practice again in the Fall.

Wake Up to Agriculture- was held on Friday, April 30th with the assistance of the following 4-H'ers and volunteers: Anna Miller Bowman, Kyle Mayberry, Sonya and Linsey Fagan, Cody Fox, Vanessa & Miranda Jansen, Mike & Gabrielle Adams, Michael, Shelley, Michala and Marissa Brown, Nicole, Seth and Tadt and Luke Grogan.

### May 4-H Calendar of Events

- **May 1**: Alexander 4-H Goat Show – Alexander County Fairgrounds
- **May 6**: 4-H Expressive Arts Show - First Baptist Church- 7 pm.
- **May 11**: 4-H Poultry Judging Practice 3:30 pm.
- **May 22**: West Central 4-H District Horse Show– Latta Plantation
- **May 25**: 4-H Junior Leader Training– 3:30 - 5:00 pm - Extension Learning Ctr.
- **May 25**: Flag Retirement Ceremony– DAV Building (Carrigan Road)
- **May 27**: Spring Fling 4-H Booth - Matheson Park - 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- **May 28**: Presentation Sign Up Deadline.
- **May 29**: Rabbit Show, Alexander County Fairgrounds
- **May 31**: Office Closed for Memorial Day

### 4-H Club News

**Alexander 4-H Livestock Club**– On April 2nd & 3rd our club provided the animals for the Easter Program held at Stony Point Baptist Church. On April 5th, the Tadt’s did the program on vaccines. Also, during the month of April we provided a petting zoo for Valley Nursing Center and we had 2 new members to join our club. On **May 29th**, the Alexander Livestock Club will be hosting a rabbit show. Enclosed is an entry form, you do not have to be in 4-H to participate. All entries are due to the 4-H Office by **May 15th**. Call Mike Adams or the 4-H for more information.

**Busy Bees Needle & Thread 4-H Club**– met on Thursday April, 22, 2010 at the Extension Office. We worked on our skit for the May Fashion Show. Submitted By: Miranda Jansen.

**Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club**- met on April 21st at the Chumley home to talk about what we will do for our Community Service project and introduce our new members Raven and Alex Pardue. After, we went outside to play baseball with a ball and bat that Jonna and Mrs. Colleen Williams had brought. When we finished playing, we came inside to have ice cream sandwiches, popcorn and Amish Friendship Bread. The next meeting will be held **May 19th**. Submitted By: Summer Chumley, Club Reporter.

**Drumstand 4-H Club**- met at Food Lion and purchased $85 of groceries and stocked the shelves at the Christian Crisis Center.

**Handy Dandy 4-H Club**- met on March 30th. This month we volunteered at the Christian Crisis Center where we organized clothes and helped with other tasks. Submitted By: Courtney Bowman

**Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club**- Suzanne Rhinehart gave the program on bike helmet safety.

**5th Grade Stars 4-H Club**- Karen Fox, Debbie Tadt and Tia Triplett taught the group to make a magnet and then played bingo.