New 4-H Electric Project Club- There will be an informational meeting for anyone wanting to join the new 4-H Electric Project Club on Thursday, November 10th from 6-7 pm in the Extension Learning Center. The club will be designed for youth 8 years and up. Call the 4-H Office to register.

4-H Club Officer Training Workshop- for new 4-H officers will be held on Thursday, November 3rd from 6:00—7:30 pm in the Extension Learning Center. In addition to a pizza supper, new officers will receive their officer packets and the election of new 4-H County Council Officers. Please call the 4-H Center by November 1st to sign up.

Election of 4-H County Council Officers- If you are 13 years or older and want to run for 4-H County Council Office, please fill out an application form and return to the 4-H Center by November 1st. Nominations from the floor will only be allowed if no applications have been received for that office. Call the 4-H Office to receive a 4-H officer application.

4-H Bake Off Contest- will be held on Tuesday, November 15th. Pre-entry forms are due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, November 8th. Entries are due to the Extension Learning Center and will be accepted between 12:00—2:00 pm. The doors will be locked at 2:00 pm and no late entries will be allowed. The taste testing party and awards will be held at 7:00 pm. Call the 4-H Office or go to alexanderextension.com for full size entry form and contest guidelines.

Taste of 4-H Contest- Young cooks ages 7-14 are invited to enter the Taste of 4-H contest on the evening of November 11th, 5:30 pm at the Catawba County Extension Center Youth will prepare a dish of their choice (from scratch), display it using appropriate table setting, and the dish/display will be evaluated by a team of judges. The youth will also be asked a few informal questions related to food preparation, nutritional value, and food safety. We will have a tasting afterwards with winners announced. It is a $3 charge for a Tasting ticket, but you are welcome to observe at no charge. Taste of 4-H is a project of 4-H County Council. See the enclosed form in this newsletter for registration and further details.

West Central 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Fall Day- is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th in Taylorsville from 9:00 am—1:30 pm, at East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Workshops to be held include: New 4-H Curriculum, 4-H Petting Zoos- A Community Outreach, Straw Weaving, Kitchen Herb Gardening, 4-H Project Books, Public Speaking, The Experiential Learning Model and The Life Skills Model Alexander 4-H Clubs will pay for any volunteer or parent that would like to attend. Please call the 4-H Center to register. Deadline is November 7th to register.

Holiday Craft Workshop- Come join in on the fun and begin your holiday shopping early at this workshop on Wednesday, November 23rd from 9 am—2 pm, in the Extension Learning Center. Limited to 25 participants. Each participant will make and wrap four gifts for friends and family. Cost is $12 and participants must bring lunch and a drink. Money is due by November 18th to hold your space. We need at least 6 teen leaders (13-up) to assist in teaching. No cost for teen teachers.
4-H Project Books Due- Project books exhibiting work completed between December 1, 2010- November 30, 2011, and are due to the 4-H Office on Monday, December 5th by 5:00 pm. Remember to include the project record form for your age group with your project book. Project books cannot be judged without this form. To receive a sample copy of a 4-H project book, contact the 4-H Office.

ACE Volunteer Notebooks Due- The deadline for ACE Volunteer Award Notebooks is November 28th. Binders are available to volunteers wanting to complete an application.

Micki Earp traveled to Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Forum in Arkansas October 5-9th. She was a workshop presenter at the forum.

Melissa Mason, Grand National 4-H Peanut Foods Demonstration Winner in San Diego, California. This event was held at the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention October 6-12th. Melissa traveled with the other NC 4-H State winners to the convention. Way to Go Melissa!

Apple Peeling Contest Booth- Thanks to Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Members/Family members for manning this contest at the Taylorsville Apple Festival. Those helping were Dawn Chumley, Cheyenne Chumley, Summer Chumley, Brogan Chumley, Chayton Chumley, and JD. Ratliff.

4-H Fun Fall Day at Sunset Ridge Stables- was held on Friday, October 28th. Those attending were:

Aubrie Holland  Jordan Suttle
Culver Holland  Callie Logan
Faith Brookshire  Jonna Williams
Brenna Gatt  Courtney Powell
JD Sharpe  Savannah Minyard
Gavin Duncan  Taylor Garland
Katelyn Harrington  Lance Garland
Kendra Taylor  Juliana Cronan
Trinity Swink  Joshua King

Thanks to the following junior leaders:
Cheyenne Chumley  Miranda Jansen
Vanessa Jansen  Nicolas Dyson

4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest- was held at the Extension Office on October 27th. The results were:

1st place - Bailey Ingle, 9-13 Years Old
2nd place, Summer Chumley, 9-13 Years Old
1st place - Courtney Bowman, 14-18 Years Old

Thanks to Lee Holcomb from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for serving as the judge for this years contest.

4-H State Fair Results-

Goat Show:
Garrett Brown – 4th and 13th placing
Gabrielle Adams – 3rd place
Gavin Adams – 8th place
Michala Brown – 4th place

Beef Show:
Zachary Herman - 1st place
Kirsyn Herman - 5th place
Peri Munday- 1st place

Busy Bees Needle & Thread 4-H Club- met on Thursday, October 27th, we learned to make organizer bags.

Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club– The Holland’s were in charge of the program. Stephanie Holland showed the group how to make cornhusk dolls.

Emeralds 4-H Club- met on Thursday, October 13. Vanessa Jansen led the meeting with a program called "The Little Red Apple House". We learned a lot of interesting facts about apples. We cut the apples so that the "star" inside could be seen and used them to stamp apple posters. We also sampled different types of apples, apple juice and apple turnovers. Submitted By: Faith Brookshire.

Handy Dandy 4-H Club- met on Friday, October 14th, we learned about the “Wired For Wind”, National 4-H Science Experiment. We took an in-depth look at renewable energy technologies in the form of wind power.

Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club- met on October 14th, we learned about the “Wired For Wind”, National 4-H Science Experiment. It is a program to help 4-H youth enhance their science, engineering, technology, and apply their math skills.

Silver Saddles 4-H Horse Club- met a Sunset Ridge Stables to plan our new 4-H Club year.