“Can the 4-H Agent”– To start off our NC 4-H: Hungry to Help project, we will have a contest during National 4-H Week (October 3-8th) to see how much food we can pile in Suzanne’s office! Hopefully we will collect enough food that Suzanne will have to move out into the hallway. We will give 5 Club of the Year Points for every food item collected. You can collect the food anyway you can think of and bring it to the 4-H Office.

County 4-H Volunteer Leader’s Meeting- will be held on Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30-8 pm. Supper will be provided. We will train all 4-H Club leaders and 4-H Junior Leaders on how to do the National 4-H Science Month experiment. All equipment and supplies will be furnished for clubs to participate in the nationwide 4-H experiment. Please call or email by October 3rd to let us know you are coming.

4-H Fun Day at Sunset Ridge Stables- Come spend a fun and educational day by participating in a fun day scheduled for Friday, October 28th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Sunset Ridge Stables in the Bethlehem Community. The day is designed for youth ages 6 years old and older. We will have 20 youth spaces and 5 junior leader spaces available. Cost is $20 and each participant should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Classes involve trail riding, fishing, crafts, canoeing, horse games and other surprises. Limited transportation will be provided from the 4-H office. Deadline to sign up is October 21st.

ESL Day- is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 11 am - 2 pm in the ACHS Cafeteria. Alexander 4-H Clubs will be providing hands on activities for the youth in attendance. We need at least six 4-H junior leaders to help with this booth. Please call to register to volunteer by October 24th.

4-H Wildlife Judging Team (WHEP) - If you are interested in studying about wildlife, then the WHEP team is for you! The 4-H WHEP team is for youth ages 9-18. You receive training in wildlife identification, much more. 4-H’ers will be divided up into junior (9-13 year old) teams and senior (14-18 compete in the State 4-H wildlife foods, habitats, and wildlife contests held in April. The Fall practice session will be Monday, October 31st (Field Trip); Tuesday, November 22nd and Tuesday, December 20th from 3:30-5 pm at the Extension Office. During the months of January-April, the team will practice 2 times per month. If you are a new member and which to join the team, please call the 4-H Office. Team members are coached by Lenny Rogers, Alexander County Extension Director.

4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest- Use your creative talents to transform a pumpkin of any size and shape into an entry for the 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest. A $10 4-H Cash award will be awarded to the first place winners (based on creativity) in these age divisions: 8 & under; 9-13 years, and 14-18 years. All entries must be delivered to the 4-H Center by 5 pm on Thursday, October 27th. Pumpkins will be judged the next morning and available for pickup to use for Halloween.
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.

2012 4-H County Council Officer Elections- If you are 13 years or older and want to run to 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 Teen Leadership Conference- Instead of a state wide State Council conference, we will be holding two regional Teen Leadership Focus Conferences. The West Central 4-H retreat will be held at Sertoma 4-H Center on November 4-5th. The cost to attend the Teen Leadership Conference is $95. This fee includes facilities, meals (Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast, lunch and bag dinner to go), insurance, supplies, audio-visual equipment and lodging. Lodging will be in the cabins and youth will need to bring sleeping bags, sheets, pillows, towels, clothes, shower supplies etc. Because of space, each retreat is limited to the 68 females and 56 males who register. These retreats are designed for 4-H’ers ages 13 and older. The majority of the workshops will be focused on Leadership Development include selected Ambassador tracks. Deadline to register is October 17th.

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. Transportation will be provided. Please call the 4-H Office to register. Deadline is November 7th.

October 4-H County Council will meet on Thursday, October 20th from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Extension Learning Center. Club of the Year Points will be assigned at this time.

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 12-2:00 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. Please refer to contest guidelines and entry form enclosed in this newsletter. For a full size entry form and contest guidelines, please call the 4-H Office.

Operation Military Kids- Thanks to the following 4-H’ers and 4-H volunteer Leaders who helped man the Extension 4-H Booth for the National Guard Armory- Taylorsville Family Appreciation Day, on Saturday, September 10th. The children had a great time with sand art and learning about 4-H opportunities. Those helping were Summer & Cheyenne Chumley, Vanessa & Miranda Jansen, Nicole & Cecilia Tady, Faith Brookshire, Dawn Chumley, Micki Earp and Tass Jansen.

Unifour Area Extension Advisory Council Meeting- was held in Catawba County on Thursday September 8th. Thanks to Micki Earp who represented Alexander County at this meeting.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament- For the first time ever, 4-H’ers from Alexander County participated in the state 4-H Shooting Sports event. Alexander Hot Shots 4-H Club competed at the state contest September 24-25th at Millstone 4-H Center in Ellerbe, NC. Thanks to Fudd Brown, Allison Brown and Curtis Sharpe who coordinated the team’s participation at this event.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Participants/Results are as follows:

**Caleb Gilreath placed 7th out of 63, individual score.**
**Lilia Jenkins placed 12th in individual score out of 63.**


**Lilia Jenkins placed 10th in individual score out of 64.**
**Caleb Gilreath placed 13th out of 64, individual score.**


**Ty Lewis placed 9th in individual score out of 64.**
**Grant Mitchell placed 19th out of 64, individual score.**


Alexander Junior Individual Archery Compound- Grant Mitchell placed 11th out of 29 contestants.

Alexander Senior Individual Archery Compound- Harrison Jenkins placed 15th out of 84 contestants.

Harrison Jenkins participated in the Senior Individual Shotgun and Senior Individual CMP Rifle 0 Class.

Fudd Brown and Curtis Sharpe- Shooting Sports Coaches.

Thanks also to the family members who attended: Brian Lewis, Shelia Jenkins, Tracy Jenkins, Chris Eckerd, Brad Gilreath, Kathy Gilreath, Scott Mitchell, Tony Cloer, & Rhonda Cloer, and Garrett Brown.
Alexander County Agricultural Fair:
Thanks to Cheyenne and Summer Chumley, Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club who helped on Sunday and Monday with exhibit entries.

4-H Fairbooth Results:
1st place: Busy Bees 4-H Club
2nd place: Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club

Fair Cookie Contest Results:
1st place: Gracee Shook
2nd place: Anna Beth Harris
3rd place: Summer Chumley

Livestock Show Results:
Sheep Show:
Senior Champion: Seth Tadt
Junior Champion: Marissa Brown

Market Lamb Show:
Grand Champion: Chloe Lawson
Reserve Champion: Michala Brown

Ewe Show:
Grand Champion: Seth Tadt
Reserve Champion: Michala Brown

Goat Show:
Senior Champion: Cole Annas
Junior Champion: Noah Proffitt

Meat Goat Doe Show:
Grand Champion: Cole Annas
Reserve Champion: Adam King

Market Goat Show:
Grand Champion: Cole Annas
Reserve Champion: Michala Brown

Dwarf Goat Show:
Grand Champion: Luke Whitmire

Dairy Show:
Senior Champion: Harrison Jenkins
Junior Champion: Rachel Gray

Dairy—Ayrshire:
Grand Champion: John Roby Gray

Dairy—Brown Swiss:
Grand Champion: John Roby Gray
Reserve Champion: Rachel Gray

Dairy—Holstein:
Grand Champion: Laurel Gray
Reserve Champion: John Roby Gray

Dairy—Jersey:
Grand Champion: Ethan Sprinkle
Reserve Champion: Isaac Chapman

Beef Show:
Senior Champion: Heath Brittain
Junior Showmanship Champion: Katie Reid

Grand Champion Herford Heifer: Katie Reid
Reserve Champion Herford Heifer: Corey Reid

Grand Champion Commercial Heifer: Heath Brittain
Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer: Heath Brittain

Grand Champion Angus Heifer: Zachary Herman
Reserve Champion Angus Heifer: Peri Munday

Rabbit Showmanship:
Senior Champion: Gabrielle Adams
Junior Champion: Ally Bebber
Cloverbud Champion: Braidon McAlpin
Busy Bees 4-H Club-- met on September 22nd, at the Extension Office. We elected officers and planned our year. We also practiced hemming and hand-stitches. Our upcoming officers are: President, Vanessa Jansen, Vice-President, Anna Beth Harris, Secretary/Treasurer, Bailey Ingle, Reporter, Courtney Bowman, and County Council, Miranda & Vanessa Jansen. Submitted By: Courtney Bowman.

Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club- met on August 13th, 2011. We served lunch to Habitat for Humanity workers. Submitted By: Courtney Gant. On September 21st the Cornerstone Clovers met at the Chumley's house to elect new officers. They are: President, Culver Holland, Vice-President, Courtney Gant, Secretary, Summer Chumley, Treasurer, Cheyenne Chumley, Reporter, Jonna Williams, and Pledge Leaders, Zoe Buey, and Aubrey Holland, Jake Ratcliff, Aryana Ashlie. Topics for new meetings were planned. The next meeting will be October 19, 2011 at the Chumley home. Submitted By: Jonna Williams.

Emeralds 4-H Club- club met on Thursday, September 8th for their annual planning meeting. New officers were elected and plans were made for each monthly meeting. Vanessa and Miranda Jansen taught how to do 5 finger weaving. Submitted By: Faith Brookshire.

Handy Dandy 4-H Club—met on September 7th at Pin Station for Putt-Putt. We planned our year and elected our new officers. They include: President, Dylan Kohnle, Vice-President, Dallas Perry, Secretary, Brook Kohnle, Treasurer, Jasmine Baumgarner, Reporter, Sarah Perry, Pledge Leaders, Jasmine Baumgarner, and Jillian Woodring, other officers, Dallas Perry, Sarah Perry, and Courtney Bowman. Afterwards we toured the Old Courthouse in Newton. Submitted By: Sarah Perry

Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club- met on September 16th at the Extension Office. Margo Mosley presented our program on the new MyPlate nutrition chart. We also worked on planning the rest of our year. Club officer elections will be at our next meeting on October 8th at 9:30am. Any homeschooled 4-H'er is invited to join our club! Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every month at the 4-H office at 9:30 unless we're going on a 'field trip'.

Rocky Spring's 4-H Club- held a meeting on September 12, 2011. They elected officials, and planned their event's for the upcoming year. The officers include: President, Matt Cook, Vice-President, Avery Dayvault, Secretary, Alice Cook, Treasurer, Kay Dayvault, Reporter, Alice Cook, Treasurer, Kay Dayvault, Pledge Leaders, Tim Cook and Cheyenne Riddle. Submitted By: Mary Alice Cook.

Silver Saddles 4-H Club- had an outstanding showing at the Blowing Rock 4-H Open Show – Kelyn Diamond received the 4-H youth Championship award – Riding Missy in the Hunter Under Saddle Classes – Natalie Unger received 3 First Class Placements showing Chance in Hunt Seat Classes.

Sugar and Spice 4-H Club— had a meeting on September 1st. Brooke Kohnle did the program on Fiesta potatoes. She talked about how the recipe was easy and fast. We had 6 new 4-H visitors and parents. We explained to our new visitors about our past community service projects. The next meeting is October 6th at 3:45 pm. Please come and visit! Submitted By: Anna Beth Harris.