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Alexander 4-H News

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SEPTEMBER 2018

4-H Enrollment

County Council Meeting

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4-H in the News

Hello!! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We have had a wonderful summer be sure to check out the 4-H News section to see some of our summer adventures. If you have not heard already Christy Crouse resigned over the summer to go back to the classroom to teach. We will miss her tremendously and wish her the very best but wanted to update the membership to know the position has been posted. We will keep you up-to-date throughout the process.

4-H Open Enrollment—Now Online

Enrollment for 4-H is no longer going to be accepted in the office like before. Effective April 2018 enrollment is to be completed online. **ALL** 4-H Volunteers and participants are to submit enrollment and update each year or when information changes. Enclosed in this newsletter is an insert with instructions. Please contact the 4-H Center if you have any questions regarding 4-H Enrollment.

Alexander 4-H County Council

- 4-H County Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 25 at 3:30p.m.** at the 4-H Center. Please make plans to attend.
- ***2019 4-H County Council Elections***: Open to Alexander County 4-H members 13 years of age and older. Applications are available at the 4-H Center. **Due: Friday, November 2.**

Tractor Supply Farmer's Market & Paper Clover Fall Campaign

- Tractor Supply will be having a Farmer's Market on **Saturday, September 22nd**. If you would like to sell bake goods or craft items as a club that day please let us know. Money raised will go to club!
- The paper clover campaign will be held **October 3-14, 2018**. This is a great time to share 4-H in our county and also receive money to help offset the cost for youth to attend events. This year we have helped send youth to 4-H Congress and 4-H Citizenship Focus with these funds.

Please discuss these dates at your monthly meeting and call the 4-H Center to set-up at time to take the club members to Tractor Supply to share what 4-H means to you!

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4-H Pumpkin Contest

Decorate a pumpkin no matter the shape or size! Competition is based on creativity. First place receives a $15 4-H Scholarship and Second place receives a $10 4-H Scholarship in each of the following age categories: 8 & under, 9-13 years, 14-18 years. **Decorated pumpkins can be turned in until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18th. Please pick them up on October 19th.**

Taylorsville Apple Festival—Saturday, October 20, 2018

The Annual Apple Peeling Contest will be hosted by Alexander County 4-H at the **Taylorsville Apple Festival from 12 noon –2 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact the 4-H Center.

Reminder: Project Books & Portfolios

These are due the first of the calendar year! Do not wait until the last minute to work on these....forms can be found online or come to the 4-H Center if you would like instructions on how to complete. **2018 Project books and portfolios will be due January 7, 2019.**

2019 NC 4-H Volunteer's Conference
February 1-3, 2019
McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC
More information will be provided later!

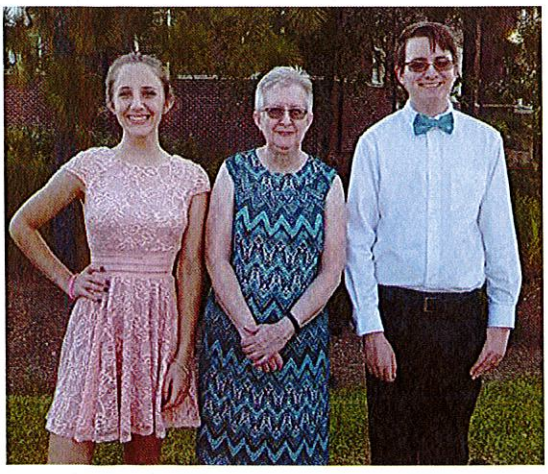
Are you following us on Facebook??? Stay up-to-date with events and news by following 4-H Alexander County!

4-H in the News

4-H Citizenship Focus is a 3 day learning experience about youth voice and citizenship in action. Event was held June 13-15 in Raleigh, NC. Over 120 4-H'ers and Adults represented 47 counties. One of the highlights of this conference was going to the NC General Assembly to meet with their elected officials. Youth had the opportunity to learn and tell their 4-H story. 4-H member, Anna Beth Harris, represented Alexander County at this event. She is in the photo with the others that attended from other counties.

2018 South Central District Activity Day in Harnett County was held June 19th. Anna Reid and Peyton Fox gave presentations for the first time and Joshua Smith performed in 4-H Entertains! Anna Reid and Peyton Fox finished in their divisions high enough to participate at state level. Congratulations to all three and thanks for your hard work!

The 71st Annual 4-H Electric Congress was held July 10-12, 2018 at UNC-Wilmington. Alexander County was represented by 4-H members, Kaylor Berwick and Nolan Ritchie, and 4-H Volunteer, Merylin Davis.

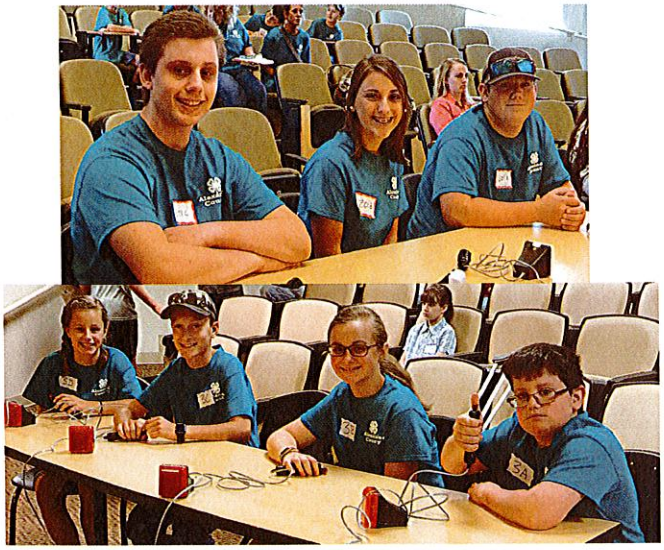


4-H in the News

NC 4-H Congress was held in Raleigh, NC July 21-24, 2018. Youth and adult leaders from across the state came together for activities including presentations on a variety of subjects, leadership and citizenship training, service opportunities, officer elections and more. Representing Alexander County was Kaylor Berwick, Anna Reid, Sarah Perry, Anna Beth Harris and Peyton Fox. Presentations were given by Peyton Fox and Anna Reid.

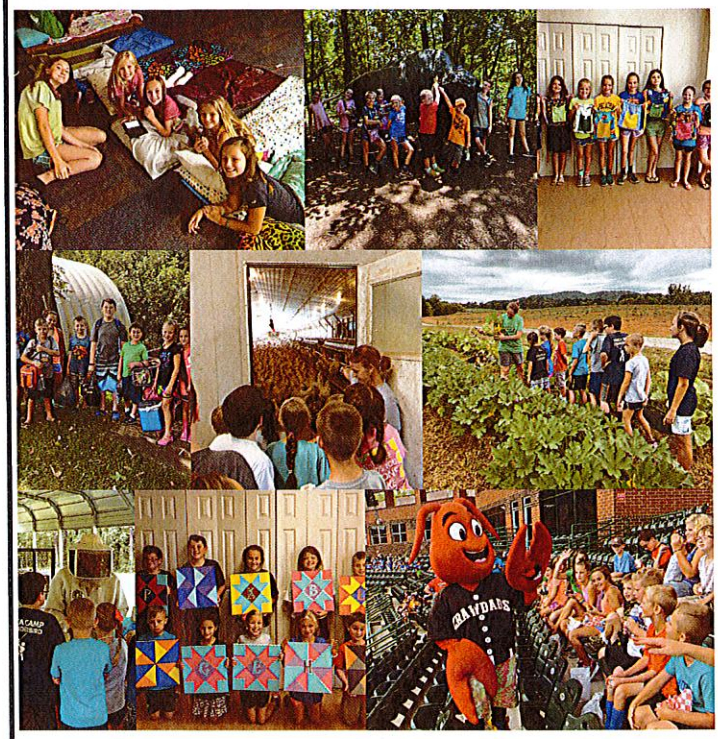
Left to Right: Kaylor, Anna, Sarah, Anna Beth
Not Pictured: Peyton

Alexander County Livestock Skillathon Teams competed in Raleigh, NC on July 26th. Alexander County had two teams. The Senior Team participants (top picture) were: Clate Childers, Chloe Lawson and Garrett Brown. The Junior Team participants (bottom picture) were: Lanie Crouse, Trent Crouse, Cora Childers and Weston Brown. The Senior team placed 8th in the State and the Junior team placed 11th in the State.



4-H Regional Shooting Sports Competition was held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Millstone 4-H Camp. Top Shots 4-H Club members competed, they were: Cora Childers, Nathan Maroulis, Clate Childers, Tanner Specht, Will Bumgarner, Weston Brown, Connor Brown, Trent Crouse, Joseph Maroulis, Zach Mundy, Garrett Brown, Colby Wike, Jack Bumgarner and Ben Jolly.

4-H Summer Opportunities were a blast this year. Many new youth joined in on the fun. Hopefully these participants will find a club to join and add 4-H year round to their calendar.



Alexander Junior 4-H Livestock Show was held Saturday, August 25th at H&H Arena. Placings and more information will be in the October Newsletter.

4-H Members that showed were: Grace Iversen, Callie Iversen, Trent Crouse, Garrett Brown, Weston Brown, Kaylee Mecimore.

Alexander County United Way is a proud sponsor of Alexander County 4-H

4-H GROWS HERE

Alexander County 4-H Livestock Club

- Meeting Date & Time: First Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension Office- Taylorsville
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes
- Club Focus: Livestock education (rabbits, beef, dairy, goats, sheep), community service and science.
- Contact: Allison Brown- allison_brown@ncsu.edu

Home Grown Hearts 4-H Club

- Meeting Date & Time: Third Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
- Meeting Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension Office- Taylorsville
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes Any age homeschooled youth, currently mostly elementary age.
- Club Focus: Variety of hands on educational topics.
- Contact: Karen Stroud – kstroud37@gmail.com

Special Interest/Project Group 4-H Clubs

Lake Pointe Platinum Ponies

- Meeting Date & Time: Third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.
- Meeting Location: Lake Pointe Equestrian Center, 2998 Teague Town Rd, Township of Taylorsville, NC 28681
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes
- Contact: Kari Thurber- Kari Thurber lakepointeequestriancenter@gmail.com

Southern Grace 4-H Club

- Meeting Date & Time: Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension Office- Taylorsville
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes
- Club Focus: sewing, cooking and crafts
- Contact: Amy Childers- childers6242@bellsouth.net or Amanda Reid- areid@alexander.k12.nc.us

Shockers 4-H Electric Club

- Meeting Date & Time: Third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension Office- Taylorsville
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes
- Club Focus: Electric projects
- Contact: Merylin Davis- davmerjo@yahoo.com

Top Shots 4-H Shooting Sports Club

- Meeting Date & Time: January- September, Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Location: Various locations
- Do you have available spaces for new members? Yes- Parental attendance at meetings is required.
- Club Focus: Archery, Shot gun, rifle, skeet and hunter safety.
- Contact: Allison Brown- allison_brown@ncsu.edu