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Mark Your Calendar...

December 1-4

Exceptional Children's Christmas Party

January 24

4-H Foundation Concert

January 30

Achievement Night

January 31

Dancing in the Clover
4-H Foundation Event

February 17

Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30am

Teen Council 6:00pm

March TBA

Teen Retreat

March 28

Shooting Sports Field Day

April 13

Performing Arts /
Presentations Workshop
6:00pm

April 21

Wake Up To Agriculture

April 28

Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30am

Teen Council 6:00pm

Union County Farm Credit Sandhills Circuit Livestock Show

Friday, September 13th Union County 4-H held its annual Farm Credit Sandhills Circuit Livestock Show at the Union County Livestock Market in Monroe. 4-H'ers from Union, Stanly, Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, and Columbus Counties, ranging from age 5-19, competed. Judging the show was Brent Jennings, Livestock Specialist with NC State University. Union County 4-H participants were Whiteleigh Allen, Isaiah Allen, Cody Carelock, Catherine DeBerry, Grace Fehlman, Jeremy Fehlman, Maria Fehlman, Theresa Fehlman, Blair Hancock, Sam Harris, Faith Haren, Abby Mills and Brady Mullis. Union County 4-Her placings were Junior Intermediate Lamb Showmanship 3rd place – Whiteleigh Allen, Senior Lamb Showmanship 3rd place – Sam Harris, Lamb Show: Suffolk Ewe Lamb 2nd Place – Whiteleigh Allen, Montidale Ewe Lamb 1st place – Sam Harris, 2nd place – Abbey Mills, Montidale Yearling Ewe 1st place – Whiteleigh Allen, 2nd place – Sam Harris, Montidale Aged Ewe 1st place – Abbey Mills, Commercial Lamb 1st place – Whiteleigh Allen, 2nd place – Abbey Mills, Grand Champion – Whiteleigh Allen, Reserve Champion – Abbey Mills, Goat Show: Class 1: 1st place – Isaiah Allen, Class 3: 3rd place – Catherine DeBerry, Class 5: 1st place – Theresa Fehlman, Junior Cattle Showmanship 1st place – Blair Hancock, Junior Intermediate Cattle Showmanship 1st place – Cody Carelock, 2nd place – Abbey Mills, Cattle Show: British under 1: 1st place – Blair Hancock, British over 1: 1st place – Sam Harris, 3rd place – Whiteleigh Allen, Grand Champion – Sam Harris, Reserve Champion – Blair Hancock, Exotic over 1: 1st place – Cody Carelock, 2nd place – Sam Harris, Grand Champion – Cody Carelock, Steer Show: Grand Champion – Cody Carelock.

Union County 4-H Youth Development greatly appreciates the help provided by Kathy Maye, at Union County Livestock Market and the sponsorship by the Union County Farm Bureau. Thanks to the 4-H youth, leaders, and volunteers for all their hard work.



Laura Byrd
Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development



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2008 Holiday Party



County 4-Her's will have the opportunity to serve exceptional children, this holiday season, in their own environment. This is our one county community service project that we have been participating in for more than 20 years-we plan on giving our best. 4-Her's will pass out gift bags that contain a notebook, pen, pencil, teddy bear, and a \$5.00 gift card to a fast food restaurant for 120 children. The exceptional children will participate in holiday crafts and games during the party. The party will be a lot of fun for all.



Good Music, Good Times

The Union County 4-H Foundation will hold its annual Bluegrass/Gospel Concert on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Agricultural Center. A Deeper Shade of Blue, New Vision, and Pinetuckett will be performing. The doors open at 5 pm and the concert will begin at 6 pm. Tickets in advance will be \$12 and \$14 at the door. Children 6 and under are free. Volunteers are needed to assist with the concert operations. If you or your club is interested in selling or purchasing tickets please contact Laura Byrd at 704.283.3740

Reminder:



Project Books are due by 5pm Friday, December 12, 2008 at the 4-H office.

My African Experience

Submitted by DreamWorks club member, Abby Mann

Shhhh! It's A Surprise.

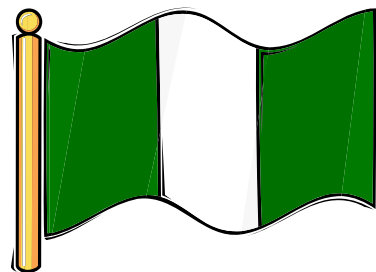
Achievement Night will be held Friday, January 30, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Please join us.



This summer I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Nigeria, West Africa. My parents were missionaries there for 11 years and I hadn't been back since 2005. I went back to say goodbye to my classmates at Hillcrest school. Hillcrest school is a private Christian school I attended while living in Jos, Nigeria with my family. I enjoyed seeing all my friends including one that hadn't been back to Nigeria since First grade. While there I also helped out some of the elementary teachers at Hillcrest school.

I was very happy to help out these teachers who are so stressed at the beginning of the school year. One extraordinary story that happened while I was there was about an accident that happened to a teenager that was on a mission trip. He was climbing a water tower and fell off and broke both legs in multiple places. A bone surgeon that comes very rarely to Jos happened to be there when this happened. So miraculously he was there to do an urgent operation on this boy. When the boy was shipped to South Africa they said they wanted to thank his bone surgeon for such a wonderful job. I can't see how anyone can look at this and not see God in it.

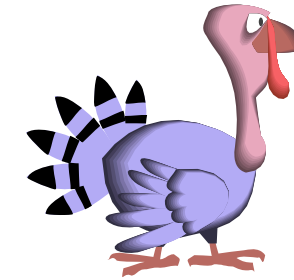
I encourage people, especially 4-Hers, to take a trip to another country if you want a great eye-opening experience. I can't explain how living in another country or just taking a trip to one has affected my life. You experience the beautiful and fascinating aspects of another's culture and make lasting friendships with the people that live there. You might even experience God along the way.



Turkeys for WHEP

-submitted by club leader- Patti Griffin

The Piedmont Middle School 4-H Club has been working at a Turkey Shoot with Union Grove Methodist Church. The money raised will go towards our WHEP field trip to the mountains and Cane Creek at the end of the year. Several students also won at the shoot: Bubba Smith, Jacob Thomas, Jeffrey Price, and Shanea Williams. We greatly appreciate Union Grove Methodist Church for this opportunity!



Animal Educators 4-H

submitted by club reporter- Theresa Fehlman

The fourth quarter of 2008 has been a busy one for the Animal Educators. Several members attended our Bake Sale in mid-August.

Theresa Fehlman, Catherine DeBerry, Jeremy Fehlman, Grace Fehlman, Maria Fehlman, and Faith Haren participated in goat shows this quarter, with five of these members participating in the Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit. Five of these members also went to the State Fair with their goats.

Theresa Fehlman and Catherine DeBerry went to the Winter Enrichment in Lumberton, NC.

Our group also went to Discovery Place in October. Members and siblings that went totaled around twenty. Five adults also went.

The group hopes to visit a nursing home and participate in the Exceptional Children's Holiday visits, to round out the 2008 year.



Congratulations to David Haren and Faith Haren—winners of our 2008 National 4-H Week Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Keeping it Green". Thank you to all those who participated.



Young Minds Science 4-H Club
-Kim Thomasson (new leader)

