



4-H NEWS WIRE

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Upcoming Dates:

January 8	Project Record Book Deadline - 5pm - Ag Center
January 14	Teen Council 6:30 p.m. Ag Center
January 2	South Central District Teen Lock-In 6:00 p.m. Ag Center Pick up January 30 at 7:30 a.m.
February 1	4-H Scholarship
February 19	Achievement Night
TBD	South Central District Horse Bowl - Iredell Co.
March 19	Dancin' in the Clover 6PM - Rolling Hills Country Club
March 21	Summer Fun Registration Begins (4-Hers Only)
March 21	Summer Fun Registration Begins (General Public)
TBD	Mexican Consulate
April 14	County Activity Day

Union County 4-H Teens Volunteer at Samaritans Feet



On December 12, 2015, a group of Union County teens participated in a unique volunteer opportunity at an organization called Samaritans Feet. The organization shares a message of hope and love by distributing new shoes and washing the feet of underserved individuals around the world.

During our time at the distribution center, the teens and other volunteers helped to unpack various shoes, sort them, and mark their sizes down to help facilitate a smoother process for their final destinations.

Samaritan's Feet believes that a new pair of shoes can be a tangible foundation of hope to a person in need. The 4-H teens were all extremely moved and happy to have spent a Saturday giving back to such an amazing organization. We hope that next time even more teens and adults from Union County can join us for this wonderful opportunity!



4-H Participates in Monroe Christmas Parade



THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our “Charlie Brown” themed float this year at the Monroe Christmas Parade. A special thank you to JB Presslar Company for providing the truck and also to Rusty for driving!



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UNION COUNTY TEENS ATTEND NC 4-H COUNCIL CONFERENCE



4-Her's who participated: Justin Bernash, Maria Fehlman, Kaylyn Gise, Hope Haren, Charity Haren and Christian Montoya

On November 15- 16, 2015, six Union County teens attended this years 4-H State Council Conference. Over a series of two days, the teens were treated to a great program. They had their choice of interactive group sessions and panels where they were able to discuss and interact with their fellow peers. The sessions ranged from topics such as Teen Stress, Autism Awareness to fun, interactive activities such as Zumba, Yoga and other team building exercises. The event was capped off with a fabulous night of dancing and fun made memories with other 4-Hers from the surrounding counties. We look forward to participating again in 2016!

Union County AIRE Winner Attends 4-H Conference



Attending National 4-H Congress was a great experience. I had the time of my life! I had the opportunity to listen to many national speakers. My favorite was Stedman Graham. When he spoke, I truly felt that I should expect more of myself. He discussed how no one thought he would do anything with his life. Look where he is now!

There were also many workshops offered. My personal favorite was the social media class. We learned how media affects our daily lives.

We also participated in a community service project. Our particular project was working to clean up an Atlanta park. This was work!

My favorite part of the trip was meeting all of the people from across the United States, like Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, and Hawaii. We talked about how they live their daily lives and how different it is from state to state. This trip was fantastic and I am grateful that I was chosen to attend.



Kudos Corner

Miles is the first known AIRE competition winner from Union County 4-H. He competed against hundreds of other 4-Hers to attend National 4-H Conference. He was one of twelve chosen for the trip. Congratulations Miles on this great accomplishment!



Outstanding 4-Her Award

Do you have what it takes to be the next Outstanding 4-Her? Outstanding 4-Her award is for both juniors (ages 9-13) and seniors (ages 14-18). The information on the application is for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015. Applications are due January 29, 2016 no later than 5:00 PM.

For more information contact Crystal Starkes at 704-283-3735 or via e-mail at crystal_starkes@ncsu.edu.

CLUB NEWS:

If you would like to submit any club news please contact ympena@ncsu.edu by January 25th

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

On February 19, join us for a fun night of creativity at this year's Achievement Night celebration. This year's theme is Express Your Creative Side with 4-H. It's the perfect opportunity to get creative. We are currently looking for 4-Hers interested in displaying their art work around the gallery. It can be drawings, photographs, paintings, etc. Art work must be dropped off to the 4-H office by February 12th to be labeled for the exhibit.

For more details, contact the local 4-H office at 704-283-3735 or 704-283-3740.



22 Years Strong: 4-H hosts holiday program for Exceptional Children



Union County 4-H youth and adult volunteers partnered with the Union County Public Schools to host the annual Exceptional Children Holiday Parties. The holiday parties were created twenty plus years ago to provide a gift to each child and bring holiday cheer through the

4-H youth spending time with the children. This year's event were at Weddington Elementary and Unionville Elementary. More than one hundred exceptional children participated. Each child was paired with a 4-Her and partook in various activities including creating necklaces, participating in arts and crafts, and playing interactive games. The program was facilitated by more than 80 youth and adult volunteers including the Union County Master Gardeners and Piedmont High School's Arts Honor Society.



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