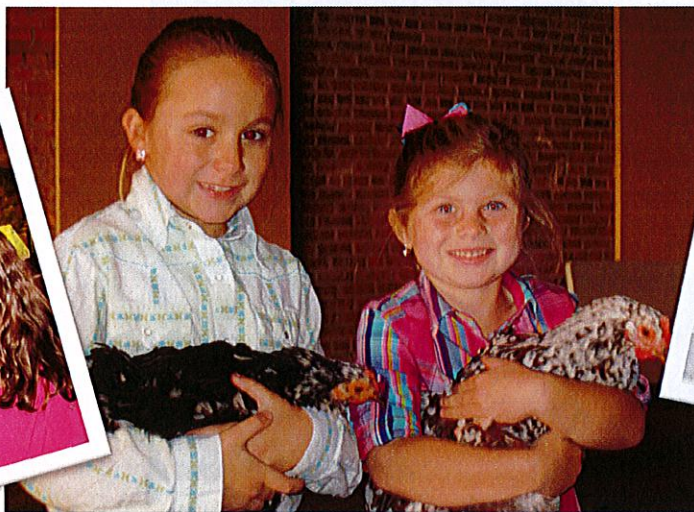


WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



Winter 2015



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Rabbit and Chicken Show

The 11th Annual Washington County 4-H Rabbit and Chicken Show was held on November 15th in Downtown Plymouth. The forty-four youth entries made the 11th show the biggest yet. Youth from across the area exhibited in both breed standard and showmanship classes for open rabbits, open chickens, and our layer hen classes. This year's layer hens were of the Welsummer breed.

Best in show in our open chicken classes went to Owen Price of Plymouth with his Welsummer rooster. Best in show in our open rabbit classes went to Angelina Cote of Washington. In the poultry showmanship classes Junior Grand Champion went to Emma Barrett and Junior Reserve Champion went to Anna Claire Barrett. Senior poultry showmanship saw Angelina Cote as Grand Champion and Kyndall Seger as reserve. In the rabbit showmanship classes Junior Grand Champion went to Jaydan Roberson and





4-H Calendar

Start your year off right with
4-H!

December 31st, 2014 - 2014 Project Record Books Due to Office

January 2015 – New Club Officers Should be elected!

January 9th, 2015 - Volunteer Leaders Conference Registrations Due

January 15th, 2015 - Livestock Judging and Skillathon Interest Meeting (Monthly meetings thereafter TBD)

January 20th, 2015 – Volunteer Club Leader Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

January 31st, 2015 – Livestock Show Applications Due: Hogs, Lambs, & Goats

February 7th-8th, 2015 - Volunteer Leaders Conference

February 13th, 2015 – NED Teen Retreat Registration Due: \$85

March 1st, 2015 – Beginning of Presentation Season! Contact the Office to Sign-Up for presentation help!

February 16th, 2015 - Achievement Night

March 13th-March 15th, 2015 - NED Teen Retreat: Beaufort County

March & April, Dates TBD – Livestock Showmanship Clinics

March – April: 4-H Embryology Projects at Schools

April 22nd, 2015 – County Presentation Day: Last Day to Sign-Up For Presentations

April 29th, 2015 – Layer Hen Show Registration Due to the Office

May 6th, 2015 - Livestock Show

May 13th, 2015 – Chick Pick-Up Day: Layer Hen Show

May 15th, 2015 – State Officer Applications Due

May 18th, 2015 – Livestock Show Evaluation Meeting

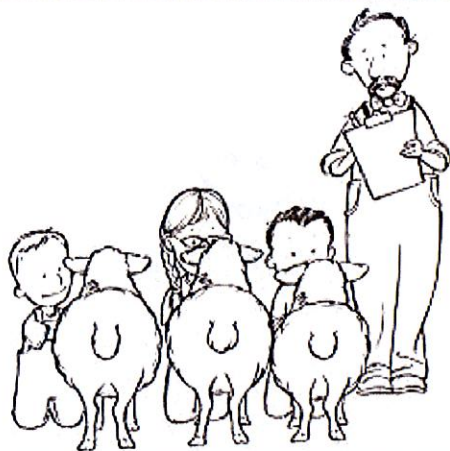
May 30th, 2015 - Northeast District Activity Day

SAVE THE DATES:

4-H Citizenship Focus: June 15th-17th

NED Science Camp: July 8th-10th

2015 State 4-H Congress: July 18th-21st



Livestock Judging

Washington County 4-H is starting a Livestock Judging and Skillathon Team!

This team will be learning about judging, feeds, breeds, equipment, and many other aspects of the livestock industry in preparation for this contest.

An interest meeting and first practice will be held on January 15th at 6:00 at the Washington County Extension Office!

Join us at this meeting to learn more about how you can get in on the fun and recognition!

Farmview Members Have Fun at Fall Meetings

By: Emma Barrett,
Farmview 4-H Club Reporter

At our September meeting, we selected new officers, we chose a project, and, our meeting was about how to calculate feed for non-show livestock, and different types of feed and hay. Our new officers are as follows: President: Madison Boyd, Vice President: Katlynn Stotesberry, Treasurer: Ruthie Askew, Secretary: Emily Chandler, and Reporter: Emma Barrett.

At our September meeting, we talked about how to calculate feed for non-show animals. We learned about a method to calculate feed, and it actually wasn't that hard! Then, we learned different products that commercial feed salesmen put into their brand. We took some paper, and went around the room, and looked and guessed at different products that people put into commercial feed. We learned at the end what each product was, and then we did the same thing with hay.

We decided on one of our projects this year, **Quarters for Kennels**. At our December meeting, we will count up all of our change that each family has saved up, and give it to a kennel nearby. We all love animals, so we voted on projects and most people wanted to do Quarters for Kennels.

At our October meeting, Mrs. Gerda helped us all create paper airplanes. She used an old book of hers to help create the airplanes. Some of the airplanes actually flew, and some, not so much.

At our November meeting, Madison Boyd, Sarah Glass, Emma Barrett, and Anna Claire Barrett gave their reports on showing at the State Fair. They all did very well!

At our November meeting, we also decorated cupcakes with Mrs. Kay Carter. We had so much fun! Some people were really good at it. I think we should do this again in our future!

At our December meeting, Emma Barrett, Anna Claire Barrett, and Maggie Mae Price gave their reports about showing at the annual 4-H rabbit and chicken show. Owen Price also showed too, but he wasn't at the meeting. Regardless, all did exceptionally well. We had Norman Clifton from the Washington County Animal Shelter come and speak to us about their daily routine at the animal shelter and the animal law regulations in Washington County. He was a very nice speaker and seemed to care a lot about his job and the animals. Also at our December meeting, we counted our change for the Quarters for Kennels project and we finally ended up with **\$275.45**. This money will all be going to the Washington Co. Animal Shelter.

**This article was included in this issue via club reporter submission!*

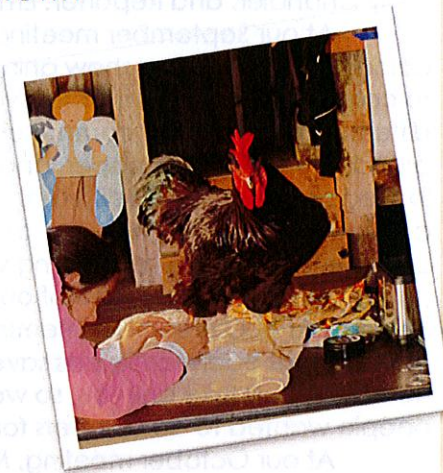


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Reserve Champion went to Brynn Miller. The senior rabbit showmanship classes saw Angelina Cote as Grand Champion and Kyndall Seger as Reserve Champion.

The Layer Hen class is a long-term project that starts in May with the receipt of chicks and ends on the day of the show in November. This year's Welsummers share breeding with the famed Kelloggs rooster and lay a medium sized dark brown egg. This year's Best In Show for the Layer Hen class went to Lilly Frances Lobos of Washington.

The 4-H Rabbit and Chicken Show was judged this year by: Jerry Cornwell, as the chicken judge, and Billie Jean LeFever, as the rabbit judge.



Nominate Your Club Leader

Do you have a club leader who goes above and beyond to make your club experience great? Does your club leader help you learn new and exciting things? Does your club leader seem like a second parent?

If you answered "Yes," then now is your chance to say thank you for all the hard work they do! Nominate your club leader for the:

2014 Club Leader of the Year Award

All you have to do is fill out a simple one-page form and return it to Mrs. Laura by February 2nd! The winner will receive a special gift and have their name added to a plaque to be housed at the Extension Office. The winner will be announced at 4-H Achievement Night! Nomination forms are available on our website or by request at the Washington County Extension Office.
<https://washingtoncounty4h.shutterfly.com/>

Nominate Your 4-H Club!

Four-H Clubs have always been the heart of 4-H, but every year some clubs go even further than their expectations! Does your club have an outstanding program? Do you have a unique and impactful community service project? Do you learn new things at every meeting? Do you get to lead and help make important decisions?

If "Yes," then the time has come to get some recognition for all your hard work and nominate your club for the:

2014 Club Of the Year Award

Fill out your one page application and return it to Mrs. Laura by February 2nd! The winning club will receive one State 4-H Congress Scholarship and will have their club name added to a plaque to be housed at the Extension Office. Winners will be announced at this year's 4-H Achievement Night! Nomination forms are available on our website or by request at the Washington County Extension Office.

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4-H Fun Page



Achievement Night

We are excited about our 2014 Washington County 4-H Achievement Night! Please mark your calendars for:

February 16, 2015

We are planning lots of excitement, new games, and new awards for this year's celebration! Please plan to attend and represent your club at this fun event!

The State 4-H Council Newsletter has been published and is available on the 4-H website. You can find it here:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/statecouncil/>

Are you a 4-H Club Reporter?

Did you know that you could submit articles to the Clover Connection? Contact Mrs. Laura for more information on how your club projects could be featured in our next article!

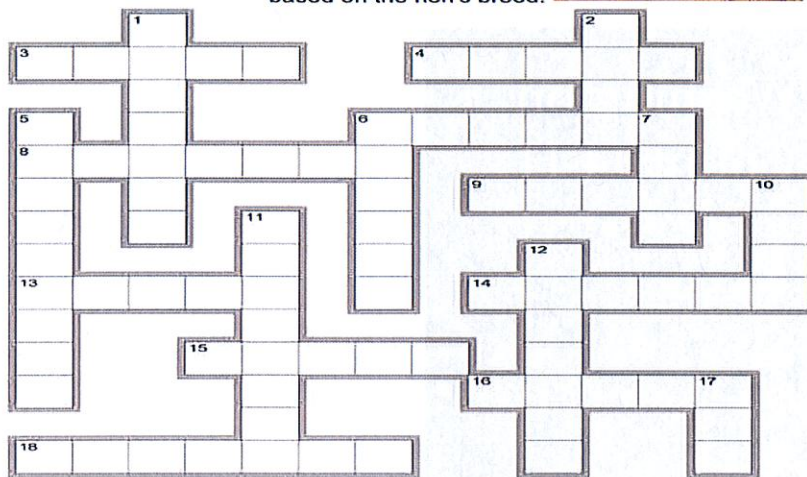
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Eggceptional Eggs Crossword



Eggs come in many colors based on the hen's breed.

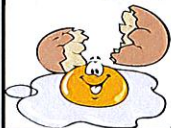


Across

3. outside of egg
4. allow air into egg
6. calories per egg
8. shell mineral
9. dozen
13. egg's protective coating
14. clear egg inside
15. break the shell
16. chicks come out of egg
18. 6 grams per egg

Down

1. egg appetizer
2. opening where egg passes
5. mixed eggs cooked
6. chick inside shell
7. yellow inside
10. what a hen lays
11. shell lining
12. white "tail" holds yolk
17. she lays eggs



Across: 3 shell; 4 pores; 6 eight; 8 calcium; 9 twelve; 13 bloom; 14 white; 15 crack; 16 hatch; 18 protein; Down: 1 devilled; 2 vent; 5 scrambled; 6 embryo; 7 yolk; 10 eggs; 11 membrane; 12 chalazae; 17 hen.