

NEWS FROM THE CLOVERFIELDS OF CHATHAM COUNTY



October 2016

From your 4-H Program Staff...

Happy fall y'all! Will someone tell the humidity outside that it's time to head out of town?

Hope you are all geared up and ready for fair season! October is one of my favorite months in the 4-H world - there's so much going on! If you peek at the calendar in the back, there's something every week!

For anyone who hasn't heard - we are eagerly awaiting our move in date for the new building, if all goes perfectly, it may be the end of the month, but will most likely be November. Our Director Sam has promised us it will be before Christmas (but he wouldn't specify what Christmas!) We know you all are as excited as we are to see and utilize the new space that's been promised for so long.

Inside this issue, you'll find more fair time fun, some great historical info on National 4-H Week and some feedback from our first club survey!

*Sincerely,
Ginger & Carolyn*

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Livin' the Livestock Show Life!



You can tell fall is on the horizon as the Livestock Show Circuit is heating up! The Chatham County Livestock Show was a great success on Friday September 9th and Saturday September 10th! This year we had an evening of wethers and does on the first day, and a morning of heifers and steers to round out the show. The Charging Champions brought their game face on Saturday with their heifers and steers, and rocked in heifer and steer showmanship!

This year's show was judged by Callie Birdsell Carson, who spent a great deal of time with each 4-H member talking about how to improve their skills and best prepare for the upcoming State Fair competitions. It was hosted at Mitchell Angus Farm, who kindly let us borrow their facilities for a second year. Premiums were thanks to funding from United Way of Chatham County and Farm Bureau of Chatham County. Thanks goes out to Southern States for donating panels



for us to use in assembling an arena, and to Atlantic Power Solutions for lending us a light tower to use in the field for the evening. Thanks also goes out the Randolph County Livestock Association for providing our sound equipment, and to Randolph County 4-H Agent Allison Walker for coming out to help as well as our area Poultry Agent Dan Campeau for his assistance on Friday as a ring master, and FSA Director Claudia Austin for helping as clerk on Saturday. We also greatly appreciate the Charging Champions taking the time to stay and help clean up after the show!

Thanks for another great show all around!!

USE #4HGROWN OR #4HGROWSHERE TO
SHARE YOUR 4-H STORIES AND PRIDE
ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM!

It is believed that the first official "Club Week" was proclaimed by Governor Christianson in Minnesota in 1926 when he established April 18-24 as "Club Week" to promote the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs in that state, as reported in the April-May, 1926 issue of National Boys and Girls Club News.

What is now known as National 4-H Week began as an outgrowth of World War II. Following Pearl Harbor, it was decided to postpone holding the National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C., until the cessation of hostilities. W. H. Palmer, State 4-H Leader in Ohio, soon after announced plans for a State 4-H Mobilization Week for Ohio as a means of focusing the attention of 4-H members on what they might do for national defense. This idea met with favorable response by State leaders throughout the country. As a result, the Federal Extension Service initiated National 4-H Mobilization Week which was observed annually in 1942, 1943 and 1944. The following year and each year since, it has been observed as National 4-H Week.

The focus during National 4-H Mobilization Week was on encouraging 4-H members to produce foods needed by rural men and women in the armed services; enlist as many young people eligible for membership as possible in all rural areas, particularly those living on farms, in some phase of the 4-H Club war program; to report on 4-H Club work which had already been started in terms of how it would contribute to family production and conservation goals and how it would contribute toward the total amount needed by rural men and women now in the armed services.



During this same period, the mid-1940's, a National 4-H Achievement Week was celebrated in November. This was a time to promote 4-H by emphasizing the accomplishments of that year and to recruit new members and leaders and plan for the next year.

After the war, when the National 4-H Mobilization Week became National 4-H Week, the purpose of the Week centered on (1) acquainting the public with the new, enlarged 4-H program, and the many ways young people may take part, (2) encourage more youth to join 4-H, (3) urge more men and women to volunteer as 4-H leaders, (4) recognize parents' contribution to 4-H and strengthen their cooperation, and (5) report the year's 4-H accomplishments and plan for the year ahead.

Results of this first National 4-H Week in 1945 indicated it had been a very effective means on the part of leaders and members alike, of reviewing the year's work, setting goals for the ensuing year, and focusing the attention of the public on 4-H and its values in the development of young people and to general community and national welfare.

In the early years, National 4-H Week was held in the spring. Beginning in 1968, National 4-H Week is now observed the first full week of October, beginning with the first Sunday of October. It may have been at the time of this change over of dates that the National 4-H Achievement Week became a part of National 4-H Week.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR FIRST 4-H CLUB SURVEY!

A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE SENT OUT AN ANONYMOUS EMAIL SURVEY TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND 4-H FAMILIES. WE GOT SOME GREAT RESPONSES, AND WE THOUGHT WE'D SHARE SOME OF THE FEEDBACK THAT WE GOT WITH EVERYONE!

IT WAS UNANIMOUS THAT YES YOU ALL LOVE YOUR CURRENT 4-H CLUB AND LOVE WHAT YOUR LEADERS ARE DOING, AND YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE OTHER FAMILIES IN YOUR 4-H GROUP!

WHEN ASKED WHAT YOU GAINED FROM A 4-H MEETING: "...FINDING PEOPLE WHO SHARED MY INTEREST." "HAVING FUN AND MEETING NEW FRIENDS THAT ENJOY THE SAME THING!" AS WELL AS CONFIDENCE, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INTERACTION WERE ALL COMMON AND RESOUNDING RESPONSES.

WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE CHANGE IS MORE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF MEETINGS AND MORE COMPETITIONS IN DIFFERENT AREAS - WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO KEEP THAT IN MIND, AND IF ANYONE HAS IDEAS ON WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE, LET US KNOW!

IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR VOICE HEARD,
THE SURVEY IS STILL OPEN!

GO TO

[HTTP://GO.NCSU.EDU/CHATHAM4HSURVEY](http://go.ncsu.edu/chatham4hsurvey)





COOL NEW THINGS AT THE STATE FAIR IN 2016:

- AN EXCLUSIVE ICE CREAM FLAVOR FROM NC STATE'S VERY OWN HOWLING COW! CHECK OUT CARAMEL APPLE CRISP, THE 2016 FAIR FLAVOR CONSISTING OF APPLE ICE CREAM WITH CINNAMON CARAMEL SWIRL AND GRAHAM CRACKER CRUMB!

-FRIED BACON PIMENTO CHEESEBURGER EGG ROLL! EXACTLY AS UNHEALTHY AS IT SOUNDS, WE RECOMMEND CHECKING WITH YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE CONSUMING ONE!

-THE STATE FAIR FLYER: SOAR ABOVE THE MIDWAY LIGHTS IN THE NEW SKI LIFT LIKE RIDE THAT CARRIES YOU ABOVE THE ENTIRE MIDWAY ON A CONTINUOUS LOOP OF ALMOST 3,000FT!

-CHECK OUT THE "BUZZ" AT THE BEE AND HONEY COMPETITION AREA IN THE EXPO CENTER. BEEKEEPERS ARE ON HAND TO TALK ABOUT BEEKEEPING AND THE CRITICAL ROLE BEES PLAY IN PRODUCING OUR FOOD. THE EXHIBIT FEATURES A SCREENED CAGE WITH AN ACTIVE BEEHIVE.

-NEW COMPETITIONS THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ENTERING, INCLUDING TWO ON-THE-SPOT COMPETITIONS, A KIDS SUGAR CUBE BUILDING CONTEST FOR AGES 4 THROUGH 12, AND A TEAM CAKE DECORATING CONTEST, WHERE A TEAM OF TWO WILL COMPETE IN A TIMED DECORATING CONTEST. OTHER NEW CONTESTS INCLUDE A PRE-APPRENTICE PRE-ENGINEERING MOBILE ROBOTICS CONTEST AND A CAVY COSTUME CONTEST. WE ARE ALSO ADDING A CHORAL COMPETITION FEATURING MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS, WITH THE CONTEST BEING HELD THURSDAY, OCT. 13, AND A COFFEE COMPETITION, WHICH IS OPEN TO LICENSED N.C. COFFEE ROASTERS.

NC STATE FAIR SCHEDULE

Listed below are some highlights for each day at the NC State Fair in Raleigh! Most events are held at multiple times and repeat over multiple days, giving you more opportunities to check it out! For more details, go to ncstatefair.org and check out the Daily Schedule!

- **Thursday the 13th:** Open Horse Show begins, Poultry competition, Jr. Wether Showmanship, Chinese Imperial Acrobat Show, Racing Pigs, Choral Competition
- **Friday the 14th:** Jr. Market Steer Show, Jr. Beef Heifer Showmanship, Folk Festival, Tractor Pull, International All-Star Circus
- **Saturday the 15th:** Jr. Beef Heifer Show, Horse Show Youth Day, Team Cake Decorating, Livestock Special Show, Horse Show Draft Horse Pull, Junior Livestock Sale of Champions
- **Sunday the 16th:** Gold Medal Flour "Best Pie" Contest
- **Monday the 17th:** Miniature Horse Show, NC Apple Growers Association Recipe Contest, King Action Sports Stunt Show
- **Tuesday the 18th:** Draft Horse Show, Beef Cattle Breeds Show
- **Wednesday the 19th:** Electrical Apprentice Competition, Gaited Horse Show, NC National Guard Exhibition
- **Thursday the 20th:** Carpentry Apprentice Contest, NC Pecan Association Recipe Contest, Wool Sheep Breeds Show
- **Friday the 21st:** NC Cattlemen's Beef Council Recipe Contest, Dairy Cattle Breed Show, Kids Cookie Decorating Contest, Demolition Derby
- **Saturday the 22nd:** Great American Spam Championship, Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute
- **Sunday the 23rd:** Mule show, Pygmy Goat Costume Class

OCTOBER 4-H CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
For more details on any of these activities and dates, see online at chatham.ces.ncsu.edu or call 919-542-8202						1
			4-H science day			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
National 4-H Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Tractor Supply Clover Campaign						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NC STATE FAIR					Deadline to Register for Showmanship Banquet	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Chatham County Fall Fun Day	Horse Judging Short Course
30 Livestock Skillathon	31					

THE HORSEKATEERS WILL BE HOSTING A BAKE SALE AND PROMOTING THE CLOVER CAMPAIGN ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH FROM 2 PM-4 PM AT THE SILER CITY TRACTOR SUPPLY LOCATION! COME OUT THAT AFTERNOON, OR IF ANY OTHER CLUBS WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE AND THEIR CLUB, WE'LL HOOK YOU UP WITH THE RIGHT FOLKS THERE!



AS A REMINDER, THE LOW RIDERS ARE STILL COLLECTING SHOES FOR THE WORLD WEAR PROJECT AS A SERVICE PROJECT AND A FUNDRAISER! A BOX HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE CHATHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURE BUILDING TO COLLECT GENTLY WORN ATHLETIC SHOES (LEATHER OR LEATHER LIKE) THAT STILL HAVE SOME LIFE IN THEM! THE WORLD WEAR PROJECT RECYCLES THE SHOES, KEEPING THEM OUT OF LANDFILLS AND PROVIDING THEM TO PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM. SHOES CAN BE MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S, MUST BE IN WEARABLE CONDITION (NO HOLES, RIPS OR STAINS), AND NO METAL CLEATS. CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET TODAY AND SUPPORT THE CLUB!

THANKS FOR READING OUR NEWSLETTER! HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS FOR THE NEXT ONE? EMAIL CAROLYN.JOHNSON@CHATHAMNC.ORG!

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