

GROWING UP GREEN

Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter

**CONGRADULATIONS
CLASS OF
2022!**



County Happenings

Class of 2022

We love our seniors and are so proud of all of their hard work. Thank you for your dedication to our 4-H program and all that you do representing Cabarrus 4-H. May you take what you learned here with you along the way and make the best better as you blaze your new trail through the future. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Best Wishes! If you missed the senior spotlight form please complete by May 25th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBXSb5eXKKKB84VmoJed_-J0dgKOUFFrg7onSHR5pidI35TeQ/viewform

Club Meetings

4-H clubs are continuing to meet each month. The summer is a great time to regroup and recharge. The programs the clubs are hosting are outside the box and engaging the youth. Keep up the great work! Please let Molly know if your club decides on a new meeting space so we can update the website, your club charter and let new members know. Please ensure all your members are registered on 4-H Online.

South Qualifying Horse Show

Cabarrus County 4-H'ers successfully participated in the South Qualifying Show at Lake Waccamaw May 13-15. To earn the ability to show at the State 4-H Horse Show, 4-H'ers must qualify at on of the district shows. We had Kickin' Tails, Fynnegan Farms and At-Large Club members compete, including many first year competitors. Way to go everyone! Congratulations!

Youth Commission

The Cabarrus County Youth Commission held their banquet in Kannapolis on April 25th. Civically minded youth who attend High School in Cabarrus County can apply to serve a two year term at <https://cabarruscounty.us/resources/youth-commission>

Fair Planning Meeting

The fair is in person this year and we are excited to start planning for fair! All youth and volunteers are able to attend the fair planning meeting on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00p.m. at the office. We will plan an interactive booth for families and community members, along with an educational booth. Please plan to attend if you want to take part in the planning process.

Congratulations to our Class of 2022
Graduates!

Left to Right: Nisha Jakkinpali, Kelbe Lawing,
and Lainey Lancaster

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New Programs

We are always open to discuss new program ideas! Adult and youth volunteer leaders are always needed. If you have an idea, we have the means to make it happen. Join others to make a leadership team or plug your family into the new or existing programs. 4-H is what you make of it! Thank you for stepping up to lead!

Poultry Judging

Our Livestock Agent, Mackenzie Hall is excited to offer learning experiences for youth interested in chicken, geese, ducks, peafowl, turkey, quail and other fowl again this year. All youth are welcome, competition for youth ages 8-18. Poultry Judging allows youth to compare eggs and meat according to the USDA quality standards. It is a great insight into food quality at the grocery store! Join Mackenzie Thursdays until July 7th at the 4-H/Extension Office from 6-7:00p.m. State competition is July 12th.

Piedmont Rabbit Project

4-H'ers had the opportunity to borrow rabbits from a local agent to raise and train to be able to show. These youth have had their rabbits for about two months and will be showing on Saturday, May 21st at the Rowan County Extensions Office. Participants have been attending educational zoom sessions to learn how to care and show their rabbits. The youth have also been working with Agents Mackenzie and Molly to increase their showmanship skills. This has been a great opportunity to learn showmanship, care for a rabbit, and try a new experience. Everyone has made great progress in just two weeks. We can not wait to see how well they do this weekend! Good Luck Showmen!



There are lots of upcoming programs from across the state. These are posted regularly on our Cabarrus County 4-H Facebook Group. Please join to keep informed.



THOUGHTS FROM YOUR 4-H AGENT

It's May! That means we will soon be half way through the year! Now is a great time to reflect on your project record: What is missing? What have you done? Where are those pictures? As school winds down and Awards Days are happening, don't forget to write down your involvement and awards outside of 4-H.

Many of you recently participated in art shows, horse shows, and other competitions. Make sure to record these events and any awards you may have received. The best part is showcasing all of your hard work.

Keep it up! Summer is coming - plan now how you can add to your project.

Molly

MAY 2022

Summer Programs

This Summer will be doing all summer programs in person at a variety of locations. Check out our summer programs at

<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/04/cabarrus-4-h-summer-fling/>. Thank you to all who have worked hard to make summer happen! Registration will be at go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus

Overnight Residential Camp- Enjoy 6 days of traditional camping experience at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville, NC July 10-15 Registration \$500 spots are limited and scholarships are available.

Day Camps & SPIN Clubs- These great one-session classes or multiple session clubs are an easy way to explore a new interest. Lots of classes still have room: Make IT! SPIN Club, STEAM, Reading SPIN Clun, Test Your Luck, You can Ukulele, Community Impact, Giddy Up, Baking, Photography, Electric, and so much more!

NC 4-H Congress - This state-wide teen leadership program allows for civic engagement, community service and workshops for professional development. Registration is open on Recl. Cost is \$400.

Follow Cabarrus 4-H and NC 4-H on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and TikTok for more upcoming programs.

Did you know?

May is the perfect time to add to your citizenship and civic engagement portion of your 4-H Project. How can you be more involved? Who makes decisions for your community and how can you be in the room where it happens? Meet those people, go to those places, show your support and be a pillar for change. Talk with your parents, 4-H leaders, club members and activate.

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SUMMER INTERN!

We are excited to welcome Xavier Bulla as the summer intern. He has years of experiences working Summer Fling and will be the lead on several of our classes this summer. Here are 10 fun facts about Xavier!

- 1) I'm the archery champion of a local medieval reenactment group
- 2) I'm the juggling instructor for Cirq-U circus university in Gibson Mill
- 3) I was featured on Good Mythical Morning
- 4) I'm an Eagle Scout
- 5) I play the ukulele
- 6) I can play the didgeridoo
- 7) I was homeschooled my whole life
- 8) I really like roller skating
- 9) I know how to eat fire
- 10) I've been volunteering in Summer Fling for 5 years

ART ENTRIES

Thank you to Union Street Market, Buzz City Games, Goldberry Books, and Shoebeedo for displaying our art entries. They are being collected and will be available for pick up. Don't forget you can enter your work in the Cabarrus County Fair. The fair offers premium money for those who place 1st-3rd, along with ribbons and other prizes! Showcase your local work in the fair and earn money for your next activity or adventure.

See more info on our website

<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/>

Mark Your Calendars!

- May 14 - Youth Market
- May 13-15 - South Qualifying 4-H Horse Show
- May 19 - ~~Family Monte Carlo Night~~ Rescheduled
- May 21 - Piedmont Rabbit Show
- May 26th - County Activity Day
- May 27th - Junior Leader Training 4:00 - 9:00pm
- June 1st - NC 4-H Ambassador Due to County 4-H Staff
- June 3rd,4th - NC 4-H Honor Club Conference
- June 3rd - Junior Leader Training 4:00 - 9:00pm
- June 11th - Youth Market
- June 14-16 NC Citizenship Focus: Registration Closed
- June 14th - Fair Planning Meeting
- June 18th- South Central District Activity Day
- June 21st- Cabarrus VLA Meeting

New Club Thoughts

This year we started Blindshots and Fur and Feathers 4-H Clubs. Both these clubs now have leaders and active members that meet monthly. We are always looking for new opportunities to grow the 4-H program. Please reach out to Molly if you have interest in starting or volunteering to lead a new club!

Register for upcoming camps,
classes and events at:
<http://go.ncsu.edu/registercabarrus>

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