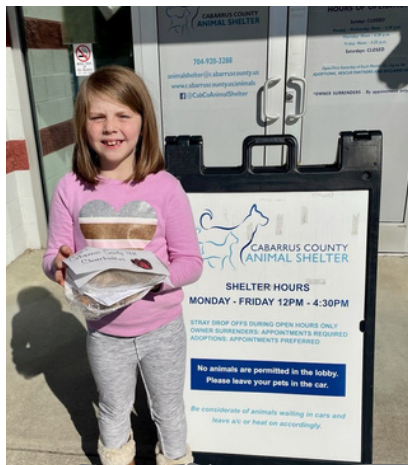


# GROWING UP GREEN

## Cabarrus County 4-H Newsletter



### In the News

Veteran's Day is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity to put something special in your project record book towards the end of the year. Items listed in the Civic Engagement part show the judges that you are a well-rounded 4-H'er that cares about their community. Please think of how you can honor our Veteran's. Maybe send a card to a Veteran you know, have dinner with them, schedule time to visit a nursing home or the VA Hospital in Salisbury; these are all great ways to show you care.

This year's election for County Council officers will take place at our November County Council meeting. If you are ages 13-18 and have some ideas on how our 4-H program could meet the needs of our club members, we would love for you to apply to be an officer. Please submit your application by October 25th at 5pm. The link below will take you to the the Officer Application. November 1st we will hold elections, participate in flag retirement ceremony, and collect items to donate to Cabarrus County Veterans Services. This will be perfect to add to your 2022 4-H Project Record Book.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLcFFPRWguJ2nw6UHPYdWR902YGvfEu75N2G7VnGrRXkh98w/viewform>

### Meet Jessica!

Help me welcome Jessica Cline to Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension. She is our new County Operations Support Specialist. She was born and raised in Cabarrus County. She's an experienced wildlife rehabilitator and a graduate of Lees-McRae College with a degree in biology with emphasis on wildlife rehabilitation. Jessica has worked at multiple rehabilitation centers on the eastern coast, from as far north as Ohio to the most southern part of Miami Florida, and some places in and around North Carolina. She will be working closely with our volunteers throughout the year and helping to maintain our social media. She has many years of volunteer coordinating experience. She is in the office Monday- Friday 10am -2pm.

Pictured Above: Left-Right- Ayla leading Cloverbuds in making dog treats to donate to the local shelter, Andrew at the Youth Market selling pinecone ornaments, Cloverbud Addie delivering the dog treats, and Charis and Chessa selling handcrafted bracelets at the October Youth Market!

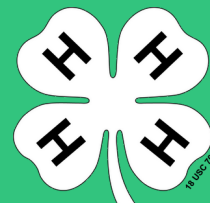
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### VOLUNTEER LEADERS



# Opportunities for Youth

Our 4-H program continues to grow and we are continually seeking new learning opportunities for youth to learn and develop both personally and professionally.

## Local Government

Local High School youth can join the Cabarrus County Youth Commission to take an active role in the community and learn more about what local government brings to their lives. Apply at <https://cabarruscounty.us/resources/youth-commission> Especially seeking members from J. M. Robinson, Homeschool, West Cabarrus & A. L. Brown.

## Teen Leadership

Teens interested in serving in local leadership positions can apply to serve as 2022 County Council Officers. Applications due October 25th at 5:00pm. Elections will be at the next County Council Meeting on Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

## Serving our Veterans

The Cabarrus County Veterans Services operates a food pantry for our local veterans. Please consider donating hygiene and food items now and throughout the year. Cards can also be sent to the VA hospital in Salisbury, NC.

## Cloverbud Club

Youth ages 5-8 are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Cabarrus County Extension Center from 6-7 p.m. Youth participate in a short business meeting and a fun hands-on activity selected by members.

## Adult Volunteer Needs

With growing comes new needs for adult volunteers. If you have time, passion and energy to give to the program, we would love to have you. See Molly if you are interested. Here are a few roles needed:

1. Blind Shots Club Co Leader
2. Entrepreneur Club Leader
3. Livestock Co Leader
4. Creative Minds Homeschool Co Leader

## National 4-H Week Reflection

With National 4-H week 2022 in the books, we have lots of people to thank and spotlight! Congratulations to our County winners for the 2022 Dr. Kim Ingold Photography contest. We had two winners from Cabarrus County, Megan Montgomery, 1st Place Special Effects- Junior and Ireland Lowder who received 4th place in Special Effects- Senior!

Way to go everyone who participated! Thank you to everyone who helped set up items at our Tractor Supply Company stores. I firmly believe this will be our best Paper Clover Campaign ever! Please share our gratitude with the staff next time you visit a TSC store. Thank you for all those you participated in the 4-H Week spotlight. The winner of the Cabarrus County shirt is .....Nadia and Caleb!

**Submit Your Club Tweet**  
**next month to Molly!**

## CLUB TWEETS! KICKIN-TAILS 4-H CLUB



Club Tweets are a great space to share what your club has been up too! Kickin-Tails has been busy with their Annual Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt, Going to a Corn Maze, and recognizing Senior, Katherine Jennings before she heads off to College! The pony, Fancy Pants has unfortunately passed away. She has been a part of the 4-H family for 25 years and has helped many 4-H'er start their careers. You will be missed Fancy Pants!

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## Volunteer Leaders

### North Carolina State Volunteer Leaders Association Conference

Save the dates for 2/3-2/4 for the conference at the Hilton Durham by Duke University. Many registration options. Great workshops, networking opportunities and a good getaway. Scholarships for registration are available, please reach out to Molly for additional information.

### Nominate your best!

Want to make a special surprise for your favorite volunteer leader! Work with Molly to nominate them for a state volunteer award.

### Upcoming Local Workshops

#### South Central District 4-H Volunteer Leader's Fall Day

Saturday, November 11, 2022 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
Registration \$15 by November 4th. In Person in Sanford, NC at NC Cooperative Extension, Lee County 2420 Tramway Rd, Sanford, NC.  
<https://forms.gle/mSnqKPEpM1EQ1H379>

This one day leadership conference is the perfect way to get started with your volunteer involvement. Meet volunteers from our 19 county district and build your network for ideas, problem solving and best practice sharing for your club and activities.

#### Did you know?

**November is Homeless Youth Awareness Month and contains National Hunger Awareness week. In 2019-2020, over 540 youth identified as homeless in our school systems. They are our friends, neighbors and family members. I challenge you to find a program in your school, community or neighborhood that is working to lift up our neighbors and give them an hour of your time in the next month. We all have many reasons for which to be thankful.**

## SUMMER CAMP

Now might be the best time to start planning for summer camps! Does your youth want to go to camp? Why not gift them camp for an upcoming celebration - Birthday, Christmas, etc? Summer Camps come in all sizes - from Cloverbuds to Shooting Sports - there is something for everyone. Talk with Molly about reserving your spot with a \$100 deposit today!

## EXPLORERS OF THE DEEP STEM CHALLENGE

The 2022 4-H STEM Challenge dig deep in to the exploration of the deep sea. Developed by N.C. A&T Cooperative Extension, it includes activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 STEM skills. To check out a kit for 2 weeks, please contact [molly\\_kleman@ncsu.edu](mailto:molly_kleman@ncsu.edu). Kits are also available for purchase through [shop4-h.org](http://shop4-h.org).

## COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Is it time for you to be a County Council Officer? Youth ages 13+ are eligible to apply. We are currently accepting applications for President, VP, Secretary, and Reporter. Elections will take place at our November County Council Meeting (November 1st). Youth will prepare a 2 minute speech on why they want to run for County Council for the meeting. Scan the code below for application.  
DEADLINE October 25th.



See more info on our website

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



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# Mark Your Calendars!

Oct 13-23 - NC State Fair

Oct 25 - Project Record Book Work Session

November 1 - County Council Meeting/Civic Engagement

Project/2023 Elections 5pm

November 9 - Project Record Book Work Session

November 10 - Cabarrus VLA Social

November 12 - Youth Market

November 15 - 4-H Foundation Board Meeting

November 12 - SC VLA Fall Day - Lee County

November 12 - State Shooting Sports Competition

## 4-H "Move"mber

Get outside for at least 60 minutes for at least 4 weeks in November. Add this to your Healthy Lifestyles 4-H project or make your own fun challenge between you and your fellow club members.

The Cabarrus County Nickels for Know-How Referendum will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Community members may cast their ballot on this referendum between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 17, 2022 at our office! Any community member who is a user or producer of feed or fertilizer can participate.

<https://cabarrus.ces.ncsu.edu/.../nickels-for-know-how.../>

More info for upcoming camps, classes and events at:  
<https://go.ncsu.edu/cabarrus4hevents>

NC State University and NC A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sexual identity (including pregnancy) and veteran status. NC State, NC A&T, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.

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**Good Luck to all  
Cabarrus County  
4-H'ers participating  
at the NC State Fair!**



**NC STATE**  
EXTENSION

**KIDS VOTING**  
NORTH CAROLINA

Cabarrus County

**More information coming out in  
November! This will be a great  
Civic Engagement activity!**