

Iredell 4-H County Council and Leaders Council

Members of the Leader's Council met the evening of May 11th, and it has been approved and decided to host a second Red Cross Blood Drive, as the Red Cross has inquired if we could do so. The summer is the most critical time the Red Cross has for needing blood donations, so we will be hosting this from 1:00 to 6:00 the afternoon of Friday, July 7th







Garden Fair held April 29th Tractor Supply Clover Sale, held the week of April 26 - May 7th

I would like to offer a very special "Thank You" to all of the 4-H'ers, Leaders, and Parents that volunteered their time and effort to making the Garden Fair

4-H Booth on April 29th and the Tractor Supply Clover Sales at both the Statesville and the Mooresville locations, a success. Comments from participants at the Garden Fair were all positive and supportive of 4-H.

The District Tractor Supply Clover Sales garnered over \$4,000.00, of which we will receive a percentage for Iredell County 4-H. Thank you again to everyone who helped out. I would like to recognize the Iredell 4-H Robotics Club and West Iredell 4-H Club, especially, for manning the hot dog sales at the Statesville location!

PRESENTATIONS 2017

Congratulations to our 15 Presentation County Participants this year! No matter where they place, they are already winners for being willing to participate in our County Activity Day, held here at the Agricultural Resource Building in Statesville on Saturday, June 3rd, from 1:00 to 4:00, and many, if not all, will go on to District Activity Day, Friday, June 16th, in Alexander County. Wish them the best, and if you would like to see how it is done, join us at County Activity Day or District Activity Day to observe. All are welcome! This is the best ever event to practice your public speaking skills in a safe and welcoming environment. Our 2017 Presenters are:

Grant Hall, Me and My Guitar, the History of the Guitar William Bower, The Wordless Book Jose Gonzalez, Creative Fun Building Hero Factory Figures Mia Cincotta, How to Make Slime, and the Science Behind It Abigail Gonzalez, The Challenges You Face When Drawing a Face Hannah Loftin, Archer: The Full Quiver - What You Need to Know About Archery Jake Tevepaugh, Hooked on Fishing Sarah Willson, How to Take Care of a Deaf Dog in a Natural Disaster Michael York, STEM in Action: The FIRST Robotics Method Daniel Gonzalez, How to Take Care of a Bass Guitar Priscilla Bower, Global Missions and Me Meredith Hinson, Maintaining Health of Beef Cattle in Summer Brett Sims, Computer Building Made Easy John Gray, Karate: It's A Real Kick!

As you can see, we have a wide variety of topics, different presentation categories, and really interesting titles...I'm excited to hear and see them all!

These are some COOL CATS !



Citizenship Focus

I'm pleased to announce that Emily Holland, active in the 4-H Sr. Dairy Judging Team, as well as citizenship activities and community service, will be representing us at Citizenship Focus in Raleigh June 12, `13, and 14th. Emily will attend Citizenship themed workshops, participate in panel discussions of current issues, hear distinguished speakers, have breakfast with our

legislators, have the opportunity to visit with elected officials, as well as social and entertainment opportunities. I know Emily will have a great time, and she will learn a great deal about our legislative process and current affairs. Thank you, Emily Holland!



Community Service Hours Opportunity TRY IT TEENS

I will be offering Health Rocks several times this summer, at Allison Woods during weeklong camps for varying ages, one week each month, as part of 4-H Summertime Fun, as well as at the two Prime Time for Kids summer camp sites, Troutman and Cloverleaf. I am offering teens the chance to earn somecommunity service hours for their school requirements, but ALSO, even more importantly, I would like to begin a TRY IT Health Rocks team.

TRY IT stands for Teens Reaching Youth. This team would be trained in Health Rocks, and we would provide the Health Rocks program around the county for other youth...taught BY the TRY IT team. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact me. There will be responsibility involved, so please expect, if you do this, to be able to donate anumber of hours and different dates to it. It IS a worthwhile program, as it WILL help some youth to make healthy choicesregarding NOT becoming involved in tobacco, drugs, or alcohol. YOU can make a difference. Call me at 704-878-3159 if you are interested.



4-H Entertains

Don't forget, if you would like to show off your talents, please send in your registration form to participate in 4-H Entertains, coming up here at the Agricultural Resource Center on May 30th. We have a great time enjoying all of our 4-H'erstalents, no

matter if it is storytelling, singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or whatever you find you enjoy sharing with others. This is a wonderful, safe, happy environment to share with others the things that make you special. Contact me at 704-873-0507 if you need a registration form.



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