



IREDELL COUNTY 4-H
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SUMMER IS OVER, SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

Congratulations to our 4-H Program Associate, Kelly Pierce, for coordinating and running another successful Summertime Fun program for Iredell County 4-H. Youth enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including learning about science, livestock, cooking, forensics, forestry, conservation, sewing...the list goes on! Thank you, Kelly!

Presentations and 4-H Congress

Iredell 4-H was beautifully represented in Presentations at all three levels.

Nine youth attended **District Activity Day**, representing Iredell County. These were:

Cloverbud: William Bower, West Iredell 4-H Club

11-13 Age: Abigail Gonzalez, West Iredell; Hannah Loftin, Troubleshooters; Jake Tevepaugh, West Iredell; and Sarah Wilson.

Growing Livestock

14-18 Age: Daniel Gonzalez, West Iredell; Priscilla Bower, West Iredell; Brett Sims, Robotics; and John Gray, Troubleshooters.

They all did an outstanding job and we are very, very proud of all that did Presentations!

Those qualifying to go on and **Present at State Presentations** were:

Hannah Loftin, Jake Tevepaugh, Priscilla Bower, Brett Sims, and John Gray.

Hannah Loftin, Troubleshooters, placed Gold in Safety, 11-13

Jake Tevepaugh, West Iredell, placed Silver in Fisheries and Aquatics, 11-13

Priscilla Bower, West Iredell, placed Bronze in Community Service, 14-18

Brett and **John** were unable to compete at State due to circumstances beyond their control.

Attending 4-H Congress this year were Meredith Hinson, Growing Livestock 4-

H Club, Daniel Gonzalez, West Iredell;and Connor Edmonson, West Iredell 4-H Club.



Daniel McAuley attended as Adult Volunteer.

Meredith Hinson, Growing Livestock 4-H Club, represented Iredell County as Youth Delegate. Thank you, Meredith!

Hannah Loftin, Troubleshooters 4-H Club, was recognized for achieving the Bronze Level of the North Carolina Ambassador Program. Congratulations, Hannah!



THE RETURN OF EBENEZER 4-H CLUB!

I am very, very happy to announce that the Ebenezer 4-H Club, which holds the oldest 4-H Club name in Iredell County, (I'd tell you the date but I don't know, lol! I can tell you it is at least 45 years old as I could find a newspaper article from 1972.)

Dr. Raphael Weeks is taking over as leader for the Ebenezer 4-H Club, and it will once again be a Cooking and Nutrition focused club. The club will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:00. The first meeting will be this Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:00, here at the Agricultural Resource Center.

Thank you, Raphael!



TRACTOR SUPPLY CLOVER SALES ARE BACK!

Once again, we are going to be holding the Clover Sales at Tractor Supply, both in Statesville and Mooresville. This is the source of much of the income we receive that pays for trainings for 4-H leaders, sending youth to special programs such as Youth Voice, and helping purchase supplies for Iredell County 4-H. If you can help, we NEED you! Dates for the Clover Sales are October 4th through October 15th. I would like to make sure that the booths are covered for the weekends.

That means we need for you to man it, 9:00 - 6:00, on October 7th and 8th, and the 14th and 16th. That is only 4 days, folks, and I hope you will sign up to represent us. It's just a matter of saying, "Welcome to Tractor Supply! I belong to Iredell County 4-H, and we thank you for supporting us." You don't even have to ask for money. They should do that at the register. I have shared the link to the Google form with everyone, including those that do not have a Google account. You should still be able to access it. Thank you, in advance, for your help! Please be sure to sign up, and to add which location (Statesville or Mooresville) where you are choosing to volunteer.



THANKS GO TO MEREDITH HINSON

Meredith Hinson represented Iredell County at Congress, Youth Voice, and she will be leaving soon to go to the Southern Region Teen Leaders Conference in Tennessee.

She is pictured at her loveliest, hair net and all, participating in the Congress Hands to Service project, packaging ready-to-cook meals for the hungry. Thank you, Meredith, for representing us. We know you do a great job!



CONGRATULATIONS TO HANNAH LOFTIN

You may have seen the recent newspaper posting from the Iredell County Agricultural Fair, but I wanted to be sure to recognize our own Hannah Loftin, who won Grand Champion Brown Swiss in the Dairy Cow competition, with her Brown Swiss, Muffin. She also participated, along with several other 4-H'ers, in the

Special Abilities Dairy Show, which she was instrumental in beginning at the Iredell County Agricultural Fair. We are so proud of you, Hannah!



COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

We will have our first fall meeting of the Iredell County 4-H **County Council** this **Monday, September 18th, at 5:30 pm**, at the **Agricultural Resource Center**.

We have a broad agenda, but one of the biggest is our election of new officers for the 2017-2018 year. At this time, I have the following youth having submitted their forms and running for office:

President:Hannah Loftin, Meredith Hinson
Secretary/Reporter: Sarah Wilson

These 4-H'ers will be speaking to the group and delivering their view on what they would like to see done in Iredell County 4-H, and how they would like to achieve goals set by the Council. I need every club to be represented, and **you cannot vote if you are not present**. Please be here to let us know what your choices are.

A HUGE thank you goes out to our **2016-2017 Officers, Co-Presidents Hannah Loftin and Priscilla Bower, and our Secretary/Reporter, Celia Bower**.

Thank you, girls, for all of your hard work and dedication to Iredell County 4-H!

You can view Hannah and Meredith's informational brochures at the following links:

[Meredith Hinson](#)

[Hannah Loftin](#)
