Over 50 youth and their families attended the Super Hero themed 2011 4-H Achievement Banquet the last Friday of February. Entertainment was provided by the On My Toes Dance Studios, Brunswick County 4-H Clog for a Cure team. Three groups of dancers performed to heart thumping music and showed off their clogging skills.

Awards and recognition included: 4-H Club of the Year presented to Brunswick County 4-H Bits and Boots Horse Club; 4-H Volunteer of the Year for the South East District presented to Trisha Apple; Outstanding 4-H youth of the year age 9-10 presented to Bobbi Jane Lawrence; Outstanding 4-H youth of the year age 11-12 presented to Alexis Apple; Outstanding 4-H youth of the year age 13-15 Samantha Lawrence; Outstanding 4-H youth of the year age 16-18 Elizabeth Mintz. Special recognition was given to Brunswick County 4-H Hickman’s Crossroads Club for collecting over 250 pounds of food during 2011 for the “4-H Hungry to Help” campaign.

Guest speaker was Camden Clark presenting information on 4-H Hero’s for Haiti, a Hickman’s Crossroad’s Club service project for February and March. They collected 50 pounds of powdered baby formula, peanut butter and children’s Tylenol, vitamins, cold medicine etc. that evening in an effort to collect six suitcases for a mission trip to Haiti.

The evening ended with a dance led by DJ Fray Dinall and a White Elephant Door Prize Raffle. Door prize tickets were obtained during sign-up at the door, extra tickets were gained by donating to the Brunswick County 4-H Relay for Life team. Prizes were donated by several area businesses including Oak Island’s Sunset Slush, Planet Fun, Mill Creek Feed Store, Pepperoni Grill and many more.
As you know we have a Brunswick County 4-H Relay for Life Team every year! Please be sure you have registered in this event by doing the following:

   Team: Brunswick County 4-H
2. Call the office to see how you can get more involved in the activities offered during and before the Relay.
3. Start Fundraising!!

We have a new special interest group operating through On My Toes Dance Studio! "Brunswick County 4-H, Clogging for a Cure!" If you know someone or somewhere they could dance, please contact the office and we will pass the information on!

We will be spending the night again this year! You must be 12 or older to stay the night without a parent or adult. There is a form you have to fill out this year and bands will be handed out prior to the walk. If you have not filled out the form and turned in by April 13th you will NOT be able to stay the night.

Please pass this on to your friends, family and employees that would like to join our 2012 Relay for Life team!

More about Clog for a Cure

Clog for a Cure is a partnership between Jennifer Hoffman at On My Toes Dance Studio and Brunswick County 4-H, created by 4-H teen and On My Toes Dance Studio teen teacher Samantha Lawrence. Transportation and organization assistance is provided by dance mom Stephanie Bumgarner and 4-H Program Assistant Angie Lawrence.

There are twenty-one dancers, ranging in age from 7-12, on the team and they are split into three classes at On My Toes Dance Studio. Dancers include Zoe Blake, Caroline and Charlotte Bland, Gabrielle Brown, Ciara Bryant, Abby Bumgarner, Kierstyn DeGrange, Bethany Jones, Lexie Knox, Bobbi Jane Lawrence, Sidney McKeithan, Mary-Peyton Moffitt, Cambria Oldham, Tessa Oliver, Sophia Ordonez, Drake Payton, Hunter Pender, Caroline Richardson, Aubrey Sherrod, and ZaNhia Simmons. Their first performance was at the 4-H Achievement Banquet, which also annually kicks-off the Brunswick County 4-H, Relay for Life Team fundraising. All three groups performed and the team raised $180.00 that evening in team sign-ups, luminary sales and donations.

Their next event is a Clog for a Cure Marathon being held on Saturday, March 31st. Dancers will start at On My Toes Dance Studio and then perform at several venues including three area nursing homes. At noon they will be dancing at Castaway Keys.

Looking Ahead

March 15: First payment for Camp BJP which is scheduled for July 29th-August 3rd, 2012
March 30: Deadline to sign up for County Activity Day. Come show off your presentation at County Activity Day on April 11, 2012.
March 30th—TiLT 2-5 Health Rocks Training and Summer Fun Planning
April 11th—County Activity Day
April 13th—deadline for Relay for Life Registration
April 14th—Teen Council Meeting - 10am - Training Center @ NC Cooperative Extension
Deadline to sign up for Relay Team and turn in forms to spend the night
April 20th—Special Olympics - 9am-3pm - Town Creek Park

May 4th–5th—Relay for Life - Friday, 5p- Saturday, 12p - West Brunswick High School NO Teen Council meeting in MAY

June 9th—Teen Council Meeting - 10am - Training Center @ NC Cooperative Extension NO Teen Council in July
July 16th - 19th - NC 4-H State Congress - McKimmon Center and NC State

Horsemen’s Association of Columbus County
2012 Gymkhana
Saturday, March 10, 2012
Boys & Girls Home Arena, Lake Waccamaw, NC
For complete details For More Information: Contact Phyllis Creech Greene at 910-641-3996 or Phyllis_creech@ncsu.edu
This year Brunswick County will be attending Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center July 29th through August 3rd. Cost will be $390 for campers and $410 for trekkers and includes a t-shirt and $15 camp store credit. A non-refundable deposit of $50 by March 15th will reserve your spot for camp.

Payments will be due: April 13th, May 15th, with the balance due June 15th. Contact the 4-H office for more information and to obtain forms.

TiLT Retreat

From February 10th through February 12th thirteen Brunswick County TiLT teens trained and planned for the 2012 4-H year. These teens spent the weekend at Fort Caswell and were trained in Experiential Learning, Ages and Stages, team building, program planning and much more.

At the weekend retreat, Alexis and Angelique Apple, Kenan Bridges, Sammi Lawrence, Amber Yurgel and their coach Portia Gause, Summer Fun Coordinator, who received additional training earlier in the year, helped lead and teach a program that will be taken into area schools, after-school programs and used for summer enrichment throughout the county called "Health Rocks." Health Rocks is a series of curricula, developed by the National 4-H Council, with the goal of reducing tobacco, alcohol and drug use through hands-on lessons designed to be taught by teens and adults working as partners. The TiLT teens will be in the schools and specifically plan on using the curricula for a three day "Super Hero Training camp" this summer.

Other activities that engaged the teens in planning camps and school enrichment included hands on learning of the 4-H Electricity project led by Sybil Simmons, a long time 4-H volunteer. Investigating, Reading Makes the Best Better kits, donated from a grant through EFNEP and deciding what could be used for camps and enrichment, and discovering photography through a hands on workshop taught by Frank and Stacie Walters from Time 2 Remember Portrait Studios. Also, Donna Michaux helped with the kits and helped teens plan for Super Wet Science Camp and other day camps for the upcoming 2012 Summer Fun season.

Every day 4-H'ers are stepping up and making an impact in their communities. Submit your individual or club project video telling your story of responsibility for a chance to win $5,000 for your County 4-H Program!

Criteria for a Winning Story:
- Identify the opportunity for positive change in the community.
- Explain how 4-H was part of the solution and how the project impacted the community.
- Shoot your video with a cell phone or video camera using your project as a background.

Start: March 1, 2012 End: May 1, 2012 Must be at least 13 years old to enter. Go to Brunswick County Facebook page for complete details!
The Brunswick County 4-H Teen Council is a group of 4-H teen leaders growing into productive, contributing members of Brunswick County, North Carolina and our world. Teen Council members participate in leadership and community service through the planning and carrying out of 4-H programs and activities of the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Service and in North Carolina State 4-H Council Programs.

Every year the council elects officers to plan and lead meetings and activities. This year our officers include: Kenan Bridges, President (2nd year elected to this office); Sammi Lawrence, Vice President (3rd year elected to this office); Alexis Apple, Secretary; Angelique Apple, Treasurer; and Olivia Bowers, Reporter.

Service activities planned this year include: volunteering at the Brunswick County Special Olympics, planning our Relay for Life booth, working booth’s at the Sheriff’s Fall Festival and much more.

Many of these teens will also be attending 4-H District retreats, conferences and State Congress. They are able to participate in hands on workshops promoting team building, citizenship, leadership and healthy living at these events.

Teens age 12-18 are invited to join. Meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am, at the NC Cooperative Extension, unless there is an event, volunteer opportunity or retreat to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a TiLT (Teens in Leadership Training) meeting.

Trish Apple, 4-H Mom, Club Leader and Volunteer was named Leader of the Year for the Southeast District 2011. “Mrs Trish” has been a club leader since 2010 and a volunteer with Brunswick County 4-H since her girls first started with 4-H in 2007. She also serves on the advisory board and helps teach 4-H Summer Fun Programs. Trish is a hard-worker and has four active daughters, Alexis, Angelique, Amelia and Autumn. Trish is “busy as a bee” with 4-H, Church, Girl Scouts, home-schooling her girls and much more. She enjoys crafting and reading in her spare time, and loves helping others, which is apparent in everything she does.

Brunswick County 4-H Club of the Year

Congratulations to Bits-n-Boots 4-H Horse Club for being named Club of the Year. Each year a club is selected from a set criteria, to which Bits-n-Boots club members exceeded. We are proud of their accomplishments in 2011. The Club Award will rotate to each year’s club of the year winners, so club members need to work hard to help their club become the next “club of the year” winners.

NC 4-H Electric Congress is a FREE educational event designed to recognize excellence in the Electric Program throughout the state. Electric Congress travels from region to region of the state, thus allowing for a variety of programming opportunities for everyone. 4-H members participate in workshops, meet their Power Company Representatives, and interact with other electric winners. 4-H'ers must be at least 11 years old to attend. Counties may send 2 project winners, 2 cumulative record participants, and one program recruiter.

April 15 is the deadline to register. 4-H Electric Congress is usually held the 2nd week of July.

Citizenship Focus—June 11-13

To inspire engaged citizenship and continued volunteerism among NC youth, NC 4-H Citizenship Focus provides hands-on workshops, panel discussions, distinguished speakers, and open discussion to help youth discover how government impacts your everyday life, and how you can impact government in return. You will learn about state government, how to work with public officials, hear from prominent NC officials, and visit legislators.

Complete the application by the deadline. Brunswick County 4-H DEADLINE for applications in the county office is APRIL 13. Check the 4-H newsletter for the specific date. Applications must be RECEIVED in the State 4-H Office by early May, typically the first working day of the month. Applicants are selected by the State 4-H staff to attend. After notifications that you have been selected, attendees will meet with the county 4-H agent to work on your Action Plan prior to the event.

Please read all of the following information carefully. If you have questions or need assistance in completing the following application, call the Extension office.

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