Brunswick County 4-H’ers definitely know how to "Make the Best Better"! For the fifth year they had a team at Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society. It seems that every year their team comes through with more money. This year they exceeded their goal of $2000 and brought in over $2500 for Relay. Sammi Lawrence, 4-H'er organized a special interest club of cloggers and the dance team named "Clog for a Cure" performed at various locations throughout the county under Sammi’s direction. The Brunswick County 4-H Team consisted of 63 adult and youth members including 20 members from Clog for a Cure. Thirteen teens and their chaperones spent the night at Relay and participated in the fun activities, like the Silly Laps, Talent Shows and more walking. The Clog for Cure team danced at the Relay as well as participating in the Saturday morning "Kid’s Walk".
Summer is right around the corner and Brunswick County 4-H is ready for children ages 5-12. “Superheroes in Training” can enjoy various activities from cooking and exploring to science and healthy living. Brunswick County 4-H Summer Fun Program for 2012 is now available “on-line”: 

The registration form is also “on line” 
http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/10/On%20Line%20Summer%20Fun%20Registration%20Form%202012.pdf

You can also call the office for a printed list of all the camps. Be sure to register early because the camps fill up fast.

**Bits-n-Boots Helps “Rescues”**

On April 21, members of Bits-n-Boots Horse Club volunteered at the South East Chapter of the Equine Rescue League Horse Expo. The USERL rescues horses that have been starved or physically abused. Bits-n-Boots members have been supporters of the Rescue League since they began. They were responsible for making sure the Rescue Horses had plenty of fresh water and hay as well as helping out in the consignment booth where the Rescue League was selling donated tack. Members have been collecting Proof of Purchase coupons from Southern States Feed since the club started. They decided to donate them to the Rescue League in order to purchase feed for the horses that they have saved. With these coupons and the money they collected at the expo they donated a total of $485.00 to the Rescue League. People donate to animal shelters that cater to dogs and cats but often forget about the larger animals like horses. With the economy like it is the animals are usually the first to suffer, and as the club members have learned some people are just down right mean and forget that horses have feelings too. On a recent trip to a Rescue barn they learned first hand how mean people can be. They heard stories of a mare that had been beaten with a bull whip so bad she had to be euthanized or the little horse they met that had been so malnourished as a baby she will never grow to be as big as she should have. A lot of these stories were hard for the kids to hear but it is part of a horses world and the more people are made aware of it, the more that can be done about it. Bits-n-Boots has made a promise to help these horses and the people that try to save them as much as they can.

-submitted by Benjie Jones, club leader
A weeklong Resource Conservation Workshop will be held on the campus of NC State University, June 24-29th. The workshop covers careers in soils, water quality, forestry, wildlife, wetlands and college decisions. Youth are encouraged to connect with their local SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) to apply to this program. Most districts sponsor the cost of someone from their county to attend. For more information: http://www.ncagr.gov/sw/rcw.html

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Who: Any boy or girl 13 years of age or older as of January 1 who is participating in the 4-H program is eligible to attend

What: North Carolina 4-H Congress is an annual state event designed to supplement the county program.

When: Monday July 16 –Thursday July 19, 2012

Where: NC State University Campus & McKimmon Center, NC State Fairgrounds

What Does It Cost?
Registration fees are $285.00 per person (youth and adult) for full time registration. This includes facilities, supplies; Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch, Wednesday dinner and Thursday lunch and Tuesday through Thursday breakfast. Lodging is in the dorms at NC State. For more info see: http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/10/Congress%202012%20flier%201_.pdf

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2012 Ag Expo
North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Ashe County is hosting the 2012 Ag Expo Events. The event schedule includes:

- 4-H Horse Clinic (Equine showmanship techniques), June 2
- 4-H 4th of July Livestock Show, July 7th
- 4-H Open Horse Show August 25
- 4-H Fall Field Day and Small Animal Livestock Shows, October 13

For additional information, please contact the Extension office in Ashe County at 336.846.5850

Parents’ Corner
Alison Walton is teaching the youth at Faith Baptist in Bolivia the last week in June and would love to get 50 kids in her class! Please e-mail Alison at alisondwalton@yahoo.com

Or visit the church’s facebook page http://m.facebook.com/events/359125584145765
On April 18th, the Dragon Snappers 4-H club at Southport Christian School began their newest community service project called "Adopt a Spot". A crepe myrtle tree was planted on school grounds near the flag pole that each member of the club will make it their responsibility to water and care for. Club members held their normal monthly meeting led by their club officers. Club leaders, Pat Walker & Jeanne Pavero taught a lesson on community service at their "Adopt a Spot" location. Special guests, Susan Flynn and Karen Wall from the St. James Service Club, attended the meeting and were taken on a tour of the school gardens by club officers, President-Abigail Lute, Vice-President, Hailey Jones, and Secretary-Abigail Wheeler. Thanks to the generous donation of this organization, the Dragon Snappers have been able to take on multiple projects and beautify the school grounds with multiple flower beds including a butterfly garden. Club members divided up into teams and each team planted, watered, and mulched a garden with various types of plants, followed by the planting of their favorites: snapdragons.

Dirt Diggers, JMG 4-H Club ended their club year with a special speaker, Caroline O’Brien and her newest recruit Luke a service dog. They were presented 4-H awards for their Project Record Books from “Mrs.” Angie. Emily Rohauer won best overall for her project record book, she received a 4-H cup of goodies and a blue ribbon and all participants were awarded $5.00 in Clover Dollars and $5.00 cash for their participation in the Bluebird poster contest hosted by the N.C. Garden Club presented by leaders Maryann Horgan and Sharon Benson. They filled the bird feeders, checked for bluebirds in the bird house, watered plants and then planted pumpkin seeds in hopes of a Fall Harvest. After planting and watering their seeds they proceeded to discard lettuce, that the deer helped themselves to, in their compost pile and ended the meeting with an ice cream social.

Looking Ahead

June 15th—Deadline to register for Congress
June 18th—Super Heroes in Training Summer Fun Program begins.
June 22nd—District Activity Day

Teen Council Calendar

June 9th—Teen Council Meeting -10am -3pm Training Center @ NC Cooperative Extension Mandatory for TILT Lunch provided!
NO Teen Council in July
June 18th—Super Heroes in Training Summer Fun Program begins!