A Word From Agent Nakoma:

We are about to wrap up the 2015 year and what a year it has been! Columbus County 4-H’ers have done really well. Internships, presentations, meeting with elected officers, camps and awards; you all have accomplished a lot. We hope that you are as proud of your successes as we are!

Now, it is time to put all that you down on paper—yes it is project record book time. Do not let this year go by without telling us what you did. If you need help please, let us know.

For our 2016 graduating seniors, there are 4-H scholarships available. Take time to check them out, just click here. Who knows you might be eligible for a 4-H Scholarship. And of course, if you need help we are here for you.

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Get Connected Join 4-H Today

Connect with the 4-H Community as a 4-H member or as a volunteer today! How 4-H happens:

After-school: many after-school programs use 4-H curriculum to enhance programs and promote learning.

School Enrichment: Through projects such as embryology and Eco-wonders, classrooms have the opportunity to experience hands on with 4-H curriculums.

Special Interest: 4-H offers many short-term program opportunities for those looking for new and different activities.

Clubs: Clubs can be formed based on almost any subject and can meet once monthly or more. https://www.nc4-h.org/procedures-and-guidlines/
Middleton Attends NCACC Youth Summit

Danielle Middleton attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners’ Youth Summit held in Greenville, NC. For the 6th year, North Carolina 4-H and North Carolina Extension Service has partnered with the NCACC on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government. This initiative aims to overcome the mindset that many young people are disengaged and lack trust in government.

Participants did a variety of activities over the two-day event including a budget simulation exercise. Youth were also invited to have breakfast with the local commissioners.

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Youth Ambassadors for a Better Community

The Delco 4-H Club has several projects they work on throughout the year. One project is, Youth for a Better Community. Through a grant, nine youth were employed as interns this year. The 4-H’ers created business plan, marketed locally grown produce, did presentations, participated in educational tours and worked with farmers/gardeners to connect the seller with the buyer. The youth have raised over $1,000.00 this year.
Farm Service Agency Gives 4-H’er Loan

FSA makes loans to youth in rural communities who want to start learning the business of agriculture. The program is designed to provide start-up funds to establish and operate modest size income-producing projects in connection with participation in 4-H or FFA. Austin Webb, a Columbus County 4-H’er, applied for and was approved for a youth loan to start a gardening project. The young man was able to purchase a cultivator and sprayer. They are important tools for his new venture. Austin is keeping lots of records on expenses, income, planting times, harvest times and yields. He is working closely with the 4-H agent to ensure that this project is a success. This enterprising young man has about three acres of produce planted and is selling his produce in Columbus, Brunswick, and New Hanover Counties.

Columbus County Agriculture Fair

Congratulations to all who participated in our County Fair. Our Educational Booth Winners are: 1st Place - Waccamaw Circle “The Many Uses of Corn” 2nd Place - 4-H EFNEP “Witch is Your Body Type” 3rd Place - 4-H Program “It’s All About the Pork” 4th Place - Delco “Growing Profits” Also, congratulations goes to Lolonnie Casion for winning with her fair entry.

Clover Campaign
A special thank you to Ethan and Shawn Kellihan for their 4-H presence in the local store during this event. It truly helps to have 4-H’ers visible during the week. It is an opportunity for you to tell your story. The Kellihan duo have participated in this event for the last 3 years helping to raise over $2,000.00 for our county program, which was a tremendous help with scholarships for district and state events. Thank Guys!!
Each year during the State 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H’ers are recognized for their volunteer efforts. It is a very competitive process, with only a handful of 4-H’ers from across the state winning honors. Once again, Columbus County 4-H shines as one of our members is recognized for their commitment to helping others.

Caterina aka ‘Cat’ Torelli received the North Carolina 4-H Youth Volunteer District Award for the Southeast for her volunteer service. Caterina has been a 4-H member for eight years. This year Cat has contributed 270 hours of community service at horse shows in the county, 25 hours to the county program and helped to raise over $600.00 for the county program. Ms. Torelli believes in helping others, no task is too small. She is committed to the 4-H motto: “To Make The Best Better.”

Fresh Apple Crisp

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 8x8 baking dish with cooking spray. Pour apples into dish and set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Stir well and add water. Place mixture over medium heat and cook, stirring constantly until it begins to boil. Gently boil for about 1 minute, continuing to stir. Pour syrup mixture over apples and microwave on high for about 2 minutes. While apples cook, combine flour with oatmeal and brown sugar in a medium mixing bowl. Add margarine and cut into the dry ingredients until the margarine is about the size of peas. Spread the flour mixture evenly over the cooked apples and bake for about 30 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.