

THE DAVIE CLOVER

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**A 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW
FOR DAVIE COUNTY 4-H**



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Letter from Davie County 4-H Extension Agent, Danny Lough

Dear Friend of Davie County 4-H,

What a great year we have had! This year, we had more in-person learning opportunities than the past two years as COVID-19 becomes less of a threat. With lighter restrictions, we were able to host several of our larger events including our Davie County Achievement Night where we recognized our 4-H volunteers and youth, in-person district and state youth presentations, and 4-H Congress where teen leaders from across the state gather at NC State University for a four day college and leadership retreat. Our 4-H program reached over 2,500 youth through our hands-on and exciting programs, clubs, and contests. Many returning programs included County Activity Day where youth present on a topic they are passionate about, our 4-H Summer Fun Camps that offer educational opportunities for youth, and our Yadkin-Davie 4-H Youth Livestock Show where youth get to raise and show their livestock. We also moved offices over the summer and we are now located at **642 Wilkesboro St. Suite 100, Mocksville NC, 27028!** In addition to these long-term programs we created new partnerships and new opportunities for youth to participate in 4-H. All of these opportunities would not have been possible without the support of our Davie community and all of the youth and families that dedicate their time to being a part of our program.



In this addition of *The Davie Clover*, you'll learn more about the impacts our 4-H program, volunteers, and youth have had on our Davie County community and beyond. We'll discuss the new opportunities that have been created for our 4-Hers and their accomplishments throughout the year. This includes an award spotlight where exemplary organizations and individuals receive one of our four main 4-H awards.

Thank you to all of our youth participants, families, teachers, donors, and community partners for making 2022 a successful year for Davie County 4-H!

Sincerely,

Daniel Lough

Danny Lough
4-H Extension Agent, Davie County



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Who We Are and What Areas Do We Serve?

County Extension Director/ Family & Consumer Sciences- Colleen Church

- Health and Nutrition
- Food and Food Safety
- Resource Management & Healthy Homes
- Community Engagement and Investment

4-H Youth Development-Danny Lough

- 4-H Clubs, Camps, & Educational Programs
- School Enrichment
- Livestock Shows

Support Specialist-Lisa Crowder

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- Home Gardens & Landscapes
- Fruits, Vegetables, & Vineyards
- Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Livestock-Phil Rucker

- Farm Animals (Cattle, Horses, Poultry, etc.)
- Pasture Management & Weed Control

Field Crops-Marsha McGraw

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- Commercial & Private Pesticide Certification

Administrative Assistant- Karen Robertson

School Enrichment



Teaching Second Graders about where their food comes from

We were excited to once again offer our Farm Animal Day field trip this year to all Davie County Second Grade classrooms! This annual field trip hasn't been in-person in over 4 years due to weather cancellations and COVID-19. Farm Animal Day focuses on introducing children to agriculture and gives them a small glimpse of where their food comes from. Davie County farmers, Cooperative Extension Agents, a Large Animal Veterinarian, 4-Hers, and Master Gardener Volunteers lead the discussion of livestock, nutrition, plants, field crops, and veterinary medicine. For many of the 625 Second Graders, this was

their first real field trip as COVID-19 had previously prevented in-person field trips for the past two years. We really appreciate all the time and commitment that our Davie Farmers and Volunteers invested for the day and helping teach youth about the importance of agriculture. Thank you to **Lone Hickory Arena** for allowing us to have Davie County Farm Animal Day at your facility!

Life Cycles: Chicks to Butterflies

Our Embryology program started again in January with Cooleemee and William R. Davie Elementary Schools getting to incubate fertile eggs and watching chicks hatch! This annual curriculum program had to be canceled soon after due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). However, we were fortunate enough to get caterpillars from Davidson County 4-H and offered Cornatzer and Pinebrook Elementaries along with 12 Davie County homeschool families, a chance to raise painted lady butterflies and use NC

4-H's *Winged Wonders* curriculum to introduce youth to animal life cycles! Thank you to **United Way of Davie County** and **Davie County Farm Bureau** for sponsoring our Second Grade curriculum.



Working with At-Risk Youth at Central Davie Academy

We were once again able to do a weekly STEM program at Central Davie Academy thanks to an **Energy United** Bright Ideas Grant. We focused on the *Microbes on my Mind* Middle School 4-H curriculum where students learned about the roles of microbes in our daily lives and the different tools that scientists use to study them. In addition to microbiology, youth also worked through *Magic of Electricity*, *Embryology*, and *Soil to Seed* curricula. Our program helped to increase school attendance and gave students a sense of accomplishment.

4-H Summer Fun Camps

Fun and Educational Camps

For over 75 years, Davie County 4-H has offered fun, safe, and educational summer camp opportunities through our 4-H Summer Fun program. This past summer, we offered 15 4-H Summer Fun Camps that included a variety of topics and programs. Sixty-six youth participated in our wide range of camps and for 23 youth, this was their first 4-H experience. Many have signed up for other 4-H activities, clubs, and programs. The 4-H Summer Fun camps covered a broad range of topics but all had a common goal; to teach youth life skills through hands-on learning. Returning camps included Basic Firearm Safety and Skills, Junior Master Gardeners, Junior Cooking, and Farm to Table Camps. Several new camps were offered this summer including Advanced Shotgun, Cloverbud STEAM Camp, and a Cross-stitch Camp.



Opportunity for ALL Thanks to Our Community

Our Summer Fun programs would not be possible without the help and support of our community. Thanks to several local businesses, organizations, and private donors, we were able to raise enough funds to host all these exciting and educational programs. Three at-risk youth received full scholarships to attend the Summer Fun Camps and had many firsts including their first time catching a fish, first trip to the Piedmont Farmer's Market, and first time riding a horse.

We could not have done these programs and reached so many youth in our community without our sponsors, volunteers, and community partners. A 4-H program is really built around the community so to have so many wonderful organizations and people step-up to help our youth, really was incredible!

Thank you to The Mebane Foundation, Farm Bureau-Davie, United Way of Davie County, TAOKsm, Mocksville Auto Pride Car Wash, Fuller Architecture, Fuller Welding and Fabricators Inc., Meg Brown Home Furnishings, and Barnette Heating & A/C for sponsoring our Summer Fun Camps!



Yadkin-Davie 4-H Youth Livestock Show



Davie County Youth are "Baa"-ck in the Show Ring!

Livestock Shows are a cornerstone of the 4-H program and teaches youth many life skills including responsibility, public speaking, record keeping, financial management, and so much more. Yadkin County 4-H and Davie County 4-H partner every year to host the Yadkin-Davie 4-H Youth Livestock Show on the second Saturday in August; this year it was August 13th at Lone

Hickory Arena in Yadkinville. 4-H and FFA Youth from Ashe, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin had the opportunity to raise and show meat goats, sheep, and beef cattle along with new opportunities to show dairy cattle. We had thirty-three 4-H and FFA youth participate in the show and ranged in age from 5-18 years old. For many youth, this was their first time showing animals in a 4-H show. Our Judge, Hannah Craughn, did a great job and took the time to work with our Cloverbuds. The youth showed a great variety of animals and many continued on and showed at the Carolina Classic and NC State Fairs!

Davie County had a great turn out this year with twelve youth either being a part of Davie County 4-H or Davie County FFA. 4-Hers **Elizabeth Sanner, Olivia Sanner, Alivia Shaw, Caleb Shaw, and Kayleigh Shaw** all competed in the show with their sheep. Elizabeth Sanner won Breeding Ewe Grand Champion and Olivia Sanner won Breeding Ewe Champion Reserve! Our youth did a great job representing Davie County agriculture and their livestock projects!

Interested in getting your child involved with livestock? Reach out to Danny Lough at danny_lough@ncsu.edu or call (336) 753-6100



Thank you to Farm Bureau-Davie and Yadkin Counties and Carolina Farm Credit-Yadkinville for sponsoring our Yadkin-Davie 4-H Youth Livestock Show and for Lone Hickory Arena for hosting our show.

4-H Poultry and Rabbit Shows



Flexibility with Poultry

In the spring, Davie County 4-H partnered with Davidson, Forsyth, and Yadkin County 4-H programs to create and run a Regional 4-H Poultry Show! Twenty-two youth received laying breed chicks in January and eleven youth received meat chicks in February in order to work with the young birds and tame them before the show. Livestock Agents and Area Poultry agents created four virtual workshops to teach poultry families about proper housing, veterinary care, chick brooding, and poultry showmanship. An in-person show was scheduled for May 7th at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, however due to HPAI, we had to switch to a virtual show.

Eighteen youth recorded their presentations with their chickens during the Virtual Poultry Show. Davie participants included **Leah Frick** who earned First Place in Senior Egg-laying Showmanship, **Porter Means** earned Third Place in Junior Meat Bird Showmanship, and Cloverbud **Lily Herrington** did a great job handling her Rhode Island Red Hen! Although the show was virtual, families still enjoyed the benefits of this project including fresh eggs or meat depending on the project; allowing for hands-on involvement in agriculture!

Hopping Good Time!

Many families do not have the time, resources, or land in order to raise traditional livestock and poultry. In order to make our 4-H Livestock Program more accessible, Davie County 4-H partnered with Davidson, Forsyth, and Yadkin County 4-H programs to create a Regional 4-H Rabbit Show at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds! 4-Hers got to raise and work with their pet rabbits to get them comfortable being shown. In order to prepare youth for rabbit showmanship, Davie County 4-H Volunteer, Mike Garner lead a hands-on workshop to teach families about rabbit showmanship and husbandry. Davie County 4-Hers did a great job working with their rabbits and getting them ready for the show. **Alivia Shaw** won First Place in Junior Rabbit Showmanship and **Jake Stewart** won Second Place in Junior Rabbit Showmanship!



Thank you to Publix Super Market Charities, Brakebush Chicken, Sonni Jo's Chicken, and Rivendell Large Animal Mobile Veterinary Services for Sponsoring the Poultry and Rabbit Shows!

North Carolina 4-H Congress

Representing Davie County

Each summer, 4-H youth ages 13-18 years old travel to NC State University for a four day Teen Retreat known as 4-H Congress. During their stay, youth are exposed to a wide range of opportunities. Youth get a chance to have a bit of a college experience by staying in dorms, dining in a mess hall, taking workshops from NC State Faculty, and touring NC



State University. Our delegation also gets to participate in several 4-H traditions and leadership opportunities including electing new state 4-H Officers and creating a 100 foot clover during the candle-lighting ceremony. This year's delegation consisted on **Aliya Baziuk, Reina Frye, Savannah Ivey, Alex Ortiz, and Lena Parsley**. This was the largest delegation that we had sent in several years! Our delegates not only got to do teamwork together but they also got to meet new friends from across North Carolina. They got to take some fun and interesting workshops including line dancing, journalism, camera trap data analysis, and so much more! A trip to Raleigh would not be complete without some sight seeing as well. Our delegation went to Howling Cow Dairy, ate around the world at Morgan Street Food Hall, and explored the North Carolina Natural History Museum. It was a wonderful trip and our 4-Hers learned incredible leadership and development skills!

Paper Clover Fund helps Davie Youth

As with many programs, the cost of attending Congress went up substantially this year. This year it cost \$400 per youth to attend Congress including the \$250.00 registration fee, housing, transportation, and more. However, thanks to **Tractor Supply's Paper Clover Fund**, we could send up to six youth at \$150.00 each to this wonderful event. The Paper Clover Fund is a twice a year (once in the spring and once in the fall) campaign where Tractor Supply Company patrons can round up their payment or donate directly to help send 4-H youth to Congress. Since 2019, Davie County residents have raised nearly \$2,000 to support our 4-H youth!



Opportunities 4 All!



Project Record Books

4-H is a program where all youth are welcome to share their story and there are no ranks or badges to work towards. Thus, we recognize youth through various programs we offer and one of our longest held programs is our 4-H Project Record Books (PRBs). PRBs can be written on any subject a youth is interested in but also includes reflections on their community service and achievements outside of 4-H. Two youth submitted PRBs this year and both placed at the State Levels. Congratulations to our 4-H State PRB Winners!

Gold-Claire Beverly-8-10 Junior-Rabbit Husbandry
Gold-Lauren Beverly-11-12 Junior-Rabbit Husbandry

County, District, and State Activity Days

Every Spring, 4-H Youth get the opportunity to hone their public speaking skills during our Davie County Activity Day. This year two youth presented and each gave a 5-8 minute presentation on a subject that they were interested in and did research on. Cloverbud, **Allie Myers** gave a Horse Public Speaking Presentation on hoof care. Junior, **Leah Frick** did an Open Class presentation on the Great Depression and Great Depression Glass!

Leah then went on to **North Central District Activity Day** where her Junior Open Class Presentation earned her **FIRST** Place in her class and division. She then went on to the State Presentations and placed **THIRD** in Junior Open Class. Great job Leah!



Opportunities 4 All!

Valentine's Day Cards to Homebound Seniors

We partnered up with Davie County Senior Services to bring some Valentine's Day cheer to homebound Seniors. Members of our Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club and other 4-Hers did a beautiful job making some fantastic cards to share with our Seniors!



Davie County 4-H Spring Photography Contest

This past Spring, we had our Davie 4-H Spring Photography Contest and had quite a few entries! Our four categories and first place winners were:

- Springtime Flowers-**Lillian Ragan**-"Sunny Sunflower"-Top left
- Baby Animals-**Leah Frick**-"Ready to Eat!"-Top right
- Changing Forest-**Savannah Ivey**-"Springtime Butterfly"-Bottom left
- Family Fun-**Leah Frick**-"Stadium Sunset"-Bottom right

Some awesome photos!



Davie County 4-H Teen Council Officers

In January, our Davie County 4-H Teen Council elected new officers for the first time in three years! From left to right: **Bryson Frick** (President), **Savannah Ivey** (Vice President), **Leah Frick** (Secretary), and **Farrah Smith** (Treasurer).



Opportunities 4 All!



Workshops with COGNITION Davie

Our partners at COGNITION Davie asked us to do several programs throughout the year to introduce youth to animal science and agriculture! In the spring we did a Poultry workshop (Leah with her show hen) and a plant science workshop where we introduced Davie agriculture and 4-H showmanship skills. We then did a Cold-blooded presentation in the summer to talk about reptiles and amphibians!

STEM at the Library

We partnered with Davie County Public Library to bring a monthly, free STEM program to the Mocksville Public Library. Youth got to paint pumpkins, make fake snow, met a chicken, and made some native flower seed bombs! Over 50 youth learned lessons from our hands-on 4-H Curriculum including *The Magic of Electricity*, *Cloverbud Adventures*, *Microbes on My Mind*, and *Kitchen Chemistry*!



North Central District Teen Retreat

We had our first in-person North Central District Teen Retreat in three years at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp! Davie County Teen Council Members **Bryson Frick**, **Leah Frick**, and **Reina Frye** all represented Davie County 4-H for a fun weekend of team building, canoeing, hiking, crafting, and leadership training. They also had the chance to elect new North Central District 4-H Officers!

Opportunities 4 All!

Vada B. Johnson 4-H Community Garden

Our Garden at the Johnson House did great this year! In the spring 4-Hers planted lettuce and broccoli and in the summer, they planted tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, okra, and green beans. In all, over 50 pounds of produce was raised and donated to a Storehouse for Jesus. Thank you to **Mrs. Laura** and the **Davie Community Foundation** for supporting this garden!



Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp

Every summer, Davie County 4-Hers have a chance to attend a week of Summer Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn (BJP) 4-H Summer Camp. Youth get to do a bunch of great activities including rock climbing, canoeing, archery, horse back riding and so much more! This year **Ashley Hamby** and **Lacie Tesnar** both attended BJP and had a great time!

Have a youth interested in attending BJP this upcoming summer? Reach out to Danny Lough at danny_lough@ncs.edu or call (336) 753-6100 to find out more!



Electric Congress

Ethan Baziuk represented Davie County 4-H at the 75th Electric Congress! This annual event allows youth who complete an electric project or presentation an opportunity to spend three days at a UNC School to learn more about careers in the energy field. Ethan plans on becoming a licensed electrician when he graduates. Thank you to **Duke Energy**, **Dominion Energy**, **Google**, and **Tesla** for ensuring this program remains free for North Carolina 4-H youth!



Opportunities 4 All!



Central Region 4-H Shooting Tournament

Our Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club had a great time at the Central Region 4-H Shooting Tournament! The following youth and teams earned a ton of medals:

-Gold-Sr. Team-**Ethan Durham, Rebekah Walker, Timothy Walker, & Charles Whisenhunt**-Air Pistol

-Gold-Sr. Team-**Ethan Durham, Rebekah Walker, Timothy Walker, & Charles Whisenhunt**-Small Bore Pistol

-Gold-Sr. Team-**Ethan Durham, Rebekah Walker, Timothy Walker, & Charles Whisenhunt**-Muzzleloader

-Gold-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-O-Rifle.

-Gold-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-Muzzleloader.

-Gold-**Rebekah Walker**-Air Pistol

-Gold-**Rebekah Walker**-Smallbore Pistol

-Gold-**Levi Williams**-Shotgun

-Gold-**Levi Williams**-Muzzleloader

-Silver-**Ethan Durham**-Air Pistol

-Silver-**Ethan Durham**-Smallbore Pistol

-Silver-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-Compound Archery

-Silver-**Levi Williams**-Shotgun

Silver-Jr. Crushers-**Ryan Bullins, Christopher Lyons, Kenzie Smith, Cameron White, & Levi White**-Muzzleloader

-Silver-Jr. Crushers-**Ryan Bullins, Christopher Lyons, Kenzie Smith, Cameron White, & Levi White**-Air Rifle

-Silver-**Evan Durham**-Air Pistol

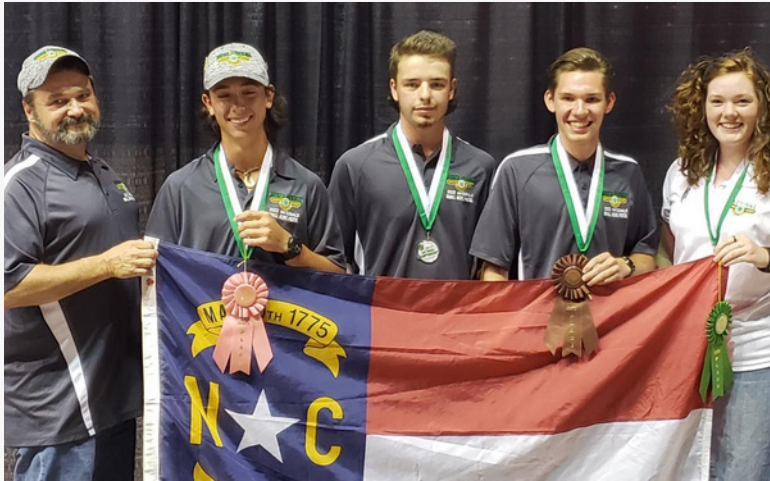
-Silver-**Lacie Tesnar**-Sporter Recurve Archery

-Bronze-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-Telescopic Rifle

Great job TCYSS members and great job volunteer leaders!



Opportunities 4 All!



National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

Seniors **Ethan Durham, Naomi Hellard, Dallie Lakey, and Rebekah Walker** of our Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports (TCYSS) Club went to Nebraska to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship. **Ethan Durham** and the Smallbore Pistol team placed **THIRD** in the Nation! They did an incredible job representing Davie County 4-H & North Carolina 4-H.

NC State 4-H Shooting Tournament

Our TCYSS 4-H Club had a great time at the NC 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! Originally scheduled for October 1st, due to Hurricane Ian, it was rescheduled for November 12th at Millstone 4-H Camp and DeWitt's Sports Center. The following youth and teams earned a ton of medals:

- Gold-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-Muzzleloader
- Gold-**Levi Williams**-Shotgun
- Silver-Jr. Blazers-**Riley Barnes, Brantlee Evans, Connor Mathis, Tyler Nichols, & Levi Williams**-O-Rifle.
- Silver-**Ethan Durham**-Air Pistol
- Silver-**Evan Durham**-O-Rifle
- Bronze-**Levi Williams**-Muzzleloader
- Bronze-**Rebekah Walker**-Smallbore Pistol

Great job to our TCYSS 4-H Youth, Families, and Shooting Instructors!



Opportunities 4 All!

North District 4-H Horse Show

Katie Green, Ava Hylton, Chloe McCune, Ava Sanders, and Ella Sanders of our Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club attended the North Qualifying Horse Show in Raleigh this past May. This was Katie and Ella's first 4-H Horse Show and both did an excellent job! In addition to all youth winning awards for their riding skills, they also all qualified for the NC State 4-H Horse Show!



NC State 4-H Horse Show

Our Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club Members returned to Raleigh for the NC State 4-H Horse Show! They did a wonderful job and earned the following places!

- Junior Hunter Horse Reserve-**Chloe McCune**
- Second-Stock-type Halter Mares-**Katie Green**
- Second-Junior Hunter Hack-Ponies-**Chloe McCune**
- Second-Rookie Hunter Showmanship in Hand-**Katie Green**
- Second-Junior Hunter Under Saddle-**Chloe McCune**
- Second-Junior Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat-**Chloe McCune**
- Second-Junior Bridle Path Hack-**Chloe McCune**
- Second-Junior Pony Hunter Under Saddle-**Chloe McCune**
- Third-Junior Hunter Showmanship In Hand-**Chloe McCune**
- Third-Little Britches Showmanship at Halter-**Katie Green**
- Third-Junior Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences-Ponies-**Chloe McCune**
- Third-Junior Working Pony Hunter Over Fences-**Chloe McCune**
- Fourth-Rookie Hunter Under Saddle-**Ava Hylton**



Opportunities 4 All!



Each year, The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners invites one 4-H youth to represent their county at the YouthVoice Summit. Due to COVID, it was the first summit since 2019. **Farrah Smith** represented Davie County where she had the opportunity to meet County Commissioners and 4-H youth from across the state!

Christmas Ornament Contest

To help spread the word about our 4-H program we submitted a request and were accepted to decorate a Christmas Tree at the Carolina Classic Fair. We had several youth submit ornaments to the contest! Our First Place winners were:

- Cloverbud (5-7): **Leah Tesnar**
- Junior (8-10): **Lacie Tesnar**
- Intermediate (11-13): **Emily Hernandez**

Congratulations to our Ornament Winners and thank you for filling our tree and promoting Davie County 4-H!



Carolina Classic Fair Display and Christmas Tree

Our Davie County 4-H Teen County Council worked hard designing, creating props, and setting up a beautiful Education Exhibit and Christmas Tree at the Carolina Classic Fair. The displays were seen by over 200,000 people throughout the fair. They won **THIRD** Place with their educational exhibit and **FOURTH** place with their Christmas Tree. In all, they earned over \$300 that will go to youth leadership scholarships for County Council members.

Opportunities 4 All!



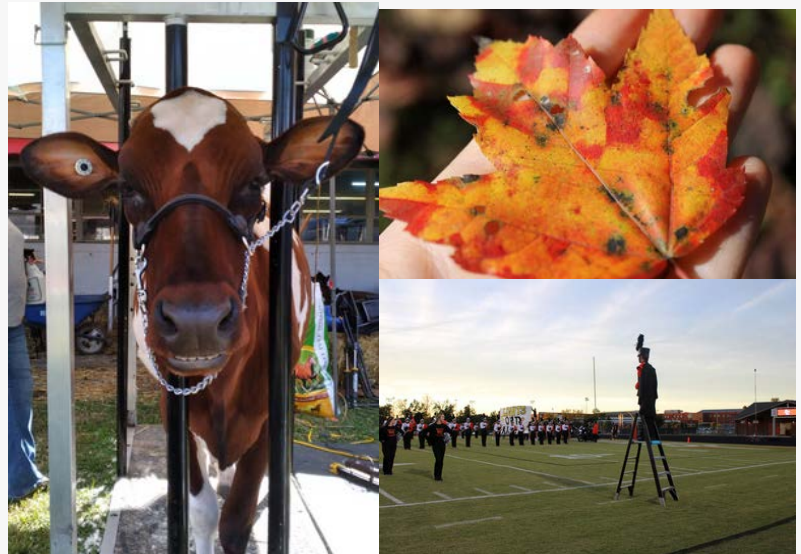
4-H Winter Fest

This winter teen retreat allows youth ages 12-18 years old to connect with other 4-H youth, participate in hands-on workshops, and learn about 4-H leadership opportunities at the district and state levels. This year, **Ihssan and Noor-Millan Elratrout** attended Winter Fest and learned valuable leadership skills and 4-H opportunities. They are bringing that experience to our 4-H Teen County Council!

Fall Photography Contest

This past Fall, we had our Davie 4-H Fall Photography Contest and had quite a few entries! Our three categories and first place winners were:

- Harvest-time Agriculture-**Leah Frick**-"Show Ready"-Left
- Fall Foliage-**Xia Plemmons**-"Fall Leaf"-Top right
- Fall Festivities-**Savannah Ivey**-"Friday Night Life"-Bottom right



Some awesome photos!



4-H for Adults

We led three different hands-on professional development workshops for 4-H Volunteers, teachers, and adults that regularly work with youth. Workshops included an introduction to Davie County 4-H, Magic of Electricity Curriculum, and how to include youth with disabilities into programs. Over 20 adults participated and learned valuable skills to engage youth.

Our 2023 Davie 4-H Clubs

Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club

Life Skills: Shooting Sports (Rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, air pistol, and archery), firearm safety, patience, teamwork, and more!

Where: Tom Cowden Memorial Youth Shooting Sports (210 Amber Hill Rd. Mocksville, NC 27028)

Objective: In memory of 4-Her Tom Cowden, TCYSS 4-H Club provides youth with opportunities to learn firearm and archery safety and skills that they can use throughout their lives.

Ages: 8-18 years old as of January 1st



Thimbles n' Thyme 4-H Homesteaders

Life Skills: Gardening, baking, sewing, wood working, public speaking, and more!

Where: Farmington Community Center (1723 Farmington Rd, Mocksville, NC 27028)

Objective: The Thimbles n' Thyme 4-H Homesteaders Club teaches youth old-time skills such as baking, canning, gardening, sewing, wood working, and so much more!

Ages: 5-18 years old as of January 1st



Opportunity 4 All 4-H Club

Life Skills: Leadership, robotics, goal setting, environmental science, and more!

Where: November-March Davie Community Park (151 Southwood Dr, Mocksville, NC 27028) and April-October Riverfront Park at Cooleemee Falls (645 Erwin Temple Church Rd, Woodleaf, NC 27054)

Objective: The Opportunity 4 All 4-H Club allows youth to learn a wide range of topics and interests with a new topic and guest speaker each month!

Ages: 8-18 years old as of January 1st



Our 2023 Davie 4-H Clubs



Tails & Trails 4-H Horse Club

Life Skills: Horsemanship, equine husbandry, community service, and more!

Where: Silver S Ranch (220 Woodlee Drive, Advance, 27006)

Objective: The Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club allows youth the opportunity to learn about horses, equine husbandry, riding, and so much more!

Ages: 8-18 years old as of January 1st

There is currently a waitlist

Davie County 4-H Fishing Club

Life Skills: Fishing, knot-tying, freshwater ecology, fish identification, and more!

Where: Various locations across Davie County and surrounding counties

Objective: The Davie County 4-H Fishing Club allows youth to learn and practice fishing skills including fish identification, fly fishing, water conservation, water safety and more!

Ages: 8-18 years old as of January 1st



Our 4-H Clubs are designed to teach youth critical life skills and allow a platform to learn those skills with other youth. They are led and managed by passionate adult volunteers that create new and engaging opportunities to better teach youth these life skills. Any youth (as long as the appropriate age for the club) can be a member of our 4-H Clubs and any background-checked adult that is interested in investing their time and skills can start a 4-H Club. If you have any questions about our existing 4-H Clubs, looking to enroll your youth in a club, or are interested in starting a new 4-H Club, please reach out to Danny Lough at danny_lough@ncsu.edu or call (336) 753-6100!

2021 Friend of Davie County 4-H: The Mebane Charitable Foundation

MEBANE FOUNDATION

Catalyst for Innovation & Excellence in Education

It is with great pleasure that we announce this year's Friend of Davie County 4-H award recipient as The Mebane Charitable Foundation! Back in February, we wrote a plea in the paper looking for sponsors for our 4-H Summer Fun Camps. Unable to hold our largest fundraisers, the 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament and Stew Lunch-in, we were down in funds and would have had to increase camp prices, possibly out pricing many families. Guided by Mr. Allen Mebane's service to the community, Mebane Foundation President, Larry Colbourne, reached out to Davie County 4-H to see in what way The Mebane Foundation could help. Their gift of \$3,000.00 not only allowed us to continue low-cost educational opportunities for families but also provided new materials and allowed us to create new camps and opportunities to engage youth in our community. The Mebane Charitable Foundation has been a big supporter of N.C. Cooperative Extension and Davie County 4-H but their sponsorship this past summer allowed so many youth to have a fun and educational summer!



About The Mebane Charitable Foundation

Founded in 1998 by Mr. George Alan Mebane IV, the main focus of the Mebane Foundation is to help fund innovative learning opportunities for youth in the Piedmont Region of North Carolina. This includes tutoring, reading initiatives, funding for school technology, hands-on learning opportunities, and professional development for educators. The Mebane

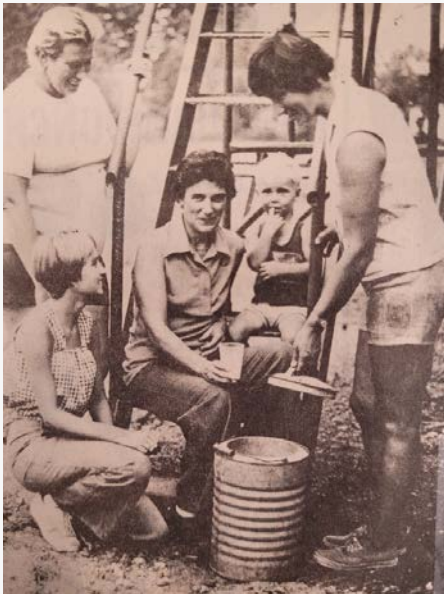
Foundation believes that every youth, regardless of their socioeconomic status, should have an opportunity to have the highest quality education to create a better future. To learn more about The Mebane Charitable Foundation and their impact in our local community, please visit their website: <https://www.mebanefoundation.com/>

4-H Volunteer of the Year Award: Mrs. Eleanor "Jeep" Wilson

Davie County 4-H is excited to announce that this year's 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Mrs. Eleanor "Jeep" Wilson! Jeep has been a huge influence to N.C. Cooperative Extension, Davie County 4-H, and our Davie County community for over 70 years. She started her service with Davie County 4-H as a co-club leader of the Trailblazers 4-H Horse Club in 1975 which taught youth horsemanship skills and horse husbandry. Through her hard work and help from other local community members and farmers, they created a 4-H Horse Arena where youth could practice and host 4-H Horse competitions.



Jeep continued on in supporting and being a volunteer with Davie County 4-H and N.C. Cooperative Extension, even after her children had aged out of the program. Her and her husband George created the Wilson Fund at the Davie Community Foundation which helps fund 4-H Summer Camp scholarships to Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp for at-risk youth. Her generosity to the Davie 4-H program also saw the formation of our CATCH program which teaches youth about fishing, water safety, and freshwater ecology and provided fishing equipment for those youth without rods and tackle. She regularly helped out with our Farm



Animal Day Field Trip where 2nd Grade students in Davie and Yadkin Counties learn about Regional agriculture and farm animals from local farmers. Most recently, Jeep has served on our 4-H Advisory Council, helping 4-H Agents and Cooperative Extension Staff plan fundraisers, create programs, and judge 4-H competitions like Project Record Books and County Activity Day presentations. Outside of 4-H, she has been very active with the Boy Scouts of America, The Pearls of Empowerment Giving Circle, and many other non-profit and community organizations. Jeep is one of the first people to say that she doesn't deserve this award but her service and dedication to Davie County 4-H has helped so many Davie children over the years. Jeep has been such an important part of our 4-H Program and this award is very well deserved.

2021 "I Dare You" 4-H Award: Ms. Farrah Smith

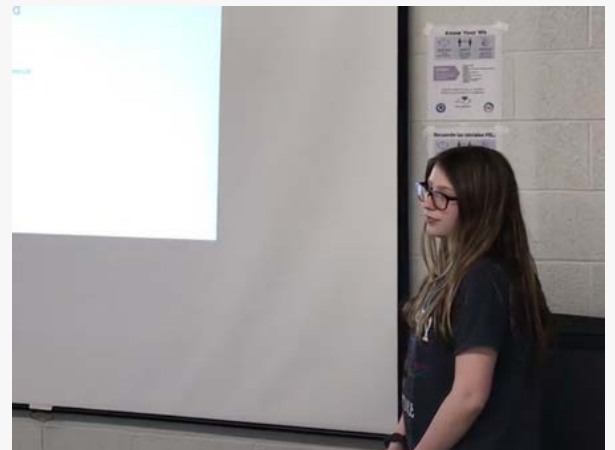


Davie County 4-H would like to award this year's "I Dare You" Davie County 4-H Award to Ms. Farrah Smith! The "I Dare You" Award goes to a 4-Her that has gone above and beyond in their 4-H experience, personal growth, and commitment to help improve our community. Farrah has done all of this and more! This is Farrah's third year as a member of Davie County 4-H. She started off 2021 submitting her first Project Record Book in the Citizenship and Civil Duty Category. Farrah placed First in our County judging in the Junior Category and Second in the State in her age group! She also participated in our County

and District Activity Days where she earned First Place in both the County and District levels. Farrah served several leadership roles in 4-H including serving as the Treasurer of the Spice of Life 4-H Club and being a member of our 4-H Teen County Council. She also represented Davie County 4-H in the North Central District Teen Retreat.

Outside of her leadership and 4-H presentations, Farrah has also expanded her personal knowledge of different life skills and community service. Her community service projects have included helping till and plant our wildflower meadow at the Vada B. Johnson 4-H Education Garden, written Valentine's letters to homebound seniors, helped care for the

William Ellis Middle School Garden, and gather supplies for our supply drive for Storehouse for Jesus. Farrah also attended several Adulthood 101 workshops, our Snapshots of Mocksville Photography workshop, and other workshops and educational opportunities all throughout the year. Farrah has been an enthusiastic member of Davie County 4-H and a major ambassador of our 4-H Program. Congratulations Farrah!



2021 4-H Club of the Year Award: Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club

Davie County 4-H would like to award this year's Club of the Year Award to Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports! This award goes to a 4-H Club that has shown growth, community involvement, and exemplary youth engagement and education. In 2020, Davie County 4-H clubs could not meet for 8 months in order to protect our 4-H families, volunteers, and community. In order to begin meeting in-person again, our volunteers had to attend COVID-19 preparedness trainings, create hygiene plans, and take attendance to assist in back tracing in case of a positive case. **Nelson Cowden**, head leader and founder, along with our other TCYSS Volunteer leaders created and implemented these required policies and integrated them, smoothly, into our Shooting Sports Club Meetings.



Through these actions, our TCYSS 4-H Club actually grew in membership during the pandemic; ending the year with 64 enrolled members! The Club that meets at Tom Cowden Memorial Youth Shooting Sports (TCMYSS), hosted its second Saturday of the month fun shoots and several shooting workouts, camps, and clinics throughout the year to promote firearm safety, skills, wildlife identification, archery skills, and personal youth development (patience, determination, etc.). Nelson worked tirelessly to raise funds throughout the year to make necessary facility improvements including a new

restroom and improvements to the rifle shelter. Friends of the NRA, Eaton Funeral Services, and Midway USA grants allowed for the club to remain free for our 4-H families and ensured ammunition and firearm supplies were stocked. Thank you to the leadership of Nelson Cowden, the assistance of all of our 4-H Volunteers, our Shooting Sports families, and our TCMYSS Sponsors for all of their work in Making the Best Better in Davie County!



2022 Davie County 4-H College Scholarship and Graduation Cords

2022 Davie County 4-H Senior Scholarship

As a program operated by two land-grant Universities, we strongly believe and support continuing education, whether that is pursuing a four year degree, an associates, or entering a trade school. The \$300 award is awarded to a youth that has been active in Davie County 4-H for the past three years and is a graduating High School Senior. A letter of recommendation by a club leader or 4-H staff member must be accompanied with the application. This year's Davie County 4-H



Scholarship was awarded to **Caleb Mathis**. Caleb served as the TCYSS Club President for three years and was very active in the Shooting Sports Club. He has won dozens of awards in shooting sports, especially shotgun. Caleb graduated Davie High in May and is now a freshman at UNC-Charlotte where he is pursuing an engineering degree!

Graduation Cords

4-H is an interesting youth program in that there are no ranks or major awards that youth work towards just by entering the program. It is completely driven by the interest and dedication of the youth. As such, we have a lot of youth that join and leave just because their interests change over time. This year, we wanted to recognize our 4-H Seniors, youth that have been a part of our program for several years, have been leaders and mentors to younger youth, and have accomplished a lot in that time. **Ethan Durham, Naomi Hellard, Caleb Mathis, Samantha Taylor, Rebecca Walker, and Abigail Wells** all received graduation cords. Ethan, Naomi, Caleb, Samantha, and Rebecca were all very active in



Shooting Sports, representing Davie County at the Region, State, and National levels in youth shooting sports. Abigail has done a wide range of topics from Project Record Books and District Activity Day presentations to Fashion Review and Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp. Great job seniors!

Thank you to our Amazing 4-H Volunteers!

- **Lola Baker**-Opportunity 4 All 4-H Club
- **Kristin Baziuk**-Thimbles n' Thyme 4-H Homesteaders Club
- **Mercedes Barr**-Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Ashton Bowers**-Opportunity 4 All 4-H Club
- **Douglas Brown**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Rebekah Brown**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Tracy Carter**-Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Barron Church**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Leesa Church**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Nelson Cowden**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Beth Davis**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Cynthia Davis**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Beth Dixon**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Linda Doby**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Jill Ellison**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Matt Evans**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Brandi Falder**-Davie County Summer Fun Camps
- **Whitney Fox**-Thimbles n' Thyme 4-H Homesteaders Club
- **Sherona Frye**-Volunteer at Large
- **Sandrine Goble**- Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club
- **Monica Groce**-Thimbles n' Thyme 4-H Homesteaders Club
- **James Hall**-Davie 4-H Fishing Club
- **Jody Hall**-Davie 4-H Fishing Club
- **Zack Hardy**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports
- **Emily Hellard**- Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Lynne Hicks**- Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Sonja Ivey**-Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Lexi Jett**-Yadkin-Davie 4-H Livestock Volunteer
- **Jason Lawrence**-Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Rachael Lough**- Yadkin-Davie 4-H Livestock Volunteer
- **Melody McCune**- Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club
- **Eileen Melton**-Tails and Trails 4-H Horse Club
- **Jason Nichols**-Volunteer at Large
- **Jimmy Staley**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports
- **Terry Thornett**-Davie County Master Gardener
- **Maurice Walker**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Club
- **Sandra Walker**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports
- **Stephen Walker**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports
- **Jeep Wilson**-Davie County 4-H Advisory Council
- **Jennifer Wilson**-Tom Cowden 4-H Youth Shooting Sports
- **Jeremy Wyche**-Yadkin-Davie 4-H Livestock Volunteer

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- Sonni Jo's Chicken
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- The Riverfront Park at Cooleemee Falls
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