National 4-H Week!!

What a great 4-H Week we had! Thanks to all of you who participated, National 4-H Week here in Burke County was a great success!

On Tuesday Oct. 7th, Burke County 4-Hers led the 4-H pledge at the Burke County Commissioners Meeting. More than 100 people joined in the 4-H Pledge. A special thanks goes out to the 3rd graders from WA Young who also helped us with the pledge. All of the commissioners were very impressed and invited us to come back as often as possible.

On Thursday Oct. 9th, Burke County 4-Hers helped serve dinner at the Burke County Cattlemen’s Association fall meeting. These youth helped serve food, drinks, and dessert and helped to clean up. The Cattlemen’s Association was extremely pleased with our 4-Hers courtesy and eagerness to help out and wanted to thank all those that participated.

Finally, on Friday Oct. 10th, we had an amazingly great time at our 4-H Centennial Celebration Kickoff Party. More than 50 4-Hers, volunteers, and parents attended the event. We shared 4-H stories, ate some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, and enjoyed some fun and games.

Overall we had an amazing week to celebrate 4-H here in Burke County and we were also able to promote 4-H to the whole community.

Thank you all again for your hard work and your participation.

John Davis
Extension Agent, 4-H
Project Book Workshop Fun!
On Monday November 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. all 4-H youth are invited to the Project Book Workshop. If you have questions about getting started or your books or would like someone to help finish them off, this is the workshop for you. Even if you haven’t even thought about putting together a 4-H Project Book until now, please come and be a part of this workshop. I will be available to answer questions about the layout of your books, competition guidelines and how to give your book that final sparkle it needs.
Remember, 4-H project books are your way of telling others about all your 4-H work for the year. By using stories, poems, drawings, and pictures you can tell all about your 4-H experience and your accomplishments.
I would really like to encourage all 4-Hers to complete at least one project record book because I know you’ve all worked hard this year. The deadline to submit project books will be no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 2nd here at the 4-H office. If you have any questions about completing a 4-H project book, please give me a call!

State Fair Booth Update
During the past few months of gathering ideas, catchy titles, and supplies, the Burke County 4-H State Fair Booth finally took shape. On Monday Oct. 13th, our 4-H Fair Booth Design Team traveled to Raleigh to officially submit our State Fair booth for competition. I am very proud to say that our booth won 3rd place in the 4-H booth judging. Many of you got to see the unfinished product at our Kickoff Party and it really came together in Raleigh. Many past and present Burke County 4-Hers were featured in the photos we used to decorate the cake. Thanks to all who helped in the creation of our wonderful booth.

To Do:
The next Burke County 4-H County Council Meeting will take place on Monday November 3rd at 6:15 p.m. following our Project Book Workshop.

We will be discussing our winter plans for 4-H as well as look at 2009. Please make sure that every club has a representative at our county council meetings so that we can get information to all clubs.
Kid Voting for Election ‘08
This year Burke County 4-H is participating with the Burke County Board of Elections to provide kid voting. On Tuesday Oct. 21st, and Thursday Oct. 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is family voting time. Early voting is taking place all week at the Burke County Agricultural Building and all 4-H youth can participate. Just come out to the Ag Building Tuesday or Thursday night to cast your own vote while your parents vote. Please call the 4-H office for more information.

Holiday Community Service Project
This year Burke County 4-H will be participating in the Angel Tree again in December. If you or your clubs have other plans or ideas for a holiday community service project please let us know at the November County Council meeting. In the past, several clubs have successfully come together to work on larger projects, so help others by working together.

Holiday Parade Coming Soon
The J. Iverson Riddle and the Morganton Holiday parades are coming up sooner than you think and 4-H clubs are welcome to participate. Applications are now being accepted for both parades and space is limited. If your club plans on participating in these parades please let me know.
Invite a Friend to 4-H
Right now is a great time to invite your friends to come visit and join 4-H with you. By telling others about what you do in 4-H, you can help encourage them to join too! If you have friends, neighbors, or relatives that are interested in joining or finding a club, please help them or have them contact the 4-H office anytime.