



# 4-H Connection



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**Campers  
beat the  
heat!**

A total of 175 4-H campers from Powhatan, Goochland and Hanover spent a week at the Jamestown 4-H Center in July.

## Powhatan 4-H teens make a difference at Congress

More than 500 teens, volunteer leaders, and Virginia Cooperative Extension agents gathered on Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus in June for the 96th State 4-H Congress. This annual event provides competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities. Powhatan 4-H Extension Agent Cathy Howland and Beth Branch, a volunteer club leader, traveled to Virginia Tech with local teens, including Justin Bales, Mac Bowman, Ashleigh Branch, Anna Pantos, and Dakota Stroud.



Anna Pantos was tapped as a 4-H All Star during the ceremony at Congress this summer. Membership in 4-H All Stars is the highest recognition that a Virginia 4-H'er can achieve. Virginia 4-H All Stars is service oriented, and volunteer operated. This year's ceremony marked the 94th anniversary of Virginia 4-H All Stars. Pantos will be a sophomore at Powhatan High School this fall and currently serves as president of Heart of Virginia 4-H Livestock Club in Powhatan. Last year, Powhatan resident Alex Oliver was also tapped as a 4-H All Star. He will be a freshman at the University of Virginia this fall.

A highlight for the Powhatan teens was raising funds for the "Cents for Senegal" campaign – which raised awareness in Virginia 4-H to make a connection with youth groups in Senegal, Africa. Virginia 4-H is working in Senegal to involve Senegalese youth in positive youth development experiences. Congress participants had the opportunity to become involved with the building of a 4-H

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## Club hosts 4-H qualifying show

Powhatan's 2nd annual Celebration of the Horse was a success despite the wet and rainy conditions in May. More than 1,800 individuals braved the soggy soil to enjoy the festivities which benefitted Powhatan's 4-H and FFA programs. Powhatan Riders 4-H Club also hosted a 4-H qualifying show during the event which was held at Rocky Oak Farm in Flat Rock.



Part of the event's mission was to raise the community's awareness of the importance of the equine industry. Horse show coordinator Davina Lancaster said, "I was happy with the number of entries we had at the show. Especially, since there was so much rain right up until the day of the show." She added, "I feel the show will grow each year. The weather hampered the number of entries as we had to cancel the speed events for safety of the horse and rider." Forty riders registered for the show, with 18 qualifying for the State 4-H Horse Show.

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# Powhatan Tractor Supply supports 4-H

Darrell Butler, manager of the Powhatan Tractor Supply (TS), received two awards from the National 4-H Council on behalf of the local store's accomplishments during the 2016 Spring Paper Clover Campaign. According to Butler, he appointed Rebecca Miller as the Captain of this particular 4-H Clover drive. "I challenged Rebecca to improve our sales of Clovers by 3% to 5% over the last year's numbers." If she reached this goal, Butler offered to take a pie in the face." He said, "Not only did Rebecca and my team reach our goal, but surpassed it for an increase of 13%! Thank you to Rebecca and my team

here in Powhatan for reaching and surpassing this goal. Thanks to the 4-H clubs involved in helping us to reach this goal as well." During the spring and fall, Tractor Supply stores sponsor a Paper Clover Campaign on behalf of the 4-H programs. A portion of the proceeds goes to the national, state and local 4-H programs. The Powhatan TS was 5<sup>th</sup> in the region for the Most Improved Store award. The local store also earned a Class Champion award for raising a minimum of \$300 for Paper Clover donations. The upcoming Fall Clover Campaign runs from Oct 5-16.



Powhatan Riders 4-H members Mary Elizabeth Farley, Ashdin Clayton, Will Winall and Jordan Winall recently presented award ribbons to Butler and his staff on behalf of 4-H.



Pictured are several Powhatan teens who helped raise the donated funds. From left, Anna Pantos, Ashleigh Branch, Dakota Stroud, and Bineta Guisse of Senegal. Not pictured are Mac Bowman and Justin Bales.

## Teens make a difference

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community center and assist the Senegal youth groups with their fundraising. The Congress delegates raised more than \$3,000 for doors, windows, tables, chairs, pots and pans, to complete the community center. Powhatan's group decided to hold a bake sale fundraiser prior to leaving for Blacksburg to contribute to Cents for Senegal. They raised \$150 to donate to the cause and were excited to meet Senegal native Bineta Guisse, who has worked to create a 4-H program in her homeland. Older youth in 4-H seeking additional leadership and community service opportunities gathered recently as Powhatan's 4-H Teen Council. Several of these same young people traveled to 4-H State Congress at Virginia Tech in June. They voiced an interest in participating in additional community service projects as well as attend leadership programs geared at older 4-H members. Youth interested in joining the 4-H Teen Council must be 14 years of age and active in a 4-H club or extended 4-H program. Contact the Extension Office for details!

## Celebration sponsors

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"We are very pleased with this year's event. It was most inspiring to have so many 4-H and FFA students, along with many other volunteers to help plan, execute and participate," said Max Timberlake, Jr., president of Powhatan Farm Bureau Federation. Funds from this event assist with travel, lodging and registration costs for youth attending competitions throughout the state. A portion of the funds also provides scholarships for youth to attend 4-H and FFA state and national events, as well as camps and trainings. 4-H scholarship applications are available through the Powhatan Extension Office. Mark your calendar...next year's Celebration of the Horse is Saturday, May 6!

### THANK YOU to Powhatan County's 4-H Scholarship Sponsors for 2016-2017:

**Powhatan Christmas Mother (4-H Camp)**  
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**Check out the Celebration of the Horse website for a complete list of all the event's 2016 sponsors!**



# Powhatan County 4-H Shooting Sports Update

## Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club

Sophie Kidd (left) and Rachel Wooten serve as 4-H shooting sports ambassadors for Virginia 2016 and are members of Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club. They attended the Virginia 4-H Spring Air Show and took top honors in presentations! Congrats Rachel for her 1st place finish and Sophie for 2nd place. Rachel is a freshman at VA Tech this fall. The deadline for applicants for the 2017 shooting sports ambassador season is Sept 10.



## P-town Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Club

Several members of the P-town Hot Shots 4-H Club participated in the Central District 4-H Shoot in July at Holiday Lake 4-H Center and also plan to attend the State 4-H Shoot. Congratulations to Kenny Pantos for earning 2nd place in rifle for the junior division!

With a new location to practice in the County, this club is ready to GROW! They are in need of adult volunteers interested in getting instructor certified in one of the following disciplines: archery, rifle or shotgun. Fall 4-H Shooting Instructor Training Weekend takes place at Holiday Lake 4-H Center, October 14 – 16. Deadline to register is Monday, Sept 19. To register, call Powhatan Extension Office.

Thank you to the **NRA (National Rifle Association)** for the continued support of the Powhatan 4-H Shooting program. Both clubs received equipment and targets to provide a quality, safe environment for the area youth to practice shooting sports and archery the past year.



Powhatan 4-H Shooting Club members (above) took top honors in the Hunter Education Challenge in May. First and third place overall team champion plaques came home with two different teams from the local club. Numerous individual awards were also won. The competition was held at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox.

4-H is a **community** of **young people** **across America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**

## Opportunities to grow in 4-H Animal Science Contact the Powhatan Extension Office to join!

**Youth Cattle Working Contest**—develops youth skills in animal management and handling. Working as a team, youth efficiently process three stocker calves utilizing Beef Quality Assurance guidelines. Regional competitions are held in the spring; top teams compete at the State Youth Cattle Working Contest held in conjunction with the Junior Beef Roundup.

**4-H Meats Judging**—Meats judging contests consist of retail meat identification and judging of retail meat cuts and carcasses. Retail meat identification consists of identifying the species, primal cut, retail cut and cookery method. Judging requires the participants to rank the meat in the classes, answer questions on chosen classes, and deliver sets of oral reasons from memory.

**4-H Dairy Judging**—Under the direction of Johns Bailey and Steve Meadows, Powhatan's newly formed 4-H Dairy Judging team attended their first State competition in Rockingham County in August. The Powhatan team took high team honors in the senior division. Pictured from left is Bridgette Landis, 2nd overall Sr; Kyra Pantos, 6th overall Jr; Kenny Pantos, 5th overall Jr; Anna Pantos, 2nd oral reasons Sr; Caroline Adkins, 3rd oral reasons Sr, and Coach Johns Bailey. These youth and adults have also practiced for months and traveled to the State Farm



for an up close and personal practice. They compete next in the Junior Dairymen's Competition at the State Fair on Sept 23.

# 4-H Club Reports

**Powhatan Riders 4-H Club** has been raising money through bake sales to alleviate some of the costs of housing and food for the Virginia 4-H State Horse and Pony Championship Show in Lexington, Virginia. We also have been holding regular monthly meetings in preparation for the upcoming state horse show to plan the numerous tasks that we partake in before during and after the show as well as presenting our projects. We held a qualifying show at the Powhatan Celebration of the Horse as well as qualifying ourselves. The Powhatan 4-H Riders appreciate the support of the Powhatan community. *Submitted by Jordan Winall*

**Heart of Virginia 4-H Livestock Club** members are learning the ropes of showing project animals! The youth in this club are truly “learning by doing” as they tackle one show at a time. They’ve had a presence at the Piedmont Livestock Show & Sale in Blackstone and county fairs in Albemarle and Fluvanna. Several also plan to show at the State Fair of Virginia. The club also hosted a poultry/rabbit show during Powhatan’s Fiber Festival.

**Robotics in Powhatan (RIP)** group was invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance during the Powhatan Board of Supervisors’ August meeting—Congrats!!



Andrew Naylor’s first time in the show ring with a goat at the Fluvanna county fair this summer.

## 4-H Officer Training

**Wednesday, November 2**

5:00pm—Powhatan Village Building

Please make every effort to attend—even if you’re not an officer this year! It will be fun and give you a better understanding of how a 4-H meeting should run. We have changed the format and youth will only attend one officer session this year (rather than learning about each).

4-H Ambassadors from other counties will join our local teens in teaching...no one goes home empty-handed!

**Powhatan 4-H Cloverbuds** had a busy year—full of field trips to area farms, gardening at Swift Creek Nursery, guest speakers and much more! New leaders, Jessica Winall and Jennifer Walton scheduled visits to dairy farms—both goats and cows, then made butter at a meeting. Many members were interested in chickens and rabbits too. Anna Pantos of Heart of Virginia 4-H Livestock Club, brought rabbits and chickens to meetings to introduce the young 4-Hers to some of her project animals.

Cloverbuds start their season back up in September and will continue collecting shoes for their service project, the Shoe Box Program. They are seeking wearable athletic shoes, men’s, women’s and kid’s shoes (must be mated pairs/rubber banded). This is a great way to keep shoes out of landfills and used again. They plan to host a shoe drive this fall.



## It’s that time...Back to School

Summer fun is coming to an end but it’s just the beginning for 4-H! The 2016-17 4-H year starts officially on Oct 1. During the month of October, youth and adult volunteers will have the opportunity to re-enroll into the 4-H online system. Good luck to those youth competing in September through 4-H!

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