

Anson County 4-H Holds Achievement/Recognition Banquet



Addie Richardson, 2013 4-H Volunteer of the Year

In a release from Roshunda Blount of 4-H: Fifty proud relatives, friends and supporters were in attendance at the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held Tuesday, February 18 at the Cooperative Extension Center. The event was held to honor Anson County 4-H'ers, 4-H Volunteer Leaders for their accomplishments over the last year, and Volunteer Leaders who have given of their time to help with programs in 4-H. Youth and adults were recognized and awarded ribbons, certificates, and medals.

Deserving young 4-H'ers earned scholarships for club project work. These scholarships, provided through program fundraising efforts, will be used toward 4-H trips and camps.

This year's Cloverbud (5-8) project winners were Kendall Duncan, Janiaya Maxwell, Janiyah Maxwell and JaMaya Wright.

Junior Division (9-10) winners was Quenton Cromartie, LaMia Maxwell and Milayah Smith.

Senior Division (11-12) project winners were Katherine Blount, Justin Duncan and Alexis Smith.

Senior Division (13-15) project winner was Na'La Brown and Katie Edwards. Senior Division (16-18) winners were Morgan McCoy.

This year's Jr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Quenton Cromartie. Quenton has been in 4-H for 5 years. He participated in Creative Talent, Favorite Food Show, and Summer Adventure Camps. He has also competed in presentations on the county, district and state levels.

Our Sr. Outstanding 4-H'er was Morgan McCoy. Morgan has been in 4-H for 4 years. While she has done many things on the local, district and regional levels, her greatest enjoyment is participating in FIRST Robotics Competition with her in school club, RoboWolves. She has served in the capacity of teen leader for summer camp, and Holiday Craft.

Our 4-H Volunteer Leaders were recognized with years of devoted service to the 4-H program. They were: Eric Mitchell 3 years, William Terry 3 years, Natasha Duncan 4 years, Carrissima Garris 4 years, Yolanda Mitchell 7 years, Debra Ratliff 8 years, Debra Garris 8 years, Addie Richardson 9 years, Janice Bennett 10 years, Hannah Dunlap 13 years, Kim Bennett 22 years, Ada Moore 26 years, Betty Garris 30 years, and Pearl Blount 31 years. Each Leader was given a certificate and a token of appreciation.

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Pictured are the group of 4-H'ers who attended and received awards at Achievement Night.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to volunteers that gave their time during the past year to 4-H in the capacities of teaching a program, judging or helping structure programs. Those individuals present were, Peg Pinkston, William K. Horne, Janine Rywak and Janet Gilreath.

This year's Outstanding Volunteer Award went to Addie Richardson. She has been involved in various programs and community service projects from Relay for Life, Day of Caring, care packets to nursing home patients, Backpack Buddies and school supplies to the Caraway Foundation to name a few. Addie has also served in various officer capacities on the county and district levels. Her dedication, support and participation in Anson County 4-H and the Volunteer Leaders Association are immeasurable.

The evening was capped off with the recognition of the 2013 4-H Leaders Association Officers: Janice Bennett- President, Betty Garris- Vice President, Carrissima Martin-Secretary and Yolanda Mitchell- Treasurer. Installation of our new officers were held and they are: President- Betty Garris, Vice President - Kimberly Bennett, Secretary- Carrissima Martin, Treasurer- Yolanda Mitchell.

For more information on the 4-H program in Anson County, contact Roshunda Blount, 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2915.

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