WOW! What a Summer 2011 has been……so many events! Beginning in June, Lenoir County hosted District Activity Day at Lenoir Community College. Along with this event, Lenoir 4-H’ers were busy with the Southeast District and the State 4-H Horse Shows; then State 4-H Congress, Electric Congress and Betsy-Jeff 4-H Camp. We also had daily camps of cooking, crafts, traveling to a farm and to the Farmers’ Market.

Lenoir County 4-H played a large role in the Lenoir County Fair by providing the “The Barn Yard.” The barn had animals ranging from horses to Brahma bulls, guineas, ducks, goats, chickens and a Belgian horse as well as a miniature spotted donkey and foal! “The Barn Yard” wishes to express gratitude to David Mooring and the North Lenoir FFA members, Lenoir County Fair Board Assoc., Lenoir County Farm Bureau and Pat and Kendall Hill for helping make “The Barnyard” a huge success. Kudos to 4-H’ers and adult volunteers who worked so hard at “The Barn Yard”: Abby Dunn, Kimberly Lee, Lora Bennett, Taylor Dail, Colby Modlin, Bryce and Blaine Smith, Alyssa Krodel, Jennifer Krodel, Denise Lee, Hope and Freddie Davis, Johnnie Tyndall, Golanda Howard and Kaitlyn and Avery Johnson.

4-H and 4-H Prevention All-Stars booths placed 1st and 2nd respectively. The LCC early college students placed 2nd with their 4-H SADD booth.

Congratulations to our own 4-Her Allyssa Krodel for BEST OF SHOW in photography at the Lenoir County Fair. Her entry will be on display at the North Carolina State Fair with a chance to win $1000.00. You go Alyssa!!

The Lenoir County 4-H Shooting Sports Club has just returned from the State Competition, with Brandon Sutton taking honors in Compound Archery and Aaron Kite taking honors in Muzzle loading. Congratulations to Leader Virgil Byrd and his club. Those attending this year’s competition were Andra Kite, Landon Long, Dakota Harrison, Nathan Byrd, Kevin Aycock, Josh Daughety, Aaron Kite and Brandon Sutton. We salute you for your hard work and dedication. Good luck to Aaron Kite as he represents NC 4-H as a member of the National Shotgun team. If anyone would like to help with a fundraiser or make a donation towards Aaron’s trip to Nebraska for Nationals, please let us know.