

## MONTHLY RECAP



### FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER: BOOK BUDDY 2020

Cumberland 4-H is excited to share that the State 4-H Office received a sizeable donation of books from the Molina Foundation. The grantee's goal is to get books into the hands of youth. Pictured are the Johnson family, who stopped by our office to pick up a camp box and a Molina Book. Donations were also made to the Cumberland Library. We are planning to donate books to The Christmas Mother. If you know families that could benefit from a free book, please direct them to the Cumberland Extension Office. One book per child.

### SUMMER VIRTUAL CAMPS

During the Summer, Cumberland 4-H offered several virtual programs, partnering with The Cumberland Recreation Department, Bear Creek Lake State Park, and the Central Piedmont Master Naturalist. Please visit our YouTube Channel to view our virtual projects at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4VU28Sv27AVj4mEMgHQkPQ>.

### AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Cumberland Agriculture and Natural Resources has been utilizing Zoom, Google, and Facebook technologies to keep our clientel up to date with programming and information. Cumberland Youth participated in the VIRTUAL Piedmont Area Junior Livestock Show. All youth were asked to enter videos of themselves showing thier livestock. These videos were sent to a judge for placement and a virtual awards show was then held after the show "date". The pandemic has not slowed down the amount of agriculture and natural resources related inquires that come in to our office. Producers and homeowners have called, emailed, texted and visited in person with questions related to soil sampling, animal health, upcoming programs, weed identification, pond aquatic weed management, and gardening and landscape management. Field visits to farms and homes were conducted to answer these questions, identify problem weeds, help marketing livestock, etc.

The Buckingham Cattlemen's Association had two livestock sales during the pandemic which changed the marketing aspect of the livestock. In order to reduce in-person contact, sale information was mailed and emailed. Vidoes and photos of all livestock were uploaded to Youtube, Facebook, and the Buckingham Cattlemen's website. The utilization of this website also served as a hub for all livestock based program information across the state. We encourage you to visit [www.buckinghamcattlemensassociation.com](http://www.buckinghamcattlemensassociation.com) and explore the "Educational Resources" tab. We do have plans to hold additional virtual workshops throughout the fall of the year.

**WHERE IN THE ZOO ARE YOU?**

Cumberland 4-H Agent, Linda Eanes, has partnered with Nottoway 4-H and 4Tucson Education Domain to create a puppet play entitled, "Where in the Zoo Are You?" This play brings to life the short story of the same name by Robin Blumenthal, 4Tucson Education Domain. This resource was created to help families cope with traumatic experiences; like COVID-19. Please feel free to share the following video link:

<https://youtu.be/fhbj8ybP8fo> with families. This puppet play was developed to assist families and those working with youth to help them process this challenging season. In the video description, you will find the short story that the play brought to life and resources for conversation starters.



<https://www.facebook.com/vcecumberland/>

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Cumberland Extension Office at 804-492-4390 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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