

Local 4-H Girl Takes State Honors

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A lot of hard work and dedication has paid off for Miss Debbie McNeill and her award winning 4-H Long Term Record Book. Debbie resides at 811 E. Donaldson Avenue in Raeford with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McNeill.

For the last six years Debbie has been a 4-H'er and has been involved with all aspects of this national youth organization. She is most industrious and displays excellent leadership abilities which enables other 4-H'ers and youth to follow the fine example that she has set.

Some of the offices and committees that Debbie has held and been associated with are: County Council President, Secretary, Reporter, Club Secretary and Reporter, Chairman of County Scrapbook, and served on the Agricultural Extension Advisory Board in the planning of 4-Sight, a six-year program development plan, along with these are many other local and county committees she has served on.

Some other leadership roles were the Master of Ceremonies for the County Talent Show and the County Achievement Programs, along with participation in other church, school and 4-H District Teen Retreat programs.

Debbie has attended State 4-H Congress two years, County 4-H Camp three years, Citizenship Shortcourse in Washington, D.C., County 4-H Achievement Day six years and some sixty more 4-H events in the past six years. All of these events are for 4-H'ers, which enabled Debbie and other many opportunities to meet new friends, exchange ideas and expand the previous program.

As for accomplishments and honors Debbie has received many camp certificates, two demonstrations, Automotive Skill Driving contest and two of the highest honors received on the county level which are 1976 Outstanding 4-H Service Award and the 1977 Achievement Award.

Record books are one of the most important parts of the 4-H program. Some of Debbie's major 4-H projects consist of Forestry, Bicycle Safety, Junior Leadership, Home Environment, Self Determined, Automotive, Safety, Health Careers and Photography.

What is a long-time record book, better known as cumulative record? In this day and time records are important to practically every individual with all sorts of records, communication, learning and sharing that should be kept up with. The cumulative record consists of the accumulation of concise detailed, neat and accurate material that an individual has compiled. While three years of membership are desirable prior to submitting a record for district, state, and national competition the time required is only a year. Record keeping

It's Fun...to know where you have been.

It's Important...to know where you are.

It's Exciting...to plan where you are going.

It's Rewarding...to be recognized for your efforts in making the best better.

As well as being fun 4-H is an educational youth organization that works hand in hand with the school, church, community, and home to aid in the education necessary for youth to develop into adulthood.

A big aid to Debbie has been John Buchholz who is a teacher at Hoke High. John has been teaching Photography for the past two years.



WINNER -- Debbie McNeill has taken state 4-H honors for a cumulative record on photography. As project winner Debbie will receive an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago next fall.



PHOTOGRAPHY -- Debbie McNeill and Hoke High photography instructor John Buchholz set up for photocopying in the high school lab. Debbie recently became one of three students in the last 15 years from Hoke County to win state honors for a long-term record book in 4-H competition.

black and white prints and color slides, doing all the processing of both pictures and slides. The money she will obtain from her work will be used for her educational expenses.

A State Winner - 4-H Cumulative Record on Photography of Debbie McNeill has won state honors. She is one of three from Hoke County in the past 15 years to win this honor. Debbie will be receiving her Cumulative Record book in several weeks and will be doing final revisions and touch up on her project for National Competition. This project winner will receive a pin on Photography on the county level and an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago after Thanksgiving. Congratulations Debbie McNeill

on a job well done.
MAKE THE BEST BETTER.
Good Luck at National Competition!

Starting last year with simple basic photography skills and moving this year into the more advanced skills of motion picture and cinematography. John also has been involved with photography the past eight years. John commented on Debbie as being fair when she started with the 4-H photography project and photo class at the school last year and has improved to just barely below excellent now. He feels that Debbie's eagerness to learn has been outstanding and this has been the reason for her improvement.

May Proclaimed Hearing, Speech Month

May 1977 has been proclaimed Better Speech and Hearing Month in North Carolina by Gov. James Hunt. On hand for the proclamation ceremony April 26 were Superintendent of Public Instruction A. Craig Phillips, hearing impaired children from Cary Elementary School, their parents and teachers, and educators from the Division for Exceptional Children.

The purpose of the commemorative month is to call attention to the problems of hearing, speech and language and to the fact that children and adults with such problems can be helped by proper treatment. An estimated twenty-two million Americans suffer from disorders of speech, language,

and/or hearing.

In North Carolina 129 local school systems provide services for children with speech, language and/or hearing impairments. According to Theodore Drain, Director of the Division for Exceptional Children, 398 speech, language and hearing specialists in these programs serve approximately 30,000 children. In addition, there are now 21 programs in the public schools for hearing impaired children whose hearing losses range from mild to total. These programs serve children as young as 18 months old in the classroom and from birth in the home. Programs for hearing impaired children are located in Bertie County, Buncombe County, Charlotte, Cleveland County, Cumberland County, Davidson County, Durham County, Durham City, Fayetteville, Gaston County, Halifax County, Harnett County, Hertford County, Hoke County, Jackson County, Nash County, New Hanover County, Scotland County, Wake County, Winston-Salem and Warren County. These programs serve approximately 500 children.

The goal of all these programs is to improve communication skills. By meeting the special needs of these children within the public school, removal of the child from his home, friends, and family becomes unnecessary.

Music Week Announced

The Chaminade Music Club of Raeford has announced that the week of May 1-8 has been designated as National Music Week.

The theme for this year's observance is "Reaching Mankind Through Music."

Mrs. Hugh Lowe, Chaminade chairman for the week's activities, said that the club members hope that Hoke County citizens will make music a rewarding part of their lives during this week and throughout the year.

Fishing accounts for 80 percent of Iceland's exports, the National Geographic Society says.

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