



# What's News

## ORIGIN OF APRIL FOOLS DAY

The origins of April Fool's Day are rather more murky than the day itself. According to the experts at the Museum of Hoaxes, which was established in 1997 to explore "deception, mischief, and misinformation," there's no clear-cut or specific origin of the day. But theories abound.

Per the Museum of Hoaxes, "The most popular theory about the origin of April Fool's Day involves the French calendar reform of the sixteenth century."

In 1564, France changed its calendar, and moved the start of the year from March to January 1, where it sits today. Those stalwarts who refused to embrace the change and still followed the old calendar had pranks played on them between March 15 and April 1. There's another theory (because of course there is): Italian followers of the cult of Cybele celebrated the festival Hilaria at the end of the March and of course, that meant dressing up and making fun of other folks.

Britain changed its calendar in 1752, which meant that January 1 marked the beginning of the year. And so it makes sense that the Brits embraced April Fools' Day in the 18th century, which meant people were sent on phony errands and played pranks like — well, you can imagine. Oh but wait, there's more. According to History.com, some muse that April Fools' Day traces its origins to the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. Why? Because Mother Nature is a prickly and surprising creature, and tricks you into believing that warmer temps are here — right before that freak snow storm hits in mid-April.

"What strikes me is the fact that you've got these traditions in Ireland, in Scotland, in France. It's an official holiday in the Ukraine. How did the concept of April Fools' expand to these different countries? That's the true mystery," says Weiner. "My speculation is that the concept of there being a day for fools and pranks — it was transmitted orally. And then it became codified in regular popular culture that the first of April was the day of fools. It's one of those weird quirks of history that has transcended cultural boundaries."

But pinning tails on people or covering the toilet with clear saran wrap doesn't begin to compare to the left-handed Whopper announced by Burger King in 1998. Or the new pizza-flavored seltzer you could ostensibly buy from Bud Light last year, part of a growing tradition of pranks by food brands. April Fools!



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SANFORD



They've got the brews and added six hours of blues music, a BBQ competition and a Banana Puddin' Off to make it a great day for everyone. **OK you are going to have to skip the Brew on this festival, but the rest of it sounds like fun. Talk to your parents and see if they will take you to this fun event.**

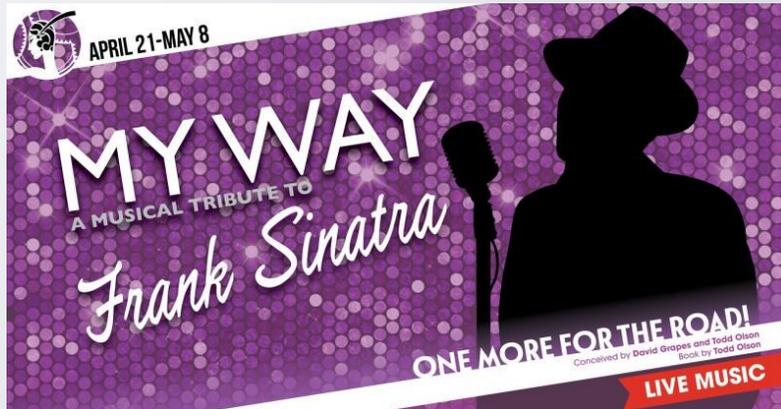
The BBQ Competition offers monetary prizes to participants and ticket holders will vote to select the winning BBQ cooks. Separate tickets are available for the BBQ Cook Off and the Banana Puddin'-Off. Ticket holders for the Banana Puddin'-Off likewise

will vote to anoint a champion for that competition.

Soul Pancake, the Jonathan Robinson Band & Cary Luetjen and the Traveling Blues Band will be playing from 3-9pm the day of the event with competition winners announced when the music stops. This is going to be a massive event and great fun from start to finish.



Free concerts in downtown Sanford every spring and fall. Bring your lawn chair and settle in for some great music or bring your dancing shoes for some serious fun! Food and beer vendors featured at all shows! After releasing four Top Ten Billboard albums, North Carolina based Nu-Blue has quickly established themselves as one of the top Acoustic acts in the music industry, delivering a set of songs that range from the melancholy to the exuberant, and at every step they prove they've got a knack for finding their way into the deeper parts of you.



The series kicks off with Nu-Blu on April 22nd and The Greg Gelb Orchestra on April 29th.

MY WAY A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO FRANK SINATRA . **OK let's admit it you probably won't know who Frank Sinatra is but if you want to broaden your musical horizons then give it a try.** You'll marvel at the range of Frank Sinatra's music and get a kick out of this nostalgic trip down memory lane. This award winning musical revue featuring more than 50 songs recorded by 'Old Blue Eyes' is a

classy tribute to his style, his era and some of the 20th century's most beautiful songs. Celebrate Sinatra's mystique and his myth while honoring the great singer's unparalleled role in popularizing the Great American Songbook.



The Farmers Market is coming back to downtown. Starting April 23rd and running every Saturday morning through November. Check it out and see what our local farmers have grown for you.

The weather is getting nice out. Don't forget the many parks in Sanford, the walking trail and the mural trail downtown, Volleyball at Sonic. *What else is going on in Sanford? It doesn't have to be downtown. Does your school have any happenings? Have you heard of something fun or interesting to do? Let me know and we will add it to the list.*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Is anyone interested in volunteering at Happy Bottoms Bank? They need help organizing donations any day between 8:00am-5:00pm. Third Wednesdays of the month to pack orders. Partnership for Families and Children is a great organization that helps young families. Let me know if there is an interest and I will contact them.

*Any other volunteer opportunities you would like to post in the newsletter? Let me know and I will add them.*



**The early voting period for the 2022 statewide primary begins Thursday, April 28, 2022, and ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022.** Registered voters or eligible individuals in North Carolina may cast an absentee ballot in person during this time. This period is sometimes called “one-stop early voting.”

During early voting, voters may cast a ballot at any early voting site in their county, and would-be voters may same-day register and vote. This is different than Election Day, where registered voters must vote at their assigned polling place. Early voting in Lee County can be done at Lee County Board of Elections Office, 15302 Elm St. #1, Sanford or McSwain Center, 2420 Tramway Rd. Sanford.

Even if your not 18 you might be able to vote. Although the federal voting age is 18, a third of the states allow those who are 17 but will be 18 by the general election to vote in primaries. Other states may do this as an administrative practice as well. States may take this action to encourage voter participation among young people, or because primaries can be seen as part of the general election process. North Carolina is one of these states. So if you are going to be 18 before November 1st you can vote in the primary. Make sure you get registered.

Not going to be 18 by November 1st your voice can still be heard. Make sure your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles anyone you know over 18 does their duty and votes.

## RECRUITING

Time to recruit new Young Commissioners are coming to end. All applications are due to me by April 25th. New recruits can either mail them to me (address is on the application), email them to me at [cindy.Howenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy.Howenstein@yahoo.com) or give them back to you and you can give them to me.

Remember we are having a recruiting competition. The person who recruits the most new YC will receive a prize. Also, for each application you submit your name will go into a drawing for a second prize. So remember to have your people put your name on the Referred by line.

Our goal this year is to have 12-14 new recruits so let's get busy and get those applications in.





# News

## **County Activity Night May 23rd**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**What are you passionate about? Share it in the county 4h speaking competition.**

**There are 2 ways to present**

- 1. With a speech**
- 2. With a presentation**

**Speeches are just that, go up and talk. Tell us all about your topic using only your words. Your speech should be between 5 and 7 minutes.**

**Presentations gives you the opportunity to use props. Things that will enhance your topic, a chance to show examples. Presentations should be between 5 and 12 minutes.**

**We will be talking about categories and topics at the April meeting.**

**This competition is a requirement to complete your Public Speaking Certificate.**

**Sign up on 4H on-line.**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**4H Congress—July 16-19**

**This is a great event. It's 4 days, 3 nights in Raleigh staying in NC State dorms. There are fun and informative workshops, time to tour Raleigh and meet youth from around the state. Guaranteed to have a great time. Cost to you is \$200.**

### **Lee Regional Fair**

**September 13-18**

**Enter an art or craft project in the fair to earn accomplishment credit and possibly a cash prize.**

**Everyone needs to volunteer to work at least 2 shifts at the fair.**

**Volunteer and get in for free.**

### **NC State Fair**

**October 13-23**



*4-H...*

*More than you ever imagined!*

# YC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL/MAY

April	May
17th—Easter	5th—Cinco de Mayo
21st—4:30-6:30pm General Meeting St. Stephen Church	8th—Mother's Day
23rd—6:00-8:00pm County Activity Night Extension Center	19th—4:30-6:30pm General Meeting Extension Center
25th—Newsletter article due	30th—Memorial Day
28th—Early voting starts	

## April Meeting

Public speaking is something you will need in your future. No matter if it is speaking in front of hundreds of people, making a presentation to your boss, or just simply talking with your colleagues you will need public speaking skills. Our April meeting we will be working on Public Speaking. We will have a guest speaker talking with us and giving us pointers. He teaches college level public speaking and has judged the 4H Speaking Competition so I'm sure he will have a lot of good information for you. Let's have a great turnout for this meeting and our guest.

## Mark your Calendar

**Young Commissioners 2-week summer program will be June 13th-17th and June 20th-24th.** All Young Commissioners are needed to make this summer program a success. We will have a sign up sheet for you in May. You don't have to come everyday, but you do need to volunteer at least 3 days to get a free 2022 t-shirt.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**29th -**

**12th Bella Derr**

**Nikki Ragland**



YC March Meeting 03-17-22

Attendance :

Members:   8   Leaders:   2   Guests:   0  

Isaac lead the 4h pledge      Kyla lead the pledge of allegiance

Treasurer's report

Starting balance: \$888.11

Expenses: N/A

Income: N/A

Month Ending Balance: \$888.11

Public speaking activity night

- May 23 6:00 - Everyone should participate
- Congress is coming up in July

Awards

- YC of the 4th 2021-Nikki Ragland
- 2021 Community Service Award - Caitlyn Lamb
- 2021 Citizenship Award - Kyla Morgan
- 2021 Communication Award - Sally Cabrera
- 2021 Leadership Award - Jocelyn Gomez
- Class of 2021 YC of the Year Award - Sally Cabrera
- 2021 YC of the Year Award—Jocelyn Gomez
- 2021 4Her of the Year Award—Sally Cabrera

We made beaded keychains and decorated clover cookies  
Thanks Cindy G. for the cookies and the beads.

2021 Awards:



Community Service



Citizenship



Communications



Leadership



New YC of the Year



YC of the Year



4Her of the Year

# 2021 Awards Banquet



Sally & Kaycee both completed their Leadership Certificate

# March Meeting

