

YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2022 ISSUE:

Family and Consumer Sciences

4-H Youth Development

Agriculture - Horticulture

Ag & Natural Resources
Livestock

Administration

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Ashley Beard

At Home with ECA

Ashley has been busy preparing for the 2022 At Home with Extension Community Association program. These online learning series are held the 1st Thursday of each month. The series is cross county program efforts. The North Central District Family and Consumer Sciences agents are working to bring researched based information on a range of topics. Ashley and other Family and Consumer Sciences agents are still facing restrictions on in-person meetings. These series are a great way to keep the Extension Community Association volunteers connected and learning new skills. Ashley presented in January on Disaster Preparedness.

Ashley's Program Area Updates:

- 2022 Visit NC Farms App
- WIC Garden Spring Planning
- Seed Bank for WIC Garden
- Forbush Extension and Community Association
- WIFM 100.9 Radio Talk
- Yveddi Meetings with Yadkin and Surry about Senior Voucher Program
- Planning Committee for National Meeting
- Farmers Market Board Meetings
- Shore Grant Final Report
- ALC Subcommittee Meeting
- WIFM 100.9 Radio Talk



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Madaline Jones

4-H Chick Program

Madaline was a chick mom for the day to Barred Rock chickens. She had three 4-H participants to register and purchase chicks to show at the upcoming Regional Poultry and Rabbit Show. The show will be on May 7th at the Winston-Salem fair grounds. Each participant purchased 4 chicks to raise and show. Madaline had the honor of picking up the baby chicks and housing them for the day until our Yadkin County 4-H'ers could pick them up. We have some excited 4-H'ers ready to start their new adventure in raising and showing chickens. To help them along this process, free workshops have been hosted on housing, health, and nutrition. Best of luck to all the participants in the upcoming Poultry and Rabbit Show.

Madaline's Program Area Updates :

- *4-H Project Record Books / Portfolios*
- *Mentoring New 4-H Agent*
- *Honor Club Application*
- *North Carolina 4-H Scholarship Applications*
- *4-H Betsy Jeff Penn Camp July 10-15*
- *Achievement Night*
- *Yadkin County 4-H Talent Show*
- *District Activity Day in Wilkes County*
- *Yadkin County T-shirt Fundraiser*
- *County Council Meetings*



AGRICULTURE – HORTICULTURE

Kellee Payne

Private Pesticide Classes

Kellee has been busy scheduling and training private pesticide safety classes. Yadkin and Surry Counties are teaming together to bring continuing education for private pesticide applicator license. This is a 2 hour in-person class that discuss herbicide resistance, making good (PPE) personal protective equipment choices, and attendees will hear from pesticide inspectors from NCDA&CS.

Kellee is helping host the 8th Annual Foothills Special Crop Growers' Roundtable. This event is held in February at the Surry County Cooperative Extension office. Topics include Strawberry productions, vegetables, growing safe leafy greens, food safety, canning and farmers market displays.





Kellee's Program Area Updates :

- *NC Farm School*
- *Social Media Team for NC Farm School*
- *Training from NC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Intranet Team*
- *Master Gardener Meetings*
- *WIC Garden Spring Planning*
- *Farm Visits*
- *Orchard visit with Craig Mauney (Area Commercial, Vegetable and Fruit Specialist)*
- *Blueberry Pruning Training Class in Alexander County*
- *WIFM 100.9 Radio Talk*

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES LIVESTOCK

Phil Rucker

Yadkin County Chamber Awards Banquet

Phil attended the Yadkin County Chamber annual awards banquet held January 25, 2022 here in the Agricultural Building. Every year, the Yadkin Chamber accepts nomination for multiple awards. One of the awards that is near and dear to our Cooperative Extension office is Yadkin County Farmer of the Year. This year's winner was Regie Pilcher and family. The Pilcher family was unable to attend the meeting. Phil had the honor of reading their acceptance and gratitude letter of being Yadkin County Farmer of the Year. Congratulation to Regie Pilcher and family.



Phil's Program Area Updates :

- *NCSU Farm School Piedmont 2022 Planning*
- *Teaching the First Segment of NC Farm School*
- *Farm Visits between two Counties*
- *WIFM 100.9 Radio Talk*
- *Poultry Nutrition Training*
- *Area Beef Conference*
- *Cattlemen's Board Meeting*
- *Planning Programs with other area agents*
- *Prep for 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show*
- *NC AgVenture Grant Review of Applications*
- *Statewide Livestock Agents Zoom Meeting*
- *ALC Meetings both Counties*
- *NC Cattlemen's Conference*



YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Addie Wilson

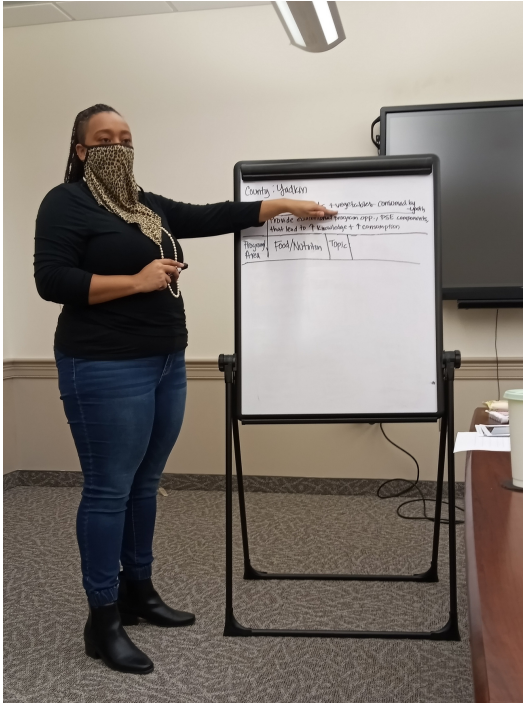
Agent, Office, Meetings and Trainings

Addie continuously holds staff meetings every two weeks to keep us informed with office, county and state information. In these meetings Addie request staff to participate, collaborate, provide feedback, share ideas, and ask questions. She leads by example showcasing leadership, motivation, and encouragement.

As changes take place within NC Cooperative Extension reporting. Addie is continually training agents and staff to improve knowledge and performance in their roles. Recent trainings have been Streamline Program Planning Process, our annual Civil Rights Complaint Procedures. New software, and updates have taken place within Extension Reporting System (ERS). Addie's trainings will provide agents a guide to help with the new ERS reporting system. The data ERS collects is used to meet Extension's state and federal requirements as well as local county level Extension impacts.

Addie's Program Updates :

- *Advisory Leadership Council Meeting*
- *Professional Development Training*
- *Management and Leadership Styles with Dr. Rhonda Sutton*
- *Year End Budget Prep*
- *WIFM 100.9 Radio Taping*
- *Agent Check-ins*
- *Program Planning and Administration*



NC Cooperative Extension Yadkin County Center

Vision and Program focus

- Enhancing agricultural, forest and food systems
- Strengthening and sustaining families
- Developing responsible youth
- Building quality communities
- Conserve and improve the environment and natural resources

Reported by Lisa Johnson