

YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS



Yadkin County Agriculture Awareness Day

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension hosted our annual Ag Awareness Day on April 20, 2022. The program's mission is to increase agriculture awareness in our school children. All Yadkin County second graders experience a broad range of agricultural activities in a hands on educational setting. They visited several stations like farm animals, bees, crops, planting, healthy snacks and a hayride. Each station had a representative from the agriculture field who provided a brief overview. A total of 397 youth participated from Yadkin County schools. We would like to thank Lone Hickory Arena in Yadkinville for letting us use their facility. Also, thank you to Courtney General Store, Farm Bureau, Farm Credit, NC Pork Council, Maola Milk, Volunteers, and surrounding county Extension Agents. Without your help, this would not have been possible.

HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 2022 ISSUE:

Agriculture - Horticulture

4-H Youth Development

Ag & Natural Resources
Livestock

Administration/FCS



AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE

Kellee Payne

Ag Awareness Day: Plant Station

Kellee hosted the plant station at Ag Awareness Day. Kellee along with volunteers held a fun hands on activity. First, Kellee taught the life cycle of Sunflowers. They learned the flower life cycle of seed, germination, sprout, seedling, and adolescent plant to mature plant. Kellee also engaged with students on how to care and water for Sunflowers. After this short lesson, the students participated in a planting session. The students planted their very own Sunflower seed in a clear plastic cup. This is a fun way for students to see the plant root system and watch it grow. Getting kids to grow flowers and vegetables is a really good way to encourage them to eat better. Most kids are natural gardeners and love to play in dirt and soil. This was a great way to introduce them to gardening.

Kellee's Program Area Updates:

- *NC Farm School/Field Trips*
- *Social Media Team for NC Farm School*
- *Yadkin Gardner's Meetings*
- *WIC Garden Planning/Irrigation*
- *Yadkin Farmers Market*
- *Growers Certifications for Farmers Market*
- *Davie/Yadkin Pesticide Collection Day*
- *Surry/Yadkin Vinedressers Field Day*
- *Surry/Yadkin Impact Meeting*
- *Farm Visits*
- *Radio*
- *Buzzard Rock*
- *Prep for Agents June Conference*
- *Report to the People Meeting*
- *Horticulture Mentee*



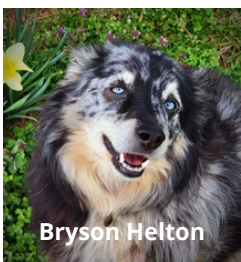
Ag Awareness Day



Report to the People

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

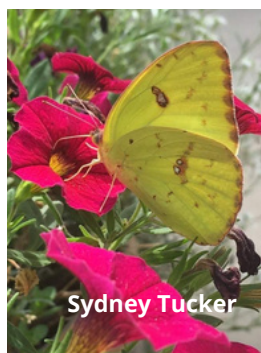
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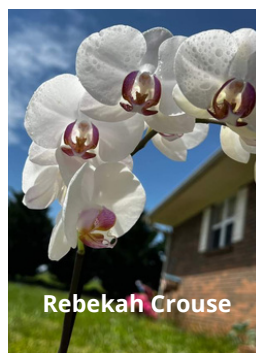
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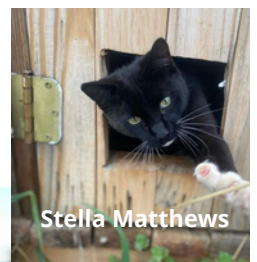
Emmalyn Rogers



Sydney Tucker



Rebekah Crouse



Stella Matthews



Sydney Tucker

Photo Contest Winners



Summer Enrichment Programs for Youth

Summer Fun is a great opportunity for youth to participate in a series of educational activities. Summer fun is open to all youth regardless of prior 4-H participation. Classes are filling up quickly. Registration started on May 11th. You can sign up for workshops two weeks before it begins, if spots remain available. If you have a question about enrollment, age, and cost please contact Miss Madaline Jones at madaline_jones@ncsu.edu or 336-849-7908. Check out these great Summer Fun Programs.

Grandfather Mountain Adventure: June 8th

North Carolina Zoo Adventure: June 21st

Chef and the Child: June 22nd-24th

Kids Can, Can: June 29th -30th

Movie Day Cloverbuds: July 6th

Betsy Jeff-Penn Camp: July 10th-15th

4-Hers Walking for a Better Community: July 27th-29th

Pilot Mountain Nature Adventure: August 3rd

Junior Master Gardeners: August 9th

Mini Junior Master Gardeners: August 10th

Sewing up so much fun: August 24th

Mini Sewing up so much fun: August 25th



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Madaline's Program Area Updates:

- Summer Fun Planning
- Mentoring New 4-H Agent
- District Activity Day in Wilkes County
- Fashion Revue Planning Coordinator
- In-Person Club Meetings
- In-Person Teen County Council Meetings
- State 4-H Council Representative Meetings
- Organizing 4-H Fundraiser
- Report to the People
- Radio
- Two Day Teen Retreat
- Stamp Out Hunger
- Ag Awareness Day
- Rabbit Show / Winston Fair Grounds
- 4-H Photo Contest

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES LIVESTOCK

Phil Rucker

Peak Season

It's peak season for Livestock Agents. Phil has been busy with calls, office visits, and farm visits. With the early season weather, the quantity and quality of hay may be reduced. Along with fertilizer issue and cost, now is the time to utilize a grazing plan. Strengthening your pasture now, means you may need less hay in the fall and winter. And for folks that purchase hay, now is the time to get your name on the hay dealer's list.

Another compounding problem is poisonous plants to livestock. Phil has been busy with these types of question in the past few weeks. Many poisonous plants emerge in the early spring and often gain an advantage over grass. Most factors contributing to plant poisoning are starvation, accidental, and browsing habits of animals. If you have questions please contact Phil at phil_rucker@ncsu.edu.

Phil's Program Area Updates:

- *Davie/Yadkin Pesticide Collection Day*
- *Cattlemen Meetings*
- *Radio*
- *Rabbit Show at Winston-Salem Fair Grounds*
- *NC Farm School / Field Trips*
- *Report to the People*
- *Ag Awareness Day (Yadkin)*
- *Farm Animal Day (Davie)*
- *Farm Visits*



Ag Awareness Day



Report to the People

YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 2021 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

10,569 Total Direct Contacts

882,033 Indirect Contacts: Radio, Social Media and Newsletters

864 Youth Contacts

2,412 Volunteer Hours: Donated Across All Programs

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Addie Wilson

Report to the People

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension presented its annual "Report to the People" to county officials and community. The meeting started with a meal and video highlights of 2021. Then, Addie opened with a welcome and introduction of the overall impact values and outreach of translating knowledge into everyday solution for Yadkin County. Each Agent presented a spotlight of program updates along with current and future projects. Yadkin County Cooperative Extension would like to thank our collaborative network of partners who support our research-based education and programs throughout the community.



Ag Awareness Day

Addie was in her element on Ag Awareness Day. She loves to teach and loves kids. Addie hosted the snack station. She taught about healthy eating from the USDA MyPlate nutrition recommendations. She engaged in a fun way with the kids about the five food groups of dairy, fruits, grains, vegetables, and proteins. My plate teaches kids how to make healthier lifestyle choices. And after the MyPlate lesson, kids enjoyed a snack of Maloa Milk and Rice Krispies Treats.



Addie's Program Updates

- *Program Planning and Administration*
- *Summer Fun Prep / Kids Can, Can*
- *Radio Programs*
- *Chamber Board Meeting / Luncheon*
- *Shallow Ford Foundation*
- *Professional Development for Human Services Operational Team*
- *NC State Employee Appreciation Prep*
- *Interim FCS until filled*
- *Ag Awareness Day*
- *District Activity Day in Wilkes County*

Reported by Lisa Johnson

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