



YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2022 ISSUE:

Family and Consumer Sciences

4-H Youth Development

Agriculture - Horticulture

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Administration

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Zach Troutman

4-H Cooking

Zach had a great time teaching The Prospect 4-H Club how to make homemade pop tarts. This class was hands on, actively teaching where youth learned about dough, jams, and icing. Youth learned basic food safety skills along the way. The 4-H'ers also made cake pops while their pop tarts were backing. The kids enjoyed their creations and shared them with their families.

Cooking and baking with kids gives lifelong skills that will help them learn and take care of themselves. When kids make or help make their own food, they enjoy it more. Another important message was that kids can make healthy food choices that taste great. You don't have to change the taste of a dish, you can change the ingredients. The best part of homemade baked goods is each one can be customizable, depending on what you prefer.

Zach's Program Area Updates:

- ECA Conference
- ALC Group Planning
- Meeting with Yadkin Chamber
- Steps to Health Training
- Meat Label Training
- Yadkin Ripple Article
- Programming





4- H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Madaline Jones

Wilkes County 3rd Grade Ag Awareness Day

Madaline had an awesome time educating students on November 3, 2022 at the Wilkes County Ag Awareness Day. During this event, students rotated through 14 eight-minute stations where they learned about the different aspects of Agriculture. Madaline lead the Horticulture station. She taught students the life cycle of plants, from the seed, young plant, mature plant, flower, and then fruit. Along with leaves taking in sunlight and produce food through photosynthesis. After her short educational teaching, the kids had hands-on planting. Each student planted a sunflower seed to take back to class with them to watch the life cycle of germination, roots, stem, and leaves.

This is a great opportunity to teach our youth about Agriculture. For many student Ag Awareness Days are their first encounter with Agriculture topics.

Madaline's Program Area Updates :

- ALC Meeting
- 4-H Club Meetings
- JCPC Meetings
- Program Planning
- County Council Meetings
- Food Show Prep
- Daycare Program
- Ripple Article
- Steps to Health Training



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES LIVESTOCK

Phil Rucker

NC State Honors Quarter Century Club

Phil Rucker, our Area Livestock Agent, achieved a major milestone receiving a special award- a brick from the Bell Tower renovation project with a plaque attached. Phil received this award for his 25 years of state service. The handmade bricks - referred to as "swirl brick" - are some of the first laid bricks at the University and dates back to the early 1900s.

Thank you, Phil, for the support, countless hours, committed service, dedication, and achievements you have given to NC Cooperative Extension and Yadkin/Davie County. Congratulation on receiving your Quarter Century Brick!





Phil's Program Area Updates :

- *Farm Visits*
- *Extension Work through Carolina Classic Fair*
- *Statewide Livestock Ag Roundup Training*
- *Ag Ventures Grant Meetings*
- *Ag Agents Meeting in Wilkes*
- *Meat Labels Training*
- *Cattlemen's Meetings*

AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE

Kellee Payne

10th Annual Southeastern United Grape and Wine Symposium

Kellee was part of NC Cooperative Extension educational sponsor for the 2022 Southeastern United Grape and Wine Symposium. With a packed schedule, the event was held at Surry Community College on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. The main topic this year was "Sustainability: Continuous Improvement." Vineyards are participating in voluntary sustainability, educational programs, adopting practices that maintain healthy soil, preserve local ecosystems, and improve the vitality of family farms and businesses. On-the-ground examples and lessons learned from the California wine industry growers on using these sustainable practices in their vineyards and wineries.

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension was delighted to see some of our local vineyards in attendance. Uniting grape growers and winemakers from across county lines to collaborate and expand the wine region industry.

Kellee's Program Area Updates :

- *NC Farms App*
- *Next Year Program Planning*
- *TDA Meetings*
- *Ag Agents Meeting in Wilkes*
- *Site and Office Visits*
- *Yadkin Ripple Articles*
- *Farmers Market Meetings*
- *Pruning Workshop*
- *Piedmont Medicinal Herb Meeting*



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD CROPS

Ryan Coe

High School Career Development Event

Ryan, along with Surry Community College and local businesses, presented career opportunities to students at a local high school. This was part of a career development event in November. Ryan presented on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 for Agricultural and Animal Science Day. Agricultural topics for students were Applied Animal Science Technology, Sustainable Agricultural Technology, and Viticulture and Enology.

Career opportunities are limitless in today's agriculture industry. Career development events help students learn the benefits of choosing a career in agriculture. Many job searchers are unaware of the incredible opportunities agriculture has to offer. Ag careers provide job security, competitive pay, and the chance to impact your community.

Ryan's Program Area Updates :

- *Soybean/Corn Yield Checks*
- *Tobacco Agent Training in Smithfield*
- *Planning Winter Meetings*
- *Ag Agent Meeting in Wilkes*
- *Annual Safety Training*
- *Trainings*



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Addie Wilson

NC State University Campus

The Yadkin County NC Cooperative Extension team visited NC State Campus. When arriving on campus, we explored Talley Student Union Hall. A two-level flagship with NC State store locations. While at Talley, our staff stopped by Wolfpack One Card to get employee ID cards. Then, we stopped to take a photo at Wolf Plaza with the woven bronze wolves. Next to Wolf Plaza is NC State's iconic free expression tunnel landmark. It provides students a place to express their thoughts and feelings. After that, we traveled through campus to Patterson Hall, home of NC Cooperative Extension Staff like Dr. Richard Bonanno Extension Director. We missed seeing Dr. Bonanno, but we did visit with Susan Kelly, our Assistant Director of Extension County Operations. Next, a quick stop at the State Farmers Market for lunch and then back to Yadkin County. It was an educational fun pack day for staff.





Addie's Program Updates :

- Yadkin County Chamber Board Meetings
- Advanced Facilitation Training
- Yadkin County Schools Advisory Meeting
- Farmers Market Meeting
- Reporting
- December Planning
- Speaker at the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Annual Conference

*We Wish You A Very Happy
Holiday Season and A Peaceful And
Prosperous New Year*

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