

YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS



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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Zach Troutman

Family and Consumer Sciences

Zach has been program planning and scheduling for the new 2023 calendar year. Keeping with the mission of Family and Consumer Sciences agents to improve the well-being of families through programs that educate, influence public policy, and help families put research-based knowledge to work in their lives. The core of NC Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences programs in nutrition, health, food safety, food preservation and local food systems. Zach is dedicated to serving Yadkin communities with programs and services that educate, strengthen, and transform our citizens. A great start to his programming year is a 4 week training session including Seasoning Blends, Instant Pot, Air Fryer, and Knife Skills. These sessions begin February and are designed to help you keep your New Year's resolutions with simple, easy cooking methods and techniques. For more information, please contact our office at 336-849-7908.

Zach's Program Area Updates:

- *Programming with Starmount High School*
- *Video Filming with FCS Agents*
- *Cooking Workshop Sessions*
- *Finalizing Reporting*
- *WIFM Radio*
- *ALC Board Meeting*



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Madaline Jones

4-H

Madaline has been diligent in programming and planning for the 2023 calendar year. The 4-H Youth Development Agents are educators who provide leadership to the local 4-H programs. 4-H youth is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The mission of 4-H is to help youth realize their full potential for becoming effective, contributing citizens through participation in research-based, non-formal, hands-on educational programs. Madaline's science, healthy living, and civic engagement programs help Yadkin County youth build confidence. An excellent opportunity for civic engagement is the 4-H County Council attending Commissioners meetings. An annual event for Madaline is 4-H Environmental Field Days. This program supports science and healthy living, which reaches around 400 Yadkin County sixth-grade students. For more information, please contact Madaline at 336-849-7908.

Madaline's Program Area Updates :

- ALC Board Meeting
- 4-H Club Meetings / County Council
- Record Books
- JCPC Meetings
- 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show Prep

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES LIVESTOCK

Phil Rucker

Livestock

Phil's program year is busy serving in both Davie and Yadkin Counties. Livestock agents can offer free research-based information provided by our land-grant universities. Phil offers educational programs and consultations via office visits, phone calls, farm visits, and training. Livestock topics include but are not limited to breeding, feeding, caring and housing of livestock as well as forage. Yadkin and Davie counties have a history of diverse livestock production, ranging from dairy farms, beef operations, to expanding small ruminants. Livestock production is evident in both counties, each one presenting its uniqueness and value. Phil's Livestock program also offers opportunities for youth to learn and compete. For more information, please contact Phil at 336-849-7908.

Phil's Program Area Updates :

- 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show Prep
- Area Beef Conference
- Hosting West Central Ag Agents Meeting
- ALC Board Meeting
- NC Cattle Conference

AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE

Kellee Payne

Horticulture

Kellee's upcoming 2023 program year is filling quickly. NC Cooperative Extension Horticulture agents provide both commercial and consumer horticulture needs. Kellee's programs provide our residents with easy access to research-based resources and expertise of our land-grant universities through educational programs, hands-on training, office, phone calls, and visits. Reaching Yadkin county residents through the horticulture industry, gardening, lawn and landscaping, composting, ornamental fruits, vegetables, specialty crops and more. Kellee's delivers a variety of formats, with a wide-range impact on individuals, families, and industries.

A few upcoming trainings with Kellee include Foothills Round Table, Vinedressers of the Yadkin Valley, and hosting West Central Ag Agents Meeting. For more information, please contact Kellee at 336-849-7908.

Kellee's Program Area Updates :

- NC Farms App
- ALC Board Meeting

- NC Farms App Committee Meeting
- Small Fruits Production Workshop
- Blueberry and Grapevine Pruning Workshops

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD CROPS

Ryan Coe

Natural Resources and Field Crops

Ryan's 2023 program and planning is busy serving both Yadkin and Surry Counties. Field Crops program support growers by providing educational opportunities and valuable information from our land-grant universities. Ryan offers training and production information in tobacco, grains, Gap certification, and pesticide continuing education. Ryan also works with farmers and producers in both Yadkin and Surry Counties to help produce high-quality products on their farms. Using resources from NC state, NC A&T, Yadkin and Surry counties to ensure a quality future for agriculture in both counties.

A few upcoming training sessions with Ryan include Private Pesticide Applicators, Northern Piedmont Tobacco Meeting, Corn Production Meeting, and Soybean Production Meeting. For more information, please contact Ryan at 336-849-7908.

Ryan's Program Area Updates :

- ALC Board Meeting
- Pesticide V Training

- Ag Tag Meetings
- Surry Community College Career Fair
- Agents for Change Meetings

YADKIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Addie Wilson

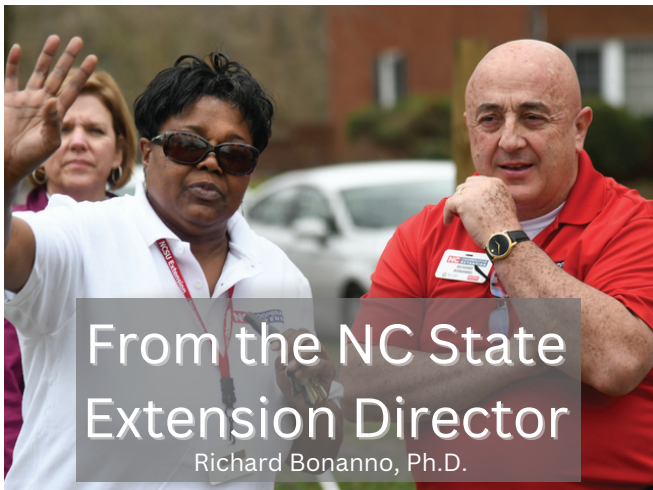
Cooperative Extension Director and Community and Rural Development

Community and Rural Development transforms communities and promotes economic prosperity by connecting the capacity to build, engage leadership, partnerships, and innovative solutions to community systems. Addie's has a passion and drive to empower and grow our Yadkin County communities. Her position is helping promote, support and most importantly give valuable unbiased research-based information to our communities. Addie's effective collaboration in delivering educational programs by working closely with government agencies, organizations, local officials and area agencies is a great asset in Yadkin County. For more information, please contact Addie at 336-849-7908

Addie's natural planning strategies help our office run smoothly, provide leadership and coordinate the efforts of our staff and increase agent programming.

Addie's Program Updates :

- *ALC Board Meeting Planning*
 - *Report to the People Planning*
 - *Agents Mid Year Review*
 - *Welcome Intern - Surry Yadkin Works*
 - *February and March Meetings Prep*
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NC State Extension Strategic Plan 2030

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Dr. Richard Bonanno

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