

Yadkin County Cooperative Extension Highlights

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September-October

Agriculture-Commercial and Consumer Horticulture *Kellee Payne*

Piedmont Medicinal Herb Growers Workshop

“The Piedmont Medicinal Herb Growers Group held a workshop on August 20th in Yadkin County where in-person and virtual participants learned about Food Safety and Value-Added Products for Medicinal Herbs. Our presenters were Elena Rogers, NCSU Fresh Produce Food Safety-Western NC Area Specialized Agent, Kate Nicolas-NCSU Food Science, Andrea Sherrill-Iredell County FCS agent and Edna Dinkins-Owner of Second Wind Perennial Farms. Some highlights included participants learning about Good Agricultural Practices, labeling requirements, home based food business guidelines and more.”

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Kellee worked together with Madaline to help wrap up some of the last of the Summer Fun events such as, Stone Mountain Adventure, Blueberry Farm's Ag Tour, and the tour of Linville Caverns. Kellee also ensures that the Farmer's Market is up and running smoothly to provide consumers with fresh produce, baked goods, and so much more! The Farmer's Market has even been featured in the Yadkin Ripple Newspaper, addressing their continued growth. Also, Kellee has continued to tend to the WIC garden and performs farm or orchid visits to instruct consumers on ways to solve different issues that they may be having. Recently, Kellee participated in a Statewide Horticulture Agent Training Conference, where she was able to collaborate and spend time with other horticulture agents.

Kellee's Program Area Updates:

- Horticulture Agent Conference
- Helping with Seed Bank
- ALC Meetings
- Farm Visits
- Farmer's Market
- Helping with Summer Fun
- Yadkin Ripple Article



Chelsea continues to contribute to the community through her nutrition programs that she offers at the Senior Center. In addition, she has been teaching a canning series to help instruct others on the proper techniques and procedures while canning. She assisted with the Summer Fun program in educating 4-H'ers how to sew in Sewing up SO Much Fun! She also hosted a tie-dye workshop that was both fun and informative. People were able to learn different tie-dye techniques in a fun and creative atmosphere. Here recently, Chelsea has also been teaching a Financial Wellness Series to inform others on various tips and strategies for budgeting wisely. In addition, she recently attended her NCEAFCS state conference to collaborate with other Family & Consumer Science agents. Chelsea is very excited about her upcoming Tamales workshop that she will be hosting on September 30th at Yadkin County's Agricultural Building. We hope to see you there!



Family and Consumer Sciences

Chelsea Johnson

Chelsea's Program Area Updates:

- Nutrition Programs
- WIFM Radio
- ALC Board Meeting
- Several Workshops
- Yadkin Ripple Article
- NCEAFCS State Conference

Join us for TAMALES

Yadkin County Agricultural Building
2051 Agricultural Way, Yadkinville, NC 27055

SEPTEMBER 30TH 5:30PM-7:30PM

Cost: \$15

Register by September 23rd

Contact Chelsea Johnson
at Chelsea_Johnson@ncsu.edu
or 336-849-7908 to register for
this workshop.

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Ryan has been on the go serving both Surry and Yadkin counties. He has attended tobacco meetings and assists with corn tissue sampling. He helps local farmers with tissue sampling in order to test to ensure that crops are receiving adequate nutrients. He then interprets those samples to detect deficiencies and come up with solutions to rectify the problems. In addition, Ryan has been meeting with individuals who are needing to dispose of their pesticides properly and also does farm visits to address issues farmers might be having with their crops. Recently, Ryan wrote an article about the Voluntary Agricultural District and its efforts to ensure the preservation of farmland for the production of vegetation. Ryan also helped with the Summer Fun event "Grandfather Mountain Adventure" to help 4-Hers explore Grandfather Mountain's rich history.



Agriculture - Field Crops

Ryan Coe

Ryan's Program Area Updates:

- WIFM Radio
- ALC Meetings
- VAD Meetings
- Scheduling Pesticide Pick-ups
- Corn & Soybean Site Visits
- Summer Fun

Summer Fun has come to an end! However, the memories and knowledge will last for a lifetime! Recently, "Artistic Adventures" gave the kids a chance to learn about different forms of artwork in a fun and creative atmosphere. "Sewing up SO much Fun!-Mini Edition", allowed children the opportunity to learn stitching by hand and also through the use of a sewing machine. In the "Blueberry Farms-Ag Tour," children were allowed to visit blueberry farms and create blueberry recipes. The "Teen Cooking" event taught participants cost-saving and cooking techniques that will help them throughout life. The "Linville Caverns" event allowed the children to sight-see nature. "Photography 101" gave children the opportunity to learn great photo-taking skills. Lastly, "Grandfather Mountain Adventure" gave kids a chance to hike the historic Grandfather Mountain and learn more about its history. Pictured laterally, Madaline is standing with Bryson Helton as he was inducted into the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club for his participation and outstanding accomplishments within 4-H. Coming up, Madaline will be orchestrating Environmental Field Day and helping with the Carolina Classic Fair entries. Stay tuned for more fun events!



4-H Youth Development

Madaline Jones

Madaline's Program Area Updates:

- NC 4-H Congress
- 4-H Livestock Show
- Environmental Field Day
- Carolina Classic Fair Entries
- Summer Fun
- WIFM Radio
- Yadkin Ripple Article



Agriculture - Livestock
Mackenzie Hall

Recently, Mackenzie helped co-host a blueberry jam class with Chelsea. She has also been visiting several local farm sites to educate and help resolve issues that livestock farmer's may be facing. Mackenzie has been instrumental in procuring State Fair DNA Samples from participants wanting to showcase their livestock competitively. She has worked with Madaline to help put on the Yadkin-Davie 4-H Livestock Show. Together with Madaline, she help procure applications for the EGG-cellent Egg Contest where youth can submit their poultry's eggs to be judged for quality. Picture latterly she was visiting a school to teach children about the dairy industry.

Mackenzie's Program Area Updates:

- Cattlemen's Meetings
- 4-H Livestock Show
- Carolina Classic Fair Entries
- Several Workshops
- WIFM Radio
- Yadkin Ripple Article



Bryan has been attending CED and staff meetings. In addition, he has been conducting XPM reviews and attending commissioner’s meetings. He has also been encouraging all agents to submit documentation to be included in the annual reports. This ensures that the public are aware of the impact that cooperative extension has on the community.

Bryan’s Program Area Updates:

Interim County
Extension Director
Bryan Cave

- ALC Board Meeting Planning
- XPM’s Reviews
- Report to the People Planning
- Annual Reports
- Department Director’s Meeting
- Staff Meetings

NC State Extension names Co-Directors



Sara Kirby and David Monks have been named interim associate deans with Richard Bonanno’s departure. Jointly they will ensure smooth operations until the search for a new associate dean and director is established.

CALS News

Reported by Anna Hutchens

Let's Get In Touch!

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