



The Green Scene

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A Year in Review



With this issue of "The Green Scene" comes my one year anniversary of being your Person County 4-H Agent, and I can't believe how time has flown! July 1st marks one year for me with Person County 4-H and I have felt at home for a while now. It didn't take long for me to get settled in and I have enjoyed getting to know everyone!

Now that I have a feel for the program, I would really like to focus on starting new 4-H clubs in the county. Kids who are in 4-H clubs generally perform better in school, contribute to their community in a positive way, and go on to attend an institution of higher learning. The positive interaction between youth and adults

provides young people with the confidence they need to be contributing citizens of our world.

I can honestly say these things because I am a product of 4-H and I have seen many individuals succeed in their areas of interest and give back to their communities. To be honest, starting a club and keeping it going over the years can be hard at times, but the benefits far outweigh the costs.

If you are interested in possibly starting a club, I encourage you to take the summer and think about it. Think about who could be in your club, where you might meet, how often you might meet, what kinds of projects you might do, and

who can help you. In my observations over the last 10 years, the most successful clubs communicate well and often, and are surrounded by parents who are willing to help out when needed or go above and beyond to help the club leader(s).

With that being said, I hope you will help me reach my goal of starting new clubs (we currently have 2 active clubs), as well as investing in the youth of Person County. When you decide you'd like to start a club, give me a call or come by and we'll start the process. I look forward to getting these clubs going! Hopefully next year this time I can give a report on all of our new clubs!

Bud B. Davis

Reflections from a State 4-H Officer

It was a little over a year ago around this time that I anxiously stood in the midst of a delegation of 4-H'ers as they announced the results of the 2013-2014 State 4-H Council Officer Elections. When I was introduced as the new State 4-H Council Vice President, I was shocked, humbled, and totally in awe of the honor which had just been given me. Within seconds, a wave of cheering 4-H'ers tackled me to ground in the largest group hug I'd ever experienced, and when I rose back to my feet, I knew that the next year was going to be like nothing I'd ever experienced before.

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Michael Chaney (middle) with his State Officer Team.

State Officer

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My time as a State 4-H Officer has truly exceeded my expectations. I never had any idea of the opportunities that I would have been given upon the results of my election. Through such a whirlwind of excitement, a simple fact seemed to always come back to mind: none of this would have been possible if I had not first been pushed by those around me to be the best that I could be. One thing seemed to transform into another. What started off as a presentation before a room of twenty people, became delivering a speech before a delegation of over five-hundred. Project record books became notebooks filled with State 4-H Projects. Leading my local 4-H Club became leading the NC State 4-H Program alongside my team. I finally saw all of my hard work as a 4-H'er come to fruition.

4-H has given me so many opportunities, experiences, and friendships that I know will carry me through a lifetime. I am truly blessed to have been a part of such a powerful organization that not only strives to make a difference in the lives of so many, but that actually produces results. I know that even as my journey as a 4-H Youth has come to a close, I will always be a 4-H'er at heart, and 4-H will always have a piece of me. It was only in the past few days that I have found life-changing meaning and steadfast purpose in the words that so many 4-H Alumna have uttered to me before: "4-H Then. 4-H Now. 4-H Forever."

-Written by Michael Chaney



Golf Tournament Update

The Caswell-Orange-Person County 4-H Golf Tournament was held on Friday, May 16th at The Challenge golf course in Graham, NC. Person County 4-H profited around \$2,100.00 and the proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of 4-H Camp. This year, the actual cost of camp was \$420 per camper, but because of funds raised at the golf tournament, we were able to offer 4-H Camp for \$150. If you are interested in attending 4-H Camp in 2015, please let us know now so we can reserve your spot!

4-H Congress Update

Three 4-H youth represented Person County 4-H at the 2014 NC 4-H Congress, held June 21-24 in Raleigh, NC on the campus of NC State University. Matthew, Michael and Zachary Chaney were the youth delegates from Person County, and they were joined by Beth Davis, 4-H Agent and Beth Majernik, NCSU summer intern. Matthew received State Silver for his presentation, Zachary was selected as a scholarship recipient, and Michael was recognized for his service as State 4-H Council Vice President.

In addition to being recognized for their hard work, these 4-Hers participated in a variety of activities including a 4K race, citizenship workshops, state officer elections, legislative visits, dances, and they had the opportunity to stay in the dorms at NC State University. 4-H Congress is the most anticipated event of the year for many 4-H youth across the state. It is a unique opportunity for teens to sharpen their leadership and citizenship skills, while making new friends and catching up with old friends. Congratulations to Matthew, Michael & Zachary for their outstanding achievements this year!

Summer Fun Update

At this point, we are half way through our 4-H Summer Fun program and going strong! We do have a few classes with openings, so there is still time to register! If you would like to sign up for Summer Fun classes, please call or email Beth Davis, 4-H Agent at 336-599-1195 or beth_davis@ncsu.edu.



4-H Night at Durham Bulls

Person County 4-H will have a special section at the Durham Bulls Homerun Derby, scheduled for Monday, July 14th at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a night of family fun and homeruns! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Cooperative Extension Office. Be sure to get your ticket now before we run out! We also have 4-H shirts for \$6.00 so you can show your 4-H spirit!



Electric Congress

This summer, Person County will be represented by Matthew and Zachary Chaney at the 67th Annual NC 4-H Electric Congress. This year's event will be held at Western Carolina University July 14-16. Youth in attendance will participate in workshops, meet their power company representatives, and interact with other electric winners. Also included in this free trip is a fun day of white water rafting! Thanks to Duke Energy for sponsoring this trip for our 4-Hers!

Meet Our Summer Intern!

We are fortunate to be hosting an intern from NC State University this summer, and her name is Beth Majernik. Beth started working with us in May and will be here through the end of July. If you haven't already met her, be sure to stop by and say hi! She is mostly working with the 4-H program, but is also learning about the Extension program as a whole. Here are a few words from Beth.

"Hello! I am the intern this summer with the Person County Cooperative Extension Service. Here is a little bit of information about me. My family is originally from Ohio, but I grew up in Garner, NC. I am a rising senior at NC State University and I am pursuing a degree in Animal Science. This was actually my first year at NC State (instead of my third). I began my college career at UNC-Wilmington where I thought I wanted to be a

Marine Biologist. I started to realize that I didn't really like Marine Biology after all and wanted to change my major.

"I had always loved animals in all shapes and sizes, so when I was trying to decide where I wanted to go with my studies it seemed like a natural choice. I found out that NC State had an amazing Animal Science program and immediately decided I wanted to transfer. Two years later, I had the necessary credits to get into NC State, almost all of the general coursework completed and an Associate's Degree!

"When I first began at NC State I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do after I finished school. Did I want to be a Veterinarian? Did I want to work in a laboratory? Did I want to work inside or outside? Then I found



out about the Extension Service and all of the work that they do in the community. Soon after that, I found out that several counties were looking for interns for this summer. I hope that this internship can help me to further see all the amazing things that the Extension Service offers. I am very excited to be working here this summer!"

We are excited to have Beth and hope we can provide her with an unforgettable and priceless experience!

Livestock Opportunities

For those 4-H youth who are interested in learning more about livestock, there are several opportunities coming up that you might be interested in. The 2nd Annual Guilford County Livestock Show will be Saturday, August 9th and this show includes steers, heifers, sheep and goats. If you are interested, please see Guilford County's website: guilford.ces.ncsu.edu for more information.

For the first time ever, the 4-H Farm Credit Showmanship Circuit (formerly Sandhills Circuit) is open to participants anywhere. The counties that host shows are listed in the rules, but a youth can participate no matter where they live. 4-Hers and their families can decide if they want to drive to those shows. Rules and forms can be found online at ces.ncsu.edu/farm-credit-showmanship-circuit.

There are also many other livestock opportunities besides shows including quiz bowls, judging contests, clinics and more. If you are interested in getting involved in these opportunities, please let me know. We have great resources in the county and at the University level to help you get started!



Extension Happenings



2014 Person County Farm Tour

The 3rd Annual Person County Farm Tour has been scheduled for **September 13-14, 2014** (Saturday and Sunday). This is an excellent opportunity to see what some of your Person County neighbors are doing on their farms, learn how various products are produced and how much work goes into getting them to market. Plans are still being finalized, but be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting event! Check the following websites for updates:

- <http://www.personcounty.net>
- <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu>

Beef Field Day

Mark your calendars for **August 23** for a beef field day at the Butner Beef Field Lab. Plans are still being made, but the focus of this day will be to reveal the new plan for all the beef field labs in the state. The vision for the labs and the herds of cattle on these field labs is very interesting and seeks to meet the needs of the cattle industry in the state. Keep your eyes open for more information about this event.

Aging With Gusto

We are excited to announce that we are holding our 2014 Aging With Gusto conference here in Person County. The date is **Thursday, August 21**. We hope that everyone can join in to learn how to be "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." The registration forms can be found online at <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu> or you can pick them up in our office. Pre-registration is due Friday, August 15.



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