

# THE GREEN SCENE

P E R S O N C O U N T Y 4 - H N E W S



*We always enjoy checking out the giant pumpkins at the State Fair!*

*Bud B. Davis*

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## PUMPKIN PICKIN'

I'm sure I mentioned in last year's newsletter how much I love fall. It's my absolute favorite time of year. If you are on Pinterest, I know you've seen all the fall bucket lists, which include making s'mores, wearing cozy sweaters, sipping apple cider, going on hay rides, and fun stuff like that.

One of the items on my fall bucket list always includes picking out pumpkins. My husband will tell you that I always get way too many pumpkins each fall, but I LOVE them. When I go

searching for pumpkins, I want each one of them to be unique. The Farmer's Market in Raleigh has a huge variety of pumpkins and I always leave with a trunk full!

I think we are a lot like pumpkins, in that we are all different. Sometimes we try to be like everyone else to fit in, like the perfectly round orange pumpkin. Those are nice, but the best looking fall displays have a wide variety of pumpkins. Some are orange, but some are green or white, or have speckles. Some are squatty, some are tall,

and some are bumpy. I even like to include a few crazy looking gourds in with my pumpkins, because there's always a few who have their own one-of-a-kind personality!

So as you consider which pumpkins to purchase for your autumn decorations, remember to just be YOU. Think about all your friends. Are they all exactly like you? My guess is, probably not. We like people who are different from ourselves, so be your own individual you...even if it's a bit like those crazy gourds! Happy Fall!

## PERSON COUNTY FARM TOUR

One of the great things about the fall is that there are a lot of great ways to have family fun. The Person County Farm Tour is one of those many options. The 3rd Annual Person County Farm Tour will be held Saturday, **September 13** and Sunday, **September 14**

from 1:00-5:00 pm each day. There are 14 different stops on the tour featuring a variety of farms, from dairy to beef, and vegetables to tobacco. The cost is \$20 per car, which includes both days. If you would like a ticket, those can be purchased in advance at the

Person County Extension Office, Person County Museum of History, Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce, and TG Brooks Store. For more information, visit [www.farmtour.personcounty.net](http://www.farmtour.personcounty.net). Tickets can also be purchased the day of at any of the tour stops.

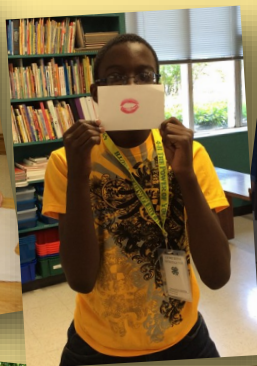




# SUMMER FUN UPDATE



This summer we had a total of 56 youth participate in 4-H Summer Fun this year, which is a huge increase from last year. Fifteen different options were offered, including topics on forensic investigation, robotics, sculpting, babysitting, beekeeping, and more! We hope to have a few Fall Fun days, so if you are interested in getting your child involved, check out our website or Facebook page for upcoming events. If you are interested in teaching a class for 4-H, we would love to have you volunteer! Here are a few images from this summer's activities.





## TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN



The fall Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company will be **October 8-19**. During this time frame, customers at Tractor Supply can choose to donate \$1.00 (or more) at the register. You will get to put your name on a clover and these will be displayed in the store windows. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to 4-H with 60% coming back to Person County 4-H. These proceeds can be used to help send children to camp, fund college scholarships, and to recognize 4-H youth for their accomplishments. This spring, we raised a total of \$553, with \$332 coming back to Person County.

On **October 18th**, we are planning to have a bake sale and possibly a youth dog show out at Tractor Supply. If you would like to donate baked items for this event, or volunteer on the day of the event, please let Beth know.

## FALL FUN DAYS

As mentioned earlier, we are in the process of planning at least one Fall Fun Day for Person County youth. This will be similar to our Summer Fun classes. The tentative date is **Tuesday, November 11** (Veteran's Day) but we will hopefully have details out soon. This information will be posted on our website and 4-H Facebook page. Be sure to like us for the most up to date information!



## STATE FAIR



Fairs are one of the staples of this time of year. The most anticipated fair in our area, North Carolina State Fair, will be held **October 16-26** in Raleigh. Anyone wanting to submit entries should do so online by September 19th. This is the only way to enter items. The theme this year is "The October Original."



## STATE COUNCIL CONFERENCE

**September 6-7**, three 4-H youth will represent Person County at State Council Conference, held in Raleigh, NC. Eryn Haynes, Matthew Chaney, and Zachary Chaney will participate in leadership workshops, attend the CALS Tailgate, watch the Wolfpack play football, attend district meetings, and compete for the spirit stick. This year's event promises to be full of fun and excitement!

## VETERAN'S DAY SUPPER



Each year, Person County 4-Hers and their families volunteer to help at Golden Corral for the Veteran's Supper. We are currently looking for volunteers (youth and adults) to help with this event, which will be held **Monday, November 17**. Volunteers are responsible for clearing off tables, refilling drinks, greeting diners, and helping out in whatever way is needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Beth know.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

This year, we will be celebrating National 4-H Week **October 5-11**. As part of the celebration, we are encouraging 4-Hers and their families to participate on our team for the Catfish Crawl on Saturday, **October 11th**, which is sponsored by Person County Parks & Recreation. This is a 5K mud run out with obstacles at Mayo Park and is for ages 8 and up. Participating in the Catfish Crawl is a great way to celebrate one of our H's—Health! The cost is \$10 per person or \$80 per team. A team consists of 10 people, and it would be great if we could have a 4-H team (made up of youth and adults). If you are interested in being a part of the 4-H team, just let Beth know. We will also have other things going on throughout the week, so be sure to check our Facebook page for updates!

# EXTENSION HAPPENINGS

## ECA OPEN HOUSE

The Extension Community Association (ECA) will be hosting an open house for the community to raise awareness about the ECA organization, to recruit new members, and to just have fun. ECA is an organization that has been around for over 100 years and has made great impacts in North Carolina over the years. This traditionally female group is open to both men and women, young and young at heart. Some of the activities that ECA clubs have been involved with include sewing, cooking, homemaking, and giving back to their community. ECA clubs were formerly known as Home Demonstration Clubs. The ECA Open House will be held at the Person County Office Building on Thursday, **September 11** from 2:00-4:00 pm. Call 336-599-1195 to RSVP if you plan to attend.

## LUNCH N' LEARN

Jennifer Grable, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, will be teaching a Lunch n' Learn session on **Thursday, September 25th** from 12:00-1:00 pm at the County Office Building. The topic of this session will be on stretching your food budget, and will cover meal planning, shopping tips, staying on a budget, and supermarket savings. Pre-registration and payment are required. Registration is \$5.00 and you can register by calling 336-599-1195.

We would like to say a special thanks to **Beth Majernik**, NCSU Intern, for spending the summer with us! We wish her well in her last year at NC State!



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## FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Farm Bureau, in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service and Health Department is bringing back the Farm Bureau "Healthy Living for a Lifetime" mobile van to provide FREE health screenings to the community. It will be from 10:00 am-6:00 pm on **October 22** at the Person County Farmer's Market. Screenings include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, body mass index, and A1c.



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