

The Green Scene

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Have a "Hairy" Christmas!

For kids, Christmas is one of the most **magical** times of the year. Twinkling lights, cheery music, beautifully packaged presents with big, glittery bows. What's not to love?

This isn't quite the case for most parents. While we would like for it to be that way, we are busy running around with our hair standing on end trying to make this a special time for our children. Someone has to cook, clean, wrap presents, decorate the house, make sure those beloved traditions stay in place, and best of all...get

that lovely family photo for the annual Christmas card. Oh joy.

I've tried all that, and it just never quite comes out Pinterest-worthy. BUT, that's okay. I read recently that said it's NOT important for everything to be perfect. What's important is to spend quality time with your children. If the cookies burn while you're reading "The Night Before Christmas" with your kids, so what? What's more important? The cookies, or the time you spent with your family?

I wanted to share with you one of my favorite Christmas morning pictures from my childhood. I honestly don't remember how old I was or what I was opening, and I obviously didn't care what my hair looked like. All I know is, it was Christmas morning and it was glorious! So let your hair down (literally) and enjoy every minute!

Be thankful for your loved ones. Be grateful for the time spent with them. And have a very "hairy" Christmas!

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Youth Vote

November 4th is Election Day, so be sure to go with your parents to the polls. See what the voting process is like for those 18 and older. Then, you can cast your vote in the Person County 4-H Youth Vote!

This online ballot will go live at 6:30 am on November 4th and will close at 7:30 pm, which are the hours for the actual polls. This vote is for any children in Person County who are under the age of 18.

Remember, before you vote, be sure to do your research! You should always be an informed voter!

***Note:** If you are doing a 4-H record book, be sure to put this in your Citizenship section.

Fall Fun Day

This fall, Person County 4-H will be hosting a Fall Fun Day exclusively for 4-H youth and those who participated in Summer Fun in 2014. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 11th** (Veteran's Day) from 9:00 am-3:30 pm and the cost is \$13 per person.

Participants will be learning how to sew, and they will also be learning about cooking. A 4-H Enrollment Form, Medical Release Form and payment are required to register. For more information on Fall Fun Day, please contact Beth, 4-H Agent at beth_davis@ncsu.edu or 336.599.1195.

Veteran's Day Supper

As in the past, we are asking Person County 4-Hers and their families to volunteer on Monday, **November 17th** at Golden Corral for the Veteran's Day Supper. Volunteers will be responsible for greeting veterans, clearing tables, refilling drinks, and helping out however you can. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth, 4-H Agent at beth_davis@ncsu.edu or 336.599.1195. We will start at 4:00 pm.

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Wreath Sale



Person County 4-H is currently selling Fraser Fir wreaths as a fundraiser for the local 4-H program. Wreaths are \$20 each and they come from Pardue Tree Farm in Sparta, NC. These wreaths are hand crafted onsite and have an outside diameter 20-24 inches. You will not be disappointed.

This year, there is an added bonus for our 4-Hers! For every wreath you sell, you earn \$5 of Clover Cash. So, if you sell 5 wreaths, you will earn \$25 in Clover Cash, which can be used for things like Summer Fun, Teen Retreat, Camp, Congress, etc. Think about what you might want to participate in during the coming year and how much Clover Cash you might want to raise to help pay for those events.

Wreath orders forms can be found online at <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu> and on the Person County 4-H Facebook page. Payment is required with your order, and order forms must be turned in by **November 20**. Wreaths can be picked up at the Extension Office **December 3-4**, just in time to decorate for Christmas! Thank you in advance for your support!

Cards & Cookies



On Saturday, December 13th, Person County 4-H families are invited to participate in the first ever Cards & Cookies event. This is a fun day of decorating Christmas cookies and creating Christmas cards for the Christian Help Center. This is a floating event and will be from 9:00-11:00 am at the County Office Building. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate.

Cookies and cards can also be donated ahead of time, and cookies should be packaged in baggies of 4-6 (depending on the size of the cookies). 4-Hers can make cards and cookies at their club meetings and bring them to this event to be donate, if they wish.

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4-H Summer Camp

Even though it's the holiday season, it's never too late to start thinking about 4-H Camp! Person County 4-H will be camping at Millstone 4-H Camp in Ellerbe, NC the week of **July 5-10**. The estimated cost of camp is \$150 for six days and five nights of camp. This price is reduced from \$420, thanks to our wonderful sponsors. If you know of a

child between the ages of 8-12 who might be interested in attending 4-H Camp, please contact Beth, 4-H Agent at beth_davis@ncsu.edu or 336.599.1195.

While at 4-H Camp, youth participate in a variety of activities to help them develop life skills. These activities include archery, horseback

riding, canoeing, nature walks, campfires, high ropes, swimming, teambuilding, and much more. Many people who've attended camp still have fond memories and stay in touch with friends they've made at camp.



4-H Record Books

One of the most memorable traditions in 4-H is the record book. This tradition has continued and I am happy to announce that the deadline for record books is **Monday, January 12th**. 4-Hers should have their record books to Beth Davis by **5:00 pm** that day. If anyone needs help with record books, please let Beth know.

Those 4-Hers who showed livestock at the Central Piedmont Jr. Livestock Show are encouraged to turn your record books in to Beth as well. You have already completed them, so be sure to

include any additional information and return them to the 4-H Office by January 12th.

Record books are a great way to plan what you want to do throughout the year, record the things you've learned and what you've accomplished, and show that with a written story and pictures. Planning, recording, and reporting are all important life skills that completing record books can help develop.

As a reminder, there are sample record books in Beth's office, as well as pictures

of what record books look like on the Person County 4-H Facebook page. New Cloverbud record book forms are also going to be uploaded to the Extension website. Cloverbuds are 4-Hers ages 5-8 years old.

Anyone wanting to help judge record books is welcome to help! Once the books are in, we will switch with another county and judge their books. Please email or call Beth at beth_davis@ncsu.edu or 599-1195.



Helping Hands 4-H Club Update

This month, the Helping Hands 4-H Club put together "I Care Kits" for the homeless. They wrote a note, decorated the bags, and then filled them with goodies like hand sanitizer, tissues, Chapstick, and more. Club members were excited about this project and can't wait to give them to someone in need.

-Submitted by Michelle Harris, Helping Hands 4-H Club Leader

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A Good Time Was Had By All, You Betcha!

Whenever we have 4-Hers attend a 4-H Conference, I always ask one of them to write a report for the 4-H newsletter. So, I feel like I should do the same! This year, I received the Distinguished Service Award in our 4-H Agent's Association, which is a national award. Because of this, I had the opportunity to attend our National 4-H Agent's Conference, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was my first trip to the Twin Cities, and it was very exciting and educational! I had the opportunity to try a few Scandinavian foods (Lefse, Krumkake, Lingonberries), as well as a few Minnesota favorites (like chicken & wild rice and a Juicy Lucy burger).

While at this conference, I had the opportunity to attend several workshop sessions and listen to some great speakers. Our keynote speaker was an expert in brain development and helped us understand the developing brain and how damaging alcohol & drugs can be for the growing brain. Dr. David Walsh also conveyed the concept that all children want to feel connected, and the same goes for adults. We need to make an effort to connect with all the children we come in contact with.

I also attended workshops on how to fundraise by doing a fun run/walk, how to utilize LEGO Robotics, cyberbullying, how to utilize technology, and much more. I am excited to share all that I've learned to make Person County 4-H's best even better! Oh, and I got a little shopping in at the Mall of America too! Below are a few pictures from my trip!

-Beth Davis, 4-H Agent



1. Food Truck! 2. Minneapolis Skyline; 3. 3M Innovation Center; 4. My Distinguished Service Award!

Extension Happenings

Be sure to check out these upcoming programs and events being provided by Cooperative Extension. For more information, please call 336.599.1195 or visit <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu>.

Soil Testing

Beginning November 26, 2014 continuing through March 31, 2015, the NC Department of Agriculture will charge \$4.00 for soil analysis. Now is the time to get those soil tests done! To avoid this fee, samples must be to the lab by 6:00 pm on November 25th.

Healthy Holidays

There will be a Healthy Holidays Lunch N' Learn on Thursday, November 20 from noon until 1:00 pm. During this session, participants will learn how to eat healthy during the holidays, proper cooking methods, and receive recipes. Registration is \$5.00 and you will need to pre-register. Call 336-599-1195 to register.

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