

# The Green Scene



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## Calendar Craze (part 2)

In this same issue last year, I admitted my obsession over calendars. I must confess, it is a problem. However, this year, I'm going to scale back...a little. At least by one calendar. Baby steps.

There is something refreshing about a blank calendar. The empty pages are just waiting to be scribbled upon with opportunities and possibilities. Some calendars even come with cute little stickers that you can adhere to special dates, like birthdays and anniversaries. Those dates represent what means most to us.

Deadlines and due dates give us an expectation of

when things should be completed. Then we can look back on those dates and reflect on the accomplishments we've made. For task-oriented people, this is a wonderful thing.

As much as I love to plan and write things on my calendar, I always do it in pencil. You never know when things can change.

We must also remember to embrace those unwritten moments, the ones that can't be put into words. Like those sweet snuggles at bed time, unexpected kisses on the cheek, and warm, lengthy hugs that make all the craziness of life disappear.

With all that being said, I hope you will choose to

add a few 4-H events to your nice, new calendar (see right). And, in the spirit of the new year, I've attempted to put together a little acrostic poem just for you. I call it, "My Resolutions." Happy New Year from my family to yours!

**N**ever eating sweets again (*ha!*)

**E**xercise daily (*yeah, right!*)

**W**ake up early (*yawn*)

**Y**earn for veggies (*meh*)

**E**at healthy (*does dark chocolate count?*)

**A**void soda (*seriously?*)

**R**ead more (*now we're talkin'!*)



*Bud B. Davis*

## Mark Your Calendar!

**January 12:** County Council @ 6:00 pm AND Record Books are **DUE!**

**January 31:** North Central District Winterfest (Guilford County)

**February 7-8:** Volunteer Leader's Conference

**February 20:** 4-H Awards Night @ 6:00 pm

**March 2:** Teen Retreat Registration **DUE!**

**March 12:** County Activity Day Entries **DUE!**

**March 15:** Livestock Show Packets **DUE!**

**March 21-22:** North Central District Teen Retreat

**March 28:** County Activity Day @ 9:00 am

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## 4-H County Council Meeting

It has been suggested that we try to have a County Council Meeting this year, so I have scheduled a meeting for **Monday, January 12th at 6:00 pm** at the County Office Building. County Council Meetings are open to all 4-Hers, volunteers and 4-H families in the county. Each meeting will consist of a business meeting, an educational program, and refreshments/social time. The program in January will focus on kindness, and how to encourage kindness toward others. We hope you can attend! [4-H Record Books may be turned in at this meeting as well.](#)

## 4-H Awards Night

Person County 4-H Awards Night will be held **Friday, February 20** at the County Office Building in the Auditorium. All 4-Hers and their families are invited to attend, as well as 4-H volunteers. This is a very special night where we celebrate the many accomplishments our 4-Hers made in 2014. 4-Hers who complete record books will be recognized with a gift, and we will have a picture slideshow with photos from 2014.

The evening will begin with a meal at 6:00 pm, and the program will begin at 6:30 pm. 4-Hers are encouraged to dress nice because this is a special night, and your picture might be in the paper! We would love to know if you plan to attend so we can prepare the meal. Please let us know if you will be coming (or think you will be coming) by **February 13**.



## 4-H Record Books

4-H Record Books are **due Monday, January 12th by 6:00 pm**. There will be a 4-H County Council Meeting that night at the County Office Building, and you are welcome to turn your record books in at that meeting. *There are examples of 4-H record books on the Person County 4-H Facebook page*, so be sure to check that out if you need help.

**Clover Cash** will be awarded to ALL who turn in record books, and if you win, you could earn even more! Winners will be recognized at 4-H Awards Night in February. For 4-H record book forms, please visit this website: <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/4-h-youth-development/> (they are listed under "Forms & Publications").



## 4-H Scholarship & Honor Club Applications

The applications for 4-H College Scholarships & Honor Club are due **Monday, February 2**. If you need help completing these applications, please contact 4-H Agent, Beth Davis at [beth\\_davis@ncsu.edu](mailto:beth_davis@ncsu.edu) or 336.599.1195.

## Teen Retreat

The 2015 North Central District 4-H Teen Retreat will be the weekend of **March 21-22** at Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp. Teen Retreat is a fun weekend of leadership activities, making new friends, reconnecting with old friends, and just having a great time! This event is for 4-Hers ages 13-18 and the registration deadline is **March 2**. The cost of Teen Retreat has not yet been announced, but you CAN use Clover Cash!



## 4-H Camp

This year, Person County 4-H will be camping at Millstone 4-H Camp the week of **July 5-10**. Millstone is located in Ellerbe, NC and is a weeklong overnight camp for youth ages 8-12.

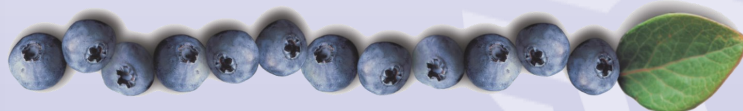
Any youth ages 13-14 can attend as an Adventurer,

and youth ages 15-17 can serve as a Leader in Training (LIT). The cost of camp is \$150 and to reserve a spot, you can put down a \$50 deposit by **February 2**. If you are interested in attending camp, please let us know.



## Blueberry Plant Sale

Last year was our first time selling blueberry plants as a 4-H fundraiser, and we plan to sell plants again this year. Dates have not been set, but we wanted to make you aware that we will be having this fundraiser again this year. If you are interested in purchasing plants or know someone who is interested, please send us their information so we can notify them when dates are set.



## County Activity Day

Person County 4-H will be holding a County Activity Day on **Saturday, March 28**. At this event, 4-Hers are encouraged to present their 4-H Presentation, perform in the Talent Show, and/or create something in the Visual Arts Show. Clover Cash will be given for all of the above.

We will begin the event

with 4-H Presentations at 9:00 am, and then move onto the talent show. Visual Arts entries will be on display for the entire event. Once the Talent Show has concluded, we will have a short awards ceremony to recognize the winners and participants, as well as a few refreshments!

In the Talent Show, 4-Hers can sing, dance, play an

instrument, act in a skit, and more! The categories in the Visual Arts Show include drawing, painting, photography, needlework, craft, and creative writing.

Entry forms must be submitted for any 4-Hers wanting to participate. Rules and guidelines are posted online at [http://](http://person.ces.ncsu.edu)



[person.ces.ncsu.edu](http://person.ces.ncsu.edu) and on the Person County 4-H Facebook page. Entry forms are due to Beth Davis by 5:00 pm on **March 12**.

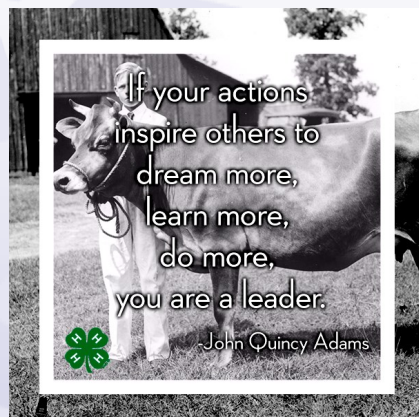
## Central Piedmont Jr. Livestock Show & Sale



The dates for the 2015 Central Piedmont Junior Livestock Show and Sale have not yet been scheduled, but the show will continue to be held in Orange County at the Central Carolina Holstein Barn. The show will most likely be held mid-April, as in the past.

Any youth who are interested in participating in the livestock show should call 599-1195 and let us know so we can send you the show packet. If you are new to showing livestock, please give us a call for more information. Remember, there are a number of rules and

regulations that must be followed regarding the ages of participants and when animals should be on the farm. Each participant is also required to complete a 4-H Project Record Book per animal species.



## 4-H Club Leader Training

The North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leader's Association will be hosting the 2015 4-H Volunteer Leader's Conference the weekend of **February 7-8** at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh. This conference is packed full of great training for 4-H Club Leaders, with a variety of workshops from which to choose. If you would like a list of what workshops will be available, just email Beth at [beth.davis@ncsu.edu](mailto:beth.davis@ncsu.edu).

The cost to attend is \$60 for Saturday only, and Beth will drive if a group of people plan to attend. The deadline to register is **January 9**. To register, please email Beth or call her at 336.599.1195.

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## 4-H Updates

### Youth Vote

Person County 4-H held its first ever online Youth Vote, in which all young people in Person County could vote. Of course, these votes don't count in the election, but the purpose of this vote was to get young people involved in the election process. The goal of the Youth Vote was to encourage future voters to research candidates and become informed voters.

There were a total of 154 young people in Person County who participated in the 4-H Youth Vote. These youth cast their votes for the offices of County Commissioner, NC State Senate & House of Representatives, and US Senate & House of Representatives. The results of the Youth Vote are as follows:

Board of County Commissioners: Kyle Puryear & Jason Torain

NC State Senate: Mike Woodard

NC House: Ray Jeffers

US Senate: Thom Tillis

US House: Mark Walker

### Fall Fun Day

On November 11th, Person County 4-H hosted its first ever Fall Fun Day. Twelve 4-Hers participated in classes on cooking and sewing. During the cooking class, taught by Jillian Whitlow of Icing on the Cakery, participants made homemade pizzas and cupcake ice cream cones. Kate Kubicek of Stellar Mule Sewing Company taught participants the basics of sewing and they made a take home tic-tac-toe board. We look forward to having more classes like this throughout the year!

### Wreath Sale

This year, Person County 4-Hers were encouraged to see Fraser Fir wreaths as a fundraiser. For every wreath a 4-Her sold, they earned \$5 of Clover Cash to use towards 4-H events & activities. In our 2nd year of this fundraiser, we sold 53 wreaths, raising \$510 for Person County 4-H! Fourteen 4-Hers sold 37 of the total wreaths, earning \$185 in Clover Cash between them. Thank you to everyone who purchased a wreath!

## Extension Happenings

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

### 2015 Bee School

The Person County Beekeepers Association is offering a 9 week class in Beekeeping on Thursdays, starting **January 22, 2015**. The class will meet at 7:00 pm each Thursday at the Person County Cooperative Extension Office, 304 S. Morgan Street, Room 165, in Roxboro.

This course designed for beginners is also a great refresher for current beekeepers to enhance their general beekeeping skills. Knowledgeable instructors will cover the history of beekeeping and getting started to seasonal management and the treatment of pests and diseases.

The cost is \$45 per individual and \$60/couple. Pre-registration is not required, but recommended. To reserve a spot in the class, complete the pre-registration form at [www.personcountybeekeepers.org](http://www.personcountybeekeepers.org).

### Horse Festival

The Virginia-Carolina Horse Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7, 2015** and will be held at the Olde Dominion Agriculture Complex in Chatham, Virginia, located at 19783 US Hwy 29 South. Festival hours are from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be a parade of breeds, dressage demonstration, and a mounted shooting demonstration. There will also be a kid's area with lots of fun activities for the little ones. Dealers and vendors will be present.

This event is being planned and organized by the Person County Horseman's Association, the South Eastern Farmers and Horseowners Association, and several Cooperative Extension Offices in both North Carolina and Virginia.

### Pinto Bean Fundraiser

The Person County ECA Council invites you to join them on **Friday, February 6** for their 5th annual pinto bean luncheon. For just \$5.00 you will get beans, cornbread, beverage, and homemade dessert. The pinto bean fundraiser will take place at the Person County Office Building from 11:30 am-1:30 pm and will be available to eat in or take out. Proceeds go to a variety of ECA community projects, such as the Christian Help Center, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

### Cooking with Herbs

The next Lunch N' Learn session is scheduled for **Thursday, January 22** from noon-1:00 pm and will focus on cooking with herbs. The cost is \$5.00 and you must pre-pay and pre-register by calling 336.599.1195.