

The Green Scene

Person County 4-H News



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A Clover, By Any Other Name...

...Would be just as lucky! Call it a clover or a shamrock, either way, most people associate them with luck, especially four leaf clovers. Did you know that for every one 4 leaf clover, there are approximately 10,000 three leaf clovers? That shows just how rare 4 leaf clovers really are.

We know the 4 leaves of the clover to stand for HEAD, HEART, HANDS, and HEALTH, but they are said to really stand for faith, hope, love, and luck.

Either way, they stand for something good!

Many times we try to fit in by being like other people. We wear the same kinds of clothes, or talk a certain way, or style our hair like other people. But I want to encourage you to be different. Break the mold. Be a 4 leaf clover. In the words of the great Dr. Seuss, "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is more youer than you."

Some of you may consider

yourself weird. I've been given that title as well. But here are a few synonyms for the word "weird:"

- Rare*
- Unique*
- Limited Edition*
- Authentic*
- Uncommon*

I don't know about you, but I'm totally okay being any of those on that list. So, I challenge you to do this one thing:

Be YOU!



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County Activity Day Update

County Activity Day was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, however we will not be having this event, at least not in the same capacity. There were not enough participants to have a talent show or presentations competition, but the 4-Hers who did enter CAD will participate on an individual basis. We will display the Visual Arts entries in the display case on the main floor of the County Office Building. These items can be picked up on Friday, March 27th.



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Summer Fun Program

4-H Summer Fun planning is underway and there are some great programs in the works! If you have suggestions for Summer Fun classes, or would like to teach a class, please let me know by calling 336-599-1195 or email me at beth_davis@ncsu.edu. We are especially looking for classes for the 5-8 year old age group.

Registration will begin in May and will be done by appointment. Details will be posted online and on the Person County 4-H Facebook Page. Check back for more information!



Blueberry Plant Sale Fundraiser

Person County 4-H is currently selling blueberry plants as a fundraiser to benefit 4-H youth in the county. Plants are \$6.00 each and come in 1 gallon containers. This year, we are selling 6 different varieties including Brightwell, Climax, Powder Blue, Premier, and Tifblue. New this year is Pink Lemonade, which produces a pink blueberry! Orders and payment are due by **Thursday, March 19th**. Plants can be picked on **Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th from 8:30 am-5:00 pm** at the County Office Building in the auditorium.

Blueberry plants require full sun, and it's recommended to plant 2-3 different varieties for maximum production. Planting information will be given out when plants are picked up.



Central Piedmont Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

The 2015 Central Piedmont Junior Livestock Show and Sale is scheduled for **April 15-16** in Orange County at the Central Carolina Holstein Barn. Any youth who are interested in participating in the livestock show should call 336.599.1195 and let us know so we can send you the show packet.

Show packets are due **March 16th** to the Person County Extension Office. 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. The link for Record Book Forms can be found here:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/4-h-awards-incentives-programs>.



Horseback Riding Trip

We are partnering with the Parks & Rec Department to offer a horseback riding trip on **Saturday, May 16** at Bregman's Stables, located in Pinnacle, NC, near Pilot Mountain and the Yadkin River. The ride will last approximately one and a half hours, following trails in the Pilot Mountain State Park. You will be matched with a horse appropriate for your riding skills and will take a short riding lesson before hitting the trails. This trip is open to youth ages 10 and up, as well as adults. We will depart at 7:30 am and return at 5:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$58.00, which includes transportation and the trail ride. You will need to bring your own lunch, and wear long pants, dressing appropriately for the weather. To register, please stop by the Recreation Department, located at 303 South Morgan Street in Roxboro to register.

Win a National 4-H Trip!

Did you know that 4-Hers can win a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta? Or National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.? By competing in the Application/Resume/Interview/Essay (ARIE) program, 4-Hers can potentially receive a trip to one of these locations. To compete, 4-H youth must be at least 14 years old as of January 1, 2015. But, to

get experience, younger 4-Hers can participate in the Mock ARIE process (for ages 11-13).

4-Hers participating must complete an application, create a resume, write an essay, and participate in an interview. These are all beneficial skills that will help young people when they are applying for jobs, college, scholarships and more.

For more information on ARIE, visit the North Carolina 4-H website:

<http://www.nc4h.org/youth/arie>

The deadline to submit applications, resumes and essays is **May 8th**. Interviews will be conducted at 4-H Congress in July.



Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign will be held April 23-May 3 at Tractor Supply Company. This is where people can add \$1.00 at check out and write their name on a paper clover to be posted in the store window. 60% of the proceeds will come directly to Person County 4-H, with the remainder going to NC 4-H and National 4-H.

I want to try something new

and fun, so here's my idea. We are going to have a Boot Decorating Contest. What you will do is find an old boot (one that isn't going to be worn anymore) and decorate it however you want. Be creative! This can be a rain boot, a work boot, a cowboy boot, whatever you have on hand. You will need to turn your completed boot in by April 20th and we will set them up at Tractor Supply where customers can

vote by dropping change into a jar next to your boot. Whoever wins the contest will get \$20 of Clover Cash!

In addition, Kim Foushee, the store manager and 4-H Volunteer, has agreed to kiss a donkey if we can sell 1,000 Clovers! Let's do it!

Start finding those old boots and get decorating! (This contest is for 4-Hers only, but parents are welcome to assist)



4-H Awards Night Update

4-H Awards Night was rescheduled for Thursday, March 12th due to the winter weather, and we had a great turnout, with 55 people in attendance! We recognized our outstanding 4-Hers and Club Leaders, gave out some fun door prizes, and enjoyed seeing everyone! We hope to continue to increase the number of folks who participate each year.

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>. Person County Cooperative Extension is also on Facebook!

Steak Supper Fundraiser

The Person County Cattlemen's Association will hold their steak supper fundraiser on Friday, April 10 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Person County Office Building. The cost is \$15 per plate which will include steak, baked potato, salad and dessert, and will be available eat-in or take-out. The proceeds from the fundraiser will go to support the Person County Cattlemen's Association Endowment for the Rocky Carver Memorial Scholarship and local youth participating in 4-H livestock activities. Tickets are available from Cattlemen's Association members or at the Extension Office. Come out for a great meal and support the Cattlemen's Association!

Living Healthy with Diabetes

A Living Healthy program, aimed at helping people 60 and older who live with Type 2 diabetes, will be held every Wednesday from 1:30-4:00 pm, beginning April 1 and lasting through May 6. This will be held at the Person County Office Building. The focus of the program is to teach participants how to set goals, how to talk to their doctors, how to better manage their medication, and how to deal with some of the side effects of diabetes with which they deal on a daily basis. While the classes are free, advanced registration is required, as class size is limited. We are already accepting registration, so if you are interested, simply call LeighAnn Cresson at 336-597-2204 ext. 2277.



Person County Extension Staff

The Extension Staff in Person County has gone through several changes this past year, and I'd like to update you on who we have in our office. Give them a call if you need anything!

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