



PERQUIMANS COUNTY CENTER

## DID YOU KNOW???

May 2019



### Risha Griffin Retires after 30+ Years

Risha graduated from Perquimans High School and earned her Degree from College of the Albemarle before starting work with the Perquimans County School Administration. In 1990, she accepted a position with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (currently known as NC State's Cooperative Extension). Risha was knowledgeable and proficient in her role as County Office Assistant for 4-H and Family and Consumer Science Programs. Risha enjoyed seeing the youth and families of Perquimans County grow and prosper over her tenure and she looks forward to spending quality time with her family. Congratulations Risha!



### Caleb Richardson Interns with Extension

Caleb Richardson is a 2017 graduate of Perquimans County High School where he was awarded the honor of being the first Presidential Scholar from Perquimans County. He is currently a rising senior at North Carolina State University, where he is majoring in Agricultural Education and Extension with minors in both Animal Science and Crop Science. His passion for the agricultural industry has been evident through his involvement and leadership in both 4-H and FFA. With a background in livestock and crop scouting Caleb is excited to invest in the lives of others and share his passion for the agricultural industry. He is a proud member of the Pack and looks forward to a future with North Carolina Cooperative Extension upon graduation. Caleb began his internship on May 13 and will be assisting the County Extension Staff for three months. This experience will expose him to all program areas including Agriculture, Family & Consumer Science, and 4-H and Youth Development.



## Perquimans Equestrians Win Honors

Fourteen High Achievers 4-H Horse Club Members along with Club Volunteer Leader Carla Bundy competed at the Eastern Regional Qualifying Horse Show on May 3-5 at the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston. The Perquimans County 4-H'ers showed off all of their hard work and ended the weekend with the awards listed below.

Jasmine Johnson: Reserve Champion Jr. Hunter Horse  
 Emily Meads: Reserve Champion Jr. Hunter Pony  
 Olivia Mullen: Grand Champion Sr. Horse Western Pleasure & Stock Type Hunter  
 Taylor Phelps: Reserve Champion Western Pleasure Pony  
 Hyla Mullen: Grand Champion Short Stirrup  
 Kaylin Russell: Reserve Champion Stock Type Hunter  
 Payton Burnham: First Place in Showmanship and winner of the Nancy Gates Showmanship Award.  
 Qualifying for the State 4-H Horse Show: Ava Miller, Nicole Shine, Georgia Wand, Jodie Tolbert, Hannah McCullar, and Savannah Ownbey  
 Also, congratulations to Libby Wheeler for a great showing!

Congratulations on a job well done!



## Master Gardener Helpline is open

The helpline is open! Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are eager to answer your gardening questions. Call the Extension Master Gardener Helpline on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am to noon at **(252) 482-6585**. Get research based answers that will save you time and money.



## 4-H Summer Registration is Released

4-H Summer Ventures are programs sponsored by Perquimans County 4-H. The programs will run throughout the summer. Classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Refunds will only be given if a class is canceled. We must have a minimum of 5 participants to sign up in order to have the program. **Registration for Summer Ventures will open Thursday, May 16th**. This year we are going back to in house registration. There will be **NO ONLINE REGISTRATION**. You will need to come to the Perquimans Extension Center to confirm a spot for

your child in our summer programs. Once we receive payment and necessary 4-H enrollment forms, your child will be confirmed in the classes and placed on the list. If you have questions, you may call 252-426-7697.

[Click here for more details](#)



## May is Color Me Healthy Month

Perquimans Extension teaches Kindergarteners how to eat healthy and make good beverage choices during a 9 day course called "COLOR ME HEALTHY". Students are learning songs that encourage movement to promote healthy hearts and served a variety of nutritious food samples. An added feature is that each participant will receive a cook book and water bottle at the conclusion of the program.



## Disposal Day Response Was Good

On April 9th, 2019, Perquimans County Extension partnered with the NCDA to host a Pesticide Disposal Day for any farmer, homeowner, or gardener to dispose of any unwanted or unused pesticides. During the collection, a total of 193 containers were collected totaling 2,191 pounds. Thank you to all who participated.



## Area Youth Learn Life Skills

North Carolina Cooperative Extension along with the help of many volunteers held the 74th Annual Albemarle Area 4-H Livestock Show and Sale in Elizabeth City on April 23-24. Over 180 youth participated by showing either goats, steers, heifers, lambs or pigs. Livestock Show Youth representing Perquimans, Pasquotank, Gates, Camden, and Currituck Counties spend 5-6 months working with their animal by feeding, grooming and practicing for their moment to shine in the show ring. The participant compete in two categories Market Judging which determines how well the animal looks, and Showmanship, which shows how well the child works with the animal. Youth learn animal science basics, leadership, dedication and financial responsibility. If you have a child that would be interested in next years show contact the Perquimans Extension Center at 252-426-5428.

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