

Perquimans Extension Center

DID YOU KNOW???

October 2020



Perquimans 4-H Faced a Sad Reality...

New Hope Stables, home of our Perquimans County High Achievers 4-H Club, was hit with the tragic loss of four beloved horses the last week in September through the first week of October. Several of the other horses were stricken with the same symptoms and were given fluids and watched closely by the veterinarian. The barn family learned to hook up IV's and had to keep records on each of the horses recording any changes in the horses' symptoms. This was an around the clock job and the kids and adults set schedules so the horses were never without someone watching. There were numerous blood tests drawn and one of the deceased horses was sent to Raleigh to have a necropsy performed. The tests for Coronavirus, Cryptosporidiosis, Clostridium and Salmonella all came back negative. The tests on water, feed and hay is negative. The necropsy has not shown any definitive disease but the liver and blood tests are still pending. The remaining horses are in critical care. The youth of our 4-H program are working 24 hour shifts caring for these valuable animals. Pictured is 4-Her Kaylin Russell and Veterinarian Dr. Shanna Edwards administering fluids.



We offer a free Gardening Course...

New to gardening and/or gardening in Northeastern North Carolina? Register for Gardening in the Albemarle. This free course is available online for Fall 2020. Find details and register online at go.ncsu.edu/gita
It's not too late. Come join us.



It's time to place your order...

Perquimans County 4-H is ready to get you in the holiday spirit! We will be offering wreaths again this year as a way to support our efforts through 4-H programming. The wreath is a standard door size with the outside diameter of the completed wreath approximately 26 inches. Each wreath is a \$20.00 donation.

Please visit <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/10/perquimans-4-h-offers-holiday-wreaths/> to download and print the 2020 order form. Wreath orders may be mailed to the Extension Center, or they can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for supporting the youth of Perquimans County as we try to "Make the Best Better!" For more information in regards to holiday wreaths, please email Meredith Wood at meredith_wood@ncsu.edu.



Mediterranean Ways can be healthier...

Med Instead of Meds
"Cook Along" Zoom Sessions
will be held monthly beginning

Thursday, October 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Topic: Introduction- 7 Simple Steps-

To register, call 252-426-6585

It's not the same as being in person...but it will give everyone a chance to learn various healthy food options for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.



There is assistance for Ag Producers...

Beef cattle producers have you heard the great news? If you had calves between April 16th-August 31st, 2020 you are eligible for a payment from the CFAP program. For this program the cattle that are eligible must not have had a calf or be a breeding bull. Calves, bred heifers and fat cattle are eligible. Sign up now at your local Farm Service Agency.

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 is for

agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. USDA's Farm Service Agency is accepting CFAP 2 applications from September 21 to December 11, 2020.

If you have any questions contact the Perquimans Extension Office at 252-426-5428



Aerial applications help growers...

To produce a profitable crop throughout a growing season, it is absolutely essential to be timely when thresholds are met for insects and disease and if additional fertilization is needed. In Perquimans County, one of the services that helps growers with those timely needs is aerial application. Aerial application is often the safest, fastest, most efficient, and most economical way to get the job done. Safety for the general public is one of the biggest questions we receive every year when applications are made in fields near homes. While applicators do their absolute best to safely spray around homes, it is important to remember all crop protection products must meet the toughest safety standards. Stringent regulations ensures the safety of our food, the safety of the products to the environment, to water and to the farm workers that mix, load and apply the products. As applicators prepare to defoliate cotton this Fall, you can rest assured of the safety of what is being applied. For more information about aerial application and its importance to agriculture, follow the two links below or contact Dylan Lilley at 252-426-5428.

<https://www.agaviation.org/>

https://www.agaviation.org/Files/agaviation_in_action/cotton.pdf



Into the Woods is more than a play...

The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project is an organization that works with local agencies in order to reach forest landowners and provide them educational and financial assistance. Their annual North Carolina/ Virginia Forest Landowner Conference will be held virtually October 27th and 28th. Topics will include taxation, financial assistance, and economic opportunities. For more information and to sign

up, [visit this link](#)

<https://www.roanokeelectric.com/events/north-carolina-virginia-forest-landowner-conference/>

If you would like to be added to the local extension forestry email listserv, please email nettie_baugher@ncsu.edu



2021 Options are available...

Medicare Beneficiaries have from October 15-December 7 to compare companies, check coverage options, and make final decisions regarding their health insurance for 2021. State Retirees have until October 31, to decide their coverage choices for the coming year. New benefits will start January 1. Volunteers for the North Carolina Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Information Program are available via phone to assist with questions and electronic enrollment. These volunteers are not licensed to sell insurance. They are trained to look at all options without sales incentives on the table. The purpose of SHIIP is to prevent fraud, to help make wise financially sound decisions, to explain various complicated Medicare benefits and to prevent lifetime penalties that can occur if enrollment is late. To reach your local Perquimans County SHIIP Coordinator, call 252-426-7697.

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