

NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

August 2024

Summer Adventures

As summer is coming to an end, so are our 4-H summer adventures. The past month has been full of learning and fun. 4-H'ers made cupcakes from scratch and learned piping techniques to decorate them. We took a tour of the Edenton National Fish Hatchery and went fishing on Pembroke Creek. Our cloverbuds visited the Perquimans County Library for a day of LEGO adventures and learned about the importance of teamwork by watching LEGO Batman and completing a LEGO building challenge as a team. As we are wrapping up, keep an eye out for a survey on how we can do better next year!





State 4-H Presentations

On July 23rd, three Perquimans County 4-H'ers competed in 4-H State Presentations in Raleigh. Eva Taylor and Paige Bundy earned first place on their team presentation on Equine Embryo Transfer! They were invited to represent North Carolina at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, Quarter Horse Congress, and Eastern Nationals. Cate James gave a spectacular speech on Equine Therapy, earning herself third place in the horse public speaking category. We are very proud of all the hard work these 4-H'ers have put into their presentations!



Extension Master Gardener Course

Do you love gardening? Do you want to learn more about horticulture? Do you desire to help others? Come join our Extension Master Gardener volunteer program!

Returning in Fall 2024 is the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer course for potential Master Gardener Volunteers in Chowan, Gates and

2024 and will continue most Mondays, from 4-6:30 p.m. until December 16th, 2024. This course will primarily take place at the Chowan County Extension office, with several field trips and labs that may take place at other area Extension locations. For more information, visit <https://chowan.ces.ncsu.edu/2024/05/2024-extension-master-gardener-course/>



BECOME AN EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER!

Learn more about gardening and horticulture while serving and educating your local community!

For more information, contact Kellie Binnicker at keluton@ncsu.edu. Training session for new volunteers will begin in September 2024!





4-H TEEN COUNCIL



Join the 4-H Teen Council to enhance leadership skills, contribute to the community, and enjoy activities with peers.

Teens ages 13-18 are encouraged to complete the Google Form so we can gauge interest in our area!



More Information :
252-426-5428

Teens will:

- ✓ Develop leadership skills
- ✓ Plan and participate in community service projects
- ✓ Enhance their college applications & resumes
- ✓ Network with their peers

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GREAT SOUTHEAST **Pollinator Census**

AUGUST 23-24, 2024



Pollinators

We all understand the importance of pollinators. Researchers now are trying to gauge their populations and interactions with the pollinator plants that we try so hard to incorporate into our gardens and landscapes. One way that you can assist in these efforts is by participating in the Great Southeast Pollinator Census! The Great Southeast Pollinator Census is an initiative started by researchers with University of Georgia Extension. This year's census will take place on August 23rd and 24th. Here's how this works:

1. On August 23rd or 24th, you will pick one pollinator plant in your yard, neighborhood or community (you could go somewhere like the Cupola House or Newbold White House if you want!)
2. Once you have chosen your plant, you will spend 15 minutes observing that one plant to see how many times a pollinator interacts with it. You count each time a pollinator lands on the plant as one visit, even if it is the same pollinator over and over.
3. Do your best to identify the pollinators that visited and tally up your total.
4. Report this information online at gsepc.org
5. For a printable tally sheet and pollinator identification guide to use in the field, visit: <https://gsepc.org/count/>

This is a great activity to involve your families in too, especially children and grandchildren! If you would like to know more about this initiative, visit <https://gsepc.org/>

If you have any questions or want to know more about getting involved, contact Kellie Binnicker at keluton@ncsu.edu or 252-482-6585.

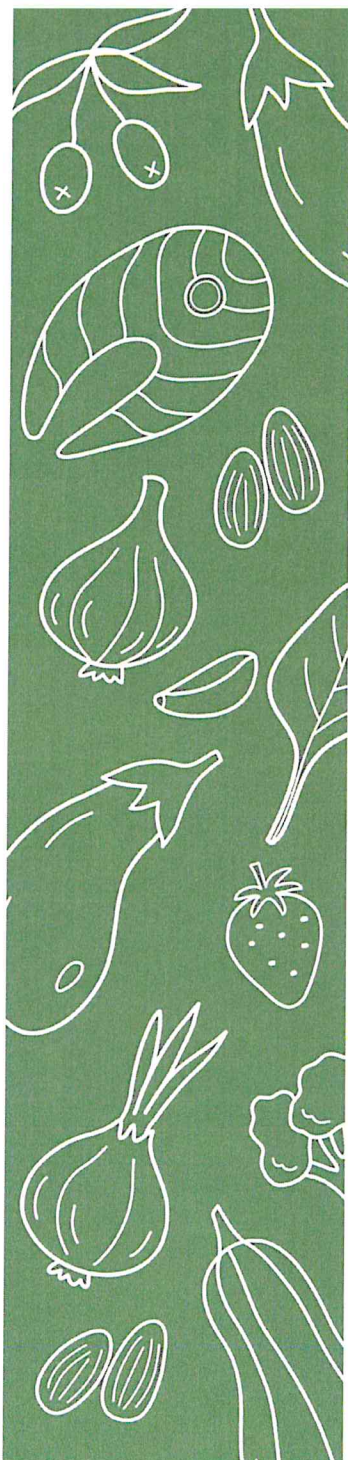
Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships

We had four 4-H'ers and one 4-H volunteer from Perquimans County representing North Carolina at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Georgia this past month. Congratulations to Alissa Harris, Eva Taylor, Sarah Wolfgang (volunteer/coach), Paige Bundy, and Charli Williams (left to right). We are so proud of their accomplishments!



New Fumigation Certification

The Pasquotank Extension Center located at 1209 McPherson Street will be cooperating with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Pesticide Section, to host a testing site for the new private (farmer) category, Z(CF), commodity fumigation on Monday, September 23 starting at 1:00 p.m. Farmers that want to fumigate grain bins and/or loads of grain on trucks must have this certification. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Pesticide Section will be having a number of these testing sites across North Carolina initially to get farmers certified in this category, but there will be other opportunities in the future as more farmers need this certification. If you would like to attend this testing you can register at [Commodity Fumigation](#)



Perquimans Cooperative
Extension Presents

HOMETOWN HARVEST FOOD PRESERVATION SERIES

Hot Pepper Jelly

June 25th 5:30-7:30

Cost: \$10

Register by: June 20th

Bruchetta in a Jar

July 16th 5:30-7:30

Cost: \$10

Register by: July 11th

No Waste Watermelon

Pickled Watermelon & Zesty Watermelon Jelly

August 27th 5:30-7:30

Cost: \$10

Register by: August 22nd

Apple Butter

September 24th 5:30-7:30

Cost: \$10

Register by: September 19th

Contact FCS Agent Sarah Sowders at Sarah_sowders@ncsu.edu or (252) 426-7697. All workshops will take place in the Perquimans Cooperative Extension Office.
(601A S Edenton Rd St, Hertford, NC 27944)

Registration will not be complete until the registration fee is paid. Payments can be made by check or exact change at the extension office. Registration Fee is non-refundable unless class is canceled.

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New 4-H Club: Hearts-N-Hooves

We have a brand new 4-H club! Hearts-N-Hooves 4-H club is an equine-centered club open to all youth ages 5-18 years old in Perquimans County. They also participate in horse bowl, hippology, and horse judging competitions. This club is headed by long-time 4-H volunteer and 4-H alumna, Sarah Wolfgang.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook, Perquimans County 4-H, for updates and club meeting information. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Tori DeWald at tori_dewald@ncsu.edu or (252)426-5428.

Northeast Ag Expo Summer Field Day

The Northeast Ag Expo was held on July 25th at TBS Farms in Perquimans County. The field day focused on corn and soybean research as well as grain bin storage and pest management technology. Special thanks to Billy Wade Pierce for hosting.



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