

The Green Scene

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School Never Ends?

I recently shared a Kid President (KP) video on the Person County 4-H Facebook page. I'm not sure how familiar you are with KP, but he's a pretty inspirational kid. He's gone through some crazy health problems, but his outlook on life is extremely optimistic.

This particular video was aimed at graduates, given that we just went through graduation season. KP said two things that really stuck out to me. The first was that school never ends. Even when you leave school,

there are still bullies, cliques, and people you don't get along with. But let's not be those people. KP encourages everyone to graduate from those behaviors and rise above!

The next thing he said that struck me was "If at first you don't succeed, YOU'RE NORMAL!" I love that! Nobody gets it right the first time, all the time. We have to learn from our failures and learn how to cope with those failures. Surround yourself with loving and caring people who can help pick you back up and

point you in the right direction. Don't blame other people, but try and see how you can improve.

KP always ends his videos with a little dancing, so be sure to dance this summer! It's good for the soul!

Beth Davis



Kid President!

4-H Camp Spots Still Available!

There are still several spaces for youth to travel with Person County 4-H to Millstone 4-H Camp the week of **July 5-10**. The cost of camp is \$150 per camper. Traditional Campers are ages 8-12 and Adventurer

Campers are ages 13-14. If you know of a young person interested in attending 4-H Camp, please call Beth Davis at 599-1195. A \$50 deposit is required to hold a camper space.



Learn a Camp Song!

Since it's camp season, I wanted to share one of my favorite camp songs! It's my mom's favorite too!

ENTHUSIASM

Everybody needs
Enthuuuuuusiasm!!!!
It's a part of life
Like proooooootoplasm
Like beees in a hive
It's GREAT to be alive!
Cause everybody needs
Enthuuuuuuuuuusiasm!

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Summer Fun Still Open!

There are still plenty of spaces available in our 4-H Summer Fun program, so be sure to check out our website for a full list of classes. Anyone wanting to register should contact Beth Davis, 4-H Agent to set up a time to register. You can find the Summer Fun brochure online at <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu>. Some classes include Zoo Snooze, Hunter Safety, Robotics, Beekeeping, and more!

Summer Fun Send Off

You are invited to **Mayo Park** on **Friday, August 14th from 4:00-6:00 pm** for a Family Fun Day as we celebrate our Summer Fun program and get ready to go back to school. Feel free to bring your own fishing pole, and you can rent kayaks and canoes from the park. We will have ice cream in the main building along with a picture slide show of the summer's events. Please call 599-1195 to let us know if you're coming by Monday, August 10th.

NCACC Youth Summit

Eryn Haynes has been selected to attend the 2015 NC 4-H Youth Summit, which coincides with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners annual conference to be held in Greenville, NC August 21-22.

The Youth Voice Summit offers sessions to help youth gain a better understanding of what county governments do and the role of the commissioners as the governing body. County representatives are responsible for interviewing a commissioner and reporting what they learned. While at the Youth Summit, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to meet with their County Commissioners again.

Want to show an animal? Start thinking about what you want to show next spring, and if you have any questions, give Beth or Kim a call at 336-599-1195.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Electric Congress

This summer, Person County will be represented by Eryn Haynes at the 68th Annual NC 4-H Electric Congress. This year's event will be held at UNC Wilmington, July 13-15. Youth in attendance will participate in workshops, meet their power company representatives, and interact with other electric winners. Also included in this free trip is a fun day at the beach! Thanks to Duke Energy for sponsoring this trip for our 4-Hers!

If you are interested in attending Electric Congress next year, start working on an Electric project record book and you could win a free trip to Electric Congress!



Citizenship Focus Update

In June, Matthew Chaney attended 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus, which was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. He returned home from three days in which more than 125 youth and adults representing over 60 4-H programs across the state gathered to exchange ideas, gain knowledge and learn through hands on experiences about the importance of being an active and engaged citizen.

The highlight of the conference was the Legislative Breakfast where delegates had a chance to meet and have photos taken with their elected officials. Following the breakfast, delegates traveled to the Legislative Building in Raleigh to meet with their elected officials and their staff.

Here's a look at the conference from Matthew's perspective.

"Hi my name is Matthew Chaney and I am a 4-Her in Person County. I recently attended the Citizenship North Carolina Focus conference. It was held at the Sheraton hotel in Raleigh from the fifteenth to the seventeenth of June 2015. I would like to say that I had an awesome time at this conference, there were so many amazing experiences that I know I would have never had the chance to experience anywhere else. The workshops I attended were very informative and fun. And I learned a lot from them. The people I met and the friends I made, really enhanced the conference and made it just that much more enjoyable. I was able to meet with my senator Mike Woodard and discuss his job, current projects, and issues and concerns of North Carolina. I must say, that was pretty cool. And I can't go without saying that the food was amazing, and every meal was satisfying. All in all, I give the conference a ten out of ten, I loved it. "



Golf Tournament Update

The 15th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting Caswell, Orange, and Person Counties, sponsored by Piedmont Electric, was held Wednesday, June 10th. The tournament took place at the Challenge Golf Course in Graham, NC. We would like to thank the businesses and individuals who sponsored a team, a hole, or donated items for the silent auction. We were able to raise approximately \$2,000 per county, and these funds will be used to help cut the cost of 4-H camp to make it more affordable for our 4-H families. The actual cost of camp is \$420 per camper, but because of this tournament, we can offer camp for \$150 per camper. Thanks again for your support!

A 4-H Club Leader's Perspective

Heidi Mize, the Life Skills 4-H Club Leader, shares a little bit about being a 4-H Club Leader.

"I am so absolutely thankful to serve as 4-H Leader! It affords me the opportunity to give in capacities that aren't available in other arenas of life. I specifically work with homeschool children and lead them in a Life Skills Club. They come up with the ideas primarily and if they get stuck, I present things for them to vote on. They get to learn self-government, civics, role play, how to manage a group of people, public speaking, leading, following, serving, new experiences, and more. They have had a blast but I think that I have more fun watching them blossom in their once-thought shyness. I look forward to each meeting with great anticipation of new children joining us and getting to serve them. So thankful for 4-H!"

Extension Happenings

Be sure to check out these upcoming programs and events offered by the Cooperative Extension Service. For more information on any of these programs, please call 336-599-1195. Person County Cooperative Extension is also on Facebook!

Aging with Gusto!

This one's for the grown-ups! Aging with Gusto is scheduled for August 27th and will feature workshops on nutrition, finances, brain games, managing falls, yoga, and line dancing. There will be several local organizations who will set up vendor booths for participants to visit. Pre-registration is due by Friday, August 21.

Farm Tour

The 4th annual Person County Farm Tour will be held Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27. There will be a variety of local farms that you and your family can visit and learn all about the agricultural industry within the county. Tour buttons cost \$20 in advance and \$25 the weekend of the tour. There are also a few new farms being added this year!

ECA Open House

The Extension Community Association will be hosting an open house for the community to raise awareness about the organization, recruit new members, and just to have some fun! This will be held at the Person County Office Building from 2:00-4:00 pm. Call 336-599-1195 if you plan to attend.



Best Wishes M. Jay!

Many of you probably know, or have at least seen the "truly wonderful" Marion Jay, also known as M. Jay in our office. M. Jay has worked for Person County Cooperative Extension for 17 years. We are sad to share that her last day will be July 6th. M. Jay, we wish you well in the next chapter of life and know you will continue to be truly wonderful everywhere you go!



Special thanks to Laura Oliver, Washington County 4-H Agent for the inside photo of the canoes! It's one of my favorite camp pics!

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