

# Yancey Cooperative Extension Narratives



## Date to Remember

- ❖ June 20      Cattlemen's Workshops  
1 to 4:30 pm
- ❖ June 26 & 28      Pesticide Classes
- ❖ July      TRACTOR opens
- ❖ August 6      1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- ❖ August      Afterschool Begins



North Carolina Cooperative Extension  
 Yancey County Center  
 10 Orchard Dr.  
 Burnsville, NC 28714  
 828-682-6186  
[www.yancey.ces.ncsu.edu](http://www.yancey.ces.ncsu.edu)

*James Edward Magner, III*

**James Edward Magner, III**  
**County Extension Director**

Work on the TRACTOR building is well underway. Working with a variety of the contractors to get the building up to code, all have been helpful. Golden Leaf did not fund the TRACTOR project, but this will not impact the opening of TRACTOR. We have been working with a programmer to also get the on-line TRACTOR up and running. A grand opening will be planned shortly.

The 4-H summer program has gone great; it has been a great partnership with Bald Creek Elementary School. Ten, 4-Hers will be participating in the 4-H District Activity Day. Traditionally, Yancey youth have done well in this event; I am expecting big things again.

## TRACTOR Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional



*North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation. North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local governments cooperating.*

## Agriculture & Natural Resources

Stanley Holloway,  
Agriculture Agent

Jeremy Delisle, Area Agent,  
Mitchell/Yancey Counties

Adam McCurry, NC A&T  
Agriculture Technician



# AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

### Stanley Holloway

The start of summer has been quite busy with a lot of exciting things going on. We continue to move forward with the TRACTOR aggregation and marketing facility as upgrades to the building are being done now and we start the process of moving forward with acquiring various equipment and supplies. The TRACTOR Board of Directors met during the month to select/modify a logo for the organization as well as work towards solidifying a set of by-laws for the organization. There is a lot of excitement surrounding this project from both the grower and consumer side. In addition to working on the TRACTOR project, I assisted with and attended the Western Carolina Quality Deer Management Program's appreciation event held mid-month and attended the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Sunset Beach, NC. This conference is an excellent professional development meeting where agents get the opportunities to share and learn about agricultural programming efforts from throughout the state. Later in the month, 4 pesticide recertification classes are scheduled to provide continuing education credits for both Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicators. The ToeCane Beekeepers annual "A Day in the Beeyard" field day is scheduled at Joe and Loree Capps

Apiary in the Pensacola Community. In addition to the above, eight (8) field visits were conducted during the month on a variety of topics including: tobacco (1), general home landscape (2), commercial vegetable production (2), and home gardening (3). In addition, over 50 office visits and numerous telephone and e-mail consultations were conducted during the month regarding a wide variety of agricultural topics.

### Jeremy Delisle

June has been a busy month for us. Crops seem good overall, as we have had plenty of rain at key times. I have partnered with two different growers on trials looking at organic potato production and broccoli varieties suited for Summer production in the mountains. Interest in products available for purchase through TRACTOR continues to be good. Looking like a promising season to this point.

### Adam McCurry

As we move into the heart of the growing season local farmers are very busy. I have been working with them on any production issues that they have had. I have also been working with growers preparing them for the TRACTOR project that should be up and running this year. Part of this project is the shared use equipment. This has been a big help to local farmers. The shared use equipment has been well received by the local

farming community. This month we had a grower get GAP (good agricultural practices) certified. This is the second year this grower has gotten their GAP certification. Currently he is the only grower in Yancey County that has their GAP although I am working with a number of growers that are working toward it.



Putting the shared-use equipment Plastic Laying Machine to work at Jim Edwards' farm. Approximately 15 growers have put it to use already this year.



"Like"

NC Cooperative Extension Facebook pages:

Yancey County Center and Yancey County Small Farm



**Richard Chuvala**

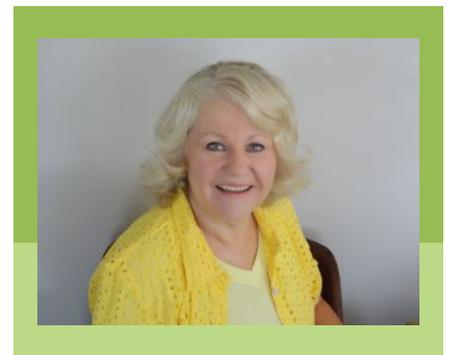
Although school is out for the summer, we have really stayed busy during this past month! We are still meeting through the end of the month with our court referred youth. This month they worked with Mitchell Counties' 4-H Agent, Robbie Potter, as he helped train horses for a local therapeutic horse center. Robbie did a wonderful job focusing their attention on the task at hand and applying his work with the horses to how the youth make choices in everyday life. We are very thankful for the time he spent with our youth. For the last session of the year we will be going to Mtn. Air to learn proper etiquette from the Special Events and Catering Manager, Charlene DiCristino. From pulling out the chairs for the ladies to which fork is used for eating snails Charlene's attention to proper etiquette is something that is second to none. The youth will also have the privilege of eating a four-course meal, complete with salad, appetizer, entrée and dessert! I am looking forward to a wonderful evening and a great wrap-up for the year with our court referred youth.

During this month I am also pleased to be working with our 4-H Summer Program at Bald Creek Elementary School. I have done several team-building sessions for the campers, which have helped to develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The participants have been wonderful to work with.

One of the biggest things going on this month is our 4-H overnight summer camp at the Eastern 4-H Center located right off of the Albemarle Sound. I will be taking 8 kids to this weeklong camp where they will use cooperative games to improve team-building skills while they swim, boat, make crafts, learn about nature, explore outdoor living, and discover new perspectives from the state-of-the-art ropes course. From camping out to disc golf, fun and learning are mixed seamlessly.

I am also collaborating with several area counties to provide a teen leadership camp the 30<sup>th</sup> of July through the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. If you have a teen between the ages of 12-18 who would enjoy developing their leadership skills please contact Rich Chuvala at the Yancey County Cooperative Extension Office.

Mtn. Challenge is sizzling this month! Come join us as we heat up the summer months!



**Jo Simpson**

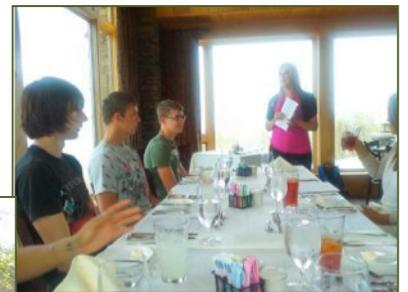
Students are working in the school gardens at the Bald Creek summer camp as well as learning to cook some of the vegetables they are growing. They have prepared fruit dip to go along with the fruits they have planted as well as lettuce salad, baked potato and sweet potato fries, baked squash and fried cabbage. At the end of the month students plan to make Thunder Cake using tomatoes from the garden. Imagine that, a cake with tomatoes. I can guarantee it will be delicious.

EFNEP visited Genesis Academy to introduce the Food Groupies to the pre-school students. Children love to meet the Food Groupies and a great way to introduce the MyPyramid and Choose My Plate to them

As a board member of the NC Federation of Cooperative Extension Association I attended an illuminate meeting on June 6. Being state president of my association, NCAEPAAT, requires me to represent my association at board meetings. Plans are on the way for the Horn of Plenty. It will be held this summer in Raleigh. Hope all our commissioners' will be able to attend.



Mtn. Challenge Youth visit the therapeutic riding center.



The youth learn etiquette at Mountain Air

# 4-H Summer Program

## Staff

Susie Hedrick. Gail England. Glenna Taylor. Elizabeth McIntosh & Lisa Hunter

### Bald Creek Summer Program

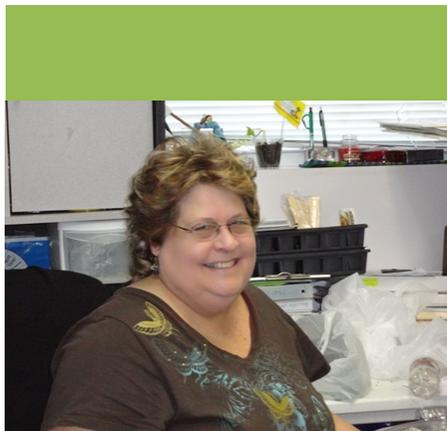
We have 22 children enrolled in the 4-H Summer Day Camp Program.

Our mornings have been spent with Jo Simpson, Nutrition Program Associate, making different nutritious food with the help of the children and Dr. Barron, Regional Library Director, doing reading and writing assignments with the children and the staff doing math games, crafts, and performing puppet shows with the children. Rich Chuvala develops team building, leadership skills and social skills with the children. Each afternoon we take the children on field trips. On June 5th we took the children to visit the West Yancey Fire Department and on June 7th we went to Mt. Mitchell with a picnic included. On June 12th we visited the Yancey County Library and Kid Mountain and on June 14th we went to Asheville to the Nature Center also with a picnic included. Much more is planned every day until our last day on June 28th where we will end with a cook out and swimming party at Ray-Cort Park.

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Craft Time                                | 6. Nutrition from Bald Creek Garden |
| 2. Dr. Barron Reading and educational time   | 7. WNC Nature Center – Walrus       |
| 3. Mt. Mitchell                              | 8. WNC Nature Center                |
| 4. Mt. Mitchell History                      | 9. West Yancey Fire Department      |
| 5. Mt. Mitchell Project Learning Tree Lesson |                                     |



## Yancey 4-H facebook page, "like" us.



Linda Semon  
4-H Discovery  
Program Associate



Sybil Chapman  
School Enrichment  
4-H Program Assistant

We are 4-H  
Mtn. Challenge  
EFNEP  
Discovery Clubs  
School Enrichment  
Afterschool



### Linda Semon

I attended 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus with one second-year and two first-year participants. This year's event was held in Raleigh June 11-13. Youth learned about all three branches of government discussed how the work of government impacts them, and developed a local action plan for their community. They heard from a variety of state officials and identified opportunities for teen engagement in the political and governmental life in North Carolina. They were treated to a special night at the Science Museum. They watched a live mock version of Tom Campbell's statewide television and radio talk show "NC Spin." The highlight of the event was their visit with their legislators. While sitting in the gallery of the Senate during the day's session they were excited to hear it read from the floor that Senator Hise welcomed and recognized our group from Yancey.

### Sybil Chapman

Summer Camp began June 5th with a trip to West Yancey Fire Station. Ricky Chandler arranged for four firemen to be there to talk about what happens when the call comes in to 911 to what they do at a fire. The youth were able to sit in a truck to see what it looks like and they were shown what is used to fight a brush fire. The youth really enjoyed being able to have a hands-on experience.

June 7th I drove one of two vans to Mt. Mitchell to take 17 students. They went in the museum where we talked about the information there. We asked them questions and they had to go look for the answers. We then took them to the new platform to see the view and learn some history. After lunch a park ranger took them on a nature trail for a learning hike. I then did a lesson from the Project Learning Tree class that I took in April.

June 12, I drove the county van to take the 4-H summer students to the

library and Kid Mountain.

On June 14, I drove a van to take the students for a day at WNC Nature Center.

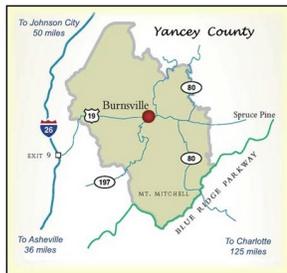
May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> was spent picking up School Enrichment kits from all the elementary schools. There were a total of 25 science used in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at 5 elementary schools.



**NC** State University  
A&T State University  
**COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION**  
*Empowering People • Providing Solutions*



*...To Make the Best Better.*



Yancey County Center  
North Carolina Cooperative  
Extension  
10 Orchard Dr.  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Phone (828) 682-6186  
Fax (828) 682-7680