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## SPECIAL THANKS Celebrating Agriculture

Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, family, and friends who helped with our Celebrating Agriculture event this year! We had a tremendous turnout and appreciate all of the hours and hard work that went into making it such a great day!

Mark your calendars for next year!  
**Saturday, September 9, 2017!**

North Carolina Cooperative Extension and Surry County Parks and Recreation saluted those who provide us the safest, most bountiful, most diverse, and least expensive food in the world at the annual Celebrating Agriculture event on September 10th. The day's activities revolved around learning about local agriculture and highlighting the importance of agriculture and the agricultural producer.

Over 4000 participants enjoyed walking down memory lane as they looked at the antique and classic tractors on display, searched for agriculture agencies and items on the scavenger hunt, took a hay ride around the park, and many more exciting things. New for this year was a grain combine simulator. Participants had the opportunity to virtually harvest corn, soybean, wheat, or cotton on a huge screen combine simulator while listening to gain facts and maneuvering the gears of this advanced technology. It was a great day for fun and learning!



The "Chick-fil-A" cow paid a visit!



4-H members put on a puppet show!



Children enjoyed riding toy tractors and 4-H face painting.

## North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association Professional Development Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that Sally Southard, Administrative Assistant for the Surry County Cooperative Extension has been awarded the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association Development Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Mrs. Southard received her Associates Degree from Surry Community College in the Spring of 2016 and is currently enrolled at East Carolina University in a Bachelor of Science in Business degree program.



*Congratulations!*

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# New Incubation Project Holds Open House



Horticulture student, Jamie Renzi, visited with Extension in late spring with the goal of owning and operating a high tunnel to grow vegetables for local restaurants. As she ran into dead ends at each turn, Extension and Surry Community College, Pilot Center, partnered up with her to create an incubator program from the on-site high tunnel in Pilot Mountain. As luck would have it, this is close to Jamie's home. She has worked through the summer to grow vegetables and fruit in traditional rows, containers, and vertical gardens inside the greenhouse. Recently there has been an addition of 10 raised beds; eight of which are a part of Charlie's Garden located behind the high tunnel.

An open house was held to introduce the Pilot Mountain community to the project and to open minds about the possibilities with vegetables. Local chefs were on-site during the open house with delicious food prepared from the vegetables and blackberries that were grown in the high tunnel. It was a fantastic event, and everyone left knowing and feeling a little more connected to food and farm.



## UNLOCKING

### the Mysteries of Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Friday, October 14, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Human Services Bldg.

Off of HWY 601

in the old Lowes Hardware Building in Mount Airy

Friday, October 21, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pilot Center

of Surry Community College

Friday, November 18, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Elkin Center of

Surry Community College

Seats are limited

Call 401-8025 to register

## Medicare Annual Election Period October 15th - December 7th

Your health needs change from year to year, and the benefits and costs of your health plan may also change each year. That's why it's important to evaluate your Medicare choices. The Annual Election Period is the one time of year when *all* people with Medicare can see what new benefits Medicare has to offer and make changes to their coverage.

## Steps to Become a Master Gardener

If you would like to become an Extension Master Gardener, please follow the steps below:

1. Apply by December 31, 2016 to attend the training. Call Extension for application 336.401.8025.
2. Be selected by your local Extension office for the Master Gardener core training.
  - ◊ Find out about the program from an Extension Master Gardener Volunteer or the website: [surry.ces.ncsu.edu](http://surry.ces.ncsu.edu)
3. Submit and pass the background check.
  - ◊ Receive notification that the background check has cleared, register for the core course, and pay class fee (to be determined by January 1); training materials are included in the fee.
4. Complete the Extension Master Gardener core training.
  - ◊ 40 hours of horticulture education offered February through April.
  - ◊ Complete end of class exam to assess how much knowledge has been acquired.
  - ◊ Courses are taught by Extension agents, Extension Master Gardeners, and local horticulture experts.
  - ◊ Topics include: Plant propagation, flowers, turf grass, vegetables, landscape design, woody landscape plants, fruits, soils, wildlife management, integrated pest management, plant pathology, and entomology.
  - ◊ Core training is offered at the Extension Center in Dobson from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm on Thursdays. The core training may include various class field trips.
5. Volunteer in your community.
  - ◊ Complete 40 volunteer hours in the horticulture area by May 2017 as approved by the county coordinator. Volunteer on projects and at events to deliver horticulture education in the community.
6. Stay involved.
  - ◊ Master Gardeners can remain active members in following years by attending ten or more hours of continuing education and contributing 20 hours or more of volunteer community service.
  - ◊ Report your volunteer and continuing education hours each month.



# HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

Source: [holidays.kaboose.com/halloween/halloween-safety.html](http://holidays.kaboose.com/halloween/halloween-safety.html)

- **Have adult supervision.** Accompany your kids if you don't think they're old enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- **There is safety in numbers.** If they're old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell your kids to stay in a group.
- **Map out your plan.** Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating and make sure they stick to it.
- **Take the long way 'round.** Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around.
- **Try tick-or-treat-friendly homes.** Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on.
- **Stay outside.** Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch.
- **Remain visible.** Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- **Remember, shorter = safer.** Ensure your kids' costumes aren't so long that they can trip over them.
- **Don't cover the face.** Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
- **Quality-check treats.** Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
- **Say "no" to strangers.** Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- **Obey the law.** Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around.



## Household Hazardous Waste & Pesticide Collection Day

October 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Veterans Memorial Park, Mount Airy

For more information contact: Surry County Public Works (336) 401-8376

**BRING:** • Paints • Paint Stripper • Thinners • Pesticides • Oil • Acids • Gasoline  
• Weed Killers • Antifreeze • Solvents • Dry Cell Batteries • Pool Chemicals

**DON'T BRING:** • Ammunitions • Radioactive Materials • Unidentified Materials  
• Explosives • Medicine & Syringes • Infectious Waste • LP & Propane Gas Cylinders  
• Automotive Type Batteries

Label all containers, close all lids tightly, cushion glass bottles.  
Household Only - No Commercial Waste Accepted

## 2016 4-H Fall Leaders Day

Mark your calendar!

Fall Day is open to all adult volunteers and those interested in becoming a volunteer. This year the NC Leader's Fall Day will be held on Saturday, November 5th at the Guilford County Cooperative Extension in Greensboro, NC.

The day promises great workshops and networking opportunities with other county club leaders. There will be door prizes, goodie bags, workshops, fellowship, raffle baskets, and lunch will be provided.

For additional information or to register, call 401-8025 by October 23rd.

## Surry County Farmer's Markets Extended

All three farmer's markets in Surry County – Mount Airy, Dobson, and Elkin will be extending the market season until **November 26, 2016.**

Times and locations will be the same:

Tuesdays from 9 am – 12 noon  
Mount Airy at Mill Creek General Store

Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Dobson Square Park

Saturdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Elkin in Town Hall Parking Lot.

There will be meats, eggs, produce, and crafts available!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H County Council Meeting

October 4, 2016 / 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Gardening With Limited Space and Limited Money

October 10, 2016 / 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Pilot Center of SCC  
Call 386-3618 to register

## Beekeeper Meeting

October 10, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County ECA Salad Luncheon

October 10, 2016 / 12:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County ECA County Council Meeting

October 10, 2016 / 1:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Master Gardener Meeting

October 12, 2016 / 12:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Diabetes & You

October 12, 2016 / 12:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Surry County ECA Work Session for State Meeting

October 13, 2016 / 9:30 a.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Vinedresser Meeting

October 20, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## ECA State Council Meeting

October 24 & 25, 2016  
Winston-Salem

## Extension Advisory Council Meeting

October 25, 2016 / 6:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson

## Haunted Halloween Health Fair

October 28, 2016 / 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Mayberry Mall, Mount Airy

## Cultivating Plants For Spring Planting

November 7, 2016 / 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
N.C. Cooperative Extension, Dobson  
Call 386-3618 to register

## Diabetes & You

November 9, 2016 / 12:00 p.m.  
Reeves Community Center  
Mount Airy, NC

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