

Spotlight on Anson Cooperative Extension Agents



Each week The Express will share some of the many accomplishments of our local Agricultural Extension agents. Their dedication to and work for Anson citizens benefits all of us either directly or indirectly. This week's spotlight is on 4-H Youth Promise - Erin Dempsey, Program Director. *From Erin Dempsey:* At-risk youth come from very different backgrounds, with certain situations that many people may never face in their own lives. On numerous occasions, an aging grandparent is the sole guardian of the troubled youth. In Fall 2012, Anson County 4-H Youth Promise received a referral for such a child. During intake it was discovered that the youth had not been attending school because his grandmother did not have the money to purchase school uniforms or shoes. Within the county there are a lot of programs and organizations to assist the younger children with this type of problem, but not in the middle and high schools. With approval from the board, 4-H Youth Promise purchased the needed items for the youth to be able to go to school daily. Both the youth and grandmother were speechless. Before the items were bought, the youth had missed 31 days. Since then, he has not missed school.

For more information contact the Anson County Center at 704-694-2415 or send mail to PO Box 633, Wadesboro NC 28170. They are located at 501 McLaurin Street.

EGGcellent Questions

Working in Cooperative Extension we get some interesting questions. As the area poultry agent many of those questions I receive are about eggs. I would like to address a few of the ones I receive most often.

- Small flock owners most often ask how to clean their eggs. The best answer is do not let them get dirty, keep coops clean and dry and make sure to train young hens to use nest boxes. There should be a nest box for every 3-5 hens, lined with fresh nesting material such as shavings, straw or nesting pads.

If eggs do get dirty, dry clean by removing debris with a soft bristle brush or pot scrubber. If washing is required use warm running water or spray. Do not submerge or soak eggs as this can force dirt and germs into the pores. Eggs can be dipped or sprayed with a simple bleach solution for sanitizing after washing if desired, then allowed to air dry. Once dry it is important to store the eggs in clean dry containers and cool to 45 degrees.

- The question most often on consumer's minds is what is the difference between brown and white eggs? The simple answer is nothing but the color. Shell colors are a result of genetic differences between breeds. Colors were developed as a way to protect the eggs - as camouflage, to reflect heat, and so they could be identified from others.

Most breeds lay brown or some color of eggs, but white eggs are dominant in stores because the White Leghorn breed that produces them is the most prolific layer, and it is a small bird, requiring less space and food than larger breeds, making their eggs the cheapest to produce.

Now I know many of you will say you have seen the difference in the yolk colors or thickness of the egg white. What you see is real, it just does not have anything to do with the color of the egg shell. Many of the brown eggs come from local flocks or from free-range systems where the hens may eat green plants, food scraps, worms and insects. The color pigments in these foods are transferred to the yolks. It is the hen's diet that makes the yolks deeper yellow or orange than the typical store egg.

The thickness of the egg white is determined primarily by two factors - how fresh the egg is and the age of the hen. As hens age the albumin they produce gets thinner. The egg white gets thinner and breaks down over time as well. Eggs can be used for six weeks or longer if properly stored, but you will see the albumin will be very thin and not ideal for some uses such as making meringue. So, if you get fresh eggs from your own flock or another local source the whites will be firmer than most you will ever get from a supermarket. Since most small flock owners prefer brown laying breeds because they are better at foraging and for meat production, this helps generate the perception of brown egg superiority.

If you have poultry questions you can contact the Anson County Extension office at 704 694 2915. For those with backyard flocks Cooperative Extension is holding an organizational meeting to form a local poultry association on Thursday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Center located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. *By Richard Goforth, Area Specialized Agent, Poultry*

Rural Health Program Visits Anson Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs combined efforts with other local agencies in Wadesboro during a Veteran Service Enhancement Fair held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center Ingram Room on Saturday, August 3. More than 40 veterans attended the event. They were provided with information about health care, as well as healthy living habits.

The Salisbury VAMC Rural Health team answered questions about health care enrollment, assisted veterans with enrolling in the VA healthcare system and educated visitors on ways to live a healthy lifestyle. Members of the Veterans Benefits Administration team were also available to answer questions for those who had questions about the various VA benefits programs that are available to them.

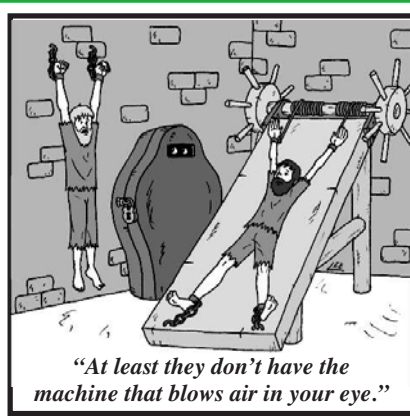
Anson County Veteran's Service Officer Ted Ward said he is thankful for all of the group's participation in the event because they are getting veterans much needed information. "It's important to me that resources are being brought out to the county to give those veterans the opportunity to tap into resources they didn't know about. The rural health team and program has been a great asset for Anson County because they bring classes, they bring information, they bring all types of resources," he said. "The response is great every time they come here - we always have vets come out and attend any classes they provide, or even at events like today, we have lots of veterans who benefit."

Bowman Classes of 1968, '69 and '70 Reunion Meeting

On Saturday, August 17 there will be a 2014 class reunion planning meeting for the Bowman Classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970. Classmates from those classes are asked to attend the meeting at Lady Bug Restaurant at 6 p.m.

Eager Beavers 4-H Club to Meet

The Eager Beavers 4-H Club meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Center.



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