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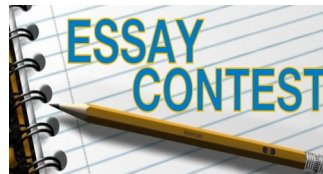
Small Farms Week Essay Contest

Small Farms make a major contribution to the state's \$84 billion agriculture industry. In addition they support public health by providing fresh, local food, and they help protect the environment through their careful stewardship of natural resources.

North Carolina Agriculture and Technical (A&T) State University recognize the crucial role small farmers play every year during Small Farms Week. This year Small Farms Week is March 25 - 31, 2018.

In honor of Small Farms Week, NC Cooperative Extension, Nash County will be holding a Small Farms

Week Essay Contest for local middle school students.



Essay must be on one of the following topics:

- Why are small farmers so important to our local economy
- How do small farmers help protect the environment
- How do small farmers help support public health initiatives
- Small Farmers Spotlight

(Tell us about a local farmer)

Essay criteria are as follows:

- Must be between 250 - 400 words.
- Can be typed or neatly hand-written
- They can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at our office

All essays must be turned into our office by Monday, March 26. The winning essay will be announced Thursday, March 29. For more information, call (252) 459-9810, or visit our website at: nash.ces.ncsu.edu.

Small Farms Week

The Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University will host the 32nd Annual Small Farms Week from March 25 - 31, 2018.

According to the USDA a small farm is one that



grows and sells between \$1,000 and \$250,000 per year in agricultural products. In honor of local small farmers The Cooperative Extension at NC A&T will be hosting events at the University and all over North

Small Farms Week

small farms, big impact

March 25-31, 2018

Carolina including the kick off event in Robeson County on March 26, and the Small Farmer of the Year Luncheon at NC A&T State University, on March 28. For more information go to: www.ncat.edu/caes/sfw.

Money Management Series



Over two-thirds of Americans would struggle, if they had to come up with \$1,000 in cases of an emergency and 35% of Americans have debt in collections on their credit reports. The latest cybersecurity Equifax data breach, which potentially impacted over 145 million consumers, was a wake-up call proving that now more than ever consumers must be proactive about

checking their credit report on a regular basis.

Low credit ratings cannot only prevent families from providing adequate housing and transportation but it also can affect employment opportunities. With that being said, it is essential now more than ever to know where your credit rating stands, monitor it closely and make sure any inaccurate information is resolved.

NC Cooperative Extension, Nash County, provides a series of money management workshops that cover personal and family finances, budgeting and saving practices, along with how to review credit reports.

For more information, or to plan a free session for your community group, please contact Traci Dixon at (252) 459-9810 or email traci_dixon@ncsu.edu.

“Information giving at this leadership session will be very useful as we organize our community”

*Participant
Community Decision-Making Workshop*

Community Leadership Development

The NC Cooperative Extension, Nash County offers programs, resources, and technical assistance on community leadership development. Our Community and Rural Development agent has worked with both new and existing groups to help strategically plan, regroup, and/or implement programs in the community.

Groups have included:

- Local government
- Non-profits
- School system
- Churches, community & youth groups

Community Leadership Development programs available include:

- Introduction to Community Leadership

- Community Decision-Making
- Community Voices
- Group Process and Facilitation

For more information, or to set up a set up a community leadership session in your community, contact Traci Dixon at (252) 459-9810 or traci_dixon@ncsu.edu.

Real Colors

Are you a part of a new or existing group who needs to work on group dynamics? The Real Colors program will help you gain an understanding of different personality types and how to best work together. Participants will gain practical skills that can be incorporated into

everyday life.

This fun and interactive workshop is designed for both teens and adults. This program focuses on helping with:

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Team Building
- and Much More!

To plan a Real Colors workshop for your group, please contact Traci Dixon at (252) 459-9810 or traci_dixon@ncsu.edu.



Kindergarten Registration

Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools will be holding their 2018 - 2019 Kindergarten Registration beginning in March. Children who are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2018 are eligible. Here is a list of some of the dates and locations of registration,

- March 5 ~ Baskerville Elem.
- March 6 ~ Bailey Elem.
- March 8 ~ Red Oak Elem.

- March 13 ~ Spring Hope Elem. (7:30 am - 12:30 pm)
- March 14 ~ Middlesex Elem.
- March 19 ~ Nashville Elem.
- March 20 ~ Fairview Elem.
- March 21 ~ Williford Elem.
- March 26 ~ Benvenue Elem.

Registration times are 7:30 am - 12:30 pm & 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated. For more information or to download forms, please go to:

www.nrms.k12.nc.us, or call (252) 462-2527.

Requirements

- Certified birth certificate
- Two (2) proofs of physical address
- Immunization record
- Current health assessment
- Proof of guardianship, if applicable
- Parent/guardian photo ID



“It gives them ownership and motivation to continue working in their communities.”

*Jamilla Hawkins,
Former Edgecombe County CRD Extension Agent*

Looking Ahead: 6th Annual S.E.A.L. Camp

Six years ago to help limited-resource youth find economic success in their hometowns, community and rural development (CRD) agents from Nash and Edgecombe counties partnered with several local civic and educational organizations to conduct the first Teen Entrepreneurial Summer Boot Camp in 2012. Since then the camp has grown



and changed in many ways. One of the main additions was the incorporation of a leadership component which led to a name change last year to the

Summer Entrepreneurship and Leadership (S.E.A.L.) Camp.

Please check out our next newsletter for dates and location for the 2018 summer camp. If you would like more information, on how to help sponsor or volunteer, please contact Traci Dixon at (252) 459-98101407 or traci_dixon@ncsu.edu.

Community Spotlight: The HOPE Initiative

The Nashville Police Department started the “HOPE” Initiative in February 2016. This unique program allows individuals with opiate addictions to come to Nashville Police Department for help with recovery. The HOPE Initiative services offered include:

- Immediate Detox
- Short Term Facility Placement

- Long Term Facility Placement
- Access to Narcan
- Access to Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Support Groups

For information on the program, or how you can volunteer, please contact:

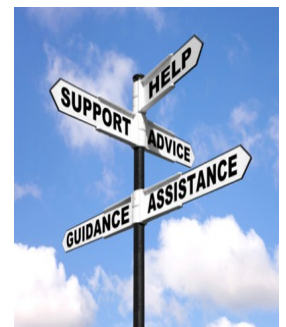
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County Center delivers educational
programs and technology to enrich the
lives, the land and the economy for
individuals, families, and communities.

We offer programming in agriculture, food
and nutrition, along with community and
4-H youth development.



What is Community & Rural Development?

Community and rural development (CRD) programs focus on building the capacity of communities by providing residents with information that helps them reach community and economic goals.

Typically, development work is achieved when citizens are learning skills on how to work together to solve problems and share in decision-making. The Cooperative Extension at NC A&T State University, work with both university and county-based personnel to adapt various programs to assess the dynamics of your community.

Our typical audience includes organizations, informal community groups, community leaders, and

local government. Organizational development with boards, nonprofits and community based groups, along with leadership and civic engagement is a large part of our program.

Community and Rural Development strive to:

- Help citizens have effective civic engagement and dialogue around local issues.

- Empower organizations and groups to develop and implement programs that will make a difference in their communities.
- Provide technical assistance and education to organizations and residents for preparing and responding to natural and man-made disasters.

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