



Virginia Cooperative Extension – Carroll County

Agent Monthly Activity Report to Carroll County Board of Supervisors

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Serving Carroll County

Regular Club Meetings (Volunteer Led except where indicated)

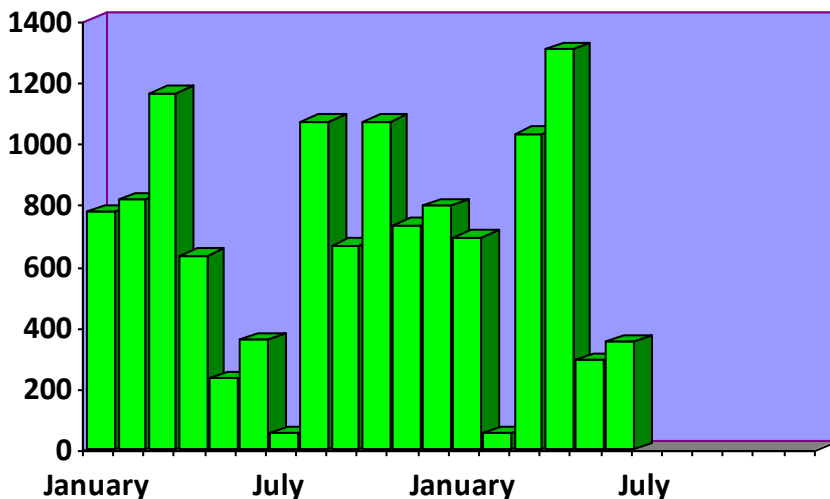
- Laurel Fork Community 4-H Club Meetings
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- 4-H Livestock Club Meeting
 - Hosted VT Animal & Poultry Science Department Head and VT APSC Ambassador – Careers Meeting at Crossroads Institute (Agent Attendance)
- 4-H Teen Club Meeting (Agent Led) – 4-H Camp Preparation
- 4-H Hoofbeats Equine Club Meeting

Special Interest Programs

- Administrator of the 'Carroll County 4-H Teen Club' Page on [facebook](#)
- Final Reports of 4-H Teen Club Camping Fundraisers (2)
- Implemented Virginia 4-H Coloring Book Project through Really Big Coloring Books
- Managed 2010 District 4-H/FFA Youth Lamb Symposium (co-chair of this event)
- Collection of 4-H Embryology & Poultry Project Records for Hillsville Elementary 4th graders
- Hosted 4-H Camp Orientation
- Planning for County Fair Stockmans Competition & Livestock Shows
- Managed Carroll-Grayson 4-H Camp
- State 4-H Congress
 - Judged Leadership and Community Development Presentations
 - Kick-off of Virginia 4-H Coloring Book Project
 - Assisted in preparation of Foods Presentation for Carroll contestant
- ELC Planning Committee Meeting for BRP75 Event
 - Submitted event on Geocaching.com Website
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- Prepared for 4-H Summer Adventure workshops – Light It Up!, GeoTreasures I
- Conducted T-Shirt Art Workshop at Chatauqua Festival in Wytheville
- Attended Carroll 4-H All-Stars Picnic & Meeting

General

- Prepared monthly activity reports
- Updated VCE public website and calendar (www.offices.ext.vt.edu/carroll)
- Submitted newspaper articles to 'The Carroll News' and 'Galax Gazette'
- Attended Unit Coordinator Meeting on Adobe Connect on-line meeting



■ 4-H Direct Extended Learners

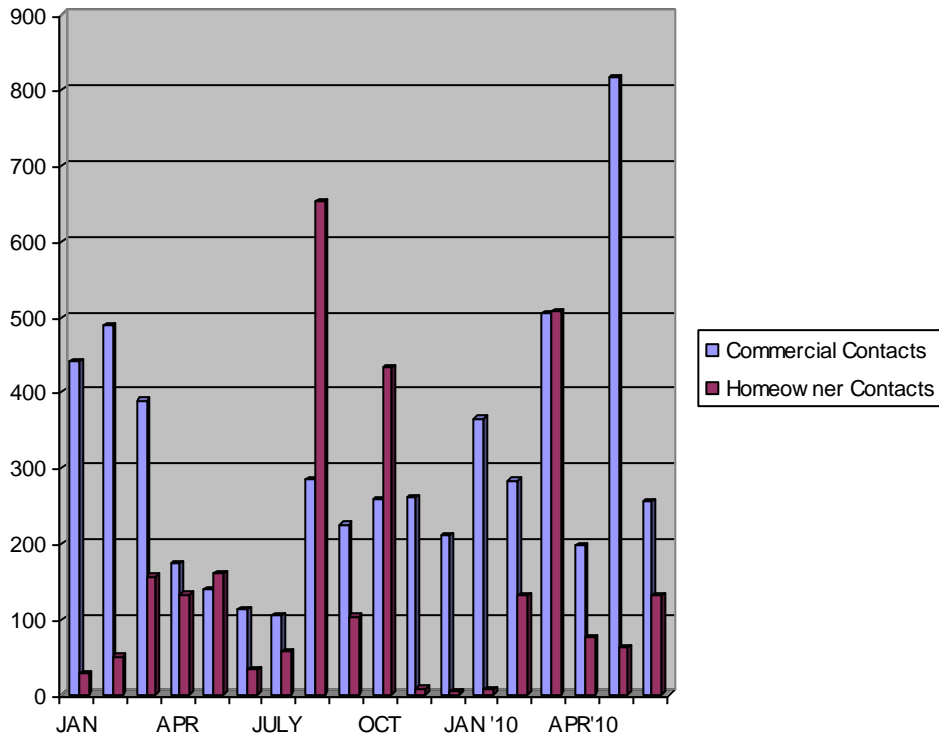
Wythe Morris

Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources - Commercial Horticulture Serving Wythe, Smyth, Carroll and Grayson Counties

- Visit and respond to requests from commercial growers/producers during the month
 - Downey mildew in cucumber
 - Farmers market certification (3)
 - Weed ID for local chemical dealer
 - Material for washing vegetables
 - Fertilizer recommendations for oats for CC farmer
 - Interpret soil samples
 - Pinching garden mums
 - Aphid on cucumber
 - Planting apple understock for cleft grafting next year
 - Measure acreage with GPS
 - Work with growers on GAP manuals and upcoming audits(19)
 - Work with manager of Wytheville Farmers Market
 - Construction of boomless sprayer
 - Help local producer to test for private pesticide license
 - Visit with local organic grower related to produce for farmers market
 - Leaf miner in broccoli transplants
 - Work with Bland County farmers market manager
 - Help growers with signage for upcoming GAP audits (2)
 - Help CC grower to prepare Plan of Action Manual for upcoming audit
 - Help local growers to get certificates to sell at Greensboro market (2)
 - Post emergence broadleaf control in pumpkins
 - Help local dealer to verify pesticide license
 - Locate source of handwash stations for NC grower
 - Prepare signage for GAP audits
 - Copy and mail POA manuals to state auditor in Lynchburg
 - Get certificate copies of Savannah food safety conference to local grower who attended
 - Coordinate water samples from grower to VDACS
 - Worker training in WPS and Sanitation at SWVA Farmers Market, Berrier and Light farms
 - Information related to commercial strawberry production disease control
 - Sweet corn spray schedule to local grower
 - Loan tent to Wytheville Farmers Market for special event (2)
 - Post emergence herbicide for ground cover beds
 - Help to interpret water test results
 - Help with recordkeeping document for POA manual
 - Shading material for greenhouse
 - Grass control in sweet pepper
 - Onion bacterial rot in organic grown onions
 - Mail USDA contracts to growers involved in GAP audits
 - Work with CC grower related to post emergence weed control in oats and corn
 - Work with vineyard grower related to bunch rots in grape
 - Help grower to find market for B&B boxwood
 - Pasture weed control for thistle and wet areas next to water
 - Treating ponds for algae
 - Help grower to locate market for vegetable transplants
- Respond to requests from homeowners
 - Peach bitter on fruit tree
 - Tomato transplant problem
 - Issues with Chinese Chestnut
 - Critters digging in flower pots on deck
 - Colo Potato Beetle problem (3)
 - Tomato bacterial wilt problem
 - Seedling cherry trees dying
 - Fireblight on fruit trees
 - Chlorosis in new planting of willow oak

- Double blossom in blackberry
- Dying cherry trees—fireblight
- Visit to check dying E. Mt. Ash tree
- Hail damage on blackberry blooms
- Help with taking and preparing soil samples
- Rhododendron problem sent on to Eric Day at VT
- Road salt damage on white pine and S. Pine Beetle possible
- Bittersweet on older fruit trees
- Care of tomatoes with side dress and fungicide
- Identify a bird for a homeowner
- Identify a plum tree
- Bunch rots in grape
- Dollarspot in turgrass
- Tomato bacterial wilt diseases (3)
- Spider mite in Colo. Blue Spruce
- Soil mix for raised bed gardening
- Cedar apple rust on apple
- Work with new residents to CC related to what to do with farm acreage
- Set up a Fraser Fir Advisory Committee Meeting at Grayson Highlands SP
- Help local Ag lender with production information for vegetables
- Help plan upcoming NRV Field Day at Kentland
- Set up meeting with farm group from Bland and Giles counties
- Help with pictures for advertising for grocery chain from Charlotte
- Conduct worker protection and sanitation training for incoming workers (4)
- Meet to setup water quality project
- Help to prepare for six upcoming GAP audits in Carroll County
- Work with Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs to help set up fall state in-service
- Help local goat producer to get ear tags
- Secure WPS posters for upcoming GAP certifications
- Work with state auditor in regards to procedures for GAP certifications
- Work with DOF to coordinate FFAC meeting at Grayson Highlands
- Prepare Reports for Carroll County Board of Supervisors and others
- Prepare and distribute minutes of Fraser Fir Advisory Committee meeting at GH
- Help local producer with fair dates for upcoming lamb shows
- Work up a presentation for upcoming Master Gardener College at VT
- Visit with homeowner group to help with a dispute among residents related to trees then prepare a report to board
- Work with Amish farm group in Bland and Giles county related to GAP
- Work with farm management agent in Shenandoah related to working with Amish group
- Work with outdoor specialist for curriculum for use of Old Flat area for environmental education
- Make presentation on soil amendments to state MG college at VT
- Help with 4H activities for youth at Chautauqua Festival
- Attend MRCTGA summer meeting and board meeting
- Prepare additional information for VT OSP and Cornell University related to upcoming East Coast Broccoli Project which will be awarded in September
- Complete award for nomination for VDACS Pesticide Program Recognition
- Planning for NRV Field Day at Kentland
- Order materials for water quality project
- Set up for upcoming district agent meeting at Hillsville
- Prepare monthly reports for Carroll County
 - VCE Travel report (2)
 - CC Monthly activity report
 - CC Graph for Mr. Larrowe
 - CC Weekly calendars

09-10 Horticultural Contacts for Wythe Morris



Webb Flowers

Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources - Animal Science

Serving Carroll County

- Provided information, options and potential solutions for farmers, foresters, landowners and home-owners questions and problems.
- Assisting local beef producers through Carroll Cattlemen's Exchange and Carroll, Patrick & Grayson Cattlemen's Beef Marketing Group with Health Protocol, Beef Quality Assurance Verification and Age and Source Verification for 2010 Value Added Internet/Video sales
 - Fall Born Calves July 14 Sale Date with August 16 Delivery Date
 - Spring Born Calves August 25 Sale Date with November 1 Delivery Date
- Assisting local Producers with Community Supported Agriculture as a means for local producers to direct market to consumers with produce, meat, eggs, bread and etc... The group of local producers is organized and ready to begin operation as **Blue Ridge Plateau Farms CSA** - web-page: <http://brpfcsa.webs.com/>
- Assisting Carroll County School Administration with development of Carroll County School Farm.
- Assisted Dr. Mike Chandler and Ronald Newman with Carroll County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for Farm Producer Input for Carroll County Comprehensive Plan for 2010 on June 17th.