Community & Rural Development Award Winners

Community club representatives gathered on October 28 at the Buncombe County Center of NC Cooperative Extension to celebrate another successful year of service to their local clubs and neighbors. Annual awards were given to those communities participating in the beautification, overall, and special award categories. Congratulations and thanks go out to the winners and all participating clubs for all their efforts.

If your club has not participated in the award program for a while, please consider getting in the game for 2011.

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## OVERALL PROGRAM

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### Community Club Improvement Award

- Big Ivy Community Club

### Special Merit Youth Award

- Cane Creek Trinity of Fairview Baptist Church Youth Program

### Senior Citizens Award (Community Club Division)

- Spring Mountain Community Club

### Senior Citizens Award (Non-Community Club Division)

- Cane Creek Trinity of Fairview Baptist Church Senior Council

## Community Awards

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## Leadership Awards

### Young Woman of the Year

- Amber McPeters (Big Ivy Community)

### Woman of the Year

- Suzanne Dillingham (Big Ivy Community Club)

### Young Man of the Year

- Bill Jones (Big Ivy Community)

### Man of the Year

- George Mears (Leicester Community Club)

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Did you know that you can get this newsletter via email? If you are interested, please contact us either by phone at 828-255-5522 or email at deanna_jordan@ncsu.edu.
Community Club Meeting Speakers

As your club is planning meetings for the upcoming year, please keep in mind that Cooperative Extension’s Family and Consumer Sciences program has lots of information available on topics like home energy conservation, home maintenance, and many others.

I would also like to meet with your clubs during the course of the year to get acquainted. I have met with several clubs and the County Council, but I would like to meet with every club as I get acquainted with the program. Please feel free to give us a call at 255-5522 to talk about program opportunities, or to let me know when your club is meeting. I look forward to hearing from you.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Partners with 10% Campaign to Promote Local Foods

The campaign is an effort to encourage North Carolina consumers to spend 10 percent of their food dollars on foods from local sources. Through the campaign website - http://www.nc10percent.com - consumers and business will pledge to spend 10 percent of their food dollars locally, purchasing products from area farmers and food producers. Campaign participants will receive weekly email reminders to report how much money they spent on local food. The website will show consumers how their dollars spent on local foods grow.

North Carolinians spend about $35 billion a year on food. If each person spent just 10 percent on food locally – roughly $1.05 per day – then approximately $3.5 billion would be available in the state’s economy.

Cooperative Extension’s local foods coordinator, Melinda Roberts, will help connect consumers and food producers and support local businesses and organizations who want to spend 10 percent of their food dollars locally. Local food coordinators will personally contact businesses and organizations that register through the website to help them develop a plan for purchasing local products.

In addition, the 10% Campaign website provides a “Find Local Foods” page with links to help consumers find local food and farm products in their own communities. A “Learn More” page includes links to information on a variety of partner organizations, such as Slow Food USA and Eat Smart, Move More NC. There are also links to educational information on topics ranging from how to set up a workplace community-supported agriculture program to how to cook seasonal, local products.

To find out what’s happening with local foods in your county, visit the Cooperative Extension website where the link to the Local Foods page can be found on the left hand column of your county center’s home page.

The Compass Group of Charlotte, the world’s largest food service provider, is leading the way in the campaign by pledging to purchase 10 percent of its food from local sources. Compass Group is developing a parallel model farm-to-institution buying program and will purchase 10 percent of the produce it serves in its North Carolina accounts from local farmers in the state.

Funding for the 10% Campaign and website is provided by Golden LEAF.
**Tree Seedling Sale in March**

The Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual tree seedling sale **March 3-5 at Jesse Israel and Sons Nursery at the WNC Farmers’ Market**. The sale is scheduled from 1:00-5:00 pm on the 3rd and runs through Saturday the 5th, or until the seedlings are gone. Sale hours on Friday and Saturday will be from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Seedlings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Call the Soil & Water Office at 828-250-4785 in February for preorders.**

Eastern White Pine seedlings are 25 cents each; Hardwood species are 75 cents each. The following species are available: Eastern White Pine, Black Walnut, Crabapple, River Birch, Common Persimmon, White Ash, Eastern Redbud, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, and Wax Myrtle/Southern Bayberry. See the Soil & Water newsletter for available species: [http://www.buncombecounty.org/common/soil/newsletter.pdf](http://www.buncombecounty.org/common/soil/newsletter.pdf)

**2011 Club Officer Elections**

When your community club elects new officers for 2011, please notify the Buncombe County Center of NC Cooperative Extension at 828-255-5522. We will then update the website officer list and update our mailing lists. See: [http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/content/Buncombe+County+Community+Development+Club+Officers](http://buncombe.ces.ncsu.edu/content/Buncombe+County+Community+Development+Club+Officers)