



ECA



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2025-26 Leadership Team

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Notes From Your President . . .

Greetings,

I am so happy to greet you in this new year 2026. As we begin this new year, I applaud you for the work that you continue to do in your communities.

I pray that all of you had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed your time with family and friends.

I am looking forward to visiting with you this year as you hold your District Days. There will be one District Day at the end of March. The month of April will be really busy because the other four (4) districts are holding their District Days in the month of April. My FCS Agent, Jennifer Brown and I will see a lot of North Carolina that month.

Don't forget about our State Conference which will be held this year October 26-28. More updates will come as the date gets closer.

Continue the work that you are doing in your counties. Reach out in your area and encourage others to join our great organization.

As always, continue to support your Liaison Agent as you both work together to improve the lives of those in your communities. When you do, the history and purpose of ECA will live on through YOU!

Dorothy Wagstaff

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Across the State

Northeast

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Wake, Warren, Washington

Wake County

The **Wake County ECA Clubs** finished the year with projects being completed, new members being added to our clubs, and volunteer hours being recorded.

The Achievement Day speaker was wonderful. We got great information on how to do self-examinations for our mental and physical health. During the meeting we enjoyed moments of laughter, and sadness, but we all were better by the end of the program. The day ended with a wonderful lunch catered by one of the ECA Club members.

Wake County ECA members joined other Extension groups (4H, Master Gardeners, Family and Consumer Science) in collecting foods to be distributed to food pantries in Wake County during the months of November and December. The food drive was a great success.



December was time for prepping for the New Year. Our meeting time with ECA Club Presidents, and the County ECA President, was successful. We were able to discuss plans, and make reservations for meetings, speakers, and plan for a county wide program, as well as volunteer with the Wake County 4H clubs for several upcoming projects.



We ended the year with a wonderful holiday luncheon after we enjoyed fun games, and gifting gifts to the lucky members with matching tickets.

Happy New Year to all ECA Members as you continue with projects and serve your community through your volunteering.

Currituck County



Corolla ECA club toured the US Army Corp of Engineer Research Pier in Duck in April 2025; organized and implemented a successful High Tea/Silent Auction Fundraising event in May 2025; toured the Corolla Wild Horse Sanctuary Farm October 2025; disbursed funds to the following programs: Operation Santa, Corolla wild horse fund, Corolla library, Corolla and Carova Fire Depts, Lower Currituck County Food Bank, Currituck Backpack program, Currituck 4H scholarships, Waters Edge Village School, and Senior Food Cards.

Cookie wrapping party!



Circle Club continues to participate in the TREX plastic recycling project to save plastic in the landfills and receive a free bench from TREX once 1000lbs are collected, They donated food to food bank and blessing boxes; donated to 4h backpacks for kids food insecurity project, donated school supplies, contributed to Pregnancy Resource Center financially through community yard sale profits.

Moyock Club donated canned goods to Moyock Elementary and Middle Schools, help needy at the SOUL Ministry 4 times a year. They plan to donate socks to residents at Currituck Health and Rehab in Barco.

Southeast

Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Wayne & Wilson

Wayne County



A lovely county meeting hosted by the **Wesley Mt. Olive ECA**, complete with a tea party and thoughtful planning for the year ahead. We appreciate the hospitality and the time spent coming together to prepare for a great year.

North Central

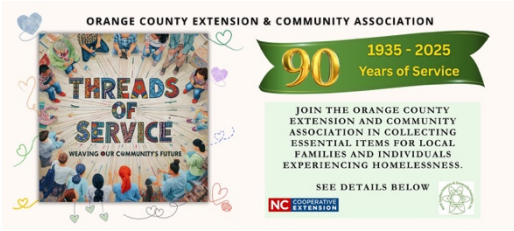
Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Wilkes, Yadkin

Person County

A very special thanks to the **Bushy Fork ECA** and Jennifer Brown of Person County Cooperative Extension for collecting and donating wonderful items to go into gift bags for our meals on wheels clients! We have received many calls from appreciative clients!



Orange County



The **Orange County ECA** collected donations to support local neighbors at Community House and HomeStart, to provide necessary supplies for the men, women, and children served by the Interfaith Council for Social Service.

Randolph County



Randolph ECA held its annual Achievement Luncheon on December 8th at the New Randolph Agriculture Center. ECA President Bonita Terry facilitated the meeting.

Highlights of the day included the recognition of 4,599 member volunteer hours, a showcase of cultural arts participants, a \$1000 donation to the NC ECA State Project- the Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, holiday music by Chad Spencer, and a time of remembrance for Rene Isley and Ruth Powell.



Ruth Powell.



Doris Davis and Ann Hamlet were recognized for their longtime leadership in ECA. This year's ECA scholarship via the Randolph Community College Foundation was valued at \$2100; it was awarded to a 2024 graduate from a Randolph County High School. The recipient's name remains private.

Randolph County Commissioner David Allen accepted a symbolic check to represent volunteer hours and Ray Cockrell from the NCBGH accepted the \$1000 donation.



Members also brought needed supplies for the home for donation.



Family & Consumer Science Agent Jennifer Holmes inducted the 2026 leadership team: Bonita Terry- President, Beverly Siler- Recording Secretary, Linda Gerring- Corresponding Secretary, Janet Paccione- Treasurer, and Kim Lemons- Advisor.



Save the date . . . The ECA Yard Sale is happening during the Open House, and it's the kind of treasure hunt that turns "just browsing" into "how did I end up with a cart full?"



Surry County

The **Beulah ECA Club** enjoyed an informational program by Rodney Pell, a local historian and retired HS history teacher, on the life of Meshack Franklin, congressman and legislator from the early 1800s who lived in the Beulah community.

The December meeting was a fun Christmas social. January’s meeting was a special treat. The speaker was Jonathan Shelton, who has been living in Israel for the past 4 years studying and doing missionary work. Jonathan grew up in the Beulah community and was a member of the Beulah 4-H Club

The **Pilot Mountain Achievers** met at the Legacy Pregnancy Center in Mount Airy to volunteer for their October meeting. Members learned about the services the center provides to parents and their babies. Members packaged diapers which parents can “purchase” along with clothes and baby items from the center’s boutique with bucks earned from attending classes.



November’s club program was Stress Relief Through Aromatherapy. Members smelled a variety of spices and essential oils, tried to identify what they were smelling and determine how the scent made them feel. Members enjoyed a cookie exchange and holiday games in December. January was a planning meeting to prepare for the new year.

In October, the **Siloam Club** members enjoyed a program on Stress Relief Through Aromatherapy. Members smelled a variety of essential oils, playing a game as they tried to identify what they were smelling and determine how the scent made them feel.

Siloam ECA members enjoyed a field trip to JTE Norman’s Country Store, in East Bend, for their November meeting. Members learned more about the history of East Bend and the store from proprietors John and Barbara Norman while doing some Christmas shopping.



December was a holiday social gathering for members and their guests. In January, members enjoyed a program on soups with three different kinds for members to enjoy for their lunch.

South Central
 Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland,
 Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg,
 Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly,
 Union

Stanly County



The **Stanly County ECA** members thoroughly enjoyed creating Holiday Gifts from the jar. Special thanks are extended to Extension Master Food Volunteer, Kayla Shomaker, for leading the class.



Gaston County

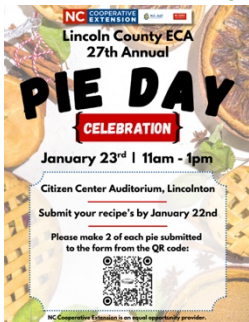


Cathy H completed her 2025 Happy Hours Block of the Month quilt! Give her a big hand for her beautiful quilt top! She chose her colors for this quilt!

West

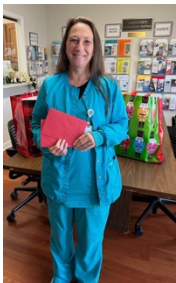
Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cherokee Reservation, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey

Lincoln County



Lincoln County ECA's 27th Annual Pie Day Celebration on January 23rd ,

Cleveland County



Cleveland County ECA has supported Atrium Health Care Solutions for many years. Care Solutions provides compassionate care management to caregivers and their loved ones. Located in Shelby, NC, they offer Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford County residents a variety of services for low-income seniors and their families including Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults, Respite Care, and Community Care Management. ECA assembled gift bags and purchased gift cards that were delivered to program participants during the Christmas Holidays.

Cleveland County ECA members Linda Carpenter, Pat Farley and Les Dixon donated three bags full of books to families participating in the Broad River Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (BRGRG) Program to promote family literacy and encourage parents to grow spiritually. ECA members have supported the GRGRG Program for the past 17 years by planning and leading activities for the children who attend scheduled support group meetings. Each child receives a book of their own, and their caregivers are offered books, magazines and resource guides containing information and suggestions for improving family functioning.



Dates to Remember

December 1	Yearly Reports due!! The log in has been re-opened, so hurry and get your hours logged today!
February 1	eNews deadline Educational scholarships due to county
February 4	NCECA Leadership Virtual Meeting
March 1	Scholarship Applications (1 Adult & 1 Youth) due to Wanda Denning
March 4	NCECA Leadership Virtual Meeting
March 26	Northeast District Meeting – Edgecombe County
April 1	eNews deadline NCECA Leadership Virtual Meeting

From Your Leadership Team

- We HAVE a President-elect!! Thank you to Louise Faison, Wayne County, for stepping into that role! Join us in welcoming Louise to our Leadership Team! We look forward to her leadership!
- We understand that the log-in for your volunteer hours had been closed as being full. That has been remedied . . . the site has reopened, so **PLEASE** log your hours if you have not done so!!!! Our MOU with Extension requires that we log hours so that our agents can report them as well. Do not jeopardize the time our agents spend with ECA by failing to do so!!



February 16



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