Upcoming NCDA&CS public meetings and events

Following is a list of upcoming public meetings and events:

**Oct. 14** — N.C. Plant Conservation Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., N.C. Cooperative Extension Office, Mills River.

**Nov. 10** — Structural Pest Control Board Meeting, Martin Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

**Nov. 18** — N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting, 9 a.m. to noon, Martin Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

To see events and meetings added after the newspaper deadline, go to www.ncagr.gov/paffairs/index.htm.

N.C. State Fair runs Oct. 15-25 in Raleigh

Save money; buy advance tickets online at www.ncstatefair.org

The North Carolina State fairgrounds come alive every October with diverse and exciting entertainment. This year visitors to the State Fair can expect to see their favorite entertainment and exhibits alongside new performers and competitions.

New musical acts, world champion female loggers and educational agriculture shows featuring “agri-puppets” and a “moo-gician” will join popular acts such as the racing pigs, a Kenyan acrobatic troupe, and silk aerialists.

“From agricultural exhibits to live entertainment and Midway attractions, there’s something for everyone at the N.C. State Fair,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “It’s part of the reason hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians walk through those gates every year.”

Concerts

This year the State Fair is offering a new experience to fairgoers with its 2015 Homegrown North Carolina Concert Series. This free concert series will showcase the unique talents of North Carolina artists. Performers include the Wilmington-born Charlie Daniels Band, Jason Michael Carroll of Youngsville, the (See State Fair returns, pg. 3)

EAB quarantine expanded statewide

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler signed an emergency order today expanding the quarantine for emerald ash borer to include the entire state, following the discovery of borers in several more counties across the state.

“We have surveyed the state to see if we could find evidence of this highly destructive pest in previously undetected counties,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Our staff have now turned up evidence of emerald ash borers in the central, eastern and western parts of the state, including areas near the borders with Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina.”

The quarantine allows for the in-state movement of hardwood firewood and plants and plant parts of the ash tree, including living, dead, cut or fallen, green lumber, stumps, roots, branches and composted and uncomposted chips. However, movement of these items outside the state into non-quarantined areas would be prohibited. Firewood that has been treated, certified and labeled in accordance with federal regulations can be moved outside the quarantine area.

North Carolina becomes the 15th state in the country with a statewide quarantine. The beetle was first detected (See EAB pg. 2)

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

Those things also mean that it is fair time. We have recently wrapped up the annual Mountain State Fair in Fletcher with a good 10-day run. The weather was cooperative and we had strong attendance. The livestock shows were busy, there were many mountain crafters showcasing their work, young children and adults proudly showing their livestock, and the clogging and musical talent on display were outstanding.

Everywhere I went around the fairgrounds, I saw people having a great time with their families and friends. Just as we want it to be.

I am so proud of this event, because it truly showcases the best of the mountains and the people of Western N.C. You couldn’t ask for a better backdrop for a fair than the North Carolina mountains.

The N.C. State Fair is just a few weeks away, Oct. 15-25 in Raleigh and the theme this year is “Nothing Could Be Finer.” I always look forward to both of our fairs, because they are times of great celebration and offer a chance to gather together.

If you haven’t already made plans to attend, there is still time. The N.C. State Fair is the largest in the state, highlighting our rich agricultural heritage along with our dynamic agricultural and agribusiness industry.

I know many people come for the food and rides, but hopefully they learn a little more about the industry that provides us with food, fiber, fuel and jobs.

Be sure to check out the livestock shows and displays we have, especially the youth shows on the opening weekend of the fair. These competitions are important in helping develop the next generation of livestock producers. Some will even earn money for their college funds through the Junior Livestock Sale of Champions. It’s a great program. (See Fair time, pg. 2)
**Horse Events**

**North Carolina State Fair**

**Fair time**

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The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at the WNC Ag Center in Fletcher. The event features demonstrations and classes on spinning, weaving, knitting and more, plus competitions for fleece, goats, sheep and alpacas. Visitors can also shop for fiber-related products, wearables and unique gifts. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m Sunday. Admission is $3. For more about the event, go to www.safleece.org.

Back Country Horses of Upharrie will hold a work day Nov. 14. The group meets at 9 a.m. in the Canehorse Horse Camp in the Badin Lake Recreation Area near Troy. The group also holds chapter meetings Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at Best Foods Cafeteria, 220 E. 19th St., Siler City. Back Country Horses of Upharrie is a non-profit organization and chapter of the Back Country Horses of North Carolina and America. The website is www.bchwharrie.com.

The Back Country Horses of Upharrie works in alliance with other chapters across North Carolina, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service to ensure that forests will be available for equestrian use. Its main focus is on ensuring the Upharrie National Forest remains a place that can be enjoyed by all equestrian enthusiasts. Members of the BCH will volunteer their time and resources to maintain trails.

As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvesters safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOL’s Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOL and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to www.ncdol.com or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2287). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOILab).

Beekeepers with trees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLinked website at www.acag.com/linked. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Apiculture Program. Anyone interested in listing their information can do so by filling out an online Submit Your Ad form on the BeeLinked page or by contacting NCDAA&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NCDHoneybees@ncagr.state.nc.us. The NCDAA&CS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.
Black Sheep who met in Sanford, and the Triangle-based Love Language and more.

Livestock shows and the food are two things not to be missed at the 2015 N.C. State Fair. Visitors can see livestock shows in the Expo Center and the Graham and Kelly buildings. Livestock, including the junior grand champion livestock winners will be on display in the Expo Center daily. Above, a competitor sets up her goat in the show ring.

According to surveys, fairgoers say food is the No. 1 reason they come to the State Fair. To the right, fairgoers enjoy roasted corn on the cob.

State Fair returns
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North Carolina tobacco growers will continue to collect $300,000 annually to support tobacco research and education. The check-off assessment is 10 cents per 100 pounds of flue-cured and burley tobacco sold. Funds from the check-off are allocated by the N.C. Tobacco Research Commission, which includes the N.C. Agricultural Commissioner, the chairman of the N.C. Tobacco Foundation, and the presidents of the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation, the N.C. State Grange and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina.

Among the projects and advancement programs that have resulted from the check-off funds are:
- Evaluation of new fungicides to control races of black shank;
- Improved management strategies for weeds that contribute to weed seed contamination of cured tobacco;
- Evaluation of chemical and physical quality of commercially acceptable lines;
- Economies of production for burley and flue-cured tobacco;
- Evaluation of nitrogen sources and application methods for leeching adjustments to improve nitrogen management following excess rainfall;
- Improved management strategies for weeds that contribute to weed seed contamination of cured tobacco with emphasis on integrated management of pigweed;
- Evaluation of new fungicides for the management of all races of black shank;
- Target spread management;
- Supported insect management programs that have lowered production costs, protected gross and net revenue, and reduced environmental impacts and residues of insecticides;
- Evaluation of potential new herbicides for weed management in flue-cured and burley tobacco with emphasis on post-emergence weed control;
- Evaluation of alternative sucker control programs and application equipment to reduce maleic hydrazide residues to improve marketability for international markets;
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EQUIPMENT WANTED

1949 Ford 8N tractor, eng. doesn’t turn, trans., hyd, metal GC, new paint, all org., $1,200; West End, 910-736-6087.

2002 John Deere 844 loader, runs great, cuts good, $300 OB. John Whisnant, Winston-Salem 336-817-4419.

JD 6410, 104 hp, cab, low hrs, S/H drawbar, A/C, 7 ft bucket, $12,500. Sandy Triplett, Hillsborough 919-879-5902.

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Farmland For Sale

Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be used for agricultural purposes, i.e., crop land, pasture, hay land, or livestock and/or other farm commodities. Advertisers must indicate use.

10 ac in Martin co, planted with pines, hardwoods, and pastureland, 300+ acres of woods land w/4-wheelers pathways, both for 2015 leasing license, insurance req., $10,000. Alexander Moalin, Jamalesville 275-797-7709 aft.

17.5 ac in farmall in Liberty, timbered, good for pasture, $6,000/yr. Classifieds, Greensboro 336-544-3747.

22.5 ac in Cassbor, number 15/10, $1,000/yr. DeKalb Alex, Mocksville 336-901-8855.

40 ac in Burley, BUY 704-636-3408 or 202-9605. Hog farm at 360 acres, for small and large-scale production, Lovely, Charlotte 704-841-3834.

8.7 ac. Old farm house, underground utilities, well & septic tank, bldg. 800 ft paved rd. frontage, Missie Bank, Rutherford Ford 838-284-7859.

8 ac in Columbus co, 4 stock fishing ponds, pasture land, mals/feeding, 920 bale pomm w/o house, barn, 500 ft. workshop & 2,000 sq. ft. home, $499,000. Ruth霞, Whitesville 336-898-2909.

10.8 ac in Anson co, good for deer, near Concord w/ good bottom land, great for horses, livestock, row crops, grapes, homeplace, etc., $6,000. Timmy Mabe, Mocksville 336-998-3182.

21 ac in Cabarrus co, month-to-month lease, responsible young farmer needs to lease small field, within 30 mi., $0-250. Ben Giberson, Cabarrus, Rowan & Stanly cosm. for land, suitable for cult. hay, corn, 400+/- ac w/orchard, $130,000. Broadus Rose, Lamecama 252-236-2910.

15.23 ac in Ashe co, woods land w/4-wheeler paths, w/oak trees; 65 ac w/cut over 10.8 ac w/abundant pines, forestry managed program, $3,000. Lyndle Winter, Kerr, Golden Harvest, etc., reg. S. Carolina, $0.40/ea. Timothy Mabe, Mocksville 336-998-3182.

22.5 ac in Nea county near Bailey, co water avail., pecoroutes for pasture land & livestock & small cen, remain clear cut, metal bldg., $170,000. Arlene B & Jimmy Haberyan, Charlotte 704-841-3834.

Anvil, 20 lb., $90; post vice, 6 in., 100 lb., $50; square swell & tags, 20 Gauge, shotguns, $125; tons, $25 ea., Alex Moss, Mocksville 336-998-2220.


Goats for hirds houses & crops, lg. sel., $1.25/ea. & up. Dennis McMackin, Mocks 492-7232.

Large for woodworking projects, cherry, maple, oak, walnut, etc., 12+" w.o. & w/hole, varies in widths, lengths & types of lumber rough cut, $2-12 ft, 8.5 ft. corr. Gentry, 704-578-0679. Corrugated steel & corr. roof, steel cover approx. 330 sq. ft., $285; all, to cover approx. 365 sq. ft., $450. Stormy, Liberty 336-266-2201.

Fencing wire, 5 gal., $2.50, Paul Stitz, Liberty 336-209-8237.

hicks factory custom made water stove, 300 gal. barn wood stove, $600; tv, $200.

Hill 704-516-4520.

Rader-Bare, Greensboro 336-592-1250. Dr. Barbara Modlin, Jamesville 252-792-7709 aft.


30 ac in Lee county, $6,000 ac, pasture w/1 ac pond in center, well, 65 ac w/ old 1 room house for kids, great for cattle/horse farm, lg. shop w/800 sq. ft., $45,000. Frances Bennett, Sherrills Ford 828-912-0295.

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Livestock

Alpaca, excel. lines, lovely fiber, handle conditioned, calm on trail, 100% huacaya, sable, bred & open, all colors & ages, $300-1,500. Patti Wood, Pasey, Vassy 910-606-0725.


Spanish does, 2 w/t w/ twins; Kiko billy 6-8 mo., $450. Martinez 985-255-3411.

Bobwhite quail, flight & weathered, nip clean, $30.50/bag, 25-300 quail per order. N.C. Poultry House, 704-486-1221.

Chickens, reared in 1st freeze, avg. 1 lb., $3.50. Dufil & MFG. 704-333-8711 or 332-1222 or 332-558-1888.

Hatchlings, first order available, approx. 1st of May, $2.75 per dozen, delivered anywhere in North Carolina, $1.25 per dozen, delivered locally. Horne Brothers, 704-239-5092.


Charolais bulls, polled, 7-8 months, $1,250. Jim Long, Kannapolis 704-729-0526.

Berkshire mix pigs, 8-10 wt., $45. S. Thomas Banner, Stanley 704-913-0379.


Angora sheep, southdown, $300.00 for wether, $350.00 for ewe, $400.00 for 2015 kids of either sex, $50. Ronnie Smith, Asheboro 336-736-4205.


Kansas goose, high quality, $1,000. H. Phillips, Lileburn Rd., Trinity, NC 27370.


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NCDA&CS works to thwart ginseng poachers

For 22 years, Jim Corbin has scoured the rugged terrain of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park searching for wild ginseng. While this may sound like the introduction of a character on a reality television show about searching for ginseng harvesters, it is not.

Corbin, a plant protection specialist with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, isn’t looking to harvest the highly prized plant himself. Rather, he wants to find and mark them with a siliccon dye to discourage poachers looking to cash in on the park’s protected ginseng population.

The National Park Service was created in 1916, “to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” From The National Park Service website

Poaching ginseng from federal lands runs counter to that mission.

Each year law enforcement rangers with the National Park Service seize between 500 and 1,000 illegally poached ginseng roots, according to a press release announcing the recent seizure of 422 plants from a poaching offender. Over the years, park biologists have marked and replanted over 15,000 roots seized by law enforcement.

Corbin developed the marking program from scratch, tinkering with mixtures on his own and borrowing the best combination of materials that would absorb into the plant. Researchers dust the root with the distinctive color, which glows a reddish-orange under a black light, indicating that the roots came from federal lands, Corbin said.

The dye can also transfer on to poachers’ hands and clothes when they come in contact with it, which can also help rangers in the field.

Illegal poaching has long been a problem on federal lands such as national parks in part because of the availability of the plant, the vast amount of land involved, and a limited number of human resources to patrol that land.

Corbin, a plant protection specialist with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, April Bauder, left, and Jim Corbin, right, search for ginseng plants as part of a recent effort to mark the plants. At bottom right, a mature four-pronged plant is marked by volunteers John Scott, left, and David Brown, right. Lower left photo is of a ginseng plant with red berries.

Illegal poaching is not easy by any means. The first day, the team hiked 10 miles, followed by 12 miles the second day. The third day involved about five miles of hiking, which Corbin said was much easier in comparison with the first two days.

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April Bauder, a plant protection specialist who covers Durham, Orange, Person and Wake counties, was marking ginseng for the first time and admitted being a bit nervous about the hiking. "I didn’t know what to expect and I had heard stories about these long hikes in pretty rugged terrain," she said. "We were in pretty rough terrain to begin with, but once you get in the woods, it’s just so beautiful everywhere you look, you just forget about that. Your head is down to the ground and you are just focusing on trying to spot these plants.

"All of your inhibitions about being clean and tidy go out the window. You are going to get dirty, you will fall, you will slide, but it is all OK," Bauder added.

The more experienced searchers offered suggestions on finding the plant, which Bauder said was helpful.

"It’s like looking for a needle in a haystack, there is so much Virginia creeper and other plants that at first look like ginseng, that is it hard,” she said. "They were like mentors telling you what to look for.”

"Looking near downed logs or the base of trees was one tip. If a plant was spotted on a hilly area, it was a decent bet that you might find a few plants above or below that one as the seeds likely shifted downhill after they fell off," said John Scott, a retired plant protection supervisor and volunteer.

While it is not illegal to harvest wild ginseng on private lands with permission or in national forests during the harvesting season with a permit, it is illegal to harvest the plant from state and federal parks. But that doesn’t stop people from illegally harvesting the plant which is prized, particularly in non-Western cultures, as an energy booster and for its medicinal qualities.

In August, a Bryson City woman was sentenced to six months in jail for illegally possessing ginseng. It was his fifth conviction and followed a five-month prison stint, illustrating the challenges involved in protecting the park’s ginseng population in a region where the tradition and culture of harvesting runs deep.

Scott and David Brown, another volunteer, spotted an especially nice plant specimen among the rocks in the way out of the woods. It was a four-pronged plant that stood about 18 inches tall. When they exposed the root, which was about a pinky finger wide, they knew they had found a mature plant, easily 8 years old or more.

“You don’t find plants like that too often, especially not that close to a trail. That’s probably the oldest one we have found yet,” Scott said, clearly excited about the discovery.

At the end of the day, when it came time to total up the week’s work, there was a sense of pride about what had been accomplished.

“I didn’t realize how many people poach ginseng," Bauder said. “We want to be able to preserve the supply we have. I have children and when I see what we are doing in trying to protect this non-Western plant, I realize just how important this work is.”