**Presentation Workshops**

One of the best programs 4-H offers! Choose a topic you know a lot about and create an interesting way to share about it. It's Fun! We will help you make it happen - on Thursdays May 13, 20, and 27, from 3:30 – 5:00. If you can’t make it, then, let Mary know and we’ll set up an evening session. You may check out the presentation categories at: [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/admin/wiki/images/c/c2/2010_NC_4-H_Awards_Handbook.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/admin/wiki/images/c/c2/2010_NC_4-H_Awards_Handbook.pdf) starting on page 8.

We will have a “county day” for all local 4-H’ers to give their presentations on Friday, June 4. Those placing in the top two for each age and topic category will go on to present at District Day on June 24. You will earn $25 if you present at District Day.

Many 4-H alumni give credit to 4-H for helping them become confident skillful presenters! Since public speaking is a critical skill for the 21st Century workplace – what better time to develop it than now? Call 884-3109 to register for these workshops or email mary_arnaudin@ncsu.edu.

Tip: if you do a 4-H presentation, doing a senior project will be “a piece of cake”.

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**T.I.M.E for Real Science**

The freshman team of **Yohana Dierolf, Erika Williams & Rebekah Morgan** won third place in the Senior Team competition at the NC State Science and Engineering Fair March 27. The project was conducted as part of the “It’s about TIME to do Real Science” program which is implemented through a partnership with Transylvania County 4-H & Transylvania County Schools and funded by Burroughs Wellcome Fund. The students studied the effect of woolly adelgids on sasi beetle egg production. The team received $100 plus an all expenses paid trip to the Intel International Science Fair to San Jose, California May 9-16 to compete with students from over 50 countries!

All “TIME” students will present their projects to the public May 25 at the Transylvania County Library. Topics include another sasi beetle project (Hannah Davis’ senior project that won first at the regional science fair), hellbenders, the effect of ozone on bean plants, Bd fungus and green salamanders, and invasive plants.

The last Peer Review is Tuesday, May 4th at BHS from 3:45–6:00 p.m.
Western District 4-H State Qualifying Youth Horse Show
This show is free for spectators.
Riders: Your 4-H Agent must sign your eligibility card in order for you to enter this show.
See Insert for Class List

If you’re looking for more horse shows with youth classes, check out the Macon County Horse Association. Here is their site: www.maconcountyhorseassociation.com/

3-Day Youth Horsemanship Clinic
NC Ag Center June 14-16
This clinic – offering 3 days of instruction both on and off your horse – is open to all youths ages 9-18 with limited classes for 5-8 year olds. Youths must bring their own mount and be accompanied by a responsible adult. Riding classes include hunt seat, western, speed games, and non-trotting. Cost is $60 per rider. Registration packets should be available after May 1.

Tack Sale Successful!
Thanks to everyone who bought and sold at the first 4-H Tack Sale! We raised $90 for our local 4-H horse program. Special thanks to Kat Potter for coming up with this idea, Rose Franks for handling vender registrations, and Donny Fisher for hosting us at Enviro-tech Plus!

Horse Artistic Expression Contest
All 4-H’ers may enter this contest. Entry forms must be signed by your 4-H Agent and postmarked by May 3. Go to http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/Webpages/NCSU_EHH_Artistic_Expression.html for specific entry forms.

Cloverbud Horse Club
Last meeting we created drawings for the 4-H Horse Artistic Expression Contest. Remember to get the 4-H Agent to sign your entry form and mail it in by May 3.
Next times: Gather at the District 4-H Horse Show on Sunday May 2 to support our friends and learn more about showing. Next club meeting is Thursday, May 6 at the Extension Center at 6:00-7:00pm. We’ll learn to tie quick release knots and play horse BINGO.

What’s Going On

Calling all ATV Riders!
We are very pleased to introduce the new ATV Safety online mini site sponsored by the Specialty Vehicle Association of America (SVIA) and the ATV Safety Institute (ASI). The site promotes safe and responsible use of ATVs, thereby reducing accidents and injuries that may result from improper ATV operation by the rider. We encourage you to visit the site at www.4-h.org/atvsafety and become a member! Here are some great new interactive tools and resources available:

- e-Learning Courses – there are three free interactive e-Learning Courses for Adults, Teens (12-15 years old) and Youth (6-11 years old);
- Safety Tips – coaching tips and advice for parents and guardians to assist youths’ ongoing learning process and can learn the “Golden Rules” of ATV safety by downloading useful resources;
- ATV Safety Videos – view video shorts talk about the importance of ATV safety - one video features the Massey brothers Kyle, from the Nickelodeon television series Zoey 101 and Chris, star of Disney’s Cory in the House and That’s So Raven.
- And as a member, you also get to partake in the following features: ATV Riding Game, Tread-sylvania – members can test their ATV safety knowledge by playing the new ATV riding game, Tread-sylvania, developed by New Mexico State University GeoMapping – map out your favorite courses; Calendar and Discussion Forum – submit events for the interactive calendar and have ATV discussions on the forum;

NC Cooperative Extension Service Presents Poultry Workshop for Adults
Poultry Experts Jim Adkins (International Center for Poultry), Donna Carver (NCSU poultry vet, and Kathy Bunton (NCCE poultry specialist) will lead this workshop on May 10 from 8:30am - 4:00pm at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center in Mills River. Topics include: raising poultry on a small farm, understanding commercial, heritage, and dual purpose breeds, brooding baby chicks, biosecurity & small flock health, poultry housing, and marketing/processing. Registration is required and limited to 80 participants. Fee is $25 in advance – includes lunch. Call Erin Bonito at 828-255-5522 or erin.bonito@ncsu.edu to register.

Winter Weather Policy: 4-H meetings follow Transylvania County Schools.
Host a Japanese Student for 4 weeks!
Local families are needed to host Japanese exchange students, ages 12 to 17, for four weeks this summer as part of a two-way exchange program sponsored by 4-H. N.C. 4-H is looking for 20 families to host students from Japan during the summer, July 23-August 19. This is a great way for young people to learn about another country and culture. The program is open to families with children of the same gender and within 2 years age of the exchange students. Families without children in this age range can be considered as hosts for the adult chaperones from Japan. All exchange students must have their own bed. Host families are responsible for all meals and transportation including pick up and return for the child. Health insurance is provided. Families must complete an application, submit 3 non-family references, and sign a disclosure in order to have a criminal background check for all family members 18 years old or older living in the home. In addition, local Extension staff must conduct an in-home interview with the family (all members present). All exchange students must be placed by April 30.
You don’t have to be a 4-H member host; you just need a willingness to share your home and your world. There is no need to know Japanese. The students have all studied English and are anxious to use it. The program gives host families a chance to share their culture, friendship, and family life with an exchange student and at the same time learn about Japanese life. The home stays only last a month during the summer vacation, but the effects last a lifetime.
Information about the 2010 Japanese Exchange Students may be found at the website: http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/randolph/4program/exchange/index.php. Contact Mary Arnaudin, Transylvania County 4-H Agent, at 884-3109 if you are interested in hosting.

4-H Congress in Raleigh:
July 19-22 Teens who turned in a project book for 2009 or who are doing a 4-H presentation this spring are eligible to attend 4-H Congress.

Youths stay in the NC State University dorms, attend workshops, give their presentation, go to dances, do a community service project, and get to tour around Raleigh. This year Mary Arnaudin and Lynne Warner will be chaperones for our county. Let us know if you’re interested!

District Activity Day 2010
Will be held Thursday, June 24 in Jackson County at the Cullowhee Valley School.

Career Poster Contest
Explore a career by entering the Career Exploration 4-H Poster Contest. For example: “Explore Nursing”. Age categories are 9-10, 11-13, and 14-18. Turn posters in to the 4-H office by June 4. All posters will be displayed at the Extension Center. The top two posters in each division will win $10 each and will move on to district competition. District winners will receive a District Award Ribbon at District Activity Day June 24. State winners will receive a State Award Ribbon and $25 cash.
The poster must be on standard poster board (22”x28”) and must contain only original artwork (hand-drawn – cut outs from magazines and professional clipart is not allowed).
Scoring Guidelines:
- Originality – attract attention, holds interest ...30 points
- Follows theme ...30 points
- Conveys message – easily understood ...15 points
- Accurate information – factual ...15 points
- General appearance – well planned, good design, easy to read ...10 points

Stitchettes
These members have been very productive -- hand stitching pillows for Valentine’s Day, creating cards for nursing home residents, making buttons, and designing pin cushions. They learned to do appliquéd squares that they will handsew into a quilt this summer. They will also conduct a “rake and run” project to help folks who can’t clean up their yards. Over the next few weeks they will be planning their 4-H presentations for District Activity Day. Just for fun, they went to a movie on April 13! Thanks to Nancy Davis for her continued leadership!

4-H Chicken Group Meeting
Our baby chicks arrived the day after Easter at the post office – thanks to Maryann Mickiewicz for picking them up early Monday morning!

Alex Eberhardt, Calee Lance, Jonathan Owen, Kenny & Kacie Owen, Tristen Sheehan, and Sadie Tynch are raising these chicks for their 4-H project. Others wanting to do a chicken project may still sign up. Our next meetings are Monday, April 26 and May 24 from 6:00-7:00 pm at the Extension Center. Come prepared to share about your chickens and learn more about caring for them.

BES/BHS Science Days
The final science day at Brevard Elementary will be Thursday April 29. We will go on a nature hike, weather permitting. Congratulations to John Burrows, Madi Capps, Elisabeth Moore, Josie Pace, and Matthew West for providing this great opportunity for twenty 4th and 5th graders!
Intro to Veterinary Science Workshop

This workshop is designed for young people ages 11 to 14 years old who are interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. It consists of three hands-on sessions covering both small and large animal practice. Two sessions will take place at Brevard Animal Hospital (Tuesdays April 27 and May 4 from 6:00-7:45 pm) under the direction of Dr. Christine Weaver. The third session will be at a local farm (date and location will be announced by April 27). Participants will discover what happens “behind the scenes” at an animal hospital, learn about vet school admissions requirements, and have the opportunity to enter the statewide 4-H Career Poster Contest.

To reserve a space and receive registration forms, contact the Extension Center at 884-3109 or come by the Community Services Building, 98 East Morgan St. Brevard. Enrollment is limited to twelve youths. This program is coordinated by the Transylvania County 4-H program. Youths do not have to be a 4-H member to register.

4-H Teen Council
Ashley Morton, Caleb and Rachel Perry, Kaden Taylor, Matthew West, and Callie Wyatt represented Transylvania Count at the West District 4-H Teen Retreat in March. The goal of the council is to help others in our community, gain leadership skills, and have fun. New members are always welcome!

Next meeting: Tuesday May 4 at 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Extension Center to learn about helping at Bread of Life and tutoring elementary students with a Center for Dialogue program. Remember to choose your presentation topic for District Activity Day. We hope everyone will attend 4-H Congress!

Summer Farm Fun & Local Cooking Adventures

Youth ages 8-10 years old and their parents will make three farm visits and cook local produce at the final session at the Extension Center. Farm visit dates: June 23 (Richland Creek Farm); July 24 and August 7 (Gwynn Valley Farm). Cooking date: August 17. Hours will be 9:00 – 11:00 am. Cost is $5 per child. Parents may bring younger siblings if they can follow safety rules involved in picking produce and feeding farm animals. Call 884-3109 or email Mary Arnaudin about how to register.

“Livin’ the Vida Local” Club Meetings

Last meeting: Nine youths attended our first session April 13. We made sweet potato oven fries, did “ice breaker” games, developed our own “ground rules” and took a brisk walk to Silvermont Park to visit the vegetable and herb gardens.

Next time: Meet Tuesday May 11 at the Extension Center from 3:30-5:30 to learn how to become a “grill master”, and prepare a locally-grown salad with a homemade dressing. Wear good walking shoes to each session (no flip flops) since we’ll do some kind of exercise each time!
Mark Your Calendars

April Activities
26-Chicken Group 6-7 pm
27-Vet Science Workshop 6-7:45 pm
29-BES/BHS Science Days 3:15-4:30 pm

May Activities
2-District 4-H Horse Show
3-Horse Artistic Expression Entry sign up due
4-Teen Council 7-8 pm
4– Last TIME Peer Review 3:45-6 pm
4-Vet Science Workshop 6-7:45 pm
6-Cloverbud Meeting 6-7 pm
10-Adult Poultry Workshop 8:30—4 pm
11-Livin’ the Vida Local 3:30-5:30 pm
13-Presentation Workshop 3:30—5pm
18-TIME Presentation Practice 3:30-5:30 pm
20-Presentation Workshop 3:30—5pm
24-Chicken Group 6-7 pm
25-TIME Symposium 4 pm
27-Presentation Workshop 3:30—5pm

June Activities
3-Cloverbud Horse Club 6-7 pm
4-County Presentation Day
4-Career Poster Contest Entry Due to 4-H office
8-Livin’ the Vida Local 3:30-5:30 pm
14-16 3-Day Youth Horsemanship Clinic
23-Farm Fun at Richland Creek Farm 9-11 am
24-District Activity Day
25-Horse Judging Contest at Clemson University
WESTERN DISTRICT 4-H STATE QUALIFYING YOUTH HORSE SHOW
WNC AG CENTER, FLETCHER, NC
MAY 2, 2010

***PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!!!***

***ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POST-MARKED BY APRIL 17, 2010***

SHOW STARTS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

FOR MORE INFO CALL KAREE: (828) 264-3061 OR JESSICA: (828) 883-8232

JUDGE: JENNIFER STOUDEMIRE

HUNT SEAT DIVISION

1. Short Stirrup Showmanship
3. Hunter Pony Showmanship – Sr.
5. Hunter Showmanship – Sr.
6. Open Hunter Walk/Trot*
7. Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle
8. Pony Hunter Under Saddle-Jr
9. Pony Hunter Under Saddle-Sr
11. Hunter Under Saddle-Sr.
12. Open Hunter Walk/Trot Equitation*
13. Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat
15. Pony Hunter Equitation on the Flat-Sr.
17. Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat-Sr.
18. Open Dressage Suitability *

(AND FENCES CLASSES-COVERED ARENA)

19. Hunter Hack Jr./Sr. (max 2’)
20. Pony Hunter Hack Jr./Sr. (max 2’)
21. Open Hunter Over Fences (max 2’)*
22. Open Hunt Sent Equitation O/F (max 2’)*
23. Short Stirrup Hunter O/F (max 2’)
24. Short Stirrup Equitation (max 2’)
25. Pony Hunter Over Fences Jr./Sr.
   A. Small (max 2’3”)
   B. Medium (max 2’6”)
   C. Large (max 2’9”)
   (Class will be split b/t Jr. & Sr.)
   A. Small (max 2’3”)
   B. Medium (max 2’6”)
   C. Large (max 2’9”)
27. Working Hunter O/F-Jr. (max 3’)
28. Hunt Seat Equitation O/F-Jr. (max 3’)
29. Working Hunter O/F-Sr. (max 3’3”)
30. Hunt Seat Equitation O/F-Sr. (max 3’3”)
31. CLOVERBUD COSTUME CLASS #

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WESTERN & CLOVERBUD DIVISION

32. CLOVERBUD SHOWMANSHIP #
33. Little Britches Showmanship
34. Western Showmanship-Jr.
35. Western Showmanship-Sr.
36. CLOVERBUD WALK ONLY #
37. CLOVERBUD Pleasure (No canter) #
38. Little Britches Western Pleasure (Walk/Jog)
39. Open Western Pleasure Walk/Jog* 
40. Little Britches Western Pleasure
41. Pony Western Pleasure Jr./Sr.
42. Western Pleasure-Jr.
43. Western Pleasure-Sr.
44. Western Show Hack-Jr/Sr
45. Little Britches Stock Seat Equitation (W/J)
46. Open Stock Seat Equitation (W/J)*
47. Stock Seat Equitation- Jr.
48. Stock Seat Equitation- Sr.
49. Adaptive Riding (A-Level 1, B-Level 2)
50. Western Trail-Jr.
51. Western Trail-Sr.
52. Reining-Jr/Sr

SADDLE SEAT & NON-TROTTING DIV.

54. Saddleseat Showmanship - Sr.
56. Non-trotting Showmanship - Sr.

*10 MINUTE BREAK*

57. Saddleseat Pleasure – Jr/Sr.
58. Saddle Seat Equitation-Jr.
59. Saddle Seat Equitation-Sr.
60. Non-trotting Equitation-Jr.
61. Non-trotting Equitation-Sr.
62. Hunt seat Type SS Jr./Sr.
64. Non-Trotting/English – 2gait – Sr.
65. Country English Pleasure(Jr/Sr)-Nonpadded horses only(SS ONLY)
67. Walking Horse Pleasure – 3gait – Jr./Sr
68. GATP-other Nontrotting Pleasure-3gait-Jr/Sr.
69. Western Type SS-Jr./Sr.
70. Non-Trotting Western – Jr.
71. Non-Trotting Western – Sr.

GAMES DIVISION

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ENTER ARENA
UNASSISTED—ALL CLASSES MUST START & STOP INSIDE ARENA. GATES WILL BE CLOSED. SAFETY HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!

72. Open Ride-A-Buck* (Bring $; Winner Takes All)
73. Open Egg & Spoon *
74. Barrel Race-Jr.
75. Barrel Race-Sr.
76. Texas Barrels-Jr.
77. Texas Barrels-Sr.
78. Pole Bending-Jr.
79. Pole Bending-Sr.
80. Stake Race-Jr.
81. Stake Race-Sr.

# CLOVERBUD Classes are non-judged classes
open to Youth ages 5-8. Due to 4-H rules no one under the age of 5 may participate in this show.
All participants will receive an award.
*Open Classes: Open to ALL 4-H Youth ages 9-18
with current Eligibility cards. These are non-
qualifying classes.