



Transylvania

4H Newsletter Summer 2014

Thinking Ahead to the State Fair

This September, the annual Mountain State Fair will be held at the WNC Ag Center where YOU have the chance to win some prize ribbons and even money!

Youth may enter a number of things into the fair including crafts, vegetables and fruit, flowers, photography, and more. Kids K-12 may also show animals such as pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, llamas, rabbits, and more.

For a complete listing of the entry and award catalog, please visit: <http://www.mountainfair.org/mountain-state-fair/competitions.html>. Or, you can Google NC Mountain State Fair and navigate to the catalog through their website.

Family Night: A Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Family Night! It was great to see about 100 of you there! Brevard College did a nice job providing us with a tasty healthy meal. After dinner, the Sapphire Club officers led us in the American and 4-H Pledges and Meghan Hannon (Sapphire Warriors) played her violin and Ingrid Findley (member of the Locavore, Adventure, and Backyard Barnyard clubs) performed a Scottish Highland dance.

Advisory Council member David Mackey helped Mary recognize this year's presentation participants and shared how 4-H helped him develop life skills, go to camp, and win state awards. 4-H'ers, leaders, and advisory council members were recognized throughout the program for their many achievements and contributions over the past year. The Sapphire

For those interested in showing animals, there will be a *livestock showmanship clinic* at the Ag Center on *August the 9th at 9:00 am*.

Lunch will be provided to participants and this event is open to all youth wanting to learn

tips on showing livestock of any type. If interested in this workshop, please **RSVP by August 1st at 828-687-1414 ext. 210**.



Warriors were awarded the coveted "4-H Spirit Award" by the judges, earning an ice cream party for their members.



State Project Winners

Congratulations to **Pierce Roberts** from the Locavore Club and **Bobby Brown** from the Farm Fun Club for placing **FIRST** for their 2013 project record books! Pierce earned Gold for Healthy Lifestyles, ages 11-12 and Bobby earned Gold for Plant Science, ages 9-10. Each Gold winner will receive a \$50 check from the 4-H Development Fund. Bobby also earned Silver for his Environmental and Natural Resources project book. Congratulations!



Pictured above: West District Horse Show Winners

4-H Horse News



The West District 4-H Horse Show at the WNC Ag Center last month featured a number of riders from the Transylvania County 4-H horse program. Riders must qualify at this annual district 4-H show in order to go on to the State 4-H show in Raleigh in July.

Abigail Gant earned Reserve Champion in the Junior Western Division, placing first in Western Showmanship and second in Western Pleasure.

Krista Tucker won second place in Western Showmanship as well as first place in Western Stock Seat Equitation.

Makenna Holden won first place in both Little Britches Showmanship and Little Britches Walk/Jog, as well as second place in Little

Britches Stock Seat Equitation, earning Reserve Champion for the Little Britches Division. The "Little Britches" Division is for junior 4-H'ers in their first two years of showing Western with 4-H.

Abby Wiencek won third place in the Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle as well as fifth place in Short Stirrup Equitation on the flat. The "Short Stirrup" Division is for junior 4-H'ers in their first two years of showing Hunt seat with 4-H. The aforementioned girls will all be attending the State competition.

Autumn Wanicka won second place in the Short Stirrup Showmanship in Hand, fifth place in the Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat, as well as fifth place in the Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle. **Faith Wanicka** won fourth

place in the Short Stirrup Showmanship in Hand, fourth place in the Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat, and third place in the Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle.

Two Transylvania County senior 4-H'ers also placed in the competition. **Anna Bryson** placed fifth in Non-trotting Showmanship and fifth in the Western Non-trotting 2 gait. **Hannah Lemel** qualified for the state competition in both the Hunter and Western Divisions. She earned Reserve Champion in the Pony Hunter Division with a first place in the Pony Equitation Over Fences and first place in the Pony Hunter Under Saddle. In the Western Division she placed second in Western Showmanship and fifth in Stock Seat Equitation.



Many thanks to **Anne Coley's brother Kevin and his wife Lisa** who recently donated Anne's extensive model horse collection to our 4-H horse program. We are working on organizing it for sale so the profits can support educational field trips and participation in horse judging, hippology and horse bowl. In addition, they transferred Anne's subscriptions to Equus and Horse and Rider to the 4-H office to become resources for the horse clubs and teams until 2016 and 2020, respectively. They also donated several saddles to 4-H. Please let Mary know if you would like to help organize and market these beautiful model horses. We will keep some of them as the Anne Coley teaching collection to teach breeds, colors, gaits, and markings. We miss Anne deeply, and feel this gift is wonderful way to honor her memory and continue enriching the program to which she gave so much over her many years of involvement.

An Awesome Year for 4-H Presentations!

This year fourteen of our 4-H'ers gave presentations at the county level and two performed in the 4-H Entertains talent showcase. All but one went on to present at District Day on May 3! Four 4-H'ers will go on to the state presentation finals on June 21 at NC State University.

In addition, most all of the Sapphire Warriors gave presentations at the club level. Learning to give a presentation is one of the most valuable aspects of 4-H. While it's a lifelong skill that will help you succeed in any career you choose, most discover it's something they actually enjoy! Maybe you will give it a try next year.....?

Many thanks to our local coaches and judges who worked with our presenters: **Claremarie Hannon, Sheila McGhee, Nilsa Lobell, Kristen Connant, Maurice Jones, Matthew West, and Liz Cozart.**

4-H Presenters for 2014:

Bobby Brown - testing water quality in the Davidson river - Gold at District
Madiera Duckett and **Madison Pulley** - your future careers in medicine and law
Sam Farrar - evaluation of oils for producing biodiesel - Silver at District
Ingrid Findley - Scottish Highland dancing
Abbie Gant - blanketing your horse

Brianna Gragg - grilling pork/outdoor cookery - Gold at District
Meghan Hannon - baking rosemary yeast bread and playing violin
Lily Harris - learning to raise and show dairy cows - Gold at District
Toby Huter - canoe safety - Gold at District
Judy Justus - how to tack up a horse - Silver at District
Aniela Lane - medicinal plants - Gold at District
Carly Onnink and **Abby Williams** - determining effective pheromone trap bait for kudzu bugs - Silver at District going to state finals

Local 4-Hers Qualify for State Judging

Congratulations to 4-H Seniors **Hannah Lemel** and **Katie Franks** for placing in the top ten in the state at the state horse judging contest held in Raleigh on April 26th! Kudos to their coach **Jessica Page** for the great trainings and practices she provided leading up to the competition. Katie placed third in the state for oral reasons. Hannah placed 6th in judging performance (riding) classes. These are excellent rankings in a very com-

petitive contest. Both have been invited to try out for the state judging team. This opportunity involves travel to represent North Carolina 4-H at several national competitions and seeing some of the best horses in the nation.

Juniors **Abby Wiencek** and **Shade Wilbanks** competed in the state contest for the first time, earning respectable scores. We look forward to seeing them return next year.

Anyone interested in joining a 4-H judging team should contact Mary Arnaudin or Jessica Page at Keystone Camp to learn more. In addition to learning how to evaluate horses, the judging program helps you improve your observation skills, decision-making, communication, self-discipline, and the ability to give logical reasons for your decisions with respect and confidence.

Earth and Sky Science Camp at PARI—for ages 11-14

This is a program for boys and girls exploring telescopes, the night sky and the environment of western North Carolina. PARI and Transylvania County 4-H are collaborating to bring this three-day, two-night experience together. Program materials are provided by Skynet Junior Scholars program.

Youth will explore our universe through remotely operated telescopes and first-hand explorations at PARI's campus.

Visit pari.edu to complete your registration form. The \$300.00 registration fee holds your spot in the program and includes all programming, meals and housing.

Are you a club officer or wanting to be?

Then make sure to attend this special program on August 28th! **Ali Lien** will lead fun activities, games, and challenges to help you build your leadership skills and get to know members from other 4-H clubs. We'll start in the fellowship

hall at First United Methodist Church in Brevard by 3:30 after school and end at 7:00pm. Dinner is included. Thanks to a gift from the **Lenze family**, it's free to you! Email Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu to sign up.

Advisory Council Meeting

Monday June 16 from 4:00-5:30 pm. We will review family night, our recognition system, and how we market 4-H. We will set the dates for the 2015 family event and county presentation day. Please email Mary by June 13 to let her know whether you can attend.

What's Going On?!

Backyard Barnyard Club

Submitted by Club Reporter
Lily Harris

Lily Harris won gold for her Animal Science presentation at the Annual District Day on May 3rd. Thanks to all who came out to the BHS barn to see and learn about the baby pigs on May 29th.

We are scheduled to meet at FUMC on June 24 at 6:30 for a regular meeting. Topic will be about goats. There will be no regular meeting in July. We are working on setting up a visit to a local farm to learn about sheep sometime in July. Please call the Extension office if you have additional questions. Have a great summer!

The Sapphire Warriors

Submitted by Club Reporter
Judy Justus

We had a car wash as a fund-raiser on the 17th, thanks to all who came to help and support with that. We would also like to thank Toxaway Charities for their help and support. On May 12th, we had our ice cream party and did physicals for camp and also planted in our tire-gardens. We canceled our May 26th meeting in observance of Memorial Day, thanks to all who served in the Military, past and present as well as firemen and law officers, you're all amazing for what you do for this country! We will continue tending our gardens this summer and go to Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Camp July 6-11th.

Farm Fun Club

The Farm Fun Club has a number of events coming up, so get your calendars ready! June 7 we will be going on an insect safari, hunting wild bugs and using "bug sucker" contraptions to remove them from our plants.

June 28 and July 19 from 9:00-11:00 am we will be taking field trips to Gwynn Valley Camp Farm. August 9 we'll be learning about plant pollination and August 30 we will be conducting a garden experiment!

Trail Trekkers

Last time: We met at Dupont State Forest and hiked to see the blue ghost fireflies! It was fun, exciting and beautiful!

Next time: Amy Tayler is working on our summer plans and will email us once they're finalized.

Sassy Spurs

Last time: We went to Holly View Farm where Tracie Gant taught us to get a horse to drop its head to be clipped and how to tell a horse's age by its teeth!

Next time: We will meet June 12. Crystal will send details on the plan. We will not meet in July due to the 3-Day Clinic and the State 4-H Horse Show. In August we'll meet back at the Extension Center on Thursday August 14 to learn how to clean tack properly and compete in a contest to see which team can put a bridle together the fastest — and most correctly!

4-H Night with the Asheville Tourists Baseball Team

Join the Asheville Tourists and other West District 4-Hers for a night at the ballpark. Come as a group or on your own! Enjoy watching the Asheville Tourists as they play against the Charleston River Dogs on Monday night July 28th.

Each child 12 and under will receive a coupon as they enter for a free slice of pizza and a drink sponsored by Acropolis Pizza.

The cost is \$5 per ticket. Gates will open at 6:00 pm with the game beginning at 7:05 pm at the McCormick Field in Asheville.

To purchase tickets, use the following link and the password 4hclub:
<http://at1.glitnirticketing.com/atticket/web/gpcaptcha.php?refresh=1400687742&refresh=>

Cake Decorating Class

For ages 9 - 16, July 24 and 31 at the Extension Center. 3:00-5:00 OR 6:00-8:00, Limited to 8 students per class. Instructor: **Holly Harrison**. Cost: \$5/student to cover supplies, due by July 21. Call 884-3109 to register by July 21.

Scholarship Class

A workshop dedicated to teaching students how to apply for scholarships including resume and application help, interview tips, and professional dress advice from **Jennifer Badger**, a current NC State University student and intern. To be held at the Extension office July 16 and 23. If interested, please email jcbadger@ncsu.edu before July 1.

Transylvania County 4-H Calendar

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 7: Farm Fun Meeting
- 9-13: TIME for Real Science Camp
- 12: Sassy Spurs Meeting
- 16: Advisory Council Meeting 4:00-5:30
- 20-24: 4-H Congress at NCSU in Raleigh
- 24: Backyard Barnyard Meeting
- 28: Farm Fun Meeting
- 30: Scholarship Class Registration Deadline
- 30-July 2: West District Horse Clinic

July

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- 1-2: West District Horse Clinic
- 6-11: 4-H Camp
- 9-14: State Horse Show in Raleigh
- 16 & 23: Scholarship Workshop
- 19: Farm Fun Meeting
- 21: Cake Decorating Class Registration Deadline
- 24 & 31: Cake Decorating Class
- 28: 4-H Night at the Asheville Tourist Game
- 30-Aug. 2: Southeast Regional Horse Show

August

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- 1: Livestock Clinic Registration
- 1-2: Southeast Regional Horse Show
- 5-7: PARI Earth and Sky Camp
- 9: WNC Livestock Showmanship Clinic & Farm Fun Meeting
- 14: Sassy Spurs Meeting
- 22: General Mountain State Fair Exhibit Entry Deadline
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June 16: Advisory Council Meeting

July 6-11: 4-H Camp

July 28th: 4-H Night at the ballpark—Asheville Tourists v. Charleston River Dogs

August 5-7: PARI Earth and Sky Camp

August 9th: WNC Livestock Showmanship Clinic

August 22: General Mountain State Fair Exhibit Entry Deadline



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