



4-H Newsletter



Transylvania County

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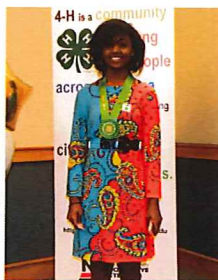
4-H Open House - Wow!

Thanks to each of you who helped prepare a station and shared about your 4-H club/group at this event! Several new families enrolled in 4-H as a result and everyone enjoyed experiencing the many opportunities offered by our county's 4-H program. Thanks to our caterer **Pat Carrington** for creating the amazing variety of delicious foods - including 4-H cookies and busy bees!

Congratulations to those recognized for their achievements over the past year! Thanks to Commissioner **Page Lemel** for bringing greetings and expressing her appreciation for all the volunteers who make 4-H available and to the **4-H Teen Council** for the outstanding slide show that featured each club. And kudos to the **Sapphire Warriors** for winning the 4-H Club Spirit Award for the second year in a row!

Special thanks to 4-H Advisory Council members **Casey Lance, Nilsa Lobdell, Donovan Merrell, Kae Parker, Andrew Shook, Dennis Stewart, Terri Trimble, and Keri Zink** who advised us to try an open house event and/or helped in many ways before and during that evening to make it a reality. And finally, a big 4-H thank you to **Maryann Mickewicz** for taking pictures & decorating and to **Bart Renner** and **Sara Freeman** for cleaning/loading up!

Madiera Duckett elected to district office at 4-H Teen Retreat



Congratulations to **Madiera** on her successful campaign for West District 4-H Reporter for 2015-2016. The campaign process included a speech, answering impromptu questions on stage with the other candidates, and being questioned by county delegations. Madeira and the other new district officers from across NC will be installed in July at the state 4-H Congress in Raleigh.

Paper Clover Days at Tractor Supply - Earn \$\$\$ for your Club!

Tractor Supply's Spring Paper Clover fundraiser will be *April 22 - May 3*. 100% of the funds raised will benefit 4-H with 60-65% going to our local program! Each club that mans a 4-H table at the store will get an equal share of the proceeds. If you'd like to take your 4-H display/activity from the Open House to Tractor Supply, let your leader know what day you can go. And encourage your friends and family to go buy some paper 4-H clovers!



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4-H Horse News



4-H Horse Club: Creekside Riders

(for ages 9-18. don't have to own a horse to join)

Last time: **Hannah Lemel and Katie Franks** did a great program about how to judge horse conformation and performance.

Next times:

Thursday, April 16 - Meet at Keystone Riding Center at 6:30pm We will have demonstrations on preparing you and your horse for a horse show. Going over proper attire, grooming, equipment, etc. ..

Sunday, May 3 - West District 4-H Horse



Show at the WNC Ag Center - all day. Free to spectators. Riders must have a 4-H eligibility card to show.

Thursday, May 14 - Meet at 6:30 pm. Our club officers will teach us about Ground Manners Safety with horses. The meeting location will be announced at the April meeting.

— we will do a service project at the Brian Center later in May.

4-H Horse Art and Writing

Contests: Entry deadline is May 1st

For more info, google NC 4-H Horse Program Educational Events and scroll down to the Artistic Expression Contests to see which ones you want to enter and the guidelines for each.

A NC 4-H horse program enrollment form is required to enter the contest - but you can put one entry in any or all categories. Go to

<http://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/> to complete the 2015 NC 4-H Horse Program Enrollment Form and send your \$25 check to the state office. Scholarships are available for this fee, so please contact the Extension office and we'll help with that.

Writing entries are mailed in by May 1. Art entries are taken to Raleigh and displayed/judged at the state 4-H horse show in July. **All entry forms for writing AND art entries are due May 1.**

Experience *SUMMERTIME* 4-H

April Activities:

April 21: Special Program For 7th - 10th Graders interested in NC State University

Get the right information and learn what it takes to be admitted to NC State. Join Dr. Sam Pardue, Associate Dean & Director of Academic Programs with NC State's College of Ag & Life Sciences to learn more! Where? at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center in Mills River

When? Tuesday, April 21

6:00 pm - Reception for students and their parents

6:30 pm - Program

7:00 pm - Questions and Answers

To register or for more information:

www.go.ncsu.edu/

[CALS Admission Strategies](#)

Questions? Call Celeste Brogdon at 919-515-7857 or email her at cdbrogdo@ncsu.edu

May Activities

May 1: Deadline for **State 4-H Horse Program Art and Writing Contest** entries

May 3: **West District 4-H Horse Show** at WNC Ag Center

May 15: Deadline for **AIRE** contest (application, interview, resume, essay)

***May 16: West District Activity Day** at Glen Marlow Elementary School (Henderson County)

*4-H'ers ages 5 to 18 will be giving presentations, sharing talents, and competing in outdoor cooking contests. Spectators are welcome - go see what it's all about! * *

June Activities

June 15 - 17: **Citizenship Focus** in Raleigh (one representative/county)

June 15 - 19: **"TIME for Real Science" Field Week**

June 28 - July 3: **Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp** in Reidsville, NC (\$420/week through 4-H Agent - there is a group going from Transylvania County)

June 29 - July 1: **3-Day 4-H Horsemanship Clinic** at WNC Ag Center (registration packets at horse show)

July Activities

July 8 - 12: **State 4-H Horse Show** in Raleigh at Hunt Horse Complex

July 12 - 17: **4-H Boat Camp** for ages 11-15 at Millstone Camp. Sail, Canoe, Kayak, Jet Ski, and Power Boat. May earn their NASBLA Boating License by the end of the week.

July 17 - 21: **4-H Congress** in Raleigh / NC State

July 19 - 24: **Beginner Fur, Fish, and Game Rendezvous** at Millstone Camp for ages 11-16. Fee is \$420.

check millstone4hcamp.com

May earn Hunter Safety Certification.

July 26 - 31: **Advanced Fur, Fish, and Game Rendezvous** at Millstone Camp for ages 11-16. Fee is \$420. Advanced campers must already have their Hunter Safety Certification. check millstone4hcamp.com

July 27: **4-H Night at the Asheville Tourist Game**

August Activities

August 11 and 12: **4-H Fishing Days** for ages 11 - 13 year olds with Connestee Fishing Club and Pisgah Center for Wildlife Educators. Free. Fish in a lake and stream. Limited to 6 youths...up to 10 if we have a parent volunteer driver. Call 884-3109 to register.

What's Going On

Locavore Cooking Club

(for middle school students)

Last time: We made fish tacos and enjoyed eating them!

Next time: Meet Wednesday, May 6 at the Extension Center kitchen from 3:30 - 5:30 pm to bake delicious cheese bread with baker **Nancy Bates**. Nancy's recipe dates back to when she used it in her 4-H presentation! You may know Nancy from her days as the bread/pastry cook at Eagle's Nest Camp.



Farm Fun /History Mystery Club

(for ages 8-12 and younger siblings ages 5-7)

Last time: We planted our spring garden and chose "history mystery" items from the Museum's collection to share at the 4-H Open House.

Next times:

Friday, April 17 - Meet at the Transylvania Heritage Museum at 4:00pm. **Rebecca Suddeth** will lead some fun activities to prepare us for our visit to the Allison Deaver House on June 19th. We'll also check on our spring garden and water if necessary.

Friday, May 15 - Meet at the museum at 4:00 pm to plant our summer garden.



pari.edu/programs/students/scigirls. Tuesday, May 26 at Brevard High School from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in a science lab. We'll track down silent invaders....non-native plants slowly creating "habitat havoc" in our area — and conduct an experiment to compare the strength of native vs. invasive leaves. Cost is \$10/girl. Register at pari.edu/programs/students/scigirls.

Backyard Barnyard Club

(ages 5 to 18 only - no younger siblings please - due to farm safety issues. Parents are required to take full responsibility for their children's safety on farm visits.)

Last time: We got to learn about baby goats — hands on! Thanks to the **Arnold family!**

Next times:

Tuesday, April 21: We will meet at **Jennifer Bettencourt's** farm on Hart Road at 6:30pm for a tour of her chicken facility - including the incubator, brooder, and laying areas. Please wear closed-toed shoes. Contact Anita Arnold at 877-2659 or ranchowellen@yahoo.com if you have questions or need directions to the farm.

Tuesday, May 19: We are setting up a program about cows....stay tuned! Interested in learning how to show lambs but don't own one? There is an opportunity to learn how to handle lambs at a local farm this August and show at the Mountain State Fair in September. Let your club leaders know if you're interested!



Sapphire Warriors

(for ages 5-18; meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Sapphire/Whitewater Community Center 5-6:30)

Last times: We've been learning how to use a map and compass with the Gorges Park rangers.

Next times: Mondays, April 20, May 4 and May 18 from 5:00 - 6:30 at the Sapphire-Whitewater Community Center and/or Gorges State Park to learn camping and outdoor cooking skills. We plan to put



these skills to use on an overnight campout this summer.

Trail Trekkers

(parents and youths ages 5 - 18)

Last time: We hiked to Wintergreen Falls and learned how to interpret trail signs.

Next time: On Saturday, May 9th from 9:00am - 12:00pm we'll *Go Fishing* with the Connestee Fishing Club! All equipment and instruction will be provided at no cost! Just bring a picnic lunch. Directions: Enter Connestee through the East Fork Gate and head to Atagahi Park.



4-H Teen Council

focus on service and leadership

(for fun times, leadership, and service in our community! You do not have to be in a 4-H Club to join.)

Last times: We worked on the slide show for the 4-H Open House and decided on our 4-H presentation topics. Six of us represented Transylvania County 4-H at the West District Teen Retreat:

Madiera Duckett, Judy Justus, Calee Lance, Zeb Landreth, Madison Pulley, and Cady Suddeth. Thanks to **Casey Lance** for serving as our chaperone!

Next times:

Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00-5:00 pm - meet at Rocky's for a snack (bring money) and to review Teen Retreat - and how we can share what we learned with others here in the county.

Tuesday, May 12 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm - meet at the Extension Center. We will do a service project (hopefully plant flowers at the Childrens' Center) and practice our presentations for District Activity Day (it's May 16).

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4-H Calendar

April

- 16-Creekside Riders
- 17-County Activity Day
- 17-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
- 20-Sapphire Warriors
- 21-Backyard Barnyard
- 21-A Foundation for Success:
“College Admission Strategies”
- 28-SciGirls

May

- 1-Horse Art and Writing Contest Deadline
- 3-West District 4-H Horse Show
- 4-Sapphire Warriors
- 6-Locavores
- 9-Trail Trekkers
- 12-Teen Council
- 14-Creekside Rider
- 15-AIRE Contest Deadline
- 15-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
- 16-District Activity Day
- 18-Sapphire Warriors
- 19-Backyard Barnyard
- 26-SciGirls

June

- 15-17-Citizen Focus
- 15-19 T.I.M.E. For Real Science Field Week
- 28-July3- 4-H Camp at Betsy Jeff Penn
- 29-July1-West district 4-H 3-Day Horse Clinic

July

- 8-12 4-H State Horse Show
- 12-17 4-H Boat Camp
- 17-21 State 4-H Congress
- 19-24 Beginner Fur, Fish and Game Rendezvous
- 26-31 Advanced Fur, Fish and Game Rendezvous
- 27- 4-H Night at Asheville Tourist Game

August

- 11-12 4-H Fishing Days

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

