



4-H Newsletter



Transylvania County

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NCACC Youth Summit

Many thanks to County Commissioners Mike Hawkins, Page Lemel and Larry Chapman for supporting 4-H'er Zebulun Landreth's participation in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Summit. This year's NCACC conference was held in Greenville, NC in August. It was the 6th year that NC 4-H has partnered with the NCACC to include an engaging youth



track for teens to discover their own leadership styles and learn how county government works. Special thanks to Commissioner Chapman for meeting with Zeb prior to the Summit to explain the role and responsibilities of a county commissioner. Anyone interested in serving as Transylvania County's youth delegate next year should contact Mary Arnaudin. The pre-work includes attending a Commissioners meeting and writing a report after interviewing a commissioner.

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Adverse Weather Policy:

4-H meetings follow Transylvania County Schools closings. If the schools are closed, the 4-H program is postponed or cancelled

Paper Clover Days at Tractor Supply: October 7 - 18

Congratulations on the most successful Paper Clover Days yet! This spring's Paper Clover campaign raised \$913,553 to support essential 4-H initiatives at the county, state, and national level. Our own participating clubs earned a total of \$454 during the Spring Clover Days! Thanks to our local Tractor Supply employees for all your help raising funds to support 4-H.



Let's see if we can do even better this fall. All clubs are welcome to set up a display about their club in the store or parking lot. Leaders - let Mary know if you participate so we'll know which clubs are involved. Everyone - remind your friends and family to stop by Tractor Supply and buy a 4-H paper clover any time between October 7 - 18.

Amazing Opportunity for New and Continuing 4-H Volunteer Leaders:

Scholarships Available! And it's only about 3 hours away in Eatonton, Georgia, at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center on October 1-4. This year's Volunteer Conference of Southern States features keynote motivational speaker Patrick Grady, and includes more than 40 workshops and funshops from which to select! The food is always amazing, we're sleeping in incredible, new cabins (almost like a hotel!), and the people are amazing. Most importantly, this is a unique opportunity to combine learning and networking as you attend sessions and learn with people from the 13 southern states. Registration fee is \$295 and includes all meals, lodging and supplies from the time of arrival at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Scholarships are available - so let Mary know by September 11 if you're interested. It would be great to have several folks attend from Transylvania.

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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)

The Creekside Riders will resume meeting on Thursday, September 10th from 6:30-8:00pm at the Extension Center. This will be a "walk-in" meeting — for anyone ages 9 to 18 — who is interested in joining and sharing ideas for club activities. There will also be information about organizing a 4-H Horse Bowl Team this fall and a Judging Team for the spring. Current members are asked to come and help greet potential new members.



local leaders **Crystal Holden** and **Tracie Gant** were recognized for their work leading the district 3-Day Clinic, horse show and judging clinic. Thanks to Crystal and Tracie for their leadership and hard work making these events possible and successful!

Next time: The Council will meet Tuesday, September 29th from 7:00-8:30pm in Mills River at the Mtn. Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center. All 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend.



Congratulations to Abigail Gant-State Horse Show in Raleigh:
2nd in Stock Type Geldings
4th in Horse Drawing Contest

Tri-State 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference: January 16-17 in Greensboro

All local 4-H horse volunteers are encouraged to attend this conference — we will cover registration fees for up to 4 volunteers and lodging 2/room.

Virginia, NC and SC are teaming up to host this event which features speakers and topics for both new and veteran horse club leaders. The conference will include certification for Equine Measurers and a NC4-H Steward Training. You will also get to meet Alaina Cross, the new Equine Extension Associate at NC State who has statewide 4-H horse program responsibilities. This is a great opportunity to meet other dedicated leaders, get new ideas, and learn how the 4-H horse program operates elsewhere. Let Mary know if you want to attend by October 1.

West District 4-H Horse Council

Last time: The Council met August 25th in Mills River to review the last year of activities and meet the new team of 4-H agents who will be supporting the volunteer leaders. Our

Let's go to 4-H Camp! for ages 8 to 14 plus a teen jr. leadership program

Each of our 13 Transylvania campers had a WONDERFUL week at camp this summer.....including the chartered bus ride there and back with the Jackson County 4-H'ers! We are planning to head back to BJ Penn the week of June 26 - July 1 — Mark your calendar now — you must register in October this year to hold your place.

Partial Scholarships off the total cost of \$420 are available to everyone who does a 4-H presentation or project book. Google Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center to see pictures of the camp/activities. Let Mary know asap if you're wanting to go.

4-H Advisory Council

A big thank you to each person who has agreed to serve on our council this year!

They have already given valuable input on potential programs and new ways to market the value of 4-H to our community. Our current advisers are **Margaret Brown, Beth Dierauf, Christine Kosiba, Casey Lance, Linda Locks, David Mackey, Donovan Merrell, Kae Parker, David Smith, Andrew Shook, Dennis Stewart, Ren Uriarte, and Keri Zink.**



September:

- 9-Teen Council
- 10-Creekside Riders "Open House"
- 11-Volunteer Leader Conference registration deadline
- 15-Backyard Barnyard Club
- 18-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
- 21-Sapphire Warriors Club
- 26-Traill Trekkers Club
- 29-West District Horse Council
- 29-SciGirls

October:

- 1-Teen Council Conference registration deadline
- 1-Tri-State Horse Leaders Conference registration deadline
- 1-4 Volunteer Conference
- 7-Locavore Club
- 7-18 Clover Days at Tractor Supply

What's Going On

Locavore Cooking Club



(for middle school students)
3:30-5:30

Last time: We started cooking again on September 2nd with our club leaders **Sara and Josh Freeman**. Using Henderson County apples we made delicious pies and then planted lettuce and spinach in the Extension garden. We also planned our club year and discussed what we want to cook this year.

Next time: We will meet Wednesday, October 7th in the Learning Lab kitchen at the Community Services Building. We will be cooking pumpkin bread and hot pockets as well as electing club officers.

Farm Fun /History Mystery Club

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



Last time: **Harper Wade** and **Aniela Lane** planted some seeds for our fall garden and pulled some awesome colorful carrots. The peppers were doing well in the drought but the tomatoes were suffering....

Next time: Meet Friday, September 18th from 4:00 - 5:00pm to check on the garden and a history mystery at the Heritage Museum.



(for girls ages 9-13—a partnership between PARI and Transylvania 4-H)

Next time: Meet Tuesday, September 29th at the Extension Center from 6:00 - 8:00pm to conduct the 4-H National Youth Science Day project that will be done by 4-Hers across the US. We'll be collecting and analyzing data on your own reaction times — and find out if texting actually affects your reaction time — or not! Cost for the program, including a snack, is \$10/ girl. Register at pari.edu

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 had a great meeting at Luther Shipman's farm where we learned the ins and outs of a working beef cattle farm! Many thanks to Luther and Missy for an awesome experience!

Next time: We are finalizing plans for a September 15 farm visit. There is also interest in starting a rabbit project group within the club. Check the club's Facebook page Backyard Barnyard 4-H Club of Transylvania County, NC or email Anita Arnold at ranchowellen@yahoo.com



Sapphire Warriors

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

Last time: We met Monday, August 17 to brainstorm plans for the fall and conduct the 4-H rocket project. **Eli James** presided since **Jacob Myers** was working at Gorges State Park. We had fun building the rockets and shooting them on the tennis court.

Next time: Meet Monday, September 21 from 5:00 - 6:30pm at the Community Center. (Officers should arrive at 4:30 to meet with **Claire**). We will do the rocket project again — with leadership by the members who did it in August (**Eli, Judy, Colin, Kayden, and Aiden**). Don't miss the fun!



Trail Trekkers

(parents and youths ages 5 - 18) **a weekend family hiking group**

Next time: Meet at the Pink Beds parking lot (off 276 just past the Cradle of



Forestry entrance) on Saturday, September 26th at 1:00pm at the big display board with the trail map. Look for leaders **Jack and Kathleen Thill** in their 4-H hats. It's a great easy hike! Be sure to bring water and a snack. Email Kathleen at kathleent-hill76@gmail.com if you have questions. New members are welcome—it's a good way to learn the trails and meet folks who love the outdoors.

4-H Teen Council

For Teens ages 13-18:

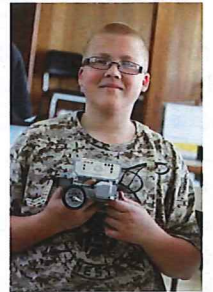
focus on service and leadership (for fun times, leadership, and service in our community! You do not have to be in a 4-H Club to join.)

Last time: **Kim Hartman** met with us to share opportunities for working with the CARE Coalition to promote healthy lifestyles in our community. We also discussed some possible science activities we could do with the Rise and Shine students this fall. Next time: Meet Wednesday, September 9th at the Extension Center from 4:00 - 5:00pm. We will plan our next service project and discuss the State Council Conference.

State 4-H Teen Council Conference

Join 4-H teens from across the state in Raleigh for the 2015 State Council Conference November 14-15. We will coordinate transportation for anyone interested. The program will include workshops led by the team of district and state officers (including our own **Madiera Duckett**) as well as workshops in the 4-H Ambassador Program. The state theme this year is "The 4th H: Health".

Cost is \$140 including lodging. Email Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu if you want to attend. Deadline to register is October 1. We will discuss details at the September 9th Teen Council meeting.



4-H Fun in the Summertime!

