



4-H Newsletter



Transylvania County

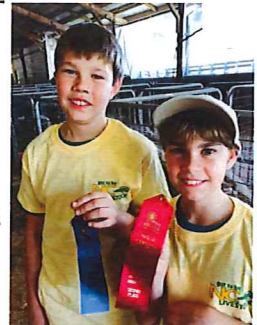
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Mountain State Fair

Many thanks to the Newell family of Cherryfield Farm who helped 4-H'ers **Preston** and **Athaya Thill** (Backyard Barnyard Club) and **Chloe Huggins** (Farm Fun/History Club) learn to show sheep! This is an amazing opportunity for families who can't have their own animals. Special thanks to 4-H alumni **Fallon** and **Montana Newell** for offering practice sessions on Saturday afternoons and helping each 4-H'er during the show. It was a great experience for all and we hope more families will get involved next summer! Let Mary Arnaudin know if you're interested.



Preston and Athaya Thill

Congratulations to Backyard Barnyard members **Rebecca** and **Ruby Harris** (Champion and Reserve Champion for their market hogs) and **Caleb** and **Maggie Arnold** for their successes showing their beautiful dairy goats!



Maggie Arnold



Chloe Huggins



Caleb Arnold

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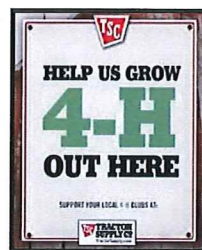
Adverse Weather Policy:

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 are Here! 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.



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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: We hosted about 20 people at our Open House "walk in" meeting for potential new members to learn about the many opportunities in the 4-H horse program. Next time: Meet Thursday, October 8 from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Extension Center to plan our next 6 months of activities. Come share your ideas about what you want to learn and what the club's goals should be for the next



year...including service projects and "just for fun" times. For new members only: we'll be drawing names for prizes at this meeting — you must be present to win!

West District 4-H Horse Council

Transylvania County's voting delegates for 2015-2016 will be **Crystal Holden** and **Tracie Gant**. Thank you for serving! The meetings are open to all 4-H horse volunteers and 4-H members. If you would like to get email notices of these meetings please let Mary Arnaudin know. Some are in person and some are conducted online.

Important State 4-H Horse Program Update

From: Alaina Cross, Equine Extension Associate, NC State University
The North Carolina 4-H Horse Program will no longer require an annual enrollment card or the \$25 an annual enrollment fee.

In lieu of the enrollment fee, several state level 4-H Horse Program educational contests and sponsored events may have individual entry fees. Eligibility cards for the participation in the District and State 4-H Horse Show are still required and will be made available in December 2015.



Register Now for 4-H Camps -

Youth do NOT have to be a 4-H club member to attend. **Check out the 3 camps at nc4hcamps.org**
Contact Mary Arnaudin to register

Betsy-Jeff Penn Camp

in Reidsville, NC For ages 9 to 14. We hope to travel together on a chartered bus the week of June 26 to July 1. (second choice is July 31-Aug. 5). Partial scholarships for 4-H'ers who complete 4-H project books or do a presentation at District Day. Cost is \$420 for junior and Adventurer camp. \$460 for Trekkers. A fee will be added to cover transportation to and from camp.

Millstone Boating Camp

July 10-15, 2016 in Ellerbee, NC
Learn to Sail, Canoe, Kayak, Jet Ski and Power Boat. For ages 11-15. Cost: \$485. Earn NASBLA Boating License by the end of the week.

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What's New?

New! - Painting Workshop

for ages 8 to 10

4-H'er **Alana Merrell** will offer a 2-session painting workshop on Fridays, November 6 and 13 from 3:30 - 5:00pm at the Extension Center learning lab. The workshop is limited to five participants ages 8 to 10 years old.

Alana has been into art "forever". For the past year she's studied with **Ann Dergara** and has exhibited works at several galleries. Alana will provide instruction on the basics of acrylic painting starting with a blank canvas to finished product. The subject will be birds, as this is a good basic shape to start with. Participants will learn the principles of light, how to mix and layer colors, and brush techniques. Discover how fun and creative painting can be!

A fee of \$25/youth will cover the cost of all supplies: canvas, paint, brushes and palette knife. Registration and payment

is due by Friday, October 30. Call 884-3109 to register. Checks may be made to TC CES.

New! 4-H Electric Workshop for 7th through 9th graders

Sign up now for experimenting with circuits, learning to solder, and building your own electric plant soil monitor! You'll also learn more about how electricity works to provide power in your home. This workshop will be led by Mr. **Danny Shook** on Monday afternoons November 2, 9, and 16 from 3:30 - 5:00 at the Extension Center. An additional session may be added on Nov. 23 if necessary to finish the project.

Those who complete the workshop series will be eligible to apply for a FREE TRIP including transportation to 4-H Electric Congress held in July at one of our state universities. Electric Congress includes meeting 4-H'ers from across NC, doing more electric projects and fun

tours of area attractions. Each county can send two delegates who complete a 4-H electric project report by January. Call 884-3109 to register. The workshop is limited to 8 participants. Cost is \$10/youth. Registration and payment are due by Friday, October 16. Checks may be made to TC CES.

Robotics Club at RMS

The first 4-H Robotics Club in Transylvania County started up at Rosman Middle School September 21st with six members! The club meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15 in the media center. RMS educators **Sarah Justice** and **Brandy Glending** are the club advisers. We are grateful to A&T State University for providing 4 sets of EV3 kits on loan to the club. Membership is open to any RMS student at no cost.



What's Going On

Locavore Cooking Club

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

Last time: We made delicious apple hand pies from local apples. We also planted spinach and lettuce in the Extension Community Garden.

Next time: Wednesday, October 7th 3:30-5:30. We will elect our club officers, so be prepared to share why you think you are a great candidate for the office of your choice. We will make pumpkin bread with in-season pumpkin. We'll also try a healthier spin on a Hot Pocket with local broccoli. Brevard High School senior, **Zoe Blackwell**, will help us compare the store bought and homemade versions of our Hot Pockets and will discuss ways to make healthier snack choices.

Farm Fun /History Mystery Club

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

Last time: We harvested peppers, radishes, and the rest of the carrots. We also thinned the turnips & planted more radishes.
Next time: Meet Friday, October 16 at the Heritage Museum at 4:00pm for a fun history walk around town with museum director **Rebecca Suddeth**! Rebecca has lots of interesting stories to share - so don't miss it. We'll also hear your ideas about what you want to do as a club over the next few months.



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

Last time: We conducted the National 4-H Science Project - determining our own reaction times without and with distractions. The experiment spurred lots of ideas for other questions to research about reaction

times. We'll be watching to see if some of us do science projects on this topic! Many Thanks to **Sara Rain Tree** for assisting with the program.

Next time: Meet at Bethel A Baptist Church (290 Oakdale St) on Tuesday October 20 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. We will walk to see an area being developed into a park with one of the folks doing a bio-inventory to document what plants/animals live there. Then we will return to the church to learn how to use various tools - binoculars, microscopes, traps, and measuring devices - that are used in a bio-inventory. 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: Several of us showed animals at the Mountain State Fair in September.

Next times: Meet Tuesday October 20 at Everett Farm (on Everett Farm Rd) at 6:30pm to tour their beef cattle operation. We will learn how they manage their cattle through pasture rotation, health care, and feeding. They also have chickens.

Meet Tuesday November 17 at Pure Pets (on Broad St) at 5:30pm. The topic will be dog care and safety. Almost every farm has a dog and they do a lot of work on many farms. From herding to guarding livestock they are an important asset. We will learn about the care, feeding, and grooming of dogs as well as dog safety.

Sapphire Warriors

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



Last time: In August we learned to build 4-H Stomp-Rockets and launched them on the basketball court. We decided that since the turnout was small we would do the same at the September meeting and lead the others. **Judy Justus** and **Kayden Chapman** taught the club to design and launch their rockets — it was fun!

Next times: On Monday October 5th we will meet at the community center at 5:00pm (officers at 4:30).

Judy Justus will be doing a presentation about being yourself and leading a fun activity related to the presentation.

On Monday October 19 we'll meet at 5:00pm to do a shelter building challenge!

Trail Trekkers

(parents and youths ages 5 - 18)

a weekend family hiking group

Last time: Our hike was rained out
Next time: Meet at 1:00 pm Saturday Oct. 10 at Dupont State Forest to hike to High Falls. We'll gather in the Visitor Center parking lot and then meet with a ranger before hiking and doing a nature scavenger hunt that will end about 3:00pm.

4-H Teen Council

For Teens ages 13-18:

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

Last time: We decided to lead the 4-H Stomp Rocket project with 3rd-5th graders at Rise and Shine on Friday Oct. 2. We met September 30 to prepare.

Next times: Meet Wednesday October 14th at the Extension Center at 4:00-5:00 with **Andrew West**, our new awesome advisor. Several of us plan to attend 4-H State Council Conference in Raleigh November 14-15.





October

- 5-Sapphire Warriors
- 6-Robotics Club
- 7-Locavores
- 7-18 Paper Clover Days
- 8-Creekside Riders
- 10-Trail Trekkers
- 13-Robotics Club

- 14-Teen Council
- 16-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
- 19-Sapphire Warriors
- 20-Robotics Club
- 20-SciGirls
- 20-Backyard Barnyard Club
- 27-Robotics Club

November

- 2-Electric Workshop
- 6-Art Workshop
- 9-Electric Workshop
- 13-Art Workshop
- 13-Electric Workshop
- 14&15- State Council Conference
- 17-Backyard Barnyard Club