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4-H meetings follow the Transylvania County Schools closings.

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West District 4-H Teen Retreat – for ages 13 - 18

Our district officers are planning this annual retreat for March 14–15 at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Mark your calendars now!

Activities will include district officer campaigns/elections, workshops, recreation, team building challenges, and a dance. Registration will be open in January.

Fall Tractor Supply Clover Campaign

Thanks to everyone who bought paper clovers this fall! The two clubs who manned a display at the store – Little River Club and Teen Council – will split the proceeds this time. Let Mary Arnaudin know if your club would like to participate in the spring.

2019 4-H Project Book Info

It's time to reflect on all you've done in 4-H this year – club activities, service projects, camp, shows, contests, presentations, leadership roles—and start your project book! The age categories are 5-7; 8-10; 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18.

You can download the guides/forms at nc4h.org.

(Contact Mary for the 5-7 year form). Click on Youth (in the red bar on the left side); scroll down to click Awards & Incentives, and then find Project Records under that for your age range as of January, 1, 2019.

Email Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu if you'd like to set a time for individual help. Project books are due January 31 and will be sent to Raleigh for judging. Projects will compete with others within the West District. This is a great way to learn how to present yourself on paper for scholarships and jobs.



Teen Council at Tractor Supply for Clover Campaign

New Balsam Grove Community 4-H Club

There will be an 4-H club organizational meeting at the Balsam Grove Community Center on Monday, December 9 at 6:00pm.

Christmas Gift Idea: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp!

Better than anything you can wrap up in a package—a week at 4-H Camp! Cost is \$420 with half scholarships available for youths who do a 4-H presentation or project. This year's week for Transylvania's group is June 21 – 26. Contact Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu to save spaces by Feb. 1st. Ages for camp are 8–14.

4-H College Scholarship Applications

The state 4-H program offers multiple scholarships. Selection is based half on academics (grades and ACT/SAT scores) and half on your 4-H participation during high school. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by February 3, 2020. Contact Mary Arnaudin for more information.

Save these Contest Dates!

The 2020 West District 4-H Activity Day for presentations, talent, and outdoor cooking contests will be Saturday, June 27 in Mitchell County.

It's not too early to be thinking about your topic!

The State 4-H Presentation contests are set for Saturday, July 18 at NC State University in Raleigh.



Club News



Jr. Horse Club - for ages 9 to 13; Leaders – Cressa Megown & Susan Huter
Last time: **Sarah Rhymer**, BHS Ag teacher, welcomed the club to the BHS farm to teach us about taking vital signs on your horse. We learned how to take temperature, find respiration rate and take the pulse
Our next meeting is Monday, Dec. 2 at the NC Cooperative Extension office. We will be having a cookie exchange and holiday celebration. We will review our year so far and do planning for the next semester.

Jr. Horse Bowl Team – Leader: Kristen Gillem
Last time: We had our first practice on October 30. Team members: **Emmery McCall, Hannah Gillem, Leah Gillem, Wrylan Chapet, and Caroline Strickler.**
Next times: Meet Monday, Dec 9th from 4:00 -5:00pm in the Connestee Room in the Transylvania County Library.



Farm Fun – for ages 8 to 12; Leaders – Liz Menis & Sara Freeman
Last time: We decorated our aluminum tree for the ATOM exhibit at the Museum. The exhibit will run through the end of December, so stop by and enjoy a blast from Christmas past! If you would like your very own aluminum tree, the Museum is raffling off one in mint condition! To purchase raffle tickets, stop by the Transylvania Co Heritage Museum.

Next time: We will meet at the Museum on December 12th from 4:00-5:00. We will tour the ATOM exhibit and make gifts.
We will meet at the Community Services Building starting in January. Our first meeting in 2020 will be January 9th at 4:00-5:00pm.



4-H Teen Council - meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5:15 pm
Last times: At our October meeting, parents joined us for a program by **Laura Misner** from the College Foundation of NC on how to apply for college and pay for it. In November we brainstormed ideas for next semester programs and learned about the new AIRE process.
Next time: **Marli Cohen** has arranged for us to meet at the Sharing House on TUESDAY, Dec. 10 to volunteer from 4:00 – 6:00pm. This is our main service project for this year.



Little River Club – Meets at Community Center - contact: Martha Blythe
Next time: Our next meeting will be on December 17th



Backwoods Broadheads Archery Club – ages 11 -13.
Leaders: Jessi & Nic Owen and Tiffany Baker
Next times: We will meet on December 5th, 12th and 19th.



RES Aggies – The club is full at this time with a waiting list.
Leaders: Heather McNeely and Stephanie Bell
Next time: We will be decorating cookies on December 17th.



***Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a very Happy New Year***



Farm Fun Club's decorated aluminum Christmas Tree