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“Presentations” in the NEWS!!!

There is “far more reason now” to master public speaking skills - asserted TED Talks curator Chris Anderson on CBS This Morning (April 29th). Anderson predicted that “presentation literacy” will become even more important than one’s writing skills.

“I really think kids in the future are more likely to get ahead...by figuring out how to present themselves and record it on video,” Anderson said. Host Charlie Rose concurred, saying that “it is a skill that helps you climb any mountain.”

Join the community of young people (ages 5 to 18) who are seizing the opportunity to gain/improve their “presentation literacy” by doing a 4-H presentation! Choose something you’re excited about and have fun sharing your experience/expertise with others. If you need help getting started, contact Mary Arnaudin to set up a help session. Deadline to sign up is May 10.

Opportunities to present:

- Club Level: practice your presentation at your May club meeting
- County Level: Friday, May 20th between 3:00 - 6:00pm at the Extension Center
- West District Level: Saturday, June 18th at Western Carolina University
- State Level: Saturday, July 16 at NC State University



In addition to public speaking/presentations, you can also enter the outdoor grilling contest and the talent showcase.

Check nc4h.ces.ncsu.edu/youth-3/4-h-awards-incentives-programs-2/presentations for details on all the categories, scoresheets, and awards.

At each level of competition, feedback from the judges can be used to improve your presentation at the next level - making the best better!

2016 Transylvania County 4-H Presenters as of May 2

- Sapphire Warriors: **Mikayla Dobbins, Meghan Hannon, Eli James, Judy Justus**
- Teen Council: **Cjon Conley, Destiny Dickey, Madiera Duckett, Judy Justus, Ashley McBee, Madison Pulley, Isaac Roberts, Pierce Roberts**

- Trekkers: **Abby Huter, Athaya Thill**
- Farm Fun/History Club: **Tori Brown, Bobby Brown**
- Locavores: **Dylan and Liam Zink**
- SciGirls: **Miguelina Jimenez**
- RMS Robotics Club: **Alex Sweet, Josh Cole**
- Member at Large: **Caven Walker**



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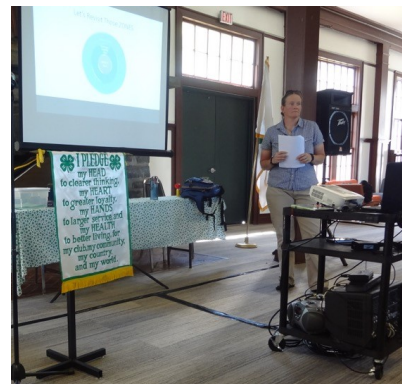
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Creekside Riders



Teen Council



Sapphire Warriors



Adverse Weather Policy:

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

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SciGirls





4-H Horse News



Creekside Riders
for ages 9-18.
You don't have to own a horse to join



Last time: **Abbie and Tracie Gant** presented a program on cutting horses and Mary installed our new officers. **Bella Szyber** gave us tips on drawing horses for the 4-H horse art contest.
Next times: Meet Thursday, May 12 at the Extension Center at 6:30. Our last

meeting for this school year will be Thursday June 9th. The leaders will email you the details.

What's Going On

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Mark your Calendars for Summer Fun, Learning and Adventure!

- Citizenship Focus**
June 13 - 15 in Raleigh (ages 14-18)
- District Day**
June 18 at WCU (all ages)
- 4-H Camp**
June 26 - July 1 Reidsville (ages 9 - 14)
- 3-Day 4-H Horsemanship Clinic**
June 27 - 29 in Fletcher (ages 9 and up - must have a horse)
- Sapphire Day Camp**
July 11- 14 at Community Center (ages 6-12)
- 4-H Congress**
July 15 - 19 in Raleigh (ages 13 - 18)
- Sapphire Adventure Days**
July 25 - 28 at Community Center, River, Forest (ages 13-16)
- Cooking workshop**
August 9-10 at Library and Extension kitchen-Focus on Brazil and the Olympics (ages 13-18)
- Lake Fishing Day at Connestee**
August 11 9am-1pm (ages 11-13)
- Youth Summit**
August 12-13 in Winston Salem (ages 14-18)
- Sewing Day Camp**
Aug 15-17 at the Extension Center 9 am-1 pm (ages 11 - 15)
- 4-H Night at Asheville Tourists**
August 25

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Days: April 13 - April 24

THANK YOU to everyone who bought paper clovers or worked to promote 4-H

in the store! The clubs who helped promote the clovers in the store will split the money earned to support their club activities. Those helping this time were the **Creekside Riders, 4-H Teen Council,** and the **Rosman 4-H Robotics Club.** 100% of the funds will benefit 4-H with 60-65% going to support our county's 4-H clubs.
4-H Advisory Council Spring Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th at the Extension Center kitchen. Food and Fellowship from 4:00 - 4:30; Meeting from 4:30 - 5:30pm.

4-H Calendar

May
4-Locavores
7-Trail Trekkers
10-The 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
10-4-H Club at Rosman Elementary
11-Teen Council
12-Creekside Riders
14-Connestee Fishing Day
16-Sapphire Warriors
17-Backyard Barnyard
20-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
20-County Activity Day
24-SciGirls
21-Trail Trekkers Rain Date

June
13-15 Citizenship Focus
14-Trail Trekkers
18-Farm Fun/History Mystery Club
18-District Day
26-4-H Camp

July
11-14 Sapphire Day Camp
15-19 4-H Congress
16-State Presentations
25-28 Sapphire Adventure Days

Topics: family night 2016, school programs, presentation challenge, and summer opportunities.

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.)
the Teen Council.

Last time: **Cjon Conley, Judy Justus and Pierce** and **Isaac Roberts** participated in the Tractor Supply Clover Days with leaders **Mirenda Gwin** and **Andrew West** to raise funds for the Council. **Madiera Duckett, Destiny Dickey** and **Judy Justus** represented Transylvania County 4-H at the West District 4-H Teen Retreat in Black Mountain April 23-24. They each "caught the 4-H bug" — and so are inspired to do more in 4-H!
Next time: We will meet Wednesday May 11 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Extension kitchen. Each of us has pledged to do a 4-H presentation — so we will practice our presentations for the May 20 County Day and enjoy some snacks. **Judy Justus** will start the meeting by leading a fun minute to win it game! All youths ages 13 - 18 are welcome to join the Teen Council.

Locavore Cooking Club
(for middle school students)
3:30-5:30



Last time: In April we made key lime and chocolate pies!
Next time: Meet Wednesday May 4 at 3:30 in the Extension kitchen. We have 2 club members (**Cameron and Franke**) whose birthday is May 5th, Cinco de Mayo! So - we will be celebrating with Mexican cuisine on Wednesday, May 4th. We'll be able to harvest and use some of our ingredients from the Extension garden.

Farm Fun /History Mystery Club
(for ages 8-12 and younger siblings ages 5-7)

Last month in the Farm Fun club we checked on the garden beds and Lauren taught us how to weave.



Next times: We will meet Friday, May 20th at 4:00 -5:00pm to plant for summer with **Mrs. Betty** and learn about our interview project with **Mrs. Rebecca.** On Saturday June 18 we will meet at the garden at 10:00am to harvest, water, and weed. Mark your calendar for our Gwynn Valley Farm visits (9:00 - 11:00) on Saturdays July 23 and August 6th!

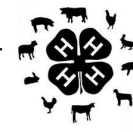
SciGirls (for girls ages 9-13-a partnership between PARI and Transylvania 4-H)

Last time: In April we observed the sun's spots and flares with special glasses and solar telescopes at PARI.

Next time: Meet at the Extension Center on Tuesday May 24th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Ornithologist **Dr. Maria Whitehead** will help us evaluate bird habitats downtown and we'll learn to use the citizen science software program: *Yardmap*. Be sure to wear good walking shoes for exploring the neighborhood. Bring binoculars if you have them. This will be our last program of the school year. Cost 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.)
submitted by Jack Thill



Last time: **Lily Harris** gave a program on dairy cows at the Brevard High School farm.
Next time: Meet Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00pm at the Burnsides' **Sospiro Ranch** to see meat goats, meat rabbits, and various farming/gardening methods. The farm is located off 280, at 136 Limousine Lane. Please park on Limousine and walk or carpool up to the farm.

Sapphire Warriors

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



Last time: **Mary Arnaudin** and **Susann Thompson** taught us about pollination and we dissected snapdragon and azalea flowers to see all the parts. We then checked our garden and watered it. Lots of lettuce and spinach seeds had germinated - so many that we had to thin them! Everything we planted has survived the cold snap and drought.
Next times: On May 2 we will check on the garden and share what we have prepared so far on our 4-H presentations (**Mikayla Dobbins, Eli James, Meghan Hannon, Judy Justus**). On May 16th **Bart Renner**, County Extension Director, will lead us in planting our summer garden. In June we hope to have the Gorges State Park ranger lead our programs.

Judy Justus will be leading a fun "minute to win it" game at each meeting!

Trail Trekkers

(parents and youths ages 5 - 18) a weekend family hiking group. Email Kathleen at:

Kathleenthill76@gmail.com if your family would like to join this group.

Submitted by **Kathleen Thill**
New Family Hiking Season Starts - mark your calendars now!



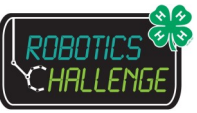
Next times: On Saturday May 7th we will meet at the Pisgah Ranger Station at 1:00. (rain date is May 21). A Family Fishing Day at Connestee has been tentatively set for Saturday May 14th! Email or call Mary if you plan to attend (Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu ; 884-3109). The Connestee Fishing Club provides all the equipment and instruction!

Robotics Club at RMS

We continue to meet on Mondays after school in the RMS media center - working on our robot challenges.

Last time: We participated in the Tractor Supply Clover Days to raise money for our club.

Next time: We will continue to meet each Monday after school and plan to start up again in the fall when school starts!



NEW 4-H Club at Rosman Elementary School!

We are excited to announce that **Heather McNeely** and **Stephanie Bell** have started an Agriculture 4-H Club for young people ages 5 to 9 at Rosman Elementary. Their first meeting was Thursday, April 14th. They learned about many kinds of seeds and their parts and then got to plant some seeds and plants at the school. This club is limited to 15 members. They will learn about both plant and animal agriculture. A waiting list will be kept. Rosman High FFA members are also assisting with this club!

Next time: Meet Tuesday, May 10th from 3:15 to 5:00pm in **Mrs. Bell's** classroom. Remember to bring your ideas for a club name! Also, practice the 4-H pledge. Everyone who can recite the pledge from memory will earn a 4-H water bottle. Parents are always welcome to stay at the meetings.