

Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter

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# Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

Spring has finally arrived! We were very lucky to have scheduled our Midwinter Conference on one of the very few winter weekends without snow or freezing temperatures! Some of my favorite moments include: returning for a tour of James Madison's Montpelier, making Valentine's with the residents at the Dogwood Village Senior Living Community, Dr. John Dooley's wonderful speech about the difference 4-H has made in his life, and finally, who could forget our dance! It was great to see so many new and familiar faces!

Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, the 94<sup>th</sup> Virginia State 4-H Congress will be held at Virginia Tech. As always, All Stars will be quite busy! **The Tapping Ceremony will take place Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. with check in from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.** To celebrate 100 years of the Cooperative Extension service, there will be a celebration luncheon from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on this day instead of a dinner banquet. For this reason, we will have our **Tapping Ceremony practice Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon at the Inn at Virginia Tech, and then Congress attendees will be shuttled back to the Ag Quad for the Tapping Ceremony directly afterwards. **All who will be participating in the Tapping Ceremony are encouraged to attend this practice.** Additionally, we will be mapping out and coordinating the Congress Delegation Photo on Tuesday night on the Drill Field (those in the photo will be holding glow sticks), and the Ice Cream Social will follow directly afterward on the Drill Field.

Don't forget to register for our **Summer Conference in Smithfield July 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>!** The Eastern District-South has been working hard and this conference should be a whole lot of fun. Finally, we are also holding a **2014 4-H All Star Cruise on October 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.** This is not a state or interstate conference, but another way to connect with fellow 4-Hers. All 4-H All Stars, their family, and friends are welcome to attend!

Yours in service,  
Kayla Eppard  
Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars

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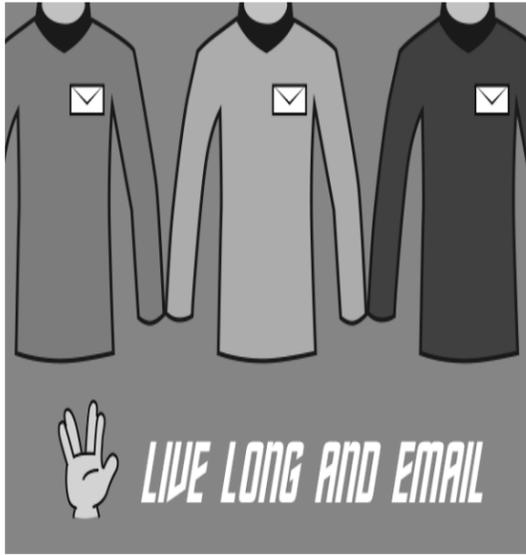
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Don't forget that we're on the web:

**View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:**  
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[Virginia\\_4-H\\_AllStars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Virginia_4-H_AllStars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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# Going HOG WILD for 4-H All Stars!!!

July 12-13, 2014—Smithfield, VA

## Virginia 4-H All Stars Summer Conference Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Male/Female) Name Preferred on Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit & Year Tapped: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

| Please bring an auction item for the <u>LIVE</u> and <u>SILENT</u> Auction!  |                   |           |          |
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|  | Number of Persons | Cost      | Subtotal |
| Full Conference (Downtown Smithfield Walking Tour, Subway Lunch, Business Meeting and Banquet)   |                   | x \$50.00 |          |
| <b>Not attending Full Conference?</b>  |                   |           |          |
| Registration   |                   | x \$5.00  |          |
| Alternate/Additional Surry Tour (Chippokes Plantation State Park and Bacon's Castle) ***Please note if you attend this tour, it will be an additional \$10.00 over the full cost of registration.*** |                   | x \$10.00 | =        |
| Lunch (Subway)   |                   | x \$6.00  | =        |
| Banquet  |                   | x \$35.00 | =        |
| <b>Your Conference Subtotal:</b>   |                   |           | \$       |
| Late Fee (If postmarked after June 26)   |                   | x \$5.00  | =        |
| <b>All Star Dues:</b>  |                   |           |          |
| • Annual (\$10.00).....  |                   |           |          |
| • Life (\$70.00 until January 1, 2015—will increase to \$75.00).....   |                   |           |          |
| <b>Contributions:</b>  |                   |           |          |
| • New Star Fund (supports new member recognition and participation).....   |                   |           |          |
| • Keffer Scholarship Fund.....   |                   |           |          |
| <b>Total Due:</b>  |                   |           |          |

Special Needs - (dietary restrictions, requests, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Inactive members may become active by two years annual dues or life membership.

Conferences guests, other than spouses and/or children, must be approved by the Big Chief and/or 4-H Department Liaison (Policy 107). Guest(s) **WILL NOT** receive discounted rates. / **No alcoholic beverages are permitted at All Star functions (Policy 110).**

### Code of Conduct

All Conference registrants need to read and sign the following Code of Conduct: As a Virginia 4-H All Star event participant, I will conduct myself during the course of this conference in a manner which reflects the qualities of an All Star.

**PARENTS: Young All Star members will be supervised during conference proceedings.**

All Star Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$25 service charge for returned checks)

Send registration and check to: Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087

Registration Questions: Randy & Irene Leech-540-268-5373-Home, 540-268-1018-Fax, ileech@vt.edu

Questions: Billie Jean Elmer, Surry Co. 4-H Agent— Phone: 757-294-5215 E-mail: bjelmer@vt.edu



# Going "Hog Wild" For 4-H All Stars



## 2014 4-H All Star Summer Conference

**July 12-13, 2014**

**Full Conference Fee is only \$50.00!**

Lodging arrangements for the 2014 Summer Conference should be made directly with the Hampton Inn using the *4-H All Star* rate.

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
200 Vincent's Crossing  
Smithfield, VA 23430  
Phone: 757-365-4760

**Room rates are \$83.00/room plus tax!!  
BOOK EARLY!!!**

### **Schedule of Midwinter Conference Events**

#### **Friday, July 11, 2014**

7:30-10:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting, Hampton Inn Conference Room

#### **Saturday, July 12, 2014**

6:00 - 10:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Hampton Inn (Hotel Guests Only)  
8:30 - 10:00 AM Executive Committee (If needed)  
10:00 - Noon Conference Registration, Service Project  
11:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:30 - 4:00 PM Depart for Tours  
Shopping Downtown, Smithfield Walking Tour and Antiquing  
4:30 - 5:45 PM Business Meeting at Hampton Inn  
6:00 - 6:30 PM Get Ready/Change for Dinner  
6:30 PM Dinner/Banquet at Hampton Inn (Business Casual Dress)  
Entertainment: Celia Brockway, Vocal Soloist  
8:00 - 11:00 PM Silent/Live Auction and Hospitality

#### **Sunday, July 13, 2014**

6:00 - 9:00 AM Free Hot Breakfast, Hampton Inn (Hotel Guests Only)  
9:15 - 9:45 AM Vespers & Memorial Service in Hotel Conference Room  
9:45 - 10:15 AM District Meetings  
10:15 AM Hotel Check-out  
10:45 - Noon Business Meeting

### **Smoke Signals from our Districts**

Plan to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Northern District East picnic to welcome new All Stars. Mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Graves Mt. Lodge. Details will be sent out through the All Star Yahoo group, on Facebook, and through unit and district mailings and email. This event continues to draw a good crowd of All Stars and guests. To be sure you are informed, contact District Chief William Thomas [wetsbt@gmail.com](mailto:wetsbt@gmail.com). The meal is free for new All Stars, who are presented with a choice of a special designed t-shirt or All Star jewelry.

Jensen Powell, Lousia 2013, has agreed to be the contact point for district's 2013 All Stars. She will be following up mailings (both snail and electronic) and info in The Virginia Star with personal emails and phone calls. The plan going forward is to recruit a contact for each All Star year. If you would be willing to be a contact point for the year you were tapped, let me know.

We were thrilled with our district's turnout for the Midwinter Conference. We had 22 All Stars and seven guests. For almost half of them, this was their first Midwinter Conference. Three were 2013 Stars. Over \$600 in scholarship assistance was provided to those attending from our district.

Thanks to 82 All Stars and guest who joined us in Orange for the 2014 Midwinter Conference. Thanks also to all those who had a hand in making this a memorable conference.

William Thomas-Culpeper '76 - District Chief

Greetings from the Eastern District South! We are excited to be hosting the 2014 All Star Summer Conference in Smithfield, Virginia, the home of the world-renowned Smithfield ham. "Going Hog Wild for 4-H All Stars" is the theme of the 2014 All Star Summer Conference. The dates for Summer Conference are July 11-13, 2014 at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 200 Vincent's Crossing, Smithfield, VA 23430. The registration fee will be \$50 plus \$10 for optional tours, plus hotel. Room rates will be \$83 plus tax for a double room with queen size beds. The hotel has a continental breakfast and Subway will be our choice for the optional catered lunch on Saturday, July 12 for an additional \$6.00 fee. For reservations, call the Smithfield Hampton Inn at 1-757-365-4760 or by logging on to their website at [www.smthfieldsuitesva.hamptoninn.com](http://www.smthfieldsuitesva.hamptoninn.com). Refer to the Virginia 4-H All Stars by name when making reservations. The registration form and check made payable to **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** should be sent to Randy & Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd, Elliston, VA 24087. Tour sites have been narrowed down to Bacon's Castle, Chippokes Farm and Forestry Museum, or a walking tour in downtown historic Smithfield. County vans will be reserved to help transport attendees. There will be a \$10 fee for Bacon's Castle and the Farm and Forestry Museum tours. All meetings, the service project, lunch and a catered banquet will be conducted in the large meeting room at the Hampton Inn. For the adventurous All Star, a pig scavenger hunt in downtown Smithfield for fun and prizes is in the works. Professional singer, Celia Brockway, the Isle of Wight and Southampton County 4-H agent has been invited to perform at our banquet. The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars will be conducting a live and silent auction at Summer Conference. Please plan to bring an item(s) for the auction and spend a few bucks. Perhaps you will find a 4-H cured country ham or quilt in the auction. Join us for some summer fun in rural Southeast Virginia. Eastern District South All Stars assisted with judging and with other areas at March 8 District Contest held at the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield. EDS All Stars and EDS Adult Volunteers Association will hold their joint Fall Conference in Chesterfield.

Respectfully Submitted—Jean Powers

The Southwest District All Stars met at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abingdon, VA on Thursday, May 8th to discuss upcoming events for the Summer, Congress and Summer Conference. There was also discussion about All Stars helping to sponsor the Pumpkin Walk and Teen Weekend during October. No final decision was made about final details, but information will be released before camp to recruit teens for the weekend.

Respectfully Submitted—Donna Hamm, Big Chief SWD

**Constitution**

**Article II—Object**

Current Wording:

The object of this Chapter shall be to encourage service through both individual and cooperative efforts.

Add:

It is organized exclusively for educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Article VII—Dissolution**

Add: ARTICLE VII – Dissolution If the corporation is dissolved, the assets shall go to one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

**Bylaws**

**Article I—Section 1, A #3**

Current Wording:

Be an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the initiation year, or, have been an active 4-H member and no more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the preceding year.

Add:

4-H Membership terminates on December 31 of the year in which you turn 19. All Star application must be submitted no later than November 1st of the following year.

**Update on the Virginia Star Mailing List**

This issue will be going to over 200 less addresses than our December 2013 issue. After examining recent returns, the decision was made to delete all Route and Box number addresses. In doing first class mailings for Midwinter Conference, we noted that all of those addressed to at route and box number came back as "invalid address". While we have done return postage request on the past several issues, apparently that is not noted on what is a bulk mail piece so it is just tossed as "unable to deliver".

We also get dozens of "bad address" returns each issue. If you want to keep receiving The Star when you change addresses, please send an email to William Thomas at wetsbt@gmail.com or write to: 1012 Hendrick Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. If you hear an All Star say they missed their Star, send in their contact information.

Each issue cost the organization 87 cents to print and mail per address so having an accurate mailing list is VERY important!

**In Great Memory...**

**Walt Peterman (Prince William 2012)** died March 6, 2013. Walt gave tirelessly to making 4-H a living presence in the lives of our youth and our volunteers. He taught youth and adults to square dance, gave tireless efforts to promoting and advocating for the 4-H program, served as president of Prince William 4-H Advisory Council. . Walt was a 4-Her as a youth, a 4-H leader as an adult and the stellar example of what a "grown-up 4-Her" should look like. .

**Russell Roberts "Bob" Tudor (Fauquier 79)** 79 of Warrenton, VA passed away on July 28, 2013. Bob was a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He and his family came to Warrenton in February, 1959 to work as Assistant County Agent for Fauquier County, later became the County Agent and retired as Northern District Extension Director.

**Thomas Kent Loving (Fluvanna 1948)**, 84, died October 10, 2013. Kent served as Virginia's first exchangee in the IFYE program. He was a life long farmer and breeder of Polled Hereford cattle on his ancestral farm, Granite Hills.

**Edward Barbour Boldridge (Culpeper 1940)** 92, of Rixeyville, died November 8, 2013. An earnest Baptist and lifelong farmer, he did his part to feed humanity. In addition to laboring over the land, he managed dairy and beef cows at the family farm in Rixeyville.

**Lois Parcell Farrish (1944 Albemarle)** 85, formerly of Franklin County and Scottsville, November 14, 2013. Mrs. retired as an eligibility worker for the City of Charlottesville Department of Social Services. She was a faithful and devoted member of Sharon Baptist Church in Scottsville. She was a founding member of the Buckingham Rescue Squad.

**Leslie H. Giles Pittsylvania (1952), Big Chief 1960.** 77, died December 28, 2013 at WakeMed Cary. He graduated from Bluefield College, University of Richmond and Southeastern Seminary. Les, who was known as Red by his childhood friends, served God faithfully for 37 years as pastor of Hester Baptist Church in Oxford, NC, Farmville Baptist in Farmville, VA and Ephesus Baptist in Raleigh, NC. In addition to his pastoral ministry, he made numerous mission trips both in the US and in India, Honduras, Brazil and Mozambique.

**Wilhelmina Holmes Baughan (Essex 1976)** 90, of Dunnsville, died January 4, 2014. She attended the Rappahannock Industrial Academy and graduated from Virginia State University. She began a career with the VPI & VSU Extension Service in Hanover County, but also worked at King William High School, taught hospitalized children at MCV and was the first black extension agent in King & Queen County. She later became the only female extension agent in Essex County, where she worked until her retirement. She continued involvement in the RIA Alumni Association and Virginia State University Alumni Association, the Rappahannock Community College Board and the Essex County Social Service Board. She was also a member of the Pride of Essex Chapter # 179 Order of Eastern Star and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, where she was a Delta Dear.



The 2014 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held Wednesday, June 19th at 1:15 PM in the Agriculture Quad of Virginia Tech's Campus (between Price, Hutcheson, Smyth, Seitz, and Saunders Halls). For All Stars who would like to serve as scouts or stand in the circle to welcome new All Stars there will be a practice on **Wednesday, June 19th from 8:45 - 10:15 AM.** There will be a **4-H All Star Orientation for New Tappees immediately following the tapping ceremony from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.** Please contact Kayla Eppard, Big Chief with questions about the ceremony!



Calling all 4-H All Stars to join us in this year's All Star Tapping Ceremony! By participating in this year's ceremony you can be involved in a new All Stars' unforgettable memory! Any interested, current All Star may participate in the ceremony as a part of the circle. We will also need Scouts to lead 6-8 tappees to the Big Chief, announce their names and counties, lead them back into the circle and place them in front of current All Stars. If you are interested in serving as a Scout please contact the State Scout, Kayla Eppard at 434-466-7775 or [aylakay131@aol.com](mailto:aylakay131@aol.com) by June 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a preference for who you would like to Scout, also include this in your email or phone call. **Please note the tapping attire for the ceremony. You will not be permitted to participate in the ceremony unless you strictly follow the prescribed attire.**

### **Follow The Gleam**

*Song that will be sung during the All Star Tapping Ceremony.*

#### **First Verse**

*To the Knights in the days of old  
Keeping watch on the mountain height  
Came a vision of a Holy Grail  
And a voice through the waiting night*

#### **Chorus**

*Follow, follow, follow the gleam  
Banners unfurled o'er all the world  
Follow, follow, follow the gleam  
Of the Chalice that is the Grail*

#### **Second Verse**

*And we who would serve the King  
And loyalty Him obey  
In the consecrate silence know  
That the challenge still holds today*

### **Tapping Attire**

Below you will find a reminder from the policy manual on the dress for the Tapping Ceremony.

#### **404: Dress for the Consecration Ceremony shall be as follows:**

**Women**—all white, street-length dress; no colored trim or ribbon; white shoes; 4-H All Star jewelry recommended.

**Men**—white dress shirt; navy blue pants; solid navy blue tie and dark shoes & socks; 4-H All Star jewelry recommended.

### **Congress Photo**

On Tuesday, June 18th at 7 PM, we will be organizing/directing the Congress group photo on the drill field. If you are able to help on Tuesday, please contact William Thomas or Steve Wood, for further information!

### **NOMINATION FORMS**

During the upcoming year, the Virginia 4-H All Stars will be working tediously to update nomination forms and taking suggestions from our fellow All Stars. Please talk with your unit agents, chapters, district chapters and think about the nomination form that was updated in 2007. Any suggestions that you can send to the FORMS COMMITTEE would be welcomed & considered! Please send your suggestions to Carol Nansel, Forms Chair at [cnansel@vt.edu](mailto:cnansel@vt.edu) or call 540-459-6140!

# OCTOBER 15, 2014

## The Virginia Star

# Deadline

### **Summer Conference Service Project**

The Service Project for Summer Conference is a school supply drive for youth in the Nike Park area. This group often partners with Isle of Wight 4-H and the IOW Sheriff's Office to provide a strong community coalition program. Items needed include: three-ring binders, notebook paper, dividers, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, block erasers, pens (black and blue ink), pencils, zipper pencil pouches, highlighters, markers, calculators and crayons. Hope you can contribute to this year's cause!

### **Midwinter Conference 2015—SAVE THE DATE!**

The 2015 Midwinter Conference will be held January 31-February 1 in Woodstock, VA. Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express just off of Interstate 81. Room rate will be \$77.00 plus tax. More information will be available in the December issue of the Virginia Star!

**2014 4-H All Star  
Award Winners**



**All Star District Chiefs and Contacts**

**C. Dean Allen Award**

This year's recipient is an extension agent who has been active in many aspects of 4-H. She encourages her 4-H members throughout 4-H and their community involvement to become future 4-H members. Before she was a 4-H agent, she worked as an Agricultural Education Instructor and was a conference coordinator at a 4-H center. She has taken leadership in Virginia's Epsilon Sigma Phi as a District Director and Treasurer as well as served the Virginia Association of Extension 4-H Agents as Professional Development chair and held a term as president. She has received numerous awards for her service in Virginia that includes: Virginia Ag. Teacher Association's Outstanding Young Member, Peanut Soil & Water Conservation District Educator of the Year, Conservationist of the Year, ESP Outstanding Agent Award, National 4-H Agent Distinguished Service Award and a Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension. Her family has hosted 4-H exchangees from Japan and she encourages hosting in her county. Her daughter Mary is currently in the Peace Corps, serving in Panama. Her youngest daughter, Kate, serves as our State 4-H Scout with All Stars. This year's award was given to **Billie Jean Elmer! Congratulations Ms. Elmer!**

**Bradshaw Service Award**

This year's recipient has been quite active in All Stars from the time she was tapped. She has attended almost every conference including the 2011 Interstate Conference. She has brought other All Stars to events and has been a "Poster Child" in working hard to get younger members involved with 4-H All Stars. She has served in capacities of getting county volunteers to judge at district events and works hard to ensure that others are involved! At James Madison University, she was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and has an active leadership role in the JMU Student United Way. During the summer, she continues to volunteer with 4-H Camp for Greene and Fluvanna Counties. The state All Star Executive Committee views their Big Chief as a valuable asset and boasts that this recipient has done so much to the contributions of 4-H All Stars. From Greene County, out Big Chief, **Kayla Eppard! Congratulations!**

**Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs**

The recipient of this year's award was an Extension Agent, but left her employment to raise her family. She maintained involvement in 4-H and VCE as a volunteer for 27 years. She has been involved with the 4-H International Exchange programs for 26 years, hosting Japanese LABO students and chaperones. As a chaperone for Virginia's 4-H Exchange, she went with a group to Japan in 1988. In 1992, she was a chaperone for the North American delegates in the Nihongo Japanese program where she took 3 weeks of classes for 4-H members to learn enough Japanese for their state, these classes also included things such as calligraphy and flower arranging. In 1994, she took over coordination of the entire Japanese 4-H Exchange program on the state level, inbound and outbound. She traveled quite extensively throughout Virginia making home visits, interviewing host families, providing orientation, receiving inbound delegates and debriefing them on their departure. With the outbound program, she recruited Virginia 4-H members where she did similar tasks as the inbounds. She has participated in two adult exchanges to Japan and Vancouver and has attended 20 national coordinator conference throughout the United States. Her work as an All Star shows how service is embodied throughout our organization because of her impact with exchanges. **Congratulations Judy Ann Fray!**

**Wayne Keffer Memorial All Star Scholarships**

**Johnnie Canada, Jr.**—a sophomore at Virginia Tech, majoring in Microbiology/Biological Science. This applicant has been a 4-H member for 10 years and was tapped as an All Star in 2012. His activities include: presentations at State 4-H Congress, teen leader for camp, Share the Fun and Nutrition. He was an officer in his club and on the county level and has been quoted to saying that spreading the word about 4-H is what he enjoys. He has been a part of many community service projects and has been active in fundraising efforts for local events, school projects and his part in the Halifax County Marching Band.

**Kate Elmer**—a Senior at Radford University, majoring in Psychology. Her activities in 4-H include market hog and equine, showing in county, district and state events. She has helped with numerous community service projects and has worked to promote 4-H on many levels around her community, county and state. She has attended National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress as a delegate. She has been active in school by being freshman class president, head statistician for football, treasurer for SGA and co-captain of her softball team. She is an EMT for the Surry County Rescue Squad as well as their chaplain. She has been a page for the Virginia House of Delegates, Southeast District Ambassador, State 4-H Cabinet Secretary and is our current 4-H State Scout.

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