



Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter

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Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

As always time is moving along, and it will be time for summer All Star responsibilities even more quickly than it is possible to imagine. It seems like only yesterday that the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars enjoyed a successful Midwinter Conference in Petersburg. The group collected school supplies, hygiene items, and food with many items going to help Operation Military Kids. A portion of Saturday morning was spent preparing favors for this summer's Interstate Conference. State 4-H Cabinet members enjoyed a reunion with 12 members under the age of 21 registered for the conference. At noon on Saturday more than 60 people enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch prepared by Raynelle Ankney and served in the hotel breakfast area. The afternoon found the group touring Blandford Church, the Seige and Centre Hill Museums as well as Virginia State University's Randolph Farm. Approximately 80 people enjoyed a banquet served in the L. Douglas Wilder Building at Virginia State. 4-Hers entertained, 4-H Cabinet members shared their experiences with the banquet group, and an IFYE member shared her experiences on Sunday morning. Special thanks go to all districts for carrying out their responsibilities, but especially to Eastern District South for hosting and to Sarah Gregory for assisting them with their plans.

State 4-H Congress is being held from June 20-23rd on the Virginia Tech's campus. **The All Star Consecration Ceremony will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 21st in the Ag Quad. Women's dress for the Ceremony must be a white dress with no colored trim or ribbon and white shoes. Men are to wear a white shirt, navy blue pants, solid navy blue tie and dark shoes and socks. Any jewelry worn is to be All Star jewelry. Please remember this attire is part of our ceremony and tradition.**

On July 28-31st, Virginia All Stars will host the 2011 Interstate Conference at Graves Mtn. Lodge. Detailed schedule and registration information was sent out with the December Virginia Star and is also included in this edition. Please make arrangements for lodging directly with Graves Mtn. Lodge. Register early to take advantage of the early bird discounts!!!!

I trust that many of you have been following the roller coaster saga with Virginia Cooperative Extension. At this point the highlights seem to be 1) Dr. Ed Jones became Director of VCE on April 1st. With 27 years of extension experience in Mississippi and North Carolina, he seems to be a great choice! 2) The Extension Restructuring Plan that received so much opposition is dead. The University administration now knows how important and respected VCE is in Virginia. 3) The General Assembly restored \$1,000,000 for 25 Extension Agents positions doing the second year of the budget. 4) The Secretary of Education has been instructed to "evaluate the organizational structure of Virginia Cooperative Extension". While much remains uncertain it seems that the citizens of the Commonwealth have gotten the attention of the administration at Virginia Tech and the General Assembly relative to VCE.

Yours in service,
Susan B. Thomas

Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars

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To Post a message to the group:

Virginia_4-H_AllStars@yahoogroups.com

For more information visit http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html



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The Virginia Star

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Proposed Changes to Bylaws Wording

The following Bylaws wording change was reviewed at Midwinter Conference and is now being distributed through the Virginia Star. A vote on this matter will be taken at Summer Conference in July.

Article IV, Section 2 Membership Committee, letter B

The District Membership Committee shall be composed of the district officers and the **District Program Director**. The duties of this committee shall be to receive, review, organize and submit the qualified nominees to the State Membership Committee.

In view of the fact that what is stated above is not the case, a change is proposed to reflect how this is currently handled. Each district has an Extension contact, but in no instance is it the District Program Leader. Members as well as officers need to be able to serve on the District Membership Committee. The Executive Committee proposes that the wording be changed accordingly as follows:

*The District Membership Committee shall be composed of the district officers and/or other All Star members, and the **District Extension contact**. The duties of this committee shall be to receive, review, organize and submit the qualified nominees to the State Membership Committee.*

District Extension Contacts as of 2011 are as follows:

Northern-West – Carol Nansel

Northern-East—Kaci Daniel

Central—Bonnie Tillotson

Southwest—Daniel Collins

Eastern-North—Kendra Kyle Young

Eastern-South—Billie Jean Elmer

Please direct questions to Susan Thomas, Big Chief.

Central

The Central District 4-H All Stars will meet on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sundae Grill in Lynchburg to discuss a variety of Central District business including our registration and door prize responsibilities at the 2011 Interstate Conference. For more information or to donate door prizes, please contact Pamela Levinson at shlevinson@aol.com or 434-385-7907.

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Levinson

Northern-East

We will hold our fourth annual “End of Summer Welcome” picnic dinner to honor our new 2011 All Stars. This will be at Graves Mt. Lodge in Madison County on Sunday afternoon, August 28th. Mark your calendar now!! This is several weeks later than in past years, but it is to get some distance between this event and the Interstate Conference. T-shirts will be presented again this year to our new All Stars, we will hold a silent auction, have fellowship with our fellow All Stars and enjoy that great Graves Mountain food. Send your e-mail address to William Thomas at thomasvtcc64@verizon.net to receive more details for the “Welcome” picnic. Northern District (East) All Stars interested in keeping up with district activities are encouraged to contact William for more information. A limited number of partial scholarships to Interstate Conference are available to any Northern District (East) All Star who will be attending Summer Conference (Summer Conference is combined with Interstate when Interstate is held in Virginia.) for the first time. Contact District Chief William Thomas if you wish to apply. We assisted with public speaking and other contest at our district contest in the form of room chairs and/or judges. In addition we offer partial scholarships to Northern District (East) public speaking participants who will compete in Public Speaking at Congress. Join us at Graves Mountain Lodge July 28 – 31, 2011 for the All Star Interstate Conference. If you live in the district, we would be pleased to have you involved in welcoming other All Stars to our area. With six All Star Districts and a rotation of every four years it will be a while before our district hosts another Interstate!

Respectfully submitted by: William Thomas

Southwest

Southwest District 4-H All Stars met on February 6, 2011 at the Midwinter All Star Conference. Jessica Ingle read the minutes from the previous meeting of January 9, 2011. The group discussed ideas for 2012 Midwinter Conference. Jessica suggested having a teen night on Friday. Michelle suggested locations of Radford, Bristol, Lee County, Blacksburg, and Wytheville. The group liked the idea of Radford and Wytheville as possible locations. Michelle agreed to get information on Radford and Dottie agreed to check on Wytheville. Michelle presented the scrapbook. Deb suggested giving partial scholarships to new Southwest 4-H All Stars tapped in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Cynthia Kinser was suggested as a speaker at the 2012 Midwinter Conference as well as the cabinet members. The group agreed to offer \$20 scholarships. Michelle made a motion and Dottie seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting will be at the April Adult Volunteers Meeting. With no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Jessica M. Ingle

BRADSHAW SERVICE AWARD

The Bradshaw Service Award is to provide recognition for individual active 4-H All Stars with 15 years or less experience. This award was set up in memory of A. Gilliam Bradshaw, III.

This year's recipient is **Daniel Collins**, tapped in 1999 from Smyth County and now the 4-H Agent in Grayson County. He has served a scribe for his district and state chapters. He provides leadership to the Southwest District All Stars, who sponsor the annual Teen Weekend. In 2007, he took over as editor of *The Virginia Star*, and he started the Yahoo Group for the Virginia 4-H All Stars, which is now our primary means of promoting All Star activities among our active members. He created and moderates the Facebook group and has single-handedly brought All Star communications into the 21st century. It is difficult to segregate his community service as a 4-H'er, an adult volunteer leader, an All Star, and now as a 4-H agent, because the transition has been so seamless. He consistently pitches in for the service portion of any meeting or conference, including donations of time, money, and materials. Outside of 4-H, he remains involved in his service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.



The Virginia Star

Deadline

October

C. ALLEN AWARD AWARD

The C. Dean Allen award is named after our long-time All Star liaison with the State 4-H Office, and he was also coordinator of International 4-H Exchange programs in Virginia. The award's purpose is to recognize Extension staff who have been supportive of the All Star mission of service, involving All Stars in the local 4-H program, and providing 4-H International opportunities for youth and host families in the unit or area.

Kathy Alstat of Greene County is this year's recipient. An agent for 12 years, she has consistently had outstanding 4-H'ers from her unit tapped as All Stars and she annually conducts workshops for potential All Stars. She encourages All Stars in her unit to participate as judges at unit and district contests. On the international realm, in the past three years, her unit has hosted 3 year-long FLEX students, as well as two summer delegates. She made sure that the exchangees participated in 4-H clubs and had

the opportunity to give presentations about their countries. She recruited the host families and did their initial screenings and home visits. She also recruited to outbound delegates and involved them upon their return in giving presentations to 4-H and civic groups to promote the program. She has formed two international clubs in her unit, one for middle school and one for high school students, as well as another after-school international dance club for younger 4-H members. The international clubs have regular meetings with guest speakers, hands-on activities, and field trips to encourage multi-cultural awareness. Her dance group performs at local events and also learns language and customs from around the world.



2011

Congratulations Daniel & Kathy!

“Footprints in TIME”
“Celebrating 70 years of 4-H All Star Interstate!!!”
July 28-31, 2011
Interstate All Star Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ Male/Female

Please print your preferred name for your nametag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) Cell Phone: (_____)

E-mail: _____ State & Year Tapped: _____

Guest(s): _____ M/F _____ M/F

Name(s) for Nametag(s): _____

My planned arrival: (Date) _____ (Time) _____

Special Needs/Requests: _____

Full Conference for 4-H All Stars & Guests <i>(Registration does not include lodging)</i>	Price	Number of People	Subtotals
Full Conference (July 28-31) *includes eight meals and all tours*	\$180.00 x		\$
Full Conference *includes 5 meals (not breakfast) & all tours*	\$150.00 x		\$
4-H All Star College or High School Discount	- \$15.00 x		\$
Children (Middle School & Under) Discount	- \$25.00 x		\$
<i>Discounts are only deductible on FULL TIME Conference Registrations.</i>		Subtotal:	\$
Early Bird Discount (if postmarked by June 1)	- \$10.00 x		\$
Interstate 1st Timer Discount (Members Only)	- \$20.00 x		\$
<i>You may use ALL discounts that apply to you!</i>		TOTAL DUE:	\$

Part Time Registration — No Discounts Apply! <i>(Registration does not include lodging)</i>	Price	Number of People	Subtotals
Thursday Only *includes registration, tours and dinner*	\$57.00 x		\$
Friday Only *includes registration, tours, lunch and picnic dinner*	\$86.00 x		\$
Saturday Only *includes registration, tours, lunch and banquet*	\$98.00 x		\$
Banquet Only	\$36.00 x		\$
		TOTAL:	\$

Make checks payable to: **INTERSTATE 4-H ALL STAR CONFERENCE** Due by: **JULY 1**
 Send registrations and payment to: **William & Susan Thomas, 1012 Hendrick St., Culpeper, VA 22701**
 Registration & Conference Questions: Phone — (540) 825-1873 E-mail — websbt@gmail.com

All Star Claims of Honor



College Scholarships

In honor of Wayne Keffer, a former Virginia All Star and State 4-H Director, we give two \$600 scholarships annually.

Jessica Ingle, a 2007 All Star from Lee County and a student at Mountain Empire Community College, is taking General Studies with a view toward obtaining a degree in Occupational Therapy. As a 4-H'er, she has showed goats for five years, winning many major awards. She participated in Share-the-Fun, 4-H Presentations and 4-H Camp. She was a State Cabinet Member in 2006-2007, Southwest Ambassador in 2007-2008, and a Mentor in 2008-2009. She is the Southwest District All Star Scribe and the All Star Liaison to the State 4-H Cabinet. She has participated in numerous community service activities and the 2010 State Young Farmer Environmental Stewardship Winner. She is a College Diplomat, representing her college at fairs, awards banquets, orientation days, and visiting the state legislature.

Lauren Hartburg, a 2006 All Star from Albemarle County, attends Liberty University as is currently studying General Studies. She plans to transfer to the music department next year, majoring in Music and Choral Specialization, Keyboard Emphasis. She began taking piano lessons at age four. She has been a State 4-H Cabinet Member, attended National 4-H Congress in 2006 and National 4-H Conference in 2008, spoke at the Legislative Trail Ride in 2008, and competed in numerous horse shows, Hippology, the Horse Bowl, and horse judging, competing on state teams at regional and national levels. She has been Congress Cabinet All Star Liaison, helped with the group photo at Congress, room chair for public speaking and is State All Star Scout. She has completed many community service hours along with her 4-H experiences. She plans to pursue graduate and doctoral studies in music, ultimately teaching music theory and private piano instruction at the collegiate level.

Two Virginia 4-H All Stars were inducted into Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Hall of Fame on March 18. James C. Graves and family of Syria, VA and Paul Saunders and family of Piney River, VA were recognized for their service to the Agriculture Industry in Virginia.

James “Jimmy” Graves, a 1961 graduate of Virginia Tech in Agricultural Economics, returned home to carry on his family’s tradition in the hospitality business. Today, the Graves family owns and operates Graves’ Mountain Lodge, a rustic retreat in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Jimmy’s wife Rachel and Paul’s wife Tatum are both All Stars. Jimmy served as Big Chief in 1959. Jimmy, his wife Rachel, and their sons Lynn and Lucky have diligently served the college, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the agriculture industry in many ways. They have hosted numerous Extension meetings, including the annual Virginia Extension Orchard Meeting. Jimmy has served on the College’s Leadership Council for many years. Jimmy has served as president of the Young Farmers of Virginia and has been on the Virginia State Apple Board. In 2010, Graves’ Mountain Lodge was recognized as the Agribusiness of the Year by the Virginia Agribusiness Council and Jimmy Graves was named Hotelier of the Year by the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association.

Paul Saunders, a 1954 graduate in Agricultural Engineering, is the owner of Saunders Brothers Inc., a wholesale nursery and fruit market in Piney River that began as a partnership between five brothers in 1915. The business thrives under the leadership of Paul, his wife Tatum, and four of their seven sons. Paul and all of his sons are Virginia Tech graduates. Saunders has spent more than 50 years growing and observing boxwood varieties. He authored *Best of the Best: Boxwood Cultivars Manual* in 2001 and is nationally recognized as a leading authority on boxwoods. He has maintained a strong commitment to Virginia Tech for many years as past president of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association and served on the Agriculture Alumni Board of Directors and the College of Agriculture and Life Science’s Leadership Council. In addition to his service, Saunders is a benefactor of the Ut Prosim Society. In 1996, he was honored with the university’s Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

**Resolutions
of the
Virginia Chapter 4-H All Stars
Midwinter Conference
February 4-6, 2011**



**2011 4-H All Star Interstate Conference
Tentative Schedule**

- Whereas, Southeast District 4-H All Stars hosted the conference and provided registration bags;
- Whereas, Northeast District 4-H All stars provided door prizes, entertainment, nametags and conducted registration;
- Whereas, Southwest district 4-H All Stars provided table decorations and favors for the banquet;
- Whereas, Northern District 4-H All Stars provided fun, food and drink for our Hospitality Room;
- Whereas, Northwest District 4-H All Stars provided our Sunday morning Vespers program;
- Whereas, Central and Southeast District 4-H All Stars planned and organized community service project work,
- Whereas, many 4-H All Stars and Guest contributed time, talents and treasure in community service activities which resulted in: 1) 50 backpacks full of school supplies, 50 parents bags with filled with information, 50 family letters written and 50 envelopes addressed to American Legion Posts on behalf of "Operation Military Kids"; 2) 6 bags of Food Pantry supplies for local food pantries; 3) 150 "watermelon slices" painted and decorated for the 2011 4-H All Star Interstate Conference
- Whereas, Christiana Smythe, Joelle Faith Goolsby, Christopher Lee, Trinity Sears, Cheyenne Kirby-Johnson, Jessica Fee, Jada Cobb, Jamine Cobb and Jessica James entertained us with a 4-H Share the Fun Show with Taylor Fee serving as Master of Ceremonies with Chesterfield 4-H Foundation covering the expenses for the participants and Thompson Hospitality providing the food service for the banquet;
- Whereas, Albert Reid, 4-H Specialist, Virginia State University, served as our tour van driver and organized and hosted our tour of Virginia State University Randolph Farm.
- Whereas, Raynelle Ankney provided service for our luncheon on Saturday;
- Whereas, Jean Powers and Rose Talbert provided gifts for our speakers;
- Whereas, Mike Ross, Petersburg City Council and Charise Cobb, assistant to Virginia State University Extension Associate Dean greeted and welcomed us to their city and university;
- Whereas, Steve Wood served as Master of Ceremony for the banquet;
- Whereas, the 2010 -2011 Virginia 4-H Cabinet members spoke about the meaning of 4-H and service on Cabinet in their lives;
- Whereas, Virginia Cooperative Extension Office faculty, staff and volunteers in the Petersburg, Chesterfield, Henrico, New Kent/Charles City and DBR Creations contributed in many ways to the conference;
- Whereas, Shirley Brown, Josephine Carter, Loretta Artis, Barbara Ellsworth, Sarah Gregory and Irene Leech planned and implemented the 2011 Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference;
- Whereas, Shana LeAnn Tolbert provided a program about her experiences as an International 4-H Youth Exchange Representative;
- Whereas, William Thomas and Daniel Collins have gone beyond the call of duty to get mailings of our VA Star newsletter in a most efficient and cost worthy manner and
- Whereas, Susan Thomas has served as our Big Chief and lead our organization for the past two years to a renewed, strong organization

Be it Resolved that the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars at the 2011 Midwinter Conference in Petersburg, Virginia, would like to recognize these individuals and groups for their service to the organization and the Virginia 4-H Program.

Submitted By: Resolution Committee Members

Audrey Oliver Lee, Acting Corresponding Scribe, Susan Thomas, Josephine Carter, Sarah Gregory, and William Thomas

Thursday, July 28, 2011

- 10:00** Registration Opens (*Lunch: please eat prior to arrival or sign up for lunch at Graves — will not be included in the conference pricing.*)
- 2:00** Welcome
- 2:30** Depart for Culpeper
- 3:15 - 6:00** Museum of Culpeper History & Burgandine House (c. 1750)
Graffiti House (1858) on Brandy Station Battlefield
- 6:15** Dinner by Culpeper 4-H Clubs and Planning District 9 4-H All Stars (Reva Fire Hall)
Program on Culpeper area Civil War
Presentation by Virginia Morton, author of "Marching Through Culpeper"

Friday, July 29, 2011

- 7:15 - 8:15** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 8:30** Depart Lodge
- 9:20** Tour Chancellorsville: Bus Tour of Battlefield, Walking Tour, Film and Museum
- 11:45** Tour of Fredericksburg Civil War Battlefield, Sunken Road, Film and Museum
- 1:00** Lunch and Free Time to Explore Fredericksburg
- 2:15** Colonial Fredericksburg: Tour Kenmore and Rising Sun Tavern
- 7:45** Hayride, Campfire and Marshmallow Roast

Saturday, July 30, 2011

- 7:15 - 8:15** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 8:30 - 9:30** Committee Meetings
- 9:45** Depart Lodge
- 10:45** New Market Battlefield Tour
- 1:15** Lunch: Hosted by Northern District (West) All Stars
- 1:45 - 2:45** Business Meetings
- 3:15 - 5:15** Luray Caverns
- 7:00** Dinner at Graves Mountain Lodge (*Speaker: Jack Tyree, former VA 4-H Director & WV All Star; Entertainment and Auction*)

Sunday, July 31, 2011

- 8:00 - 9:00** Breakfast at Graves Mountain Lodge
- 9:15** Memorial Service and Inspirational Service
- 10:00** Adjourn Interstate Conference
- 10:15** Virginia Chapter Business Meeting
- 11:30** Virginia Adjournment

Lodging at Graves Mountain Lodge

Graves Mountain Lodge offers a wide range on lodging accommodations at reasonable prices. In addition to traditional motel rooms for two to four persons groups of friends or family can utilize one of the varied cabins and houses on the property. Rooms in the Ridgecrest Motel (two queen beds) are \$89 plus tax per night. This facility offers some unique housing options that could serve to make this a great interstate. Visit their web page at www.gravesmountain.com or call them at 540-923-4231. Early reservations are advised to get your choice!!!

*All times & activities are tentative at this time.
A final schedule will be available in the spring.*

2011 Interstate Conference

You're invited to attend!!!

July 28-31, 2011

“Footprints in TIME!”

Conference Lodging and Headquarters: Graves Mountain Lodge — Syria, VA

Nestled deep in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Syria, Virginia the lodge has hosted travelers for the last 135 years. It is a family-owned and operated rustic, mountain retreat, well known for its down home hospitality, not to mention all the home cooked food you can eat. The Lodge owners are Virginia 4-H All Stars Jimmy ('52) and Rachel ('59) Graves. They are looking forward to hosting this exciting event. Jimmy is a past Virginia Big Chief. In April 2009 Graves Mountain Lodge was voted one of the top 129 places to visit by National Geographic Traveler Magazine!

Graves Mountain Lodge offers comfortable lodging in their Ridgecrest Motel at \$89 per room plus tax (currently 5% but could go to 7%) for a room with two queen beds. Additional housing options are available in some of the many houses and cottages at the facility. Contact Graves directly for options & cost <http://www.gravesmountain.com> 540-923-4231

Tours: Join us in Virginia as the nation celebrates the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Tours will include the Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station and New Market Battlefields.
www.CivilWar.org/chancellorsville www.nps.gov/frsp
<http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html> www.brandystationfoundation.com

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Founded in 1728, Fredericksburg is said to be one of America's most historic cities. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe are among the luminaries who called Fredericksburg home. The historical district has over 350 original buildings built before 1870. Fredericksburg was the boyhood home of young George Washington. James Monroe practiced law in the city. www.visitfred.com

Activities: Program on Civil War in the Culpeper area; Culpeper Museum with dinosaur tracks; picnic, hayride, marshmallow roast and campfire; Interstate committees and business meeting; silent auction (please bring an item); fellowshiping with friends. Author of *Marching Through Culpeper*, Virginia Morton, will be our Thursday evening speaker. Former Virginia 4-H State Director Jack Tyree, '37, is scheduled to be our banquet speaker. Jack started his 4-H journey in West Virginia.
www.culpepermuseum.com <http://marchingthroughculpeper.com>

We have made several innovations in our registration form this year to encourage attendance!!!

Offering a discount for All Stars currently in college or high school!!!

Offering a discount for an All Star attending their first Interstate !!!

Offering a discount for children!!!

The scenic beauty, the hospitality, the food and ambiance will make this an Interstate to be remembered. Several things participants should be aware of include the fact that the Lodge grounds are hilly. In addition cell phone service is usually not available. Wireless broadband is available in the Ridgecrest Motel.

Tour transportation provided by Dave Messick of Blue Ridge Coach Lines

For information contact Interstate Conference Co-Chairs William and Susan Thomas wetsbt@gmail.com 540-825-1873

2011 State 4-H Congress

The Virginia Star

The 2011 All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 PM in the Agriculture Quad of Virginia Tech's Campus (between Price, Hutcheson, Smyth, Seitz, and Saunders Halls). Each All Star is encouraged to attend this special ceremony to welcome our new members. For All Stars who would like to serve as scouts or stand in the circle to welcome new All Stars, meetings will be held Monday, June 20th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and on Tuesday, June 21st from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. There will be a 4-H All Star Orientation for New Tappees on Monday, June 20th in Dietrick Dining Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Tapping Attire

Below you will find a reminder from the policy manual concerning the dress code 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 Monday, June 20th, we will be organizing/directing the Congress group photo once again. You do not have to be participating in the Tapping Ceremony to help. If you are able to help for any of that time, please contact Audrey Lee, aulee@vt.edu for further information.

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



I wish to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to participate in this year's Tapping Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 6:30 P.M.. Tapping will be located on the Ag Quad between Smyth and Saunders Halls on Virginia Tech's campus. Any current All Star may participate in the ceremony by being a part of the circle. Additionally, All Stars may choose to serve as Scouts during the ceremony. Scouts are responsible for leading 6-8 new tappees up to the Big Chief, announcing the tappees' names and counties, leading the tappees into the circle, and placing the tappees in front of current All Stars. If you are interested in serving as a Scout, if you have particular tappees that you wish to bring into the circle, or if you are not interested in being a Scout, but would like a particular tappee placed in front of you in the circle, please contact the State Scout Lauren Hartburg at 434-286-3237 or wildaboutthorses713@hotmail.com.

Patsy Jean Steckler Bean (Spotsylvania) passed away on December 10, 2009. Mrs. Bean was a preschool teacher in Salem, VA and was an active member in her community. She was the first female cheerleader on the VPI campus and complete a B.S. degree in Home Economics.

Betty Jean "BJ" Minton (Nelson 1977) passed on September 2, 2010. A former Extension Agent, BJ graduated from Radford College with a degree in Home Economics. She worked for Virginia Cooperative Extension Service first as a 4-H agent in Nelson County, Virginia, and later as a Home Economist in Greene County, Virginia. She retired after 30 years of service

John David Cutlip (West Virginia) of Strasburg passed away unexpectedly Saturday, September 11th. Mr. Cutlip was employed as WVU 4-H Agent in the West Virginia Counties of Fayette and Monongalia for seven years and VPI 4-H and Agricultural Agent in Shenandoah County for six years. He was Shenandoah County Administrator for twenty-three years and Nelson County Administrator for four years

Lucille Graves Calhoun (Montgomery '51) passed on November 8, 2010. She received her education at David Lipscomb College, Cornell, and the University of Tennessee. She came to Virginia as an extension specialist at Virginia Tech, working primarily with the 4-H program. Lucille was an active and faithful member of the Blacksburg Church of Christ since its earliest days.

June Worrell Coe, 91 of Hillsville, passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Tapped in 1937, June was the first 4-H member from Carroll County to become an All Star.

Sharon Jimenez (Caroline 2007) passed on Sunday, January 30th. She was just 20 years old, the proud mom of a beautiful one year old son, a 4-H All-Star, member of 3 different 4-H Clubs in Caroline County, and a long time participant in 4-H Congress and Camp.

Dorothy Lee Stansberry, 83, (Augusta 1968) died Monday, February 7, 2011. Surviving family members included Shelia Stansberry, (Augusta, 1974) of New Bern, NC. Prior to retirement, she was employed by Augusta County as an Extension Agent with 38 years of service. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she was very active. She was a board member for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Expo, a volunteer at Augusta Health, Meals on Wheels, and numerous other organizations. It was important for her to serve her church and community.

James L. McDonald (Tazwell 1974) passed away on December 20, 2010. His wife, Martha is a 1951 All Star from Bland. He graduated from VPI with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1950. He was a ROTC member of the Corps of Cadets. He was called into service during the Korean War where he earned the rank of First Lieutenant. After his military service, he was employed by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service as a County Agent for Tazewell County, serving in this capacity for his entire 33 year career.. At his retirement, he was honored with a scholarship at VA Tech in his name. He declared that he wanted the scholarship to go to a student from Tazewell County studying agriculture.

Gordon M. Cole (Fairfax '72), of Northern Virginia, passed away from cancer on February 22, 2011. Gordie retired from the Secret Service on December 30, 2010 after a long and distinguished career. He was active in the Annandale Planning Committee, an Elder in the John Calvin Presbyterian Church, and volunteered with ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action.

Sympathy to Donna Hamm (Smyth 1992) and her two children Randy (Smyth 1988) and Teresa (Smyth 91) whose husband, **Clarence Hamm** passed away February 21, 2011. Donna was a former Smyth County 4-H Extension Agent

Help us Honor our Deceased Members

We need your help! During each summer All Star Conference a memorial service is held to honor All Stars who have passed away in the past year. A similar service is held at each Interstate Conference. In years when Interstate is in Virginia we combine our recognition with the Interstate Conference service. Following the service a copy of the program is sent to the family whenever possible. In addition this information is needed to include in "The Virginia Star".

While those involved in preparing the list for the service work to have a complete list, we know names are missed. Below are the names we currently have that will be honored this year. If you know of additional All Stars who have passed away since last July please share that information with William Thomas at wetsbt@gmail.com or 1012 Hendrick Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

Lucille Graves Calhoun — Gordon M. Cole — John David Cutlip — Sharon Jimenez — Betty Jean "BJ" Minton — James L. McDonald — Dot Stansberry

If you know of others, please share the information. This is, of course, an ongoing process. Letting William know when an All Star has passed also allows him to note this on the total membership list as well as remove the Stars name from the mailing list.

Young Member Involvement

All Stars attending this year's Midwinter Conference saw many new young faces. Of the dozen All Stars under the age of twenty-one who attended the conference, nine were current or past State 4-H Cabinet members. These individuals took part in a Cabinet Reunion while assisting with the service project on Saturday. Many of them wore their signature green blazers to the banquet, and articulated how 4-H, All Stars, and Cabinet have shaped their lives. After the banquet all of the young All Stars were invited to attend an evening of bowling in Petersburg. I would like to thank all twelve of the young All Stars who attended this year's Midwinter Conference for their participation. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of the All Stars who made the young members feel welcome.

The Young Member Involvement Committee is hoping to continue increasing the number of young participants at All Star events. The committee's next focus will be recruiting young All Stars to attend the 2011 Interstate Conference. The committee will also be working on planning their second annual youth night out for the 2012 Midwinter Conference. To promote young member involvement, the committee will continue to invite current and past State 4-H Cabinet members to All Star events as well as promote conferences and specific youth focused activities to new All Stars at this year's Tapping Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Hartburg

Keeping in touch with our fellow All Stars

Fellow All Stars!! Please take a minute to look at the address on this issue of the Star. Are the names correct? Is this your correct address? Has someone in the family moved out and now has another address? That may sound strange but our mailing list has numerous non-911 addresses – the Rt #, Box ## address which your current, long time postman may be delivering regardless of the fact that it changed years ago. Have you gotten married and have a new last name?

For any issues related to the address on your Star contact William E Thomas. The email is wetsbt@gmail.com or mail to 1012 Hendrick Street, Culpeper, VA 22701.

—William Thomas, Culpeper