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Spencer's Message

Dear 4-H All Stars,

I am excited to serve as your newest Big Chief for the Virginia Chapter of All Stars! While I feel challenged by the position, I am ready for the opportunity to continue to serve the organization that has provided me opportunities for growth and service since I was tapped in 2012.

Thank you to everyone who came to 4-H Congress this summer to assist with tapping 57 youth or adult volunteers! I am extremely grateful of all the hard work and commitment from those who assisted with this year's adjusted ceremony. Your service does not go unappreciated.

It was nice to see those who came to our Centennial Celebration in July. We were glad to have both new and returning All Stars in attendance at the event, and many members participated in hands-on workshops on the Virginia Tech campus, service opportunities in the local community, and social events during the evening. While a lot has changed in our 100 years of service, including our members, I am glad that our dedication to service has remained the same throughout the years. I look forward to seeing what the next 100 years will bring!

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Mid-winters conference in Wytheville, VA on February 4-5! If you are looking for ways to assist with this year's conference, please contact your chapter chief. I hope you all have an amazing holiday season and I look forward to seeing you soon.

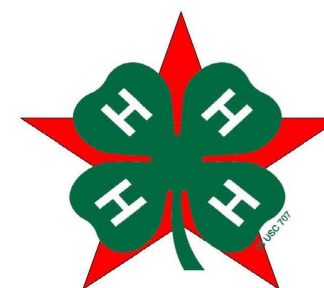
Yours in service,

Spencer Gee

Big Chief

Dates to remember:

February 4-5, 2023	Midwinter conference, Wytheville, Virginia
April 15, 2023	Articles due for the spring Star
June 27-30, 2023	State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech



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Virginia 4-H All-Star Midwinter's Agenda
February 3-5, 2023 in Wytheville, Virginia

Friday, Feb 3rd

- 3:00 p.m. Check-In Hampton Inn, Wytheville, VA 24382
- 4:00 p.m. Collect silent auction items (proceeds go to SWVA 4-H Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 7 dogs or your choice of restaurant(Dinner is on your own)

Saturday, Feb 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast at hotel (Available 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Registration open in Hotel Meeting Room (Registration closes at 10:00 a.m.)
- 9:30 a.m. Depart hotel for Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Education Center (1934 Matney Flats Rd., Wytheville, 24382)
- 10:00 a.m. Visit Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Education Center
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch on own - (suggested options: PeKing, El Puerto, Moon Dog)
- IFYE meeting during lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Edith Bolling Wilson Museum, 145 E. Main Street, Wytheville, 24382
- 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting/Awards Recognition (Awards), Wytheville Community College
- 4:45 p.m. Prepare for Wohlfahrt Hause Dinner Theatre, 170 Main Dr., Wytheville
- 5:20 p.m. Registration open Hotel Meeting Room (closes at 5:45 p.m.)
- 5:45 p.m. Depart hotel for Wohlfahrt Hause Dinner Theatre, 170 Main Dr., Wytheville
- 6:00 p.m. Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner & Show; Social time at the hotel after the show

Sunday, Feb 5th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel (Available 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m)
- 9:00 a.m. Check out of hotel
- 9:15 a.m. Depart for Wytheville Community College
- 9:30 a.m. Vespers and Reflection
- 10:00 a.m. Committee Meetings or All Star Service Project
- 10:45 a.m. 4-H All Star Business Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. 4-H All Star Chapter Meetings



4-H All Star Mid-Winter Conference Registration Form
February 4-5, 2023
“Service for 100 Years”

Name: _____ Name on nametag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

E-mail: _____ Unit & Year Tapped: _____

Guest(s): _____

Special Needs/Requests: _____

	Cost	# of People	Subtotal
Full Conference (2 tours and Dinner Theater)	\$75		
A la Carte:			
Dinner Theater Only: Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater	\$70		
TOUR Only – Beagle Ridge Herb Farm & Environmental Ed. Center	Adults \$10 Youth \$7		
TOUR Only – Edith Bolling Wilson Museum	Adults \$10 Youth \$7		
Add Late Fee (Registration postmarked after January 19, 2023)	\$10		
Virginia 4-H All Star Annual Dues:	\$10		
Virginia 4-H All Star Life Dues:	\$75		
Donations: New Membership Fund			
Donation: Keffer Scholarship Fund			
TOTAL			

All Registrants should read the 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.

All Star Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: **Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars** (\$10 returned check fee) Mail to Randy & Irene Leech, Treasurers, 4220 North Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087. Registrations are due by **5:00 p.m.** on **January 19, 2023** to: Irene Leech @ ileeche@vt.edu

A late charge of \$10 is due with all registrations postmarked after the deadline.



4-H ALL STAR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Silent Auction Service Project

Please bring item(s) to donate for a silent auction. Proceeds will be donated to the South west Virginia 4-H Educational Center to assist with the cost of necessary improvements to better serve 4-H youth and clientele of the center.

Red & White Stars for Dorm Doors of 4-H All Stars at 4-H Congress

Plan to join All Stars in cutting out the stars for 4-H Congress dorm doors if not on a committee.

Do you Need Babysitting Services?

Babysitting Services are available if needed for Saturday evening, February 4, 2023 during the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner theater. Contact Glenda M. Snyder at gsnyder@vt.edu or call 540-521-9647 by January 13th.

Midwinter Conference Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater Ticket Survey due 11.26

The Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater tickets must be purchased by December 1, 2022. The 4-H All Star Executive Board voted to buy at least 40 tickets during their October 18, 2022 meeting. We need your help to ensure we purchase enough tickets for everyone who wants a ticket. Please complete the survey at the link below and indicate the number of tickets you would like to get for the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater by November 26, 2022. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/AQAvZbaLcQHdnigm9>

2023 4-H All Star Midwinters Lodging: Reserve Your Room Today!

Rooms are limited at the contracted price of \$93.00 plus tax per night for February 3-5, 2023. There are 20 rooms available at this price and the **deadline** for reservations is **January 13, 2023** (or until all rooms are reserved). Breakfast is free.

Hampton Inn Wytheville

950 Pepper's Ferry Road, Wytheville, VA 24382

Phone: (276) 228-6090

Make your reservation online at:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=WYTVAHX&groupCode=CHHV4H&arrivaldate=2023-02-03&departuredate=2023-02-05&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Group Name: Virginia 4H All Stars Group Block

Or Call: Hilton Reservations toll-free number at 1-800-HILTONS, mention the **Virginia 4H All Stars** Group Block or the unique code **V4H** to receive your group rate.

The Hampton Inn is about ½ mile from the Wytheville Community college where the business meeting will be on Saturday and the location for Sunday morning meetings. It is about 2 ½ miles from the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner theater is located. It's a convenient location.

4-H ALL STAR MIDWINTER CONFERENCE TOURS



Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Education Center – Casual

“Our mission is to educate the public, all age ranges, to enjoy all aspects for the outdoors and conserve it for the next generation. Our goal is to teach you to enjoy what nature has to offer. Whether working in the garden, hiking on the trails, making an herbal craft or just sitting and watching the birds while you enjoy a cup of herbal tea: we have something for you to do at Beagle Ridge.”

Beagle Ridge Herb Farm is located on the outskirts of Wytheville, VA, owned and operated by Ellen Reynolds. Ellen specializes in the lavender production as well and butterfly conservation. In the spring and summer Beagle Ridge has a variety of plants to add to your garden spaces to attract various types of pollinators and look pretty as well.



Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum – Casual Attire

Founded in 2005, the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation seeks to raise awareness and increase community appreciation of the birthplace and childhood home of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson. Born and raised in Wytheville, Virginia, Edith Bolling Wilson traces her ancestry to Pocahontas and is the only southern Appalachian-born First Lady. As one of only eight historic sites across the country dedicated to the interpretation of a First Lady, the museum tells the story of the overlooked, yet vitally important role Edith Bolling Wilson played in the White House at a pivotal moment during World War I.

The museum is one of two Presidential Historic Sites located in an American Main Street. The property is a contributing structure of the downtown Wytheville Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater – Casual to Dressy Attire

Enjoy “LEGENDS: Patsy Cline!”, a theatrical tribute to the legendary country and pop icon, Patsy Cline. This production will transport you back in time. With great tunes and a great band, this show will have you singing the whole way home!



Virginia 4-H All Star Awards

Due: January 1, 2023

Visit the Virginia 4-H All Star website to learn about Awards, Scholarships and Recognition available to 4-H All Stars at this link: <http://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/all-stars.html>

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| * Wayne M. Keffer Memorial Scholarship | * C. D. Allen Award for Excellence |
| * Bradshaw Service Award | * Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in International Programs |
| * Virginia 4-H All Star Hall of Fame | |

Hello, 4-H All Stars,

Many thanks to you for your support and attendance at our Centennial in July. We appreciate the leadership of William Thomas and Billie Jean Elmer in developing and planning our conference events. The gifts from our members and 4-H All Star friends were amazing! These helped keep our conference fees low and affordable. So many of you gave so much to create a meaningful and fun event! Deb Nestor and her committee documented over 45 individuals and groups who assisted with the conference in the resolutions report. We are pleased that we could pay the registration fees for full-time students. It would be nice to make this a tradition!

I hope to see you at Midwinters on February 4-5, 2023 In Wytheville.

Best wishes,
Nancy M. Moga,
2020-2022 Big Chief

Airfield Chapter Report

The Airfield Chapter welcomed Hannah R. Bishop as our new chapter advisor. Hannah is a 4-H Extension Agent working with 4-H youth in Dinwiddie County.

Airfield Chapter reviewed youth and adult All Star nomination forms on November 16, 2022, at the Airfield 4-H Education Center.

We are looking forward to conducting Chapter meetings, electing new officers and conducting service projects within our large district. Information about Chapter activities will be provided to agents to send to Airfield Chapter All Stars.



4-H All Star Centennial Celebrating 100 Years of Service Report

Over a three-day period from Friday, July 22nd through Sunday morning, September 24th, the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars celebrated 100 years of service in support of Virginia 4-H. From the opening picnic dinner under a tent on the lawn at The Inn at Virginia Tech, to the Sunday morning breakfast and Memorial Service, the consensus was that we had celebrated in style!

While 124 registered, only 114 attended due to Covid! Attendees included those tapped in the 1950's to those just tapped in 2022. In fact, some members were tapped on Saturday afternoon of the event.

Highlights included a look at our history presented by Irene Leech; recognition of our leadership and award recipients from over the years; remarks from 4-H All Star, and the CEO of the Virginia Tech Foundation Elizabeth McClanahan, former Virginia Supreme Court Justice; a campfire led by Sam Fisher; greetings from Provost Cyril Clark, CALS Dean Dr. Grant Allan, and Extension Director Dr. Ed Jones; and an inspirational keynote address by 4-H All Star and former Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, Cynthia Kinser.

Our floral table centerpieces were made by a few of the All Stars in attendance. They were placed in cloth covered containers made by Airfield Chapter Chief Jean Powers. Keepsakes with our Centennial logos included an insulated zipper cooler bag. Items in the bag included a mouse pad, ball point pen, 3-in-one charging cable, 5 x 7 hardcover journal, and a microfiber cloth. Items given out at meals were a business card size magnet, magnetic clip, and a ballpoint pen. At the banquet we toasted our 100th birthday with cake and sparkling apple cider in a souvenir wine glass.

The event had a full mixture of service projects, tours and workshops. Two of Virginia Tech's premiere programs hosted workshops: The Oris Glisson Historic Costume and Textile Collection and The Center for Real Life Design at VA Tech with participants noting the presentations as superb well as a hands-on drone workshop. Campus tours throughout the event included the VA Tech Dairy Science Complex at Kentland Farms, the Football Athletic Facilities, along with a walking tour of the VA Tech campus. Since All Stars motto is service, this group participated in a myriad of service. From cleaning flowerbeds and landscape to stocking shelves at the local AGAPE Center, to about a dozen participants donating blood at the New River Valley Blood Donation Center. During registration, members packaged collections from All Star participants of canned/non-perishable goods, old towels/sheets and stuffed animals for delivery to the AGAPE Center, Riner Animal Hospital and English Meadows Senior Living Center respectively. The afternoon service project was an All Star 100th Birthday Party celebration at English Meadows Senior Living Center for All Stars and residents.

The West Virginia 4-H All Star Chapter, our founder, was represented by several members and Big Chief Abe Schoonover. Maryland Big Chief Cindy Bell represented that Chapter along with several other Maryland 4-H All Stars. Virginia 4-H All Stars were present in 2019 when West Virginia celebrated their 100th anniversary and again in 2021 when Maryland celebrated their 100th anniversary.



Embroidered 4-H All Star Polo, sweatshirt, notecards, etc.

To promote and market the Virginia 4-H All Star Program and Brand, the Executive Committee voted to offer an embroidered polo shirt to its members. Please contact Shields Jones (Albemarle 1969) at shields@nichollsauction.com or 540.220.1130 to receive information about this program.



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Hold the Dates!

2023 4-H All Star Interstate

Culpeper, Virginia

August 3-6, 2023

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Virginia 4-H All Stars will host the 4-H All Star Interstate Conference August 3 – 6, 2023 in the Northern Piedmont area of Virginia. During the conference we will explore multiple locations in Culpeper, Madison, and Orange Counties. The theme is “????????????”

Some of you were in this area in 2011 when Interstate was located at Graves Mountain Lodge in Madison County with a focus of the Civil War as part of that war’s Sesquicentennial. We look forward to having you back in 2023.

Conference headquarters will be at the Best Western motel in the Town of Culpeper, located just off US Route 29. The room rate is \$99.99 for Thursday night and \$119.99 for Friday and Saturday nights. The lodging tax will be an additional 11.5%. The name of the block is VA 4H All Star Interstate Conference.

The link is: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.47127.html?groupId=3E7CF2A4

For those wishing to use their RV for lodging: Check out this new RV RESORT in Madison, 30 minutes south of Culpeper: www.MadisonVinesRVResort.com. This is a new facility with lots to offer.

While the day to day schedule is still to be set, tentative plans include: a visit to “Montpelier”, recently restored to James Madison’s time; exploring the 1714 & 1717 German Colonies in Virginia at the Germanna Visitors Center and Salubria Manor built in the 1740’s (we hope to be able to visit with Governor Spotswood); Hebron Lutheran Church (1740) with a Tannenberg organ (1802); robotic dairy (operated by a 4-H All Star family and opened in 2022); George Washington Carver Museum and Piedmont Master Gardener Demonstration gardens; Exchange Hotel and Exchange BBQ with a walking / shopping tour of the Village of Gordonsville, plus several other attractions.

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