Smoke Signals from the Big Chief’s Tepee

A special thanks to the Mid-Winter Conference Planning committee of Irene Leech, Connie Bryant, and Leslie Funkhouser. A great time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed the shopping trek for Hokie Paraphernalia and a tour of Tech Campus. A BBQ chicken dinner was held at the Old Animal Science Facility and we visited the new Center. The Sunday morning vesper was held by the Wesley Foundation Praise Band. If you weren’t able to attend the Mid-Winter Conference, make plans now to attend one or all of the upcoming All Star events:

1) Tapping Ceremony—Wednesday, June 28, at 2:00 at the Ag Quad.
2) All Star Summer Conference at Holiday Lake, July 15-16 - Leslie Funkhouser has some interesting activities planned for this weekend.
3) 4-H All Star Interstate Conference in Starkville, Mississippi—August 10-13.

I hope would like to see and meet you at some of the events listed above. I hope to attend them all.

Elwanda Luttrell, Big Chief

Happy Retirement to Billie Cline
Billie Cline (Honorary 1986) was honored at a Retirement Party on April 5, 2006. Without this lady none of us would receive a Virginia Star newsletter!

We appreciate the contributions that Billie has made to VCE and 4-H throughout her 31+ years with Virginia Cooperative Extension, she will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her retirement!

WEDDING BELLS

Baby Twinkle News
Karen Thomas Sheehan (Culpeper ’94) and Drew Sheehan have a daughter - Anna Claire Sheehan born January 23, 2006. Grandparents are William (Culpeper ’76) and Susan (Albermarle ’63) Thomas and Uncle Evan Thomas (Culpeper ’90). Karen, Drew and Anna live in Fairfax where Karen teaches Spanish at Centreville High School.

ADDRESS CHANGES
Anyone with an address change can forward the information to our Recording Scribe Susan Thomas. Her email is thomasvtcc64@verizon.net or they can be mailed to her at: 1012 Hendrick Street, Culpeper, VA 22701
DISTRICT NEWS

Northwest District

Northwest District 4-H All Stars met during the Virginia 4-H All Star Mid-Winter Conference at the Hampton Inn in Christiansburg, Va. on Sunday, February 5, 2006. The meeting was called to order by the district chief, Kevin Cubbage. The minutes were read by scribe, Elwanda Luttrell. The minutes were approved. A planning meeting will be held in May at the Shenandoah County Office. The meeting will be to plan the fall conference which will be held on October 21.

In December All Star applications were reviewed. Many were done very well. Some will be chosen as samples and a letter will be sent asking for permission to use. These will come from about 5 areas.

April 29 will the District Presentation Day at Elkton school—Mt. Video in McGaheysville. Judges and room chairs are needed. Janet Frye volunteered as a room chair, and Ethel Showman as a judge.

The summer conference will be July 15 & 16 at Holiday Lake. Leslie Funkhouser is heading this conference. Some options are to take the Civil War Tour, or work in the National Resource Center at Holiday Lake. The Bunk House will be used for sleeping. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Northeast District News

The Northeast District All Stars met on February 5, 2006 at Midwinter Conference in Blacksburg, VA. On December 2, 2005 we had a fundraising dinner and meeting at the Henrico Extension Office. We donated $100 to the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center Brick Project. Saturday, February 11, 2006, Jamestown 4-H Center hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 4:00-6:00 PM. Tickets were $5.00 per person. Northeast District Contests were held on April 1, 2006 at Charles City High School. All Stars assisted with judging public speaking, presentations and Share-the-Fun contests. Upcoming events in the Northeast District:

Open House at Jamestown 4-H Educational Center on June 4, 2006 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Northeast District All Stars will be in charge of registration.

Northeast District All Stars and Volunteer Leaders Association will meet together for a combined fundraiser following the Open House at 5:30 PM on June 4, 2006 at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. It will be a Fish Fry - Adults $8.00; Children $5.00; Live entertainment will be provided. New All Star nominees will be invited to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to provide 4-H Congress scholarships for Northeast District Public Speaking Contest winners.

2007 All Star Interstate Conference will take place in Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach areas on August 2-5, 2007. The planning committee is looking for volunteers to work on committees for the conference.

Respectfully submitted     Sarah J. Gregory, Northeast District Chief

Southwest District

The Southwest District 4-H All Stars met on Sunday, March 19th following the Leader's Conference in Bristol, Virginia. Items were collected to donate to a local shelter. The next Southwest District meeting will be held at 10 a.m. June 10th at the picnic shelter of Bluemont Presbyterian Church, milepost 191 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. All Stars, family, and friends are invited; and a variety of activities are planned to go along with the theme of "Kith and Kin." The cost for lunch is $5.00. Please contact Ranelle Dulaney for questions, directions, and reservations at (276) 398-4271 or ranelle@swva.net.

The Teen Weekend planning committee meeting was held March 11th at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Abington, VA. The theme for this year's Teen Weekend was chosen to be "4-H in a Galaxy Far, Far Away". The annual teen camp is scheduled for September 9th and 10th at the SW VA 4-H Center. The Southwest District All Stars will meet September 10th following Teen Weekend.

Respectfully Submitted,      Michelle Cock, Southwest District Lesser Chief
### 4-H ALL STAR TAPPING CEREMONY

The 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 2:00 pm on the campus of Virginia Tech in the Ag Quad. Mark Kipps is in charge of the tapping ceremony. Any special requests for the tapping ceremony - like if you want the scouts to put a particular person in front of you in the circle or if you want to be a scout to tap someone in particular, then you need to let Mark know either by email mkipps@vt.edu, or by calling his cell phone at 540-478-3072.

All Stars are needed to complete the circle, as well as serve as Scouts in the Tapping Ceremony.

If you are able to participate in the Tapping Ceremony as a Scout, or have any other questions, please contact Mark Kipps as indicated above.

**Tapping Ceremony Practices:**

**Monday, June 26**
5:15 - 6 p.m. - All Star meeting (current All Stars only)

**Tuesday, June 27**
5:15 - 6 p.m. - All Star tapping orientation (for 4-H members to be tapped)
7:15 - 7:45 p.m. - All Star Practice - Ag Quad (for current All Stars only)

**Wednesday, June 28**
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - All Star Practice - Ag Quad (for current All Stars only)
2 - 3 p.m. - All Star Tapping Ceremony - Ag Quad
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - All Star Orientation (for all new All Stars)
7:15 - 9:00 p.m. - Share-the-Fun Show in Burruss Hall (All Stars and family invited!)

All current All Stars wishing to participate in the Tapping Ceremony must wear the following attire:

- **Women:** all white dress, or all white skirt and blouse and white shoes
- **Men:** white dress shirt, navy tie, navy pants and dark shoes

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### Follow The Gleam

*(Sung during the Tapping Ceremony)*

1st Verse:

To the Knights in the days of old — Keeping watch on the mountain height — Came a vision of Holy Grail — And a voice thru 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

2nd Verse:

And we who would serve the King — and loyally Him obey— In the consecrate silence know—That the challenge still holds today.

Chorus:

Follow, follow, follow the gleam, Standards of worth o’er all the earth, Follow, follow, follow the gleam Of the light that shall bring the dawn.
2007 4-H All Star Interstate Conference

The 2007 All Star Interstate Conference will take place in Williamsburg, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach August 2-5, 2007

We invite all Virginia 4-H All Stars to come and participate in this celebration of the All Star Conference and the Jamestown 2007 Celebration commemorating America’s 400th Anniversary.

Our Banquet and Silent and Live Auctions will take place at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center on Saturday, August 4, 2007.

We still need members to volunteer to work on the following committees:

I. REGISTRATION
   a. Registration
   b. Publications
   c. Notes

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE

III. ACCOMMODATIONS
   a. Hotel and Meals
   b. Transportation

IV. HOSPITALITY
   a. Welcome

V. PROGRAM
   a. Ceremony
   b. Speaker
   c. Tours

VI. BANQUET
   a. Entertainment
   b. Decorations

VII. FUNDRAISING

Benefits the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center on its ongoing renovations to the Center
   a. Silent Auction
   b. Live Auction

Respectfully submitted by Jean Powers (757-421-3715) and Sarah J. Gregory (804-275-5806), Co-Chairs 2007 4-H All Star Interstate Conference, August 2-5, 2007
C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence
Elizabeth Johnson from Bland County
She's been an agent for 6 years and in her current job for 5. In the past 3 years her unit has averaged 5 All Stars tapped per year. Nomination says: "Elizabeth makes a wide range of opportunities available for 4-H'ers so that they can have a well rounded resume and work to put in each area of the All Star application form." Bland All Stars conduct the local public speaking contests and judge at the area and district levels. They are involved in a number of district committees. The local chapter meets an average of twice a year and has 15-25 members at each meeting.

Wayne Keffer Scholarship Winners

Sarah Ashley Barlow - Louisa - 12 years in 4-H - Tapped in 2005, Life Member; VT Junior majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences with a minor in crop and soil environmental science. Hopes to be an extension agent. N District Showmanship Champion for 9 years. Has been a cabinet ambassador and president and vice president of local 4-H clubs.

The 2006 Bradshaw Service Award Winner
Shawnda Gregory of Chesterfield County
A 1995 All Star, Shawnda has served on a variety of county, district and state committees. Most notably, Shawnda has served on Interstate and Ceremonial committees, and she was our State Scout for two years. She is a volunteer leader with the 4-H Business Bunch Club in Chesterfield and volunteers for many leadership roles at district level. Shawnda also helps promote Jamestown 4-H Center events and the International 4-H Youth Exchange program. Shawnda was an IFYE to Finland in 2002. She has assisted at the Virginia State Fair in various capacities and volunteers at the Pocahontas State Park. Shawnda is truly deserving of this award, as her accomplishments are many and her love of 4-H and the All Stars is evident in all that she does.
IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Lucy J. Pilson (Patrick, 70, Honorary All-star) passed away Sept. 2, 2005. Has a daughter, Anne Pilson (Patrick, 65), 2 grandsons, Chris Pilson (Patrick-96), and James Curtis Pilson (Patrick, 2002). 3 generations of All Stars.

Sympathies are extended to the family of Sharon Garrow Whitlock of Newport News who passed away on May 16, 2006.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

INBOUND EXCHANGEES
Virginia is expecting three six-week exchangees, who include two 19-year-old girls from Austria and a 16-year-old girl from Greece. Each girl will be scheduled to have two host families of three weeks each.

Additionally, 30 Japanese youth ranging in age from 12 to 16 will be coming from mid-July to mid-August. They will all need one family each.

We also will be hosting approximately 15 high school youth from Japan and former Soviet republics for the 2006-2007 school year.

If your family is interested in hosting, please contact Dottie Nelson, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315, phone work 800-752-0673 Ext 245 or home 276-688-4028, or email dottieifye@yahoo.com

The host family application form can also be downloaded from this website: www.ifyeusa.org.

Becky Moyer is seeking families to host for the school year for both FLEX and Japanese students, and Judy Ann Fray is seeking host families for one-month Japanese students from mid-July to mid-August. Judy Ann's address is P.O. Box 263, Madison, VA 22727; phone 888-259-4272 PIN 7916. Becky’s phone is 540-459-3048.

RICHARDSON RECEIVES INTERNSHIP

Josh Richardson, a 24-year-old 4-H alumnus from Bland County, has applied for the International Four-H Youth Exchange program for 2006 and has been offered a special opportunity to become an intern at the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece, for the 2006-2007 school year.

A 2005 graduate of Berea College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Classical Studies, Josh has previous experience as a counselor for Upward Bound and a teen challenge program at Berea.

Josh is looking forward to ten months in Greece.

WILLIAMS GOES TO AUSTRIA

Ben Williams, a rising senior at James Wood High School in Frederick County, has been selected to participate in the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program for one month this summer. He will spend the month of July in Austria living with host families and learning about language, culture and customs. He will represent us well in Austria, where our exchange partner is the Austrian Rural Youth Clubs.
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Ya’ll Come!

2006 4-H All Star
Interstate Conference

Early Bird Package for Full Registration - Due June 16, 2006  $100
(Includes Thursday Dinner, Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, Friday tours, and refreshments)

Full Registration after June 15, 2006:  $125

Part-time Registration - by June 15, 2006:

Thursday Dinner  $15
Friday Lunch  $15
Friday Dinner  $15
Saturday Lunch  $15
Saturday Banquet  $25
Friday Tours  $50

Conference Hotel:  Comfort Suites, Starkville, MS
Rates - $75-85

For More Information Contact
Nelda Stark at neldas@ext.mmstate.edu
4-H All Star Interstate  
August 10-13, 2006  
Mississippi State University  
Tentative Agenda

**Thursday August 10:**
- 11:00 am - 6:00 pm  Registration - Bost Extension Center Lobby  
  Hospitality and refreshments
- 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  Informal activities - Hotel Check-in MSU  
  Campus Tours
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  Taste of Mississippi  
  Dinner - Bost Breezeway
- 8:00 pm  Opening Session - Bost Extension Center Theater  
  Welcome /Greetings  
  Program /Entertainment
- 10:00 pm  Silent Auction open for bidding  
  Bost Extension Center

**Friday August 11:**
- 8:00 am  Breakfast in Hotel
- 9:00 am  Depart Hotel for Tours  
  Columbus Home Tour  
  Lunch
- 5:30 pm  Catfish Dinner
- 7:30 pm  Entertainment - Possibly a play
- 10:30 pm  Return to Hotel

**Saturday August 12:**
- 7:30 am - 8:45 am  Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  Registration open  
  Hospitality Room open  
  Committee Meetings  
  Big Chiefs  
  Future Plans  
  Resolutions
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am  Business Meeting
- 12:00 pm  Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Workshops
- 4:00 pm  Free time
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  Banquet - Bost Extension Center  
  Silent Auction Closes

**Sunday August 13:**
- 8:00 am  Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am  Inspirational Service

10:30 am  Interstate Conference Adjourned
Hello! Busy 4-H All Stars need a holiday every now and then, so we would like to invite you to the 2006 Virginia 4-H All Star Summer Conference at the beautiful Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center! This location will allow us to take advantage of several unique attractions as tour options on Saturday afternoon:

- Take advantage of the Natural Resources Center located at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center with a guided walking tour of the grounds, including marshes, meadows, animal habitats and more for $6 per person.
- Experience the rich Civil War history surrounding Appomattox by visiting the Appomattox Court House Historical Park. The entrance fees are $4 per person with a maximum of $10 for a passenger vehicle. There are also additional charges for guided tours. For more information please visit www.nps.gov/apco where you can find attractions and fees.
- The National D-Day Memorial is approximately an hour away in Bedford, Virginia. The cost is $5 per person to visit the park with additional charges for guided tours. Please visit the website www.dday.org for more information on tours and fees.
- The pool at the 4-H Center will also be open for you to enjoy at no additional fee.

The Natural Resources Tour and the pool are located on the Holiday Lake Educational Center grounds, however car pools to other locations can be arranged. Those wanting to car pool to the D-Day Memorial should plan to meet at registration at 1:00 p.m. to allow for drive time. Those wanting to visit the Appomattox Court House Historical Park should plan to meet at 2:00 p.m. at registration to arrange car pools. Lunch will be on your own. There are several restaurants in downtown Appomattox for you to enjoy.

After an afternoon of taking in the local sights, we will reconvene at the Dining Hall for dinner and our business meeting. After dinner we will get to explore the “dark side” of the Natural Resources Center on an easy guided walking tour. Be sure to bring a jacket and flashlight! The pool will then be open from 10:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. if you need to cool down from the walk. There will also be service projects to participate in.

Sunday morning we will have the Vespers and Memorial Service followed by district meetings and our business meeting. We should conclude by noon.

Lodging will be at the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center Large Bunkhouse and Lake Lodge, neither of which are air conditioned. You will need to provide your own linens, pillows, towels, fans, etc. If you require alternate lodging, you can contact the Super 8 Motel in Appomattox at 434-352-2339.
Summer Conference Schedule

Saturday July 15, 2006
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  Registration (Conference Center)
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (On your own)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Tour D-Day Memorial
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Other Tours
  - Natural Resources Tour
  - Appomattox Court House Historical Park
  - Swimming
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  Dinner (Casual)
                   Business Meeting
8:30 - 9:30 p.m.  Night Tour of Natural Resources Center
                   OR
                   Service Projects
10:00 - 11:00 p.m.  Night Swimming and Snacks

Sunday July 16, 2006
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  Vespers and Memorial Service
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.  District Meetings
10:30 – 12:00 a.m.  Business Meeting

Have a Safe Trip Home!
# 4-H All Stars on Holiday
**July 15-16, 2006**
**Summer Conference Registration Form**

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________ M/F

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (   ) _______________________________ E-mail: _______________________________________

Unit & Year Tapped: _________________________ Guest(s) __________________________________ M/F

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**Dues:**
- Annual $10.00 ________
- Life $50.00 ________

**Contributions:**
- New Member Fund ________
- Keffer Scholarship Fund ________

**TOTAL** ________

Inactive members may become active by paying two years annual dues ($10 per year) or life membership ($50) 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).

**Special Needs** – Dietary, Handicapped, or Other: ____________________________________________________

**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.

All Star Signature(s): ___________________________ Date: ____________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________ Date: ____________

(If All Star is under age 18)

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars ($10 service charge for returned checks)
Send registration and check to: Virginia Cooperative Extension - Shenandoah, Attention: Leslie Funkhouser 600 North Main Street, Suite 100, Woodstock, VA 22664-1855

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**Next Star Deadline**  
**November 1, 2006**