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 Intermediate 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 Siege 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 Agent 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 T. Thomas
Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars
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Don’t forget that we’re on the web:

View the Virginia 4-H All Star Group:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_AllStars

To Subscribe to the Group listserv:
Virginia_4-H_AllStars-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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

If you have a Facebook account we want you to be linked to us!!! All you need to do is look for us under Virginia 4-H All Stars...we will get you added so you can connect with All Stars from all over the United States!! If you don’t have an account yet, don’t think you’re too many years young to have one...it is easy and FREE!!! Sign up at www.facebook.com!

The Virginia Star can be e-mailed to you...

As our organization is still being affected by the struggling economy, we must find ways to be a resourceful as possible. By having your copy of the Virginia Star distributed electronically to you, you help us SAVE! It’s fast, easy and the fun thing is you will get the Star much earlier than if you get it mailed to you!!! If you would prefer to receive your “Virginia Star” by e-mail please send an e-mail to Daniel Collins at collindp@vt.edu. Your name will be submitted to William Thomas to be left off of the Star snail mailing list. Thank you for supporting the Virginia 4-H All Stars!!!
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

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.

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

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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

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Respectfully submitted by: William Thomas

Please direct questions to Susan Thomas, Big Chief.

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Respectfully submitted by: William Thomas

Please direct questions to Susan Thomas, Big Chief.
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.

C. ALLEN 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.

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:** _________________________________________________________________________________________________________

**Address:** _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

**City:** ___________________________________________________________  **State:** ______________

**Home Phone:** (_________)  **Cell Phone:** (_________)

**E-mail:** ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

**Guest(s):** ___________________________________________________________  **M/F** _________________________________________________

**Special Needs/Requests:** ___________________________________________________________

**Name(s) for Nametag(s):** ___________________________________________________________

**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.

**Address:** _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

**City:** ___________________________________________________________  **State:** ______________

**State & Year Tapped:** ____________________________________________

**Number of Full Conference People:** __________     **Subtotal:** $_________

**Saturday Only** *includes registration, tours, lunch and banquet*

**Banquet Only**

**TOTAL:** $_________
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, Southeast 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 parent 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, Steve Wood served as Master of Ceremony for the banquet;

Whereas, Shirley Brown, Josephine Carter, Barbara Ellsworth, Sarah Gregory and Irene Leech planned and implemented the 2011 Virginia 4-H All Star Midwinter Conference;

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

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

**Tentative Schedule**

**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

**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** Hayside, 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

- **3:15 - 2:45** Business Meetings

- **3:45 - 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

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**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.
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 eatery. 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 the public. Options are available in some of the many houses and cottages at the facility. Contact Graves Mountain Lodge directly for options & cost.

http://www.gravesmountain.com
540-923-4231

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

Other tours include Luray Caverns and historic colonial Fredericksburg. Luray Caverns is one of the most spectacular sights in the eastern United States. Underground chambers, ranging from 30 to 140 feet high, display natural formations of columns, and draperies. Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe are among the luminaries who called Fredericksburg home. The historical Washington. James Monroe practiced law in the city.

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); fellowship 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 schedule to be our banquet speaker. Jack started his 4-H journey in West Virginia. www.culpepermuseum.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!!!

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 tappes up to the Big Chief, announcing the tappes’ names and counties, leading the tappes into the circle, and placing the tappes in front of current All Stars. If you are interested in serving as a Scout, if you have particular tappes that you wish to bring into the circle, or if you are not interested in being a Scout, but would like a particular tappes placed in front of you in the circle, please contact the State Scout Lauren Hurbarg at 434-286-3237 or wildabouthorses513@hotmail.com.

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In Memory...

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 (Tazewell 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 “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


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 Star!! 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

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