Smoke Signals from the Big Chief

As the Consecration Ceremony approaches, I am reminded of tales of a time when it was a surprise to be tapped and brought into that circle of smiling faces composed of men and women wearing white. Since then, many have been inducted and yet every year the number of All Stars making the circle seems to stay the same. Let’s make this the year we have 100 All Stars wearing white and navy to greet those being tapped! Join me on June 26th at the Virginia Tech Ag Quad for this amazing way to celebrate the hard work of Virginia 4-H!

Our Summer Conference will be hosted by the Northern-West district July 20th – 22nd in Staunton. The Interstate Conference will be the very next weekend, July 26th – 29th on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For both conferences, we have the opportunity to put together carpools or caravans. Send a message to our Facebook page or Yahoo group if you’re interested in taking one or both of these journeys with other Virginia 4-H All Stars.

At our Midwinter Conference, we voted to accept 90 new initiates to be tapped. Some of us toured Radford University and the great on-campus Planetarium. There were many donated items for the local Women’s Resource Center and others cut out stars for the doors at Congress. Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension, was our keynote speaker and we learned that he is a Mississippi 4-H All Star! For our entertainment, Ricky Cox wowed us with songs and stories while enriching our knowledge of Appalachian folk culture. Thanks to everyone who contributed time or materials and especially the Planning Committee: Susan Thomas, Shai Cullop, Daniel Collins and the Southwest District.

The State budget has been set, but we continue to advocate for Virginia Cooperative Extension whenever we can. The 4-H program has big changes ahead. I encourage you to participate with your local All Stars group or create one for your county. Remind your Extension Agent that the All Stars are available to help with occasional volunteers, fundraisers, judges, planning special events, or whatever the group’s strengths happen to be. This is one of the many ways we can live our motto of “Service”. When you are volunteering in service to 4-H, let them know that you are and always will be a Virginia 4-H All Star!

Your’s in service,
Michelle Cock
Big Chief, Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars
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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 va4hallstars@gmail.com. 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!!

There is a new address to use for updating the editor: va4hallstars@gmail.com

If you have a Facebook account we want you to add us!!! All you need to do is search Virginia 4-H All Stars...one of the group moderators will get you added so you can connect with All Stars from all over!!! If you do not have an account yet, don’t think you’re too young to have one…it is easy and FREE!!! Sign up at www.facebook.com!

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

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### “Stars in the Queen City!”

**July 20-22, 2012**

**Summer Conference Registration Form**

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Inactive members may become active by two years annual dues or life membership.
Conferences guests, other than spouses and/or children, must be approved by the Big Chief and/or 4-H Department Liaison (Policy 107).

**Code of Conduct**

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

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**Contributions:**

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Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars ($10 service charge for returned checks)

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

Questions: Rory Nansel, NW District Chief Phone: 540-233-0010 E-mail: nansel@shentel.net
Smoke Signals from our Districts

2012 4-H All Star Summer Conference
Staunton, VA - Sleep Inn
July 20-22, 2012

Full Conference Fee is only $36.00!

Lodging arrangements for the 2012 Summer Conference should be made directly with the Sleep Inn.

Room rates are $79.99/room plus tax!!

“Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.”

Schedule of Summer Conference Events

Friday, July 20, 2012
6:30 PM Teens! Meet at Hotel: Valley League Baseball game! $5 (Kate Collins MS, Waynesboro)
7:30-10 PM Executive Committee Meeting, Best Western Boardroom (Next to Mrs. Rowe’s)

Saturday, July 21, 2012
6:00 - 10:00 AM Hot Breakfast, Sleep Inn (Hotel Guests Only)
8:30 – 11:30 AM Exec. Committee, Best Western Boardroom (if needed)
10:00 – Noon Conference Registration & Service Project
Noon - 1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
1:30 - 3:45 PM In (and around) the Queen City – Tours
3:45 - 4:15 PM Change for Dinner
4:30 - 6:15 PM Business Meeting: Preston L. Yancey Fire Department, Fishersville*
6:15 - 9:00 PM Dinner and Entertainment
9:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Time - Sleep Inn, Hospitality Room and Breakfast Area

Sunday, July 22, 2012
6:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast, sleep Inn (Hotel Guests only)
9:15 - 9:45 AM Vespers, Preston L. Yancey Fire Department, Fishersville*
9:45 - 10:30 AM District Meetings
10:30 - 12:15 PM Business Meeting

*Directions from Sleep Inn, Staunton, to Preston L. Yancey Fire Department, 2015 Jefferson Highway, Fishersville: Take Right onto Jefferson Highway, after 400 feet, make a U-turn, go 4.5 miles. The Fire Department will be on the right, 0.4 mile past the Exxon Station, Look for Clover Sign.

Summer Conference tours include Staunton’s own Frontier Culture Museum, Woodrow Wilson Home & Museum and Sunspots Studios & Glassblowing!

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to tour the “Queen City!”
2012 Midwinter Conference—Resolutions Report

Whereas the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars held their 2012 Midwinter Conference February 4th and 5th in Radford, Virginia; and in view of the fact that this event required the contributions of many people, let it be resolved that thanks and appreciation be expressed to the following groups or individuals:

- Southwest District and Chief Shai Cullop for hosting the event;
- Nino Giampo and La Quinta Inn and Suites for their hospitality, for providing lunch, and for cooperating with us for the use of their facilities;
- Linda Edwards and Baker’s Best for the Saturday evening banquet and meeting room for the business meeting at no additional charge;
- Shai Cullop for coordinating tours of the Radford University;
- Daniel Collins and Shai Cullop for serving as emcees for the Saturday evening banquet;
- Ricky Cox for sharing his expertise on Appalachian affairs with us;
- Cathy Sutphin for her presence, and support for the All Star program;
- Dr. Ed Jones, Director of Extension, for taking the time to attend our business meeting and banquet, and for updating us on matters pertaining to Extension and his vision as to how we “Build for the Future”;
- Susan Thomas, Past Big Chief, for assisting with the planning for Midwinter Conference;
- Irene and Randy Leech for receiving registration, and handling necessary contracts and financial matters;
- William Thomas for preparing the banquet program and travel directions;
- Eastern District South, Jean Powers and Rose Talbott for assisting with registration, providing name tags, and providing door prizes;
- Northern District East and Chief William Thomas for coordinating the service projects: 144 stars were cut out to be placed on the doors of 2012 initiates, and the doors of current All Stars who attend Congress; Thanks go to all All Stars who provided school supplies, hygiene items, and foods for the service project. These items have been donated to the New River Valley Women’s Center;
- William and Susan Thomas for sponsoring the first Dottie Nelson Award;
- Northern District West and Chief Rory Nansel for sponsoring the Hospitality Room;
- Central District and Audrey Lee, Pam Levinson and Janet Cofer for providing table decorations and favors;
- Eastern District North and Chief Sarah Gregory for leading our time of meditation and devotions;
- Big Chief Michelle Cock for presiding over our business sessions, and overseeing the affairs of the chapter;
- Jean Powers, and those from Eastern District South, who assisted her with reviewing new member application, and the preparation of our membership ballots.

I believe it should be clear to all that many hands have been involved in the preparations for this conference. Once again, let’s make note of the fact that our thanks are due to all of these persons who have served the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Thomas, Past Big Chief
In Memory...

- Hubert S (Bert) Widener (Carroll '78), retired Extension Agent from Carroll County died July 9, 2011.
- James Allen Smith, (Appomattox 1981), retired Appomattox Extension Agent died Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at his residence. He was a Past President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. His son Blair memory of A. Gilliam Bradshaw, III. Smith of Appomattox is a 1981 All Star.
- Marian Duffey MacLeod (Blindridge 1941) passed away on the March 17th, 2011; "All Star Service" by spirit of "All Star Service" in Charlottesville.
- Oliver D. Washington of Tappahannock (Essex 1990), owner and founder of Washington Funeral Home, Inc. died Sept. 19, 2011. He was a Past President of the Jamesown 4H Education Center.
- Robert George Apperson (Culpeper 1939), of Culpeper died Friday, February 24, 2012 at Culpeper Regional Hospital. He retired in 1989 after working 33 years with the United States Department of Agriculture as office manager of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

October 15, 2012

The Virginia Star Deadline

Notice of Bylaws Revision for Summer Conference

A. The State 4-H Staff may nominate a maximum of six (6) unit Extension staff and four (4) state or district Extension personnel for honorary membership. These nominees shall have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least seven (7) five (5) years, two of which shall have been in Virginia.

B. The unit membership committee may annually nominate three (3) adult volunteer leaders for honorary membership into the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars. A maximum of eighteen (18) adult leaders may be inducted annually into membership. A nominee must have rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program for at least seven (7) five (5) years, two of which shall have been in Virginia.

C. At any regular meeting, the Chapter may elect to Honorary Membership;
   1. Any person from a foreign country who has rendered outstanding service to 4-H or similar youth work in her/his country.
   2. Any representative from a donor organization who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program.
   3. Any person not otherwise eligible who has rendered outstanding service to the 4-H program.

D. An affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting is required for election to honorary membership. To be initiated to membership, said honorary nominee must attend a Consecration Ceremony.

E. Honorary members may become active members by payment of dues as specified in Article II of the Bylaws. See Article I, Section 2B for definition of active membership.

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. The 2012 recipient 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 2005 and 2007, and has flown the state project horse. She competed in numerous horse shows, Hippology, the Horse Bowl, and horse judging, competing on the state teams at regional and national competitions. She has had numerous entries in local and state fairs, with entries in crafts, photography, sewing and judging. She has been the Congress Cabinet All Star Liaison, helped with the group photo at Congress, assisted with All Star workshops at State 4-H Congress, reviewed All Star applications, served as a room chair for public speaking and is our State Scout. She gets into "spirit of All Star Service" by spirit of "All Star Service" in Charlottesville. She competed in 4-H State Show, visiting nursing homes with therapy dogs, food drives, Operation Military Kids, helping with Bible School, church fundraising projects, youth activities and donation trips. In 2006 All Star from Appomattox County, she is a sophomore at Liberty University, majoring in Music with Choral Specialization, Keyboard emphasis. She began taking piano lessons when she was 4 years old and she has discovered the joy of sharing this passion with others. Since she started learning it this passion with others. Since she started learning it this passion with others. Since she started learning it this passion with others. Since she started learning it this passion with others. She loves to play and participate in community church and school activities. In March 2011, she also wants to add a String Performance Minor to her studies. To do this, she must become dual enrolled in Liberty University and UVA for harp instruction. She wants to pursue graduate and doctoral studies in music, ultimately conducting choirs, teaching music theory, and private piano instruction on the collegiate level. She wishes to use her ability as a harpist in orchestral and music therapy roles, as well as to teach private harp lessons. This multi-talented young lady is our current Lesser Chief. Lauren Harburg.

C. Dean 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.

The 2012 recipient obtained a BA - Physical, Health & Driver's Education from Emory & Henry College in 2004. Thereafter, he obtained his Master of Sciences in Career & Technical Education Extension Education & Youth Development from Virginia Tech in 2006. Career wise, he has been a Therapeutic Mentor for DePaul Family Services, an assistant Volleyball Coach at Emory & Henry College, 4-H Camp Programming Staff, a Special Education Aide and Volleyball Coach at Virginia Intermont College and finally landed job in his chosen career as a 4-H Agent in Guaynabo County. After serving there for a few years, he has just recently transferred to his native Smyth County to be the 4-H Agent there. Tapped into the All Stars in 1999, this person has served as a scribe in his district chapter and also the state chapter. He works with his district All Stars who sponsor an annual teen weekend. In 2007, he took over as editor of the The Virginia Star and he maintained 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. It is difficult to segregate his community service as a 4-H'er, an adult volunteer leader, an All Star, and now a 4-H Agent, because the transition was 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. Of course, this guy is the Southwest All Star and 4-H Agent, Daniel Collins.

Keffe Memorial All Star Scholarships

Kayla Eppard was active as a 4-H member in projects such as Market Lamb (Herdsmanship Award), Heifer and Market Steers (County Reserve Champion Steer). She served 5 years as a leader for 4-H camp and was a mentor and ten coach for her club and county's LEGO League earning District wins. She has served in many leadership roles as an officer in local and county clubs, holding every office at one time or another. She has been a State 4-H Cabinet member, helping plan State 4-H Congress, District Teen Ambassador, All Star 4-H Congress, District Teen Ambassador and Cabinet mentor. Since being tapped into the All Stars, she has been Chief and Lesser Chief at county level, district Cabinet and state Cabinet. With the exception of one interstate conference, she has been to every Virginia 4-H All Star Conference since being tapped in 2007. She was in the high school National Honor Society, the Debate Club and Hope and Eagles tutoring program. The Greene County All Star is a sophomore at James Madison University and is majoring in Elementary Education.

Victoria Snyder was active in Consumerama, Leadership and Fashion Revue. She was a state competitor in 4-H Fashion Revue. She was club president, treasurer, ten council Vice President and President. She was a camp counselor for Jr. 4-H Camp and Fair Camp. She has volunteered with nursing homes, picked up garbage, run the Face for the Salvation Army and the by the Trave- cee's Haunted House. After high school, Victoria went to college for just over 2 years studying Psychology and Social Work. She left college to be a wife and mother which led to volunteering with other organizations that include Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. After running a home-based day care and home-school her own children, she returned to college and is now pursuing a degree in Nursing. She values the connection of patient care and wants to support new mothers in their new roles. Victoria is a 1994 Prince William All Star and is a junior at Radford University.
Dottie Nelson was presented with the inaugural “Dottie Nelson Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs” at the 2012 Midwinter Conference banquet. The Executive committee established the award to recognize initiative, growth, leadership and accomplishments in 4-H International programs by volunteer adult leaders. The purpose is to encourage volunteers to take leadership in programs with emphasis on opportunities which broaden the horizon of participants.

In 2009 she was honored by the National Epsilon Sigma Phi organization as one of three volunteers selected as a national Friend of Extension award winner. The following excerpt does an excellent job of giving her credentials.

Dottie Nelson, Bland 1974, has been credited by 4-H agents and volunteer leaders with keeping the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program alive and growing in Virginia for more than 20 years. As its inbound and outbound coordinator, Nelson processes all program applications, purchases airline tickets, recruits host families throughout Virginia, plans and carries out orientation sessions, and ensures that participants have opportunities to take part in 4-H camps and State 4-H Congress, as well as to tour Washington D.C. She has worked with officials in numerous countries to place delegates, while serving at the national level as vice president and secretary of the IFYE Foundation and twice serving on the IFYE Association Board of Directors.

In addition, in 2007 the All Stars honored Dottie with the Hall of Fame award. That presentation noted that she had held the offices of Big Chief, Lesser Chief and Recording Scribe as well as being Southwest District Chief, Lesser Chief, Scribe and Reporter. She also served as The Virginia Star Editor for eight years.

The following is the eligibility for the award:

1. Nominee must have been an adult 4-H volunteer leader for the three (3) or more years.
2. Nominee must be supportive of the 4-H All Star Mission of Service, be involved in 4-H All Star programs and have provided 4-H International opportunities for youth and families.

Nominations may be made by 4-H volunteers, unit (county/city), District or State Extension Faculty members.

2012 4-H All Star Interstate
Join us for a casual SHORE GOOD TIME!!!

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Travels will take us to Queen Anne’s, Talbot and Dorchester Counties on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. We will be headquartered at the Comfort Inn at Easton. Rooms ($99 + tax) include hot breakfast. http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-easton-maryland-MD056

(410) 820-8333
REGISTRATIONS are DUE JULY 1, 2012!

Information: Garry and Anne Schnappinger, 930 Starr Road, Centreville, MD 21617
Registration questions call 410-758-1419 Email: schnapp@hughes.net
Conference Questions call: 410-778-0897 or 410-708-7548

Registration information can be found on the Virginia 4-H All Stars website at: http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html or Contact William Thomas!