Hello 4-H All Stars! I am so pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve you as your Big Chief! So far, it has been quite an adventure! I am incredibly honored to be asked to serve after Michelle Cock and Susan Thomas, two women who I have had the great privilege to work with the last few years. These two ladies have done so much great work for the Virginia 4-H All Stars and I am excited to use what I have learned from them in my own term as Big Chief.

The past two years, I served as your State Scout and loved getting to know so many of you. This past June, during State 4-H Congress, we enjoyed a lovely consecration ceremony where we initiated 100 new members! This organization is one that has so many diverse individuals and at 4-H Congress and All Star conferences, it is amazing how we all come together. To those of you who have been All Stars for quite a few years, as well as those of you who have recently joined us, I encourage you to attend state conferences, district events, and local All Star functions to get to know each other and to contribute to the Virginia 4-H program together.

In addition to our beautiful tapping ceremony, we also enjoyed a wonderful summer conference in Richmond. Although we had a few lodging speed bumps, a big thanks goes out to Sarah Gregory and her conference planning committee for all of their work, especially in the weeks leading up to the conference! Many attendees went on tours of the New Kent Winery and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, while others got a workout jumping around at Jumpology. While I was unable to attend Interstate Conference in West Virginia this summer, I have heard great things about this conference as well!

If you have never attended a state All Star conference before, consider attending our upcoming Midwinter Conference in Orange, VA. New members: grab a few All Star friends and catch a ride with an older All Star or bring your parents! I have done both and have had the most incredible experiences. For those of you who have attended a conference before, note the special prize for All Stars who bring the most new-conference attendees to this conference!

Finally, save the date for State 4-H Congress June 16th through 19th at Virginia Tech. Our 2014 Tapping Ceremony will be on Wednesday, June 18th but we will also need help with our ice cream social, the group photo, and public speaking competitions. Look out for more information in the coming months. Hope to see you there!

Yours in service,
Kayla Eppard
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!!!

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!

Investing In Our FUTURE!
February 1-2, 2014—Orange, VA
Virginia 4-H All Stars Midwinter Conference Registration Form

Name: _____________________________________________ (Male/Female) Name Preferred on Nametag:
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________
Number and Street: __________________________________________ City: __________ State: __________ Zip:
Telephone: __________________________ E-mail: ____________________________________________________
Unit & Year Tapped: _____________________________________________________________ Guest(s) __________________________

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BANQUET ONLY

Late Fee (If postmarked after January 18) | x $5.00 | |
| Saturday Business Meeting, Registration & Meal (Discounts do not apply!) | x $30.00 | |

Special Needs - (dietary restrictions, requests, etc.:) _________________________________

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).
Guest(s) WILL NOT receive discounted rates. / No alcoholic beverages are permitted at All Star functions (Policy 110).

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.

All Star Signature(s): ________________________________ Date: ___________________
PARENTS/GUARDIAN Signature: ________________________________ Date: ___________________

Make checks payable to: Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars ($25 service charge for returned checks)

Send registration and check to: Attention: Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N. Fork Rd., Elliston, VA 24087
Registration Questions: William & Susan Thomas -Phone: 540-825-1873 E-mail: thomasvtcc@verizon.net
Questions: William & Susan Thomas -Phone: 540-268-0181-Fax, ileech@vt.edu

Are you attending because you received a special invite from a fellow All Star? If so, list name: ___________________________
If you are not attending Montpelier tour, would you assist with service at Dogwood Village? ______YES _____NO

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Smoke Signals from our Districts

Our recognition picnic for 2013 Northern District-East All Stars was held August 2nd at Graves Mt. Lodge in Syria. We had 32 All Stars and 21 guests for a total of 53 in attendance. This included seven 2013 All Stars. Nine counties were represented and the 32 All Stars were tapped from 15 different counties. For the second straight year, we had one or more All Stars representing each decade from the '40's to the present for a total of 13 decades Our silent auction once again netted the District Treasury over $400. That money is used to support district activities. Chapter activities include scholarships to members who attended conferences for the first time; scholarships to 4-H’ers who participated in the public speaking contest at state; t-shirts; cost of picnic meal for new All Stars, supplies and postage. Northern District All Stars met Thursday, November 21st at Pepper’s Grillin the Culpeper Best Western Motel to review membership forms. Sixteen All Stars attended, representing eight counties. Seven Officers elected to serve for 2013 – 2014 are as follows: Chief – William Thomas Culpeper 1976 Lesser Chief – Jody Ann Fray Madison 1997 Scribe – Anna Rij 2005 Treasurer – Roger Suder Culpeper 1964 Officers elected to serve for 2013 – 2014 are as follows:

Chief - William Thomas Culpeper 1976
Lesser Chief - Jody Ann Fray Madison 1997
Scribe - Anna Rij 2005
Treasurer - Roger Suder Culpeper 1964

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Midwinter Conference in Orange. Hope to see many of you at that event!

Eastern District South All Stars conducted their district meeting during 2013 Midwinter Conference. Assignments for our district responsibilities for the 2013 Summer Conference were planned and assigned. Our newly tapped All Star from Surry County made an All Star presentation to the 11-13 year olds at Intermediate Congress on how to document their 4-H careers and apply to become an All Star. The treasurer’s report was given and it was voted to keep the account with Rogene Nester as of now. A copy of the By-laws was given out and a few changes were made. Those changes will be sent out to the membership and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Discussion followed about the Public Speaking Score Sheets, saying a need was there for conformity with the forms, especially on the Area Level. A date will be set for a District Public Speaking Contest, which is sponsored by the All Stars. Southwest District will host the Interstate Exchange in 2015. Steve Wood has information about the 2014 cruise. New nomination forms were distributed and gone over. 4-H Leader Nominations were gone over, and were ranked in order for membership and 2 were considered as At-large. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

New officers were elected, and they are as follows:

Officers elected to serve for 2013 – 2014 are as follows:

Big Chief – Donna Hamm, Smyth County
Lesser Chief – Mary Gee, Tazewell County
Scribe – Amanda Barbrow, Smyth County
Treasurer – Rogene Nester, Carroll County
Historian – Spencer Gee, Tazewell County
2013 Summer Conference—Resolutions Report

The Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars gathered for their Summer Conference in Richmond and New Kent County, Virginia on July 19, 20 and 21, 2013 at the Homewood Suites, 5996 Audubon Dr., Sandston, VA 23150. The theme of the Conference “Back To Our Roots”. Whereas, we would like to thank and acknowledge the following:

- The Rector, Rev. Paul Rowel of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, New Kent County, for the tours of the church and grounds. The First President George and first Lady Martha Washington of the USA were married there.
- Paul Davis and family for offering the use of the family farm Pavilion that overlooks the Pamunkey River in New Kent County. Also thanks for arranging a tour of Martha Washington’s birth place.
- Thanks to Richard Potter and sister Sharon Fowlkes for their input and showing of the scrapbook of Martha Dandridge Washington’s life. Martha’s original home burned in 1926. Mr. Potter lives on the property where Martha was born.
- Thanks to John Yakshke and New Kent ELC for their support.
- New Kent County School System and Nina Brown, bus driver. Arrangements were made with New Kent County School System for bus service.
- Cynthia Rowles, 4-H Agent, and New Kent County ELC for all their support and organization of tours.
- Kendra K. Young, 4-H Agent, Henrico County, Eastern North Agent Advisor, for making Hotel Arrangements, Jumigology tickets, Gifts and Door Prizes.
- William (Bill) Weiner, Henrico 4-H All Star, for the Blessing of Thanksgiving, and Guest Speaker on his 4-H experience and New York Life Insurance consultant.
- Mike Bobbit and Judy Scott – New Kent Winery Tours.
- Raynelle Ankney for providing a great lunch and dinner, Cookout at Farm.
- Phil Leech for the food contribution to 4-H All Stars.
- Walter E. Saxton, Jr., DDS, PC for donation of 4-H All Star Water Bottles.
- Randy Leech for supplying the music during our Saturday picnic.
- Sarah J. Gregory, Eastern North Chief for gifts and door prizes and co-organizing the conference.
- Thanks to the Chesterfield Cooperative Extension Office for printing the programs for the 4-H All Star Conference.
- Thanks to Irene Leech for your help with management of the Conference.
- Thanks to the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars for the collection of school supplies for our service project, Matthew’s Haven donation to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.
- Thanks to William and Susan Thomas for the Memorial Service of VA 4-H All Stars.
- Thanks to the Hospitality Committee, all 4-H All Stars and committees that made the Summer All Star Conference a success!

Therefore, be it resolved, that we thank the above people and businesses for these contributions and services.

Resolution Committee Members.
Barbara Spangler, Chair Sarah J. Gregory Mary Ball Massey Shawnda Gregory

In Honor and Memory of our fellow 4-H All Stars...

R. DuVal Dickinson, (Spotsylvania ‘39) died March 11, 2013 in Fredericksburg, VA.

Marcia Burnham Meador (Jamesmont 4-H Center 1994) died March 21, 2013.

Dr. Hubert John Gerken Jr (Montgomery ’74), of Burlington, N.C., died Oct. 27, 2012.

Katherine Ratliff Miller (Wythe ‘93) died March 21, 2013, in Wytheville, VA.

Sallie Wetsel Gochoum (Shenandoah, ’68) age 94 died on July 4, 2013, in Woodstock.

Laurel Stewart Woodbeck (Fairfax ’77) passed away in California on October 19, 2012.

Dr. John S. Huddleston (Page ’71) of Calabash, NC died June 28, 2013.

Ella Gay McCurdy Potter, 82 Rockbridge, died November 19, 2013.

Dr. Joyce Anderson Martin, (Montgomery ’83) of Lenoir City, Tennessee, formerly of Bassfield, Mississippi passed away December 26, 2012.

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2014 Midwinter Conference Information

Be sure to mark February 1 & 2, 2014 on your calendar now and plan to join fellow 4-H All Stars for our annual Midwinter Conference. The award winning Orange Holiday Inn Express will be the headquarters.

With the theme of “Investing in Our Future” we will invite past winners of the Keffer Scholarship as special guests. They will be recognized at the Saturday evening banquet with John Dooley as guest speaker. The Chief Operating Officer of the Virginia Tech Foundation, John Dooley is better known to the 4-H family as Director at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center 1982-1991; his time as Director of the Virginia 4-H Foundation (1991-1995 and as Director of Virginia 4-H (1995-2001).

Saturday afternoon offers a tour of Montpelier, home of James Madison. At the 2008 Midwinter Conference, we toured the home during its renovation. The work is complete and Montpelier has been returned to the James Madison era, and a new Educational building / wonderful gift shop have been added. There will be additional afternoon options. As always we will have the service project of cutting out Stars for the doors of All Stars at Congress.

Lunch will be at Dogwood Village, a senior living facility, where we will have a service project working with seniors who are residents. Those not touring Montpelier will be able to assist residents in making Valentine decorations for their room doors. All Stars may bring small gifts such as pens, pads of note paper, Post-It notes as gifts for these residents. Mill Valley Barbeque will serve the banquet at the Holiday Inn Express Saturday evening. Mill Valley Barbeque is owned and operated by Rodney Lillard, a 1980 Madison 4-H All Star.

We are bringing back a focus from past conferences where we recognized reunion years. A special invitation will be sent to those tapped in 2004 (10 year); 1994 (20 year); 1984 (30 year); 1974 (40 year) to attend because of your contact; 2) They must attend the full conference (not just the banquet); 3) you submit the names to Conference Chair William Thomas by January 25th.

Invite Your Friends!!!!!!!!!

It is generally understood that people are more likely to participate in events through personal contact. We are encouraging our membership to be involved in personally inviting others to attend.

Can you win the prize for bringing the most first time attendees to the 2014 Midwinter Conference? To encourage All Stars to attend their first Midwinter Conference the host district, Northern East, is offering a prize to the All Star who can get the most fellow All Stars to their first Conference. The winner will receive money for expenses, a gift basket and the pleasure of knowing they have helped strengthen Virginia 4-H All Stars.

The guidelines are: 1) The All Stars attending acknowledge on their registration that they were encouraged to attend because of your contact; 2) They must attend the full conference (not just the banquet); 3) you submit the names to Conference Chair William Thomas by January 25th.
During the upcoming year, the Virginia 4-H All Stars will be working tediously to update nomination forms and taking suggestions from our fellow All Stars. Please talk with your unit agents, chapters, district chapters and think about the nomination form that was updated in 2007. Any suggestions that you can send to the FORMS COMMITTEE would be welcomed & considered! Please send your suggestions to Carol Nansel, Forms Chair at cnansel@vt.edu or call 540-459-6140!

Forms may be obtained on the website at http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html or by contacting our Awards Chairman, Dottie Nelson, at 276-617-1065 or dottieifye@yahoo.com.

Completed forms should be sent to:  Dottie Nelson, Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315...postmarked by January 1st!

Welcome to our 2013 Virginia 4-H All Star Initiates

Jackie Haymaker
Accomack
Grace Catherine Kaiser
Louisa

Elizabeth Morgan Lynn Snyder
Accomack
Jessen Oliver Powell
Louisa

Kasey Leigh Toth
Accomack
Hunter Elgin Watkins
Louisa

Emily Paige Eubank
Amherst
Denise Webb
Madison

Ashley Marie Helfelfinger
Bedford
Brooke Elizabeth Paramore
Madison

Thomas Levi Gibson
Bland
Caitlin Joyce Shilan
Madison

Colton Edward Havens
Bland
Caleb Michael Webb
Madison

Rebecca Paige Havens
Bland
Susan H. Burch
Montgomery

Regan Alexis Johnson
Bland
Scott Greiner
Montgomery

Jeremy Shawn Nelson
Bland
Hayden Douglas Burch
Montgomery

Carolyn Sutphin Hicks
Carroll
Megan Elizabeth Harris
Orange

Zebulon Lane Hicks
Carroll
John Michael Knight
Orange

Jeffery Ray Vass
Carroll
Robert Thomas Nixon III
Orange

Gaynor Hay
Chesterfield
Delaney Breene O'Donnell
Orange

Dinah Hill
Chesterfield
Lynette Shenk
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Gisela Anne Lemay
Chesterfield
Samantha Lee Shenk
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Catilin Anne Schoenmell
Chesterfield
Sandy Arnold
Prince William

Phyllis Catherine Hope
Clarke
Cindy Puryear
Prince William

Monica Lynn Wise-carver
Clarke
Ronald Smith
Prince William

Matthew Luke Heinrich
Culpeper
Michelle Emily Leporatti
Prince William

Kelsey Leigh Carlton
Dinwiddie
Marie Margaret Lerch
Prince William

Jessica Marie Hoak
Dinwiddie
Mikaela Jeannette Mattes
Prince William

Arielle Veronica Ampeh
Fairfax
Troy Edward Vigil
Prince William

Rachel Sara Stephenson
Fairfax
Mikayla H. Bailey
Rockingham

Esther Rose Hethcox
Fauquier
Ashley Marie Craun
Rockingham

Christopher John Markham
Fluvanna
Chelsea Brooke Ellington
Rockingham

Jordan Ashley Ruffner
Fluvanna
Savannah Danielle Fink
Rockingham

Rose McDonald
Frederick
Alexandra Cleo Holloway
Rockingham

Amanda Simons
Frederick
Helena Grace Hopkins
Rockingham

Delmar B. Larrick III
Frederick
Melissa D. Hockman
Rockingham

Laura M. Redman
Gloucester
Susan St. Amand
Shenandoah

Hannah Ruth Eller
Grayson
Bradley Allen Custer
Shenandoah

Gina Marie Liu
Green
Bethany Renee Gochenour
Shenandoah

Nathan David March
Greene
Rachel Elizabeth Harriman
Shenandoah

Mary Allison Ellis
Hanover
Treva Frye Collins
Smyth

Lauren Stephanie Jones
Hanover
Laurinda H. Sturgill
Smyth

Corene Ruth Cantwell
Henrico
Amanda Lynn Barbrow
Smyth

Taylor Nicole Reed
Henrico
Emily Sierra Matney
Smyth

Brian L. Hairston
Henry/Martinsville
Ivana Caroline Pond
Spotylvania

Lisa Laliberty
Henry/Martinsville
Sadie Elizabeth Pond
Spotylvania

Jeffery T. Byrd
Henry/Martinsville
Kathy Clark
Surry

Haley Annette Henry
Henry/Martinsville
Diana Clark
Surry

Ebony T'.ERRA Martin
Henry/Martinsville
Aaiyah Lynnette Lambert
Surry

Mary Elizabeth Nolan
Henry/Martinsville
Rhonda Fuller
Tazewell

Shivam Suresh Patel
Henry/Martinsville
Mary S. Gee
Tazewell

Kari Abbott
James City
Emily Nester
Tazewell

Jeremy Johnson
James City
Kirby Malone Kellem
Virginia Beach

Russ Mavis Misch
King George
David Early Kellam III
Virginia Beach

Elsey Marie Quaruccio
King George
Megan Joanne Kramer
Virginia Beach

Nicholas Logan Potts
Louloud
Katelyn Paige Belcher
Washington

...the C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence, recognizing a Unit Extension Faculty member with three (3) or more years of service to All Stars and/or 4-H International opportunities for youth.

...the Bradshaw Service Award for a 4-H All Star of 15 years or less membership who has rendered outstanding service to the All Star organization and other community service exemplifying our motto of service.

...the Dottie Nelson Service Award for Excellence in 4-H International Programs, recognizing a 4-H All Star or Volunteer with three (3) years of more of service in providing 4-H International opportunities for youth and families.

...the Wayne Keffer Memorial College Scholarships (two of $600 each) for Virginia 4-H All Stars who are currently college freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students.

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Don’t forget to send in your nominations for the following awards by January 1:

...the Bradshaw Service Award for a 4-H All Star of 15 years or less membership who has rendered outstanding service to All Stars and/or 4-H International opportunities for youth.

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2013 Interstate Conference Report

The 4-H All Stars Interstate Conference was held at Jackson’s Mill, WV from August 1-4, 2013. There were approximately 42 adults in attendance. There were a total of 11 All Stars from Virginia. The Virginia All Stars traveled a combined distance of 2,727 miles and were awarded the Mary Cunningham Memorial Travel Recognition Award for traveling the greatest distance of any state at the conference.

Highlights included the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, Citizens Bank of Weston, and various museums, but the biggest highlight was Jackson’s Mill 4-H Center itself! We toured both the camp and the living history portion of the Jackson’s Mill 4-H Center, received a bag of corn meal from their functioning Grist Mill, stood where 4-H All Stars started, and visited the W. H. “Tepee” Kendrick shrine.

Mississippi did not have a representative attending the conference. As a result, the three remaining host states—Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia—voted to have Interstate Conference once every two years. Therefore, the next regularly-scheduled conference will be in Virginia in 2015. Meanwhile, Debbie Ross (a Maryland All Star) and Steve Wood are working together to plan a cruise for 2014. They are circulating a survey to determine where, when, and how long people would prefer for the cruise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Cock

2013 All Star Ceremonial Report

On Wednesday, June 19th, 2013, the Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars initiated 100 new members with 27 of those being honorary members. We would like to thank:

• Randy and Irene Leech for the use of their sound system, for helping with the ceremony set up, for ordering flowers, and for all the rest of the background work they do.
• Irene Leech and Caroline Reid for working the registration table before and during the ceremony.
• Kayla Eppard, Caroline Reid, and Kathy Alstat for putting together the star name tags presented at the ceremony.
• Steve Wood for serving as Scout Eagle, both at practices and during the ceremony.
• Steve Wood and Ray Daubenspeck for leading in the Congress Participant tappee orientation.
• Ray Daubenspeck for leading practices for the ceremony and for keeping us organized before and during the ceremony.
• Dr. Bob Meadrows, Sarah Gregory, and Shawnda Gregory for being the Song Leaders for the ceremony.
• Michelle Cock and Susan Thomas for leading the ceremony.
• William Thomas and Susan Thomas for preparing and helping to give a presentation on the Virginia 4-H All Stars during the Congress workshop and Michelle Cock for helping give the presentation.
• The scouts in addition to Kayla Eppard (State Scout), and Steve Wood: Clarissa Culbert, Jim Hepner, Connie Bryant, Dennis Bagnell, Alydn Abell, Daniel Collins, Kathy Alstat, Mary-Claire Thomas, Cody Lopez, and Terry Misch.
• Mike Martin, Melissa Breen, Kathleen Jamison, and Cathy Sutphin for all the constant logistics in coordination with the All Star tapping ceremony.
• Everyone who helped to set up for and clean up after the ceremony.
• Everyone who participated in the circle during the ceremony.
• Anyone I have forgotten to mention!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Eppard, State Scout