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4-H Newsletter

May 2020

Transylvania County, NC

Special Announcement:

After almost 24 years as your 4-H Agent, I am retiring effective June 1, 2020.

Our many talented, committed community volunteers and Extension staff will continue facilitating our club, school enrichment, and special interest programs on a limited basis until the 4-H Youth Development position is filled....hopefully by this fall.



I will treasure memories of club meetings, volunteers, 4-H Award/Family Nights, presentation practices/contests, BJP camp, cooking & gardening classes, SciGirls, TIME for Real Science investigations, leadership workshops, teen retreats, horse shows and clinics, officer installation ceremonies, and trips to Raleigh for 4-H Congress, Citizenship Focus, and horse bowl contests. Some of you who joined 4-H in my first years have served as club or special interest leaders as young adults. A few of you are now even leaders with your own children in the program!

Transylvania County 4-H is 100 years strong – and still relevant to today's young people - helping them become caring, capable, contributing members of their family, club, and community. I'm grateful to have had the privilege to learn and grow along with so many of you. Thank you for all you have done and will do – to continue making your best better and helping 4-H Grow Here!

Gratefully,

Mary

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4-H Presentations 2020 during Covid-19?

Since we can't meet face-to-face, the state 4-H staff are setting up Virtual District and State Presentation Contests.

You can get someone to **video** your presentation at HOME – using a phone camera or computer – and record it!

No worries facing a panel of judges and spectators or answering questions.

All the same rules apply (including no live animals, guns, or archery bows) – but you get to set up your own space (even video outdoors) and your own background.

Each presenter who submits a presentation to the District contest will earn \$50 from our county program.

Email Mary.Arnaudin@ncsu.edu by May 8 if you plan to enter this contest and we will send you details and helpful presentation tips.

If you'd like to discuss ideas, practice, and get tips/feedback, 4-H Teen Council member **Marli Cohen** and I will "meet" with you on a Zoom session May 15. Marli is an accomplished speaker and will be a great help.

The Timeline:

- Email Mary Arnaudin by May 8 – to let us know if you plan to make a video. We will email you a registration form on Eventbrite plus tips for recording. Choose a time to attend an optional practice on Friday, May 15 via Zoom with Marli.
- Submit your required "county day" presentation to Bart Renner by May 27.
- For the District Contest: Final video must be sent to Bart Renner by June 12.
- District presentations will be judged June 26. Winners will be announced July 3.
- Scoresheets from district judges will be sent to you by about July 3.
- Those who qualify for the State contest must submit their improved video to Bart Renner before July 20 – to be judged the week of July 28.
- State winners will be announced the first week of August.

Horse Art and Writing Contests

At the time of this newsletter, I know of one 4-H'er who entered the NC 4-H Horse Program's Artistic Expression contest. **Hannah Gillem** of the Jr. 4-H Horse Club wrote an engaging short story that revealed a lot of her riding and horsemanship knowledge! The entries will be judged by NC 4-H Horse Program volunteers from across the state and winners will be announced on the horse program website. We wish Hannah luck in the contest and encourage her to keep writing!

Check out these 4-H opportunities...

If you love horses.....

Check out the April NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter – for lots of **free online videos** on showing, horsemanship, science, and health! To find, google search: April 2020 NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter

you enjoy being in the “spotlight”.....

Learn about doing a video production in the info above on **4-H Presentations 2020** - and submit a videoed presentation. Earn \$50 cash if you send your video to the district contest!

you’re looking for a variety of activities to figure out your own “spark”.....

Tune into a **Daily SPARK** program – check website: <https://transylvania.ces.ncsu.edu>

you think you might want to try 4-H camp next year.....

Sign up for the **FREE Virtual NC 4-H Summer Campout** - check details from the website: <https://transylvania.ces.ncsu.edu> space is limited – so sign up soon.

you’re interested in becoming a Vet or raising farm animals....

Register for a **Livestock Judging Clinic** hosted via Zoom at 1:00 pm on the dates below.

To receive the Zoom link youth register through [Google Forms](#). – by emailing Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu for the form.

Online Livestock Judging Training		
Date	Speaker	Topic
May 7	Noah Henson	Goats
May 21	Tom Devine	Swine
June 4	Andy Burlingham	Sheep
June 18	Matt Morrison	Cattle
Week of June 22-26	Online Contest	

Or a Virtual Livestock Skillathon Clinic, hosted via Zoom at 1:00 pm on the dates below.

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Online Skillathon Clinic		
Zoom Date	Speaker	Topic
May 5	Eve Honeycutt	Tools & Equipment
May 12	Becky Spearman & Agents	Practice Tests
May 19	Dr. Daniel Poole	Reproduction
May 26	Andy Burlingham	Meat ID
June 2	Charmae Kendall	Feed Stuffs & Nutrition
June 9	Micah Orfield	Livestock Breeds
June 16	Andy Burlingham	Hay & Wool Judging
June 23	Lauren Langley	Quality Assurance
July 7	Seth Nagy & Sarah Moyer	Forages & Farming Systems

Club Feature: Little River 4-H

Several club members are staying busy with projects while their club can't meet due to Covid-19 restrictions. From raising calves, to planting gardens, sewing Covid-19 masks, and painting – they are continuing to take on responsibility and learn by doing.

The West District dairy steer calf program started in March with the delivery of calves for **Baylor Blythe** and the **Browns: Kaya, Zion, and Zimri**. This was followed by a check-in/information session via Zoom with Extension Agents. On April 25 the calves had an appointment with veterinarian Dr. Beverly Hargus for dehorning, castrating, vaccinating, and deworming. The 4-H'ers are keeping health and feed records while working on halter breaking. They plan to show their calves at the Haywood County Fair and the Mountain State Fair this fall.



From left to right: Zimri, Kaya and Zion Brown, and Baylor Blythe with their show calves.

Veronica and Samantha Merrill have been helping build and plant their family's garden. Veronica learned to use a rotor tiller! They planted lettuce, peppers of all varieties, & onions. After planting, they learned to put up a deer fence -- after discovering that deer had eaten their cabbages!

