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Amazing Summer in 4-H

4-H activities continued this summer with 8 youths in **Helen Owen's** sewing classes, 14 at **Fallon Newell's** sheep showing practices, 7 at the fishing day at Connestee, 9 Farm Fun Club members caring for animals at Gwynn Valley Farm, and 9 Transylvanians at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville. The 4-H Fly Fishing Club continued to meet and finished out the summer with a river snorkeling adventure!

Representing us at the state 4-H presentation finals held at NCSU in July were **Bailey Alexander** (silver medal) **Tori Brown** (bronze medal), **Cjon Conley**, **Meghan Hannon** (silver medal), and **Alex Sweet** (bronze medal). Congratulations to **Cjon Conley** for serving as Transylvania County's delegate to the NC Association of County Commissioners' Youth Voice Summit in Durham this August and acting as a county commissioner chairman during the county budget simulation game. Thanks to Commissioners **Larry Chapman** and **Mike Hawkins** for supporting Youth Voice and welcoming Cjon.



Henderson, Madison and Transylvania 4-H'ers toured the NC legislative building during 4-H Congress

Adverse Weather Policy:

4-H meetings follow the Transylvania County Schools closings.

If the schools are closed, the 4-H program is postponed or cancelled.

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What's Up for Fall 2017

Note: new members are welcome in all clubs at this time except for RES Aggies is full, but will keep a waiting list.

Sheep Show at Mountain State Fair - Saturday September 16th!

Don't miss 4-H'ers in the wool breed show! Thanks to **Fallon Newell** for teaching our 4-H'ers to show!

New — Little River Community Center leaders have given their approval for us to start a club there! Thanks to **Martha Blythe** for taking the lead in this effort! The age range will be ages 9 to 12. If you are interested in joining, please contact either Martha or Mary Arnaudin. We will set the first meeting date soon.





Creekside Riders Horse Club for ages 9 -18

Leader: **Tracie Gant**

First meeting: Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm, meet in the Extension kitchen to make plans for the 2017-18 club activities.



Locavore Cooking Club - for middle schoolers

Leaders: **Bart Renner and Sara Freeman**

First meeting: Meet at the Extension Center kitchen on Wednesday, September 27 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm to plan what to cook this year and plant garlic in the Extension garden. You will also get to review options for monthly field trips to area farms this year - and decide which you want to do. Cost for supplies this entire school year is \$40/member, payable at the first meeting. (Need-based scholarships are available-check with Mary Arnaudin for details).



Farm Fun/History Mystery Club - for ages 8-11

Last time: **Harper Wade** taught us about circa 1860's fashion - and then we tried on outfits - that involved nine layers! We also planted seeds for our fall garden at the museum. Welcome to our new club leader **Erika Williams!**

Next time: Meet Friday September 15 at 4:00pm at the Heritage Museum. Club leader Erika Williams will lead us in a brainstorming session to capture your ideas for club activities this year. We'll also play some games and check on our garden.



SciGirls - a collaboration of PARI and 4-H for girls ages 9 to 13

First session: Tuesday, September 26 from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Work with the USFS to conduct a citizen science project on iNaturalist - comparing two sections of aquatic habitat in Pisgah National Forest. Meet at the parking lot at the entrance to Davidson River Campground. Waders, boots and underwater viewing tools are provided. Bring an extra warm layer and socks in case you get wet and a waterproof camera if you have one. Cost is \$10/girl. Register/pay at pari.edu



Trail Trekkers - family hiking for all ages

Leaders: **Jack and Kathleen Thill**

Hiking will be offered as a special interest program this year - in the spring.

Hikes will be in March, April, and May on Saturdays. Specifics and registration info will be out in January.



RMS Coding/Robotics/\"Tinkering\" Club for middle schoolers - meets at Rosman Middle School from 3:15 - 4:15 each Tuesday in the Media Center Club leaders are **Sarah Justice, Brandy Freeman, and Laura Smith.**

First session: Tuesday, September 12 at 3:15 - 4:15pm to explore options and set project goals for the year. Options this year include working with Legos, coding, EV3s and Spheros!



RES Aggies - for students in 1st through 3rd grades - meets at Rosman Elementary School

First meeting: Meet Thursday, September 21 after school in **Ms. Bell's** classroom right after school. Our program will focus on agricultural fairs. Several of our members are showing at the Mountain State Fair this year!

4-H Teen Council

Last times: We had an end of the year party in June to celebrate our accomplishments and say farewell to **Cady Suddeth** who started college at UNC-Charlotte in August. On August 30th we met to set our goals for 2017-18 and hear reports of 4-H Congress and Youth Voice Summit.

Next time: Meet September 13 and 27 at the Extension kitchen from 5:15-6:15. We will elect officers in November.

Fly Fishing Club - for ages 11-15 at Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education

Last time: We snorkeled to observe aquatic life.

Next time: Saturday, September 30th to fish from 1:00 - 4:00pm from the Pisgah Center. We are also invited to volunteer at the Center on September 23rd - running the "backyard bass fishing station" - during the National Hunting and Fishing Day. (Place plastic fish in the field and then assist children using a traditional bait caster rod to try and catch the plastic fish.) Let Dan know if you can help!



Sewing Classes - continuing classes for those who have taken **Helen Owen's** sessions.

Meet 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Extension Center conference room on September 20th and October 18 (early release days for Transylvania County Schools). We'll finish pillow cases and start new projects.



Fun in the Kitchen - cooking program for 6 to 8 year olds

Leader: **Katrina Cantler**

Meet 12:30 - 2:30 pm in the Extension Center kitchen September 20th and October 18th (early release days for Transylvania County Schools). Limited to 6 participants. Cost is \$5/child. Email Mary_Arnaudin@ncsu.edu to register.



4-H Archery at Lake Toxaway Community Center

Archery practice will start back on Tuesday September 12th from 4:30-6:00 pm at the community center. We will start with a brief meeting in the center and move to the field to practice. Mark your calendar for archery sessions on Sept. 19, 26, October 3, 17, and 24.

Thanks to volunteers **Michael Hall** and **Jessi Owen** for their leadership and to the community center leaders for letting us meet there.

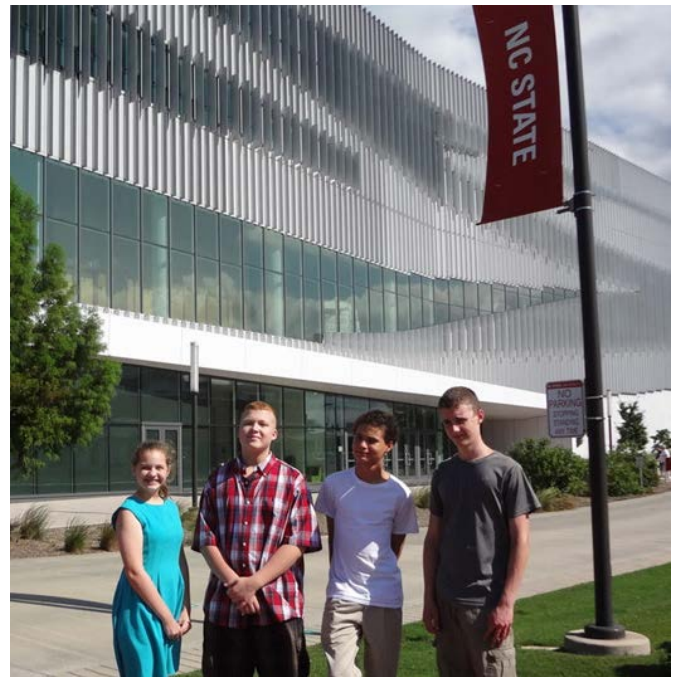




Bailey Alexander, her mom and Meghan Hannon
in Raleigh at state presentation finals



NC Association of County Commissioners meeting



4H teens visit NCSU Hunt Library



TIME for Real Science students with USFS



Farm Fun/History Mystery Club in period clothes



Sewing Workshop participants Lexi Bailey and Hannah Megown with pillow cases for the hospital