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THE WEST VIRGINIA 4-H ALL STARS

WV 4-H ALL STARS THE TORCH FALL 2005

Teepi Shrine Work Completed

Work has been completed on the Teepi Shrine. Barby Frankenberry, Chief of the All Stars, chose to have Mr. Witzemann begin his work before bad weather set in at The Mill. His costs for restoring the shrine were $25,000.

We have nearly $15,000 toward the $25,000 cost. With that in mind, we need more financial help from the 4-H All Stars. Michele Hale, chairperson of the Past Chiefs Project, challenged all past chiefs during the business meeting at annual conference to donate $50.00 to the Teepi Shrine Restoration Project. Her check has been deposited into the account along with checks from many past chiefs. There have also been many other All Stars who have given considerable amounts to this project.

The original cost for building the shrine in 1949 was $25,000. Where else can you renovate something built more than 50 years ago for the same cost? Please help us in one of the ways that we can say "Thank you!" to Teepi for envisioning our Jackson's Mill.

Send your contributions to Robert Frankenberry, Medicine Man. Please note in the memo that the check is for the Teepi Shrine Renovation Project.

NoPan Renovation Campaign at The Mill Completed

By WVU Extension Staff

On the heels of its successful "Save Our Pool Campaign," the WVU Extension Service has achieved 100 percent of its $270,000 goal for the Northern Panhandle Cottage Renovation Campaign. The dramatic results of the three-year campaign are more evidence of the life and vitality of the WVU Extension and 4-H family.

The campaign was a success because of the contributions of hundreds of donors, most of whom were from the Northern Panhandle counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, and Wetzel counties.

Some people will judge our recent campaign successes by the dollars we raised, but the true measure is what we accomplished for the folks who make Jackson's Mill such a special place: members, All Stars, CEOS, the agriculture community, numerous church groups, students, faculty, staff, and other concerned citizens.

The Northern Panhandle Cottage is the second of 14 cottages at The Mill to be restored (Lewis Cottage was restored in 2002). Your gifts have made these wonderfully successful campaigns possible. They demonstrate the power that individuals can make when we come together and work for Jackson's Mill, a place we all believe in and love.

Thank you to the WVU Extension Service and the 4-H family for your contributions and continued support.

The Chief's Signal

By Barbara Frankenberry

The All Stars could not help but catch the holiday spirit during the 2005 WV 4-H All Star State Conference.With the help of "Santa", the lighted snow tree, gifts, and poinsettia decorations, we really did come "Home for the Holidays" at Jackson's Mill. A big How! How! to conference chairman Jeff Yokum, Barb Teter, Bob Frankenberry, and the many other Santa "helpers" who worked or shared their talents to make this such an enjoyable event! Adding to the excitement of the weekend was receiving the gift of the "Teepi Blanket" and seeing that work on the Teepi Shrine had already begun.

During the Saturday afternoon Consecration and Initiation Ceremonies, 40 4-H members and leaders were installed as new WV 4-H All Stars. I know many of you are concerned that there may be deserving individuals in counties who have not had nominations submitted for them in many years. My holiday wish for the All Stars is to have an increase in counties submitting nominations. In case you are not aware, any All Star may nominate a person whom they feel has given service worthy of being a West Virginia 4-H All Star and meets all the requirements. The nomination forms are available at your county Extension Service office. The completed form must be returned to the office so that it may be signed by the Extension agent and submitted to the WV 4-H All Star Screening Committee. If you have questions or need help, please contact the Scout in your area, your county Extension office, or any other member of the Executive Committee.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Yours in Service to 4-H,

Barby

Teepi Kendrick Award Blanket on Display

Pictured, left to right, are Jan and Roger Wilson; Barby Frankenberry, Chief; Fay Wilson; Steve Wilson; and Bob Galardi, Extension Service Director of Development.

The All Star State Conference began Friday with a special presentation by the family of Nelma Johnson Wilson. Mrs. Wilson's husband, Fay, presented the West Virginia 4-H All Stars with the Teepi Kendrick Award Blanket that was given to his wife in 1930.

While his wife, then Nelma Johnson, was attending state camp at Jackson's Mill, Teepi Kendrick recognized her for her outstanding 4-H Leadership and Camping by presenting her with a Teepi blanket and bestowing her with the Indian Name, Nokidee, which when translated means "Great Hearted Little One." To honor the memory of his wife, Mr. Wilson and his family presented a generous monetary gift to help with the reconstruction project of the Teepi Shrine. The blanket will be on display in the Dorsey Center.

The Wilson's third son, Richard, was not able to attend because of commitments with his job as the President of Illinois Wesley University in Bloomington, IL.

Letter to West Virginia 4-H All Stars

By Guy Stewart

Our dream and our mission continue – that is, we shall continue to work for the complete renovation of Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center. Thanks to all of you, we were able to meet the challenge of building a new swimming pool.

Now it is time to get on with our mission. First, I ask all of you to write to President David L. Hardesty, Jr., West Virginia University, P. O. Box 6201, Morgantown, WV 26506-6201, and thank him for his splendid support of the pool project. He recently said that the university will provide support for the renovation of the Northern Panhandle Cottage. These are the first major monies made available for Jackson's Mill by WVU in a long, long time. Also, remind President Hardesty that as we have contacted state legislators in recent years, many of them have told us that it is most important for the university to make Jackson's Mill a top priority. There is no end to what can be done for Jackson's Mill by the All Stars when we have the president as a partner.

We should not back off from continued letters and conversation with state legislators in our respective counties and areas. In the coming months, please try to talk with your local legislators and follow up with letters. And let's make the Mount Vernon Dining Hall our number one priority. If anything ever happens to the dining hall and it is closed for health or safety reasons, Jackson's Mill will be out of business.

Some major electrical work was done in the dining hall about two years ago because the state fire marshal was going to close it down for safety issues. There is a serious water problem in the basement that has been there for years. Go down the next time you are there and have a smell around. You can pick up the mustiness as soon as you enter. The roof has also been leaking to the point that a five-gallon bucket had to be placed on steps going down to the basement. On a rainy day, you might find the bucket at least half full – not half empty.

The living quarters atop the dining room are no longer habitable. The kitchen is so out of date that it is a wonder that food can be prepared there. The food storage and refrigeration are terribly inadequate. The air conditioning needs to be replaced. The soffit on the front porch roof is in sad shape. Let's face it – the entire Mount Vernon Dining Hall needs a serious, expensive renovation. The last estimates of the renovation costs were approximately $3 million. This is serious money, but remember that the building is almost 80 years old, and the state of West Virginia has done virtually nothing to keep it up to date.

On a related issue, the state fire school is to be built and put into operation at Jackson's Mill. I think that most of the financing has been put into place by the legislature. If the Dining Hall is out of commission, the school will be out of business.

Let's urge the legislature and the governor (The Hon. Joe Manchin, III, State Capitol, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305) to make Jackson's Mill a crown jewel of our state once again. Urge them to remember that the youth, as well as adults of West Virginia, have been served well for 80 years. They need to step up to the plate and make it happen. At the same time, thank them for the $1 million appropriated at the last session of the legislature. Remember that your letters and personal contacts over the past few years were vital to that appropriation. It is the single largest appropriation ever made by the legislature for use at Jackson's Mill. It is a wonderful start, but we have a long way to go.

Yours in Service to 4-H and Jackson's Mill,
Guy H. Stewart
Chair, Jackson's Mill Legislative Project

Terry Patterson Named New Director of Jackson's Mill

Jackson's Mill has a new director! We are pleased to pass along to you that Terry Lee Patterson, a former Greenbrier County 4-Her, has been named the program director of The Mill. Below is the press release disseminated by West Virginia University Extension staff concerning his appointment.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Facilities Management and 4-H Expert to Guide WVU Jackson's Mill

A successful career in facilities management and 4-H program development will bring a West Virginia 4-H alumnus home to serve as the program director of WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Lifelong Learning Center, near Weston.

Terry Lee Patterson, whose early 4-H experiences began in his family's 4-H club in Greenbrier County, will step into the multifaceted role at WVU Jackson's Mill on Sept. 12.

His appointment was announced Tuesday by Larry Cote, associate provost for WVU Extension and Public Service and director of the WVU Extension Service.

"As a national treasure that holds promise for future generations, WVU Jackson's Mill requires a unique stewardship of its facilities, educational programs and finances. Terry Patterson's knowledge and skills will help us bring the Mill into a new era of serving West Virginians of different ages from different communities of interests and needs," Dr. Cote said.

Prized for being the boyhood home of Civil War General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, Jackson's Mill is also praised for being the site of the nation's first state 4-H camp. Jackson's Mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, the Mill continues to build a legacy of leadership education and cultural appreciation. Every year, the Mill's grounds welcome diverse learners—school children, campers, history buffs, community volunteers and artisans.

The Historic Area, a small portion of the Mill's 525 acres, features an operating gristmill, cabins and a store. The popular attraction is staffed by docents who explain and answer questions about 19th century life.

Welcoming 100,000 guests each year, the Mill is important to the surrounding community. The Mill generates $12 million yearly for Lewis County's economy.

The new director is expected to successfully balance the Mill's three-fold mission: a learning and development center for youth and lifelong learners; a regional meeting and conference facility; and a nationally significant historic site.

A 4-H All Star who regards the Mill as his second West Virginia home, Patterson is aware of the Mill's historic and programmatic roles. His new role will be to maintain existing programs and services while guiding the facility through a transition of long-term physical plant improvements and the development of new educational programs.

"I am really excited about the opportunity to serve the citizens of West Virginia. We will need to focus on many different areas of operations, including raising funds, improving facilities and meeting the needs of our clients," Patterson said. "This effort is bigger than one person. It will require many different groups with various missions working toward a common goal: 'Making the Best Better' and helping Jackson's Mill continue to be the national treasure that it is."

Since 2001, Patterson has been director of the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, which is operated by the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service in Williamsburg, Va. Before joining Virginia Tech Extension, he supervised North Carolina State University Extension's statewide 4-H camping program and its residential and recreational facilities for more than 7 years.

In earlier positions, he served as superintendent of aquatics for the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department in Charlotte, N.C., and as a research assistant for the Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.

Patterson earned his bachelor of science in recreation and parks management from WVU. He received his master of science in recreation administration and public ad-

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A Lifelong Commitment to West Virginia 4-H

By WVU Extension Staff

Left to right: Betty May Ferrell-Kelley, Indra Bradley Ferrell, and Lynn Clendenin.

"I've always been involved with 4-H," said Betty May Ferrell-Kelley, a Boone County native. One of the reasons for that is her mother's long service to 4-H, as well. Indra Bradley Ferrell has been an inspiration to her daughter and to many others in Boone County. At age 91, Mrs. Ferrell still mows her lawn, drives to Charleston, and lives on her own. Betty May recalls that she has "wonderful memories of being at state camp at Jackson's Mill."

Betty May became a 4-H club member at age 9, was pinned as an All Star in 1959, served as a camp counselor while attending West Virginia University, and even gave cooking classes at a county 4-H camp on the first day of her new job after graduating in 1964 with a home economics degree. She had a 33-year career in the natural gas industry in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio with Hope Natural Gas and Columbia Gas that led to being appointed the first female area manager in Columbia Gas history.

After retiring in 1997, Betty May decided to look into some long-term planning. "When I started thinking about my estate plan, I wanted to do something to give back to WVU," she said. "I thought I'd like to leave a legacy that would honor my mother in some way and would help young people in 4-H. My sister, Lynn, and I wouldn't have been as active in 4-H otherwise."

Betty May found that including a gift provision in her will to the West Virginia University Foundation for the benefit of the West Virginia 4-H program would fulfill her dream. In the future, the Indra Bradley Ferrell 4-H Fund will be created from her estate gift and will provide discretionary funds for the 4-H program each year from that point on.

"My mother has been very inspirational to me. She truly believes in the 4-H guiding principles," Indra said enthusiastically. Betty May does, too. That's evident from her receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award and being inducted into the Kentucky 4-H Hall of Fame four years ago. She also received the Conrad Feltner 4-H Leadership Award (the highest such award in Kentucky 4-H) two years ago.

From such achievements, many would say that Betty May certainly has made her mom proud!

Terry Patterson *(Continued on page 2)*

ministration from North Carolina State University, where he is pursuing a doctorate in education.

Though he was raised in Covington, Va., Patterson spent his summers with family in Clintonville (Greenbrier County). As a West Virginia 4-H member, he often participated in state camps at WVU Jackson's Mill. He represented West Virginia as a National 4-H Award winner in Chicago, Ill., in 1980.

He and his wife, Susan, have three children, Samantha (10), Taylor (6), and Hope (4).

All Star Interstate Conference

By Michele Hale

Registration for our time in the Eastern Panhandle began on Thursday, August 11th at the Holiday Inn of Martinsburg. It seemed that within moments of beginning registration, our trolley arrived to take us to dinner and then tour the private Cogle Museum in Berkeley County that held many wondrous things.

We boarded the bus the next morning for a trip back in time to the early Civil War and a visit to historic Harpers Ferry National Park. The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown provided our scrumptious lunch. Then we strolled the streets of Shepherdstown to try to work off some of the apple strudel….

As we returned to Martinsburg, we visited the Martinsburg Roundhouse, which formerly housed B&O railroad shops and the engine house from the 1840s to the late 1980s. We relaxed with pizza and yummies from the Berkeley County 4-H All Stars and conducted our committee meetings. The annual business meeting was held in the Dunn Building, home to the modern-day Berkeley County Extension offices.

On Saturday morning, our bus transported us to the lovely and secluded Camp Frame 4-H Camp for brunch provided by the Morgan County 4-Hall Stars. This camp is the site of Tri-County 4-H camps that members attend and that is supported by Morgan, Jefferson, and Berkeley counties. Denny Barron (Past Chief of the WV 4-H All Stars from Jefferson County and board member of Camp Frame) and Susie Davis (President of the Camp Frame Board of Directors and from Berkeley County) provided a tour of the camp.

We left Camp Frame and traveled to Berkeley Springs to visit the state park located in the heart of the city where the famous therapeutic springs are located. Many of us got into the water to cool off on that hot (103 degrees) afternoon. The time in the water was so refreshing that none of us was eager to get out of the water, go back, and get ready for the steak fry and auction….

The steak fry and auction were held at the Shenandoah Valley Hunt Club/Butlers Farm in the small community of Arden. Stewart McDonald, auction chairman, had gathered items for the lively auction that followed our delicious meal. Mr. Bohrer was our auctioneer for the evening, and he was a gem. Bidding on the items was so much fun! His wife, Carolyn, a brand new All Star, kept the records and counted all of the money raised to benefit Camp Frame.

Our time in the Eastern Panhandle came to an end with Sunday breakfast at the home of Jerry Horner, Chief of the Berkeley County 4-H All Stars, and his wife, Susanne. Their home, situated in the rolling hills, provided a perfect backdrop for those who visited us. We hope they visit West Virginia again soon.

Barby and I hope that everyone who attended the 2005 Interstate 4-H All Stars Conference—which we now refer to as The "Appeeling" Treasures of the Eastern Panhandle Gathering—had a wonderful time. We also hope that their fun memories of the conference will stay with them for a long time.

As the English proverb states, "Many hands make light work." Because of all of the hard work done by so many All Stars from throughout the state of West Virginia, this conference was a success.º For everything that everyone did to make this conference wonderful, Barby and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Peace
Michele Hale,
Co-Chair, 2005 Interstate 4-H
All Stars Conference

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All Stars Gather for Annual Conference

By Sheryl Sergent, Scribe

On September 23, 2005, the WV 4-H All Stars gathered for Annual Conference at Jackson's Mill. A large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree beside the chimney face in the Assembly Hall let everyone know that we were "Home for the Holidays." After registration and dinner, an opening welcome was given by First Lesser Chief Jeff Yokum. Chief Barby Frankenberry recognized Mr. Fay Wilson and his family. Along with a monetary donation, Mr. Wilson donated a blanket that was given to his wife by Teepi Kendrick during his wife's camping days.

All Stars then boarded a covered wagon to go to the Council Circle. Big Chief "Santa" and song leader Michele Hale led the group in a fun evening that included traditional 4-H songs along with favorite Christmas songs.

The Historical Area was lit with torches and lanterns for "An Ole-Fashioned Christmas." Everyone was treated to demonstrations of candle dipping, paper marbling, blacksmithing, and woodworking. A special treat was a "night grind" at the restored Blaker's Mill. The miller gave everyone a tour of the intricate workings of the mill. Another treat was a living portrayal of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. "Mrs. Jackson" entertained guests with details of her life with Stonewall and her widowed years. She made several humorous observations of the contrast between 19th and 21st century fashions and lifestyle. Many guests had not seen the gift shop and were pleasantly surprised by the variety of goods and handicrafts available.

Refreshments were served in the Assembly Hall. The best thing about the refreshments was the Christmas cookies!

After breakfast on Saturday morning, everyone convened at the Assembly Hall for the annual business meeting with Chief Barby Frankenberry presiding. The first order of business was the introduction of the new Director of Jackson's Mill, Terry Patterson. Mr. Patterson, who is a WV 4-H alumnus and an All Star, welcomed everyone home to The Mill and spoke about his vision for the restoration, preservation, and mission of Jackson's Mill.

The meeting continued with the officers' reports. Past Chief Michele Hale reported on the Teepi Shrine restoration project. The All Stars present were supportive of the restoration project.

State 4-H Leader Debbie McDonald addressed the conference and gave everyone progress reports on 4-H statewide. Some of the highlights of the 4-H year included the hosting of the National Collegiate 4-H Conference, the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees meeting held at WVU, the opening of the new Jackson's Mill pool, the record number of exhibits at the WV State Fair, the highest number of 4-H agents since the mid-1980s, and the closing of the civil rights complaint against our Native American traditions at camp.

Carl Townsend gave a report in the rejuvenation of the All Stars Jim Morris Rose Garden. Every All Star inductee this summer was given a flower from our garden. A report on the "Outspoken for 4-H" bike ride to raise money for Jackson's Mill was given by Jeff Yokum. Michele Hale and Barby Frankenberry reported on the Interstate All Star Conference that was held in Martinsburg.

After lunch, the All Star consecration was held beside the Rose Garden with initiation following in the Informal Gardens. We welcomed 40 new All Stars.

Free time was next. A few enthusiastic ladies led a scrapbooking class with Debbie McDonald in the Dorsey Center.

Next, we had "Christmas Dinner." The Outstanding 4-H All Stars were recognized and special recognition was given to the families of Debbie McDonald and David Snively for "sharing" their spouse/parent with the 4-H family. Then, the WV 4-H Dance Ambassadors, the 4-H Music Ambassadors, Kellie Puckett, and Mindy Cookman delightfully entertained us. Jim Sims provided his auctioneering talents for the annual fundraising auction.

The conference was concluded on Sunday morning with an inspirational meditation led by Derek Fincham, the WVU mountaineer mascot and fellow All Star.

We hope that more of you will come and join us next year for Annual Conference on September 15-17, when we will enjoy an "Old Church Social."

Interstate 4-H All Stars Hold Steak Feed

The Shenandoah Valley Sportsmen Club at the Butler Farms in Inwood, WV was the site for the Interstate 4-H All Stars Saturday evening steak feed. Eight Past Chiefs and our current Chief gathered on the front porch for a picture session. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Past Chiefs Kenneth McDonald, Denny Barron, Donna Gail Michel and Sally Lou Darst, back row, Stewart McDonald, Michele Hale, Clara Mae Spray, Marilyn Dague and current Chief, Barby Frankenberry. West Virginia received the plague for the most first time persons attending the conference full time.

Berkeley County 4-H All Stars

Jerry Horner, Berkeley County 4-H All Stars Chief and his wife Susanne, far left, hosted the Interstate 4-H All Stars at their home in Inwood, WV for the Sunday morning breakfast and farewells. Pictured are the West Virginia 4-H All Stars and guests who attended this final event of the conference.

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