



THE WV 4-H ALL STARS

THE TORCH

SUMMER 2019

Celebrating 100 Years of Service!

In 1919, William “Teepi” Kendrick selected members that demonstrated service to form the first group of West Virginia 4-H All Stars. That was 100 years ago!!! Can you believe it? We will be celebrating all year long! As members of this organization, we are called to be of service to our fellow All Stars, to others involved in the 4-H program, and to our community.

In September, our annual conference will hopefully be filled with past chiefs, West Virginia 4-H All Stars from all over, and with much celebrating. Here is a brief overview of the weekend:

We will welcome everyone on Friday evening and enjoy a Jackson’s Mill dinner. Following dinner, we will open the time capsule that was buried 20 years ago. We also plan to start a new one. The business meeting will start at 7pm and continue Saturday morning. When we break from the meeting for the night, we will meet at the fire pit for socializing and meditations.

On Saturday, we will finish our business meeting and then celebrate our 100th birthday at lunch, which

will be complete with cake, balloons, and party favors! We will have a guest speaker and our past chiefs will be recognized. Later, we will recognize this year’s Outstanding All Stars and Outstanding 4-H Leaders from various counties. Our annual live auction will follow. Conference would not be complete without it! Please remember to bring items for the auction.

We will meet in the Chapel on Sunday morning for a memorial service to remember those who have passed away since last year’s conference. (If you know of All Stars who have passed since last September, please forward their names to me.) Finally, we will enjoy breakfast before going our separate ways.

We would love to make this conference the biggest and best ever. If you are a past chief, and you will be attending the conference, please call me at 304-360-0664 or email me at cloverhhhh@aol.com.

- K.J.Keys, First Lesser Chief

“Acts of Service” Fundraiser

To honor and remember those who have helped us learn *To Make the Best Better*, we are compiling a commemorative booklet as part of our 100th Birthday Celebration. Take a moment and ask yourself who you need to thank or honor. Make a donation of \$5.00 or more to the WV 4-H All Stars for each tribute you submit. Your tributes will be listed in our commemorative “ACTS OF SERVICE” booklet which will be available at Conference in September. These contributions will be used to fund a granite bench to be placed on the grounds of Jackson’s Mill to mark the 100th Birthday of the WV 4-H All Stars.

WV 4-H ALL STARS 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ACTS OF SERVICE

- In HONOR of: _____ for _____
- In REMEMBRANCE of: _____ for _____
- In HONOR of: _____ for _____
- In REMEMBRANCE of: _____ for _____

Given by: _____

Please send your donation of **\$5.00, or more, for each listing**, along with this form to: WV All STARS Acts of Service c/o Sandy Sims, 504 Edgemont Terrace, Martinsburg, WV 25401 no later than **August 15, 2019**.

The Chief's Signal

Sheryl Sergent
Chief, 4-H All Stars



Greetings, All Stars! I hope everyone is having a great summer. I am sure that you are busy volunteering and serving in your communities. The desire to serve others is something that a 4-H All-Star has in abundance!

We have had an exciting year so far! Your All-Star Executive Committee made a bold move to place our nominating process for All Stars in an on-line format. With great help and support from the West Virginia 4-H Extension Service in Morgantown, the nomination form was created and sent out to every county in electronic format. This was achieved through the hard work of many All Stars. The feedback has been very positive and the nomination process went very well. Over 240 nominations were approved, and we hope to tap a majority of these potential new All Stars at the upcoming 4-H All Star Consecrations.

The Consecration Services for the three state 4-H camps will take place on the last morning of these camps. This will allow for more parents, friends, and All Stars to attend these events. Notice of this has been sent out via our WV 4-H All Star Facebook page since this Torch is scheduled to arrive after the camping season is already in progress. If you haven't asked to join our Facebook page, you'll want to do that. Information is often shared via our Facebook page.

Of course, our biggest event this summer will be the Interstate All Star Conference in July. It will be held in Morgantown where we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of WV 4-H All Stars. Registration for this event is open now. The registration details were in the Winter 2019 issue of the Torch. We hope that many WV 4-H All Stars will join All Stars from other states to celebrate! Don't miss the party!

The 100th Anniversary party will continue at our annual conference at Jackson's Mill in September. The registration form is in this Torch. Again, with another bold move, we are cooperating with the WVU Extension Service and sharing Jackson's Mill with the 4-H Adult Leadership Weekend (formerly Volunteer Leaders' Weekend). We hope that by sharing this weekend we will be able to have more All Star nominees come to be initiated. Additionally, I believe that 4-H volunteers will be inspired by the mission and work of the All Stars. Through the planned activities, the 4-H volunteers will hear many stories and testimonials of past and present All Stars which are sure to inspire them. Inspiration and motivation will be the fruit of our efforts!

I received a lovely phone call from Mr. Clyde Casey of Ft. Myers, FL. He and his late wife, Patricia Steorts Casey of Clay County, were inducted into All Stars years ago. He sent me a packet of WV 4-H memorabilia. I am enjoying this information immensely and I am looking forward to sharing it with all of you. Watch the Chief's Signal in future issues for some interesting history!

Finally, I hope that you are coming to one of our events to celebrate our 100th Anniversary! If you can't attend, please consider sending an item for the auction, honoring someone by making a donation to our "Acts of Service" fundraiser, or by participating in our Amazon "Birthday Gifts" service project. Celebrate where ever you are by continuing to serve 4-H and your communities. Service is the best gift of all!

Guy Harry Stewart 1924 - 2019

The West Virginia 4-H All Stars lost their patriarch, Guy Harry Stewart, on May 14, 2019, at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born February 12, 1924, in Keyser, WV, a son of the late Thomas and Martha (Mills) Stewart.

Dr. Stewart was named Dean/Emeritus of the West Virginia School of Journalism in 1989 after serving in that capacity for 20 years. Prior to that, he was Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Journalism, 1960-1969. He was Director of Public Relations and Associate Professor of Journalism at Tennessee Tech, 1950-1960. Early in his career, he worked part-time for *Mineral Daily News-Tribune*, *Cumberland Evening Times*, *Wheeling Intelligencer*, and *Chicago Tribune*.

Guy received his B.S.J. degree (1948, journalism) and M.A. degree (1949, history) from West Virginia University. His Ph.D. degree (1957, history) is from the University of Illinois.

His publications include [A Touch of Charisma \(A History of the 4-H Club Program in West Virginia\)](#) and [The Journalism Practitioner in American Universities](#), which he co-authored. He also has written numerous articles in professional journals.

Jackson's Mill and the 4-H program were very important in his life - in fact, many thought his blood was green. In the early 2000s, the West Virginia State 4-H organization had to alter its Native American program. Had it not been for Guy's leadership and tenacity, the 4-H program would have totally lost its Native American traditions. He became an All Star in 1946 and was our Chief in 1967-1968. Although there were many in leadership roles throughout the years, they always looked to Guy for guidance. He also chaired the fund drive for a new swimming pool at The Mill and was instrumental in the remodeling of two of the cottages.

He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in World War II and served in the Pacific. He was a District Governor 7530 of Rotary and attended Rotary International in London, England. He also received The Edward Kelley Award at Keyser High School.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia Ann Groves Stewart, daughter, Diane Lepley of Washington, D.C.; son, Jeff Stewart and his wife, Sondra of Morgantown; daughter-in-law, Heidi Stewart of Morgantown; grandchildren, Brandon, Troy, Guy and Will Stewart; brother, William Stewart; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his son, Thomas C. Stewart, and sisters, Lorna Bright and Delores Kopel.

Dr. Stewart was a lifelong member of Wesley United Methodist Church, where he taught couples classes for many years. Guy's funeral service was held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Morgantown.

Memorial donations may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church (503 N. High St., Morgantown, WV 26505) to be used for the Thomas C. Stewart Scholarship Fund, or to the WVU Foundation (1 Waterfront Place, 7th Floor, Morgantown, WV 26501-5952) to the WV Jackson's Mill Endowment Fund #34064, or to the Guy H. Stewart Scholarship Fund #3S486.





2019 4-H Adult Leadership Weekend & All Star Conference Registration

This weekend will provide leadership training and recognition for 4-H young adults, volunteers, alumni and WV 4-H All-Stars. We will focus on the enhancement of leadership abilities and skills for working with the 4-H program as an adult. The 4-H All-Star Consecration Ceremony and Volunteer Recognition program will both be held during this weekend. If you wish to register online, go to: www.regonline.com/Volunteer2019. Participants must contact Jackson's Mill at (304)269-5100 for private lodging and will pay Jackson's Mill directly for upgrades.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Last Maiden (if applicable) Name Tag First Name

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Shirt size: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: () _____

ALL STAR INFORMATION *(current All Stars only)*

County Initiated from: _____ Camp/Event and Year: _____

Life Member/Year: _____ Were you a past WV State 4-H All Star Chief? Yes No

REGISTRATION

Please select each day you plan to attend. If you plan to attend the entire weekend please select all three days and your total will be \$30. Cottage lodging is included in this price. Cottage lodging includes no towels and very basic bed linens, so please plan accordingly.

- Friday Package** This package includes dinner on Friday, cottage lodging Friday night and breakfast Saturday. If you plan to stay for Saturday's workshops and events please make sure to add the Saturday package.
\$20.00
- Saturday Package** This package is free for all 4-H All Stars, young adults, alumni and volunteers to attend. This includes lunch, dinner and all activities on Saturday. Cottage lodging Saturday night is not included.
\$0.00 (free)
- Sunday Package** This package includes Saturday night cottage lodging, and breakfast and all activities on Sunday.
\$10.00

I'm being recognized for the following at this event:

- Induction into All Stars Outstanding Leader 45-Year Leader 50-Year Leader I don't know

What are your lodging accommodation needs for the weekend?

- Cottage housing (included) Private housing (work directly with Jackson's Mill) Off-site/commuting

PAYMENT

Payment is due with registration. Only check payments are accepted with paper registration. Make checks payable to: West Virginia University. The deadline for all registration forms and payment is Friday, August 30, 2019.

Please mail registration forms and payment to:

4-H Event Coordinator | 618 Knapp Hall | PO Box 6031 | Morgantown, WV 26506-6031



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Celebrating 100 Years!

Greetings fellow All Stars! Below you will find information for two service projects our WV Chapter of 4-H All Stars will be participating in this year as we celebrate 100 years.

100 Birthday Gifts

To celebrate our 100 years, you are asked to donate "birthday gifts" to the children staying at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital through an online Amazon Wish List. Use

this link to participate: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3DKXCQQK8QNNO?ref=wl_share. Let's celebrate 100 birthdays! If you would prefer to purchase and bring a gift to conference, there are All Stars who will gladly drop them off in Morgantown on their way home.

CAN You Believe It's Been 100 Years?

We will be teaming up with

Mountaineer Food Bank to collect canned items to donate to the hungry in West Virginia. These cans will be collected at our annual conference in September. For more information about Mountaineer Food Bank visit: <https://www.mountaineerfoodbank.org/>

I'm very excited about these projects and hope that you will join our celebration of 100 years of service by participating.

- Sam Veara, Service Chair

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