Family Fun Night

The Alleghany County Partnership for Children is sponsoring a Family Fun Night at Sparta Elementary School on Friday, April 7th to celebrate the “Week of the Young Child.” If you are interested in more information, please contact the Partnership at 372-2846.

YOUTH / ADULT CRAFT WORKSHOP

Due to inclement weather, we rescheduled the scrapbooking adult craft workshop. It will be held Monday, April 24th from 6-8 p.m. in room 102 of Wilkes Community College, Alleghany Campus. This workshop is open to ages 11 and older. Please let us know by Tuesday, April 18th if you are planning on attending. Anyone who attends needs to bring approximately 2-5 pictures with them.

This workshop is sponsored by the Alleghany County Arts Council and partially funded by a NC Arts Council Grassroots Grant.
Equine Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contests

The NC 4-H Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Contests entry deadlines are Friday, April 29, 2006. The categories for entries in Artistic Expression are: drawing, painting, poster, crafts, and photography. The Creative Writing Contest categories include poem, short story, or essay. Contact the Extension Office for information on eligibility and general guidelines or go online at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Alleghany County 4-H Expressive Arts will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 9:30 a.m. at the 2nd floor conference room of the County Office Building. We will be having our fashion and talent show, as well as displaying all Expressive Arts Entries. Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.

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Photo Contest

The county level photo contest entry deadline is Wednesday, May 10, 2006 by 5:00 p.m. The photo contest is open to Alleghany County 4-Her’s ages 5 to 19. This year’s entry categories are: (a) 4-H in Action; (b) Nature’s Beauty; (c) Interesting People; and (d) Animals. The entry form is included in this newsletter.

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**COUNTY ACTIVITY DAY**

Our County Activity Day will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room. If you are interested in giving a presentation at the county or district level, here is your opportunity. Your presentation can be on any topic you choose. There are three age categories, 9-10, 11-13, and 14-18. If you would like additional information about presentations, please contact me. A workshop to help you with your presentation will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., so mark your calendars!

**TEEN RETREAT**

Tiffany Brewer, Andrew Bryant, Cate Hall, Victoria Hall, and Corissa Wilson recently attended the Northwest/Southwest District Teen Retreat at Camp Walter Johnson in Davidson County. They spent the weekend participating in various activities including educational sessions, games and activities, campfire, and a dance.

**CLUB CORNER**

✎ **Nifty Needles 4-H Club**

The Nifty Needles 4-H Club met on March 11th. 12 members were there. Hannah Weatherman served refreshments. We planned our quilt designs and began practicing on the machines and cutting out fabric pieces. The next meeting will be Sat., April 8th from 9am-12noon, at the County Office Bldg. Reported by: Caroline Desforges

Sincerely,

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