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and come out to
Show & Sale!

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**FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK
SHOW & SALE
MAY 4-5, 2025
FAUQUIER FAIRGROUNDS**

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Calling all photographers!

Do you have a photo of a Fauquier County landscape that you want featured in our newsletter? Email your photo submissions to Meredith Day at meredithday@vt.edu

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2025 TALT RECAP!



Our 2025 Loudoun-Fauquier 4-H Camp Counselors attended the Teen Adult Leadership Training (TALT) at the Northern Virginia 4-H Conference center earlier this month!

Center staff, 4-H agents, and adult volunteers came together to teach workshops such as behavior management, supervision, risk management, ages & stages, group games, and much more! Teens also participated in camp cluster meetings to help begin preliminary planning such as camp t-shirt designs and theme days!

THE ELEANOR HAZEL 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program just wrapped up Series 4: Wacky Gadgets! Participants made paper circuit lanterns, squishy circuits, mechanical throwing arms, art robots, and hydraulic claws! Beyond having fun, students learned about basic circuitry, robotics coding and design while also developing life skills like collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.





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AN EGG-CITING UPDATE FROM FAUQUIER 4-H EMBRYOLOGY

The first round of our spring embryology program officially wrapped up on March 28th! The embryology program allows students to track the development of embryos over the course of three weeks and watch chicks hatch in their classrooms. Fertilized chicken eggs and incubators were dropped off in 39 classrooms

in 14 schools across Fauquier County for this round, and our second round begins soon on April 28th!



NATURE NAVIGATORS SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration for our Nature Navigators Summer Day Camp will open Friday, April 11th! This day camp will be geared towards kids ages 9-12 interested in learning more about wildlife, streams, watersheds, plants and more!

This camp will take place June 9th-12th from 9am-2pm and is open to youth ages 9-12.

Please contact Sam Wiese at bsaman4@vt.edu with any questions and check our social media for the registration link!

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NATURE NAVIGATORS CAMP

2025

JUNE 9-12, 2025
9AM - 2PM
YOUTH AGES 9-12

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 11TH!

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NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS MARKET SCHEDULE!

Our 2025 market season is kicking off on Saturday May 3rd at the Warrenton Farmers Market! Come on out and support our youth vendors – some favorites from last season and some new! First Saturdays May – September. Find us in the upper Parking Lot A (corner of Lee and Ashby St) at the Warrenton Farmers Market. Stay tuned on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS		FIRST SAT
		MAY 3 JUNE 7 JULY 5 AUG 2 SEPT 6
8 AM - 12 PM		Warrenton Farmers Market Parking Lot A Corner of Lee and Ashby St. Warrenton, VA 20186



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LIVESTOCK TEAMS RECAP

We've had a whirlwind of a spring judging and skillathon season! Members have competed in the Virginia Tech Block & Bridle Stockman's and Livestock Judging contests, Mid-Atlantic Beef Classic stockmen's contest, MC Stockman Challenge, and the State Skillathon all in the month of March! See results on the next page! Congratulations to these members and their coach Mary Ott Prados!





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LIVESTOCK TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

HOLLY CHAMBERS

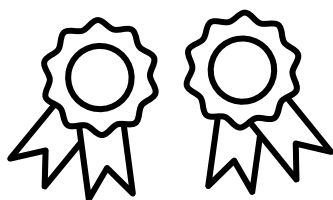
22nd Overall Senior MC Stockman's Challenge

Senior Team MC Stockman's Challenge

Senior Team 4-H/FFA Skillathon

Senior Individual VT Block & Bridle Stockman's

Senior Individual VT Block & Bridle Livestock Judging



BETH YANKEY

Junior Individual Mid-Atlantic Classic Stockman's Contest

Junior Individual State 4-H/FFA Skillathon

27th Individual Judging and Questions 4-H/FFA Skillathon

ALI YANKEY

Reserve High Individual Mid-Atlantic Classic Stockman's Contest

15th Overall Senior MC Stockman's Challenge

29th Overall Senior State 4-H/FFA Skillathon

Senior Team MC Stockman's Challenge

Senior Team 4-H/FFA Skillathon



LESLIE LINTON

Senior Team MC Stockman's Challenge

Senior Team 4-H/FFA Skillathon

SEDONA SIFFORD

****WINNER**** 1st Overall VT Block & Bridle Junior Advanced Livestock Judging Contest
3rd Individual Beef Cattle VT Block & Bridle Junior Advanced Livestock Judging Contest
8th Individual Reasons VT Block & Bridle Junior Advanced Livestock Judging Contest
1st Individual Sheep and Goats VT Block & Bridle Junior Advanced Livestock Judging Contest

16th Individual Swine VT Block & Bridle Junior Advanced Livestock Judging Contest

5th Overall VT Block & Bridle Junior Stockmans

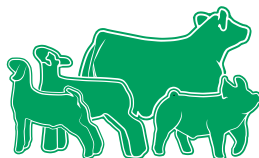
9th Individual Judging and Questions VT Block & Bridle Junior Stockmans

6th Individual Quiz and ID VT Block & Bridle Junior Stockmans

2nd Overall State 4-H/FFA Skillathon

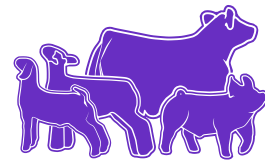
3rd Individual Judging and Questions State 4-H/FFA Skillathon

3rd Individual Quiz and ID State 4-H/FFA Skillathon



THE READY RING

FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



BUYER'S MIXER RECAP

Thank you to all who came out for our Buyers Mixer! Show & Sale participants had the opportunity to practice buyer meetings with volunteers from the community serving as mock buyers. Committee members did a short workshop with our newest participants to prepare them for their meetings!



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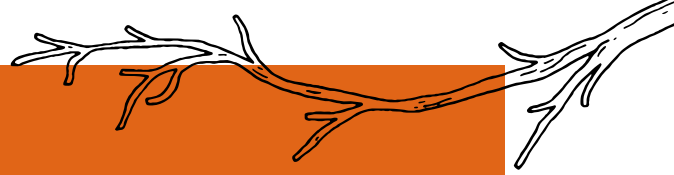
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We'll have food from 4-H clubs and other community organizations on Sunday for show day!



TREE HIGHLIGHTS

For April I am highlighting a European beech tree at Airlie. Large old trees are often found around old houses. If you have a tree you would like me to highlight, please send a note to tohlwile@vt.edu

Tree: European beech – *Fagus sylvatica*

Location: Airlie, the tree is located on a rock outcrop between the main parking area and the Airlie house.

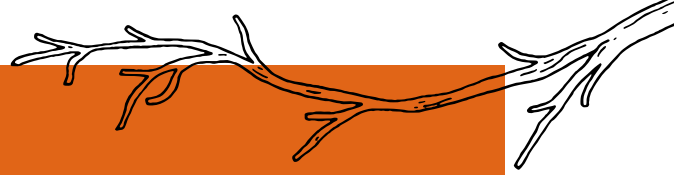
Age: I think this dates to the time when the house was originally built in 1899.

Beech have a smooth bark and even as the tree ages, the bark stays smooth, silvery gray. Roots of the tree can be seen growing on the surface of the soil near the trunk. I imagine the rock outcropping may have protected the tree from equipment and construction over the years.

There are native beech in our woods that have the same smooth gray bark. Their leaves are slightly narrower. Can you find a beech in your neighborhood?



UPCOMING EVENTS



CLOVER CALENDAR

April 12 | Glenwood Livestock Expo

April 13 | Camp Counselor Training

April 22 | Next Gen Session #2

April 26 | NorthWest District Contest Day

May 3 | First Next Gen Market @ Warrenton
Farmers Market

May 18 | Camp Counselor Training

May 23-25 | NorthWest District Livestock
Show



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April 9 | Final Mandatory Meeting

April 9 | Sponsorships Due

May 2 | Show & Sale Set-Up

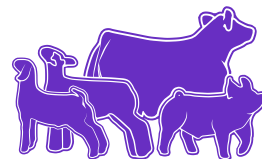
May 3 | Animal Take-In

May 4 | Show Day

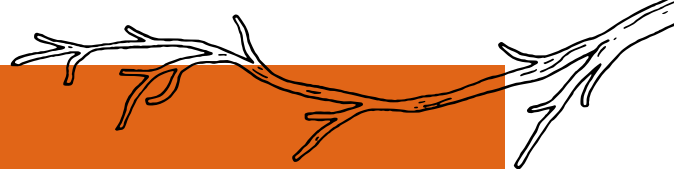
May 5 | Buyer's Dinner and Sale Night

May 9 | Show & Sale Clean-Up

June 8 | Show & Sale Awards



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