

THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS MARKET ON AUGUST 2ND AND SEPTEMBER 6TH!

Be on the lookout for our Next Generation Entrepreneurs at the Warrenton Farmers Market on August 2nd! 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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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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FAUQUIER 4-H POULTRY SERVICE LEARNING UPDATE

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2025 EGG DONATION NUMBERS TO DATE



999.5 DOZEN EGGS



11,994 1 OUNCE
PORTIONS OF PROTEIN



THANK YOU POULTRY SERVICE LEARNING
PARTICIPANTS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!!

Our 2025 Poultry Service Learning participants have been busy donating back to their community! Even with the hotter summer temperatures, egg donations have been strong! Since the start of the project in February, participants have donated to our local food banks:

- 999.5 Dozen eggs
- Equivalent to 11,994 1-ounce portions of protein

Thank you for all your hard work, participants!! We can't wait to see what our donation numbers total by the end of the project year in October!

2025 FAUQUIER 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP RECAP

The Fauquier County 4-H Wrapped up the 2025 Jr Explorers 4-H Summer Day Camp at the beginning of July! Campers participated in fun activities such as building a Mars rover, an ocean robot, and a stomp rocket. Campers played fun team building games including water sponge relay racing and water balloon toss to cool down. Participants also worked in teams to budget, design, and build their own boats before testing them in the water. Then to close out our fun week, we made ice cream in a bag! Campers learned about various STEM topics while also developing skills such as critical thinking and collaboration.





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2025 FAUQUIER FAIR RECAP

A letter to Fauquier 4-H families, fair livestock exhibitors, and supporting community: As many of you know—or experienced firsthand—we faced severe flooding in the barns Wednesday night - the first night of the fair. For a while, the situation felt overwhelming. But even in the midst of the mess, your determination didn't waiver. By 11:00am Thursday we had all the stalls/pens completely redone and every animal was back in their spot in the barn.

THANK YOU to our exhibitor families for pulling together and rebuilding through the night Wednesday into Thursday morning - moving animals to high ground, taking down panels to clear out the barn, building up bedding for animal pens, moving water out, teens keeping the young ones calm, and parents keeping everyone safe.

THANK YOU to our community supporters and partners who came in droves - donating additional mulch, shavings, straw, and gravel, working equipment through the night to reset the barns, and to our Fauquier Fair Board who helped coordinate those donations and build the plan to pull things back together.

THANK YOU to the public who still came out to support our shows and see the livestock exhibits!

The 2025 Fauquier Co Fair will be a memorable one. Not only because of the flood, but also the way everyone worked together and were connected in a different way the rest of the week. That's what it's all about!

--Mary Ott Prados, 4-H Agent





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IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN!

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program will be returning in September of 2025! Be on the lookout for more details coming soon. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out at nhollins@vt.edu.

The Eleanor Hazel
4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- **Claude Thompson**
- **Mary Walter**
- **Grace Miller**
- **MM Pierce**
- **HM Pearson**

Science
Technology
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Learn by doing.

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STATE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

In June, the Fauquier 4-H Livestock Judging Teams competed in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. We came home with several awards, including the STATE CHAMPION BANNER earned by

Sedona Sifford!

Sedona placed:

11th in Sheep/Goats

2nd in Swine

1st in Cattle

1st in Reasons (talked TWO 48s out of a possible 50pts!)

1st Overall!



Senior Team placed:

9th in Sheep/Goats

10th in Swine

6th in Cattle

10th in Reasons

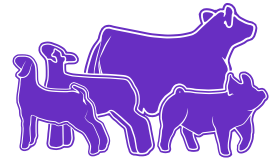
8th Overall



All senior and junior members placed well individually according to their own goals!

THE READY RING

FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



SHOW & SALE HERDSMAN AWARD

In 2019, the 60th Anniversary of the Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale was dedicated to Howard Grove in honor of his continued support of the program and youth livestock involvement throughout his life. As a way to continuously remember the outstanding man he was and his contribution, the Herdsman Award was also dedicated in his name and is now called the Howard Grove Memorial Herdsman Award.

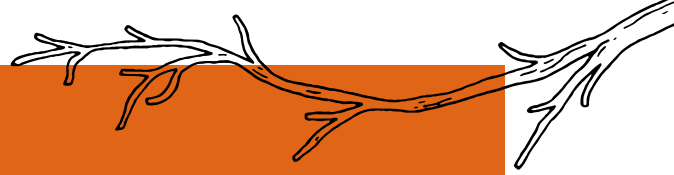
This award is a high honor that is presented to the exhibitor(s) who demonstrates the best combination of sportsmanship, helpfulness, courtesy, time management, and display of self, project, and area through the show weekend. Congratulations to Leslie Linton, the recipient of the 2025 Howard Grove Memorial Herdsman Award!



SHOW & SALE ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD

In 2022 we established an annual adult volunteer award in the memory of Jeff Woodward. Mr. Woodward was actively involved in 4-H and the Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale where he spent many years as a volunteer while both of his sons, Zach and Zane, were exhibitors and wife, Amanda, led one of our livestock clubs. He volunteered his time and resources yearly to assist in the running of Show & Sale. This award will be given annually to the adult who goes above and beyond, freely giving their time to this organization. While we have many, many amazing volunteers, there are always those who go above and beyond as Mr. Woodward did and we are honored to memorialize him and recognize our volunteers each year. Congratulations and a huge thank you to Autumn Crider, the 2025 Jeff Woodward Memorial Adult Volunteer Award recipient!





TREE HIGHLIGHTS

For August I am highlighting a Kentucky coffeetree in Upperville on John Mosby Highway (Hwy 50). It is the largest documented Kentucky coffeetree in Virginia according to a champion tree registry.

Tree: Kentucky coffeetree- *Gymnocladus dioicus*

Location: On the lot line between house numbers 9129 and 9125 on the south side of highway 50 in Upperville.

Age: Tax records for the home at 9129 indicate that the home was build in 1845 white the home at 9125 was built in 1919. I would guess this tree is well over 100 years old.

Size: The Virginia big Trees website says it is 93 feet tall and has a circumference of 163 inches at 4 feet off the ground.

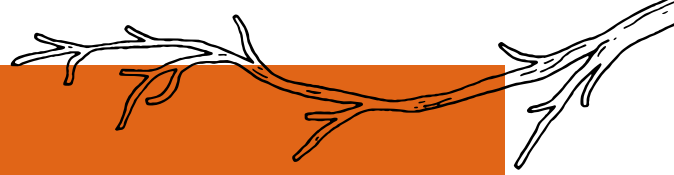
Large trees often occur on property lines. Maybe because they are further away from what is happening at the house, or maybe because two neighbors cannot agree on when or how to cut the tree down and it just keeps growing. Lot line trees often sprout up from seed in areas that are not mowed or plowed.

This tree is native from Ohio to Missouri and neighboring states. It is a member of the league family, the same is the green beans that you can have at dinner. It has very large bi-pinnately compound leaves. It has large seed pods that look like pea pods and the tree often holds it pods into winter.

If you have a tree that you would like to have highlighted, please reach out to Tim Ohlwiler at tohlwile@vt.edu!



THE OFFICE BRANCH



It is our pleasure to invite you to the 2025 VA AG Expo! This event offers a wide variety of agribusinesses exhibiting the newest agricultural technologies, goods, and services. Every year, the VA AG Expo brings together more than 100 exhibitors and sponsors from the world of agriculture--making up the biggest agricultural field day in the Commonwealth.

The VA AG Expo is free to the public and presents an amazing networking opportunity for Virginia agricultural enthusiasts, researchers, growers, innovators, and other industry professionals. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact vaagexpo@gmail.com, or call 804-972-7785

Event details can be found by clicking the link below:

[VA AG Expo Website](#)

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CATAWBA SUSTAINABILITY CENTER
VIRGINIA TECH.



Virginia Tech Catawba Sustainability Center Presents:

"Why does time matter more than space in grazing management?"

With Jim Gerrish

August 20th 2025
9:00am - 4:30pm

Location: Virginia Tech
Sustainability Center

Classroom Session: 9:30 – 12:00
Catawba Community Center 4965
Catawba Creek Rd., Catawba, VA

Field Session: 1:00 – 4:00 – CSC
5075 Catawba Creek Rd., Catawba, VA

Jim Gerrish, with 40+ years of expertise, specializes in Management-intensive Grazing and regenerative practices through American GrazingLands Services across the U.S. and internationally.



Jim Gerrish
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Join us for a one day grazing school with Jim Gerrish of American GrazingLand Services to explore how time—not just space—shapes the health of your pastures.

Scan the QR code to register or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/vxk4xhjp>

REGISTER HERE



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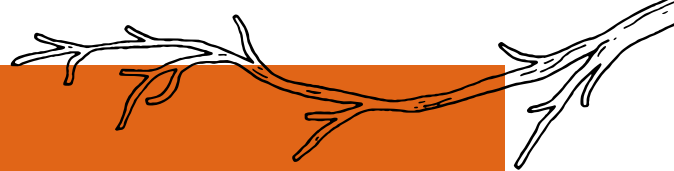
www.catawba.vt.edu

[@grassfedbeefpartnership](https://twitter.com/grassfedbeefpartnership)

www.americangrazinglands.com

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Adam Taylor at adamht@vt.edu or 540-588-0283 during regular business hours at least 10 days prior to the event.

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GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY CROP SCHOOL

The Carver Center
9432 N. James Madison Highway
Rapidan, VA 22733

Afternoon Tour:

Piedmont Farm and Greenhouse
12086 Morgansburg Rd
Bealeton, VA 22712

Re-cert credits available for: Virginia
Private Pesticide Applicator Category 91

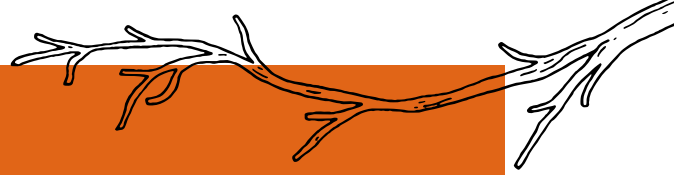
August 22, 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$25



To learn more about this program:
<https://culpeper.ext.vt.edu/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



FAUQUIER VCE OFFICE- CLOSED!

Monday September 1st

The Fauquier VCE office will be closed. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2nd.

CLOVER CALENDAR

August 2nd | NGE Farmer's Market

August 9th | Northern District Shoot

September 4th- September 7th | State 4-H
Horse Show

September 5th- September 7th | State 4-H
Shoot

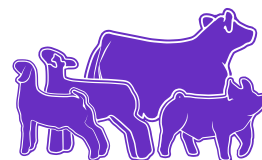
September 15th | 4-H Team at District 4-H
Meeting



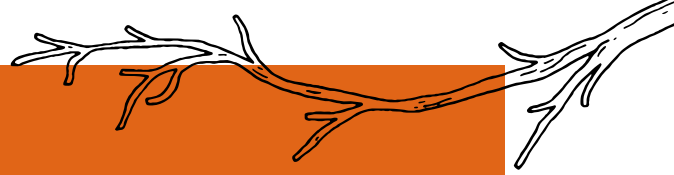
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SHOW & SALE CALENDAR

August 25 | Show & Sale Committee
Meeting



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