

JANUARY 2025



# THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fauquier 4-H is in the process of updating our 4-H Club brochure and we are in need of an English to Spanish translator to help us better reach the Spanish-speaking members of our community. If you are interested in helping to translate our written materials, please reach out to [nhollins@vt.edu](mailto:nhollins@vt.edu) or you can call the office at 540-422-8250



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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](mailto:meredithday@vt.edu)

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## LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR AND CIT (COUNSELOR IN TRAINING) APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 10TH!

The Loudoun-Fauquier 4-H Junior camp will be held June 15-19, 2025 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA.

You must be at least 13 on January 1, 2025 in order to be a CIT and at least 14 on January 1, 2025 to be a Counselor. Prior 4-H and/or camp experience is not required to apply.

Information and Application: <https://tinyurl.com/LFCounselorApp25>

Reference Link: <https://tinyurl.com/LF4HCampCounsRef25>

**\*\*When you submit your application make sure you have shared this link with your references. You must have at least 2 respond for your application to be complete.\*\***

Please note that all applications (including your three completed online reference forms) are due by Friday, January 10! This is much earlier than previous years! Do Not Wait! Fill it out before the holidays!

\*Camper applications open on March 14, 2025. Enrolled 4-H club members will be able to apply early on March 7th via a separate link.

If you have any questions about the application process, please email [kmonroe@vt.edu](mailto:kmonroe@vt.edu) or [nhollins@vt.edu](mailto:nhollins@vt.edu)



Reference link



Information and application link

**2025 LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H JUNIOR CAMP JUNE 15-19, 2025**  
<https://tinyurl.com/LFCounselorApp25>

NOV 15, 2024	Counselor / CIT Applications NOW OPEN
JAN 10, 2025	Counselor / CIT Applications DUE
01/28/25	New Counselor Interviews   LOUDOUN
01/29/25	New Counselor Interviews   FAUQUIER
02/10/25	Returning Counselor Interviews   LOUDOUN
02/11/25	Returning Counselor Interviews   FAUQUIER

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## FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW RETURNS!

**SAVE  
The  
DATE**

**FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H  
HORSE SHOW**

Saturday, April 5, 2025  
Warrenton Horse Show Grounds

More information to follow!

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The Fauquier County 4-H Horse Show will be returning to the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds on April 5, 2025! There will be 4-H and Open divisions – open to all participants ages 9 and up. Please scan the QR code to visit our website for more information!



## 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

REGISTRATION OPEN

Fauquier County 4-H members are invited to apply to attend 4-H Day at the Capitol in Richmond, VA on January 22, 2025. Applications DUE January 8, 2025. Email [maryvo@vt.edu](mailto:maryvo@vt.edu) with questions.

**Registration OPEN!**

**4-H Day at the Capitol  
January 22, 2025**

**Registration DUE January 8th  
Zoom meeting January 14th**

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## THE CLOVER TREE RESULTS!

Harold the Holstein and Mr. H Oinks had a great time delivering the 2024 Clover Tree donations, and they have a few results to announce!

Thanks to our incredible club members and families, Fauquier County 4-H had an over 90% increase from the 2023 Clover Tree project!

2024 Clover Tree Results:  
we collected and donated 485 ITEMS totaling 432.6LBS!

Thanks everyone! -- Harold and Mr. H.



2024 - 2025

### THE ELEANOR HAZEL 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

**SERIES 2: ROBOTS & GADGETS**

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program - Series 2: Robots & Gadgets has just started for kindergarten through 2nd graders! Using equipment designed for budding engineers, participants will complete fun challenges such as coding robots, building circuits, and more!

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## THE ELEANOR HAZEL 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SERIES 3: WACKY GADGETS

Beginning January 27th for 3rd - 5th graders!

Using equipment designed for budding engineers, participants will complete fun challenges such as making and operating a hydraulic claw, coding robots, building circuits, making a banana piano and more! Registration will open January 14th at 6pm. For more information follow us on Facebook or look for updates at [The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program](#)

### 4-H FACT FRIDAY

**Trivia Time!**

How many local 4-H units are there in the state of Virginia?

**133 4-H units in Virginia!**

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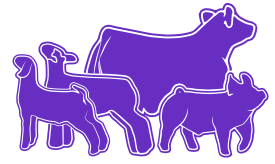
### 4-H FACT FRIDAY

The 4-H emblem originally started as a THREE-leaf clover! This was before 4-H was the official name. The three H's stood for Head, Heart, and Hand.

[4-H.ORG/ABOUT](http://4-H.ORG/ABOUT)

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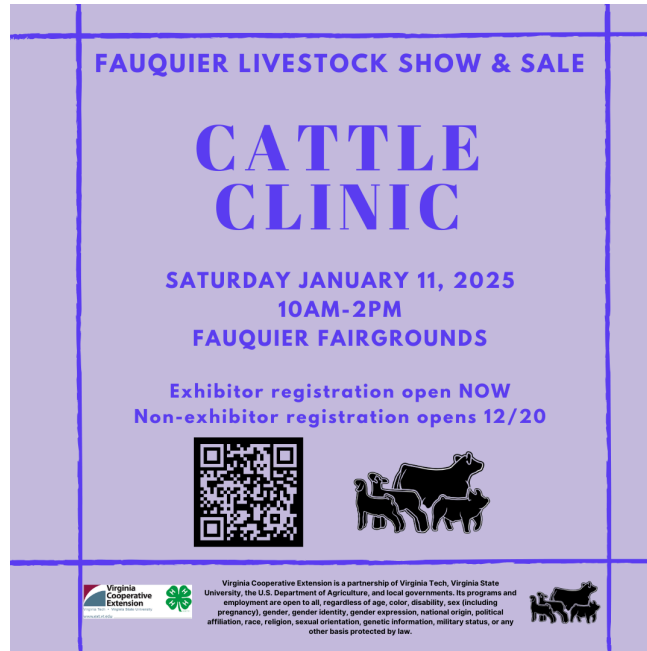
### FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE CATTLE CLINIC

The 2025 Cattle Clinic is scheduled for Saturday January 11, 2025 10AM-2PM at the Fauquier County Fairgrounds!

Exhibitor registration: open NOW – check email or scan the QR code

Non-exhibitor (in-county and out-of-county) registration: opens 12/20

Registration CLOSES: January 3rd or spaces fill - whichever is sooner!



### 2025 SHOW & SALE REMINDERS

**January 3, 2025** | Cattle Clinic registration due

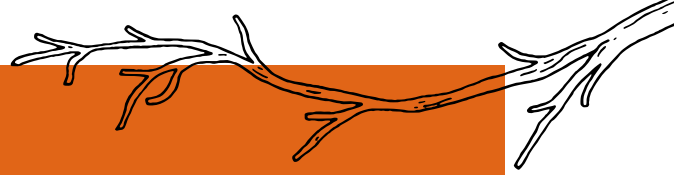
**January 11, 2025** | Cattle Clinic

**January 15, 2025** | Cattle mid-point weights due

**February 2, 2025** | lamb and goat weigh-in

**February 12, 2025** | Buyer's Mixer

**February 12, 2025** | hog and breeding animal entries due



## FAUQUIER AND RAPPAHANNOCK MASTER GARDENER SUCCESSSES FROM 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

- 2 formal events focused on highlighting the benefits of gardening for mental health
- 11 public elementary schools in Fauquier County had 3rd graders do Super Soil Science
- 25th Anniversary Celebration of Rady Park Arboretum attended by more than 250 individuals
- 305 clients had specific garden questions answered at the Horticulture Helpdesk
- 980 tree seedlings given away to in area schools with “Goods from the Woods”
- 1,000th “Green” Grass lawn management plan written since 2010
- 1,058 hours volunteered at #18 Schoolhouse, including Saturdays in the Garden
- 9,110 total hours volunteered on a variety of community educational programs



Marcia Koozer and Bonnie Johnson bundle tree seedlings for “Goods from the Woods”

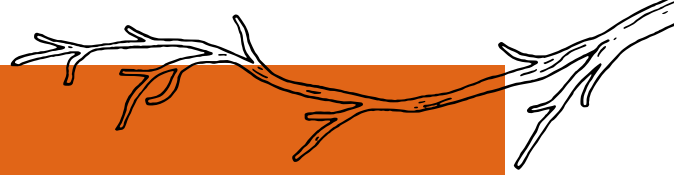


Roy Pool, Jane Cox and Karolina Banks help to plant a native black cherry tree at Rady Park Arboretum for Arbor Day

**Private Pesticide Recertification Class** from 9am to 12pm on January 23rd, 2025 at VCE Fauquier. 24 Pelham Street, Warrenton VA 20186. Contact Sharon Broyles at sbroyles@vt.edu or 540-422-8250 x 0 to RSVP.

**Become a Virginia Certified Horticulturist.** This is an industry certification provided by the Nursery and Landscape Association. We will be offering a training in preparation to pass the certification exam on Thursday afternoons in January and February at Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks from 1pm to 4pm starting January 23rd, 2025. If you are interested in learning more or participating, please contact Seana Ankers at sankers.vnla@gmail.com

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## PRIVATE PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CLASS

**January 23rd 9am to 12pm**

Contact Sharon Broyles at  
sbroyles@vt.edu or by calling 540-  
422-8250 ext. 0

## VIRGINIA CERTIFIED HORTICULTURIST

**Starting January 23rd 1pm to 4pm**

Contact Seana Ankers at  
sankers@vnla@gmail.com to RSVP

### CLOVER CALENDAR

**January 10** | Camp Counselor/CIT  
applications due

**January 22** | 4-H Day at the Capitol

**January 25** | B&B Horse Judging and  
Hippology Clinic - Blacksburg, VA

**January 25** | B&B Meats Judging Clinic -  
Blacksburg, VA

**January 28-29** | New Camp Counselor  
interviews

**February 1** | Corey Childs Memorial  
Stockmen's Contest - Front Royal, VA

**February 1** | Hokie Dairy Day - Blacksburg,



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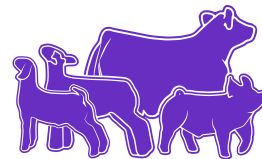
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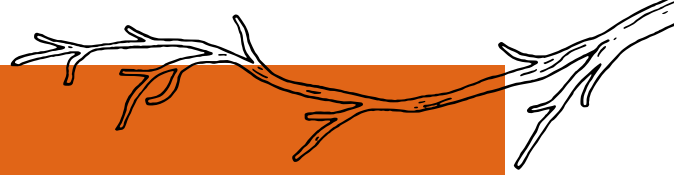
**February 12** | Buyer's Mixer

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