

## THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

# VOLUNTEERS

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 <a href="mailto:nhollins@vt.edu">nhollins@vt.edu</a> or you can call the office at 540-422-8250



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The Ready Ring



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**Upcoming Events** 



Office Contact

#### 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 <a href="mailto:meredithday@vt.edu">meredithday@vt.edu</a>





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#### 2025 LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H CAMP PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!



Agents and teen counselors are busy getting ready for another great week at camp this summer! Please mark your calendars for upcoming dates.

03/07/25 Early Camper Registration for 4-H Members Opens03/14/25 Camper Registration opens to the General Public

#### SAVE THE DATE- CONTEST DAY

Our 2025 Contest Day is scheduled for Saturday March 1st at Grace Miller Elementary School. Members can choose to present a poster or speech, share a talent, or something else! You MUST be an enrolled 4-H member to participate. Registration coming soon to 4-H Online!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to make this event a success! <u>Sign up here</u>, or email <u>maryvo@vt.edu</u> for more information!



Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer!





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#### FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW RETURNS!



Registration opens on March 1st for the 2025 Fauquier County 4-H Horse Show!
There will be both 4-H and Open divisions in both the Hunter and Western disciplines.
Please visit our show website for the prize list and registration





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

The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program |
Series 3: Wacky Gadgets started January 27th!
We are still in need of volunteers. We welcome teens, parents, grandparents, and other family members! \*STEM focused Volunteer hours perfect for iSTEM students. An extra pair of hands is always helpful when doing hands-on activities with youth. Anyone interested in donating an hour of your time please visit <a href="https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/afterschool4h/24-25-series-3-wacky-gadgets?">https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/afterschool4h/24-25-series-3-wacky-gadgets?</a>
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## FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H

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#### 4-H DAY AT THE CAPTIOL



Wednesday January 22nd, Fauquier County 4-H members braved the cold weather and traveled to Richmond, VA for 4-H Day at the Capitol. Members met with Senator Russet Perry and Delegate Michael Webert before hearing from Governor Youngkin and taking advantage of a photo opportunity with the First Lady! Members then watched a portion of the Delegate Session from the gallery and got to see our state government in action! Rounding out the day, members spent some time in the Library of Virginia, where we found history of Fauquier County!





## THE READY RING FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



## FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE CATTLE CLINIC \*NEW DATE\*

The Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale Cattle Clinic has been postponed to Saturday February 8th due to weather. Please email <a href="maryvo@vt.edu">maryvo@vt.edu</a> with any registration questions!



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

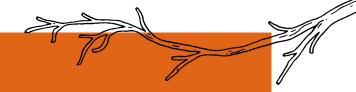
We need your help! The 2025 Buyer's Mixer will be February 12th at the Fauquier Fairgrounds.

Volunteer mock buyers will meet with our exhibitors to learn about Show & Sale and give pointers on how to best conduct a buyer meeting. Email <a href="maryvo@vt.edu">maryvo@vt.edu</a> 540-422-8250 ext. 4 for more information on how to sign up!

#### 2025 SHOW & SALE REMINDERS

February 2, 2025 | lamb and goat weigh-in
February 8, 2025 | Cattle clinic
February 12, 2025 | Buyer's Mixer
February 12, 2025 | hog and breeding animal entries due
March 8, 2025 | Sheep, goat, and hog clinic

#### THE OFFICE BRANCH



#### TREE HIGHLIGHTS

There are many beautiful trees in our community. I want to celebrate some of the standout trees that we have. Standout trees can be large, old, in a special place, or an unusual species. Each month I would like to highlight a tree from the area. I will start this month and welcome suggestions for trees in the community.

Tree: American Elm - Ulmus americana

**Location:** Taylor Middle School, former Warrenton Middle School. 244 Waterloo St. Warrenton. VA

Age: planted after 1936 when school was built

**Size:** Diameter of the trunk is over 5ft and the height around 80 ft. The canopy spreads 95 ft.

Standing on Waterloo Street facing the front of Warrenton Middle School, the large grand tree with a huge spread, vase shaped branching pattern and dark green leaves, typical of the American elm, will be on your left. Once one of the most common street trees in our country, many have died due to Dutch elm disease. There are a few left and this is a great example. Elm continues to make a great native tree for parks and home lawns. There are cultivars in the nursery trade that are more resistant to Dutch elm disease.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### **CLOVER CALENDAR**

**February 10** | new camp counselor interviews, Loudoun

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**February 11 |** Poultry Service Learning Info Zoom

**February 19-20** | Virginia Tech Giving Day **February 21-22** | Block and Bridle Livestock Weekend, Blacksburg



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