

MAY 2025



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Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

**Summer
CAMP**

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS
SUMMER? FAUQUIER 4-H HAS
SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES! MORE
INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN
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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 LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER 4-H CAMP UPDATE!

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TRAININGS UNDERWAY

- **TALT (Teen Adult Leadership Training)**
 - March 7-8
- **Camp Registration**
 - Fauquier Boy Spots FULL
 - Limited Fauquier Girl Spots Remaining
- **Teen Counselor Trainings**
 - April 13
 - May 18
 - June 1st
- **LOUDOUN-FAUQUIER JUNIOR 4-H CAMP**
 - June 15-19

COUNTDOWN TO CAMP!

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Last weekend we hosted our 2nd teen counselor training. Teens learned about topics including youth development through 4-H camp, sensitive issues, and behavior management. Teens also voted for Great Bear, Claw Keeper, Keeper of the Fire, T-Shirt design and colors, and theme days!

Camp Registration Update!

- Fauquier Boy Spots are FULL
 - Fauquier Girl Spots - Limited Number Remaining
- Upcoming Dates:
- May 18th | Teen Training
 - May 18th | Adult Volunteer Training
 - June 1st | Teen Training
 - June 15-19 | 2025 Loudoun-Fauquier 4-H Camp!

THE ELEANOR HAZEL 4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RECAP!

Last month The Eleanor Hazel 4-H After School Program wrapped up their Series 3:

Wacky Gadgets!

3rd - 5th grade students learned about simple circuits and machines. Participants participated in fun activities including making paper circuit lanterns, an art and throwing arm robot, squishy circuit, a hydraulic claw, making game controllers out of conductive materials and so much more!

Key concepts covered:

- Electrical Circuits (open vs closed)
 - Series Circuit
 - Parallel Circuit
 - Conductors
 - Insulators
 - Hydraulics





2025 SPRING BREAK 4-H CAMP RECAP!

On Monday:

Participants learned about the various parts of plants that we eat and some kids even discovered new vegetables they liked! Later we learned about and dissected owl pellets! We also played some outdoor games to get all those wiggles out!

On Tuesday:

Participants made their own balloon cars and catapults. We learned about concepts including stored energy, trajectory, and thrust. Campers also participated in various team building activities and games.

On Wednesday:

Participants learned about simple circuits and batteries. We made batteries out of various produce items such as apples, potatoes, lemons, and bananas. We also built light and fan circuits using Play-Doh and Modeling Clay and discussed conductor vs insulators. We also learned about the physical reaction of nucleation through Mentos and Soda geysers! Things got a little extra exciting when the bottle tipped over!

On Thursday:

Fauquier County 4-H had the pleasure of hosting our friends from Oak Spring Garden Foundation who taught campers about Natural Dyes! Students had fun learning about various plants and the colors they can create with them. Participants dyed handkerchiefs with Indigo, created ornaments using lobster mushroom dyed felt, extracted water color paint and planted seeds from marigolds, and learned about how changing pH levels can affect various plant dyes.



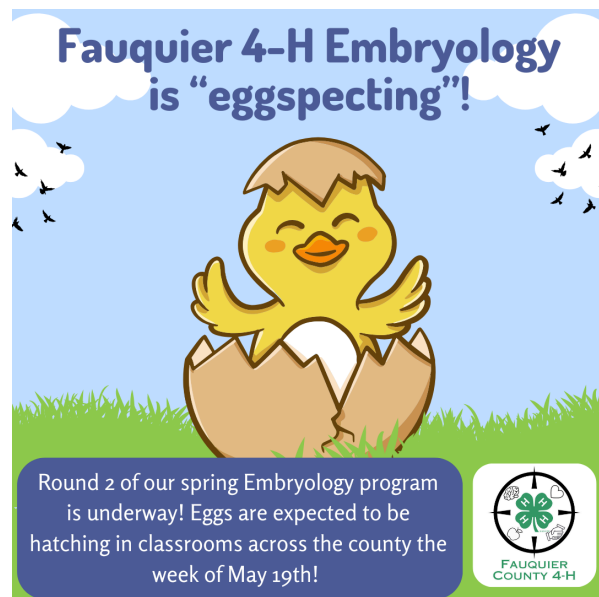


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AN EGG-CITING UPDATE FROM FAUQUIER 4-H EMBRYOLOGY

Fauquier County 4-H's spring embryology program officially began its second round on April 28th! A huge thanks to our community partner, Oak Spring Garden Foundation, for their generous donation of fertilized chicken eggs that allowed us to hold a second round of embryology this spring! Stay tuned to our social media pages for updates throughout the month!



NATURE NAVIGATORS SUMMER DAY CAMP

There are still spots open for our 2025 Nature Navigators Summer Day Camp taking place this June! Come join us for days filled with a mix of hands-on activities where kids get to learn about creek ecosystems, go on nature walks to identify the plants, animals and trees that live there, make art with various outdoor materials, play nature related games and more! Please contact Sam Wiese at bsaman4@vt.edu with any questions.

WHO: 4-H youth ages 9-12

WHAT: Outdoor education day camp

WHEN: June 9-12 from 9am to 2pm

WHERE: Several locations around Warrenton, see registration for more details
COST: \$20 per child





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FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW RECAP

The 2025 Fauquier County 4-H Open Horse Show is officially in the books! This show was an important event for the youth in our Fauquier County 4-H horse clubs as they prepare for their show season, and we were very excited to bring this opportunity back for the first time in over 5 years. We're so grateful to each rider, parent, trainer, volunteer and sponsor that helped make this event happen. Thank you all for your support, and we hope you join us again next year!



2025 FAUQUIER COUNTY 4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW

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RESULTS:

Open High Point Rider: Ashley Montes
Senior 4-H High Point: Ashley Montes
Junior 4-H High Point: Quynh Pham



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NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS MARKET SCHEDULE!

Be on the lookout for our Next Generation Entrepreneurs at the Warrenton Farmers Market on June 7th! 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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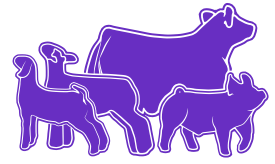


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GOODS FROM THE WOODS

The Fauquier & Rappahannock County Master Gardeners are always a great partner for the Goods from the Woods program! In 2025, this program served over 1,000 students in public and private schools across Fauquier County! Volunteers individually packed a tree seedling for every students, visited the classroom to deliver the seedlings and teach about other 'goods from the woods' including leaves, insects, and more! Fauquier 4-H couldn't do it without you!

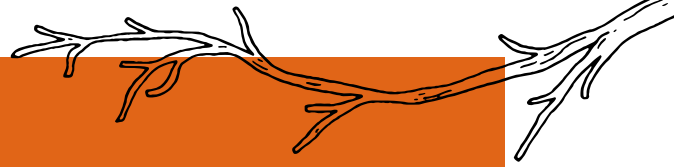




**A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO OUR 2025 FAUQUIER
LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE SUPPORTERS,
VOLUNTEERS, AND SPONSORS!**

**THANK
YOU!**

Stay tuned for results from this year's
Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale



TREE HIGHLIGHTS

For May I am highlighting a Red Buckeye tree at Rady Park. If you have a tree you would like me to highlight, please send a note to tohlwile@vt.edu

Rady Park Arboretum is a collection of trees and shrubs located along the northwest boundary of the Park with neighboring Fenton Farm. The arboretum was begun in 1999 to highlight trees and shrubs that are suitable for local gardens but may be underutilized.

Tree: Red Buckeye – *Aesculus pavia*

Location: Rady Park Arboretum, enter the Park from Fauquier Road and park in the parking lot. Cross the stream at the first bridge, the one closest to Highway 17. The red buckeye will be in bloom about the time this newsletter comes out and it will be back along the board fence with the farm.

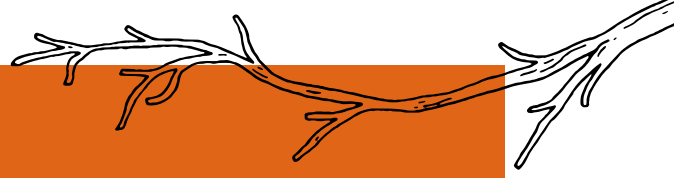
Age: This is a native tree that was planted in 2012.

Size: The canopy spreads over 15 ft. wide and about the same height. This tree had its top branches broken out when a dead ash tree was being taken down. It was near the red buckeye and branches that were cut off the ash tree fell and broke down the top of the red buckeye in 2018.

The small native tree has spikes of red flowers in mid spring. They will eventually mature and produce large nuts.

To learn more about Rady Park Arboretum, please see information on the local Extension Master Gardener website, [Rady Park Arboretum](#), or scan the QR code below.





2025 VIRGINIA SMALL GRAINS FIELD DAY

Join us for the latest from the Virginia Tech small grains team!

CCA credits will be available

BBQ Lunch will be provided

Register here for this free event!

[Register Here](#) or scan the QR code below!



Eastern Virginia AREC

2229 Menokin Rd.

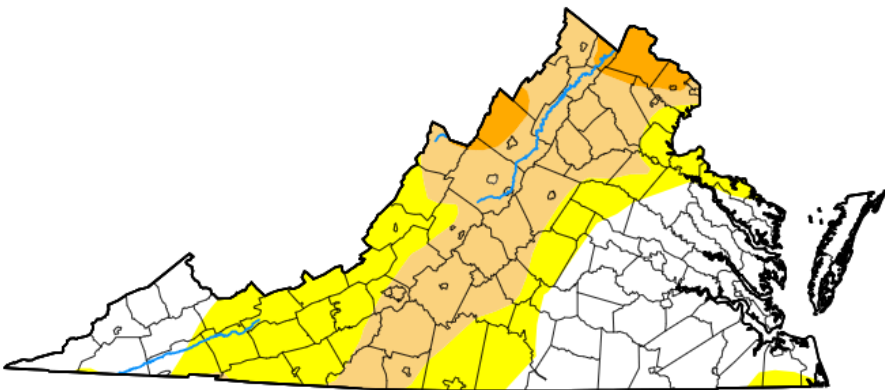
Warsaw, VA 22572

Date: May 22, 2025

Time: 8:00 - 12:00 pm

STATE DROUGHT MONITOR

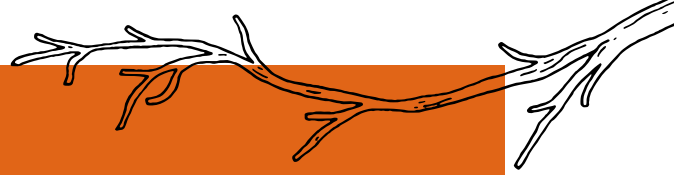
Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to stay up to date with drought conditions in Virginia throughout the coming weeks.



Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

UPCOMING EVENTS



CLOVER CALENDAR

May 18 | Camp Counselor Training

May 23-25 | NorthWest District Livestock Show

May 30-June 1 | Judge Like a Champion Livestock Judging Camp

June 1 | Camp Counselor Training

June 9-12 | Nature Navigators Day Camp

June 13-14 | NOVA Spring Fling Dairy Goat Show

June 15-19 | Junior 4-H Camp

June 23 | State Livestock Judging Contest

June 24-27 | State 4-H Congress

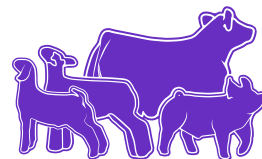


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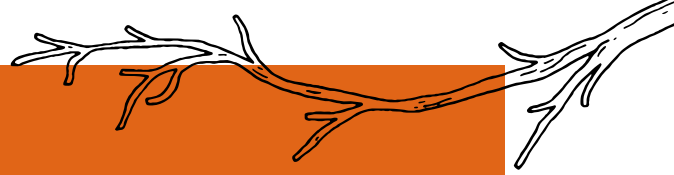
SHOW & SALE CALENDAR

May 9 | Show & Sale Clean-Up

June 8 | Show & Sale Awards



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