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FAUQUIER COUNTY FAIR, WARRENTON, VA PICTURE TAKEN FROM THE FAUQUIER FAIR FACEBOOK PAGE

THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

VSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE FIELD DAY

Join us at the Virginia State University College of Agriculture Field Day on August 29, 2024, at VSU Randolph Farm in Ettrick, VA. Check in will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m.

This year's theme is "A Taste of Randolph Farm." Discover the rich offerings of the VSU College of Agriculture and explore diverse and innovative programs in food, agriculture, natural resources, family, youth, nutrition, community engagement, and more. Meet with faculty, researchers, students, Extension specialists, and community members, including small farmers and industry partners.

This family-friendly event features hands-on activities and a chance to taste Randolph Farm's produce and meats prepared by culinary experts. Registration opens soon at:

<https://www.ext.vsu.edu/events>



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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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THE CLOVER CORNER



FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS

NGE is a partnership program with the Warrenton Farmers Market. Youth vendors sell homemade goods, including baked goods, vegetable, eggs, and crafts, like macrame, paracord accessories, jewelry, wood crafts, crocheted items, herbs, and more! Our 2024 program youth vendors learned about marketing, business, and food safety. Youth will complete a project book for their business throughout the year and learn from stakeholders in the community. Join us on the first Saturday of each month May - October under the porch of the Warren Green Building at the Warrenton Farmers Market!

FAUQUIER 4-H NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS		FIRST SAT
		MAY 4
		JUNE 1
		JULY 6
		AUG 3
		SEPT 7
OCT 5		
8 AM - 12 PM	Warrenton Farmers Market Warren Green Building porch Warrenton, VA 20186	

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ATTENTION 4-H CLUB REPORTERS!

We have launched our segment of the Clover Corner for Club Highlights! Club reporters are invited to send a write-up and photos to meredithday@vt.edu to be featured in the monthly newsletter. Submit by the 20th of each month to be featured in the following month's newsletter. Please include activities your club is doing, when/where your club meets, and any big events or projects coming up! Remember to sign your name and your club.

****first priority will go to clubs who have not yet been featured and/or clubs who submit content first**

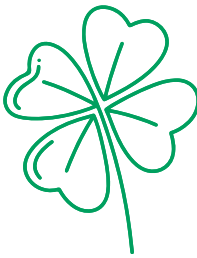
RECORD BOOKS, PORTFOLIOS, ALL-STAR APPLICATIONS

Our yearly review of youth project record books, portfolios, and all-star applications will begin on October 1st. Please have all items turned in at the Extension Office Tuesday October 1st!

DUE OCT 1

TURN IN TO THE FAUQUIER EXTENSION OFFICE
24 PELHAM ST.
WARRENTON, VA 20186

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A 4-H FAREWELL

For those who haven't heard, it is with bittersweet feelings we say farewell to Sarah Bullard, who has served as our Youth Livestock Educator for several years. Sarah has made a positive impact on our program and our community of families here in Fauquier 4-H through livestock shows, clinics, trainings, and more. We are sad to see her go, but excited for her in her next adventure with her family. Huge thank you to Sarah for all of her years of service to Fauquier 4-H!



A MESSAGE FROM SARAH:

“When I came to Fauquier 4-H in 2017 as an intern, I never imagined that one year later I would be back to stay. I have grown so much with these kids and this program since then and I am so thankful for the impact it has made on me. The relationships have always been more important to me than the project we were working on and I am walking away with life long friendships. My hope for the Fauquier Youth Livestock Program has always and will always be to grow great youth, impact those kids positively, teach the kids and the community about agriculture, and to include as many kids as want to participate. Stepping away from my formal role within the program has been an incredibly difficult decision, I will leave a bit of my heart here, but I know it won't be long before I am back to watch our kids succeed in the show ring, on a public speaking stage, and as the leaders they are becoming. Thank you for trusting me with a bit of your kids lives and thank you for impacting mine for the better!”

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NUTHIN' BUT KIDS DAIRY GOAT CLUB HIGHLIGHT

4-H is all about learning by doing, and several of our Dairy Goat 4-Hers did just that! They put on a youth led, youth planned, and youth run ADGA sanctioned open dairy goat show! 2 breeds were sanctioned with over 40 goats shown!!! Plus, ADGA Youth Showmanship classes. 4-Hers and adult exhibitors came from multiple Virginia counties as well as from New Jersey and Maryland.



A special thank you to their Judge Christen Adel's, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for the location. Thank you to their sponsors CFC Warrenton, India Blue Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Hope of Heaven Farm, Auld Oaks Farm, and more!
The team is already talking about growing it next year!

ROBOTICS CAMP RECAP

Last week Fauquier 4-H wrapped up our 2024 4-H Robotics Summer Day-Camp! Using equipment designed for budding engineers, participants completed fun challenges, puzzles and games using Spheros and Ozobots, creating circuits with Play-Doh, and creating their own game controllers with Makey Makey! Beyond having fun with robots, students learned about coding and robotics design while also developing life skills like collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.



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FAUQUIER 4-H AT THE FAUQUIER COUNTY FAIR





SOIL FOR WATER

Virtual Forum

We invite you to join us for a series of stories and conversations with farmers about grazing, soil health, and their agroecological values.

SEEDING DEEPER CONNECTIONS TO LAND AND COMMUNITY

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 11am-12 pm ET

Speakers: Sarah and Ralph Morton of Cattle Run Farm LLC, Sally Walker of Glade Road Growing, and Buck and AJ Holsinger of Holsinger Homeplace Farms

Register

<https://tinyurl.com/soilforwaterforum-Aug13>

ADAPTIVE GRAZING, MENTORING, AND SYSTEMS THINKING

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 11am -12 pm ET

Speakers: Gil Yearwood of Ellett Valley Beef Company, Becky Szarzynski of Ember Cattle Company, and Jacob Gilley of Heaven's Hollow Farm

Register

<https://tinyurl.com/soilforwaterforum-Aug15>

ECOLOGICAL HEALTH: EPIPHANIES AND EXPERIENCES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 11am-12pm ET

Speakers: Adam Taylor of Singing Spring Farm, Leo Tammi of Shamoka Run Farm, and Michael Sands of Bean Hollow Grass-Fed Farm

Register

<https://tinyurl.com/soilforwaterforum-Aug20>

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Katie Trozzo ketrozzo@vt.edu or 540-232-2233 during regular business hours at least 10 days prior to the event.



SOIL FOR WATER



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2024 Virginia Tech Sheep Extension

Parasite Control in Small Ruminants & FAMACHA Training

Loudoun County Extension & Fauquier County Extension Offices

Middleburg Agricultural Research & Extension (MARE) Center

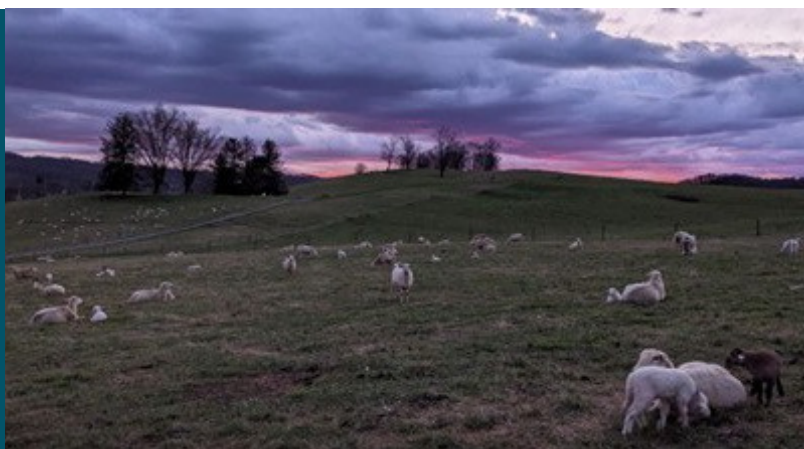
5527 Sullivans Mill Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117

Monday, Sept. 9, 2024

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Topics to be covered include:

1. Introduction and Parasite Basics
2. Dewormer Use and Parasite Control
3. Integrated Parasite Management
4. Using FAMACHA
5. Body Condition Scoring



This workshop is designed for individuals who want to become FAMACHA certified. Participants will receive hands-on training, which will include a FAMACHA card and a certificate at the completion of the workshop.

- Space is limited!
- Registration fee of \$20 covers your certification, FAMACHA card, and meal.
- Cash or check written to VT Treasurer accepted.
- Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Carly Campbell at carlyjc@vt.edu or 703-777-0112 during the business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss possible accommodations. Please inquire at least 5 days Prior to the event.

Register by Sept. 5, 2024

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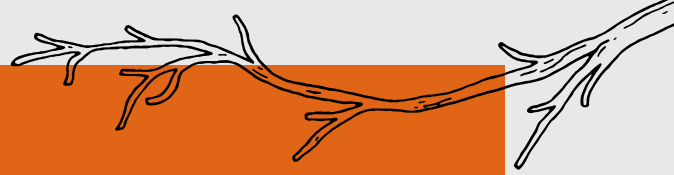
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Feeding 500

Healthy Ice Pops

Help us transform heavy harvests
of fruits into healthy ice pops for
our local food banks.

August 26, 2024

8 AM - 5 PM - Find a 2-hour
time slot that works for
you during the day

Carver Food Enterprise Center
9432 N. James Madison Hwy.
Rapidan, VA 22733



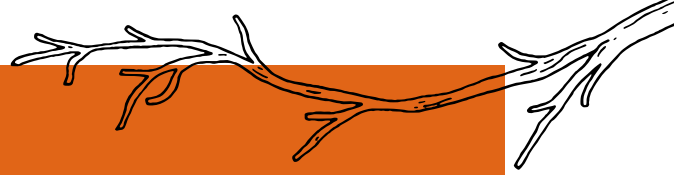
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UPCOMING EVENTS



NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS AT WARRENTON FARMER'S MARKET

August 3rd, 2024

**Warrenton Farmers Market
Warren Green Building Porch**

Vendors will include: Bri's Bundles, Stitch and Thyme, Mia's Magical Macrame, Ella T's Jewelry N' Things, and Turned and True.

NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS AT WARRENTON FARMER'S MARKET

September 7th, 2024

**Warrenton Farmers Market
Warren Green Building Porch**

Vendors will include: Hydro Bros Decor, Cora's Morl, Golden Breads and Eggs, Bear Patch, Declan's Dairy-Free Delights, Hunters Hill Farm, and Turned and True.

HISTORY OF SCHOOLHOUSE #18

August 31st, 2024 - 1:00 PM

**Schoolhouse #18, 7592 John Marshall Hwy.,
Marshall, VA**

Presented by Hilleary Braxton and Hilda Braxton Coram, Former Students at Schoolhouse #18

SEED COLLECTION AND ANNUAL PLANT & SEED GIVEAWAY

September 28th, 2024

**Schoolhouse #18, 7592 John Marshall Hwy.,
Marshall, VA**

Presented by Isaac Matlock, Clifton Institute and Gary Rzepecki, Director, Fauquier County Parks and Recreation- discuss the importance of collecting native seeds, techniques and ethics in seed collection, preparation, and storage. Annual FREE plant and seed giveaway will follow.



CLOVER CALENDAR

August 1, 2 | Back-to-School Fairs

August 3 | NGE Farmers' Market

September 5-8 | State 4-H Horse Show

September 6-8 | State 4-H Shoot

September 7 | NGE Farmers' Market

September 26-29 | State Fair Dairy Weekend

October 1 | New Club Year Begins

October 3-6 | State Fair Livestock Weekend

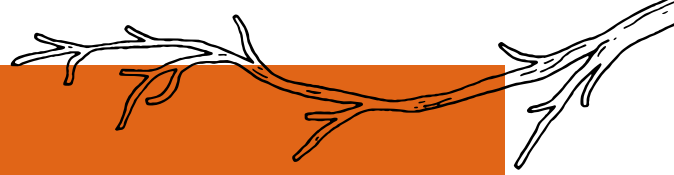
**Club Meetings are happening each
month, all month long!**

**Check out our club list for more
information!**

<https://fauquier.ext.vt.edu/programs/4h-clubs-list.html>



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