

**JUNE 2024**



# THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

## **WANNA WORK WITH US?! PLEASE SHARE WITH OTHERS!**

Fauquier VCE is currently accepting applications for our summer intern! The ideal candidate will enjoy working with kids, marketing, planning, and implementing youth programs, and have an interest in STEM, agriculture, horticulture, and community engagement! Scan the QR code for more information!



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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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# 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
8 AM - 12 PM		OCT 5
		Warrenton Farmers Market Warren Green Building porch Warrenton, VA 20186
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## ATTENTION 4-H CLUB REPORTERS!

We are launching our segment of the Clover Corner for Club Highlights! Club reporters are invited to send a write-up and photos to [meredithday@vt.edu](mailto: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**



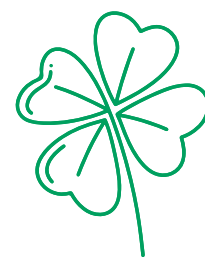
## FAUQUIER 4-H SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE



Fauquier 4-H has a full summer ahead of us! In June, many of our members will be participating in camp counselor training and preparations, attending State 4-H Congress, crafting at the summer Art Day Camp, competing in the State Livestock Judging Contest, and preparing for the Fauquier County Fair! In July, we have Junior 4-H Camp, Fauquier County Fair and Robotics Day Camp – stay tuned for more information! The 4-H Team will be in and out of the office throughout the summer preparing and carrying out many of these programs. We are looking forward to a great summer!



# THE CLOVER CORNER



**FAUQUIER VCE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR HALF DAY ART CAMP THIS SUMMER FOR RISING 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADERS!**



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June 17, 18, 20, & 21



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## ART CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fauquier VCE is offering a half day Art Camp this summer for rising 3rd through 5th graders! We are still in need of volunteers! Volunteer Registration is **OPEN NOW**. Please click [here](#) to register.

**Camper Registration will open May 1st, 2024.**

\*\*\*Volunteers will get early camper registration access for family members!

**Camp Dates:** June 17, 18, 20 and 21

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Ages:** Rising 3rd - 5th Graders



## ROBOTICS CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fauquier VCE is offering a half day Robotics Camp this summer for rising 1st through 5th graders! We are still in need of volunteers! Volunteer Registration is **OPEN NOW**. Please click [here](#) to register.

**Camper Registration will open June 1st, 2024.**

\*\*\*Volunteers will get early camper registration access for family members!

**Camp Dates:** July 22-25


**Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**Ages:** Rising 1st - 5th Graders



When: July 22 - July 25, 2024  
Time: 9am - 1pm  
Where: Fauquier VCE Office  
24 Pelham St Warrenton VA 20186

Camper Age: Rising 1st-5th Graders  
Camper Registration will open June 1st @ 8am  
First Come First Served  
\$25 per Camper



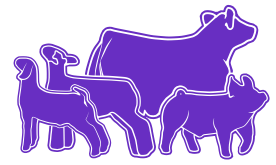


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# THE READY RING

## FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



### A NOTE FROM SARAH

The longer I (Sarah) have been involved in this program, the more I realize the measure of success of Show & Sale is not the number of animals we have, the number that make weight, the ribbons, or the amount the sale makes. It's the memories the kids make, the friendships they start, the community we have built and man, have we built one! This program has dedicated volunteers, buyers, donors, parents, kids, and staff who love livestock, agriculture, and these kids. Providing opportunities for them to learn and grow is our biggest goal, we just have livestock to make it happen!

The totals are not finalized, but this years sale did very well considering the uptick in the number of animals! Our exhibitors had a great time, pitched in and helped where ever they could, they stepped in to help fellow exhibitors who were injured, and they hosted a dinner like true ladies and gentlemen! I know I can speak on behalf of our entire staff in saying that this was an amazing Show & Sale for so many reasons. We appreciate all of the support and are already excited for next year!



### JEFF WOODWARD MEMORIAL ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD



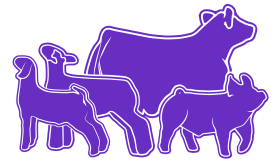
In 2022 we initiated the Jeff Woodward Memorial Adult Volunteer Award, Jeff was a long time volunteer alongside his wife, Amanda. They passed their giving spirit down to their boys, alumni of this program, who are now buyers and always willing to lend a hand. We decided that we couldn't go another year without honoring two men who have been instrumental in the success of this program. Kenny Payne and Dennis Pearson are alumni of Fauquier Livestock Show & Sale and then spent at least 25 years managing the program, they still are more than willing to do just about anything we need. They are more than deserving and we were so pleased to honor them and engrave their names on a plaque along with Jeff Woodward and Marianne Streeter, our past honorees.

We want to send a HUGE and heartfelt thank you to each and every person who spent time helping in any way to make Show & Sale a success! We absolutely couldn't do it without you!



# THE READY RING

## FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE



### SUPREME SHOWMAN WINNERS

**Market Hog:** Lauren Lowenbach

**Market Steer:** Ali Yankey

**Market Lamb:** Sedona Sifford

**Market Goat:** Whitney Norman



### GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS

#### Market Hogs:

Grand Champion: Micah Gallardy

Reserve Grand Champion: Leah Gallardy

#### Market Steers:

Grand Champion: Savannah Lerch

Reserve Grand Champion: Holly Chambers

#### Market Lambs:

Grand Champion: Sedona Sifford

Reserve Grand Champion: Jameson  
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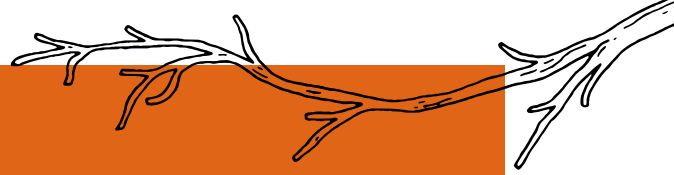
#### Market Goats:

Grand Champion: Spencer Baer

Reserve Grand Champion: Spencer Baer



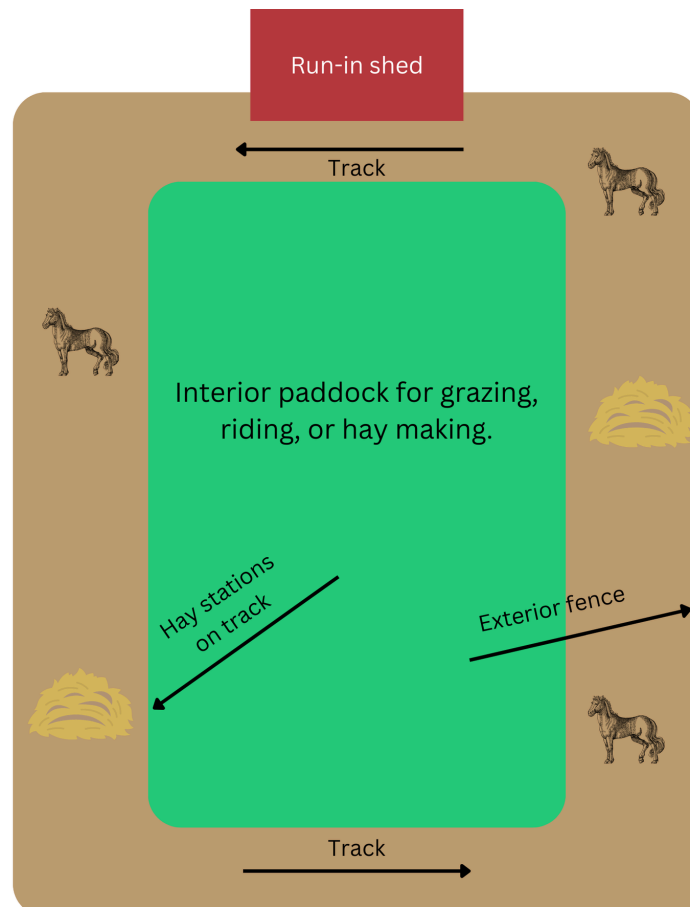




## A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF ANR AGENT, TIM MIZE

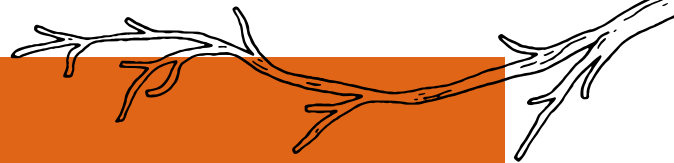
Have you heard of “Paddock Paradise” or track systems for horses? I have to admit I hadn’t until recently. the concept is fairly simple; however, the creation and implementation can be as minimal or creative as your resources and interest allow. The idea seems to originally have gained traction with Jaime Jackson in his book, “Paddock Paradise: A Guide to Natural Horse Boarding.” Jaime observed wild horses in the west and noted that domestic horses suffer health, including mental, and soundness issues that are not present in wild herds. The goal of the track system is to keep horses moving and stimulated throughout the day. One benefit that caught my attention was the ability of the system to limit lush pastures on horses suffering metabolic issues while still providing plenty of exercise and herd interaction.

Virginia Cooperative Extension, in partnership with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Middleburg Agriculture and Research Extension Center, will be implementing a demonstration “Paddock Paradise” at the Center. The demonstration will compare the horse track system to more traditional paddock systems. We hope to begin the demonstration in June and continue for a full 12 months. The team will be evaluating exercise, potential health improvements, and methods to prevent soil and water impairments. Since the majority of the center of these track systems is not grazed, we will also be evaluating the potential of the system to provide habitat for wildlife such as grassland birds.





# THE OFFICE BRANCH



## MASTER GARDENER CLASS CONCLUDES

This year's class happened on Friday mornings from January through April. The last several classes were scheduled to be fieldtrips including this one to Rady Park Arboretum to learn primarily about water quality, but the class also enjoyed a tour of the Arboretum. The class for 23 students was conducted both in person and on-line and concluded on April 26th.



From left to right, Tim Ohlwiler, Debra Dodge, Monica Buesser, Denise Dyberg, Michael Lee Beidler, Nancy Levine, Mark Sidote, Marta Robinson, Roy Pool, Marissa Orcutt, Mike Granruth, Alita Sherman, Karolina Banks, Leslie Restiano, Tanya Kruse, Syl Mulrooney, Jake Hackman, Don Bromley, Ashley Smith, Maria Coleman, and Laura Hettinger.

## VEGETABLES TO PLANT IN JUNE

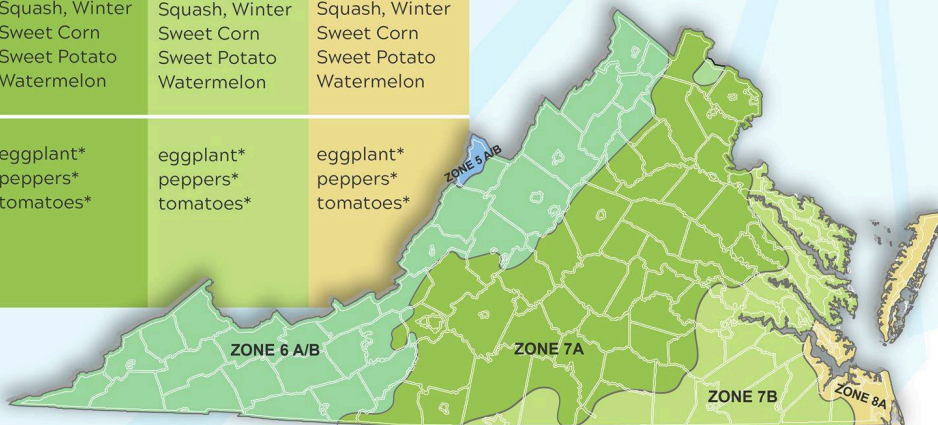
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DIRECT SOW	Beans, Bush	Beans, Bush	Beans, Bush	Beans, Bush	Beans, Bush
	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole	Beans, pole
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	Cucumbers	Cucumbers	Cucumbers	Cucumbers	Cucumbers
	Muskmelons	Muskmelons	Muskmelons	Muskmelons	Muskmelons
	Okra	Okra	Okra	Okra	Okra
	Pumpkins	Pumpkins	Pumpkins	Pumpkins	Pumpkins
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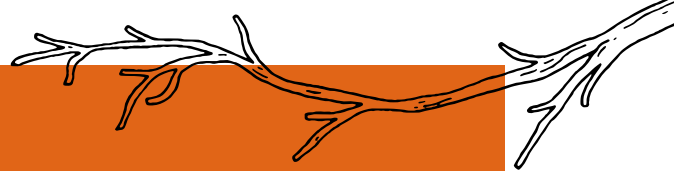
**CHECK OUR PUBLICATION FOR EXACT PLANTING DATES!**

\*=TRANSPLANT  
DO NOT HARVEST ASPARAGUS IN FIRST YEAR  
NOTE: FOR A FULL LIST & MORE INFO SEE OUR PUBLICATION "VIRGINIA'S HOME GARDEN VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE"



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## CHINESE FOUNTAIN GRASS IN FAUQUIER COUNTY PASTURES

Tim Mize is working on research plots to learn management options for invasive Chinese Fountain Grass in pastures. Each colored flag in the grass represents an emerging Fountain Grass plant. In the late summer clumping Chinese Fountain Grass develops bottle brush like seed heads with a purplish tinge. This grass is unpalatable to livestock, especially late in the summer and fall.

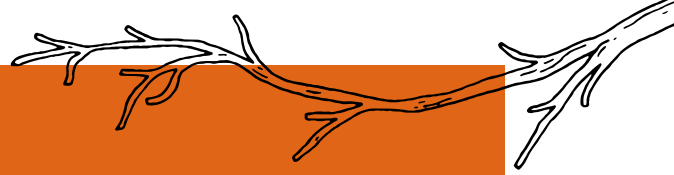


## FROM THE FIELD – EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS



Extension Master Gardeners Diane King, Sue Weis, and Monica Buesser visit a pond in Warrenton to help the owners achieve their goals and improve water quality. The owner had questions about a pond weed and how to discourage geese in the pond. Letting the grass grow up along the edges of a pond will discourage geese as the geese think there may be predators in the grass.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NEXT GENERATION ENTREPRENEURS AT WARRENTON FARMER'S MARKET

**June 1st, 2024**

**Warrenton Farmers Market  
Warren Green Building Porch**

Vendors will include: Bri's Bundles, Sprout's Crafts, Sarah's Specialties, and Mia's Magical Macrame.

## THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD: GETTING THEM STARTED AND HELPING THEM STAY

**June 20th, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

**Fauquier Extension Office  
24 Pelham Street, Warrenton, VA**

Presented by Valarie Kenyin Gaffney, President, Virginia Bluebird Society & a Prince William County Master Gardener

## GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE WITH VIRGINIA NATIVES

**June 29th, 2024 - 1:00 PM**

**Schoolhouse #18, 7592 John Marshall Highway,  
Marshall, VA**

Presented by Dawn Filipowicz & Jen Krebs, Master Gardeners and co-coordinators, Fauquier & Rappahannock County Audubon at Home Program

## ORCHIDS 101

**July 11th, 2024 - 6:00 PM**

**Fauquier Extension Office  
24 Pelham Street, Warrenton, VA**

Presented by Ben Murphy, Northern Virginia Master Gardener

## COMMERICAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS RECERTIFICATION

**June 26th, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**The Carver Center**

**9432 N. James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA**

To register, please contact Culpeper VCE at 540-727-3435, or by emailing [ashappling@vt.edu](mailto:ashappling@vt.edu)



## CLOVER CALENDAR

**June 1 | NGE Farmer's Market**

**June 1 | Northwest District Livestock Show**

**June 2 | Camp Counselor Training**

**June 17-18, 20-21 | Summer Art Camp**

**June 26 | State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest**

**June 30-July 4 | Loudoun-Fauquier Junior 4-H Camp**

**July 6 | NGE Farmers' Market**

**July 16-20 | Fauquier County Fair**

**July 22-26 | Robotics Day Camp**

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

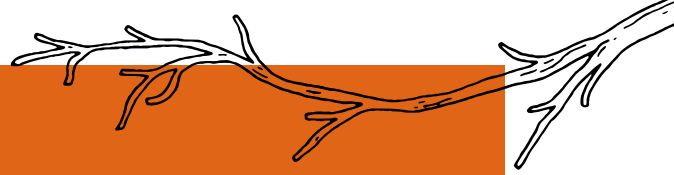
**Check out our club list for more  
information!**

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





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