



THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

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Calling all photographers!

Have a photo that you want featured in our newsletter?

Email your photo submissions to Meredith Day at meredithday@vt.edu

We want to learn more about our community! Click [this link](#) or scan the QR code to access our VCE survey!



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THE CLOVER CORNER

A NEW CLUB YEAR BEGINS

Our 4-H club year began October 1st! Fauquier 4-H has a wide variety of club offerings. Ages 5-8 are welcome to join our Cloverbud club, Piedmont Farmers, which meets at local farms for tours. Ages 9-19 are able to join our livestock-based clubs, science-based clubs, small animal-based clubs, and shooting sports! Check out fauquier.ext.vt.edu/programs/4h-clubs-list

We look forward to seeing you!

CHECK OUT OUR VARIOUS 4-H CLUBS!



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Enroll by December 1st for the 2023-2024 club year!

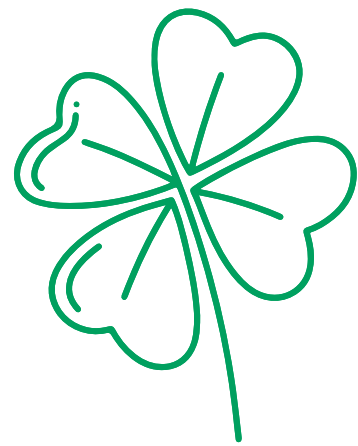
SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT NOMINATION

Do you have a 4-H member, volunteer, alumni, club, program, or event that you would like Fauquier County 4-H to highlight via Facebook or Instagram? Fill out the form below to have your nomination posted!

To access the form, please scan the QR code or visit the website listed below



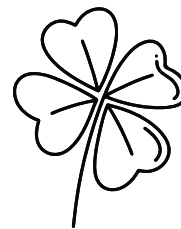
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OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Youth club officers gathered for a leadership training Sunday October 29th at the PATH Foundation building. Youth shared why 4-H is important to them, what officer position they hold, and what it means to be an officer. We then learned about how to run a business meeting, use parliamentary procedure, and put the basics into action.

Officers split into groups for an activity based on their responsibilities as an officer, then they were able to meet as a club officer team to do some brainstorming! We hope our officers got some great ideas and are now well-equipped for a successful 4-H club year!



THE CLOVER SHOW BARN



STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA DAIRY WEEKEND

All exhibitors did well in their respective contests, despite the crazy weather from the tropical storm. Exhibitors placed in the top 3 in showmanship, animals placed well in classes, and we even have some premier exhibitors and herdsman awards in the mix! Congratulations to all of our members who competed in the Dairymen's Contest and Dairy Goat Skillathon! Youth include Bri Wall, Mia Markus, Ali Yankey, Beth Yankey, Holly Chambers, Maddie Hinkler, and Brayden Shrock.



Pictured left:
Salem, Madison,
and Sedona
Sifford



Pictured right:
Mia Markus and
Bri Wall

YOUTH LIVESTOCK WEEKEND

We're proud of exhibitors for overcoming many challenges and setbacks while working up to the State Fair this year. Youth Livestock exhibitors and contestants at the State Fair include Amelia Lawrence, Eliza Lawrence, Bethany Norman, Whitney Norman, Liam Norman, Garrett Norman, Meredith Day, Holly Chambers, Willa Price, Jameson Revard, and Sedona Sifford, Maddie Hinkler, Ali Yankey, and Beth Yankey. Members participated for skillathon, herdsman, and premier exhibitor awards, where we had many youth in the top ten!



These events offer much learning and growing, but also a great time for kids to bond and get to know each other. We saw pick-up football games in the warm-up rings, friends cheering each other on in rodeo contests, our members helping friends fit and clip their animals and many hugs, high-fives, and congratulations after hard and long classes in the ring.

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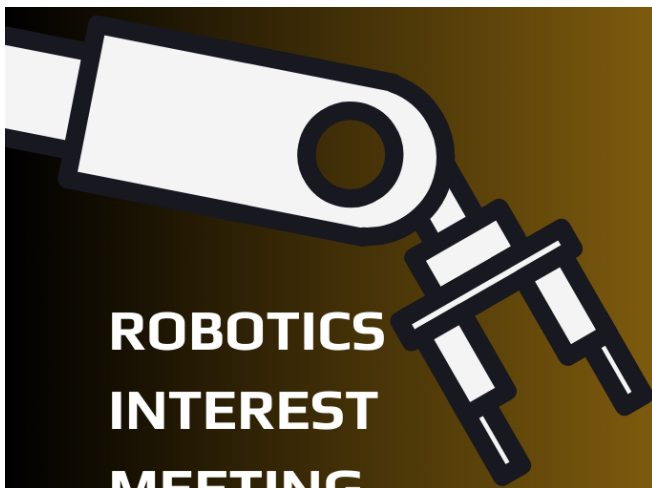


FAUQUIER FALL FARM TOUR



We had animal exhibits, HAM Radio demonstrations, bake sales, burger sales, and more!

Participating clubs include: NOVA Dairy Club, Feathered Friends, Farm Tails, Nuthin' But Kids, HAM Radio, Bunny Buddies, and Piedmont Animal Science.

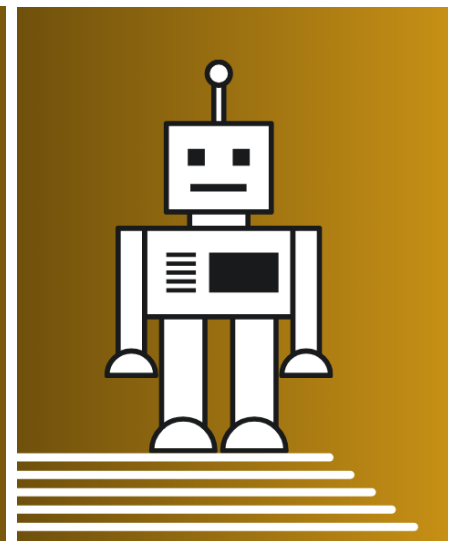


**ROBOTICS
INTEREST
MEETING**

Friday November 10th
6-7PM
Ages 5-19 and families
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Fauquier and Rappahannock Master Gardener Program Recruiting New Volunteers

Virginia Cooperative Extension is recruiting a new cadre of volunteers to participate in the Extension Master Gardener Training for 2024. If you are looking for ways to serve and engage with the community, this fifteen-week training starting in January may be for you.

Three Available Information Sessions:

Thursday November 16th at
10am at VCE - Fauquier
24 Pelham St.
Warrenton, VA 20186

Friday December 1st at
10am at VCE – Rappahannock
311 J Gay St.
Washington, VA 22747

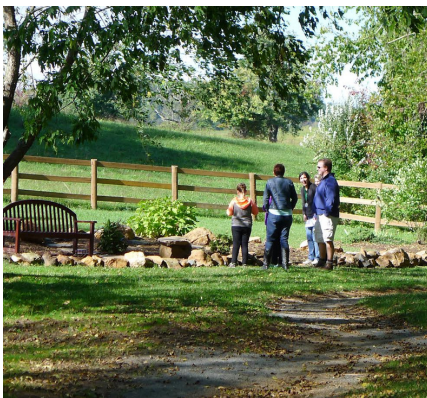
Friday December 8th at
9am at VCE – Fauquier
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The training will be held as a hybrid program both in-person and on Zoom on Friday mornings from 9am to 12:15pm starting Friday, January 5th and running until approximately April 12th depending on weather conditions. A variety of guest speakers and a few outdoor labs will be part of the training.

The fee for the training is \$200. More information about the complete application process, and scholarship opportunities can be found here

<https://www.mgfrc.org/volunteer>

The application deadline is December 8th. After December 8th, the price increases to \$250.



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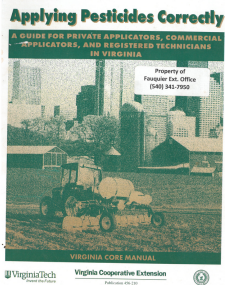
Extension is hosting a series of classes on pesticide safety!

We will be providing the training for the farmers and agricultural worker that will be using restricted use pesticides. This is the CORE training. This same material is used to create the exam to become a registered Technician. This is the type of commercial pesticide applicator that works under someone else that has a commercial pesticide license. Finally, we will be providing the training for Category 3B Turf Commercial Pesticide Applicator. Then on December 12th we will be offering a time and place to take exams. These classes will happen on Tuesdays and Thursdays the last week of November and the first week of December.

November 28 & 30 - CORE
Pesticide Prep
24 Pelham St.
Warrenton, VA 20186

December 5 & 7 Turf Category
3B
24 Pelham St.
Warrenton, VA 20186

December 11- Optional Review
December 12 - Exams
24 Pelham St.
Warrenton VA 20186



Individuals that register will also need to purchase pesticide manual(s) ahead of time. You will also need to get a letter of permission to sit for the certification exams from VDACS.

Please start this process early as it can take some time to get the letter of recommendation and the manuals.

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Fifteen Virginia Localities Eligible for USDA Emergency Loans Through Drought Designation

USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack has designated seven Virginia counties as primary natural disaster areas due to the recent drought including Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, and Warren counties.

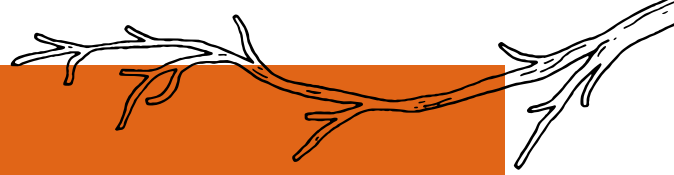
Farmers in these primary counties are now eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Culpeper, Fairfax, Madison, Page, Prince William, Rockingham, and Stafford counties and the city of Winchester are contiguous to the seven primary drought declaration counties and farmers in these localities are also eligible for drought emergency assistance.

This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Provided eligibility requirements are met, the FSA will assess each emergency loan application individually and will consider specific circumstances and needs. Farmers in eligible localities have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>), these localities suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

For more information on available assistance programs and the application process, please visit the Virginia FSA State Office website at www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Virginia or call (804) 287-1500.

Additional information on USDA Disaster Assistance Programs is available at www.farmers.gov/sites/default/files/2022-07/farmersgov-disaster-assistance-brochure-07-21-2022.pdf.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CARVER FOOD ENTERPRISE CENTER- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, November 5, 1:00-4:00 pm.
Looking to give back to your community by volunteering? The Carver Center would love to have you help prepare sweet potato soup for local food banks. For more information, please email Lenah Nguyen at lgeer@vt.edu

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM RECRUIT INTEREST MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:00 am
at the Fauquier County Virginia Cooperative Extension Office
24 Pelham Street
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YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE MARKETING MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:00 pm
at the Fauquier County Fairgrounds
The Fauquier Livestock Show and Sale will have their mandatory marketing meeting!
Please note that this is the cut-off meeting for exhibitors to be eligible to participate in the program for 2024.

EQUIPMENT & CATTLE WISE (WOMEN INCREASING SKILLS & EDUCATION)

Registration for Cattle & Equipment WISE is now open! Through November 15th
On December 15th, we will host Equipment WISE with a focus on small engines, tractor, backing trailers, sprayers, securing a load, and fencing. On December 16th, we will host Cattle WISE giving women the opportunity to gain cattle handling, chute side skills, and calving troubleshooting skills.

To register, click [here](#), or scan the QR code



CLOVER CALENDAR

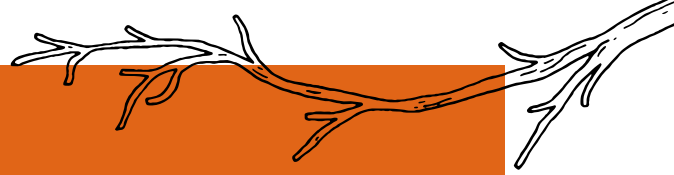
- October 1-December 1 | 4-H Enrollment
- November 8 | Show and Sale Marketing Meeting
- December 1 | Warrenton Christmas Parade
- December 3 | Achievement Night

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