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## THE ROOTS Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

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## **ATTENTION FARMERSI**

abattoir at the Fauquier Livestock https://tinyurl.com/FLXABATTOIR



## **Calling all** photographers!

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 TREE' COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

Fauquier 4-H is kicking off their annual Clover Tree Stuff the Trailer community service event! There is a tree set up at the Extension Office decorated with paper clovers. Each clover on the tree lists the needs of a local organization. All 4-H members and community members are invited to take a clover, shop for items to donate, and Stuff the Trailer at Achievement Banquet or the Extension Office now through December 20th.



## 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



https://forms.gle/CwQv3kZ1VZDtv1jEA

## 2022-2023 FAUQUIER 4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Fauquier County 4-H celebrates another great 4-H year! On Sunday, December 3rd, Fauquier 4-H members and leaders gathered to celebrate achievements in project books, portfolios, honor awards, top county awards for achievement, leadership, and citizenship, as well as volunteer awards, leader awards, alumni awards, and our Friends of 4-H! We look forward to another great year!

If you have any great pictures from this event, please send them to Meredith at meredithday@vt.edu



Virginia 4-H Cabinet Ambassador and Fauquier 4-H member, Addison DePoy

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### WARRENTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Warrenton Christmas Parade was a huge hit with Fauquier 4-Hers! A trailer load of kids, some sheep, goats, and poultry, and a special visit from an inflatable dairy cow and chicken who helped pass out candy! Lots of fun was had and lots of people heard about 444444-H!





# SHOW & Sale Updates

## MARKETING MEETING

Show & Sale held its annual marketing meeting on November 8th. All the exhibitors came together at the fairgrounds for a time of learning how to write buyers letters, shake hands and speak professionally, and the importance of eye contact, among other things. This is a favorite of many exhibitors for the fun games and rotations that we host as a way to learn these important skills.



### STEER WEIGH-IN

The Show & Sale committee members and exhibitors weighed in 12 steers on a chilly morning on November 12th. We love weighin, it's a beautiful example of the team work in the program as the committee members focus on getting animals processed while parents and volunteers help to back in trailers, move steers, and chat over coffee and donuts!



9 exhibitors are showing 12 steers, 3 of them being novice (first year) exhibitors!



#### FEASIBILITY STUDY: ABATTOIR AT THE FAUQUIER LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

The Fauquier Livestock Exchange (FLX) and Fauquier County are collaborating on a feasibility study to assess the viability of adding an abattoir (meat processing facility) to the existing FLX location. The goal of this study is to learn about the regional need for increased meat processing capacity as a means of providing a positive agricultural environment and economic development.

A survey has been designed to collect input from the farmers that would benefit from this project and will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to share your input, it is invaluable to this process!

Survey link: https://tinyurl.com/FLXABATTOIR











## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## FAUQUIER COUNTY VCE OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

# The Fauquier county VCE Office will be closing early/closed on the following dates:

December 22nd- Closes at noon December 25th- Closed January 1- Closed



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## **CLOVER CALENDAR**

**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

#### **ROBOTICS FIRST CLUB MEETING!**

Interested in robotics, but missed the interest meeting? There's still time to join! Wednesday December 13th 6:00-7:00PM Extension Office 24 Pelham St. Warrenton, VA 20186

Contact Andy <u>athompson.vt@gmail.com</u> for more information!



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