



THE ROOTS

Fauquier County Cooperative Extension

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Fauquier VCE volunteers worked over 10,000 hours last year - we couldn't do it without you!

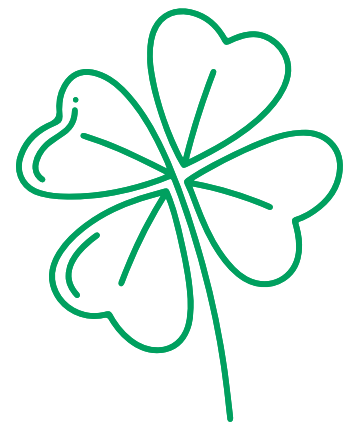
Calling all photographers!

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 CORNER



'THE CLOVER TREE' COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

Fauquier 4-H had a successful first year of the Clover Tree community service event! Thanks to all who donated items and their time to support this effort!

Thanks to all clubs, members, and families who donated, Fauquier 4-H delivered...

more than **50 items** weighing over **30 pounds** to

Fauquier Food Bank
Fauquier SPCA,
and Brookside Rehab and Nursing Center!

What a great first year for the Clover Tree!



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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>

ATTENTION 4-H CLUB REPORTERS!

We are launching our new 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**

THE CLOVER CORNER

FAUQUIER 4-H IS INVITED TO THE CAPITOL!

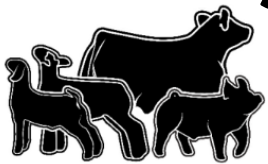
Fauquier 4-H will be traveling to Richmond, VA on Wednesday January 24th. Be sure to be on the lookout for a Facebook post with updates about our visit to the Capitol!



4-H: BUILDING
TOMORROW'S
CAPITOL



SHOW & SALE EVENT CALENDAR



CATTLE CLINIC

January 13th, 2024 - 10:00 AM

MARKET CATTLE MIDPOINT WEIGHT & PICTURES DUE

January 15th, 2024 - 5:00 PM

LAMB AND GOAT WEIGH-IN

February 4th, 2024 - 7:00-9:00 AM

BUYER'S MIXER

February 7th, 2024 - 6:30 PM

SWINE & BREEDING ANIMAL ENTRY FORMS DUE

February 7th, 2024 - 6:30 PM

2024 JUNIOR 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR AND COUNSELOR- IN-TRAINING APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Apply now through February 2nd
to join us for camp
June 30-July 4, 2024!

June 30th - July 4th
2024

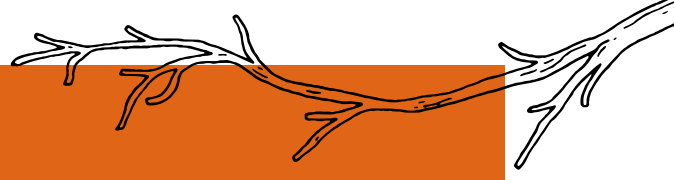
Loudoun-Fauquier
4-H Junior Camp
Camp Counselor &
Counselor-in-Training
applications are open!

Deadline: Friday
February 2nd, 2024

WE ARE SEEKING
TEENS WHO:

- * ARE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS AND ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS AGE 9-14
- * LIKE TO HAVE FUN
- * WANT TO BECOME BETTER LEADERS AND IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

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THE OFFICE BRANCH

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 MASTER GARDENERS

These Master Gardener Members have completed their classwork and volunteering to become certified Master Gardeners. We celebrated their success at the annual meeting and holiday party on December 7th!

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| Alice Cotter | Anna Fortune | Shannon Jewell | Katie Lawrence | Summer Skillman |
| Tim Cotter | Ashley Goodwin | Bonnie Johnson | Colette Loll | Jay Speer |
| Christy Cox | Barbara Hedberg | Sophie Langenberg | Amy Mishey | Laird Taylor |

MASTER GARDENERS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER HOURS

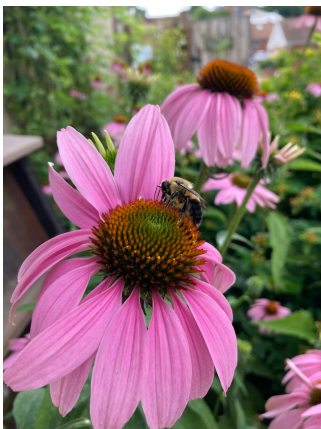
Extension Master Gardeners recognize volunteers that have volunteered in increments of 250, 500, or 1,000 hours. The following individuals were recognized for receiving these milestone awards. Thank you for the hours and years of dedicated service as an Extension Master Gardener to share horticulture information with youth and adults in our community!

- Jill Apperson 250 hours
- Sally Baffa 1,000 hours
- Sandra Beckett 250 hours
- Cheryl Berry 250 hours
- Jane Cox 500 hours
- Sue Dove 1,000 hours
- Joan Farragher 250 hours

- Dawn Filipowicz 250 hours
- Sharon Heiser 500 hours
- Arleen Hof 500 hours
- Jennifer Krebs 250 hours
- Renee Orr 250 hours
- Steve Raggio 1,000 hours

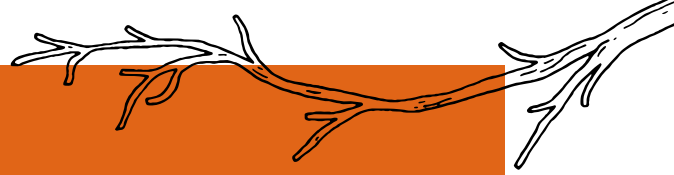
- Barbara Robertson 1,000 hours
- Sandra Roszel 250 hours
- Penny Stevens 250 hours
- Crystal Taylor 250 hours
- Jennifer Wargo 250 hours
- Sue Weis 500 hours

Pictured to the right are the milestone recipients from left to right were Sharon Heiser, Steve Raggio, Barbara Robertson, Sue Weis, Jane Cox, Sue Dove, Cheryl Berry, Sandra Beckett, and Extension Agent, Tim Ohlwiler.



At the annual meeting, Elaine Dubin won the category of the photo contest called "On the Wing" for her photo. Pictured to the right is Elaine's photo





THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FEDERAL ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS IN FAUQUIER AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available in Virginia for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations with economic losses due to the drought and excessive heat that occurred July 15 through September 15, 2023.

This applies to the following localities: Orange, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Fauquier, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Page, Spotsylvania and Warren counties.

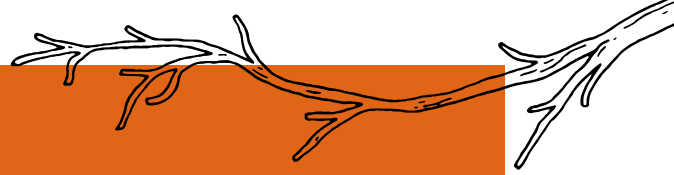
Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period. The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years. SBA will determine an appropriate installment payment based on the financial condition of each borrower, which in turn will determine the loan term. Borrowers may be required to provide collateral.



“Working capital loans from the SBA are essential to eligible small businesses when the Secretary of Agriculture declares a disaster due to farmers’ crop losses,” said Francisco Sanchez, Jr., associate administrator of SBA’s Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience. “These loans help sustain rural economies when a disaster occurs.” Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Apart from aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

To learn more about eligibility for SBA disaster loans, scan the QR code above or visit <https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/>

UPCOMING EVENTS



SHOW AND SALE CATTLE CLINIC

January 13th 10 AM

Fauquier County Fairgrounds

Come join Show and Sale members for a chance to sharpen your skills on cattle showmanship and fitting! Please RSVP to Sarah Bullard at sarahs2@vt.edu

FAUQUIER COUNTY VCE OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

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

January 15th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day



SHOW AND SALE BUYER'S MIXER

February 7th, 2024 6:30 PM

Fauquier County Fairgrounds

Show and Sale members are given the opportunity to meet face-to-face with community members and business owners to practice their Buyer Meeting skills and etiquette. Interested in being a mock buyer? Email Sarah Bullard at sarahs2@vt.edu



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>

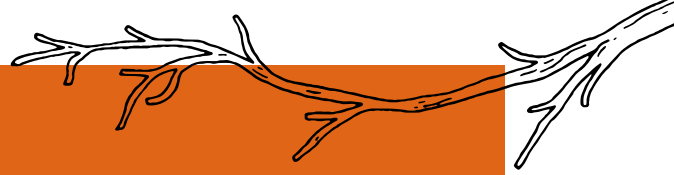
January 24th - 4-H Day at the State Capitol

February 2nd - Camp Counselor and Counselor-in-Training applications DUE

County Contest Day date coming soon!



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