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Happy Holidays to Everyone from the
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4-H Achievement Banquet:

We had a great turnout for the 4-H Achievement Banquet which was attended by 4-H families, leaders, friends of 4-H, and many supporters of the 4-H program! The program began with a PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Chad Morris from the photos you sent to him. Thank you Chad for a wonderful presentation. Our Cloverbuds then received their Certificates of Participation along with a small gift. And then it was time for the older 4-Hers and Clubs to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments of this past 4-H Year:

Project Medal Recipients:

Goat: Hayden Good, Mallory Unger, Coby Wiley
Sheep: Sinead Juday, Coby Wiley
Poultry: Matthew Cather, Michaela Garrison, Tommy Garrison
Swine: Johnny Fens
Horse: Kelli Violetta
Make Up Your Mind: Sarah Miller



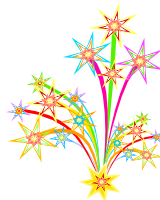
Judging Team Members received certificates for their participation in:

Dairy Judging: Devin Stiles, Taylor Stiles, Raul Jimenez, Moise Jimenez, Davey Hardesty, Rachel Sefton
Poultry Judging: Josiah Always, Matthew Cather, Monica Wisecarver, Victoria DeTolla-Cole, Bayne Gordon, Melissa Denson
Livestock & Stockmen's Judging: Coby Wiley, Ty Under, Greg Shippa, Chance Ramey, Krista Moseley, Kayla Lloyd, Catie Hope, John Thomas Heyl, Stephanie Herron, Christina Hash, Tommy Garrison, Michaela Garrison, Peter Fens, Kiersten Cochran, Jordan Childs, Brady Childs, Jeremy Baker, Morgan Alexander, Mark Alexander
Hippology & Horse Judging: Emily Foster, Elizabeth Newhart

VA Junior Feeder Steer Recipients: Krista Moseley tag #10, Helen Good tag #14, Ryleigh Travers tag #5

Carcass Contest Award Recipients:

Beef: John Thomas Heyl
Sheep: Catie Hope
Swine: Greg Shippa
Goat: Melissa Denson



Recognition of new "2010" 4-H All Stars: Devon Stiles, Jeremy Stiles

Recognition of Leaders' Years of Service: 30 - Patsy Burner; 15 - Rachel Lockwood & Judy Pruitt; 10 - Katherine Morris & Sandra Nutter; 5 - Brian Cather, Beecher Hope, Gina Hope

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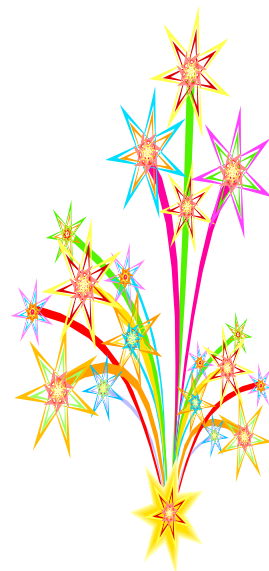
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Special Award Recipients:

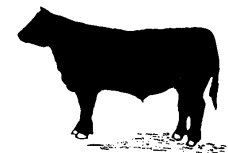
- Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Leader:** Brian Cather
- James L. Ramey, Sr. Family of the Year Award:** Tiedemann Family
- Jimmy Morris Memorial Portfolio:** Catie Hope - Senior; Mark Alexander - Intermediate
- Alumni Award:** Gary Crim
- Friends of 4-H:** George & Phillip Washington
- Citizenship:** Christine Reed - Senior; John Tiedemann - Intermediate
- Leadership:** Catie Hope - Senior
- Achievement:** Davey Hardesty - Senior; Amanda Willis - Intermediate; Cami Sowers - Junior
- I Dare You:** Kiersten Cochran
- Club Charter Seals:**
 - Blue - Lucky Leaf, Clarke/Frederick Dairy, Animals "R" Us
 - Red - Hout, Outdoor Adventure
 - White - Livestock
- Banner Club Award:** Paws & Claws 4-H Club



Congratulations Everyone!



Upcoming Events!



Beef Weigh-In:

The Clarke County Fair Beef Weigh-in will take place **on Saturday, December 4, 7:00 a.m.**, at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors who are planning to show a steer(s) at the 2011 Clarke County Fair (August 14-20) must bring their animals to be weighed. You will need to tell us whether you will be showing your steer(s) as a 4-H or FFA project.



4-H Share-the-Fun Contest:

The Clarke County Share-the-Fun Contest will take place on **Friday, January 28, 6:30 p.m., at Johnson Williams Middle School.** All contestants should be at the school by 6:00 p.m. A mandatory practice will be held on **Wednesday, January 26, 5-6:30 p.m., at JWMS.**

Entry forms are due to the Extension Office **by Friday, January 7.**

Please note that the contest had to be moved from Saturday to Friday night.



4-H Presentation, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue Contests:

The Clarke/Frederick 4-H Presentation, Public Speaking, and Fashion Revue Contests will take place on **Friday, February 11, at Johnson Williams Middle School.** The Presentation and Public Speaking Contests will begin at 6:30 p.m.; therefore, exhibitors should arrive no later than 6:10 p.m. The Fashion Revue Show begins at 7:00 p.m., so those contestants should arrive no later than 6:40 p.m.

Entry forms are due to the Extension Office **by Friday, January 7.**



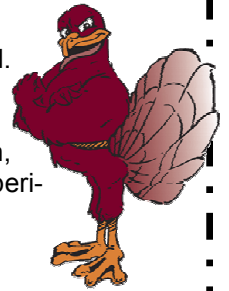


Virginia 4-H Natural Resources Weekend...

Mark your calendar **for January 22-23, 2011** to attend the Virginia 4-H Natural Resources Weekend at Holiday Lake 4-H Center in Appomattox, VA. The weekend is for 4-H members age 9-19 and 4-H volunteers. All youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Workshops for the weekend include: *Wildlife ID & Tracks, Orienteering/GPS, Bird Watching, Intro. to Wildlife, Soils Judging & Envirothon, Watchable Wildlife, Trees of VA, Project Learning Tree, Road Kill, Snakes, Trapping, Aquatic Bugs, Arts & Crafts, Insect Identification, Identifying Wildlife Signs, Bat Conservation, and Bat House Building.* There will also be presentations on *Remarkable Trees of VA, Falconry, and Wildlife of VA.* Evening activities include: *Nature Crafts, Night Hike, and Astronomy.* Sounds like a fun weekend! If you are interested in attending, CALL the Extension Office for the registration form. **Registration Deadline: January 7, 2011.**

Virginia Tech 4-H Collegiate Club Host Weekend...

Mark your calendar **for March 31-April 2, 2011** for the Virginia Tech 4-H Collegiate Club Host Weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for all high school 4-Hers to experience many aspects of college life before moving away from home for the first time. Youth have the opportunity to experience the atmosphere and academic choices that college life offers. Students will sit in on college classes, tour the campus and town, learn what extracurricular opportunities are available, and speak with current college students about their experiences. Cost: \$64 includes T-shirt. Registration will be coming soon.



4-H Day at the State Capitol

4-H Day at the State Capitol is scheduled **for Tuesday, February 8th.** This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to practice citizenship skills and to learn about state government. If you are interested in attending, please give the office a call so we can make plans to attend.

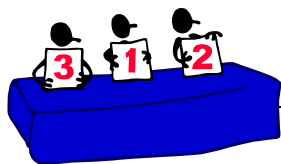


2011 Clarke County Fair FUNDRAISING Qualifiers

ALL Clarke County 4-H Livestock Exhibitors must participate in one County Fundraiser in order to show at the 2011 Clarke County Fair. Your club leaders have a sign up sheet which must be turned in to the Extension Office by December 15, 2010. Be sure to sign up for an event with your leader. These will be the only chances to participate in a fundraising qualifier.

- * **February 19, 2011**—Leaders' Dinner and Auction. (There are a variety of jobs to be done from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Each assignment is for a 2 hour period.)
- * **March 6, 2011**—Goat Insurance Fundraiser. (Prepare flyers from 2-4 p.m.) Contact your leader for event details.
- * **April 3, 2011**—Goat Insurance Fundraiser. (Prepare flyers from 2-4 p.m.) Contact your leader for event details.
- * **July 2, 2011**—Leaders' Lamb & Goat Show. (Help is needed July 1 to set up pens from 6-8 p.m. On the day of the show, help is needed with the Concession stand from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; assignments are for a 2 hour period. Help is also needed with clean up after the show around 3 p.m. or so.)

Livestock Corner...



Stockman's Judging Practice:

The Clarke County 4-H Stockman's Judging Team meets at the Vo. Ag. Department at Clarke County High School on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. until 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. . If you are interested in being on the judging team this year, come on out!

Club News

Animals "R" Us - Melissa Denson, Secretary

The meeting of the Animals "R" Us 4-H Club was called to order by President Michaela Garrison. Secretary Melissa Denson called role and read the minutes of the last meeting. John Bartosiewicz led the American Pledge, Conner Bartosiewicz led the 4-H Pledge, and Kristina said the 4-H Motto.

Under Old Business, we talked about Officers' Training; Danielle Smith said it was fun and she learned some things; Melissa Denson got the Secretary's Book. Brenda Denson talked about the Leaders' Training; she said it was different.

Under New Business, we discussed delivering a Thanksgiving food basket to a family, setting up at the Achievement Banquet, having a Christmas Party at the Garrison's house and exchanging gifts, and shopping for clothes and toys for two girls for Christmas. Tommy Garrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elisa Delaney seconded it, and the meeting adjourned.

Lucky Leaf 4-H Club - Mark Alexander, Reporter

The following officers were elected in October: President-Morgan Alexander, Vice President-Catie Hope, Secretary-Maeve Juday, Treasurer-Sarah Miller, Reporter-Mark Alexander, and Historian-Lauren Shippa.

The November meeting was called to order by Morgan. Greg Shippa did the American Pledge, Maeve Juday did the 4-H Pledge, and Mark Alexander did the 4-H Motto. Maeve gave the Secretary's minutes, and Sarah gave the Treasurer's report. Catie Hope set up an "ice breaker" game, Hangman.

The following were addressed for New Business: 4-H Leaders' Association meeting; 4-H All Star Applications ; 4-H Achievement Banquet (our club has set-up); 4-H Enrollment Forms due; December 4-Beef Weigh-in/Christmas parade at 12 noon; January 26 & 28-Share-the-Fun. It was properly moved and seconded to have a float; in the Christmas Parade.

We decided to raffle off items at the Achievement Banquet to benefit our club, to have our Christmas party at the December meeting, and to let the club pay the insurance for 4-Hers. Sarah Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Greg Shippa.

Programs & Presentations: Stephanie did a presentation on cottontail rabbits; she admires them a lot. Mrs. Miller gave a great educational presentation on how to do a proper presentation, demonstration, or public speech for a county activity; assisted by Sarah Miller.

Note: To show at the Clarke County Fair, you MUST attend 6 meetings, do at least 1 County Activity, and do 1 County Fundraising Activity. Christmas Shoeboxes were turned in. Record books will be returned at the December meeting.

Thanks to the Miller family for refreshments. The next meeting will be held on December 14th at a location yet to be determined.

Paws-n-Claws 4-H Club - Nicholas Cather, Reporter

The Paws-n-Claws 4-H Club met in November with nine members present. It was reported that three of our officers (Matthew Cather-Vice President, Bayne Gordon-Treasurer, Nicholas Cather-Reporter) attended Officers' Train-

ing, Leader Brian Cather attended the Clarke/Frederick Leaders' Training, and Leader Robin Cather attended Cloverbud training.

New Business: We will decorate a parking meter for the holidays. We will participate in the Christmas parade, and plan to have live animals on our float. There will be wreath decoration at Wisecarver's for the Rosehill Nursing Home. We plan to visit Mr. Denson and the Godfrey House on the same day.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party at the Cather's house at 4:30 p.m., and we will see the lights at Clearbrook Park.



Leader Notes...



4-H Leaders' Association Meeting:

The next Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd floor, Rooms A-B. **All Club Leaders and Volunteers are welcome.**

Enrollment Forms ~ Club Charters ~ Charter Seal Forms: Are You Late??

All enrollment forms for your members and leaders, Charter Renewals, and Charter Seal forms were due to the Extension Office by December 1. If you have not turned in your club's forms yet, please do so immediately! Without the enrollment forms, your members and leaders will not receive the 4-H newsletter to find out what is going on, they are not covered by insurance, and they are not eligible for contest participation. Clubs who do not turn in the required Club Charter Renewals risk losing their Charter and the right to meet as a 4-H group. Please check all forms for completeness and turn them in today.

VA/NC Volunteer Horse Leaders' Conference:

There will be a conference for horse leaders on January 29-30, 2011 at the Guilford County Agricultural Center in Greensboro, NC. The tentative schedule was emailed to horse organizational leaders a couple weeks ago. They have a great variety of topics for their sessions. If you are a horse club leader and are interested in attending the conference, give us a call and we will get the registration information to you.

Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Dinner & Auction:

The Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Dinner and Auction has been scheduled for Saturday, February 19 at the **Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds**. This is an earlier date than usual so hopefully there won't be so many conflicts .





2010

December 1 4-H Enrollment Forms were Due
December 1 Club Charter Renewals and Charter Seal Forms were Due
December 4 Beef Weigh-in

2011

January 7 ALL Contest Forms due to the Extension Office: Share-the-Fun, Presentation, Public Speaking, & Fashion Revue

January 8-9 Winter Meeting of the VA 4-H Shooting Education Council, Holiday Lake

January 13 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm

January 22-23 State-wide 4-H Natural Resources Weekend, Holiday Lake 4-H Center

January 26 4-H Share-the-Fun Practice, JWMS

January 28 4-H Share-the-Fun Show, JWMS

February 8 4-H Day at the State Capitol

February 11 Clarke-Frederick 4-H Presentation, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue Contests, JWMS

February 19 Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Dinner & Auction

February 27 Youth Swine Day, VA Tech

March 10 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm

March 11-13 MAJAC Regional Angus Show, Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg

March 12-13 VA Air, W. E. Skelton

March 25-26 Block & Bridle Stockmens, Meats, & Livestock Judging Contests, VA Tech

March 25-27 Spring Instructor Certification, Airfield

April 2 * District Contest #1, Greene County (choose one or the other)**

April 2-3 VA Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders, Inc. Spring Meeting, Mountain Lake Resort

April 9 Glenwood

April 15-17 VA Beef Expo, Rockingham County Fairgrounds

April 16 * District Contest #2, Fauquier County (choose one or the other)**

April 16 Youth Cattle-Working Contest State Final, Rockingham County Fairgrounds

April 23 Little International Livestock & Horse Show, VA Tech

April 30-May 1 Hunter Education Challenge, Holiday Lake

May 7-8 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

May 12 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm

May 21 Clarke-Frederick Beef Show, Frederick County Fairgrounds

May 27-30 Atlantic National Regional Angus Show, Timonium, MD

June 4 Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-in

June 16-18 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Monroe, LA

June 20-23 State 4-H Congress, VA Tech

June 27-30 State FFA Convention, VA Tech

June 29 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

July 2 Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Lamb and Goat Show

July 10-16 National Junior Angus Show, Harrisburg, PA

July 14 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm

July 15 4-H Project Books due for those showing livestock at the Clarke County Fair

August 14-20 Clarke County Fair **Please note change of date!**

August 14-18 Shooting Education Camp, Holiday Lake

September 8 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm

September 10-11 State 4-H Shoot, Holiday Lake

September 15 4-H Project Books Due

September 15 Thank You Letters for Buyers and Award Sponsors due

October 1-9 Keystone Livestock Expo, Harrisonburg, PA

October 7-9 State Fair Livestock Events, Doswell, VA

October 15-16 Fall Instructor Certification, Holiday Lake

October 19-21 National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN

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