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Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,

Are you ready for spring yet? We are! There are so many dates to mark on your calendar for upcoming 4-H events! Take a look through the newsletter, decide what you want to participate in, note registration deadlines, and call or email us with questions.

Every day we seem to get one or more emails for shows, contests, camps, and workshops that you are eligible to attend. We forward these emails to organizational leaders and/or to the 4-Hers that the event applies to. For those we do not have an email for, we send the information to you in the mail. **Please be sure to check your emails or mail on a regular basis. You don't want to miss a deadline or the opportunity to do something new and exciting.**



If you are not receiving information by email, and you have an email account, let us know what your address is and we will add you to our lists. Let us know if you change your email or if your email isn't working?

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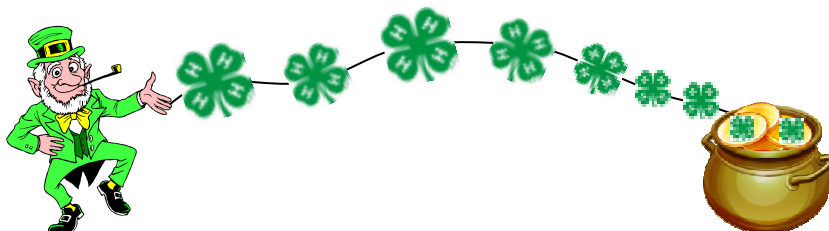
The dates for the Clarke County Fair are August 14-20, 2011. Mark your calendars!

Don't forget, all livestock exhibitors must complete 2 qualifiers to show: 1 fundraiser, 1 educational.

Don't wait until the last minute to decide what you will do as your qualifiers.



"Up-to-date" project books will be due in the Extension Office on July 15.



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Upcoming Events!

Attention...

Fair Livestock Exhibitors

To be eligible for participation in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Shows, exhibitors must have their project animals housed within Clarke County from the period of time between the weigh-in for that species and the week of the Fair. Any unusual circumstances will have to be approved by the Extension Office, FFA Advisor, Livestock Committee Chairmen, and the Clarke County Fair Executive Committee.

If an animal is not housed on property owned or rented by the immediate family, the 4-H/FFA exhibitor must notify the respective committee or Extension Office in writing where the animal is housed and why and receive approval.

If you fall into one or both of these categories, please submit your letter to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATES:

Clarke/Frederick 4-H and FFA Beef Show..May 21



The Clarke/Frederick Beef Show will be held on Saturday, May 21, at the Frederick County Ruritan Fairgrounds. Registrations are due to the Extension Office by April 29th. Information has been emailed or mailed to those signed up for a beef project.

Northern District Livestock Show "The Culpeper Invitational" ..May 21

A few beef exhibitors participated in this show last year; however, the show is **for those with beef, dairy, sheep, or swine projects**. The show will take place on Saturday, May 21, at the Culpeper Agriculture Enterprise. Entries are due by April 15 to your local Extension Office. If anyone would like information on this show, please call our office, and we will send you information, or you can go to Culpeper's website for information at http://offices.ext.vt.edu/culpeper/programs/anr/NDLS_2011.pdf

Goat Camp ..May 21

Goat Camp will be held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds on May 21 beginning at 9 a.m.

Lamb Camp..June 11

Lamb Camp will be held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds on June 11. Cost: \$15 per person. Registrations are due to the Extension Office by May 27th. Information has been emailed or mailed to those signed up for a lamb project.



(This is a fair qualifier.)

State 4-H Congress..June 20-23

4-H Congress is for 4-Hers ages 14-18. It will be held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. 4-H All Stars are tapped in and State 4-H Competitions are held during the week. Additional information is not available at this time. (This is a fair qualifier.)

Clarke/Warren 4-H Summer Camp..July 10-14



Additional information is not available at this time. (This is a fair qualifier.)

4-H Intermediate Congress..July 11-13

Intermediate Congress is for 4-Hers ages 12-13. It will be held at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA. Additional information is not available at this time. (This is a fair qualifier.)

Summer Market Lamb & Goat Show..July 2



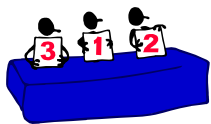
The 2nd Annual Clarke County Summer Market Lamb & Goat Show will take place on Saturday, July 2, at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. Registrations are due to the Extension Office by June 25th. No late entries will be accepted. Information has been emailed or mailed to those signed up for a lamb or goat project.



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.

The team is getting ready for their Spring events. If you are interested in being on the judging team, come on out!



Beef Bonanza Raffle:

The Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association is having a Beef Bonanza Raffle for "Choice" grade half of beef. The drawing will take place following the Clarke County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale on August 20. If interested, contact your 4-H Leader.



In the Spotlight

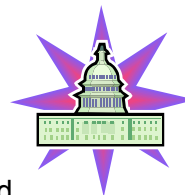


Hello, My name is **Zack Morris**. I'm a member of the Outdoor Adventurers Club. In October, I attended 4-H Science Camp at the Jamestown 4-H Center. Science Camp was a great experience for me; from the forensic to the forestry I learned a lot. My favorite part of Science Camp was the forensics. I learned how to take fingerprints and how to type blood. Everything was awesome especially the volunteers. *I encourage my fellow 4-H's to go to Science Camp.*

4-H Science Camp is great!

4-H Day at the State Capitol

We have been told that 4-H Day at the Capitol, Tuesday, February 8th, was a very successful event. The State 4-H Office has heard many good things about the 4-Hers that were in attendance. **Jordan Childs, Anna Delaney, and Sarah Herndon** traveled with Jake and the gang from Frederick County to Richmond that day. Shamrocks were given to Delegates as we visited them and spoke with them briefly. We also sat in on a House Session and went on a tour of the State Capitol building before returning home. It was a great trip!



Congratulations 4-Hers and Families....

The **Alexander family** received several honors from the Virginia Angus Association. **Chuck Alexander**, father, was named Sale Chairman of the Year. **Morgan** was named Outstanding Junior for the Northern VA Angus Association, and the family was named Family of the Year. Congratulations Alexanders!

Catie Hope was named Outstanding Junior Member for the Junior VA Angus Association and Premier Exhibitor for the Junior Division of the VA Angus Association. Congratulations Hope!

Stephanie Miller was the Grand Prize Winner for the 4th and 5th grade group of the Dramatic Reading Competition to celebrate Black History Month. Congratulations Stephanie!

Youth Annual Swine Day....

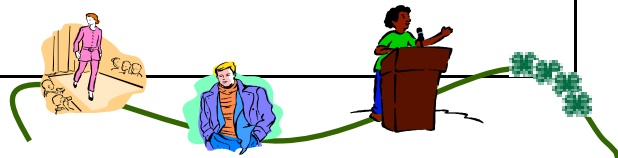
On February 26, 2011, I went to Blacksburg, Virginia to attend the Youth Annual Swine Day. The first thing that happened was a discussion about how to pick the right pig. You look at the back, rib, ham, and how close the back legs are together. When we were done, we went to the classroom and we learned how to raise a pig. Next we went back out to the show arena to learn about tools, feed, cuts of meat, and how to judge pigs. After lunch we learned ways to make pigs better. *Next year I hope you go to Virginia Tech to learn about swine.*

By: Dawson Cox

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

We had a great turnout for the Clarke/Frederick 4-H Presentation, Public Speaking/Extemporaneous Speech, and Fashion Revue Contests on February 11th at Johnson Williams Middle School. The judges were very impressed with everyone and thought you all did an outstanding job! ***Congratulations to each of you.*** Everyone is eligible to participate in the District Contests on April 16 at Taylor Middle School in Warrenton. [Please let us know immediately if you would like to participate in the District Contests.](#)

PRESENTATIONS			
	Division	Title	Placing
John Thomas Heyl	Junior	Beef..It's What's for Dinner	R
Stephanie Miller	Junior	Easy Muffins	B
Ryleigh Travers	Junior	Randall Lineback Cattle	B
Lauren Shippa	Junior	Just-for-Fun Salads	B
Rebekah Spriggs	Junior	How to Make a Caesar Salad	B
Nicholas Cather	Junior	How to Prepare a Rabbit for Show	B
Lexi Miller	Intermediate	Feed Lot	R
Matthew Cather	Intermediate	How to Select a Chicken for the Barnyard Hen House	B
Sarah Miller	Senior	Forensic Nursing	B
Helena St. Clair	Senior	Bunkhouse Beans	R
EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH			
Josiah Always	Senior		B
FASHION REVUE – SEWING CATEGORY			
Melissa Denson	Senior		B
FASHION REVUE – NON-SEWING CATEGORY			
Stephanie Miller	Junior		B
Cammie Sowers	Junior		B
Mikayla St. Clair	Junior		B
Tiffany Thoburn	Intermediate		R
Melissa Denson	Senior		R
Helena St. Clair	Senior		B
CLOVERBUDS			
Charles Casey		All About Me	G
Mackenzie Cather		All About Me	G
R. J. Spriggs		Five in a Bag	G
Kayla Sprincis		All About Me	G
Brooke Stotler		All About Me	G
B= blue award; R=red award; G=participation award			



4-H Share-the-Fun Contest:

We also had a great Share-the-Fun Contest on February 25 at Boyce Elementary School. Everyone did a great job with their performances...and the Cloverbuds were wonderful showing off their talents, too. **Congratulations to all of you.** Everyone is eligible to participate in the District Contests on April 16 at Taylor Middle School in Warrenton. [Please let us know immediately if you would like to participate in the District Contests.](#)

Share-the-Fun Results			
	Division	Title	Placing
COMBINATION			
Lexi Marasco, Riley Marasco, Gracie Dillon, Huntley Dillon	Intermediate	"Harvue Village Gals"	B
Danielle Smith, Elisa Delaney, Emma Delaney	Intermediate	"Long Live"	R
DANCE			
Sinead Juday	Junior	"Irish Dancing"	B
Maeve Juday	Intermediate	"Irish Dancing"	B
Hannah Fair, Megan Bursey, Madison Bursey, Taylor Owens	Senior	"Faith Steppers"	B
DRAMA			
Jackie O'Hara, Dana Armstrong	Intermediate	"Who's at Blaris"	R
INSTRUMENTAL			
Meredith Kruza	Intermediate	"Clarinet Solo"	R
Evan Whirley	Intermediate	"Lynard Skynard Medley"	B
VARIETY			
Autumn Stevenson	Junior	"Tae Kwon Do Demonstration"	B
Mikayla St. Clair	Junior	"Hula-Hoop"	R
Coby Wiley, Zack Morris, Jarrett Wiley, Jonathan Moesta	Intermediate	"Country Bumpkins"	B
Melissa Denson, Alana Bartosiewicz	Senior	"The Secretary vs. the Student and Her Darn Cat"	R
VOCAL			
Brooke Northcraft	Junior	"Amazing Grace"	B
Nathaniel Barb, Olivia Barb	Intermediate	"All Who are Thirsty"	R
Amanda Willis	Senior	"Love Story"	B
CLOVERBUDS			
Charles Casey		"The Hunter's Chorus" (violin)	G
Jordan Kelly, Savannah Jarvis, Harrison Fair, Anna Hornbaker, Maya Marasco, Kathleen Pine, Jackson Kelly, McKennah Jarvis, Taryn Tuttle, Brendan Moyer, Georgie Roberts, Regan Jackson, Ashley Moyer		"Hee Haw" (jokes)	G
B= blue award; R=red award; G=participation award			





Leader Notes...



4-H Leaders' Association Meeting:

The next Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m., at Berryville Presbyterian Church on West Main Street. **All Club Leaders and Volunteers are welcome.**

VA Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders, Inc.:

The VA Association of Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders will meet on on April 2-3, 2011 at Mountain Lake Resort in Giles County (the place where the movie Dirty Dancing was filmed). It is being hosted by the Southwest District, and the theme is **"4-H—The Time of Your Life"**. Registration deadline: March 11th There are 17 classes for you to choose from...some are new and some are ones that have been specially requested. What a great way to get new ideas for your club and to share your experiences with others!

Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Beef Bonanza Raffle:



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Club News

Clarke-Frederick Dairy Club - Courtney Butterfass

The Clarke-Fredrick Dairy Club held their January 30th meeting at Crums Church. This meeting began with Cameron Shendow leading the pledges. We had 3 new members present. The Cloverbuds presented their Share-the-Fun Act, along with others who had their acts ready. Courtney Butterfass read last month's minutes. Helena St. Clair volunteered to be the head of the next fundraiser. Debbie Hardesty talked about t-shirt orders, and the t-shirts were handed out. Karen Russell handed out this year's and last year's record books. The Leaders' Association Dinner was talked about by Olivia Hart who informed the members that we are supposed to bring deserts and that they can be dropped off any time on the 19th of February. Also, on the 19th is when the Community Service projects start to be able to show at the fair. The Fashion Revue and Public Speaking events will take place on Friday, February 11th. We decided that our Relay for Life team would be called Grease Lightening. Mr. Stiles came in to help our club go through the Dairy Judging process. Alex Sefton called the meeting to an end at 7:19 p.m.

Paws & Claws 4-H Club - Nicholas Cather

The Paws & Claws 4-H Club held their January 16th meeting at Crum's Church. Four members and four Cloverbuds were present. Old business discussed: wreath making and hanging at Rose Hill Nursing Home, participation in the parking meter contest and in the Berryville Christmas parade. New Business: Share-the-Fun Contest, Public Speaking/Presentation Contest 2/11, Day at the State Capitol 2/8, goat and sheep show 7/2. The Cloverbuds sang a song called "Shark". We shared homemade donuts. Our next meeting will be February 20th at 5 p.m. at Crums' Church.



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March 10

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

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

March 19 National Jr. Swine Association Boot Camp, Virginia Tech

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

March 25-27 Spring Instructor Certification, Airfield

March 27 Northern District 4-H Hunter Qualifying Clinic, The Durbin Arena, Free Union, VA

March 31-April 2nd VA Tech Collegiate 4-H Club Host Weekend, VA Tech, Blacksburg

April 2 ***

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

April 2 Northern District 4-H Hippology and Horse Bowl Contest, Ruckersville Elementary School, Ruckersville, VA

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

April 8-10 State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging and 4-H Hippology, Horse Bowl and Presentations, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA (Horse Weekend for all state 4-H Horse Competitions— Jrs. & Srs. to compete.)

April 9 Glenwood

April 13 Mid-Atlantic Carcass Contest

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 21 Goat Camp, Clarke County Fairgrounds

May 21 Northern District Livestock Show, Culpeper Agriculture Entrprises

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

June 4 Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-in

June 11 Lamb Camp, Clarke County Fairgrounds

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

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

June 25 District Horse Show, Clarke County Fairgrounds

June 25 Dressage Qualifying Clinic, Nokesville Park, Nokesville, VA

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 10-14 Clarke-Warren 4-H Summer Camp

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

July 11-13 4-H Intermediate Congress, VA State University, Petersburg

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

September 15-18 State 4-H Championship Horse and Pony Show, VA Horse Center, Lexington, VA

October 1-9 Keystone Livestock Expo, Harrisonburg, PA

October 8-9 4-H State Drill Team Competition-VA State Fair, Meadows Event Park, Dowsell, VA

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

November 5-18 North American Livestock Expo, Louisville, KY

November 19 4-H Achievement Banquet

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