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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

As we move into the holidays and things start to get busy again, it's a great opportunity to practice patience and understanding. Many times, when we get hurried or stressed, we start to focus more on how things effect us and less on how we can effect others. Sometimes, if we can extend someone the benefit of the doubt, we can save ourselves the stress that comes with jumping to conclusions. As many of you know, (it seems like we have been saying this forever now) Extension is going through some change and along with that the support that we're able to offer 4-H will probably change as well. But I want to stress that we are trying to do all we can to make sure that all 4-H opportunities stay available and that our clubs get the support they need. If you have a need that we are not fulfilling, let us know, and we will do what we can. As time goes on and we discover tasks that are not being completed and needs that have been neglected, we are striving to make those corrections and meet those needs. While trying to keep things going, we have overlooked some things, we have made some mistakes, and it has sometimes taken us longer then we would have liked to fix some of those things. Please communicate to us, or to me, what frustrations you might have with us, and we will work to resolve them.

From one club to another or from one person to another, the most frustration develops when they fail to communicate. I believe that there is only one truth, but I know that is nearly impossible for any one person to know the whole of all Truth. The more we effectively communicate, the more of the whole truth we become aware of, and the better off we become in dealing with each other.

 ★ **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.) ★
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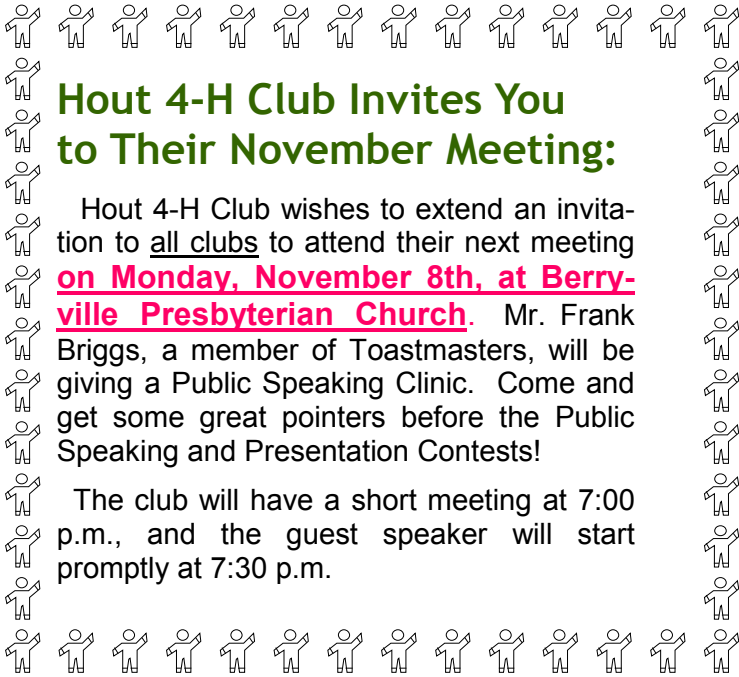
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Upcoming Events!



Hout 4-H Club Invites You to Their November Meeting:

Hout 4-H Club wishes to extend an invitation to all clubs to attend their next meeting on Monday, November 8th, at Berryville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Frank Briggs, a member of Toastmasters, will be giving a Public Speaking Clinic. Come and get some great pointers before the Public Speaking and Presentation Contests!

The club will have a short meeting at 7:00 p.m., and the guest speaker will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Create and Cultivate Class:



Cooking Classes will be held Tuesdays:
November 16 January 18
December 14 February 15
from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Berryville Presbyterian Church on West Main Street beside the Family Dollar Store.

The Gardening Classes will also be held on Tuesdays: March 15, April 19, and May 17. These classes will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at D. G. Cooley Elementary School.

If you are interested in participating, call the Extension Office (955-5164) or email (mawrigh4@vt.edu), and we will add you to the list. (8 spots available.)



Officers' Training...

4-H Club Officer Training for Clarke County 4-Hers will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 7-9 p.m., at Berryville Baptist Church. All newly elected 4-H Club officers are required to attend. If you have held the same office before, you still need to attend the training.



4-H Enrollment Forms:

Don't forget to complete and turn in your enrollment forms to your 4-H Leader. All forms need to be in to our office by Wednesday, December 1.

A big High-5 goes to the Clarke-Frederick Dairy Club for getting their forms in first!



Who can become an All Star? Can you become an All Star???



- * Are you between 15 & 19 years old?
- * Have you been in 4-H for at least 3 years?
- * Are you an active 4-H member with participation in a variety of projects and activities.
- * Have you been active in various leadership roles and community service projects?

If you answered yes to these questions, contact the Extension Office for an application or check out the Virginia 4-H All Stars Website at:

http://www.4-h.ext.vt.edu/groups/allstars/4h_allstars.html

Applications are due to the Extension Office by Monday, November 15. Applications can be emailed to mawrigh4@vt.edu Membership in 4-H All Stars is the highest recognition that a Virginia 4-Her can achieve.

Once we receive your application, it is reviewed for content and point requirements. Then it is signed by county 4-H All Stars and sent to the District Level for review. If your application is accepted on the district level, it then goes to State for the final approval. Becoming a 4-H All Star is an accomplishment to be proud of!

4-H Achievement Banquet

Our 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held **Saturday, November 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.** at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds. Each family is asked to bring one main dish and a vegetable or salad (large enough to feed their family) and a dessert. The Leaders' Association will provide drinks, fried chicken, and ham.

All clubs and individuals are asked to send pictures of their 4-H events and participation from the past year to be included in a PowerPoint presentation at the Achievement Banquet. Pictures can be sent, on a disk to the Extension Office, or emailed to Chad Morris at hondarider1@wildblue.net. We want lots of pictures from different events!

This is the night for 4-H families to get together to enjoy a covered dish dinner with fellow 4-Hers and for 4-Hers to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments of this past year. **You won't want to miss this event!**



CLUB ASSIGNMENTS:

- * **Set Up (Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.):** Hout, Lucky Leaf, Animals R' Us
- * **Decorations (Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.):** Dairy
- * **Serving:** Paws and Claws, Outdoor Adventure
- * **Clean-Up:** Rebel Riders, Equine Enthusiasts, Livestock



Leader Notes...



4-H Leaders' Association Meeting:

The next Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association meeting will be held **on Thursday, November 11, 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.**

Virginia Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Fall Conference:

We have gotten information for the VAA4-HVL Fall Conference. The event will **be held November 6-7**, at The Hospitality House in Williamsburg, VA. Registration forms and agenda have been emailed to your club's organizational leader who will be responsible for sharing with the other leaders of their club. If you would like to attend, call your leader or the Extension Office for registration information. Conference registrations are **due by October 16th.**

Clarke-Frederick 4-H Leaders' Training:

The Clarke-Frederick 4-H Leaders' Training will be held **on Monday, November 8**, at the Clarke County Ruritan Building. The night will start with a Pot Luck Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the training at 6:30 p.m. Whether you're a new leader or a seasoned leader, this is a great opportunity to learn 4-H: 101. It's also a time to share your experiences and address issues you might be having. Be sure to put the date on your calendar! All leaders are encouraged to attend.



Clarke-Frederick Cloverbud Leader Training:

There will be Cloverbud Leader Training for all Clarke and Frederick County Leaders **on Thursday, November 18** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Berryville Baptist Church on Academy Street. This will be a great opportunity to find out what to do with all those enthusiastic “buds”. Topics for the evening include: “How to Get Started”, “How to Plan a Program”, and “How to Plan an Activity”. Be sure to put this date on your calendars!!

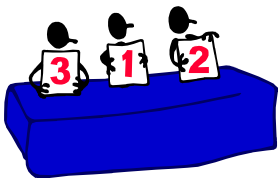
Enrollment Form Deadline:

Don't forget to have your enrollment forms for your members and leaders in to the Extension Office **by December 1**. Please check all forms for completeness (i.e. signatures, insurance policy numbers, tetanus information, etc.) As you sign up new members throughout the year, be sure to get their paperwork in to the office as soon as possible so they will receive their newsletters and other importance notices.

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 with the date.

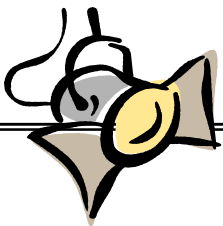
Livestock Corner...



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!

4-H Spotlight!



State Fashion Revue Contest Results:

We had a second State winner at 4-H Congress last June. Emily Estep competed in the State 4-H Fashion Revue Contest and won in the Purchased Division. Emily is a member of the Clarke County Rebel Riders 4-H Club. *Congratulations* Emily!



World Dairy Expo National Judging Competition:

Congratulations to Davey Hardesty for competing in the World Dairy Expo National Judging Competition. Davey is a member of the Virginia Team which placed 3rd in the competition, and he placed 3rd as an individual.

Davey also participated in the Virginia PDCA Show. He had the Junior Reserve Champion Winter Calf and the Youth Grand Champion.

State Fair Results:

Some of our 4-H Livestock Exhibitors participated in the State Fair and have shared their show results with us to include in the newsletter. Seems like everyone did a great job. *Congratulations* to everyone!! (If anyone else would like to share their results, please email them to mawrigh4@vt.edu for the next newsletter.)

Beef:



Mark Alexander: Mark participated in the Junior Show. He had the Reserve Champion Intermediate Bred & Owned Angus Heifer, 9th place in Intermediate Showmanship, and 4th in class Feeder Steer. He participated in the State Stockman's Contest.

Morgan Alexander: Morgan also participated in the Junior Show. She had the Champion Intermediate Bred & Owned Angus Heifer, Champion Junior Yearling Bred & Owned Angus Heifer, 5th in Intermediate Showmanship, and 2nd in class Feeder Steer. Morgan participated in the State Stockman's Contest.

John Thomas Heyl: John Thomas took three head to the State Fair this year. He had the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Hereford Heifer, and was 3rd overall in Junior Showmanship. He also participated in the Governor's Breakfast, Stockman's Contest, and has a steer in the carcass contest.

Catie Hope: Catie participated in both the Open and Youth Shows. In the Open Beef Show, she had the Grand Champion Angus Bull and Premiere Breeder. Her junior heifers placed 3rd and 4th, and her yearling heifer placed 4th. In the Youth Show, her Bull placed 2nd, her January Junior Heifer placed 1st, her March Junior Heifer placed 1st and was Division Reserve Grand Champion, and her January Yearling Heifer placed 1st and was Division Reserve Grand Champion. Catie was asked to come back to the final Showmanship drive but did not place.

Dairy:

Devin Stiles: Devin participated in the Junior Dairy Show. She placed 4th in Senior Showmanship. Her Holstein Winter Heifer Calf placed 1st in its class and was Junior Champion Holstein Heifer. Her Fall Heifer calf placed 2nd in its class.

Taylor Stiles: Taylor also participated in the Junior Dairy Show. He placed 2nd in the Summer Yearling class and 2nd in the Spring Yearling Class.



Club News

Hout 4-H Club - Amanda Willis, Reporter

The Hout 4-H Club met on Monday, September 20th, at 7pm. We had 4 new members attend for the upcoming year. They are Russ Singhas, Andrew Cather, Sean Orndorff, and Nick Orndorff. We welcome them to our club. We discussed changing our meeting date to the 2nd Monday of each month so that our committee representatives, John Tiedemann and Natalie Wright, could attend the Sales Committee meetings. We voted and the amendment passed to the bylaws. Mrs. Klepper mentioned the sale order slips that were sent out with our checks and that they needed to be in to the Extension Office by October 1. We nominated our officers and will vote at our October 11 meeting. Hout will set up at the Achievement Banquet along with Lucky Leaf and Animals R Us on the morning of November 20. Every family should bring 1 main dish and vegetable or salad and a dessert. The banquet will start at 6pm. We discussed the great time we had at Ida Lee Park in August and looked at the Hout Club Scrapbook. We also saw a preliminary copy of our new (S)hout newsletter that Mrs. Wendy Wright is helping our club with, and we will be working on getting it ready for mailing at our next meeting. We are looking forward to this new project.



2010

- October 22 Outstanding Leader Awards Nominations Due
- October 27 4-H Officers' Training, 7-9pm, Berryville Baptist Church
- November 6-7 VAA4-HVL 2010 Fall Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- November 8 Clarke-Frederick 4-H Leaders' Training, potluck dinner 6pm, training 6:30pm, Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
- November 11 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm
- November 13 Horse Judging Clinic, VA Tech
- November 15 4-H All Star Applications Due
- November 18 Clarke-Frederick Cloverbud Leader Training, 7-9pm, Berryville Baptist Church
- November 20 4-H Achievement Banquet, 6pm, Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds
- December 1 4-H Enrollment Forms 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 (tentative), JWMS
- January 29 4-H Share-the-Fun Show (tentative), JWMS
- February 11 Clarke-Frederick 4-H Presentation, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue Contests (tentative), JWMS
- February 19 Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Dinner & Auction
- March 10 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm
- 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 12 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7pm
- May 21 Clarke-Frederick Beef Show, Frederick County Fairgrounds
- June 4 Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-in
- June 20-23 State 4-H Congress, VA Tech
- July 2 Clarke County 4-H Leaders' Association Lamb and Goat Show
- 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 7-13 Clarke County Fair
- 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 15-16 Fall Instructor Certification, Holiday Lake

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