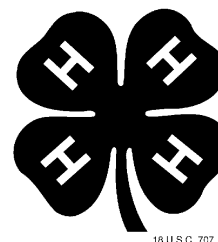


Fall 2023 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars

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| Sept. – Oct. | | 4-H Club Meetings begin |
| October | | National 4-H Week/Month |
| October | 2 | 4-H Homeschool Club Meeting |
| October | 16 | Washington County 4-H Livestock Club Meeting |
| October | 23 | 4-H All-Star Applications Due |
| October | 27 | 4-H Decorated Pumpkin Contest |
| October | 27 | All Washington County 4-H Project Books Due |
| November | 17 | Outstanding 4-H Member Applications Due |
| November | 17 | 4-H Achievement Plans Due |
| November | 17 | 4-H Big Tree Contest Entries Due |
| November | 17 | Washington County 4-H Photography Entries Due |
| November | 17 | Virginia Association of Fairs Scholarship (packet due) |
| November | 20 & 21 | 4-H Reality Store & Career Explore |
| December | | 4-H Teen Cooking Class |
| January | | 4-H Day at the Capital |
| January | | Washington County 4-H Achievement Night |
| January | | Washington County 4-H: Virginia History Bowl (study guide released) |
| June | 10 - 14 | Washington County 4-H Camp |
| June | 17 - 21 | Virginia 4-H Congress |



Plan ahead for the dates listed above. Volunteers and teen leaders are needed to assist with each of these events. For further information, contact the 4-H office at (276) 676-6309.



Check our Facebook page @washco4h
For updates on members and their projects

Find the 4-H Newsletter on line at <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/washington>

Congratulations to our NEW Virginia 4-H Officers!

- Burgin Peek, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Past President*
- Clint Wilson, Virginia 4-H Cabinet Secretary*
- McKenzie Wise, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Reporter*
- Cate Arney, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Southwest District Ambassador*
- Cadence Baker, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Southwest District Ambassador*

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4-H Market Hog Show Results –

The 4-H Hog Show was a great time! We had 19 exhibitors showing their 4-H project hogs. They participated in showmanship and market weight classes. Congratulations to each of you on a great job with nutrition and showmanship!

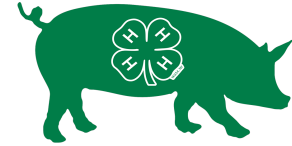
Senior Showmanship Champion – Ben Blevins

Junior Showmanship Champion – Collin Ball

Novice Showmanship Champion – Jace Warren

Grand Champion Market Hog – Ben Blevins

Reserve Champion Market Hog – Ben Jessee



Participants – Riley Gobble, Wesley Alexander, Elizabeth Pratt, Garrett Pratt, Waylon Brown, Clayton Brown, Eliza Jessee, Lucas Jessee, Caleb Blevins, Elijah Blevins, Jasper DeBusk, and Olivia Moretz

Washington County 4-H Planter Design Project

Congratulations to our members taking part in the 4-H Planter Design Project. You did a wonderful job taking care of your project plants throughout the summer. The show was held on Monday, September 11th, during the Washington County Fair. Thank you to our Washington County Master Gardeners for sponsoring this project.

1st Place Cloverbud Alaina Miller, **2nd** Leah Godbey, **3rd** Hadley Brown

1st Junior Jasper DeBusk, **2nd** Lily Boswell, **3rd** Elizabeth Wood

1st Senior Harris Peek

Overall Grand Champion – Alaina Miller, Reserve Champion – Leah Godbey



Participants: Ivy Boswell, John Wood, Joy Blevins, Keara Payne, Gracie Blevins

Virginia 4-H Congress 2023

18 Washington County Youth from taking part in the 2023 Virginia 4-H Congress. The statewide leadership event was held at Virginia Tech in June. Events during Congress included: Public Speaking and Presentation Contests, National 4-H Congress Interviews, State 4-H Cabinet Elections, 4-H All-Star Induction, and educational programs.

State Champions – Congratulations to: Walden Baxter – Communications & Expressive Arts Presentation Area. **Participants:** Clint Wilson, McKenzie Wise, Maggie Milhorne, Sadie Milhorne, Payton Long, Harris Peek, Ava Kiser, Autumn Surber, Anna Berry, Cate Arney, & Clark Russell.

New 4-H All-Stars Inducted

Congratulations to our four newly inducted Virginia 4-H All-Stars: Breawna Dale, McKenzie Wise, Cadence Baker, & Maggie Milhorne. This is the highest honor you can attain in 4-H.



National 4-H Congress

Congratulations to Cadence Baker & McKenzie Wise. They were selected through an Application, Resume, Portfolio and Interview process to serve as delegates to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta Georgia. This is a highly selective group and Washington County is honored to have two of ten delegates chosen for this elite opportunity.

4-H Pullet Project Show

Washington County 4-H held the Annual 4-H Pullet Show and Sale at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Over 30 youth showed their project chickens and breed chickens during the event. This is a great project to see what the kids can do with the same breed and age of chickens. Thank you to our wonderful judges: Mr. Jimmy Osborne and Mr. Mark Osborne. Placings for the 4-H Pullet Project show are as follows:

Overall Grand Champion – Lily & Ivy Boswell

Overall Reserve Champion – Hadley Brown

Cloverbud Champion – Hadley Brown

Cloverbud Reserve Champion – River Gilliam

Junior Champion – Lily & Ivy Boswell

Junior Reserve Champion – Rhett Gobble

Intermediate Champion – Riley Gobble

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Caroline Woodson

Senior Champion – Harris Peek

Biggest Overall Bird - Hadley Brown

Participants – Aaron Curd, Maya Justice, MaKayla McGlothlin, Ava Mullins, Jeannie Blevins, Lillie Gilliam, Arabella Ramsey, Aliyah Roark, Sadie Robinson, Samuel Elrod, Noah Woods, Eli Curd.



Open 4-H Poultry Show

Champion Other Breed Pullets – Maya Justice

Champion Other Breed Cockerals – Noah Woods

Champion Other Breed Hens – Noah Woods

Champion Other Breed Cocks – Maya Justice

Quail Pen – Hadley Brown

Thank you to our teen volunteers from John Battle, Patrick Henry and Abingdon High School 4-H Clubs!

Poultry Showmanship Champions

Cloverbud – Eli Curd

Junior – Aaron Curd

Intermediate – Riley Gobble

Senior - Caroline Woodson



Virginia "Big Tree" Contest



4-H'ers, we need you to go hunting, not for animals, for trees! Do you

think you can find the "BIGGEST" tree in Washington County? You may enter up to three trees/one per species (Pine, Oak, Maple, Dogwood, etc.). Start looking for the largest tree you can find! Where could it be? An overall award will be given to the child who enters and properly identifies the largest circumference tree. Entries must have scientific and common names listed. Exact directions to location of tree required. You may not enter the same tree from the previous contests. Deadline to enter the county contest is November 17th. Winners will be

submitted to the state 4-H "Big Tree" website. ****Forms and information are available from the 4-H office or over the Internet at <http://ext.vt.edu/natural-resources/big-tree.html>**

Decorated Pumpkin Contest

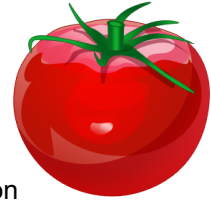
Start searching those pumpkin patches for the perfect pumpkin and then get creative! The 9th Annual 4-H Decorated Pumpkin contest is set for October 27th. All 4-H'ers 5-19 may participate! All cloverbuds will receive a participation prize. Junior and Senior champions in each class will receive \$5 voucher. All entries must be received by October 27th, 4:30 p.m. to the Washington County Extension office. Only one entry per category.

Classes include: Funniest, Scariest, Most Original, and Smallest. No cutting or carving pumpkins, painting and appliqué only. Pumpkins will be on display at the 4-H office through October 31st.



Mini-Garden Projects

It is time to start putting your record books together; many of you are off to a great start. Remember to include pictures, harvest records, and a story. If you have any questions about your record books, please call the 4-H office. Project books due on October 27th.



4-H Photography Contest

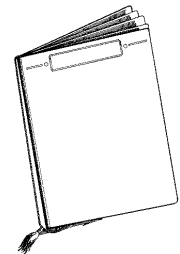


Say Cheese! 4-H members get your cameras ready. The 15th Annual 4-H Photography contest is in full swing. To enter, merely submit a 4X6 or larger (not over 8X10) picture with caption. Only one entry per 4-H member, photo must be on heavy poster board or matted without frame, pictures must be taken by the 4-H'er since January 1st, 2023 (date photo was taken should be included on the entry form). Call the 4-H Office for details. Entry deadline is November 17th, by 4:30 p.m. to the Extension Office.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PLANS

It is time to check off all of those 4-H goals you set for yourself in 2023! The 4-H Achievement Plan is a set of 4-H goals to work toward each year of your 4-H career. It isn't too late to check off the goals you have attained this year and to prepare for next year. Achievement is noted in levels – Cloverbud, Green, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Achievement Plans completed for 2023 will be recognized during the Annual 4-H Achievement Night in January. Get started on this today! (2023 Achievement Plans are due November 17th.)

If you haven't started your 4-H PLAN call the 4-H office to receive one and get going for 2024.



Celebrate National 4-H Week/Month



National 4-H Week is October 1st – 7th is the nationally recognized week, and October the 4-H Month. This is a time to reflect on and share with others the wonderful opportunities that exist in our local 4-H program.

Please share your 4-H experiences with others. Look for our special section in the *Washington County News* as we celebrate October as National 4-H Month!

Tractor Supply Clover Campaign

Stop by the Bristol, Virginia Tractor Supply thru October 21st and purchase a paper clover for 4-H. Proceeds support Washington County 4-H! Let's show our GREEN!



Project Record Books due October 27th

You have worked hard on your 4-H projects! Now it is time to record all of your 4-H accomplishments. All Washington County 4-H Project Record Books are due on Friday, October 27th, to the Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. You need to include your 4-H pictures, ribbons, certificates, and project sheets. Winners from the county contest will be announced at the Washington County 4-H Achievement Night. You can complete a 4-H project book in 10 different areas:

- Leadership
- Plants, Soils, and Entomology
- Science and Technology
- Animal Science
- Citizenship
- Careers & Economic Education
- Communication & Expressive Arts
- Natural Resources & Environmental Education
- Family Sciences
- Foods, Nutrition & Health



Awards will be given out during the 4-H Achievement Night in January. Record Sheets are available from the 4-H office.

2023 Washington County 4-H Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our three Washington County 4-H Scholarship recipients:

Burgin Peek (AHS) will attend the University of Tennessee and major in Supply Chain Management and Agriculture Economics.

Will Henley (AHS) plans to attend VHCC this fall and then off to Virginia Tech to study Agriculture.

Kelli Garrett (AHS) plans to attend Kansas State University this fall and study Animal Science



Washington County 4-H is honored to assist outstanding members in their educational goals.

OUTSTANDING 4-H Members of the Year

Calling all "Outstanding 4-H Members"! This year the Washington County 4-H program will recognize the top 4-H members in the following areas: Cloverbud, 9-10 age group, 11-12 age group, 13-15 age group, and 16-18 age group. 4-H members of the year are chosen based on participation in activities, projects, teams, and contests. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 17th to the Extension Office. Winners will be announced during the County Achievement Night in January. (Applications available from the 4-H office.)



4-H All-Star Applications



Senior members ages 14-19 need to consider applying for the highest honor in Virginia 4-H, that of 4-H All-Star. Washington County 4-H All-Star applications are due October 23rd.

The application is available at <http://www.ext.vt.edu/topics/4h-youth/all-stars/index.html>



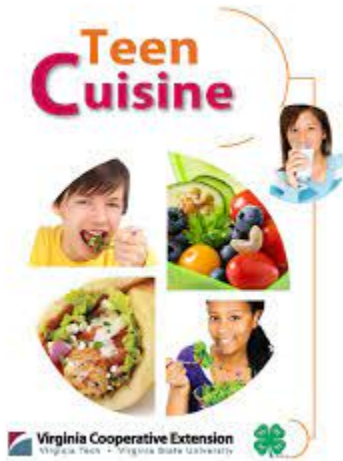
4-H Equine Science Programs

Volunteers willing to take on either a horse-centered or equine science club are needed. Our wonderful volunteers, Mandy Allen and Samatha DeBord have given numerous years to supporting youth through the 4-H Horse Program. We appreciate their donation of time and service. If you are interested in taking on the leadership of this program, please call the Washington County Extension Office 276-676-6309.



2024 4-H Junior Camp

Washington County 4-H Junior Camp will be held in June at the SWVA 4-H Education Center. Remember, you must be an **active and enrolled** member (grades 4-8) to attend 4-H camp. Club enrollments must be completed and submitted by January 31st, 2024 for eligibility. Our camp Date is June 10-14th.



4-H Cooking Classes (FREE)

Do you want to learn the basics of chopping, measuring, different cooking methods? We have a great new program called "Teen Cuisine 4-H Cooking Club". Open to all youth ages 6th – 12th grades. You will prepare your own dishes and learn how to meal plan during the class. This is an exciting opportunity. Only 10 spots available, so call 276-676-6309 to sign up. First class will begin in December at 6pm. There will be two Thursday evening programs per month through February.



Sincerely,

Crystal Peek

Crystal L. Peek
Extension Agent, 4-H

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact The Washington County Extension Office at 276-676-6309/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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