

Fall 2024 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. – Oct.		4-H Club Meetings begin
October		National 4-H Month
October	14	4-H Homeschool Club Meeting
October	21	Washington County 4-H Livestock Club Meeting
October	25	4-H All-Star Applications Due
October	29	4-H Decorated Pumpkin Contest
November	8	All Washington County 4-H Project Books Due
November	22	Outstanding 4-H Member Applications Due
November	22	4-H Achievement Plans Due
November	22	4-H Big Tree Contest Entries Due
November	22	Washington County 4-H Photography Entries Due
November	22	Virginia Association of Fairs Scholarship (packet due)
November	25 & 26	4-H Reality Store & Career Explore
December	6 & 7	Holiday 4-H Camp
January		4-H Day at the Capital
January		Washington County 4-H: Virginia History Bowl (study guide released)
February		Washington County 4-H Achievement Night
June	2 - 6	Washington County 4-H Camp
June	24 - 27	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!

- *Clint Wilson, Virginia 4-H Cabinet Vice President*
- *McKenzie Wise, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Reporter*
- *Harris Peek, Virginia 4-H Cabinet, Southwest District Ambassador*

Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors

Congratulations to Clark Russell (AHS) and Payton Long (HHS) they were recently selected to serve as Virginia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors. Clark's platform is "Raising Awareness of Food Allergens", while Payton is planning a career in health services.

Southwest District 4-H Teen Leadership Council Members

Congratulations to the following young leaders for Southwest Virginia 4-H: Riley Gobble, Matthew Blevins, Rowe Berry, Autumn Surber, Payton Long, Clint Wilson, and McKenzie Wise

4-H Market Hog Show Results –

The 4-H Hog Show was a great time! We had 22 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 – Wesley Alexander

Intermediate Showmanship Champion – Collin Ball

Junior Showmanship Champion – Jasper DeBusk

Novice Showmanship Champion – Claire Smith

Grand Champion Market Hog – Collin Ball

Reserve Champion Market Hog – Claire Smith



Participants – Riley Gobble, Elizabeth Pratt, Garrett Pratt, Ava Mullins, Waylon Brown, Clayton Brown, Eliza Jessee, Ben Blevins, Lucas Jessee, Caleb Blevins, Elijah Blevins, Jasper DeBusk, Jace Warner, Ben Jessee, Micah DeBusk, and Olivia Moretz

Washington County 4-H Planter Design Project

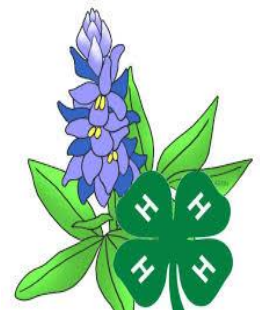
Congratulations to our members taking part in the 4-H Planter Design Project. You did a wonderful job taking care of your project plants throughout the summer. The show was held on Monday, September 9th, during the Washington County Fair. Thank you to our Washington County Master Gardeners for sponsoring this project.

1st Place Cloverbud Micah DeBusk, **2nd** Percy Agron

1st Junior Jasper DeBusk, Jaden Bailey, Alex Bailey, **2nd Junior** Eli Curd, **3rd** Aaron Curd

1st Intermediate – Atlas Agron

Overall Grand Champion – Jasper DeBusk, **Reserve Champion –** Alex Bailey & Jaden Bailey



Participants: Preston Agron & Grant King

Virginia 4-H Congress 2024

28 Washington County Youth from taking part in the 2024 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 – Home, Family & Personal Management presentation Area, Payton Long – Careers. Riley Gobble – Food Knowledge, and Clark Russell – Share the Fun, Drama.

Participants: Zoe Gray, Harris Peek, Elliot Mattox, Ally Muncy, Jenna Owens, Lucia Cardinale, Autumn Surber, Lilly Woods, Martina Stitt, Matthew Blevins, Mady Wilson, Sadie Milhorne, Diana Ball, and Cale Rhoten

New 4-H All-Stars Inducted

Congratulations to our four newly inducted Virginia 4-H All-Stars: Sadie Milhorne and Walden Baxter. This is the highest honor you can attain in 4-H.



National 4-H Congress

Congratulations to Clint Wilson and Clark Russell. 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 only twelve 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** – Maya Justice
- Overall Reserve Champion** – Greta Wann
- Cloverbud Champion** – Greta Wann
- Cloverbud Reserve Champion** – Annalee Sinclair
- Junior Champion** – Marley Salyer
- Junior Reserve Champion** – Carly Templeton
- Intermediate Champion** – Maya Justice
- Intermediate Reserve Champion** – Noah Woods
- Senior Champion** – Riley Gobble
- Senior Reserve Champion** – Harley McCall
- Biggest Overall Bird** - Marley Salyer

Participants – Henley Belle Dotson, Evie Dotson, Joy Blevins, Hadley Brown Wade Davidson, Isabella McGlothlin, Arabella Ramsey, Lincoln Reynolds, Hudcun Scyphers, Kaitlyn Blevins, Jesse Collins, Jonathan Lewis, Wyatt Mullins, Rhett Gobble, Baylen McCall, Tristen McCall, Garrett Steele, Caroline Woodson



Open 4-H Poultry Show

- Champion Other Breed Pullets – Henley Belle Dotson
- Reserve Champion Other Breed Pullets – Rhett Gobble
- Champion Other Breed Cockerals – Marley Salyer
- Champion Other Breed Cocks – Maya Justice
- Reserve Champion Other Breed Cocks – Noah Woods

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

Poultry Showmanship Champions

- Cloverbud** – Joy Blevins
- Junior** – Carly Templeton
- Intermediate** – Maya Justice
- Senior** - Caroline Woodson



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 November 8th.

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 22nd. 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 10th Annual 4-H Decorated Pumpkin contest is set for October 29th. 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 29th, 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.



4-H Photography Contest

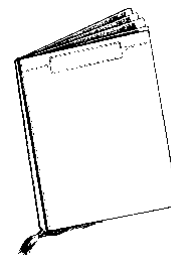


Say Cheese! 4-H members get your cameras ready. The 16th Annual 4-H Photography contest is in full swing. To enter, merely submit a 4X6 or larger (not over 8X10) picture with caption. Only one entry per 4-H member, photo must be on heavy poster board or matted without frame, pictures must be taken by the 4-H'er since January 1st, 2024 (date photo was taken should be included on the entry form). Call the 4-H Office for details. Entry deadline is November 22nd, 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 2024! 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 2024 will be recognized during the Annual 4-H Achievement Night in January. Get started on this today! (2024 Achievement Plans are due November 22nd.)

If you haven't started your 4-H PLAN call the 4-H office to receive one and get going for 2025.



Celebrate National 4-H Week/Month

We are celebrating National 4-H Week/Month throughout October. 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 *Bristol Herald Courier* as we celebrate October as National 4-H Month!



Tractor Supply Clover Campaign

Stop by the Bristol, Virginia Tractor Supply to purchase a paper clover for 4-H or one of the NEW 4-H ORNAMENTS! Proceeds support Washington County 4-H! Let's show our GREEN!



Project Record Books *Now DUE November 8th**

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, November 8th, 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.

2024 Washington County 4-H Scholarship Recipients

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

Cadence Baker (AHS) attending the University of Kentucky to study health care.

Walden Baxter (AHS) freshman at Radford University studying Interior Design



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 22nd 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 25th.

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



2025 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, 2025 for eligibility. Our camp Date is June 2nd – 6th.



4-H Celebrate the Holidays; Overnight Camp

Do you love everything about the winter holiday season? Get your holiday celebrations started with this one-night camp on December 6th & 7th at the SWVA 4-H Education Center in Abingdon. Open to 4th – 7th grades with a cost of \$50, which covers lodging, meals, and all activities. Call 276-676-6309 for more information and registration. Filled on a first-come basis.

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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