



THE 4-H FOCUS July 2020



4-H Families and Friends,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday weekend and were able to spend some time celebrating with friends and family. Though we are saddened by the cancelling of this year's in-person Fair, our clubs have been working hard to put together virtual animal project shows and competitions. We're hoping to highlight our champions in August once the shows have wrapped and awards have been presented.



Thanks to Loudoun Fair & Associates and Damewood Auctioneers, we're excited to offer an online, live-cry livestock auction on Friday, June 24th for our market animal exhibitors. Please read through this newsletter for more information. Anyone can become a bidder!

We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we've worked through these past few months. Our 4-Hers have continued to shine and we can't wait to see all of their hard work pay off!

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The Legend Has Retired

VCE-Loudoun's Sue Naille served her last day in the office on Tuesday, June 30th. She officially retired on July 1st after serving 33 years in her position!

If you've ever stopped by the Extension Office, she was almost always the first smiling face to greet you as you walked in the door. Sue has always been a huge supporter of the 4-H program—answering questions, helping families, handling finances for 4-H Camp, creating flyers and helping put together the show programs for our 4-H clubs and the livestock auction. The list goes on and on. She has been an invaluable asset to us and will be sorely missed!



Thank you, Sue, for all you have done for us. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!



County News

Virginia 4-H All Stars Induction

On Wednesday, June 24th four Loudoun County 4-H members were inducted into the Virginia 4-H All Stars! The Welcome Event took place online, where inductees' names were read aloud and a history of the All Stars organization was shared. Being recognized as a Virginia 4-H All Star is the highest honor a Virginia 4-H member can receive.

Due to the restrictions in place for COVID-19, this year's inductees are invited to attend the 100th Congress in 2021 at Virginia Tech to participate in an in-person All Star tapping ceremony.

Congratulations to our newly inducted Loudoun County 4-H All Stars!



Carter Ault
Noah Esper
Eleni Kasianides
Arielle Knight



We're so proud of you!

If you're interested in learning more about the Virginia 4-H All Stars, please email carlymg@vt.edu.

Virginia 4-H All Star Scholarship Winner

Loudoun County 4-Her Leah Scharf was tapped into the Virginia 4-H All Stars in 2019. She was recently selected by the Virginia 4-H All Stars organization as one of two state scholarship winners! Below is her highlight in the statewide newsletter. **Congratulations, Leah!**



"Leah Scharf, from the Loudoun Extension Unit, plans to pursue a degree in Animal Science. She found a love for this field from her time with 4-H and on her family farm, raising sheep and goats. She wants to pursue Animal Science to have a better grasp on farming, rather than relying on trial-and-error. In her local 4-H program, she served as President, Vice President and Secretary in her local Forage and Dairy clubs. She earned multiple leadership and showmanship awards from her project work as an active 4-Her. She has especially enjoyed mentoring younger 4-H members and proudly shared her All Star achievement and membership to help others set personal 4-H goals."



County News

Loudoun County 4-H Youth Virtual Livestock Auction Set for July 24, 2020

“Loudoun Fair & Associates and Loudoun County 4-H are partnering with Damewood Auctioneers to conduct the 2020 youth livestock auction, which this year will happen virtually, Friday, July 24, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

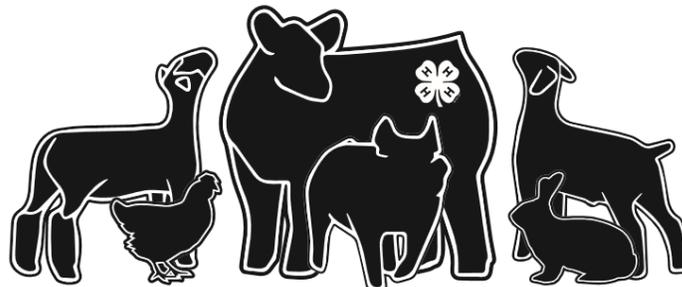
This auction will be conducted as a live-cry auction, but all the bidding will occur through the Damewood Auctioneers bidding application on your computer, tablet or smart phone. The catalog will be posted one week prior to the auction with photos of the livestock projects and videos of the 4-H participants showing their animals.

You can watch the live broadcast and support youth agriculture in Loudoun County, Friday, July 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

[View registration information for bidding online and directions about how to participate in the auction](#)

Anyone who lacks an internet connection may call in an "absentee" bid.

Please note that due to the nature of the bidding platform, which is designed for real estate, equipment, and antique auctions, animals will be sold by the head for a flat price, not a price per pound.”





Club News

Overlook

Submitted By: Spencer Dyson

The Overlook Horse Farm 4-H meeting for the month of June was cancelled because everybody had conflicting schedules. We will get together again when 4-H sanctions meetings.

One fact about horses is that if a horse gets an abscess and you don't treat it swiftly and correctly then it can quickly worsen. Many things can cause abscesses such as rock, pebbles, and going from wet to dry conditions. The main treatment of an abscess is to soak the hoof in hot water for twenty minutes with Epsom salts and then bandage the hoof in question. Everybody in our 4-H club is working on our record books and can't wait for all 4-H activities to return to normal operations.

Canterlopes

Submitted By: Ruby Hatley

This past month (again) we did not have a meeting nor any virtual meetings, but are hoping to maybe be able to meet in person in July. Unfortunately, the County Fair had to be canceled, but the State 4-H Horse Show and State Fair were postponed until October, so hopefully they will still take place. Earlier this year though we had a MOD Pizza fundraiser and raised \$125.08 for the club!

We hope you all are staying safe and well!

Rabbit Hopping

Submitted By: Grace Kasianides

The Loudoun County 4-H Rabbit Hopping Club held an online Zoom meeting on June 12th, 2020. During our meeting we had a lesson on the history of rabbit hopping that was led by Alisa Hart. We also talked about what we will have to do to prepare for online showmanship! Since then, we have had one mini meeting on rabbit color genetics which was led by Mary Grace Menuey and Grace Kasianides on June 22nd, 2020. Our current number of cards sent out during the "From Me to You" project is...314! Our next meeting will be on July 10th, 2020. I hope to see you on the Zoom!

Student Auto Racing

Submitted By: John Enloe

Hello everyone! This month we had a social distanced in-person meeting and dropped the rear subframe on the new "desert" car.



Club News

Beef Club

Submitted By: Taylor Miller

The Beef Club had a Zoom meeting June 17th. We discussed the online auction and online show requirements. The Extension Office sent out an email link to upload your show videos as well as the auction steer photos. If you need assistance with the video or video submission process, please do not hesitate to contact the leaders.

As the virtual show and sale quickly approaches, please ensure your breeding animal entries are uploaded by July 5th. Results will be available July 11th. The system for breeding animals will close at 5pm that day. Steer videos and photos are due by July 10th. Please be advised you will need to include your steer's weight when submitting the video and photos. This means the videos need to be completed for a quick upload after your steer is weighed in on July 10th. The results for the market steer show will be available July 18th.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for July 15th. Stay tuned for meeting details as the COVID-19 stages advance. Thank you all and good luck at the virtual show!



Poultry Club

Submitted By: Hannah Maison

The June meeting was held on June 18th at 7:00pm. The majority of the meeting's time was used to answer any and all questions regarding how to submit virtual showmanship pictures and videos. Many club members shared their pictures with the club leaders to get feedback on what they could do better.

During this process, the Poultry Club members were reminded of a new class in the virtual show. An "odddity" class would be added to the show in which the public would vote on the most interesting and odd looking bird. The show was held on Facebook from June 28, at 9:00 AM, to July 3, at 8:00 PM. After questions were answered, all club members were reminded to complete their project book, including a donation letter, by October 1st.

The club then discussed how prizes and premiums would be distributed and what they would be. The rest of the meeting was spent with club members talking to each other about how they were doing, asking any last minute questions, and talking about their animals.



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 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.