

Spring 2018 Newsletter



Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events!

March	8	Share the Fun @ Flatwoods Elementary	
	12	Citizenship Activities @ St. Charles Elementary	
	13	Citizenship @ Elk Knob Elementary	
	15	Share the Fun @ Rose Hill Elementary	
	16	Share the Fun @ St. Charles & Elk Knob Elementary Schools	
	16-17	Volunteer Camp Training @ SWVA 4-H Center in Abingdon	
	23	Share the Fun @ Jonesville Middle School	
	27	Share the Fun @ Pennington Middle School	
	28	Share the Fun @ Thomas Walker	
	29	Share the Fun @ Lee High; County Share the Fun; Regional Cattle Working Contest	
	April	7-8	Spring Cloverbud Camp @ SWVA 4-H Center in Abingdon
		10	Citizenship @ St. Charles Elementary
		11	Citizenship @ Elk Knob Elementary
		14	Senior Area Contest for Share the Fun
15		Showmanship/Fitting Workshop & Steer Weigh-In	
19		Junior Area Contest for Dramatic Reading and Share the Fun @ MECC	
20		Camp Registration @ Lee County Extension Office (8am-7pm)	
19-21		State Stockmen's & Cattle Working Contest @ Rockingham Co. Fairgrounds	
24		Camp Registration @ Lee County Extension Office (8am-7pm)	
25		Camp Fee goes up to \$185	
27-28		Teen Camp Cluster Training @ SWVA 4-H Center	
May	29	Lee County Beef Show @ 2:00pm	
	30	Citizenship @ St. Charles Elementary	
	2	Citizenship @ Elk Knob Elementary	
	9	Bristol Show & Skill-A-Thon	
	12	District Contest for Share the Fun @ HirEd Center in Abingdon	
	18	Camp Financial Aid Forms due	
	20	End of the Year Livestock Celebration	
	22	Citizenship @ Elk Knob Elementary	
	31	Camp Fee goes up to \$195	
	June	25-29	4-H Congress @ Virginia Tech
29		All Camp Fees due!!	
July	6	Pre-Camp Meeting & Open House	
	16-20	4-H CAMP!	

Plan ahead for the events listed above. Volunteers and Teen Leaders are needed for almost all of these events. For further information, or if you would like to volunteer for an event, please contact the Lee County Extension Office at 276-546-2057.

Find the 4-H Newsletter online at <https://lee.ext.vt.edu>

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 Lee County Extension Office at 276-546-2057/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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY – If Lee County Schools are closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, all 4-H programs for that day/evening are cancelled.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Outstanding 4-H/FFA Member of the Year was given to **Robby Burchett at the Southwest Ag. Association Meeting!**

4-H County Dramatic Reading



4th Grade:

Carter Robinson
Baylee Butina
Chase Weston
Daylynn Parks
Patience Biggs
Addie Carter

5th Grade:

McKenzie Daniels
Claire Sage
Alana Robbins
John Galloway
Taylor Light
Hannah Blair

Regional Stockmen's Contest

Jaz Smith: 9th Highest Junior
Hunter Howard: 4th Highest Senior
Robby Burchett: 5th Highest Senior
Caleb Belcher: 7th Highest Senior

3rd Place Junior Team: Jaz Smith, Chloe Marcum, Jackson Long & Eli Day

5th Place Junior Team: RJ Penix, Kiliagh Lefevers, Brayden Day & Ike Smith

2nd Place Senior Team: Robby Burchett, Jacob Bledsoe, Caleb Belcher & Hunter Howard

5th Place Senior Team: Ace Belcher, Ethan Dickenson, Colton Wilder & Kolby Reed



Block & Bridle Stockman's and Livestock Judging Contests

Stockman's Contest:

8th Highest Senior Team: Robby Burchett, Colton Wilder, Caleb Belcher & Hunter Howard
Robby Burchett placed 5th Highest Senior

Livestock Judging Contest:

Kiliagh Lefevers placed 6th Overall Individual in Junior Livestock Judging & 9th in Junior Sheep Judging
Eli Day placed 10th in Junior Swine Judging
Jazmyn Smith placed 10th in Junior Cattle Judging
Kolby Reed placed 9th Highest Individual in Senior Cattle Judging

Livestock Judging with Reasons:

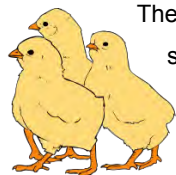
Robby Burchett placed 9th Highest Individual in Senior Cattle Judging
Caleb Belcher placed 7th Highest Individual in Senior Sheep Judging

4-H Camp Registration

Camp registration is coming soon! We will have two registration days at the Extension Office that will offer the lowest price for camp this year. Those dates are April 20th and April 24th from 8am-7pm. During these times, there will be someone present at the Extension Office to have you fill out all forms necessary for your camper to come to camp. We have about 75 spots available, and it is on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 276-546-2057.



4-H Poultry Project (Pullets)



The students at Elydale Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in the poultry project this spring. 4-H members will receive 15 vaccinated pullets free of charge. You will be required to keep records on your hens and show your top 5 at the Lee County Fair in September. Participants will be required to submit project records for judging in October for the county contest. Registration and project information available now at the Extension Office. 10 spots available.

Mini-Garden Project

Sign-ups will begin March 19th. This project offers members the opportunity to grow their very own garden at home. The size of the garden is 10' x 16' and 4-H provides the seeds, plants, and project book with instructions to make your garden. Participants ages 5-19 will be judged on their gardens and records. County winners receive cash awards in each age division. Awards are given to the 1st and 2nd place winners. This is a fun project, and one of the most popular in counties around Lee County. Call the Extension Office (276-546-2057) to register or for more information. Registrations will not be taken prior to March 19th. 10 gardens available.



4-H Cloverbud Camp

Another great Cloverbud Camp is scheduled for April 7th-8th at the SWVA 4-H Center in Abingdon. Open to youth ages 5-8. Space is limited. Cost is \$40, which covers meals, snacks, lodging, and activities. Please call the Extension Office to receive information and registration (276-546-2057). Registration is due by March 30th.

County Share the Fun Contest

The County Contest for Share the Fun will take place at Lee High School on March 29th beginning at 6:00pm. If you were a Middle or Elementary School winner for Share the Fun this year and received a letter and purple ribbon, you are invited to join us! Please contact the Extension Office to ensure your registration. Doors will open at 5:30pm that evening.



District Share the Fun Showcase



Participants who participate in the Area Contest for Share the Fun may also be invited to the District Showcase, where you'll have the opportunity to compete against participants from counties in all of Southwest VA! This event will take place on May 12th at the HirEd Center in Abingdon. There is a limit of 5 participants, and they must all be in different categories.

Area Dramatic Reading and Share the Fun Contests

The Senior Area 4-H Contest is scheduled for **April 14th** beginning at 8am for participating students ages 14+ (4-H Senior division) hosted by Wise County 4-H at the Wise County School Board Office Education Building in Wise. The Junior Area Contest will be held on **April 19th** at 6pm for ages 9-13 (4-H Junior & Intermediate divisions) at Mountain Empire Community College. During these competitions, 4-H youth from Lee County will have the opportunity to participate in competition in certain contests with Scott and Wise Counties. These contests for Lee County will include *Dramatic Reading* and *Share-the-Fun*.



Sheep, Goat, and Hog Project Interest Meeting

If you would like to participate in a 4-H Project that involves raising and showing a lamb, goat, or hog, please contact the Extension Office for more information about our Livestock Project Interest Meeting on April 16th at 7pm. This meeting will be held at the Extension Office in Pennington Gap. If you do not have access to an animal to raise and show, we may know someone who does!

Youth Gardening Days at the Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire

4-H'ers interested in gardening techniques and learning more about raising vegetables are invited to attend the



“Gardening for All Ages” program held during the Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire at the SWVA Higher Education Center in Abingdon. The class is open to all ages, youth must attend with an adult. Program is free and scheduled for April 7th at 10:15am. To reserve your space, call the Extension Office (276-546-2057). This program will be a great resource for our 4-H Mini-Gardeners!

Project and Community Club Meeting Schedules

Jonesville 4-H Livestock Club: Every other Wednesday starting March 7th from 3:30-5pm @ Jonesville Middle
Elydale 4-H Livestock Club: Every other Wednesday starting March 14th from 3:30-5pm @ Elydale Elementary
St. Charles 4-H and Cloverbud Clubs: Every Wednesday from 3:30-4:45 @ SCES Cafeteria

Sincerely,

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