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**Club Fundraising Opportunity: Outside Bake Sale at TSC**

October 6th-17th is our annual 4-H Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Company! PWC 4-H will have a table display inside the store. All clubs are encouraged to create a poster featuring your club. Clubs are also permitted to host a bake sale at an outside table to earn additional donations for their club, make new connections and recruit new members. Please email Kristin Saul ASAP to select a date and time for your bake sale.

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**Community Service Opportunities at PWC 4-H!**

**4-H In-Person Office Volunteers**

Lend us your helping hands! The PWC 4-H Office is in need of office volunteers to help get us organized after a busy time at the Fair. We’re looking for adult volunteers and homeschool youth or youth groups to volunteer through the month of October at the 4-H Office.* We can work with your schedule! Earn valuable skills around the office as well as serve your community to help 4-H launch the new year! Please email Kristin Saul to volunteer.

*PWC requires masks be worn in the office.

**4-H Virtual Volunteers - Create 4-H To-Go Activity Kits for the PWC Library from Home!**

We're looking for adults, youth, clubs...YOU to volunteer to help us put together "4-H To-Go" kits. We have about 350 kits of each of the activities from the fair that we will package to drop off at PWC Libraries for distribution to the community. All of the items needed for the to-go kits will be included in a box to create 50 learning activity kits - we need you to organize them into individual learning kits for youth to "grab and go" when visiting the library. The kits may be assembled at home, at your club meeting, or at the 4-H Office.

The organized kits should be dropped off at the 4-H Office by Monday, October 11th. Please click here for the link to signup for a pick-up day!

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**ISO Space Heaters for the 4-H Children’s Barn**

Help keep our 4-H’ers warm! Our new Clover Club meetings will be starting up in October and it will get cold quickly at the 4-H Children’s Barn. If you have an unwanted or unused space heater (electric with covers or encased coils preferred), please consider donating it to PWC 4-H and help keep our littlest 4-H’ers cozy.
CONGRATULATIONS
PWC 4-H'ERS!

Please click here for complete results.

LAUREN BYRD
* 2nd Place Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat - Large Horse - Senior Rider (14-15)
* 2nd Place Large Hunter Pleasure Horse - Senior Rider (14-15)
* 2nd Place 2nd Go - Large Hunter Pleasure Horse - Senior Rider (14-15)
* 5th Place Hunter Pleasure Horse Classic

KESHIA HAMLETT
* 8th Place Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat - Large Pony - Junior Rider
* 7th Place Large Hunter Pleasure Pony - Junior Rider
* 7th Place 2nd Go - Large Hunter Pleasure Pony - Junior Rider

CAROLYN HICKS
* 6th Place Western Pleasure Jr & Sr Horse, Senior Rider (16-19)

LIBBY PUMPHERREY
* 5th Place Hunt Seat Equitation on Flat - Large Pony - Senior Rider (16-19)
* 5th Place 2nd Go - Large Hunter Pleasure Pony - Senior Rider (16-19)

KAYLA ROY
* 10th Place 2nd Go - Large Hunter Pleasure Horse - Senior Rider (16-19)
Congratulations to PWC 4-H’ers selected as 2021-2022 VA Northern District Horse Program Ambassadors!

Carolyn Hicks
Libby Pumphrey
Samantha Whysong, Mentor

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**TRAE KOHN**
- 2nd Place Western Pleasure Jr & Sr Horse, Senior Rider (16 - 19)
- 1st Place 2nd Go- Western Pleasure Jr & Sr Horse, Senior Rider (16-19)
- 2nd Place Western Trail - Senior
- 2nd Place 54 216 Western Pleasure Horse Classic-Senior Rider
- 1st Place 54 218 Ranch Horsemanship Classic
- 3rd Place Sr. Ranch Ground Handling
- 1st Place Senior Ranch Horsemanship
- 1st Place Senior Ranch Riding
- 3rd Place Senior Ranch Trail
- 2nd Place Senior Ranch Roping Skills

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**SAM WHYSONG**
- 2nd Place Large Hunter Pleasure Horse - Senior Rider (16 - 19)

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**SIERRA-NICOLE WIMER**
- 4th Place Medium & Small Hunter Pony, Course A
- 6th Place Medium & Small Hunter Pony, Course B
- 5th Place Medium & Small Hunter Pony under Saddle (On Flat)

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**CONGRATULATIONS PWC 4-H CONNIE COLLIER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECIPIENTS!**

Trae Kohn
Sam Whysong

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Connie Collier Scholarship Awards

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CLUB!

STALL DECORATION
CONTEST!
Coming Next Week!

Results of the State 4-H Shoot and Shotgun Championship. Please email photos to chelmlinger@pwcgov.org.
PWC Fairgrounds Fall Gardening

Don’t forget to tidy up your Fair Garden for fall! The PWC Fairgrounds are used throughout the year and our 4-H gardens reflect our respect and commitment to the property and community service. Remove weeds and annuals, reset the mulch, and maybe consider planting bulbs for a beautiful spring!

Did you know...A new curbside yard waste collection program begins October 1st in PWC! Yard waste will be collected separately from trash and recycling. Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or containers labeled “Yard Waste”. Do not use plastic bags for yard waste collection. Yard waste material will be composted at the newly expanded Balls Ford Road Compost Facility versus landfilled, adding up to 15 years to the Prince William County Landfill’s useful life. Visit www.pwcva.gov/yardwaste for additional details.

Getting Ready for National 4-H Week - October 3rd-9th!

Click here to check out this video from National 4-H and get ready to Find Your SPARK with 4-H!

October 5th: Board of County Supervisors Meeting, 7 pm
The Board of County Supervisors will proclaim October 3rd - 9th as National 4-H Week in PWC and we urge our community to join in celebrating and recognizing 4-H as a unique organization that prepares young people to step up to the challenges of a complex and rapidly changing world by pledging their “Head, Heart, Hands and Health” to “Make the Best Better.”

Virginia All Star Application Due

DUE OCT. 1ST!

We know Prince William has many outstanding youth that have served in leadership roles and truly promote “Making the Best Better.” Membership in this honorand service organization is the highest recognition that a 4-H’er in Virginia can achieve. You can be a Virginia 4-H All Star! Click here for the application.

Portfolio and Presentation Training

Portfolio and Presentation Training will be held virtually at the end of October. New this year - the training will be YOUTH created and led! Participants will learn how to create, organize and present all that they’ve accomplished into an impressive portfolio and learn how to prepare a top notch presentation. More info coming soon.

2021 PWC 4-H Food Challenge

Please complete the interest survey!
Start pulling together your team for one of our favorite annual events! The 2021 PWC 4-H Food Challenge will be held IN PERSON and back to the original format that we love. Please click here to complete the interest survey.

Project Records, Portfolios, and Outstanding Member Forms

We know that many of your 4-H’ers are working hard to wrap these up. We’re looking forward to seeing how your 4-H Story is evolving and how you’ve creatively pursued your interests through a challenging year!

Member Record | Cloverbud Sheet | Project Record Ages 9-10 | Project Record Ages 11-12
Project Record Ages 13-15 | Project Record Ages 16-19 | Outstanding Member Form
Applications for PWC 4-H Scholarships will be released next week. Start thinking about your application, reference, or who you would like to nominate!

Bernard Malo Scholarship
Bernard Malo was a past leader of the Trigger Time 4-H Shooting Education Club. Bernie, a 4-H All Star, was active at the local, district, and state level and gave much to the youth of Virginia. His family, who are all 4-H’ers and friends, started a scholarship fund to honor his memory. Trigger Time 4-H Club members have continued to help this scholarship fund grow. This scholarship is for higher education for those entering as a freshman into any four year college, community college or vocational school. Amount of scholarship may vary from year to year. Two letters of reference are required to be submitted with the application, and more are acceptable. The scholarship review committee may consist of Trigger Time 4-H adult volunteers, other 4-H adult volunteers and/or 4-H staff. Those applying from Trigger Time Shooting Sports 4-H Club will be given first consideration for this scholarship. The review panel for this scholarship will meet and decide before the end of the high school year.

Joanne Guhl Scholarship
Joanne Guhl was a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club who died in a tragic automobile accident in 1984. Her parents honor her memory by awarding a college scholarship to a 4Her. Applicants must be enrolled the Prince William County 4-H program and must have been accepted at an institution of higher learning. Preference is given to 4-Hers pursuing a career in animal science.

All Around 4-H Member and All Around 4-H Volunteer Awards
The All Around 4-H Member and All Around 4-H Volunteer awards were created to recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to Prince William 4-H through participation in program planning, development, and implementation at the club level and beyond. This yearly award will be given to individuals who strengthen local 4-H clubs and county 4-H by encouraging and promoting youth members and volunteers, helping to recruit new members and leaders, and through leadership responsibility while promoting service through volunteerism.

Award Recognition is December 5th

Upcoming Instructor Certification for 4-H Shooting Education

Date: October 16th - 17th  
Location: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center  
Registration Deadline: September 30th

Registration for Instructor Certification is now open. Instructor candidates taking their first training course are required to complete an online training course before October 13th. All 4-H attendees must be registered with their county/unit in the 4-H Online system and have their background check initiated. Please click to access the following:

- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Registration for Instructor Certification](#)
- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Guide to Online Modules](#)
- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Online General Session for Adult Leaders](#)
- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Adult Health Form](#)
- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Youth Health Form](#)
- [2021 VA 4-H Shooting Instructor Training - Fact Sheet](#)
**Virginia 4-H: Guide for 4-H Club Officers**

New downloadable youth Guide for 4-H Club Officers is now available! Being elected an officer of your 4-H Club is indeed an honor. Serving as an officer gives you valuable experience which you will use all your life. Much of the responsibility for the success of your club depends on you as an officer. The purpose of this booklet is to help you to know what your duties are and how to perform them well. Click here for the NEW PDF downloadable document!

**Virginia 4-H: YCLI Application**

The Youth Conservation Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for youth held annually by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

YCLI is a recognition program for High School (9th-12th) students that focuses on volunteer service and environmental stewardship. YCLI began as an expansion of Youth Conservation Camp in an effort to keep students engaged in the environmental topics introduced at camp. YCLI offers high school students interested in environmental conservation and stewardship an opportunity to build leadership skills and connect with local mentors involved with environmental issues.

**Students choose projects that they are interested in to carry out in their community!** As a participant in YCLI, students will be required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service with a focus in the natural resources conservation field. Students are encouraged to focus work with the local Soil & Water Conservation District but any work that contributes to pollution prevention, natural resources conservation, and promotion of environmental literacy will be accepted. All projects must have a confirmed mentor which may be a local SWCD, government agency, community leader, or similar local organization.

YCLI is open to any Virginia high school (9th-12th grade) homeschool, private and public school student committed to the entirety of the program including:

- Completion of at least 20 community service hours to be approved by the YCLI Program Coordinator.
- Submission of one interim and final report/presentation on the community work completed.
- Attendance at the final recognition program to be held in Spring of 2022.
- Read an assigned book on environmental leadership for a group discussion.

Please click here for more information and to apply. Applications are due Friday, October 1st.
Virginia 4-H: Youth In Action Nominations Open

Virginia 4-H has opened up their request for nominations for their annual Virginia 4-H Youth in Action Awards. This year’s process is different, in that the youth themselves may apply directly for the award. However, they are now required to obtain a letter of reference from their Extension Agent (or the VCE professional responsible for 4-H in their Unit). Youth are asked to apply in the pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, and STEM. One pillar winner will be chosen from each area, as well as an overall state winner from the four pillar winners. Any 4-H member in Virginia ages 15-18 is eligible to be nominated.

Each of the four winners will receive:

- A $500 mini-grant to develop a significant community project.
- Recognition at a formal award ceremony.
- A full scholarship to attend Virginia 4-H State Congress the week of June 20, 2022, in Blacksburg, VA.
- An opportunity to be featured as the Virginia 4-H Youth Spokesperson for their pillar area.
- An opportunity to represent Virginia 4-H at the national summit for their pillar area.
- Support and mentorship to apply for the 2023 National 4-H Youth in Action Awards.
- An official reference letter from the Virginia State 4-H Program Leader, Jeremy C. Johnson

Previous winners are not eligible, but a nominee that was not selected last year may apply again. Applications are due Friday, October 29th.

Click here for details on how to apply/nominate.
Click here for the online nomination form.

From Our Partners at VCE: Mid-Atlantic Urban Ag Summit

Registration for the first Mid-Atlantic Urban Agriculture Summit is open!

This event launched five years ago and was formerly known as the Virginia Urban Ag Summit. New in 2021, organizers at Virginia Cooperative Extension have extended the event to the entire Mid-Atlantic region to facilitate the sharing of even more knowledge and experiences.

VCE invites urban farmers, gardeners, policymakers, government officials, foodies and other interested individuals to three partial days of:

- Learning about one of agriculture’s fastest-growing sectors
- Virtual tours of successful urban farms
- Virtual networking

This year’s topics will include:

- Urban Agriculture and Food Security
- Innovations in Urban Ag: Business, Technology, and Policy
- Urban Community Gardening

This is a virtual conference so you have the flexibility of joining us from any location, and the registration fee is only $25. Click here to register for this virtual event.
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FIND YOUR
WITH A PWC 4-H PROJECT

Project Ideas with Curriculum Available through Virginia 4-H:

Agriculture: All Agriculture project activities including by not limited to: Acres of Adventure, Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Education Field Days, etc.

Aquatic and Marine Science: All Aquatic and Marine Science project activities to include but not limited to: Fishing, Project WET, etc.

Beef: All Beef project activities, to include but not limited to: Market Beef, Beef Heifer, Non-ownership Beef, Beef Challenge, Cattle Working, Beef Educational Activities, Youth Beef Shows, etc.

Career Exploration and Awareness: All Career Explorations and Awareness project activities.

Citizenship: All Citizenship project activities to include, but not limited to: Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference, International Exchange, Civic Engagement, etc.

Companion Animal: All Companion Animal project activities to include, but not limited to: Dogs, Cats, Birds, Mice, Guinea Pigs and Other Exotic Species kept by humans, State Dog Show, Virtual Dog Show, etc.

Cloverbud: All Cloverbud project activities. This project area is limited to Cloverbud members only.

Communications: All Communications project activities to include, but not limited to: Discussion Meet, Extemporaneous Speaking, Presentation, Public Speaking, Radio Spot, Science Fair, etc.

Consumer Science: All Consumer Science Education project activities including but not limited to: Fashion Revue, LifeSmarts, etc.

Creative Arts: All Creative Arts project activities to include, but not limited to: Adobe Youth Voices, Filmmaking, Video, Photography, Visual Arts, etc.

Culture: All Culture project activities.

Dairy: All Dairy project activities, to include, but not limited to: Dairy Heifers, Dairy Cows, Non-ownership Dairy, Judging Contests, Quiz Bowl, June is Dairy Month Posters, Dairy Educational Activity, Dairy Shows, etc.

Earth Science: All Earth Science project activities to include but not limited to: Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, etc.

Energy: All Energy project activities to include, but not limited to: Electric Energy, Wind Energy, etc.

Engineering: All Engineering project activities to include, but not limited to: Engineering Design Challenge, etc.

Entomology: All Entomology projects activities, including but not limited to: Beekeeping, Hokie BugFest, Butterflies, etc.

Environmental Science: All Environmental Science project activities, including but not limited to: Environmental Education, Natural Resource Weekend, etc.

Expressive Arts: All Expressive Arts project activities to include, but not limited to: Table Setting, Storytelling, Theatre Arts, Global Dance, etc.

Family Science: All Family Science project activities including but not limited to: Child Care, Babysitting, etc.

Financial Education: All Financial Education project activities including but not limited to: Kids Marketplace, Reality Store, Entrepreneurship, etc.

Forestry: All Forestry project activities, including but not limited to: Tree Identification, Forestry Educational Contests and Activities, etc.

Food and Nutrition: All Food and Nutrition project activities, including but not limited to: Choose Health, Food Challenge, Teen Cuisine, Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids, etc.
Goat: All Goat project activities, to include, but not limited to: Breeding Goat, Dairy Goat, Fiber Goat, Market Goat, Non-ownership Goat, Market Goat Shows, Dairy Goat Shows, Goat Skillathon, etc.

Healthy Living: All Health Living project activities, including but not limited to: Health Rocks, Yoga for Kids, etc.

Horse and Pony: All Horse & Pony project activities, to include, but not limited to: Horse, Pony, Horseless Horse, Non-ownership, 4-H Horse & Pony Shows, Hippology, Horse Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Communications Contest, VA Horse Ambassador, etc.

Leadership: All Leadership project activities to include, but not limited to: 4-H Day at the Capitol, 4-H Congress, iCongress, National 4-H Congress, Teen Excellence in Leadership Institute (TELI), Teen Leader, etc.

Livestock Education: All Livestock Educational project activities, to include but not limited to: B&B Contests, Stockmen's Contests, Skillathons, Meat Judging, Judging Camps & Clinics, Beef Challenge, Pork Challenge, etc.

Outdoor Adventure: All Outdoor Adventure project activities

Other Animal: All Other Animal project activities not specifically listed. This could include, but not limited to: Alpacas, Llamas, Other Animal Non-ownership, etc.

Plant and Soil Science: All Plant and Soil Science project activities including, but not limited to: Jr. Master Gardener, Horticulture, Garden, School & Community Gardens, etc.

Personal Development: All Personal Development project activities to include, but not limited to: Character Counts!, Overnight Camping programs, Service Learning, etc.

Poultry: All Poultry project activities, to include but not limited to: Market Poultry, Breeding Poultry, Poultry Judging, Embryology, Poultry Educational Activities, Non-ownership Poultry, etc.

Rabbit: All Rabbit project activities, to include but not limited to: Breeding Rabbit, Meat Rabbit, Show Rabbit, Non-ownership Rabbit, etc.

Robotics: All Robotics project activities to include, but not limited to: Junk Drawer Robotics, LEGO Robotics, etc.

Science Inquiry: All Science Inquiry project activities to include but not limited to: Mission to Mars, etc.

Sheep: All Sheep project activities, to include but not limited to: Breeding sheep, Market lambs, Sheep Educational Activities, Non-ownership Sheep, Sheep & Goat Symposium, Sheep Shows, etc.

Shooting Education: All Shooting Education project activities, including but not limited to: Air Rifle, Shotgun, BB, Archery, Skeet, Spring Air Match, State Shoot, State Archery Match, Shotgun Championships, VA Shooting Sports Ambassador, Shooting Camp, etc.

Swine: All Swine project activities, to include but not limited to: Breeding Hog, Market Hog, Non-ownership Swine, Swine Shows, Pork Challenge, VT Swine Day, Swine educational activities, etc.

Technology: All Technology project activities to include, but not limited to: Aerospace, Computers, Drones, Makey-Makey, etc.

Vet Science: All Vet Science project activities including but not limited to: The Normal Animal, Animal Diseases, Animal Health and Our World, Airedales to Zebras, etc.

Wildlife: All Wildlife project activities to include, but not limited to: Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) program, etc.
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2020-2021 PWC 4-H  
Association Officers

Youth Officers  
Samantha Whysong, President  
Kayla Dixon, Vice President  
Alexis Cox, Treasurer  
Secretary - Vacant

Adult Officers  
Matt Valentino, President  
Alan Lerch, Vice President  
Sydney Nguyen, Treasurer  
Tom Harrigan, Secretary

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Fundraising Committee - Samantha Whysong  
Recognition Committee - Alan Lerch  
Membership Committee - 4-H Staff