

# NELSON COUNTY NEW DAY NEWS

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March was a busy month! We hosted a Grape Disease Management Workshop for local vineyard managers and started showcasing our container/raised bed gardens and planted cool weather crops. Please come visit our office to get more information on how food can be grown successfully in small spaces, no matter the weather.



We also have incubators set up to hatch baby chicks at the library in Lovingsston and Tye River Elementary School. Keep up with them via Facebook!

## **Adult Volunteers Needed!**

Adult volunteers are needed for 4-H Camp. Contact Erin Harris for an application and interview today!



## **Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center**

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center serves Nelson County and surrounding counties for youth to attend 4-H Camp. But did you know they also have many other camps offered throughout the year? Visit their site [HERE](#) and call or email Erin Harris for more information on how to sign up. [EEM2790@vt.edu](mailto:EEM2790@vt.edu)

\*Please note that all ages are as of September 30 of 2025

\*\*This camp will offer Deaf/HH children the environment with staff and programming to augment healthy, satisfying socialization experiences. Audio equipment provided by VA Dept of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

## **2025 Camping Schedule**

### **Homeschooler's Overnight Adventure**

April 28-30

### **Hunter Education Challenge**

May 2-4

### **Women's Outdoor Weekend**

May 23-25

### **Cloverbud Camp ages 5-8\***

June 13-15

### **Military Teen Adventure Camp**

June 16-20

### **Camp Woods and Wildlife**

June 16-20

### **Camp Loud and Clear\*\***

July 18-20

### **Junior 4-H Camp ages 9-13\***

July 21-25

**Did you  
know?**

### **Soil Test Results Explained**

Have you sent in your soil for testing but want to know more about the results? The Virginia Soil Testing Lab is a great resource for Commercial/Farm soil information as well as for homeowners. Visit [www.soiltest.vt.edu/report-notes](http://www.soiltest.vt.edu/report-notes) for more information!

We test pressure gauges for the Presto Pressure Dial Gauges at our Nelson extension office in Lovingsston. Please call or email to schedule a time to have your gauge tested.



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## Nelson Program Schedule

### **April 1**

Orchard Meeting

### **April 22**

Orchard Meeting

### **May 3 Plant Sales**

Master Gardeners @ RVCC under Pavillion

Hopeful Hounds @ Lovingson Veterinary Hospital

### **May 9**

4-H Camp Class Sign up at Nelson Center

### **May 15**

Orchard Meeting

### **May 21**

Rain Barrel Workshop

## Nelson Master Gardeners

Classes available for everyone...

April 8 "Why Should Gardeners Care About Water Stewardship?" With Judy Oglethorpe

April 12 Planting and Maintaining Your Vegetable Garden"

### Monthly Tips & Tasks

March Tips and Tasks go into detail on how you can get your garden ready for the season!

April Tips and tricks found [here](#).

Do you have questions about Insect identification, Plant Pathology or Plant Identification? The Master Gardeners Help Desk is a great resource. Visit <https://www.mastergardenersofnelsoncounty.org/help-desk> and complete the form. They'll be back in touch with you soon.



## Clover and Corduroy



### Camping Information

Nelson County 4-H Camp will be held on July 21-25. Cost is \$280. Registration for 4-H Camp is open! [Click here for the link](#).

Cloverbud Camp for 5-8 year old youth will be held June 13-15 at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. Cost is \$135. Registration can be found [here](#).

### 4-H Inbound Exchange

Can you host a young person or adult chaperone from Japan this summer? It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture first hand! More info [here](#).

Show your support for FFA by attending the upcoming events!

### **April 11**

Annual Drive Your Tractor to School Day

### **May 2 & 3**

Central Virginia Livestock Show

### **May 10**

Nelson County FFA Car, Truck, and Tractor Show

### **May 10**

Rockfish Valley Truck and Tractor Pull

## Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Repealed!

[More info here.](#)



### The Pub Hub



- [2025 Herbicide Update](#)
- [Five Steps to Protect Poultry from Avian Influenza](#)
- [Soil Sampling for the Home Gardener](#)
- [Soil Sampling Instructions for the Farm](#)
- [AREC Field Day Schedule 2025](#)
- [Buzz, Body, and Bites for Teens 2025](#)



## Coming soon...

The Virginia Household Water Quality Program will be scheduled later this summer. If you would like to be notified about the water testing schedule, please email us at [Imacrae@vt.edu](mailto:Imacrae@vt.edu). If you have had your water tested in the past, you are already on the list and we will notify you too.

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