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## Upcoming Events

- **Accepting Applications:** 4-H Teen Camp Counselors
- **April 26th-May 7th:** 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser at Tractor Supply Company
- **May 6th:** VCE Master Gardeners' Plant Sale
- **May 9th:** Commercial Pesticide Recertification
- **June 27th-30th:** State 4-H Congress
- **July 24-28th:** 4-H Jr Overnight Summer Camp

## 4-H Youth



**IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!**  
**APRIL 26 - MAY 7, 2023**

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify James City County Cooperative Extension at 757-564-2170 or 800-822-1120 during the business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



# Agriculture and Natural Resources

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First Grade digs for worms with Master Gardeners at Matthey's Garden.



## Colonial Riders 4-H Horse Club

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### Member Spotlight: Ayden Brown

“I love showing at the 4-H State Championship Show every year. I show a mini named Just For Kicks aka Judy Hopps. We have won the Junior Mini State Showmanship Championship Trophy. What I love about 4-H is that it's given me the knowledge to train minis for in hand events. I am currently training a new mini named Down The Rabbit Hole aka Leah. I hope that she will be my show mini once Judy retires.”



# Family and Consumer Science: VCE Family Focus



For the past 13 years, the VCE FCS Family Focus Program has been fortunate enough to have a large number of Christopher Newport University students volunteer their time and talents on site during VCE FCS educational programs and community events. Students also volunteer in unique ways on campus during “VCE Family Focus Club at CNU” meetings and events. Each April since 2018, CNU student volunteers help the VCE FCS Family Focus staff promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month during student-led “Pinwheels for Prevention” events. Pinwheels symbolize that all children deserve “great childhoods” full of safety, protection, hope and happiness. Pictured above are Site Team Leader Ashley Herbig and Executive Officers MaryBeth Lannon and Reagan McHugh, 3 of our team of 50 current CNU student volunteers.



The leadership team of VCE Family Focus student volunteers from Christopher Newport University hosted a 3-hour “Pinwheels for Prevention” event on Thursday April 6. April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. All children deserve a happy, healthy childhood.

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# VCE Family Focus



Since 2014, the VCE FCS Family Focus in James City County has offered a program for young children called the VCE Intergenerational Al's Pals Preschool Program.

Rooted in the curriculum "Al's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices", this comprehensive VCE early childhood program uses puppetry, play and song to teach young children how to express feelings appropriately, gain self-control, accept differences, solve problems peacefully and keep themselves safe and healthy. Pictured are long-time VCE volunteer Chris Walker and one of her 8 young students.

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

James City County  
Williamsburg  
Master Gardeners

# PLANT SALE

SAT • MAY 6, 2023 • 9am-12noon

RAIN or SHINE at the  
Williamsburg Botanical Garden inside Freedom Park  
5537 Centerville Road, Williamsburg

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, HERBS, VEGGIES, TREES, SHRUBS  
On-Site Help Desk to Answer Your Gardening Questions  
GARDEN TREASURES at the GREEN THUMB SALE

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With cooperation from the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and James City County Parks

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