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## Upcoming Events

- **March 11th: 4-H District Contest**
- **March 17th: VT Youth Beef Field Day**
- **March 30th: Child Abuse Prevention Event**
- **April 14th: Junior Interpreter Application Due**
- **May 6th: VCE Master Gardeners' Plant Sale**
- **July 24-28th: 4-H Jr Overnight Summer Camp**



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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# 4-H Embryology Project

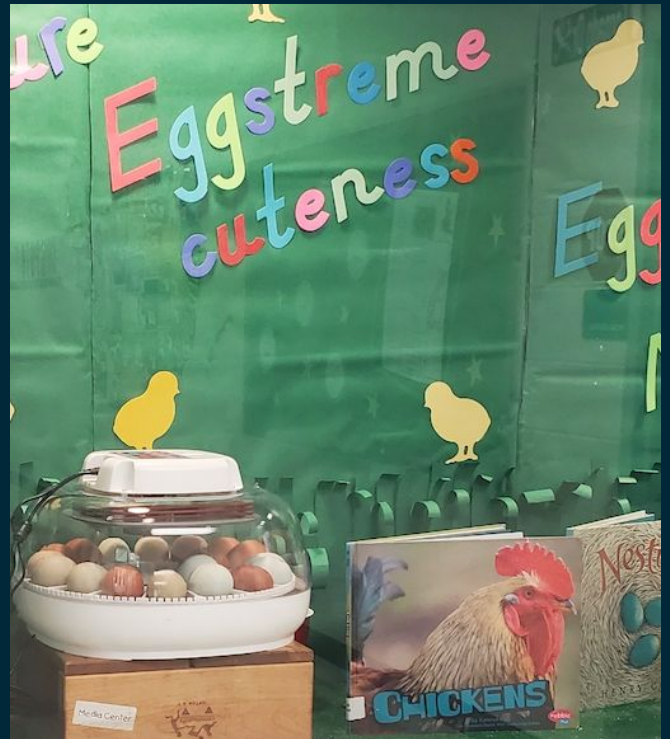
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Students at Norge Elementary School and Toano Middle School learn about life cycles, through the hands-on 4-H Embryology Project.

Stay Tuned: Chicks Hatching Soon!

Interested in having the 4-H Embryology project in your school or classroom?

Email [nealcynw@vt.edu](mailto:nealcynw@vt.edu) to get on the list for Spring 2024.



## Agriculture and Natural Resources

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**WELCOME CLASS OF 2023!**

BY SUE BARTON

Gathered for orientation on February 16 are the interns of the upcoming 2023 class.





# Family and Consumer Science: VCE Family Focus

## Calendar of Events for March...



### **SPECIAL 6-WEEK SERIES**

#### **Playgroup with a Twist (and Bend)**

James City County

February 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16 & 23

This special 6-week series invites parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 to come play and learn together. In addition:

- Learn 2 new yoga poses each week!
- Complete 5 of the 6 classes and receive a yoga mat!

### **INFANT/TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

**Who:** Parents and/or caregivers and children birth to 5 are invited to come play and learn together.

**What:** Planned activities to include the following:

- Play and Learn
- Parachute
- Crafts
- Music & Movement
- Story
- Social Connections

**Where:** Two Locations as follows:

1. **YORK County:** St Mark Lutheran Church, 118 Old-York Hampton Hwy., Yorktown, VA 23692
2. **JAMES CITY County:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7479 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23188

### **REMINDERS!!!**

- **York County Center Inclement Weather Policy:** If the weather becomes severe, VCE, Family Focus York County is CLOSED if York County Schools are closed or delayed by 1 or 2 hours.
- **James City County Inclement Weather Policy:** If the weather becomes severe, VCE, Family Focus James City County is CLOSED if James City County Schools are closed or delayed by 1 or 2 hours.



"VCE Family Focus"

### **ILLNESS POLICY**

We respectfully ask that everyone who attends VCE, FCS Family Focus be **WELL** and **NOT CONTAGIOUS** for at least **24 HOURS** before attending playgroup.

**Masks are strongly suggested during Covid-19 Yellow Community Level and required during Covid-19 Red Community Level**

### **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, FCS FAMILY FOCUS**

#### **PROGRAM FEES**

- Program fees are **\$5.00** per playgroup. Cash or Checks payable to "VCE-JCC". **There is a \$50 return check fee.**
- Tax deductible donations for program sustainability are accepted in any amount at any time. Please make checks payable to "Virginia Tech Foundation".
- **Scholarships are available upon request.**



**Program Overview:** Teens, age 13-16 can learn to be a historical interpreter at a living history museum! The 4-H Peer Teacher Program is operated in conjunction with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. It provides countless opportunities for teens to gain skills in public speaking and interacting with museum visitors from around the globe. Youth gain skills in certain trades demonstrated at any of the five interpretive sites, and enjoy an amazing opportunity to share their love of history.

**Eligible Persons:** Teens from Gloucester, York/Poquoson and James City County ages 13-16 are eligible to participate in this program.

**For more information or to apply: contact [kgustafson@vt.edu](mailto:kgustafson@vt.edu) or 804-693-2602**

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## Agriculture and Natural Resources

### Master Gardeners

*Water Wise Springs Into Action*

*By Elvin & Kay Clapp*

Over 10,000 visitors pass through the garden each year as they enter the Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center and the Department of Social Services.



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Nealcywn Watkins at 757-564 2179 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. \*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



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JCCW Master Gardeners



VCE Family Focus

## VCE Family Focus

Visit with VCE Family Focus at the Child Abuse Prevention Event

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
COALITION OF GREATER WILLIAMSBURG

# Child Abuse Prevention Event

**THURSDAY MARCH 30, 2023**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**  
KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4897 LONGHILL ROAD

**WEAR BLUE AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**VENDORS:**

- JCC DSS
- JCC POLICE
- JCC CARE TEAM
- HEAD START
- WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES
- JCC PARKS & REC
- CENTER FOR CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES
- AVOLON
- BACON STREET
- ABUNDANT LIFE PARTNERS
- VCE FAMILY FOCUS
- GREATER WILLIAMSBURG TICN
- ...AND MORE!!!

6:30PM: KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
DREGAN WATERS