

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Frederick County 4-H

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March 2010



4-H Presents! Public Speaking Contest

The Frederick County 4-H Presents! Public Speaking Contest will again be held at the Walkersville United Methodist Church on Main Street in Walkersville on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Members may compete in six categories:

- Prepared Speeches
- Extemporaneous Speeches
- Radio Spots
- Dramatic Interpretations
- Humorous Interpretations
- Poetic Interpretations

A registration form for the contest is included in this newsletter. Registration forms must be completed and returned to the 4-H office by March 7, 2010.

4-H Members winning champion at the county contest will progress to the Maryland 4-H Communications Contest held during Maryland Day at the University of Maryland on Saturday, April 24, 2010.



Packgoat Project Meeting

The 2010 Packgoat Project Informational and Sign-up meeting will be held on Sunday, February 28th from 2pm to 4pm at the County Extension office.

Participants in the packgoat project train and work with goats to prepare them for trail hikes and packing excursions. In addition, they participate in the packgoat obstacle-

course competition at The Great Frederick Fair. For new or prospective members, this is a great opportunity to learn about packgoats and how you can join in on the fun. For new and current members, we will also be discussing schedules, planning, and activities for the coming year.

Maryland Dairy Convention

The theme of this year's Maryland Dairy Convention is "Managing Successfully in Difficult Times," with a focus on dairy animal care and quality assurance, feeding strategies in difficult economic times and robotic milking on large and small operations, as well as an update on the current status of milk marketing and the dairy industry.

The event, the joint annual program hosted by the Maryland Dairy Industry Association and the Maryland Dairy Shrine, is set for Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Frederick County Fairgrounds in Frederick, a new location.

Registration and trade show open at 8:30 a.m. with the day program kicking off at 9:30 a.m. Headlining the event will be Mike Hutjens of the University of Illinois, who, after appearing via camera at last year's event, was invited back live and in person this year due to his popularity. Robert Gray of the Council of Northeast Farmer Cooperatives is also featured on the program.

The first ever Maryland Dairy of Distinction awards, as well as youth scholarships and an auction will be included in the day program.

A daylong junior dairyman contest will run concurrent with the program starting at 9:30 a.m. The contest includes a written exam, feedstuff analysis, sire selection, DHIA record evaluation, reproductive tract ID and equipment ID. Mike Hutjens will offer a program for the juniors.

The evening program features a milk punch reception beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Maryland Dairy Shrine banquet. The banquet features shrine inductees, scholarships and award presentations.

Sponsorship and exhibit opportunities are available.

For more information on the program, visit www.marylanddairyindustry.org, e-mail secretary@marylanddairyindustry.org or call 301-349-0750. For more information on scholarships, visit <http://dairy.umd.edu>.

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Achievement Night

Frederick County 4-H Families:

Save the date for the 2010 Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our members on April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center.

More information will be posted online and sent through our listserv.

For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World.

4-H'ers Helping Haiti

Grace Super Sewers 4-H Club and Youth Action Corps have put together a project collecting supplies for Church World Service to deliver to Haiti. They are collecting items to make Hygiene Kits and Baby Kits. 4-H members and clubs can drop off items at the 4-H office by February 25th. Grace Super Sewers 4-H Club, Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club and the YAC will be putting the kits together to send to Church World Service.

Here are the items that we are looking to collect:

Baby Kits

<u>Hygiene Kits</u>	Cloth Diapers
Nail Clippers	T-Shirts
Nail Files	Undershirts
Band-Aids	Washcloths
Washcloths	Gowns / Sleepers
Combs / Brushes	Diaper Pins
Bars of Soap	Sweaters
Toothbrushes	Sweatshirts
Hand Towels	Receiving Blankets

Calico Clovers 4-H'ers Helping Hands

The 4-H Calico Clovers donated 175 pairs of shoes to Valley Elementary School this week.

Valley Elementary is supporting Volunteer Frederick in a donation drive for gently worn and new shoes for children and adults.

The "Soles4Souls" program delivers shoes to needy individuals around the world.



Calico Clovers 4-H Club Members L to R: Jack Wilson, Daniel Summers, Ian Sanville and Ben Sanville.

Members took 10 tags from the Valley Elementary School Christmas tree for needy kids in the CASS program. Members purchased gifts at Wal-Mart and are shown with their wrapped presents.



Members donated their own stuffed animals to needy children through the University of Maryland's Stuffed Animal Collection. The members collected a total of 151 stuffed animals for the program.



4-H'ers Helping Hands

On January 27, the Clovers of the Monocacy Valley Montessori 4-H Club made Baby Kits for Haiti.

Each baby kit bundle contained cloth diapers, undershirts, sleepers, diaper pins, sweater or sweatshirt, and receiving



blankets. Families from the entire Monocacy Valley Montessori Public Charter School community generously donated baby items and money to make this possible.

At the same meeting, older members of the club decided to try and raise \$1000 in 2010 to sponsor a "ShelterBox", an emergency shelter kit for a family of 10 that can be sent anywhere in the world when needed following disaster.



-Jasmine White, Club Reporter

Unionville 4-H Club

Reporting from Unionville 4H Club - I would like to report for the second half of 2009 our club activities. We had our annual picnic at the 4H camp center. Our theme was Luau, we had fun swimming, doing a craft pot, playing games, and eating good food.

Our club had a guest speaker - Sheriff Jenkins from Frederick Sherriff's Office and he spoke about safety for cars and atvs.

We collected can goods for our local food bank and filled 7 book bags of school supplies for Liberty Elementary and collected pet items for the Frederick Animal Shelter.

Our club members also help serve and clean-up in the dining hall for Libertytown Carnival week.

The Great Frederick week was very

special. We made 4-H history in Frederick County to have a brother/sister win the 4-H Royalty Contest together (Jonathan & Ashley Stevens). Congrat's to both of them!!

Our club went bowling - thanks to Walkersville Bowling Alley. We collected for pajama program a total of 27 pairs to give to kids.

Our club members all donated food items for Thanksgiving dinner to support the cass program.

We finished off December with our Christmas party with pizza, cookies, games, craft, gift exchange.

I would like to wish all 4H families a happy new year for 2010.

Travis Albright

Reporter 12/31/09

Thurmont Heritage Days

"Thurmont Heritage Days" will be held on June 12, 2010 and June 13, 2010 at the Eyer Stock Farm, 14 Eyer Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

4-H'ers are being invited to participate in the following demonstration shows.

June 12th:

Fitting/Showing Demonstrations on Goats & Alpacas and

June 13th:

Fitting/Showing on Steers/ Heifers/ Lambs.

Open to all interested.

Please call Joe Eyer at 301-271-2023 for more information.

Poultry Periodicals

Jenna in our 4-H office has the following lightly-read copies of *Backyard Poultry* for a Frederick County 4-H'er:

Feb-March 09

Apr-May 09

June-July 09

Aug-Sept 09

Oct-Nov 09

Dec 09-Jan 10

If you'd like these (all to one person, please), contact Jenna by jenna@umd.edu or by sending a note to Jenna Caruthers, UME - Frederick County, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702. Include your reasons for wanting the magazines and, in the poultry project, how many years you've carried the project, a little about your birds, and what your plans are to continue in the project.

Beef Sheep & Swine Club Meeting Dates

2010 Meeting Dates:

March 17, 2010

March

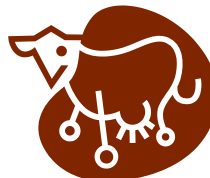
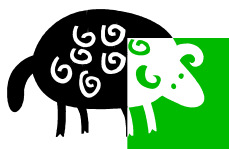
Lewistown, Unionville, Petersville

April 22, 2010

April

Valley Urbanites, 4-H Achievers, Jefferson

** To be sale eligible a 4-H'er must attend 4 meetings or 3 meetings and 1 workshop for the current year. The fall October and November Meeting may count towards your total meetings. Information may be voted on and discussed at any meeting so attendance is important.



The Big Sweep

Who participates in the BIG Sweep?

Volunteer Frederick coordinates the event, and hundreds of volunteers from area nonprofits participate in the BIG Sweep. ANY local nonprofit organization can participate in the BIG Sweep; businesses, families and other groups can put together teams and support their chosen nonprofit. Last year, more than 1,100 volunteers, from 71 partnering nonprofit organizations took part in the event.

Six Frederick County 4-H Clubs participated last year and raised over \$2300 for their clubs.

What is the BIG Sweep?

The BIG Sweep is a county-wide clean up AND fundraiser for local nonprofits. It is structured like a walk-a-thon, but instead of walking, groups agree to pick up trash from a Frederick County of City roadside or dumpsite.

Volunteer Frederick:

Provides all supplies (trash and recycling bags, gloves, safety vests, signs, maps and the Kick-Off Breakfast)

Coordinates with the city and county to provide trash pick up

Markets the event, provides training classes for team leaders, youth leadership workshops (dates to be announced) and fundraising assistance

Volunteer Frederick keeps 25% of the funds collected to cover the cost of administering the event – the remaining 75% is returned to you. (The top three fundraising organizations keep a higher percentage: third place 80%, second place 85%, and first place 90%.)

Where is the BIG Sweep held?

Clean up sites – you can choose your own county or city road or pick one from a list

provided by Volunteer Frederick – are located all over Frederick County and the City of Frederick.

When does the **BIG Sweep** take place?

The BIG Sweep will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010*. Supplies will be available on either Friday, April 23, 2010 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 24, 2010 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (during the breakfast). *Most people clean up their sites on Saturday morning, but teams can clean up their site anytime before Monday morning.

Why participate in the BIG Sweep?

Volunteer Frederick will take care of all of the details: we coordinate and market the event, provide training, fundraising assistance and all supplies (including a kick-off breakfast).

And, unlike most a-thons, you'll be providing a valuable community service even as you raise funds for your nonprofit organization.

How can your organization get involved?

If you'd like to participate in the BIG Sweep, register your organization by filling out a PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT and attending one of the following **training sessions**:

Tuesday February 2nd

Tuesday February 10th

Wednesday February 17th

All at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday February 18th

Wednesday February 24th

All at 12 noon

All trainings will be held at Volunteer Frederick, 31 W. Patrick St., L-2.

All forms including a Participation Agreement are available online at <http://www.thebigsweep.org> and must be turned in by March 19, 2010 for your team.

Spotlight on 4-H'ers



Travis Albright

Travis Albright is a fifth year 4-H member. He is a member of Unionville and Fur 'n Feathers 4-H Clubs. His projects include rabbits, vet science, gardening and photography.

Travis' favorite 4-H projects is rabbits. He enjoys raising them and taking them to the show at The Great Frederick Fair.

The Great Frederick Fair is Travis' favorite 4-H activity. He loves showing his projects, and seeing all of the animals and other 4-H projects on exhibit.

Travis participates in the Frederick County 4-H Rabbit Judging Team and participates in 4-H Presents!.

He loves to play video games. Travis has played the drums since fourth grade.



Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up

Save the dates !!!!

Frederick County 4-H will be hosting the 2010 Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up July 6, 2010 - July 8, 2010.

The three day event will highlight workshops and fieldtrips designed for all Maryland 4-H'ers caring projects in the areas of Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Goats.

Registration will be limited.

More information regarding speakers, workshops, and trips will be available in early spring.

Calico Clovers 4-H Club

On October 22, 2009 the Calico Clovers 4-H Club held their monthly meeting. While having fun painting pumpkins, Daniel Summers gave an excellent demonstration on how to carve a pumpkin. He listed the steps in order while demonstrating them. His carving turned out great! Our club leader, Sally Arnold, demonstrated how to make apple dumplings and the group enjoyed the finished products for dessert.

On November 2nd, the Calico Clovers visited Summers' Pumpkin Patch. Members enjoyed getting lost in the corn maze, jumping on the air pillow, racing ducks in the water trough, playing in the corn bin and sliding down the many slides on the farm.



On Sunday, November 15th, members participated in

the Family Volunteer Day at the C. Burr Artz Library. They made Thanksgiving baskets, holiday cards, and ornaments to benefit the Frederick Rescue Mission & Church World Service.

At their November meeting, the Calico Clovers filled a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family in the Brunswick area. They also collected 137 stuffed animals which they donated to the University of Maryland's "Share-a-Bear" project. The 4-H'ers elected a new slate of officers for 2010 and the made Christmas Ornaments. Jack Wilson gave a banjo demonstration. He explained the parts of his instruments, showed the other members how to play a chord and then entertained the group with several songs.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Calico Clovers 4-H Club, please call Sally Arnold at 301-371-3419.

Submitted by: Allie Wilson, Club Reporter

Agriculture in Maryland Poster Contest

Calling all Maryland students in grades K ~ 12th. Submit your poster, sharing what you know about Maryland agriculture! Your artistic entry may be selected to appear on the 2010-2011 Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation Calendar.

Deadline for entries is May 1, 2010! A \$50 cash award will be awarded to each of the selected entries.

Sheep & Wool Skillathon

The 2010 Sheep & Wool Skillathon will be held on Sunday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland.

The Sheep & Wool Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county, state, or province may participate. Youth compete according to the 4-H age (age as of January 1 of the current year).

For more information or to register for the skillathon, contact Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu. For more information about the Sheep & Wool Skillathon and access to learning resources, go to the skillathon web page at <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html>.

The registration deadline is April 26.

Topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Life on a Farm
- Crops Grown in Maryland
- Food from the Farm
- Machinery Used on a Farm

Animals Raised on a Farm

For more information call 410-939-9030 or visit our website at www.maefonline.com

Mini-College

Attention Senior 4-H Members!

Are you interested in helping organize and develop the 2009 Spring mini college?

Any youth interested in working on the 4-H mini college design committee please email Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu.

Livestock Judging

All 4-H'ers interested in participating in the 2010 Livestock Judging program can attend a meeting on March 2, 2010 at the Extension Office.

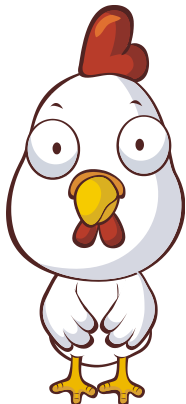
For questions regarding Livestock Judging or if you are interested in the program please contact Judging Coach, Colby Ferguson at 301-898-5383.



2010 4-H BROILER CHICK PROJECT

This 4-H project involves raising poultry of a meat-type (chicks will be coming from Tyson Farms) from 1 day old baby chicks to finish (6-8 weeks). The birds grow rapidly and are purchased in quantity for this project through Maryland Cooperative Extension. They cost a fraction of what most hatcheries charge per chick of this quality (\$1.75 - \$2.10 per chick). This year the cost is \$1.00 per chick.

4-Hers taking this project learn to feed, care and manage these birds and it is a very short term project. At the conclusion of this 7 week project there is a broiler contest and show where you can enter your two best birds and records for competition and cash awards. This is a multi-county contest. It will be held in May. Please contact the Frederick County 4-H Office for more information regarding the show.



The project is fun, interesting, short term, and requires a very low investment. Families are invited to order chicks for home use in order to learn more about this project. Also you have some delicious poultry for the freezer or you may market your birds for a cash profit. There are some options for processing your birds at the conclusion of the project. It is not advised to keep these birds for layers because they are bred for meat purposes and will become extremely heavy. The chicks are scheduled to arrive in late March at the Frederick County Extension Office, pick up between 3:30-4:30 P.M. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CARRYING CONTAINERS)**. You may order any amount that you wish. IN MULTIPLES OF 25.

ORDERS ARE DUE IN THE 4-H OFFICE BY MARCH 19, 2010

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!!!!!!!!!!

2010 BROILER PROJECT ORDER FORM

DUE MARCH 19, 2010 TO:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - FREDERICK COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
330 MONTEVUE LANE
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21702

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **COUNTY:** _____

I would like to order: _____ chicks at \$1.00 per chick. **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____

Payment is due at the time of order. Please make checks payable to **Frederick County EAC**

4-H CALENDAR

February	23	6:30 pm	Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at UME's Frederick County Office
	24	7:00 pm	Beef, Sheep & Swine Club Meeting at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
	27		Maryland Dairy Convention
	28	2 - 4 p.m.	Packgoat Project Meeting at the University of Maryland Extension's Frederick County Office
March	5	4:00 pm	4-H Public Speaking Contest Entries Due to 4-H Office
	5	7:00 pm	Dog Bowl Practice at 10906 Lowell Court, Ijamsville, MD
	6		Maryland 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon in Hagerstown, MD
	13		Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl
	16	6:30 pm	UME Volunteer Orientation Training at UME's Frederick County Office
	17	7:00 pm	Beef, Sheep & Swine Club Meeting at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
	19		Big Sweep Registrations due to Volunteer Frederick
	19	4:00 pm	4-H Broiler Chick Orders Due to 4-H Office
	21	1 - 4 pm	Felting Class at the University of Maryland Extension's Frederick County Office
	23	6 - 8 pm	Frederick County 4-H Club Leaders' Meeting at UME's Frederick County Office
	26	7:00 pm	Dog Bowl Practice at 10906 Lowell Court, Ijamsville, MD
27	All Day	4-H Presents! Public Speaking Contest at Walkersville United Methodist Church	
April	2	7:00 pm	Dog Bowl Practice at 10906 Lowell Court, Ijamsville, MD
	9	7:00 pm	Dog Bowl Practice (<i>if needed</i>) at 10906 Lowell Court, Ijamsville, MD
	10		Farmer's Cooperative Association Elite Pig Show & Sale at the Frederick Fairgrounds
	17		Maryland 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Forum
	20	7:00 pm	Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night
	22	7:00 pm	Beef, Sheep & Swine Club Meeting at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
	24		Maryland 4-H Communications Contest at Maryland Day in College Park, MD
	24		The Big Sweep
May	1		Agriculture in Maryland Poster Contest Entries Due to MAEF
	2	8 - Noon	2010 Sheep & Wool Skillathon at the Howard County Fairgrounds
June	12 - 13		Thurmont Heritage Days at Eyler Stock Farm in Thurmont, Maryland
July	6 - 8		Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
	12 - 16		Frederick County 4-H Day Camp Session 1
	19 - 23		Frederick County 4-H Day Camp Session 2 & Residential Camp

Dog Bowl Practice

The Frederick County 4-H Dog Bowl Team will practice on the following Fridays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- February 19, 2010
- March 5, 2010
- March 26, 2010
- April 2, 2010

Please R.S.V.P. to Joanne Katoski by sending an e-mail to katoski95@verizon.net or calling 240-994-9211.

Felting Class

Learn to make felted beads to create your own unique bracelet!

Join us on March 21, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the University of Maryland Extension's Frederick County office.

[Register online](#). Call Lisa German for additional information 301-829-0599/301-452-9460. Cost is \$15 for material, everyone is welcome from age 10 to adult, due to the sharp needles.

MD 4-H Animal Science

Due to the winter weather over the past two weeks, the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Forum that was originally scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010 will now be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010. The schedule and program will remain virtually the same as originally planned; however, we must now secure a new location.

Registration materials will be updated as soon as a new location is secured.



Registration Form

4-H Presents!

Frederick County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

March 27, 2010

Walkersville United Methodist Church on Main Street in Walkersville

Registration Deadline: 4:00 pm, March 5, 2010

Bring or mail Registration to: 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702

Check if entering	Class Title	Age Category (Circle one)
	Prepared Speech	Jr., Int., Sr.
	Extemporaneous	Jr., Int., Sr.
	Radio Spot	Jr., Int., Sr.
	Interpretation – Dramatic	Jr., Int., Sr.
	Interpretation – Poetry	Jr., Int., Sr.
	Interpretation – Humorous	Jr., Int., Sr.

Name: _____ Age as of Jan. 1, 2010 _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Club _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Frederick County 4-H will communicate through e-mail all information including time slots and room assignments.

Special Accommodations: _____

Host/Hostess: _____ I WILL _____ I WILL NOT be a
host/hostess

_____ Time Available _____ I am available ALL DAY

If you need assistance to participate in this program, please contact Kirstie Winn (Kirstie.Winn@experient-inc.com) or Michael Kuster (mkuster@umd.edu).

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