

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Frederick County 4-H

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Club Leader Meeting

The **MANDATORY Fall 4-H Club Leaders meeting** will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on **November 2, 2009** at the Extension Office. All 4-H Club Re-Enrollment will be available for club leaders to pick-up.

If a club leader cannot attend, they must send a volunteer in their place. Please contact the 4-H Office to let us know if you cannot attend and who will be representing your 4-H Club.

4-H Program Survey

The Frederick County 4-H Youth Development faculty and staff have prepared a survey for 4-H families to complete. The survey will help us plan for the 2010 Program Year and beyond as University of Maryland Extension faces budget cuts. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, available online at:

<http://cgi.umd.edu/survey/display?frederick4h2009/4H09Survey>

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Huge Thanks to Foreigner!

A group of Frederick County 4-H parents on Thursday September 24, 2009 attended the Foreigner Concert at the Great Frederick Fair to help raise funds for the Frederick County 4-H Program. The parents sold over 1250 CDs for Foreigner who in return donated 50% of the proceeds to our 4-H program: raising **\$6,295.00 for 4-H!**

A special thank you to our parents who helped: Kevin & Becca Buker, Lillie Umberger, Ray Dinterman, Jon Elswick, Mike Driver, Christine Harrison, Tom & Donna Shedd, Larry Linder, and a thank you to all those individuals who bought CDs !!!



Mick Jones of Foreigner with 4-H Educator Donielle Axline and a dedicated group of 4-H Volunteers after rocking The Great Frederick Fair!

Horsemanship Standards Level 4 Examiner Testings

We have scheduled two **Horsemanship Standards Level 4 Examiner Testings** for **Saturday, October 17, 2009** (Anne Arundel County) and **Saturday, November 14, 2009** (Frederick County). During these testings the following will occur:

- 1) **Examiners** interested in becoming eligible to test for Knowledge and Riding Levels 4 will be evaluated and tested. Examiners must have completed Knowledge and Riding Levels 3 in order to be eligible to participate in this testing. More information about how Examiners will be evaluated will be available by October 1st.
- 2) Any **4-H members** that are eligible and willing to complete any riding tracks (English

Riding, English Jumping, and/or Western Riding) are encouraged to register as riders. The 4-H Member must have passed Riding Level 3 of the desired testing track and may test for multiple tracks (i.e. Western and English) the day of the testing.

[Registration information for both Examiners and 4-Hers are available online](#) and include more in depth information. Registration will be limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. Please see forms for registration deadlines.

Maryland 4-H Horse Program

<http://4horse.umd.edu>



Re-Enrollment

Frederick County 4-H begins re-enrollment in November. It's a great time to bring your friends and neighbors to a club meeting!

Introduce 4-H to all of your friends from school and in your neighborhood. Help them find a 4-H project and get involved in the community!

We call all work together to make Frederick County 4-H's Best Better! The more members we have the more fun we have!

4-H Share a Bear

Frederick County 4-H will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals for the Share A Bear drive with Maryland 4-H.

The collection will go until the end of November. At the end of the drive, the club with the most donated stuffed animals will receive a gift card for \$50.00.

MD 4-H Shirts

The Maryland Association of Extension 4-H Agents is selling Maryland 4-H shirts. There are 3 types of shirts to choose from in a variety of colors. To place orders, please request an order form from Kathy Gordon at the Carroll County Office.

Order forms and checks made payable to "MAE4-HA" must be sent to Kathy at the Carroll County Office of University of Maryland Extension by Thursday, October 22nd for delivery at the Volunteer/Teen Forum in Ocean City, Maryland.

Also, please put on your order form whether you want to pick up your shirts at the Volunteer/Teen Forum or from your County office.



Record Book Workshop

Frederick County 4-H will offer a Record Book Workshop on November 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Learn what the judges are looking for in an award winning record book!

Get tips on how to keep records for your record book!

Learn how to make your best record book better!

Goat Club Meeting

The Frederick County 4-H Goat Club will meet on November 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Laura Ramsburg at 301-845-8364.

UME Volunteer Training

The last UME Volunteer Orientation Training of 2009 will be held November 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the large conference room of the Extension Office.

The training is required of all University of Maryland Extension Volunteers. Anyone interested must register online at <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=99>, and complete the application available on the registration page.

Horse & Pony Banquet

The Frederick County 4-H Horse & Pony Banquet will be held Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 2:00pm. The event will take place at Paradise Stables, LLC in Mount Airy, MD.

Paradise Paddock Pals 4-H will provide fried chicken. Bits & Bridles 4-H Club is providing drinks. Each family is to provide a side dish or dessert. Enough to serve their family plus one.

Please feel free to contact Amanda Rhinehart at 240-674-4835 with any additional questions.



Goat Skill-a-Thon Winner

Congratulations to Kameron Dorsey for placing first in the Junior Division at the Goat Skillathon in Washington County.



🕒 CLUB LEADERS 🕒

Reporting for monthly hours is due to the 4-H Office the first of each month. Hours reported may reflect time spent working directly with youth or volunteers, preparing of club and county activities, or attending county wide events supporting your youth.

Please e-mail your hours to Jennie at schiazzi@umd.edu or phone in at 301-600-1589.

Lambing & Kidding School

The 2009 Lambing and Kidding School will be held on Saturday, November 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Waldorf, Maryland.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Susan Kerr, an Extension Educator from Washington State University. Dr. Kerr is engaged nationally with 4-H animal science curriculum development and educational outreach to small ruminant producers. Dr. Kerr will give several presentations at the school, including performing a live necropsy (of a baby goat and/or lamb).

Additional topics include: Preparing for lambing and kidding, lambing and kidding in the fall, lambing and kidding for the first time, composting animal mortality, medicating sheep and goats, general health care, raising orphans, first aid for sheep and goats, feeding the pregnant and lactating female, and anthelmintic (dewormer) resistance.

Pre-registration for the school is required by November 6. The cost of participation is \$45 per person. Additional family or farm members are \$35. Extra resource material is \$10.

For information about the school, contact Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu or Pam Thomas at (301) 432-2767 x315 or pthomas@umd.edu. You can download a program tri-fold brochure from the web at <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/09LKSschoolbrochure.pdf>.

4-H Camp Center

The Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center is looking for volunteers to help serve at the annual dinner on October 31, 2009 and to support their Basket Bingo on November 21, 2009 at the Camp center in Jefferson, MD.

Any clubs or families who are interested in donating a cake or baked goods, should Contact Laverne Heffner at 301-473-8279 for more details.

We need 4-H families and volunteers to help support the upkeep and maintenance of our wonderful camp and activities center.

The 4-H Camp Center Basket Bingo doors open at 5:00 p.m. Twenty games start at 7:00 p.m. Food, Tip Jars, Raffles, 50-50 and Specials will be available. Cost is \$20.00.

October 16, 2009

Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers:

I received emails from many of you to ask for my support of the Frederick County 4-H Program in preparation for the Administrative Session with the BOCC where I was requesting the use of last year's unused funding. This funding would allow us to continue to support four part-time positions, to include two in 4-H (Mike Kuster and Kelli Inskeep). I can assure you that you already have my support and that of the University of Maryland Extension Leadership for this program. I know the value that the 4-H Program provides to the Frederick County Community, and I also know how hard our staff and volunteers work to ensure that the Frederick County 4-H Program is among the best in the state. Unfortunately although all of the members of the Board of County Commissioners said that they knew that the 4-H Program did good things in the community, only two supported allowing us to retain even half of the leftover funding. By majority (3-2) they decided to "impound" the funds now and delay a final decision until January 28th, 2010. The primary reason cited was that they felt they should take care of county employees before retaining funding to support state positions, even though those state employees are here to serve the Frederick County community.

Please know that we will do all that we can to keep these positions. Mary Ellen Waltemire, our Regional Extension Educator, and I met with Donielle and Mike to discuss possibilities. We are exploring all options, and despite the difficult budget situation, we will do our very best not to lose our highly committed colleagues. Regardless of the outcome, we will have to look critically at where our staff spends their time, so we can make the very best use of our available resources. I ask that you please continue to support our staff as they make difficult decisions and juggle many things. Give them your patience if they can't respond as quickly as you would like. I know they will do their best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your support of the 4-H Program and the University of Maryland Extension. I am always amazed by the dedication of our 4-H volunteers and families. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 301-600-1599 or clothenk@umd.edu.

Sincerely,

Christine Lothen-Kline
Area Extension Director

University of Maryland Extension Budget Cuts and 4-H

As the economy continues to effect both the public and private sectors, University of Maryland Extension and Frederick County 4-H face serious budget challenges.

The Federal government, the State of Maryland and Frederick County, like many businesses and families, struggle with shrinking income and increasing costs.

Frederick County 4-H, like all 4-H programs across the country, is part of the government. The salaries of your 4-H Educators and staff are paid for with a combination of federal, state, and county taxes. All of the programs are operated with money donated to 4-H by private donations. The majority of these private donations come from the Frederick County 4-H Cake Auction which is held each year at The Great Frederick Fair.

Governments continue to cut funds from University of Maryland Extension, and the Frederick County office.

Earlier in the year, University of Maryland Extension eliminated the line item for a

Program Assistant in 4-H to absorb a cut in funds from Frederick County.

In the most recent round of cuts from the State of Maryland, University of Maryland Extension chose to cut the full-time 4-H Extension Educator position formerly held by Larry Cromwell. The savings from this position vacancy had been funding our faculty assistant position.

As discussed in the letter above, Frederick County recently voted to hold back funds currently being used to support a third of the staffing in our 4-H department. In short, the 4-H program assistant and 4-H faculty assistant positions may be eliminated on December 31, 2009.

As a result of these cuts, Frederick County 4-H faculty and staff will be forced to make cuts to programming and services offered through the University of Maryland Extension's Frederick County Office.

Frederick County 4-H Faculty and Staff will spend the next few months meeting with our key volunteers to discuss and explain the coming changes.

We will be looking for volunteers to manage and support more of the programs our office has traditionally supported so that they may continue.

The first changes that you may have noticed is a delay in responding to voice mail and e-mail messages. Another change is the frequency of our award winning newsletter. The Frederick County 4-H Newsletter will now be published every other month.

Donielle Axline will have limited office hours as she absorbs the work load of two full-time 4-H Educators. Donielle has spent the past year and a half developing programs in conjunction with Frederick County Public Schools, the YMCA, the Frederick County Mental Health Association, and Frederick County Head Start. These programs are now well under way.

We will continue to keep all of you informed of programs and activities that will be cut and changes that will occur through our 4-H Newsletter and Listserv.

4-H Family's Barn Nominated for Campbell's Soup - FFA Barn Preservation Program

A Special Note from the Mackenzie Family :

Hi to all our friends and 4-H families! We sure could use your help!

The Mackenzie barn on **Just Wait and See Farm** in Union Bridge, MD has been selected to participate in the Campbell's Soup-FFA Barn Preservation Program for 2009.

This program's goal is to restore and preserve the agricultural icon "the old barn" for future generations. Ten barns have been selected throughout the United States to participate. The Mackenzie's barn was built in 1856 and is the only barn selected from the State of Maryland.



The rules allow each computer to vote once a day every day for the barn of your choice, the Mackenzie barn of course. Voting starts October 1, 2009 and ends January 5, 2010.

The five barns with the most votes

received will be the winners. For each vote received Campbell's Soup will donate \$1.00 to National FFA up to \$250,000.

So please help Jay, Jodi, and 4-H Prince Dalton Mackenzie to be the winners. Vote every day from as many computers as possible!

Please pass this along to all your friends and family to help us along the way.

Thank you for all your support!!!!

Vote at
www.helpgrowyoursoup.com!



Livestock Superintendents' Meeting

Frederick County 4-H Livestock Superintendents for the Great Frederick Fair will meet **November 3rd at 7:00 pm** at the Frederick County Extension Office.

We will review the 2009 Great Frederick Fair and begin making plans for the 2010 fair!

Please let us know if you are unable to attend!

Volunteer Forum

Don't miss the Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum in Ocean City! The forum will be November 20—22, 2009 at the Carousel Hotel. Frederick County 4-H will pay a portion of the registration fees for interested families. Contact Donielle Axline (dinskeep@umd.edu) for more information.

Registration packets are online at:

<http://www.maryland4h.org/4HFiles/volforumpack09.pdf>

Beef Sheep & Swine Club Meeting Dates

The Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep, and Swine Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center on Basford Road on the following dates.

- November 18, 2009
- January 19, 2010
- February 24, 2010
- March 17, 2010
- April 22, 2010

Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop:

June 19, 2010

**** To be eligible to sell a market animal at the Beef Sheep & Swine 4-H Club Sale at The Great Frederick Fair, 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. ****

Dates are subject to change.

BSS Club Parent's Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
University of Maryland Extension
Frederick County Office
6:30pm – 9:00 pm

Please register online at <http://frederick.umd.edu>.

Or call the office at 301-600-1589 to register for the meeting by November 27, 2009.



Spotlight on 4-H'ers



Victoria Detolla-Cole

Victoria DeTolla-Cole has been a member of Frederick County 4-H for 5 years. She is 13 years-old and is a member of the Paradise Paddock Pals 4-H Club.

Her 4-H projects this year include rabbits, poultry, horses, and veterinarian science. Her favorite projects are rabbits, poultry, and horses. Recently at the Maryland State Fair Victoria won Best In Show Rabbit with a castor mini rex buck! Victoria breeds mini rexes, mini lops, dutch, and satin angora rabbits.

Victoria enjoys exhibiting at fairs and shows the most. She thinks the element of competition keeps her growing in her projects and striving for excellence.

Outside of 4-H, Victoria is in the 8th grade, and active in the music and chorus department of her school. She loves to sing and is taking piano lessons.

On her downtime, Victoria likes to play videogames, be with her friends, watch movies, read, and play with her cats.



Drew Ridgeway

Drew Ridgeway was a Unionville 4-H Club clover for 3 years and is now in his 5th year as a member of the Unionville 4-H Club and the Frederick County 4-H Beef Sheep and Swine club.

His projects include Tunis breeding and market sheep, cooking, canning and gardening. His favorite project is his sheep. Drew enjoys watching his sheep have babies, raising the lambs, and showing his animals.

Drew's favorite 4-H events include going to fairs, participating in public speaking and taking part in demonstration day. Drew has also been on the Poultry Judging team for 4 years.

Drew is in the 8th grade at New Market Middle School where he plays the Snare drums in the band. He also enjoys playing soccer and has been a member of the LRC soccer team for several years.



Bradley Wastler

Bradley Wastler is a member of the Valley Youth 4-H Club and the Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Club. He's been in 4-H for 8 years. His 4-H Project is beef cattle.

Bradley became a member of Frederick County 4-H so that he could show beef cattle like his cousins.

His favorite 4-H event is the Great Frederick Fair. He enjoys exhibiting and helping new members with their projects. Bradley always looks forward to the beef market class to help him determine if he made a good choice when he picked out his steers and the feeds he chose for his steers.

When Bradley is not busy his 4-H projects he likes to ride his 4 wheeler and play basketball with his friends. He participates in tractor pulls on the weekend with his family. Bradley is a member of the Central Maryland Antique tractor club. He pulls an International 560 and a 1466 in the Hot farm stock class through Interstate Pulling. Bradley is also a member of the Middletown FFA Chapter.

Calico Clovers 4-H Club Visits the White House

On Friday, June 19, 2009, eleven members of the Calico Clovers 4-H Club and their families traveled to Washington, D.C. to tour the White House.

This was an exciting trip for the group. They were able to peer into the library, the Vermeil Room, the State Dining Room, the Red, Blue and Green Rooms and they walked through the East Room.

The 4-H'ers learned that the East Room is the largest room in the White House and the bodies of seven Presidents have lain in state there.

The President uses the Blue Room to receive guests. The Red Room has always been a favorite of the First Ladies and is used to host small receptions.

The Club members enjoyed viewing portraits of the former

Presidents and First Ladies, the artwork and the fancy furniture.

The 4-H'ers asked many questions and learned a lot about the history of the White House and the former Presidents.

While in Washington, the Calico Clover 4-H'ers also visited the Museum of American History where several members participated in a demonstration with Betsy Ross designing the American Flag.



Pajama Party

For its October community service project, the Unionville 4-H Club hosted a "pajama party." During the pajama drive, members donated 28 pairs of new kids' pajamas to benefit the pajamaprogram.org effort.

The goal of this organization, as featured on the 'Oprah' and 'Today' shows, is to provide new pajamas to local foster children and those hoping for adoption. In appreciation to Club members, the President for both the Frederick County and Maryland Pajama Program chapters, Penny Larson, stated that "28 children will be feeling happy, warm and cared about because of their efforts."



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4-H CALENDAR

October	20	7:00 pm	4-H Building Fair Superintendents' Meeting at the Extension Office
	25	2:00 pm	4-H Horse & Pony Banquet at Paradise Stables in Mt. Airy, Maryland
	27	7:00 pm	4-H Royalty Meeting at the Extension Office
	29	6:30 pm	Club Leaders Fall Meeting at the Extension Office
November	2	6:30 pm	Frederick County 4-H Club Leaders' Mandatory Meeting at the Extension Office
	3	7:00 pm	4-H Livestock Superintendents' Meeting at the Extension Office
	14	TBA	MD 4-H Horsemanship Level 4 Examiner Tests at Paradise Stables in Mt. Airy, MD
	17	6:30 pm	UME 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training at the Extension Office
	18	7:00 pm	Beef, Sheep & Swine 4-H Club at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
	20 - 22		Maryland 4-H Volunteer Leadership Forum
	21	7:00 pm	4-H Camp Center Basket Bingo Fundraiser at the 4-H Camp & Activities Center

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