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Where in the World is Donielle Axline?

In case you didn't notice the sudden disappearance of one of the Extension Educators during the fair, Donielle Axline and her husband, Bryan, became the proud parents of a little baby boy on September 22, 2010! That's right, a fair baby for the 4-H Educator!

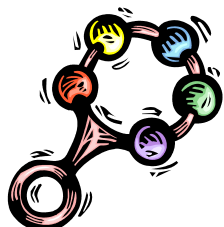
Gaige Machir Axline was born at 6:57 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs and measured 20 inches tall.

Donielle has been home taking care of little Gaige! She will return to the office in December, but with holidays most of us won't see her until January!



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Congratulations to Donielle and Bryan!

Welcome Gaige!

Ag Week at the Mall

4-H'ers and 4-H Clubs can prepare entries for the 2011 Ag Week at the Mall! We have the dates.

February 20 - 26, 2011
 Francis Scott Key Mall

We will take entries the afternoon of February 20th. Entries will be judged that evening.

Entry forms are available on our web site under forms!

4-H Presents!

The Frederick County 4-H Presents! Contest will be held March 19, 2010 at the Walkersville United Methodist Church. This year, the contest will re-combine Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests into one event.

Demonstrations will be judged in the morning, and Public Speaking will be judged in the afternoon.

Entry Forms are available on our web site.

Camp Counselors

Would you like to help younger kids learn the 4-H way in the outdoors?

Frederick County 4-H Camp will begin training camp counselors in February.

Camp Counselors learn leadership skills, help others, earn volunteer hours and scholarships based upon service!

If you would like to be a part of the camp staff, fill out the application online and send it to the 4-H Office by January 31, 2011!

4-H Volunteer Hours Needed

4-H Volunteers, please be sure to keep track of the hours you volunteer for Frederick County 4-H, and send us your hours on a quarterly basis. We are being asked to provide this information to the government

bodies providing us with funding. We are asking National 4-H to let volunteers enter this information in Access 4-H. For now, please e-mail us your hours quarterly.



MD 4-H Dog Project

2011 Dates for the MD 4-H Dog Project:

Dog Advisory Council Meeting – Saturday, January 22, 10:00-2:00, Maryland 4-H Center.

DOG BOWL CONTEST - Saturday, March 12, Fallston High School, Harford County – Same resources as 2010.

Program Leader:

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Livestock Skill-a-Thon

Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practices will be held:

January - each Thursday 6-7:30 at the extension office

February- each Tuesday 6-7:30 at the farmers market building at the fairgrounds (back of the 4-H building)

** Anyone is welcome to attend - do not need to have a livestock project. Skill-a-thon focuses on the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goat projects. Please register online.

MD 4-H Horse Art Contest

The **Maryland 4-H Horse Art Contest** will take place again this year during Horse World Expo on **January 20-23, 2011** in Timonium, MD. Entries must be received by no later than **January 10, 2011**. Entries will be judged the first day of the expo (January 20th) and will be displayed throughout the expo. You can also visit [our website](#) at for contest information and rules.

<http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/artcontest.html>



Horse Bowl

Want to know more about horses?

Want to show off what you know?

Horse Bowl may be just what you need! You do not have to be in the Horse Project or own a horse to participate!

Anyone interested should e-mail Reena Lentz at flyball@wildblue.net.



4-H Robotics

Want to learn about Robots?

Frederick County 4-H is looking for 4-H'ers and UME Volunteers interested in forming a Robotics Team! We will use National 4-H's Brand New Robotic Curriculum. If you are interested, contact Mike Kuster at mkuster@umd.edu.

UME Volunteer Training

UME Volunteer Trainings are now offered online! This great new opportunity provides volunteers many more chances to become UME Volunteers with the flexibility of participating from home.

Dr. Lisa Dennis has scheduled UME Volunteer trainings for the first half of 2011 as follows:

January 16th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
February 17th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
March 14th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
April 14th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
May 16th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
June 13th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm

Animal Science Leaders

The **Animal Science Leaders Forum** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 29, 2011** at Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD. This event is open to adult volunteers, teens (14 to 18 years of age), and UME staff working with all Animal Science project areas. We have talks on livestock, horse, and small animal areas.

Registrations, [available online](#), are due by January 7, 2011. Morning refreshments, lunch, and a notebook with materials from all sessions are included in the registration fee. Please note that we have a snow date of Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Officer Training

4-H Club Officer Training will be held Thursday, February 10, 2011 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Please register online for this event and provide your officer title.

Volunteers can register at the following site:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127>

We encourage all adults helping in any way, including parents, to go through this process.

Volunteers must have **completed all** their UME Volunteer **paperwork**, available [online at http://www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers/UME%20Volunteer%20Policy%20Forms/index.cfm](http://www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers/UME%20Volunteer%20Policy%20Forms/index.cfm). Paperwork must be sent to the Frederick County 4-H Office.

Volunteers should have access to a phone line as well as high speed internet connection (not dial-up).

4-H CALENDAR

December

- 17 4:00 p.m. **Beef Registration Papers Due to the 4-H Office**
- 22 - 1/2 **University of Maryland Extension's Frederick County Office CLOSED**

January

- 6 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 8 7:00 a.m. Frederick County 4-H Beef Weigh-In at the Frederick Fairgrounds
- 13 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 16 6 - 8 p.m. UME Volunteer Training Online
- 19 7:00 p.m. 4-H Building Superintendents Meeting at the Extension Office
- 20 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 20 6:00 p.m. Frederick County 4-H Fashion Revue Committee Meeting at the Extension Office
- 22 10 a.m. Maryland 4-H Dog Advisory Council Meeting at the Maryland 4-H Center
- 27 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 29 9 a.m. Animal Science Leaders' Forum at the Patuxent Research Refuge
- 31 4:00 p.m. Camp Counselor Applications Due to the 4-H Office

February

- 1 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 8 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
- 10 6:30 p.m. **4-H Club Officer Training** at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
- 11 4:00 p.m. **Ag Week at the Mall Entry Forms Due to the 4-H Office**
- 15 6:00 p.m. Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
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March

- 12 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl Contest
- 14 6 - 8 p.m. UME Volunteer Training Online
- 19 4-H Presents! Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests in Walkersville

Dairy Record Books

Colored Breeds Dairy Record Books will be evaluated on February 2, 2011 at the Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit Building

925 North East Street
Frederick, MD 21701.

Send them attention Bonnie. Please have the books into Farm Credit by February 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Spurrier at 301-898-9353.



Video Project

Are you an aspiring director, actor, or screen-writer?



4-H's new Video Project allows you to learn everything you need to be a successful videographer!

We are seeking 4-H members and volunteers interested in the 4-H Video Project. Volunteers with video experience are great, but an interest in learning and helping others learn works just as well!

If you are interested, contact Mike Kuster at the 4-H Office by e-mailing mkuster@umd.edu.

4-H Office Move

Frederick County Government will be renovating the Extension Office at some time in the near future. During that time, our offices will be moved to a brand new building off of Reich's Ford Road.

The renovations and move have been delayed multiple times (sometimes a few weeks before we were to move). So, you may notice a lot of stuff packed away at the 4-H Office and meetings not being held at the Extension Office.

At this time, we may be moving in March of 2011. Any renovations will take at least 18 months. We will do our best to keep all informed!

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**Happy Holidays
and Happy New Year!**

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