

February - March 2011

Ag Week At the Mall:

Come join the excitement as a club or with your family.

Sunday, Feb. 20

6-8 p.m. Exhibits and displays received at FSK Mall and set up.

4-H will be set up outside of Barnes and Noble.

Monday, Feb. 21

6-6:30 p.m. Cake and pie entries accepted for judging

7:30 p.m. Marcie Becker Memorial Cake and Pie Auction

(Are you a baker? Practice a new recipe for 2011 and try it out early this year)

Tuesday, Feb. 22

7:30 p.m. Registration for Ice Cream Cranking contest

(What a great club Activity)

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream Cranking contest

Wednesday, Feb. 23

6-8 p.m. FCPS Tech Fair (middle school students competing in events) and FFA members and advisors present with their displays

Thursday, Feb. 24

Young Farmers Night

Friday, Feb. 25

7:30 p.m. Roy Porter Memorial Log Sawing contest begins

8:00 p.m. Giant Ice Cream Sundae making by Frederick County Dairy Princess Committee

Saturday, Feb. 26

11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. 4-H Entomology Project members display

(Come support the Bug Patrol 4-H Club)

6:00 p.m. Scales N Tales demonstrations

7:00 p.m. Award Presentations: Recognition of Farm Family of the Year, Recognition of Royalty for the Year, Ag Advocate of the Year Award, & Agri Business of the Year Award

7:00 p.m. Registration for the Pedal Tractor Pull

7:30 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull begins promptly for registered participants

Sunday, Feb 27

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 4-H Display and Booth Pick Up



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4-H Presents!

The Frederick County 4-H Presents! Contest will be held March 19, 2011 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.

BINGO !!! Johnsville 4-H

Members of the Johnsville 4-H hosted bingo on Friday, December 17th for the residents of Homewood at Crumland Farms. They provided prizes for everyone.



Participants included from left front row: Jacob Gladhill, Amanda Shultz, and Luke Gladhill. Back row: Chelsea Dinterman, Kelli Ann Dubbin and Jessie Knott.



Johnsville 4-H on Friday January 21st hosted bingo for the residents at Homewood. We had 25 residents that participated. Participants included from left front row: Jacob Gladhill, Zachary Crum and Luke Gladhill. Middle row: Olivia Herbert and Amanda Shultz. Back row: Sydney Grossnickle, John Bush and Jessie Knott.

Frederick County 4-H Camp Center News !!!

Basket & Cash Bingo February 4th Doors Open at 5:30 pm
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** Clubs interested in volunteering at the event or interested in filling a basket please contact Stacey at 301-663-5358.

The camp center is also hosting a benefit dance to raise funds for the camp center for building & improvements. The band Sticktime will be at the camp center on March 26, 2011. Tickets are for sale for those 21 years and over. For tickets, contact Deb Frye at 301-668-2272. The event will also include silent auctions, tip jars, and a King Tut for money.

Any clubs interested in donating a silent auction item please contact Deb Frye at 301-668-2272.

Camp Staff Trainings

Camp Staff Trainings will begin March 3, 2011. We will meet every other week to plan our camp classes and receive training required by Maryland 4-H and the American Camping Association. All trainings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at DAS in the Walkers Village Shopping Center (138 Walkers Village Way, Walkersville, MD 21793) in Walkersville unless otherwise noted. Schedules will be handed out at the first meeting. If you have not signed up to be a Camp Counselor, please send your registration form to the 4-H Office as soon as possible. Forms are available on the 4-H Web Site.

Clothing and Fashion Revue Project Workshop

This year the Fashion Revue planning committee will be hosting a project workshop for 4-H'ers who are interested in the Clothing or Fashion Review projects. The workshop will be held on Sunday, March 20th at the 4-H Camp Center from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. At this workshop, 4-H'ers can learn how to start a sewing project as well as how to fix problems along the way. This workshop is open to any 4-H'er who has an interest in the fashion project. Please RSVP by March 9th to Bailey Roe at beebah2630@comcast.net.

**Mark Your Calendars for Fashion Revue!**

The 2011 Fashion Revue, including both construction and ready-to-wear projects, will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Entries are due to the 4-H office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3rd. This year our fashion show will take place at the FSK Mall!

Now is the time to work on your projects. If you need advice or assistance, plan to attend the Clothing and Fashion Review Project Workshop at the 4-H Camp Center on Sunday, March 20th from 1-4 p.m. All levels are welcome. For more information on Fashion Revue or the Clothing Workshop, please e-mail Bailey Roe at beebah2630@comcast.net.

Spring Goat Show

The Capering Kids 4-H Goat Club Presents the 1st ANNUAL SPRING FLING GOAT SHOW on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. For more information call the Allegany County 4-H Office at 301-724-3320.

Save the Dates: 2011 Junior Sheep & Goat Skill-a-Thons

The University of Maryland Extension Small Ruminant Program conducts two junior skill-a-thons for youth, ages 8 to 18.

The Junior Sheep & Wool Skill-a-Thon is held annually at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. This year it will be held Sunday, May 8, 2011, in the dining hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The competition is open to individuals and teams from any county or state. Pre-registration is requested by April 25th.

The Junior Goat Skill-a-Thon (covering all aspects of goat production) is held in conjunction with the annual Western Maryland Field Day & Sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center near Boonsboro, Maryland. Competition is open to individuals from any county or state. Pre-registration is requested by September 19th.

For more information, visit these web pages:

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html>

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/goatskillathon.html>

Or contact Susan Schoenian, Sheep & Goat Specialist at sschoen@umd.edu.

Next Goat Club Meeting

Next Goat Club meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st at 7pm - Linganore Grange Hall in Unionville.



PATAPSCO UPDATE- Lyndsey and Rhiannon did a great job talking with Ranger Steve McCoy. He was very impressed and very supportive. He'd love to work with us to find some good trails and overnight camping. More on this to come in the spring!

OHIO PACKGOAT RENDEVOUS- The gathering for east-coast packers will begin June 23rd at Forked Run State Park. These gatherings are weekend camping events for the packgoat community and usually includes folks of all ages. Very family friendly. If you are on Facebook, look up "Ohio Regional Packgoat Group" for the invite.

2011 PLANNING MEETING- More to come on this ... would like to work in an opportunity to possibly hike as well as plan the calendar of events, but still working on venue.

POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP- We're planning to do the cleanup near the C&O in Brunswick again this year, April 9th, so mark your calendars now! If you would like to borrow a set of bucket panniers to get your goats practicing and get them used to the sound and feel of the buckets please let me know!

GOAT TREATS- We've been experimenting with recipes for "goat cookies". Below is our latest which seems to hold up well and the goats love them. Experiment, have fun, and share your recipes with the group!

1 C Oats	1 C Wheat Flour
1/3 C Peanut Butter	3 Large Shredded Carrots
1/4 C Dried Cranberries	A Little Water (forgot to measure)

Put everything but the water in a bowl and start to mix. Add just enough water to create a workable dough.

Create teaspoon size "cookies" and place on a greased sheet. Bake in a preheated 300 degree oven for at least 30-45 minutes, turn oven off and leave until cool.

Trying replacing peanut butter with molasses for a sweeter treat. Anise oil would give the treats a nice licorice flavor. This is in the commercial treats which our goats are wild for.

For more information on the Pack Goat Project contact Brian Talbert at brian.talbert@gmail.com

Beef, Sheep, & Swine Club Sale Committee



February 16, 2011 6:30 pm 4-H Office: individuals interested in assisting or serving on the committee should attend our 2011 BSS Club Sale Planning Meeting.

Jr. Dairy Club Reminder

Jr. Dairy Club's next activity will be ice cream making at Ag Week at the Mall on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. ... See you all there.

Upcoming Beef, Sheep, & Swine Club Dates:

- 2011 Meeting Dates: Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center 7:00 pm
- February 23, 2011
 - March 24, 2011
 - April 27, 2011
 - May 17, 2011 (Snow Date)
 - May 22, 2011 (workshop)
 - October 6, 2011
 - November 16, 2011

***To be in good standing to be sale eligible each member is required to attend 4 meetings or 3 meetings and 1 workshop. A member may have up to 2 excused absences due to illness, or a "graded" school function, sporting events are not excused. All requests must be sent prior to the start of the meeting in which the excused absence is being requested, to BSS Club Vice President Konnar Miller at millerjkn@comcast.net

Dairy Bowl Practice

New Location: Dairy Bowl Practice will begin on February 26th 7-9 p.m. at Glade United Church of Christ; 21 Fulton Ave.; Walkersville, MD. For more information contact Cindy Rhoderick - waylufarm@aol.com or 240-367-7619.



Frederick County 4-H will be hosting the annual Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up July 5, 2011-July 7, 2011. The three day event will highlight workshops and fieldtrips designed for all Maryland 4-H'ers carrying projects in the areas of Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and new this year- DAIRY. Registration will be limited to 80 youth participants. More information regarding speakers, workshops, and trips will be available in April 2011.

Tractor Supply Clover Card

Enrollment is open for the TSC Clover Card! As 4-H youth, staff, families, volunteers, and alumni - you can sign up for your free, exclusive card at the TSC website. You will receive periodic printable coupons via e-mail and a 10% off introductory coupon just for joining. In addition, each time you make a purchase at a TSC store and use your card, your club will be entered into a random monthly drawing to win a \$500 TSC gift card! The TSC Clover Card is not a discount card.

Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practices

February: Every Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office in the Large Conference Room. Livestock Skill-a-Thon is open to any 4-H'er interested in the Beef, Goat, Sheep, or Swine Project. You do not need to have an animal to participate.

4-H CALENDAR

February	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
	17	6 - 8 p.m.	UME Volunteer Training Online
	20 - 26		Ag Week at the Mall
	22	6:00 p.m.	Livestock Skill-a-Thon Practice at the Extension Office
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
April	5	6:30 p.m.	Achievement Night

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2011 Horsemanship Standards Program

Included are the 2011 dates for the various Horsemanship Standards Program events being offered this year and the 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meetings. Locations are TBD (unless listed) and will be identified and added to the Maryland 4-H calendar.

Examiner Trainings/Testings

February 26 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Training: Levels 1-4 Cecil County

February 27 - Horsemanship Standards Ratings and Standards Seminar for Examiners: Levels 4-6

April 23 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Testing: Levels 4-6

May 21 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Training: Levels 1-4

August 13 - Horsemanship Standards Ratings and Standards Seminar for Examiners: Levels 4-6

October 8 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Testing: Levels 4-6

4-H Member Preps/Testings

April 2 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Prep

June 5 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Testing

Sept 10 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Prep

October 22 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Testing

Maryland 4-H Horse Advisory Meetings:

Save the Dates

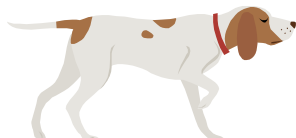
May 25 - 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meeting (Location TBD, 7:00 p.m.)

November 12 - 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meeting (MD 4-H Center, 9:30 a.m.)

For more information, please contact Extension Horse Specialist, Kristen Wilson at 301-596-9478 or via e-mail at kswilson@umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl

The 2011 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl which will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Fallston High School in Harford County. If you are interested in attending the state dog bowl and representing Frederick County please contact Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu or by calling the 4-H office at 301-600-1589. County registrations and questions are due February 18th along with the state \$5.00 per individual participation fee.



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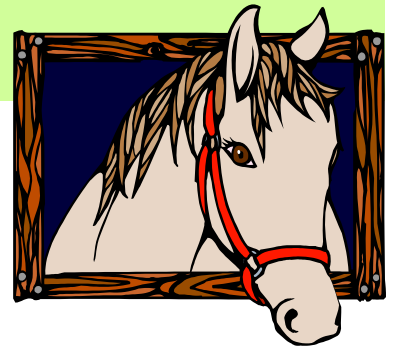
Congrats & Kudos



Congratulations to Elena Fredrikis for receiving the honors of Champion Junior in the photography contest at the 4-H Horse Art Contest at the Maryland Horse World Expo. Way to Go !!

Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl

The Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest has been scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the Plant Science Building at the UMCP campus in College Park, MD. Registrations are due by Friday, February 25, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. and will only be accepted by the county office. If you are interested in Horse Bowl and are not currently participating in the practices please e-mail Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu



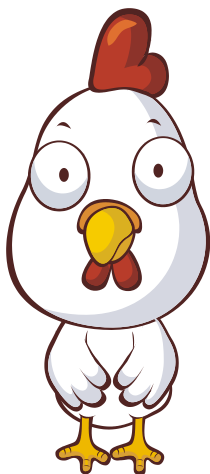
MD 4-H Horsemanship Standards Monthly Learning Lessons

The Maryland 4-H Horse Program has created a new resource titled "**MD 4-H Horsemanship Standards Monthly Learning Lessons**". The purpose of the Monthly Learning Lessons are to provide 4-H Leaders with topics and resources to teach at their monthly club meetings. We have identified a broad topic for each month and have included suggested subtopics in order to help create a more focused learning plan. For each month, the state will create a list of learning resources, online instructional resources, and activities for club members to utilize. Resources are color coded by appropriateness to specific Horsemanship Standards levels. Please note that these can also be utilized for educational opportunities within 4-H clubs not participating in the Horsemanship Standards Program and for 4-H members studying for a specific level on their own.

For a list of the monthly topics and for January's lesson in more detail, please visit <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/Monthly%20Learning%20Lessons.html> For Questions Please Contact, Kristen Wilson, Extension Horse Specialist at kswilson@umd.edu



Frederick County 4-H Youth Development 2011 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 University of Maryland 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 \$0.85 per chick.

4-Her's 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.

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 **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. You will be contacted with the arrival date once the total order is processed.

**ORDERS ARE DUE IN THE 4-H OFFICE BY MARCH 11, 2011
PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

2011 BROILER PROJECT ORDER FORM

DUE MARCH 11, 2011 TO: THE FREDERICK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
4-H DEPARTMENT
330 MONTEVUE LANE
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21702

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ I would like to order: _____ chicks at \$0.85 per chick. (multiples of 25)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Payment is **DUE** at the time of order. Please make checks payable to **Frederick County EAC**
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Administrative Notes From The 4-H Office . . .

Some things to remember when you need help from the 4-H Office:

- The 4-H Web Site offers many forms you may need. (<http://Frederick.umd.edu/4-H/>. If the forms are not online, then . . .
- Please call ahead for materials. This will ensure that we have the forms needed or, we can place an order. Especially as we prepare for our move, we will be packing away forms, and not all forms will be available for walk-ins.
- You may leave forms and other information in the large BLACK MAIL BOX near the entrance of the office. Checks or confidential materials can be put in the green box near the front door. This is locked at all times and is secured. Write 4-H Office on envelopes left in the mail-boxes.
- We will try to return your phone call as soon as possible. Please call the main number 301-600-1589. For quicker responses from Donielle and Mike e-mail is best, as the Educators are not in their offices each day due to programming of site.
- The office closes at 4:30 p.m. so please try to drop off any forms before 4:00 p.m.
- If you would like to meet with Donielle or Mike, please call to schedule an appointment. They have a lot of programs they are supporting and their schedules change often without much notice.
- The newsletter has a wealth of information that you should put on your OWN CALENDAR AT HOME. The 4-H CALENDAR (in the newsletter and online) lists events/deadlines that are sent into the office.

Seminar for Leaders: Eight Key Elements to a Successful Club

February 24, 2011 presented by UME 4-H Specialist Dr. Lisa Dennis from 6:00–8:00 p.m. via webinar.

Description: Organizing a 4-H club is a fun and rewarding experience for UME 4-H volunteers and young people alike. An excellent way to ensure a successful 4-H club is to focus your planning around the Eight Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development. Participants will learn the eight key elements to a successful 4-H Club. This class will be offered via webinar. Participants must have a high speed internet connection as well as be able to connect via telephone.

To Sign Up go to: <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=159> or for questions contact Dr. Lisa Dennis at 410-651-8330.

Needed: Achievement Night Planning Committee Members

Currently, the 4-H Office is in the planning stages for our 2011 event. If you are 14 years or older and would like to serve on the planning committee please contact Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu by March 4, 2011.

Contributing Writers for the 4-H Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing? Are you the reporter or historian for your 4-H club? We would love to see your work in the next 4-H Newsletter! If you are interested in publishing an article or photos of your club hard at work in the 4-H newsletter then contact the 4-H Office. Articles and photos may be sent to dinskeep@umd.edu. Please include a brief description of the event and participants.

Attention Seniors & College Freshman Scholarships Available

The Frederick County Agri-Business Scholarship is being offered in 2011 and is due to Larry Remsburg by March 31, 2011.

Frederick County 4-H is offering two \$250, two \$500, and one \$1,000 scholarship for 2011. Applications are due to the 4-H office by March 1, 2011.

Applications are available at the 4-H Office or via e-mail. Please contact Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu for more information.

Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night

Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night is scheduled for April 5, 2011 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activities Center in Jefferson, MD. A social will begin at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments followed by our awards recognition at 7:00 p.m.

4-H'ers will be recognized for their record book achievements, diamond clover awards, and achievements on judging and bowl teams.

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