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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the **first week of February 2023**. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu, by **January 21, 2023**.

If you need special accommodation for a 4-H program, event, or activity, please call 301-590-3210 or e-mail jshriver@umd.edu.

The Montgomery County 4-H is excited to welcome Arnelle Quashie as our new Extension Educator. You can find Arnelle's Bio in the "Spotlight" section" of this newsletter.

The Montgomery County's 4-H Office Staff Wishes all the 4-H members a season filled with warm moments and cherished memories.

Be safe and healthy in 2023



December		
4-H+NASA! Mission: The Sun	December 15	Please contact Mark DeMorra at mdemorra@umd.edu
International Outbound Opportunities!	December 15	Please contact Carrie Wivell at cwivell@umd.edu
2022 Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show	December 17	Join the Facebook Group "Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show" for more information
Beef Steer Registration	No later than December 30	Please contact Chis Boher at Chris@maplelawn.com, or Emely Morris at emilywarnock@hotmail.com
January 2023		
Record Books, Resumes, Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 Reports, President 's Volunteer Service Award nominations, Club Youth Nominations. Portfolio & Out-of-State Trip applications	January 9	MoCo 4-H County Office
Beef Weigh- In	January 7, at 7:00 AM	Montgomery County Fairgrounds. For more information, please contact Chis Boher at Chris@maplelawn.com, or Emely Morris at emilywarnock@hotmail.com
4-H Enrollment	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
February		
The National 4-H Healthy Living Summit	TBD	

4-H Dairy Fun Day	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
MoCo 4-H Award Ceremony	February 25 7:00 PM Snow Date March 4	Heritage Room, Gaithersburg Fairgrounds
March		
Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
The National Agri Science Summit	TBD	
Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
Maryland 4-H State Dairy Skillathon	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
April		
Stare Horse Communication Contest	TBD	Information will be sent through 4-H Online
Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest	April 29	UMD, College Park, MD

4-H+NASA! Mission: The Sun

**Registration closes December 15, 2022
11:59 PM**



“4-H+NASA! Mission: The Sun” is a STEM-focused *virtual* event series designed for 4-

H Intermediate youth (Program age 11-13). Their Mission: Using participants’ provided “Mission Supply Pack,” to engage

in numerous hands-on activities and experiences to learn about NASA and its missions, STEM careers, Astronomy, our solar system, Heliophysics (Sun or Solar Science), and Earth's role in all of it! Co-developed by Maryland 4-H and NASA **HEAT (Heliophysics Education Activation Team)** at Goddard, this program aims to use the sun to engage audiences with STEM concepts in a new and exciting way!

Information about this program can also be found on the Maryland 4-H STEM website on the new "4-H & NASA" page under "STEM" on the left-hand menu.

Event Details

Dates: Thursday evenings, **February 2-March 9, 2023** (February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9)

Time: **5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

Location: **Zoom**

Eligibility

This event is open to enrolled 4-H youth members who are 4-H program age 11-13. 4-H program age is the youth's age on January 1, 2023. The event is limited to 30 youth participants. Once the event is filled, a waitlist will be established.

Fees

There is a \$35.00 fee for this event. Youth will receive a "Mission Supply Pack" containing a number of materials needed for their mission. Mission Supply Packs can be picked up from 4-H offices free of charge, and mailed to youths' homes for an additional \$15.00 postage fee.

How to Register

Registration for this event will be via 4-H Online. You can find an Event Registration "how to" guide on the Maryland 4-H website.

For questions, please contact Mark DeMorra, Maryland 4-H STEM Specialist, at mdemorra@umd.edu.

International Outbound Opportunities!



Registration closes December 15, 2022

This year Maryland 4-Hers have the opportunity to explore the world and become culturally aware in 3 different outbound locations, Japan (4 & 8-week programs), Costa Rica (4-week), and South Korea (4-week). Each outbound opportunity provides a unique cultural immersion experience. Delegates will experience aspects of daily life that allow them to deeply understand both their host culture and their own! **Applications are due no later than Dec 15.**

Program fees include lodging, meals, transportation, camps, and cultural

excursions throughout the program. Scholarships are available through States' 4-H upon application approval.

For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Carrie Wivell at cwivell@umd.edu.

2022 Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show

Presented by the St. Mary's County Wild Things 4-H Club

Entry Fee: \$0

Entry Deadline: Midnight December 17, 2022

The virtual horse show will be based on videos depicting the 4-H member demonstrating the task(s) of the class they are entered into. Short video clips of the horse/rider combination will be uploaded to YouTube and a link will be placed on the Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show Facebook Group.

For more information, questions, and the listing of classes and patterns for the clover and non-riding classes, join the Facebook Group "Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show"

Due in January

If you plan to do a Record Book for this

year, please refer to the guidelines you received in November through 4-H Online.

In addition, please:

1. Ensure that the President's Volunteer Service Award paperwork is at the end of each Record Book, if applicable.
2. Place a rubber band around each Record Book so the book stays together.
3. Contact a 4-H Staff to be available to receive the Record Book(s.)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu.

Please have the following items to the County 4-H Office **on or before Monday, January 9, 2023.**

FOR MEMBERS

- **Resumes**

Resume Information Format

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/ann-e-arundel-county/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms>

- **Record/project books** are due to the 4-H County Office **by January 9, 2023.**
- **Completed Diamond Clover Reports for levels 1 – 4.**

Please use the Maryland 4-H Website for a sample of the Diamond Clover Reports

- **2023 President’s Volunteer Service Award** – Forms must be completed and turned in to the 4-H County Office by **January 9, 2023**.

<https://extension.umd.edu/progrAMs/4-h-youth-develoPMent/progrAM-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diAMond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

ANIMAL Science News

Maryland Beef Webinar Series: Wintering Bulls & Cows

December 13, 2022, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Virtual

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/maryland-beef-webinar-series>

Join the UME monthly beef cattle webinar series on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 PM-8:30 PM. During this session, UME will discuss tips and considerations for managing cows and bulls through the winter.

Steer Weigh-In and Tagging



January 7, 2023 at the Montgomery County fairgrounds. Those who wish to show a steer

MUST attend and complete the livestock

registration form beforehand. More information to follow.

4-H Dairy Fun Day



February Date TBD.
Information will be sent through 4-H Online.

Come learn about, practice and try your hand at Dairy Skillathon, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and Dairy Educational Experience.



Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon

February Date TBD. Information will be sent through 4-H Online.

The 4-H Dog Skillathon event provide 4-H members participating in county 4-H dog clubs and programs the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of dog related subject matter in a competitive setting.

Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl

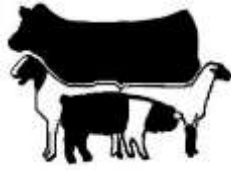


March Date TBD. Information will be sent through 4-H Online.

The primary objective of the Horse Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in the 4-H horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

March Date TBD, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Information will be sent through 4-H Online.



The Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of animal science and management.

Practices are usually held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. However, there is a chance of hybrid practices.

No prior knowledge of livestock required.

Maryland 4-H Dairy Skillathon

March Date TBD. Information will be sent through 4-H Online.



The 4-H Dairy Skillathon offers age-appropriate quizzes and stations that are designed to test

youth knowledge of the dairy industry. The stations include visual diagrams and questions to demonstrate dairy related knowledge.

State 4-H Horse Communication Contest



April Date TBD. Information will be sent through 4-H Online

The Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting.



Maryland 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

Date April 29, 2023. UMD College Park, MD.

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl offers age-appropriate quizzes and match questions that are designed to test youth knowledge of the dairy industry. The practical application of the contestants' knowledge and skills is emphasized.

National Youth Summit Series

2023 Dates TBD. Information will be sent through 4-H Online.

The National Youth Summit Series brings together some of the best and brightest youth to focus on immersive STEM, agriscience, healthy living, and photography learning opportunities. Designed for high

school students (grades 9 – 12), the Summits provide opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities, workshops, and engage with nationally-recognized leaders as well as their peers from across the country.

Healthy Living Summit

During the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit, youth participants will develop knowledge and skills in addressing today's health related issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional wellbeing through interactive workshops.

The structure of the summit maximizes the Amount of hands-on learning experiences for youth. Participants will attend workshops led by professionals in health and wellness fields and work together to create action plans they can implement in their local communities.

Agri-Science Summit

During the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit, youth participants (youth in grades 9-12) will meet youth from across the country to discuss current issues in agriculture and learn about Agri-science careers.

Fair Chairpersons

Thank you to the Fair Chairpersons that attended the post-fair zoom meeting. Thank you for your feedback for the 2023 Fair Catalog. We welcome any other

comments that you might have by January 27, 2023.

Camp Tawasentha

Teen Camp Leaders!

Its time! Camp Tawasentha 2023 is already in its planning stages. In January, we will begin the selection process of our Teen leaders for the summer. If chosen, you will be required to participate in monthly trainings, with a day of training, possibly on site, in order to be able to be a leader at camp for the summer. Topics such as program planning, Ages & Stages of childhood development, risk management, leadership and communication are included. Dates for camp for 2023 are July 9-14.

Please watch your email for an invitation to sign up for your leadership interview for 2023 Camp Tawasentha! Interviews will be held February 5, 2023 at the 4-H office in Derwood. If you previously attended camp and are of leader age, you or your parent should have received an invitation by email. If you did not receive the invite by 12/15/2022, please reach out to Anne Clagett, clagettmom@gmail.com.

If you have not been to camp before, are interested and are 14 years old or above, you would qualify to be a Teen leader for next summer. Please reach out to Anne Clagett, clagettmom@gmail.com to be included in the interview process.

In search of 4-H Indoor Building Fair Judge and Chairperson Coordinator

Do you enjoy the Agricultural fair and wish you were more involved? The MoCo 4-H is looking for a 4-H Indoor Building Fair Judge and Chairperson Coordinator. The coordinator will work with the Montgomery County Agricultural Center to search for new fair judges when there is a vacancy. In

addition, the Chairperson will contact present judges to ensure their availability for judging on entry day. Chairpersons will be selected through a search from 4-H Member volunteers. The outgoing Agricultural Fair Judge and Chairperson Coordinator will provide training.

Please contact Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu for more details.

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SPOTLIGHT



Arnelle N. Quashie

Montgomery County New 4-H Extension Educator



Arnelle N. Quashie (*pronounced Kwa- Shee*), M. Ed. is the newest member in the Montgomery County 4-H community as the Extension Educator.

Arnelle's career in Education spans over 15 years. From outdoor education with Outward Boston, K- 12 education with Boston Public Schools, and collegiate education in Vermont and Maryland, Arnelle is passionate about helping students find their power, strength, intelligence, and voice to advocate for themselves.

Arnelle, whose pronouns are She/ They, is a very proud first- generation Haitian- American who grew up in Boston, Massachusetts. As a teen, she had her first outdoor education experience with Outward Bound, which has and continues to shape them.

Several years after graduating from McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College), Arnelle moved from her hometown of Boston, Massachusetts- by way of Vermont- to Maryland in 2017. They have established a community for herself and her family in West Baltimore, where she is very active.



Arnelle found joy in gardening and is completing their 2022 internship year as a Baltimore City Master Gardener. Additionally, she enjoys the outdoors and being active- a strong presence in the Baltimore City running community. When they are not working, they enjoy being a volunteer with their local run group Back on My Feet. Arnelle is always up for an adventure, hiking, camping, and sporadic road trips are always a great idea!

Though Arnelle is new to 4-H, they are excited to be a part of the growth and development of 4-H'ers and volunteers in Montgomery County.

Cheers to a New Year!

CLUB CORNER

D **DAMascus** **Community** **Club**

FALL FUN

By Christy Graybeal

This fall the Damascus Community 4-H Club had two fun events - the annual Harvest Party, kindly hosted by the Korzeniewski family and an afternoon of ice skating at a local rink. At the Harvest Party, the older members arranged fun games for the younger members including corn hole and bobbing for marshmallows. Each family brought a dish to share with the club. Everything was delicious! The ice skating was a real hit, with several members and their families attending. The club had chosen ice-skating as a club bonding activity. In summary, club members enjoyed some fun events over the past weeks and, best of all, got to know one another better.





4-H VIRTUAL HORSE SHOW

Presented By

ST. MARY'S COUNTY WILD THINGS 4-H CLUB

Open to ALL Registered Maryland 4-H Members ages 5—18 (as of January 1, 2022)

****Clovers & Non-Riding Classes Available****



Videos are due by Midnight on
December 17, 2022



Class Winners & High Point
will be awarded



For more information or questions
join the Facebook Group
"Wild Things 4-H Virtual Horse Show"

HORSE SHOW CLASSES

IN-HAND TRAIL TRAIL

ENGLISH EQUITATION

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

18" & 2' OVER FENCES



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EVENT!!**



**BEST OF LUCK TO
ALL ENTRIES!!**



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