



Frederick County 4-H News in August-September 2024

What an amazing summer we had!

A huge THANK YOU to all our 4-H club leaders, volunteers, partners, and families who came together and worked hard all year long to help our 4-H'ers in developing their skills to be able to confidently exhibit their animals and projects at all the fairs!

And congratulations to all our 4-H'ers who worked their hearts out all year and all week long! You guys did an amazing job and you continue to impress us with your level of hard work, dedication, expertise, and comradery.

Our Frederick County 4-H family is incredible and we loved getting to see so many of you over the last several months. Thank you for all that you do to make the best better for our community!

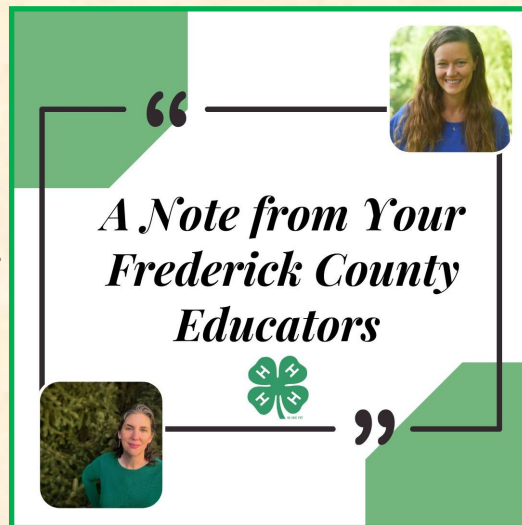
Warmest regards,

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The Great Frederick Fair



We are so proud of all of our 4-H'ers and all they accomplished!



Exciting News!

Maryland State 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging Contest

Frederick County did well at the Maryland State 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging Contest. The contest consisted of judging & placing classes of live White Leghorn Production hens, giving oral reasons, judging eggs on interior, exterior, and broken out qualities, grading market poultry, grading processed poultry products, and a parts identification.

All those that judged did a great job and Dave Crum appreciates each one judging this year. Thank you to the parents for the time that they put into getting the children to the practices and for their help. Thank you to Ada S. for designing the shirts, she did an awesome job.

We are looking to expand our teams for next year. You do not need to have poultry or be in a poultry club to judge in the contest. Just willing to learn and to have fun. Our practices start around the first of July and go to the time of the contest, which is usually on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Practices are usually once a week and are held around the Walkersville/Libertytown area.

Seniors have an opportunity to win a trip to compete at the national Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. While in Louisville, you will get a change to sight see and meet 4-H'ers from across the United States. Very cool experience. In the past, the top senior received a \$2,000 scholarship to the University of Maryland. If you are interested in finding out more about Poultry & Egg Judging for next year, please contact Dave Crum at 240-446-6841, email davec@messicks.com or crdv93@comcast.net.



Ada, Kaiya, Dylan, Landon, Myla, and coach Mr. Dave



The gang consisting of 4-Hers and parents wearing their new shirts after the awards ceremony.



Mr. Dave, Ada S., Kaiya S., Dylan R., Landon S., Myla S. displaying the results of the contest.



This year the team had shirts made up representing our Frederick County Poultry & Egg Judging



On the junior team, from left to right:
Kaiya S. placed 2nd in live birds, 1st in reasons, 1st in market poultry, and was 1st overall.
Dylan R. placed 2nd in market poultry and was 6th overall.
Myla S. placed 1st in live birds, 2nd in reasons, and was 2nd overall.
The Junior team placed 1st overall in the contest.



In the intermediate division, from left to right:
Ada S. placed 1st in live birds, 1st in reasons, 3rd in the egg division, 1st in market poultry, and was 1st overall.
Landon S. placed 5th in live birds, 2nd in reasons, 5th in the egg division, and was 5th overall.

Exciting News!

Maryland State 4-H Horticulture Judging

Frederick County 4-H members were well represented at the Maryland State Horticulture Judging Contest at the Maryland State Fair on August 31. The contest consisted of identifying flowers, vegetables and herbs, fruits and nuts, ornamentals (trees, shrubs, vines), and pests (pests, weeds, and diseases) and 8 quality judging classes. The senior contestants also had a written exam consisting of 40 questions. The contest is based on the National Junior Horticulture Association identification lists.

In the Junior division, the team placed second. Individually, Emma F. placed 1st in Flowers, Fruits and Nuts, and Pests, 4th in Ornamentals, 2nd in Vegetables, and first Overall. Eli O. placed 1st in Ornamentals, 2nd in Flowers, 5th in Vegetables, 6th in Fruits and Nuts, 3rd in Pests and 3rd Overall. Finley C. placed 6th in Flowers, Ornamentals, and Vegetables, 5th in Fruits and Nuts, 7th in Pests and 6th Overall. Aubrey H. placed 7th in Flowers, Ornamentals, Fruit and Nuts, Vegetables, Pests and 7th overall. Nathan S. placed 6th in Pests, 8th in Fruits and Nuts and Vegetables, 10th in Flowers and Ornamentals, and 8th Overall. Matthew H. placed 8th in Flowers, 9 h in Ornamentals, Fruits and Nuts, Pests, 10th in Vegetables, and 9th Overall.

In the Intermediate division, Penelope C. placed 1st in Pests, 3rd in Flowers, Fruits and Nuts, and Ornamentals, 4th in Vegetables, and 3rd Overall. Abigail S. placed 5th in Flowers, 6th in Vegetables and Pests, 7th in Ornamentals, 8th in Fruits and Nuts, and 5th Overall.

Participating in the Open Division were Kira A. (1st), Bobear A. (2nd), and Joni E. (3rd).

Bobear A. represented Maryland 4-H at the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska on Oct. 11 through 14. He participated in the National Horticulture Judging Contest in the Honors Category. Bobear placed first in the contest and first overall competing against everyone! He was the Grand National Winner on one of the photos he entered. He also received National Champion on two more photos he entered. He also had an art entry, creative writing, poetry, relishes, and canned fruit.

Members locally were coached by Myrtle Sturtz, 4-H Volunteer and Susan Trice, Horticulture Educator/Master Gardener Coordinator University of Maryland Extension, Frederick County.



Pictured are, front row; Nathan S., Finley C., Emma F.; middle row: Abigail S., Penny C., Coach S., Kira A.; and back row: Coach Trice, Joni E., Bobear A.

4-H News

Character Counts Awards



Congratulations to all our 4-H'ers who were awarded the Character Counts awards on September 13th! Hearing the stories of how each of you displayed exceptional character to encourage and motivate others in your club was inspirational!! Keep shining your light in this world!

Archery



4-H Volunteers, youth and families were hard at work preparing space at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center to bring back the Archery Project in Frederick County. Please reach out to our office at 301-600-1589 or email Dawn Downing at

ddownin1@umd.edu if you are interested in helping provide this opportunity to our 4-H youth. Big THANKS to 4-H volunteers Mike Stauffer and Margaret Pierre-Nanan for helping bring this project back! More details coming soon for Archery opportunities for Archery in 2025!

Scholarship

Congratulations to Caroline C.!

Caroline C., of Thurmont, was a 2024 F. Grove Miller Memorial Maryland State Fair Scholarship winner. Clark, an animal science major at the University of Maryland, College Park, has been a 4-H livestock exhibitor at the Maryland State Fair since she was a child, and continues to exhibit at the fair.



Urbana Library Starlight Movie

Erin and Margaret had a great night on August 15, 2024, at the Urbana Library Starlight Movie event showing the movie Migration. Talked with LOTS of families about 4-H and helped kids learn more about bird beak adaptations.



Club News

Kaleidoscope

The Kaleidoscope 4-H club had a very busy August and September! In August, the club participated in a Scrapbooking workshop to work on Fair entries. The August club meeting involved some fun games and making/sampling three different options for our milkshake contest entry. The club voted on "Lemon Pie" as the winning milkshake flavor! September brought a flurry of Fair activity! Members participated in The Maryland State Fair and The Great Frederick Fair - entering numerous exhibits and showing many animals. The end of September, the Club participated in the Walkersville Community Show's Milkshake Making contest. For the third year in a row, Kaleidoscope 4-H brought home First place in the Youth Division! The club is looking forward to an exciting Fall to end out a successful year!



Shookstown

It's hard to believe this year is almost over. Shookstown Club has had a busy second half of the year, so far. In July, we had our club picnic/craft day. Everyone worked on club crafts that were entered at the Frederick Fair. We had a great turnout and a good time had by all that were there. In August, we enjoyed a scrapbooking day with the Kaleidoscope Club. There was a lot of hard work and laughter, from both kids and adults. Thank you to the Kaleidoscope club for providing pizza for everyone. We can't wait to do it again. September was a busy month for everyone, between the Fair and some kids entered at the Thurmont Community Show as well. There were many ribbons received for the different projects. All the kids should be very proud. I know the leaders are. For the rest of the year, we have a few community service projects the club is doing. We will be packing Good Samaritan boxes and continuing making Christmas cards to be given to different nursing homes. Hope everyone has a great remainder of the year!!



Club News

Entomology

Members of the Frederick County 4-H Entomology Club spent most of Saturday, June 8th looking at and collecting insects at various locations before heading back to the Dahlgren Campground to cook dinner. As in the past, the members surprised thru hikers on the Appalachian Trail by asking them to join club members for a dinner of spaghetti, green beans, and garlic bread toasted over a fire.

The club then invited the thru hikers to stay for a campfire where they served s'mores, fruit cobbler, and hot chocolate. In return, the thru hikers told the club members some of the exciting things.



Rabbit Raisers

Rabbit raisers have been busy prepping for fair which is the most exciting time of the year for most! In August we did our final crafts for our club display in the youth building which we won 1st place in!!! We had our showmanship demonstration with Ella and Mrs. Tatiana at the meeting. We also took rabbits to the C Burr Artz Library and had over 200+ people come to learn about rabbits and 4-H. Fast forward to September and it's fair time where our club did a landscaping display and won 1st place! At the showcase of champions Rabbit Raisers had a huge presence as well! Our club really has been doing some amazing things the past few months and putting in the hard work. We celebrated with an ice cream social at Fair. Our club also participated in the open house at the extension office and we hope fall brings cooler weather and some new cool members!



Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

News from October/November - Friday, December 6, 2024

News from December/January - Friday, February 7, 2025

Please email submissions to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

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