



July 2021

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Purchase Homemade:

- Cakes
- Pies
- Cookie Jars
- Breads
- Candies



New
Venue!

Frederick County 4-H
2021 CAKE AUCTION
October 10, 2021 at 5 PM
Downtown Community Room at ERUCC
15 W. Church St. Frederick, MD 21701
(Formal Invitation to Follow)

Check out the NEW 4-H and UME Website!

Frederick County's 4-H page:
<https://go.umd.edu/4HFrederick>

University of MD Extension:
<https://extension.umd.edu/>
(to access Agriculture, Master Gardener, 4-H state pages)

By purchasing a baked good Item, you help fund:

- Animal Science, Nutrition Education, Environmental Sciences, and Leadership programs
- In-school programs, like Embryology, Ag Literacy, and our Kids Growing with Grains field trip
- Scholarships and 4-H Curriculum in Community Programs
- 4-H Camp where campers can meet, learn, and have fun in a safe environment

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[Frederick County Website](#)



ANNOUNCING: 4-H Showcase and UME Open House

Join Frederick County 4-H at the **4-H Showcase October 9-14th** in celebration of National 4-H week to highlight the exciting accomplishments of our 4-H'ers and their project work during 2021.

4-H'ers may enter indoor exhibits for judging (Watch for the new STEM department!) receive premiums, and participate in the 4-H CAKE AUCTION, in addition to clubs providing demonstrations to the public.

This FREE event for the community will be held at the Downtown Community Room on West Church Street in Frederick. Daily hands-on activities and giveaways will be offered to 4-H members and the public to learn about 4-H and the University of Maryland Extension.

SCHEDULE: SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 10/9 Indoor Exhibits Accepted for Judging
Sunday 10/10 Culinary Day & the 4-H CAKE AUCTION
Monday 10/11 STEM Day
Tuesday 10/12 Outdoors & Gardening Day
Wednesday 10/13 Animal Science Day
Thursday 10/14 Last Day Open to the Public
Friday 10/15 Entries released to Families

Awards and Premiums will be awarded for individual and club entries.

Entries for the 4-H Showcase & the 4-H CAKE AUCTION will open August 1st through 4-H Online.

FREDERICK COUNTY 4-H Showcase



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We know our area youth are looking forward to the 2021 fair season and we are excited to hear about their positive experiences. Last year's stories were so inspirational, that we're hosting our second virtual showcase contest and **we need your help spreading the word!**

Who is eligible?: 4-H and FFA youth, ages 8-18

Must reside in [our footprint](#)

Youth enrolled in a livestock, dairy, horse, poultry, or rabbit project

** Immediate family members of MidAtlantic Farm Credit Staff or Directors are not eligible to apply.*

How to enter? Answer the following questions in either a **written essay** of no more than 500 words, or a **video** no longer than three minutes:

What is one new skill you learned this summer with your fair project?

How can this experience positively influence your future?

Awards: Cash prizes and ribbons for the Top 5 in both the Junior and Senior Division of the essay and video contest.

We will also select a Champion and Reserve Champion winner of the video and essay competition.

Deadline to Apply: All essay and video **submissions are due by 11:59pm on September 15, 2021** and must be submitted electronically.

How can you help? Please help spread the word to your local 4-H and FFA communities by forwarding this email or sharing the link mafc.com/showcase on social media.

If you're interested in serving as a guest volunteer judge for the contest, please [email Johanna Rohrer](#).

For more information go to:

<https://go.umd.edu/2021farmcreditshowcase>



Frederick County 4-H Virtual Livestock Sale Thursday September 23, 2021

- Frederick County 4-H members enrolled for 2021 may sign up to participate in the 4-H Virtual Sale.
- **Registration for the virtual sale will be through 4-HOnline <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning August 1, 2021.**
- The market sale will include the following projects: Beef, Goats, Goat Product Baskets, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits & Turkeys
- All Frederick 4-H members in good standing in their respective market project areas may register to be in the virtual sale to receive add on donations to help with their future projects.
- A member does not need to sell an animal to be listed in the sale to receive add on donations.
- No commission fee will be charged to the members for the sale of their animals or the processing of add ons.
- A credit card fee will be charged to the buyer.
- Sale Guide for Members and Buyers will be sent via email.

Frederick County 4-H would like to shout out a **HUGE Thank You** to **Benjamin Cronkite** for choosing to complete his Boy Scout Eagle project to benefit the 4-H Camp Center.



Benjamin did an **AMAZING** job restoring the campfire area! Thank you so much!!



Maryland 4-H Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Program

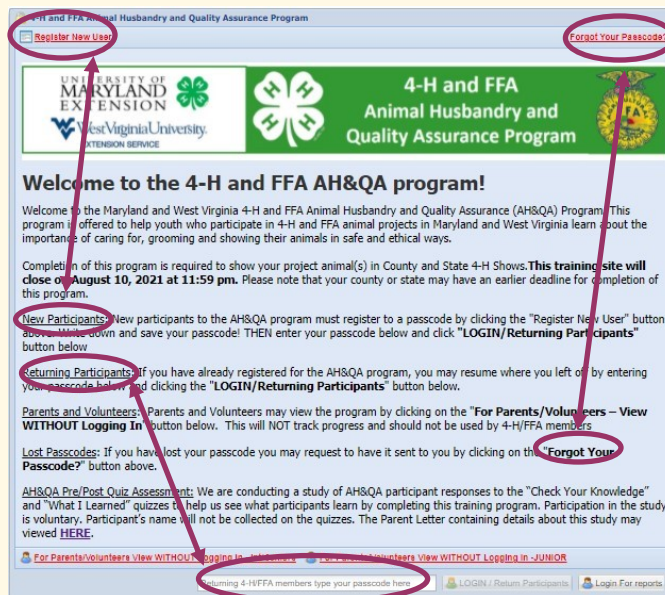
NEW Extended Due Date! All youth exhibiting their 4-H animals are required to complete the AHQA program **by July 30, 2021.**

Links for your use:

- UPDATED for 2021: [AH&QA Program Guidelines](#)
- Link for website to complete AH&QA program (see screenshot below): <https://ahqa.umd.edu>
- Please Read (signature placed in online system): [AH&QA Pre-Post Test Study - Parent Consent /Youth Assent Letter](#)

Helpful Information:

- '4-H age' is the age your child was ON January 1, 2021.
- 4-H member only needs to complete the AH&QA training 1 time in EACH level:
 - **Junior Level (4-H ages 8-10)** 4-Her MUST complete *Jr Intro AND Jr Program*:
 - IF your 4-Her has aged up to JUNIOR (4-H age 8)
 - OR has not had an animal project before (Juniors 4-H age 8-10)
 - **Intermediate Level (4-H ages 11-13)** 4-Her MUST complete *Int/Sr Part 7 AND for EACH animal species project as designated in their 4-HOnline record*:
 - IF your 4-Her has aged up to INTERMEDIATE level (4-H age 11)
 - OR has not had an animal project before at Intermediate level (4-H age 11-13)
 - OR has ADDED an animal project this year that they did NOT have last year, they MUST complete for the NEW Animal Species.
 - **Senior Level (4-H ages 14-18)** 4-Her MUST complete *Int/Sr Part 7 AND for EACH animal species project as designated in their 4-HOnline record*:
 - IF your 4-Her has aged up to SENIOR level (4-H age 11)
 - OR has not had an animal project before at SENIOR level (4-H age 11-13)
 - OR has ADDED an animal project this year that they did NOT have last year, they MUST complete for the NEW Animal Species.
- Check 4-HOnline 'Enrollment' tab for animal projects they selected during enrollment as well as AH&QA trainings completed previously at: <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Intermediate/Senior (4-H ages 11-13/14-18) AH&QA has 2 parts that must BOTH be completed. *Int/Sr Part 7 AND for EACH animal species*
- Each 4-Her MUST be signed in with their own unique passcode in order to get credit for completion. Check and make sure the name appears in the top right corner after logging in with the 4-Her's unique passcode.
- **IMPORTANT!** At the end, please click on the "Print Certificate" button, even if you do not wish to print it (though we recommend you keep this certificate with the project record book). **This is what submits the notification so that we can see it has been completed.**
- If you click on the red 'For Parents/Volunteer's' links at the bottom and complete, your child's name will NOT be connected to that completion, as the certificate will say 'Guest.'
- Any questions, please contact Erin Kline at erkline@umd.edu with your child's name, 4-H age and animal projects.



4-H CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Description	Location
Tuesday, July 20	7:00—8:30pm	Volunteer Office Hours with the MD 4-H State Office	STEM focused Volunteer Office Hours	Via Zoom— Register at https://go.umd.edu/julyofficehours
July 30 (NEW Extended Due Date)	12:00 midnight	DEADLINE: Quality Assurance (AH&QA) online training program	See page 4 for details	https://ahqa.umd.edu
August 15		DEADLINE: Club Annual Financial Documents	Drop off in green locked box on porch at 4-H Office.	330 Montevue Lane, Frederick MD 21702
Aug 26—Sept 6		Maryland State Fair	http://www.marylandstatefair.com/	2200 York Road, Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093
September 15	7:00—8:30pm	MD 4-H Volunteers' Association General Membership Meeting	General Membership Call with 4-H Volunteers from across the state.	Via Zoom at https://umd.zoom.us/j/94604103643 Meeting ID: 946 0410 3643 Call in at 1-301-715-8592 enter: 94604103643#
Sept 17—25		Great Frederick Fair	https://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/	797 East Patrick St, Frederick MD 21701
September 23		4-H Virtual Livestock Sale	See page 3 for details. Registration will be open in 4-H Online August 1	https://v2.4honline.com/
October 9—14		4-H Showcase and UME Open House	See page 2 for details. Registration will be open in 4-H Online August 1	15 W Church St, Frederick, MD 21701

Maryland State Fair & Frederick Fair



Website for entries in the Maryland State Fair:
<http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4hffa>

Website for entries in The Great Frederick Fair:
<https://thegreatfrederickfair.com/the-great-frederick-fair/participate-in-the-great-frederick-fair/>

The winners of the 2021 Darren Kennedy Scholarships are:



Zachary Taylor Spurrier – He will be attending Wilkes University, studying Mechanical Engineering.

Zachary Crum – He will attending Frederick Community College studying Health and Exercise Science.

We wish them a successful future!

Restoring Maryland 4-H In-Person Programs

Baseline Conditions as of July 1, 2021.



LOCATION

4-H Activity may be held outdoors or indoors.

- **Outdoors:** Physical distancing restrictions have been lifted. Please continue to respect the personal space and comfort level of participants.
- **Indoors:** 4-H activity must comply with local school system directives on physical distancing.



DIRECTIVES

4-H Activity must comply with local directives for indoor or outdoor gatherings. *Please note, some 4-H activities are required to follow additional guidelines (i.e. camp & overnight activities).*



SIZE

There are **no** restrictions on capacity sizes. 4-H activity must comply with local school system directives on physical distancing. All 4-H activities must include **at least 2** UME Volunteers or 4-H Faculty/Staff leaders. Please be mindful of 4-H youth/adult ratios.

- 1 adult volunteer for every 10 youth ages 8-18.
- 1 adult volunteer for every 5 Cloverbud members ages 5-7.



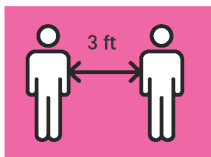
HEALTH PLEDGE

All youth and adult participants must affirm they are well enough to participate in the 4-H activity when signing the attendance form for the 4-H activity. Individual health pledges will no longer be required.



FACE COVERING

- **Outdoors:** 4-H, as guided by the Maryland Health Department, strongly recommends that all non-vaccinated individuals over the age of 2 continue to wear face coverings in all outdoor settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Indoors:** 4-H activity must comply with local school system directives on mask requirements indoors.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

4-H activity must comply with local school system directives on physical distancing.



HAND HYGIENE

All 4-H Activity participants must have access to supplies for hand hygiene (hand sanitizer, sink with soap and water, etc).



CLEANING

Cleaning and sanitizing supplies must be available. High-touch surfaces and shared equipment or materials must be sanitized.



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Feeling cooped up? Looking for a contest to try? How about the 4H Poultry & Egg Judging contest?

Poultry and Egg Judging may be just what you are looking for. There are 3 age divisions Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

Our contest has 3 parts, we judge:

1. place 3 classes of White Leghorn Production Hens
 2. judge eggs based on interior, exterior, and broken out qualities
 3. parts identification, and grade market hens.
- 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 will start in July and go to the time of the contest which is on **Saturday Sept 4th**.
 - We usually have practice once a week and practice is held around the Walkersville/Libertytown area.
 - Seniors have an opportunity to win a trip to compete at the National Contest held in Louisville, KY.
 - While in Louisville, you will get to see and meet 4-Hers from across the United States. In the past, the top Senior received a \$2,000 scholarship to the University of Maryland.
 - If interested, please give Dave Crum a call at [240-446-6841](tel:240-446-6841) or email at crdv93@comcast.net or davec@messicks.com



Frederick County 4-H Horticulture Judging Training

Come join us for 4-H horticulture judging training. Some on-line, some in-person.

We will be learning to identify many plants that are commonly used in each of the following categories: flowers, vegetables & herbs, ornamental plants, fruits, nuts, & berries. We will also study some of the common pests: insects, diseases, and weeds. Older members will need to learn horticulture information from the National Junior Horticulture Association Manual at <https://njha.org/>

Susan Trice and some Master Gardeners will be helpers. Plans to meet on-line will be once a week. Time to be determined but will be recorded for later viewing.

To sign up please contact Myrtle Sturtz at mosturtz17@gmail.com.

Club News

Naturalist

Last year, since we couldn't meet in person, many of our members engaged in the Homegrown National Park program. This is a program to increase biodiversity for the planet by encouraging people to set aside part of their own land as a wild space with native plants.

This year our club is learning about nature photography. We've had three wonderful guest speakers give presentations at our virtual meetings. In February, **Jack Turner**, wildlife photographer (<https://jackwildlife.square.site>), shared with us how to photograph wildlife and how to use a camera in general. In March, **Mike Raupp**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland, discussed insect and macro photography and cicadas. Also in March, **David Turell**, a nature photographer, showed us many of his photos from around the world and described how he had taken them.



Arbor Day tree planting

Each of our members contributed to the Homegrown National Park project for Arbor Day on April 30th, by planting redbud trees (*Cercis canadensis*) at our homes. We received these trees as a donation from **Anne Kerns**, a Cunningham Falls State Park naturalist. Our club planted 20 trees in total.

The Frederick 4H Naturalists meet on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm at Cunningham Falls State Park, Manor Area. Our plan is to start meeting in person in July! Come join us! For more information contact Katie (catherinenehring@gmail.com) and/or Sarah (smay543@gmail.com).

Written by **Kira A.**



Photo by Alberto Rodriguez

Club News

Alpha Alpaca

Let's Get Ready For Summer: Alpaca The Picnic!

Our club has been busy these past few months. In April, we participated in the annual Bring-A-Broom event, located in Downtown Frederick. This was a community service event dedicated to beautifying the sidewalks & streets by sweeping, scraping and mulching. Our club was placed at Citizens Way and Court Street. We worked as a team and divided & conquered! And we all had a great time!



During the Spring, we've been brainstorming all sorts of fundraiser ideas and decided to collect clothing and household items for donations to a thrift store company for resale to raise money for our club. It was a fantastic way to get motivated for Spring Cleaning! Our goal is to collect 5 contractor bags from each family in our club, meet the minimum weight amount of donations, and hopefully raise \$500!

Recently, our club had our Alpaca Choosing day where club members walked & talked with many different alpacas to find out which one they wanted to work with & train over the coming months as we prepare for competitions at the State Fair, as well as the Great Frederick Fair happening September 17th-25th.



And last but certainly not least, the club had a full day of fleece & fun at the annual Alpaca Shearing Day! We had excellent attendance, and were able to shear almost every alpaca on the farm. No 4-H'er was ever bored as there were always things to be done. We had groups who helped with Herd Health, multiple 4-H'ers blowing out the alpacas preparing to be shorn, and even the parents got to join the action by helping to hold the alpacas steady during the shearing.

We hope you enjoy the Summer months, stay safe!
Respectfully Submitted by Alpha Alpaca's Co-Reporter, Jaedyn F.



Club News

Calico Clovers

Hopefully, the May meeting will be our last via Zoom! At our April meeting, we discussed preparing Mother's Day gift bags as we did last year. Everyone agreed to bring items to fill the bags with. We also had some very interesting demos at our April meeting. **Zach** told us how to prevent the mama pig from rolling on top of her babies. **Kaylene** and **Ava** told us how important it is to take care of cats.

Our May demo's included **Kelsey** giving a demonstration on how to make your very own lava lamps. **Grace** taught us how to shear sheep. We also discussed what kind of prizes we want to give away at the Jefferson Carnival which will be taking place this year. We have a few games that we have done in the past and will have them again at the carnival. Ms. Sally shared thank you notes from some of the ladies that received Mother's Day gift bags. Once again, we got very positive feedback!

Stay safe!

Sam, Calico Clovers Reporter



Middletown Valley Dairy

Recently in 4-H we have been very busy! We have had multiple 4-H meetings. For our April meeting we went to the **Osbaugh's** house and we had a hoof trimming demonstration. The whole club learned a lot and had lots of fun!

For Mother's Day the club planted flowers for our mother's. Along with planting flowers we visited the **Derr's** farm and had a farm tour. We also collected snacks for the troops.



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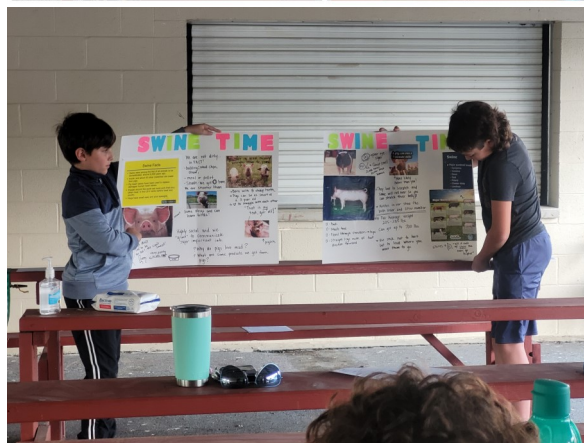
Libertytown

In April, our club prepared for the spring and summer growing season by planting sunflowers in peat pots to plant out in our gardens after Mother's Day. We all logged into our Zoom meeting to learn about invasive plants, the Farmer's Almanac, growing zones and how to read a seed packet. Other club members are starting to plan for their livestock projects. Our club also did a Chick-fil-A fundraiser.

In May, we had our first in-person meeting in over a year! It was good to see everyone. **Beckett** gave a presentation on pigs. Did you know that pigs can't sweat, and they can run a 7 minute mile? We also did a community service craft making homemade tied scarves to share with the community later this year. Together we made 26 scarves!

We are looking forward to having more in-person meetings this summer!

Submitted by **Cash R.**



Club News

Rabbit Raisers

Our April meeting was held April 8th, 2021. We had our first in person and virtual meeting at the Frederick Fairgrounds. (2 Pictures above inside meeting and Ella demo) At this meeting we played a question and answer game in which club leader **Mrs. Tatiana** would ask someone a question such as "What is your favorite dessert". Then the person who was asked the question would respond with their favorite dessert such as ice cream, cake, etc. **Ella B.** did a breed ID about the Californian rabbit. She talked about how to pose along with what you want in a show quality Californian. At the meeting we discussed different ideas for community service projects that our club could do such as bringing bunnies to nursing homes once it is safe, having food drives, or writing letters to people in nursing homes. **Mrs. Tatiana** also discussed with us about how the Frederick Fair was going to look this year. She informed us that in order to show a rabbit this year you have to own it by August 1st. She also advised us not to purchase any rabbits outside of the state of Maryland in order to prevent the spread of the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease.

Our May meeting was held May 13th, 2021 both virtually and in person at the Frederick Fairgrounds. At this meeting our club leader **Mrs. Tatiana** started off by asking the club if we had any questions about rabbits. One person asked about food and what to feed their rabbits. It was also discussed that agility along with other events for rabbits are in the works to be added to the rabbit show at the Frederick Fair. **Mrs. Tatiana** reminded everyone that they have to own a rabbit by August 1st, to make sure that their rabbit has a pedigree, and that their rabbit is tattooed in order to show at the fair. Later we played Rabbit Jeopardy and some of the questions were, "What are sore hocks?" and "Who knows what ear mites are?". Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 10th both in person and online.



Club News

Rabbit Raisers Continued

2021 ARBA SHOW RESULTS from some of our members:

**Richmond Rabbit Breeders Association Show Ruther Glenn, VA
(Picture with members mentioned standing outside with masks)**

Alexis - Best of Breed for Holland Lops Best of Breed Richmond VA
Gra-Booski's Hulk, SSB (Alexis Picture with rabbit and glass award)

Ella- Best Opposite Sex for Californian

Simon- Best Opposite Sex for Californian

Ben- Best of Breed for Californian

Paige - Best of Breed for English Lop and Flemish Giant in BOTH youth shows.

Reserve Best in Show with her BOB English Lop

Emma - Best of Breed for Mini Rex

Sawyer-Came to cheer everyone on!!

**South Mountain Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Show
Biglerville, PA**

Alexis-Best of Breed South Mountain,PA Gra-Booski's Twinkle, BSD
(Alexis pictured with Rabbit and Mask)

**Garden State Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association Show Au-
gusta, NJ** (Picture of Ben and Alexis together)

Ben-Received 3 BOB and a BOSB

Alexis-Day 1 saw a BOSB in Show A and BOB & BOSB in Show B, Day 2 was a BOB in Shows A & B
Congratulations to you both on a very successful show!! (5 pictures of Alexis in Orange Apron or teal shirt
above, please choose the ones you have room for)



Club Member Highlights—We always have an interest in what our club members are doing outside of anything related to Rabbits.



- Club President, **Ben C.** was awarded the highest achievement attainable in the Boys Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout Rank on April 10th. His project was restoration of the 4H camp center campfire area. Please take a look at his finished service project when visiting the camp center during the Summer! Congratulations **Ben** on obtaining your Eagle Scout Award!!
- **Ben C.** was also awarded Rabbit Raisers 4H Club's Outstanding Member for the 2020 year. This award was announced at our virtual achievement night on April 13, 2021.

Wishing everyone a fun and relaxing Summer!

Respectfully Submitted by Club Reporter, **Emma G.**

Club News

Valley Urbanites



The Valley Urbanites continue to meet virtually. At our April meeting, a new member, **Eryn**, was introduced. For the program, **Maggie** showed the members the horse she has been riding for riding lessons. She showed the members how to put the saddle on the horse and also the bridle. Members really enjoyed her talk. Our community service project was KidsHelpingKids at Home Bookmark Making Kit through Comfort Cases. Members decorated 40 bookmarks donated by the Shoemaker family. These bookmarks add a special personal touch by showing children in foster care that other kids care about what they are going through. The members enjoyed decorating the bookmarks.

At our May meeting, gardening was the theme for the program. **Isaiah** showed how to make a toad house. **Elias** made a rain gauge out of simple materials. **Rhiannon** showed the members samples of different fruits and vegetables and they had to identify each sample. It was a fun meeting!

We are looking forward to summer and in person 4-H Activities!!



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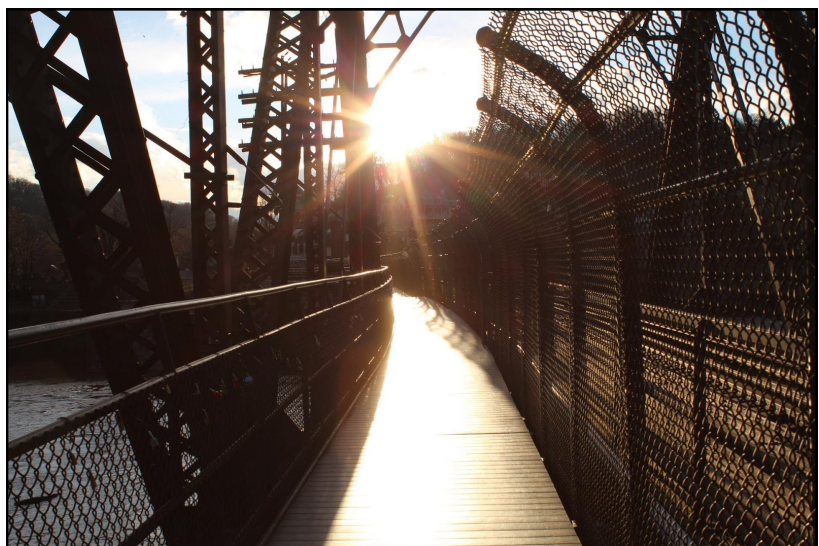
Shutter Speed

Shutter Speed (formerly known as 4-H Achievers) held a club achievement night in April. The meeting focused on preparing and sharing some of our favorite pictures we have taken over the course of our photography project. These photos represented the best examples of each photography activity completed, showcasing the skills required to take such intrepid photos. Some standout photos showed mastery of black and white usage and an understanding of the use of different forms of natural light, both of which can be seen here.



This photo shows a deep understanding of black and white contrast and the delicate balancing required to take such a focused image. Photo by **Peyton M.**

The May meeting featured a guest speaker, **Eric Stuyck**, who specializes in sports photography and capturing motion. He gave insightful advice on the art of anticipating the action in order to be in the right place at the right time to capture dynamic events. The club members showed him some of our favorite photos that displayed our attempts to capture movement. Using the advice **Mr. Stuyck** provided further advances the development of the club's photographic prowess, especially when focusing on subjects normally in motion.



This photo shows some of the results one can achieve through the usage of natural light. Photo by **Ian E.**

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