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Frederick County 4-H Newsletter

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Spring is springing and we hope you are enjoying the warmer weather!

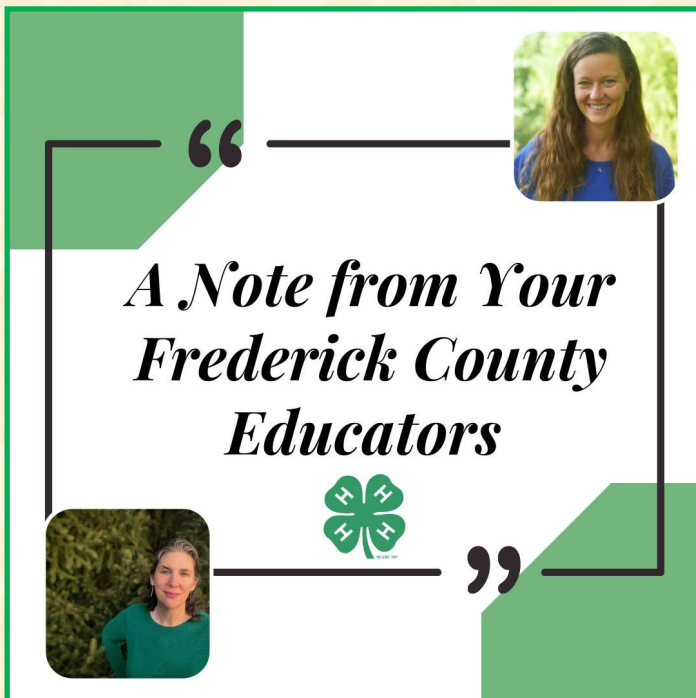
I saw this quote recently, "In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move." We are definitely moving and grooving in the office with many events and activities coming up soon, so please be sure to check your emails and read through your SPARK thoroughly and keep us updated on the activities that you are doing with your clubs. We love to be able to celebrate, share, and highlight the incredible work that you are doing with your 4-H'ers and out and about in the community.

As always, if you have any questions please reach out, we are happy to help!

Signed,
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Events

Jefferson Ruritan



Anna presented at the Jefferson Ruritan in March. It was a great opportunity to be able to share about Frederick County 4-H with our local community!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Teen Council 4-H'ers did such a great job planning and leading crafts, and Rabbit Raisers 4-H Club members were amazing sharing their rabbits, at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event on March 23rd. Frederick County 4-H is super proud of you all!! Thank you so much for sharing your time and being such great leaders at the event!



Sabillasville Environmental School Farm-to-School Day

Ms. Anna and Ms. Joi (FCS Educator) had fun at Sabillasville Environmental School—A Classical Charter Farm-to-School day! They quizzed kids on some fun cow statistics (do you know how many gallons of water a dairy cow drinks in one day?), did an experiment to see how dish soap interacts with the fat molecules in milk, learned about the products that come from milk and even made butter! Kids also learned how to make sausage, applebutter, plant lettuce and more! It was a fun day exposing kids to the wonderful world of Agriculture and STEM!



Member Shoutouts



Congratulations to all of our Frederick County 4-H'ers on their hard work at the Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skill-a-thon Competition!

Congratulations to our Frederick County 4-H'ers who won awards at the Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest!

Olivia B.
Michael B.
Leon C.
Adalyn E.
Everyn H.
Hailey H.
Liam K.
Atley S.
Aubree S.
Dannika W.



Congratulations to our Frederick County 4-Hers on their participation at the Dairy Skillathon!

Congratulations to all our Frederick County 4-H'ers who were recognized at the Maryland 4-H State Achievement Program on February 18th.

College of AGNR Project Scholarship
Horticulture Judging High Senior

Bobear Anderson
Frederick County

Mid East Dairy Herd Improvement Scholarship

Rianna Chaney
Frederick County

Sandy Spring Bank Scholarship

Kendall Cole
Frederick County

Animal Science Project & Record Award - Poultry

Nathan Cronkite
Frederick County

Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Wyatt Davis
Frederick County

Irene G. & Nicholas A. Porter Scholarship

Emmalynn Greeves
Frederick County

W. Lawson King Memorial Scholarship

Kallan Latham
Frederick County

Mid East Dairy Herd Improvement Scholarship

Caroline McDonald
Frederick County

College of AGNR Project Scholarship
Hippology High Senior Individual

Stella Otto
Frederick County

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Welcome Our New 4-H Program Assistant!

Please help us welcome our new Frederick County 4-H Program Assistant!



"My name is Margaret Pierre-Nanan, and I have been a Frederick County resident for the past 8 years, mother of two Kriston (son), Tamour-Lin (daughter), and wife to Cassie Nanan for 33 years. You may possibly know me in my role as mom to "Tami", formerly from "The Entomology Club", aka "The Bug Patrol", 4-H Tailwaggers Club, but most of all I believe(or I think) as a Park Nature Instructor-Interpreter with Catocin Creek Park & Nature Center, in Middletown for 12+ years. I am also a certified Maryland Master Naturalist for the past 12 years along with a certified Master Gardener going strong 10+ years.

My 4-H experience is that of a mother and seeing and knowing the amazing things that the 4-H community has to offer to all as a family-wise. Some of my favorite things about 4-H are Character Building, Public Speaking and Making the Best-Better as you can see exemplified in my family. My role with the Frederick County 4-H is as the part-time Program Assistant, and I am truly excited to put my best foot forward in all areas."

Become a 4-H Volunteer today and help create life-changing experiences for youth in your community!

4-H Volunteers are a key component of the 4-H program. No matter your background or expertise, as a parent, a project leader, or any other leadership capacity, you can offer your unique talents, perspectives, and guidance.

- Lead community clubs, school-based or after-school programs, and camp settings
- Create community service opportunities for youth in your area
- Work with other adults to create fun and exciting programs



For more information and forms go to: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/frederick-county/local-4-h-youth-education/ume-volunteers>

What are the steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer?

Enroll in 4-HOnline as a Volunteer to start the process.

- Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- If you already have a family profile, while in your "Member List" click on "Add Member" and then complete *New Applicant* as your Volunteer position.
- If you are brand new to 4-H, please create a new account and then select *New Applicant* as your Volunteer position.

After you complete your enrollment in 4-HOnline, you will receive an email from Kim Krasauskis with the following steps for completing your 4-H Volunteer On Boarding:

- ◇ **1. Background Check:** Once you complete your 4-HOnline enrollment (#2 above), the Maryland 4-H office will send you an invitation email around the 1st or 15th of the month (depending on when you submitted your enrollment) through vendor *Sterling Volunteers*. **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIVING THE INITIAL EMAIL FROM TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteer.com or you will be DISMISSED by Maryland 4-H for one year and unable to volunteer with 4-H until completing the onboarding in 2024.**
- ◇ **2. References:** An *Adobe Sign* email will be sent to your 3 references listed in your 4-HOnline Screening, so they can complete the reference form digitally. Please let them know in advance so they can watch for the email coming from kkrasaus@umd.edu.
- ◇ **3. Volunteer Orientation Training -Please watch [this 4-H Volunteer Orientation Video](#)** and then complete the Orientation Survey. I will automatically receive a notification of your completion of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training Survey.
- ◇ **4. Phone Interview** - To select a sign up time please go to: <https://calendly.com/erklined/4-h-volunteer-phone-interview>
- ◇ **5. Signing an Appointment Agreement and Position Description** via an *Adobe Sign* email that will be sent to you after Steps 1-4 are completed.

**** A 4-H Volunteer cannot work with 4-H Youth until ALL the above steps are completed and the 4-HOnline record is approved by both the State office and our local Frederick County office. The volunteer will receive a welcome email after all steps and approvals are completed and they are cleared to work with 4-H youth.**

If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Kim Krasauskis at kkrasaus@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

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News and Notes from the Great Frederick Fair:**New Website:**

We have revamped our website with a new user-friendly look! Check it out at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

Scholarships:

Scholarships for 2024 are now OPEN! The Great Frederick Fair is excited to again offer TEN \$1,000 scholarships along with TWO \$2,500 Joe Free Memorial Scholarships. Additional sponsored scholarships may be available closer to fair; information TBA. (Ambassador applications will open in July and close August 15th)



Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/thbtSq4WhuKwFnFW9>

- Deadline to apply will be May 15th, 2024

Reminders:**Beef weight checks:**

The scales will be available to use again this year to check the progress of your steers. They will be open the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (except for April). Please use this link to register so we know who will be coming each month. <https://forms.gle/7DNAcqsPGxrfZaGu6>

- May 14th
- June 11th
- July 9th
- August 13th

Save the Dates:

- June 1st – Swine Weigh-in
- June 3rd – Sheep/Goat Weigh-in
- Sept 10th – Pass pick up & Royal Ambassador Program
- Sept. 13th – 21st – The Great Frederick Fair

**Eligibility Requirements:**

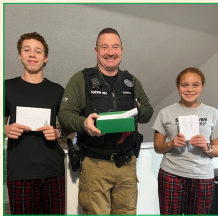
- All youth must be a member in good standing of either Frederick Co. 4-H, FFA or the GFF Youth Program. The GFF Youth Program is strictly for those individuals that are NOT participating in 4-H or FFA.

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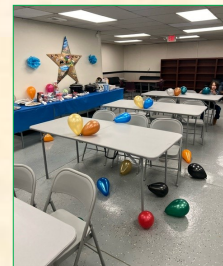
Club News

Rabbit Raisers

In December we had our Christmas party. The kids in the club enjoyed picking a gift from Santa’s sack, played a fun game of White Elephant, played hungry-hungry hippos with marshmallows, and enjoyed a pot luck. Our community service project was to give thanks to our Police officers, Firefighters, Fair board, and nursing home residents by making Christmas cards.



In January we had our achievement night where we honored our members and many club helpers/donors. Our new officers were inducted with a fun fruity game We enjoyed a hot Chocolate bar with homemade cookies. Everyone received an award for character counts and project completions. We also visited tranquility nursing home as a community service project for the club with our rabbits. Reporter: Gianna S.



Entomology

The Entomology Club had a great time at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. It was a cool experience to remember for lifetime!



Club News

Kaleidoscope of Projects

The Kaleidoscope of Projects 4-H club had a very busy December and January! In December, the club held their annual Christmas party at the Frederick County 4-H Office. At the party, members enjoyed some delicious food, made over 100 paper Christmas orb ornaments for Nursing Home Residents, and played some fun holiday themed games. As a thank you to those who have assisted the club during 2023, they assembled several cookie trays to distribute. To finish off the month, the club caroled at North Hampton Nursing home and hand-delivered all the paper Christmas orb ornaments they made. In January, Kaleidoscope members went to I Made This Pottery in Frederick to make ceramic projects to enter in the Fair. Everyone really enjoyed creating some fun items! Reporter, Ainsley H.



Please consider sending club updates and photos! Not too many were received for this newsletter. We love to be able to celebrate, share, and highlight the incredible work that you are doing with your 4-H'ers and out and about in the community.

Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

April/May - Friday, April 12

June/July - Friday, June 7

August/September - Friday, August 2

Please email submissions to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

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