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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the first Friday in June 2019. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu, by May 24, 2019.

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

2019 SHOW LIKE A PRO DAIRY WORKSHOP

Registration February 15 – April 15, 2019
Workshop: June 8 & 9, 2019

What is the Show Like A Pro Dairy Workshop? The workshop is set up to simulate conditions at a real fair/show and the activities are interactive and individualized to your level. No matter if it is your first or last year to show, you will leave with new knowledge and abilities.

Please be aware of the New Registration Guidelines:

- Acceptance is capped to the first 100 participants, don't delay! NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have a large group, register early!

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Only fully-completed (not partial) registrations will be accepted (photos, IDs, etc.)

To make it fair for all participants, only POSTMARKED registrations will be accepted for the “first registration” prize.

We are excited to host participants again this year! Check back regularly for information! [http://showlikeapro.org/](http://showlikeapro.org/)

**JUNIOR WATERSHED STEWARDS ACADEMY**

Register by Sunday, April 14, 2019

Academy: May 11 – June 22, 2019

New! The Junior Watershed Stewards Academy offers an exciting educational opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who are interested in nature and science. Through this unique and fun experience, students learn about their watershed and local environment while developing skills to take action in protecting their local waterways.

The Junior Watershed Stewards Academy runs on for six sessions on Saturdays, May 11 – June 22 (no class on May 25th). Classes will take place from 9 AM – 12 p.m., at the Montgomery County Extension Office (18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood), with a final service project in the Gaithersburg/Rockville area.

Registration costs $25 for the entire course. For scholarship information, contact Alganesh Piechocinski at algapie@umd.edu.

Register by Sunday, April 14 online at [https://juniorwsa2019.eventbrite.com](https://juniorwsa2019.eventbrite.com).

Junior WSA is offered in partnership by Maryland Sea Grant, the University of Maryland Extension and Maryland 4H.

**STATE 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST**

April 27, 2019, from 9:30 am – 3:00 p.m., at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD

As part of Maryland Day at College Park, our Montgomery County public speaking champions will be competing against 4-H youth from around the state to display their ability to speak comfortably before a crowd.
Contestants will check in at the Plant Sciences building at 9:30 a.m. The contest begins at 10:00 a.m. Awards presentation will be at 3:00 p.m., on Ag Avenue. Families are encouraged to visit other Maryland Day events to see what the University of Maryland have to offer.

Rules, and Public Speaking Handbook can be found at: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/state-4-h-communications-contest-maryland-day

FOOD ACCESS AND SECURITY WORKSHOP

Saturday May 4, 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m., at Montgomery County Extension Office, Derwood MD

[Workshop presented as an action plan from the 2018 Maryland 4-H Issue Forum: Food Access and Security]

Are you curious about what a food desert or food insecurity is?

In this workshop you will learn and discuss about food insecurity, food deserts, stigmas around free school lunches, the vast importance of farms in our modern life, healthy recipes YOU can do and MORE!

In addition, learn about what Montgomery County 4H'ers can do to minimize their food waste.

Free pizza Lunch will be provided!!!

Register at: https://bit.ly/2WkepIQ

WILLS FAIR

Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD.

The 2019 Will's Fair, one of four regional spring livestock shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members, is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. All entries are to be mailed to: 4-H Department, Carroll County – UME, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157.

More information and entry forms will be available in late January/early February: https://extension.umd.edu/howard-county/4-h-youth-development/wills-fair
ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORMS AND ID CARDS

Registration Forms due by May 24, 2019
If you are carrying a project for any of the animals listed below, you need to complete the correct form and return it to the County 4-H Office no later than May 24, 2019. **If the form is not delivered on time. You will not be allowed to show that animal at fair.**

- Livestock Registration
- Horse and Dog ID Cards
- Poultry, Cavy, and Rabbit Registration

Find these forms on the Montgomery County 4-H Animal Science page:
https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/animal-science-info-forms

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ANIMAL LEASES

Lease Forms due by May 24, 2019
If you are leasing an animal, please complete the correct lease form, as well as the Statement of Understanding and Release form, and return them to the County 4-H Office no later than May 24, 2019. If we don’t receive them, you cannot show at the fair.

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MARKET HOG, SHEEP, AND GOAT WEIGH IN

Weigh In: Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:00 am - 10:00 a.m. Montgomery County Fairgrounds

If you carry market hogs, market sheep, or market goats as a project, you need to attend the Montgomery County Weigh-In on June 1 at 8:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Market hogs, market sheep, or market goats will be officially
weighed and tagged. If your animals aren’t weighed, you cannot show them at the fair.

**CENTRAL CLUSTER FASHION REVUE SHOW**

**Saturday June 8, 2019 at Montgomery County Fairgrounds**

The Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show will be held on Saturday June 8, 2019 at Montgomery County Fairgrounds 16 Chestnut Street Gaithersburg, MD 20877. All participants in the Fashion Revue show should be dressed and ready for Line-Up at 5:30 p.m. Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year’s show is “Stitch with the Stars on the Green Carpet”. Judging will be held in Montgomery County Extension Office on June 6, 2019 at 18410 Muncaster Road Derwood, MD 20855. Judging will began at 4:00 p.m., and run through the evening. The judging assignments will be mailed to all participants.

The show rules, classes, guidelines are posted on our local extension office 4-H web sites. Please read them carefully. Also please send all show narrations by email to Chris Rein at Crein@umd.edu by deadline. All entries are due in by Monday, May 6, 2019. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

To Register Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show: https://frederick4h.formdb.com/view.php?id=13241

All Central Cluster 4-H’ers are encouraged to participate. Also, ny 4-H’er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects may participate in the Fashion Revue Show. There are several opportunities for 4-H’ers to participate in the Show. If you are carrying Food and Nutrition, Public Speaking or even Crafts projects you could serve on one of the sub-committees to help prepare for the show. There are three sub-committees, Foods, Narrations, and Decorations, if you are interested in participating on one of the committees please contact Howard- Chris Rein at (410) 313-1915 or crein@umd.edu, Montgomery-Alga Piechocinski at (301) 590-2804 or algapie@umd.edu or Frederick- Donielle Axline at (301) 600-1590 or dinskeep@umd.edu.

**MARYLAND 4-H CONGRESS**

June 23-27, 2019, University of Maryland Campus, College Park

Maryland 4-H Congress is open to 4-H members ages 14-18 (as of January 1, 2019) and provides a variety of activities to connect them to campus, careers and their community including:

- Career tracks that participants will select and attend that will offer six workshop sessions presented by campus, extension or community partners in the following areas of interest:
  - Agriculture and Natural Resources
  - S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
  - Creative, Performing and Fine Arts
  - Healthy Living and Health Science
  - Political Science, Law and Policy
Maryland 4-H Congress is designed to provide 4-H teens the opportunity to connect with the University of Maryland, their land grant university, while learning about career paths and getting a taste of campus life. Last day to register is May 15. More information can be found at:

http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-congress

CAMP TAWASENTHA

July 14 – 19, 2019

This year the camp will take place from July 14 – 19, 2019. 4-H Camp is for any youth (not just 4-H’ers) who will be 8 – 13 as of January 1, 2019.

4-H’ers are encouraged to sign up early as possible as the camp is being advertised for non-4hers this year. Applications for 4-H’ers started March 1, 2019. Open registration for non 4-H’ers will start April 1, 2019. Registration will be open to until all spaces are filled. Registration and other important forms can be found at:

https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp-tawaswentha

DAIRY CATTLE VERIFICATION CARD

Program Verification Card due at the 4-H Office no later than 4: p.m., on August 1, 2019.

The 4-H Dairy Program Verification Card must be completed by all members of the Holstein and Jersey clubs and anyone who wants to participate in the Dairy Cattle Department at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. The Verification Card requires that 4-H’ers attend at least 50 percent of club meetings at least two 4-H events or activities during the previous year. The card includes a list of approved activities—any activity listed in News & Notes also counts. Please complete a verification card and have your club leader sign it. Then, send or deliver the card in person to the County 4-H Office no later than 4:30 p.m., on August 1, 2019. If you are sending the card by mail, please allow plenty of time for the card to be received at the County 4-H Office no later than August 1, 2019. LATE VERIFICATION CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Find this form on the Montgomery County 4-H Animal Science page:

https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/animal-science-info-forms

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INTERNATIONAL 4-H FILM FESTIVAL

August 4-7, 2019, Columbia, Missouri

FilmFest 4-H is a national film festival. FilmFest 4-H provides a venue for 4-H members to express their creativity, showcase their filmmaking skills, and nurture that spark inside that drives them to make the imaginary real.

This exciting annual festival is a showcase of films, seminars, workshops and receptions. Attendees will be exposed to advanced filmmaking techniques from industry professionals, network with fellow 4-H filmmakers, discover new techniques & ideas, and celebrate their successes.

The deadline for submission is July 1. Except for the One Minute Movie Film, the submission fee for all film categories is $15/film through June 1, 2019. From June 2 to July 1 the fee will be $20/film. The fee For One Minute Movie films is $5/film through June 1, and $15/film from June 2 through July 1, 2019.

For general information visit: http://filmfest4h.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

Mark your calendars!! The Fair dates for 2019, are August 9 – 17, 2019. The Fair theme is “Feed Your Senses.”

The Parade theme “Enrich Your Life With 4-H”
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Due by 4:30 p.m. on June 1, 2019

Montgomery County 4-H offers two $2,000 scholarships to high school graduates who will be enrolling in a college, university, or post-high school program for the first time, and two $500 scholarships to those who are enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling in a college, university, or post-high school program.

The Application is due by June 1, 2019 to the County 4-H Office (18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855). Please use the Application form included in this newsletter.

If you are hand delivering the application, the application must be delivered to the county 4-H Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 1, 2019. If you are sending the application by mail, please allow plenty of time for the application to be received at the County 4-H Office no later than June 1, 2019. No late applications will be accepted.

MARYLAND GRAIN PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Due: June 1, 2019

This scholarship is to provide financial support to students interested in pursuing an agriculturally related career. Applicants must be a resident of the state of Maryland and must be enrolled or accepted to a four-year institution working toward a Bachelor of Science Degree, or enrolled or accepted to a two-year institution with an agricultural program. The applicant, or the applicant’s immediate family, must be involved in the production of grain in Maryland. Prior scholarship winners will be considered. Students whose applications were declined in prior years are encouraged to reapply. Applications must be received by June 1, 2019. Mail to Maryland Grain Producers Scholarship Committee, 209 Jarman Branch Drive, Centreville MD 21617 or email to danielle.mdag@gmail.com.

Find out more about the scholarship and print an application here: http://www.marylandgrain.com/Scholarships.htm
THE MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Completed application due June 1, 2019

Each year, 15 Maryland education scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational program in the fall of the year in which they apply.

To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, THE MARYLAND 4-H OFFICE MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY JUNE 1. No applications will be accepted by fax.

2019 scholarship applications will be uploaded soon. Please continue to monitor the website for availability at:

http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships
CLUB CORNER AND OTHER NEWS

2019 MARYLAND 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

The Skillathon took place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

“The Maryland 4-H 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 in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.”

We congratulate the following 4-H’ers from Montgomery County

Rosie Kuszewki, 18th place Junior
Caitlyn Gardiner, 5th place Senior
Isaac Schofer, 22nd place Senior

INVENTORS CLUB

By: Lena Wilson

The Inventors Club is hard at work designing and building another machine to enter in this year’s National Rube Goldberg Competition. For those unfamiliar with what a Rube Goldberg is, it is a machine designed to accomplish a simple task through a series of complicated steps. The goal is to surpass our entry last year, which made it to the finals in the division 1 competition by successfully pouring milk into a bowl full of cereal using 21 separate actions.
Each team member this year brings a unique set of skills and creative ideas to the task of building a machine that inserts a coin into a piggy bank. Grade levels from elementary to high school are represented. Several build sessions were held, and we are off to a good start. Once completed, the team plans to demo it at the Rockville Science Day, Montgomery County Fair, and Silver Spring KidFest. So, we hope to see you at one of these events.

LUCKY CLOVERS CLUB

By Linda Guernsey

Congratulations to all the 4-H’ers who participated in the Cluster Communication Contest! It was great to see great representation by the Lucky Clovers at the event too.

Lucky Clovers who participated in the event:

Lauren Guernsey, Senior Radio Spot Reserve Champion.
Sabina Mastle, Senior Extemporaneous Reserve Champion.
Annika Gulling, Intermediate Extemporaneous Reserve Champion.
Andress Guerra and Ryan Guernsey
CLARKSBURG HELPING HANDS

By Diego Ramirez

Anthony Righter, Senior Radio Spot Champion, Senior Prepared Speech Champion. Sara Dove, Senior Extemporaneous Champion, Senior Interpretation Champion

The following members were recognized at the 4-H Recognition night:

Anthony Righter - Sr Science award; Lauren Dallas - Sr. All Star; Katie Richer - Jr. All Star; Sara Dove - Sr. Leadership Award.

Mark your calendars! CHH will be selling food at Clarksburg Heritage Day at the end of June and will also be promoting 4-H.

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY

By Stephen Kuszewski

On January 18th, the Damascus Community 4-H Club had their Italian themed 4-H Banquet where. The members had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs with some great food (that I didn’t get
During March, as usual, there weren’t as many club activities. However, there were a lot more project group meetings. One of them was the Fiber Arts group. They worked on knitting.

Now for an awesome announcement! One of the club’s own, Caitlin Gardner was the 5th place Dairy Skillathon winner. Rosie Kuszewski was the 18th place winner. Congratulations to both!

The STEM group is doing some rather interesting projects like building bridges out of paper. The bridges supported the weight of several hundred pennies. The Club would like to thank Mr. Graybeal (a federal government bridge engineer) for his help with this project.

BACK IN TIME CLUB

Supporting our Military and Working with Animals

By Terrin Carpenter

In January, the Back in Time Club hosted the military room at the Seneca Creek Community Church (SCCC) on MLK Day. The club taught Girl Scouts and SCCC youth how to make paracord bracelets and military thank you cards. 350 people attended the event.

The Gaithersburg City Council and the Mayor visit our room every year to make a Thank You card. Their cards are shipped to Afghanistan with all the other handmade cards and bracelets. A special shout-out to our Vietnam Airman VIP who helped us teach why we give back to our service members.

Mayor Jud Ashman & Council Member Michael A. Sesma
Our club attends as many animal trainings as possible in order to teach about small animals at local venues. In February, the club attended the Izaak Walton League of America – Rockville Chapter’s “Animals in Winter” event. Echoes in Nature taught us about the live animals that were brought to the event: Red Tail Hawk, Lop Ear Rabbit, Box Turtle, Black Snake and American Toad. Another presenter brought an opossum. One of our members gave a presentation on Hermit Crabs when one presenter didn’t show up.

Upcoming: On April 15th, we encourage you to participate in 4-H’s “Purple Up! for Military Kids” initiative by wearing purple to recognize and honor the service of our youngest heroes, military children.

On 1986, the former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger designated April to be the Month of the Military Child. In 2011, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Military Youth and Family Program chose a specific day to show support. They chose April 15 to be that special day, as long as it does not fall on a weekend. The “Purple Up! for Military Kids” initiative is now celebrated nationwide.

4-H UNH choose the color purple because it symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is a combination of Army green, Marine Red, and Coast Guard, Air Force, and Navy blue. Wearing the color purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. Our military kids are permanently changing stations “moving”, changing schools, leaving friends behind, missing a parent on deployment and adapting to a new life situation if a parent is injured on the job.

Let’s show our 4-H military families how much we appreciate their service! Post pictures of your 4-H club wearing PURPLE in April onto military organizations’ Facebook sites.
MLK Jr. Day @ Seneca Creek Community Church, Military Room -
4-H Junior Leaders (L-R): Lucas, Brandon, Terrin, Briana, Alexia
VIP Veteran Airman: Mr. John Hopkins
Montgomery County Council
Member: Sidney Katz
Seneca Creek Community Church
Youth: Marcus, Ryan, Alan, Monica
Girl Scout Troop 159: Brainy, Zakira

HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP


Thirteen 4-H’ers created a tropical dish garden. The participants learned about the correct soil watering, and light requirements to keep their dish garden plants healthy. Don’t forget to look for the dish gardens at the 4-H building during the fair week.

Thank you so much to the following Neighborhood Garden Club of Gaithersburg/Washington Grove volunteers: Lynn Furrow, Ruth Kessinger, Nannette King, Marcia McComb, Carolyn Picardi, Florence Schwartz, and Jan Short.
2019 Maryland State 4-H Horse Skills Clinic

This clinic will provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and UME faculty/staff to acquire the skill sets and knowledge about the different aspects of Communications, Hippology, and Horse Judging. Participants will hear talks from Extension and industry professionals with special breakouts for youth and volunteers/coaches.

**Time/Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 / 9:00am-3:00pm

**Location:** Plant Sciences Building 4291 Fieldhouse Dr, College Park, MD 20742

**Cost:** $10.00 (includes materials)

**Register online:** 4-H Online

**Mail payment:** After registering, please make checks payable to the Maryland Horse Program and mail to: 8020 Greenmead Dr. College Park MD 201742.

**Contact:** Rebecca Gunderson: regunder@umd.edu

*Lunch is NOT provided, please bring your own lunch.*
Montgomery County 4-H Scholarships
Two $1,000.00 Scholarships
Two $500.00 Scholarships

Due: Before 4:30 p.m., on June 1, 2019 to Montgomery Co. 4-H Office
18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The Montgomery County 4-H Program is offering two $1,000.00 scholarships for 4-H’ers who are high school graduates and will be enrolling in an accredited college, university or post high school program for the first time in the fall of the current year. Two $500.00 scholarships are available to both 4-H’ers who have graduated and will be enrolling for the first time and for those re-enrolling in an accredited college, university or post high school program this fall.

Scholarship applications are due to the County 4-H Office no later than 4:30 p.m., on June 1, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this time/date. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. (4-H’ers are responsible for checking on their application packet.)

Applicants must provide the following documents:

1. Application Cover Page (attached.)
2. A 3-page 3-part resume consisting of your experience in citizenship, leadership and life skills (similar to “Out of State Trip” résumé.)
3. A 1-2 page essay explaining briefly how 4-H has made a difference in your life.
4. An official copy of your high school scholastic record for the past two years or from a higher education facility that you were attending for the past two years.
5. Two letters of recommendation from someone (unrelated) who has knowledge of your scholastic and/or leadership abilities

Applications will be judged and scored by a panel of outside judges and their decisions will be final.

Recipients of these scholarships will be notified by our office no later than July 1st and a check will be issued to the school of your choice to be used directly toward your educational expenses.

****If there is any question about the completeness of your application please call the 4-H office. We will not be responsible or contact you if your packet is incomplete. ****

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Montgomery County 4-H Scholarship Application

Cover Page

Due: Before 4:30 p.m., on June 1, 2019, to Montgomery Co. 4-H Office
18410 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Name ___________________________________________ 4-H Age ____________________

Address ___________________________________ City ______________ State __ Zip _______

Phone No. __________________________ Date of Birth ____________________

Parent/Guardian Names (Father) ______________________ (Mother) __________________

E-mail ________________________________________________

Club(s) ___________________________________________________ Years in 4-H ______

Name of School you will attend this fall (2019) ________________________________

School Address ______________________________ City ___________ State __ Zip _____

School Phone No. ______________________________

What do you plan to major in or are majoring in? ________________________________

Why did you choose this particular field of study?

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Applicant’s Signature ______________________________ Date ____________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature __________________________ Date ____________

Club Leader’s Signature __________________________ Date ____________

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