April-May 2015

Upcoming Due Dates

- **Goat registration forms** are due to the 4-H Office by Friday, May 22nd.
- **Sheep, Swine registration forms** are due to the 4-H Office by Friday, May 29th.
- **Poultry, Rabbit & Cavy** registration forms are due to the 4-H Office by Monday, June 1st.
- **Sheep weigh in**: Monday, June 1st (details to be shared at the Apr BSS meeting)
- **Swine weigh in**: Saturday, June 6th (details to be shared at the Apr BSS meeting)
- **Market Goat weigh in**: Saturday, May 30th at 3:00 pm
- **Goat workshops** at the Frederick Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 30th.
- **Dairy Goat Workshop 9:30 a.m.**
- **Meat Goat Workshop 12:30 p.m.**
- **Alpaca, Dog & Horse ID cards** are due to the 4-H Office by Monday, June 1st.
- **Breeding & Performance leases (along with the Statement of Understanding)** due Wednesday, July 1st unless attending Wills Fair then they are due May 1st to the 4-H Office.
- **Club Leaders**: **Fair Eligibility** forms due to the 4-H Office by Monday, June 1st.
- **Building/Livestock Superintendents Meeting** – Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office

Wills Fair

The 2015 Wills Fair information has been posted on the Howard County 4-H website. The direct link is http://extension.umd.edu/howard-county/4-h-youth-development/wills-fair

Important dates: Feb. 1st-entries available online, **Apr. 24th-entries due** and May 16th-Wills Fair

Summer Camp

Day Camp - July 6-10
July 13-17
Residential Camp - July 13-17

Website: http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/camp

Eventbrite registration link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frederick-county-4-h-camp-2015-tickets-15725945727

Beef, Sheep & Swine Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd at 4-H Camp Center starting at 7:00 pm.

University of MD Extension Office (4-H Office) will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day

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Junior Sheep and Goat Skillathon

The 2015 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon will be held Sunday, May 3rd, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. The Festival is always held the first full weekend of May at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship.

Registration for the contest begins at 8 a.m. The contest starts at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at approximately 1 p.m. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch (pizza and sodas).

A skillathon provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, and care and exhibition of animals into a single activity. It consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge and abilities related to livestock. In the Sheep & Goat Skillathon, all stations will pertain to sheep and/or goats.

The skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county or state may compete. Youth compete according to their age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth ages 8 to 10 compete as juniors; youth ages 11 to 13 compete as intermediates; and youth 14 to 18 compete as seniors.

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association provides ribbons and premiums to the top ten individuals in each age division and festival t-shirts to the members of the top three teams in each age division. Additional awards are provided by the University of Maryland Extension Small Ruminant Program.

Pre-registration of individuals and teams for the 2015 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is requested by April 28th. Teams must be pre-registered. Pre-register by sending names, ages, and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu (or via fax at (301) 432-4089).

For more information, contact Susan at (301) 432-2767 x343 or visit the skillathon web site at http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html

Join the MD 4-H Animal Science Email List

VOLUNTEERS: Do you want to keep up to date with MD 4-H Animal Science Program activities and events? We have several e-mail lists established for volunteers affiliated with the 4-H Animal Science Programs. The list will be monitored to prevent unrelated viruses and emails from being distributed. 4-H Horse Volunteers, 4-H Dog Volunteers, 4-H Poultry Volunteers, 4-H Livestock Volunteers.

To join a list, email your request to Chris Anderson canders2@umd.edu with your name, county and email address.
Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance

All Maryland 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to complete the Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2015 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows. This program is offered to help youth who participate in 4-H animal projects in Maryland learn about the importance of caring for, grooming and showing their animals in safe and ethical ways.

4-H’ers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year) OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division. The on-line program gives youth the opportunity to fulfill the Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance training requirement via internet from their home, school or local library. The AH&QA program has voice narration, so the material is shared in both written and oral form. Members will be asked to respond to questions to evaluate knowledge at different points during the program.

There are two levels to the program: one level is for Junior members and a second level is for Intermediate and Senior members. Members will be automatically taken to the appropriate level according to the birthdate entered on the registration screen. The program takes about 45-75 minutes to complete, depending on which level is being completed. When members register for the program, they will be provided a unique passcode. **Members should write their passcode down and keep it in a safe place!** A member must be LOGGED IN with their passcode for the system to track their progress and record their completion of the program. If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their passcode on page 1 of the program. **All members completing the program prior to 2013 (or any portion of the program) must register and a NEW PASSCODE will be assigned. Passcodes to members from 2013 and before are no longer valid.**

For 2015, members will have access to the AH&QA program from **April 1 through July 31st.** **Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 1st.** ** Counties may establish a completion deadline earlier than July 1st to meet the needs of the local program.** Members may go directly to the AH&QA program at http://www.agnrumd.org/ahqa/ or a link to access the AH&QA program will be posted on the Animal Science Program Resources page of the Maryland 4-H website at http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/

Upon completion of the program, members will have an opportunity to **print a Certificate of Completion for their records.** It is suggested that members keep the Certificate of Completion with their animal health papers (CVI forms, etc.), registration papers, and other animal records. Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

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2015 Great Frederick Fair Awards

Listed below are awards that are currently not being sponsored. If you would like to sponsor one or more of these awards contact Lisa at lstrong@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

**Alpaca** $25.00  Champion Junior Obstacle

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Ayrshire-Fall Calf

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Ayrshire-Fall Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Ayrshire-Spring Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Ayrshire-Summer Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Ayrshire-Winter Heifer

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Brown Swiss-Fall Calf

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Brown Swiss-Fall Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Brown Swiss-Spring Heifer

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Brown Swiss-Spring Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Brown Swiss-Summer Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Dry Cow 3 Years & Over

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Spring Heifer

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Spring Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Summer Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Winter Heifer

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Holstein-Winter Yearling

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Jersey-Bred & Owned

**Dairy Cattle** $25.00  Jersey-Grand Champion Female

**Goat** $25.00  Grand Champion Lamancha

**Goat** $25.00  Grand Champion Nubian

**Goat** $25.00  Grand Champion Oberhasli

**Goat** $25.00  Grand Champion Saanen

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Junior High Point Rider

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Junior Pleasure Champion

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Novice Rider Champion

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Novice Rider Res. Champion

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Senior High Point Rider

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  English Senior Hunter Champion

**Horse & Pony** $25.00  Western Senior High Point Rider

**Sheep** $25.00  Junior Slick Shorn Showmanship

**Sheep** $25.00  Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

**Sheep** $25.00  Supreme Champion Ewe

**Swine** $25.00  Champion Performance Gilt
The Shookstown 4H Club had a great year. They ended the year with a Holiday Party as their December monthly meeting held at the extension office. They made crafts, had lots of good food and a guest appearance from Santa Claus. They collected toys for the Toys for Tots program and helped with activities held at Tractor Supply Company in Frederick.

Our January meeting was held January 19 at the extension office. We elected officers for 2015. They are: President – Travis Albright, Vice President – John Schroyer, Secretary – Anne Avendt, Treasurer – Jason Nalley, and Reporter – Dakota Bostian. We had several members participate in the 4H Project Weekend Series event held over 4 Saturdays in January. The members made all sorts of crafts and learned a lot about fair entries. Those attending were Dakota Bostian, Colton Bostian, John Schroyer, Elizabeth Milam and Kyle Milam.

This year looks to be very busy for the club also. They are planning fundraisers at Tractor Supply, community service at Nursing Home, collecting for animal shelter to just mention a few.

We also welcomed 6 new members to the club this year and they are Emmalin Tyeryar, Landon Tyeryar, Ava Ganjon, Devin Phillips, Alexis Highbarger and Summer McKinney.

We look forward to a great year!! We are always looking for new members to join our club to learn and grow with us.

Reported by Dakota Bostian – Club Reporter
Rocky Ridge
For the month of February the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club was busy. For Community Service we collected items to mail to support our troops. February 14th - 20th was Ag Week At the FSK Mall. We participated in the Ice Cream Making Contest and won 2nd place! We also set up a display for our 4-H Club "You Can Be A Star In 4-H" and won Reserve Champion. Then we were in March, for Community Service we went to St. Joseph's Nursing Facility in Emmitsburg to play Bingo with the residents there, we brought prizes to hand out to the winners, that was a lot of fun! We also for our club fundraisers made and sold Country Ham and Smoked Turkey sandwiches and sold Wolfgang Candy. Thank you to everyone that supported us!!
Submitted by Logan Long, member

Rocky Ridge 4-H CLOVER club has room for new members. Ages 5-8. They meet once a month at Thurmont Grange Hall. Please contact Leader: Laura Keilholtz lek94811@verizon.net if interested.

Bug Patrol
On Sunday, February 8th, members of The Bug Patrol were given a "behind the scenes" tour of the insect collection at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington. Members learned why it is important to maintain an insect collection and got to see some very impressive insects. The next meeting of The Bug Patrol will be at the Catoctin Creek Nature Center, where members will show their collections as well as a number of live "creatures" to the public as part of the nature centers annual Nature Fest event. For more information about The Bug Patrol, contact Michael Turell at mturell@erols.com
Calico Clovers

On March 19, 2015 the Calico Clovers met for their monthly meeting at the United Church of Christ in Jefferson, Maryland. President Ben Sanville called the meeting to order. After the roll call and Treasurer’s report, the club discussed old business about Ag Week at the Mall, the Achievement Program, and the Jefferson Ruritan dinner.

At the dinner, the club served potatoes, ham, green beans, and for dessert, Jell-O with whipped cream. The club also wants to thank Jane Smith for inviting the club to serve dinner. At the Achievement Program, we ate lunch, and afterward congratulated the graduates of 4-H, and watched a slideshow of the 4-H activities through the years of the graduates.

New business, such as a tour of a recycling center and the club’s mini college was discussed. Our club also has the opportunity to tour the Frederick Keys baseball stadium before a game sometime during the season.

Sara Sutton did a demo on writing stories, the Stuyck family shared about their visit to South Korea, and Cayce Bass showed her pet rat. The next meeting is on April 16th. If you want to join the club, call Sally Arnold at 301-662-2246.

Johnsville

The Johnsville 4-H Club has had a full 2 months of Activities. Along with having our monthly meetings the club participated in Ag Week at the mall, with a booth, and making Ice Cream at the Ice Cream making Contest. The kids made Raspberry Ice Cream that was a big hit. The club was very happy to help with the bake table at the Linganore-Unionville Lions Club Breakfast on March 8th. The club members made the bake table treats and then sold the items for the Lions Club. On March 2nd the Linganore Grange honored two of the Club Members with the Outstanding 4-H Male and Female Members Ella Jacobs received the Female award and Justin Inskeep the Male Award. On March 10th we had Troy Moxley at our meeting to talk to the members about his Coin Collection and the ways that they could start their own collection.

Gracie Stephens, Reporter

Help a local Rocky Ridge 4-H’er (Margo Sweeney) with her community service project of the year, come to Gateway market, purchase ice cream any time of the day all proceeds will be donated or if you have long hair and would to donate to a child with hair loss feel free to come anytime from 2 to 4 and we will take care of the rest. Any questions please call 301-788-3811 or 301-788-7309.
Tailwaggers Club

By Joanna Cleaver

On February 19th, the Tailwaggers had their business meeting at Ag Week at the mall. We saw 4-H and gardening displays, tractors, and the Robo Rangers 4-H Club demonstration. Our club poster won a blue ribbon, and member Joanna Cleaver’s poster earned Junior Grand Champion.

The Tailwaggers held the Kokies for K-9s Bake Sale at Urbana Giant on March 14th. We sold a variety of baked goods to raise money for the Frederick Police Department K-9 Units. Despite rain and cold, we raised $353.75 for our K-9 officers.

Club members attended the Teach Your Dogs Tricks Workshop on March 21st at Canine Obedience Unlimited. Taught by George Cockrell and Caroline Shedd, the class learned training techniques using clickers to mark behavior.

On March 27, Dog Bowl practices started with a guest speaker who talked about dog body language and behavior using curly coat retriever puppies. Practices will continue every other week until this fall.

Tailwaggers also have training classes underway and others starting later this spring. On Wednesday nights at Catoctin Kennel Club, we have showmanship and rally classes. Rally, a new class, is obedience with signs telling you what to do. We hope to get started with agility and obedience classes soon.

Mark your Calendars now for the Tailwagger Dog Show!

This annual event is open to any interested 4-Her and dog!

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2015
Time: Registration begins at 9 am
Place: Catoctin Kennel Club, 4016 Rock Hall Road, Point of Rocks, MD
Events: Showmanship, Obedience and Rally
Cost: Free to Frederick County 4-Hers $5 for 4-Hers from other counties

Participating dogs must bring proof of current Rabies vaccination show morning. Questions? Contact: Cully Leck, Junior Organizer -- jen@leckfamily.net
4-H Achievers

4-H Achievers participated in the Ag Week poster program. Blair Kreh won grand champion for his division and all other entries won ribbons!! We are very proud to represent 4-H in the community! Serving is a top priority for the 4-H Achievers! We have adopted the Hagerstown Rescue Mission by feeding the homeless and hungry. Eighty sandwiches were put together by our members and then distributed to the attendees after the church service Monday, March 30th. Before dinner, Pastor Paul Leatherman gave an inspiring sermon to the people and we sang praise songs and hymns together. When we walk out of the Rescue Mission, we always have a light feeling in our hearts at having done something good for others.

Wally Leatherman, Reporter

(photos to the right) 4-H members participated in Ag Week at the Mall by entering posters: Top photo (left), Bella Tranchina displaying her poster. Top right, (from left), Brandon Kreh, Blair Kreh, Wally Leatherman and Buck Leatherman with their prize winning posters. Bottom left, Buck Leatherman having some St. Patrick’s Day fun. Bottom right, Brandon Kreh and his demonstration of how to make a candle from an orange.

Top photo (left), Blair Kreh participated recently at a skillathon practice at the Frederick County Goat Club meeting. Top right, club members Brandon Kreh (second from left) and Sarah Peltzer (far right) participated in the Goat Club skillathon practice held recently at the March Goat Club meeting. Bottom photos, club members and their families prepared 80 sandwiches to serve at the Rescue Mission.

Club members preparing to serve dinner at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as part of their community service project.

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Shooting Sports - Firepower

Some of our members braved the winter weather to travel to Harrisburg in February to help out with the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program at the Great American Outdoor Show. They greeted many visitors and enjoyed the show too!

"Congratulations to all of the Youth in our Club who have successfully completed the Hunter’s Safety test in order to participate in the Youth Hunter Education Challenge coming up in June! It’s not too late to sign up and practices are ongoing. If Interested contact us at: shooting-sports@frederickcounty4-h.org More information about the YHEC event can be found at: http://www.marylandyhec.org/events.html For the Hunter’s Safety class near you visit: http://dnr2.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/hunter_education_classes.aspx

Members practicing Wildlife ID and Orienteering for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

Some of our members recently completed the Hunter’s Safety Course at Catoctin Fish & Game and are pictured with some of the Hunter’s Safety Instructors: (L-R) Morgan Farmer, Wally Leatherman, Trevor Mullen, Buck Leatherman and Ty Kefauver (Back row L-R) Instructors Jody Eccard, Tim Eccard, Rick Boyer, Eddie Main and Mike Langford.

*Youth Fishing derby April 12th 2-4PM for kids 15 and under at Catoctin Fish & Game- cost is Free!*

Congratulations to Natalie Schiazi and Garret Buckmeier for their efforts and training on the State 4-H Shotgun Practice Team throughout the winter months! Both have worked very hard traveling, practicing and bearing the expense of the sport, shooting Trap Skeet and Sporting Clays at different ranges all over the state for the last few months. The State Team traveling to Nebraska was announced at Schrade’s on March 28th, and although Natalie was not chosen as a final four team member, we are very proud of her accomplishments and she is the first young lady to make it to this level from Frederick County! Garret was named the “Team Alternate” for the 2nd year in a row and will travel with the team should for some reason one of the 4 current team members not be able to go. Garret still must practice as one of the team members to keep his skill level up and be prepared until June. Let’s get behind Garret to help support him in his effort and commitment and make
Our 4-H Shooting Sports Club is Affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). A clinic to learn about shooting CMP is scheduled for May 31st at the 4-H Camp Center for youth and adults! Please RSVP to the Shooting Sports Club by May 15th. Clinic is free, but we challenge all participants to purchase & wear a "Fear is not Real" T-shirt that day in support of 12 year old Joe Henson who has been battling cancer since last July. He is a playmate of some of our members, lives nearby, but has to travel often through Frederick on his way to John's Hopkins for treatments. The Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club raised and donated over $600 recently and our 4-H Shooting Sports Club is collecting and matching donations through the month of April for Joe’s family and medical expenses. We are challenging ALL other 4-H Clubs to use their "Hands and Hearts" to do what they can to help support Joe and his family! There is a ongoing "Fear is not Real" T-Shirt campaign at: [http://www.booster.com/fearisntreal](http://www.booster.com/fearisntreal) and a terrific Orioles/ Yankees Baseball Game Ticket Raffle underway at: [http://www.jumbieindustries.com/os-for-joe/](http://www.jumbieindustries.com/os-for-joe/)  See Joe's story at: [https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/9d55](https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/9d55) Contact Mr. Farmer at Shooting Sports for more information or how your club can help!

**Current Fundraisers:**

* The 4-H Shooting Sports Club has teamed up again this year with Mrs. Debbie Williams and the Patty Pollatos Fund to sell advertisement packages for the 2015 Family FUNameCon! Through this effort we have been able to assist with this worthy community program that helps countless people in need in our area. Each year we have been able to give back more than the year previous. Last year the 4-H Shooting Sports Program donated $6000 of the monies raised back to PPF and recipients in our area! Help us make this year bigger and better for everyone! This year’s FUNameCon Concerts feature Trace Adkins and Jamie Lynn Spears! As before, all ad packages come with tickets to the event. Get your ad package now from a Shooting Sports Club member or email us at: shootingsports@frederickcounty4-h.org or for more information visit: [http://www.ppfinc.org/family-funomenon/](http://www.ppfinc.org/family-funomenon/)

* Advertising spaces are still available on our equipment trailer for our supporters. Contact us for an order form.

* Our Commemorative Rifle Raffles are still current and pre-
The January meeting of the Frederick County Shooting Sports Club was held at the Frederick County Camp Center on January 5, 2015. The club welcomed 6 new members, elected new 2015 officers, and discussed 2015 activities and community service events. We are looking forwarded to a great year of improving our skills as well as educating the public on Gun Safety. Congratulations to our 2015 officers: President, Natalie Schiazzi; Vice President, P.J. Hinch; Treasure, Olivia Dutton; Secretary, Rachel Summers; Reporter, Konnor Sowell; Historians, Laura Dutton and Ashley Grimes; Safety Officers, Matt Lenhart and Zach Main; Sergeant of Arms, Garret Buckmeier; Quarter Masters, John Schroyer, Daniel Summers and Jessie Clary; Refreshment Coordinator, Matt Lenhart; Club Delegates, Daniel Summers, Rachel Summers, Konnor Sowell, Morgan Farmer, Ashley Grimes and Matt Lenhart; Youth Counsel Representatives, Ashley Grimes and Rachel Summers. Under their leadership our club will be assured to have a great year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Konnor Sowell, Club Reporter

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Central Cluster Fashion Revue

The 2015 Central Cluster Fashion Revue will be on June 6, 2015 at Bushy Park Elementary school.

Please keep in mind you don’t have to be carrying the sewing project to be part of the Fashion Revue Show. We have several committees needing 4-Hers to help make the show happen.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Rein at Crein@umd.edu or Alga Piechocinski alga-pie@umd.edu

The Central Cluster Fashion Revue will be having its annual program cover contest and will recognize the top design at the Revue. Create a design depicting our theme for the program cover. The theme for this year’s Fashion Revue is “Timeless Fashions.” The design can be in color or black and white. The design should be completed on a half sheet of 8 ½” by 11” white paper. The designs are due to the UME Howard County 4-H office NO LATER than Friday, May 15th.

Camp Counselor Training Dates

AT THE 4-H EXTENSION OFFICE
April 23rd  6:00pm – 8:00pm
May 6th   6:00pm – 8:00pm
May 28th  6:00pm – 8:00pm

4-H CAMP CENTER (these are mandatory)
June 7th  1:00pm – 5:00pm
June 24th  9:00am – 6:00pm

Camp and Activities Center
Community Service Schedule

Club Leaders - please contact Christy Fuss at the Camp Center 240-397-9442 prior to your club’s month to see when and if your club’s help is needed for any events.

2015
Apr - Valley Urbanites, Paddock Pals, Monocacy Achievers
May - Shooting Sports, Monocacy Montessori
Jun - Tailwaggers, Adamstown, Middletown Valley Youth
Jul - Bits & Bridles, Greener Pastures
Aug - 4-H Achievers, Boots ‘n’ Buckles
Sep - (no clubs - GFF)
Oct - Calico Clovers, Walkersville, Kaleidoscope
Nov - Johnsville, Breezy Hill, Tom’s Creek
Dec - Jefferson Co-Eds, Myersville

Horticulture Judging

Do you know what a guava is? Can you identify the trees and shrubs in your yard? Come join the Horticulture Judging Team and learn how to identify vegetables, fruits and nuts, flowers, trees and shrubs, and insects and diseases that can damage plants in your yard and garden. We will also learn how to do quality judging. We are planning several field trips. Practices will begin on Tuesday, June 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. For more information, please email Myrtle Sturtz at sturtzm@msn.com

MD Avian Bowl Practices Offered

Dr. Brigid McCrea, Poultry Extension Specialist from Delaware State University, will be hosting an Avian Bowl Practice on Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am in College Park. Entries must be received by May 21, 2015.

Horse Bowl Team

After several months of practice, on Saturday March 14th the Frederick County Horse Bowl Team competed in the State competition which was held at the University of Maryland in College Park. Frederick County entered teams in all 3 divisions and placed very well; the team members included: Gressa New, Dalena Bryant, Dana Frank, Calie Bloomfield, Jaclyn Bryant, Rachael Frank, Rachael Toombs, Eva Bryant, Tabitha Gregory, Emily Horner, Grace Yingling, Erin Horner, Amanda Shultz and Rachel Keifer with Christy Yingling coaching. Congratulations Horse Bowl Team!
Summer Science Days  
July 20 - 22, 2015

The Central Maryland 4-H Cluster (Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard Counties) will be holding three days of science fun and education at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This program is open to all youth, not just 4-H’ers, who are 10 - 13 as of January 1, 2015. Participants will experience:

- July 20 - tinkering with robots
- July 21 - agricultural science, including a field trip to Rock Hill Orchard
- July 22 - learning about food science and health, including making a nut butter and jelly sandwich from scratch

The program runs from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The cost to participate is $50 and you must also send a consent form (pdf) and a health form (pdf) to: Montgomery County 4-H, Summer Science Days, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

You need to register no later than July 1st. We only have room for 30 people, so sign up today!

REGISTRATION: (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-summer-science-days-tickets-16502255691) to register with Eventbrite, or call 301 590 2824. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Laudwein mlaudwei@umd.edu

State Horse Jamboree 2015

June 26 - 28, 2015. Who can participate? All 4-H horse project members and horse lovers (Age 8-18 as of January 1, 2015) are invited. What’s happening?

- Horsemanship Contest
- Horse Crafts
- Recreation
- Horse Presentations
- Horse Art Contest
- Workshops
- Music
- Swimming
- State Horse Communications Contest - you don’t need to attend the Jamboree to compete - you can attend for just the contest.

For more information go to: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015
AG Week at the Mall 2015

The Frederick County Ag Week at the Mall was held from February 16-21, 2015 at the FSK Mall in Frederick, Maryland. Despite a week filled with a lot of unpredictable weather, the event was successful. Entry of exhibits and displays occurred on Sunday, February 15th. 4-H displays, FFA displays, tractors, antique tractors, and organizational displays were set up.

During the day on Monday, February 16th, the Mall was busy with shoppers and many children were busy coloring the picture for the coloring contest. However, the weather became a factor and the ice cream churning contest was postponed until Wednesday night. On Tuesday evening, the annual Marcie Becker Memorial Cake and Pie Auction was conducted with approximately 15 entries. The Grand Champion cake was a red velvet cake made by Pat Culler of Frederick and was purchased by Central Maryland Tractor Club for $100.00. The Junior Grand Champion cake was a carrot cake made by Jessica Martin, a member of Walkersville 4-H Club and was purchased by the Maryland International Collectors Club, Chapter 39, for $100.00. The judges for the contest were Mary Sue Grossnickle and Barbara Stevens. Prize money was awarded to the winners and the cakes were auctioned off to benefit the Ag Week at the Mall and its expenses.

On Wednesday evening, the Seeds of Life Nurseries held various demonstrations and events for persons at the Mall and again, the weather took a turn for the worse and the ice cream churning contest was rescheduled to Thursday evening. On Thursday evening, the Robo Rangers 4-H Robotics Club held demonstrations and building at center court at the FSK Mall and the ice cream churning was held with 17 teams participating including the Urbana FFA (Chocolate); Paddock Pals (Cake Batter); Walkersville 4-H Club (Blue Moon); Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club (Chocolate Cookie Dough); Frederick County Firepower 4-H Club (Vanilla Caramel Swirl); Johnsville 4-H Club (Raspberry); Walkersville FFA (Monocacy Mud); Kaleidoscope 4-H Club (Fluffy Marshmallow with Toffee); Rocky Ridge 4-H Club (Orange Pineapple); Rocky Ridge 4-H Cooking Club (Red Velvet); Middletown FFA (Caramel Machiato); Maryland International Collectors Club, Chapter 39, (Cookies & Cream); Middletown Valley Youth (Cherry Vanilla); Lewistown Mt. View Cloverbud 4-H Club (Cookies & Cream); Frederick FFA (Peanut Butter Oreo); Catatonic FFA (Peaches & Cream); Tom’s Creek 4-H Club (Strawberry Cream). Judges for the event were Autumn Lippy, Maryland Dairy Princess; Paula Fry, owner of Rocky Point Creamery; and Hannah Shear, Faculty Extension Assistant for the Beginning Farmer Success Program in Frederick County. After tasting all of the flavors made, the judges decided on 1st place – Frederick FFA Chapter (Peanut Butter Oreo); 2nd place – Rocky Ridge 4-H Cooking Club (Red Velvet); 3rd place – Frederick County Firepower Club (Vanilla Caramel Swirl). Each winning team received a monetary prize. Thanks to the 4-H Royalty and Dairy Maids for assisting with this activity.

On Friday evening, a giant ice cream sundae was made by the Frederick County Dairy Princess Committee. The vanilla ice cream was donated by Rocky Point Creamery, 4323A Tuscarora Road, Tuscarora, Maryland 21790 (www.rockypointcreamery.com) and was topped with chocolate syrup and whipped cream. The Maryland State Dairy Princess, Frederick County Dairy Maids and friends assisted with the construction of the ice cream sundae.

Unfortunately, the weather again played a factor in Saturday’s events which were scheduled and the mall was closed in the afternoon and all events were cancelled.

The FFA Log sawing contest was held on March 9, 2015 at Gladhill Tractor Mart in Frederick, Maryland. The winning team was James Mills and David Wolfe of the Linganore FFA Chapter, who sawed the log in four minutes.
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Frederick County, MD Dairy Princess Candidates Sought

Frederick County, MD Dairy Maids Sought

The Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess Committee is seeking candidates for Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess. Candidates must:

⇒ Maintain residency in Frederick County, Maryland (they may attend an out-of-state college)
⇒ Be a daughter of one of the following:
  • dairy farmer
  • dairy farm manager or herdsman
  • employee in a dairy related industry (farm store, cooperative, DHIA, feed supplier, veterinarian, milk inspector, etc.)
  • be employed herself as one of the above
⇒ The owner of at least one dairy animal in a 4-H or FFA project; and/or enrolled in a dairy-related project for at least two years, including dairy foods, dairy judging and/or dairy leasing programs (NOT dairy goats or dairy steers)
⇒ Be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2015 and must not reach her 22nd birthday by Dec. 31, 2015.
⇒ Candidate may not hold a farm queen or dairy breed queen title that would cross over for more than three months. The dairy princess is also expected to attend the Dairy Princess Seminar in Pennsylvania, which will be held July 7-10, 2015.

A completed resume, two recipes with dairy ingredients, a professional picture (jpeg) and letter of interest is due to Johanna Allen; 5185 St. Marks Road; Jefferson, Maryland 21755 or via email to mjkrallen@comcast.net, by April 27, 2015.

The committee is also looking for Dairy Maids to represent Frederick County, Maryland. The Dairy Maid program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies turning 13 during 2015 through age 16 may become a dairy maid. For more information, call Johanna Allen at 301-834-5358 or e-mail Johanna with a letter of interest at mjkrallen@comcast.net.

The contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the Woodsboro Fire Hall; 2 South Third Street; Woodsboro, Maryland. The Dairy Princess chosen will represent Frederick County at the Maryland State Dairy Princess Contest on July 14-15, 2015 at the FSK Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland.

Scholarships

The Darren S. Kennedy Scholarship is due April 30, 2015, information and the application can be found at: http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-scholarships

MD 4-H Foundation Scholarship is due June 1, 2015, information and the application can be found at: http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-scholarships

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival are offering two scholarships in the amount of $500 each to students who have been accepted or are in the process of applying for continuing education at a college or university, a technical or vocational school. Payment will be made upon provision of school acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance. The scholarships will be awarded at the Maryland State Fair during the Judging Awards Program and the winners will be honored at the Annual Maryland Sheep Breeders dinner in October. For more information and the application go to: http://iaa.umd.edu/prospective-students/scholarships/maryland-sheep-breeders-association-scholarship-awards

Deadline for submission: July 1, 2015.

The Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board has again committed grain checkoff funds to support our scholarship program. The program will be administered by the Maryland Grain Producers Association, which will be awarding up to eight deserving students with scholarships in the amount of $2,500 each ($1,250 for each semester) enrolled in a Maryland or an out-of-state institution. The deadline for the scholarship is June 1st; for more information and the application go to: www.marylandgrain.com/Scholarships20Program.htm

Daisy 4-H Scholarship deadline is extend until April 15. For application email lstrong@umd.edu

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Basket Bingo
The Maryland 4-H Foundation is hosting a bag and basket bingo to benefit Maryland 4-H! Come out to the Maryland State Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 26th and play over 20 games of bingo for a chance to win a filled Longaberger basket or Thirty-One purse. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Doors open at 1 p.m. We will have door prizes, a 50/50, food and much more!

If you are interested in sponsoring or filling a bag or a basket, contact Amanda Clougherty at akbrown@umd.edu or 301-314-7835.

Maryland 4-H Day
Come watch the Baltimore Orioles take on the Cleveland Indians on Sunday, June 28th while also supporting Maryland 4-H! Five dollars of every ticket sold will benefit Maryland 4-H. This night is also an Orioles Cap Giveaway night - the first 20,000 fans 15 and over will receive a free Orioles cap! Purchase tickets now at www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h. Questions? Contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu

MD 4-H Engineering Camp
Registration forms are now available for the 2015 MD 4-H Engineering camp. Please pass this information along to your 4-H members who are interested in this event. This year’s camp will be limited to the first 45 registrations received. The registration form can be found at: http://extension.umd.edu/news/events/fri-2015-04-17-1830-maryland-4-h-engineering-camp-2015

The engineering camp will be held April 17 – 19 at the Rocks 4-H Camp in Harford County. For those who are not familiar with the Engineering camp this is the 6th year for this camp. The engineering camp provides youth ages 12 – 18 with the opportunity to explore various facets of the engineering field from mechanical engineering (engine repair) and materials engineering (welding) to Robotics and Aerospace. The campers also develop teamwork and critical thinking skills while completing design and build challenges throughout the weekend as part of a small engineering team.

2015 Central Cluster Communication
Congratulations to Frederick County 4-H members for working hard and competing in this year’s contest, great job!

CLOVERS SPEECHES
Ryan Martin

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECHES
Juniors: Caleb Moxley
Intermediates: Zach Crum CHAMPION
Seniors: Stephen Coyne CHAMPION

RADIO SPOTS
Juniors: Jessica Martin CHAMPION; Caleb Moxley
Intermediates: Zach Crum CHAMPION
Konnor Sowell RESERVE CHAMPION
Seniors: Ray Martin IV CHAMPION

PREPARED SPEECHES
Juniors: Caleb Moxley
Intermediates: Cheyenne Van Echo CHAMPION
Seniors: Ray Martin IV

INTERPRETATIONS
Juniors: Caleb Moxley CHAMPION
Haley Welty
Intermediates: Austin Welty

Thanks to all our judges who took time from their busy schedules to help encourage and work with our youth!

Debbie Benson, Kathy Dehn, Phyllis Drum, Ron Drum, Marci Gordon, Linda Harrison, Doris Jenkins, Paul Leatherman, Jennifer Loy, Sue Leatherman, Karen Murdock, Carla Robinson

Maryland Day 2015
Saturday, April 25th
http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/
Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Biz & Society Hill, Science & Tech Way, Sports & Rec Row, Terp Town Center

2015 Jun-Jul Newsletter deadline: June 1, 2015
Send articles and pictures to lstrong@umd.edu

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4-H International Hosting Program

We are looking to place all the students by May 15th.

AT A GLANCE:
- Costa Rica (7 teens- sharing with Virginia)
  - Dates: June 24-July 19
  - Ages: 15-17
  - English language skills vary
- Japan (10 middle school age and 1 adult)
  - Dates: July 25-August 22 (Dates may change)
  - Ages: 12-15
  - English Language Skills vary- this is an English immersion program for them, English is a college and work-ready skill

Hosting Requirements:
- The Host Sibling should be within two years of the Delegates age, and be the same gender.
- Everyone 18+ in the household must pass a background check.
- You do NOT have to be in 4-H to host!
- Must have own permanent bed for them to sleep on, and preferred to share a room with same gender.
- Go to this website to fill out an online application: http://www.states4hexchange.org/
- If you host for one month you receive $100 off a States’ 4-H International Exchange trip (Up to $300). If you host for the school year you receive $1000 off the cost of a trip. School year hosting opportunities are available.

Top Five Truths to Know About Hosting:
1. That hiking trail a couple miles from home that you’re always meaning to take? That park or local museum you haven’t visited in a while? That tennis racket that never seems to make it onto the court? Bringing a guest to your home doesn’t mean making huge or expensive trips, but it’s really about exploring and having you rediscover your local community as a family!
2. Communication will be a challenge that both you and your delegate will meet. Practicing as a family before your delegate arrives was the number one piece of advice from past host families, and we have resources for you.
3. You can spend a lot of money. But you can also not spend a lot of money. See point number one and be advised that one of the favorite things our delegates did was play a pick-up game of basketball, or go to the County fair, or go to the dump (I can’t make this up!). The things you and your family do every day is perfect. Which leads me to...
4. You will stress yourself out if you try to be the entertainer. Treat them exactly as you would your own children. Down time, quiet time, recharge time- all very ok and necessary!
5. They are eager to learn English, to make you happy, and to visit America, but saying goodbye is tough, and that’s a pretty special thing.
## UME Volunteer Information

Interested in becoming a certified UME 4-H Volunteer? It's a simple 3 step process:

1. Go to the Frederick County 4-H website [http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/ume-volunteers](http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/ume-volunteers) and fill out and return the 5 necessary forms by email or postal mail to: Attn: Lisa, UME Frederick County 4-H, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702 or [lstrong@umd.edu](mailto:lstrong@umd.edu)
2. After your completed paperwork has been returned to the office Lisa will contact you to schedule an over the phone Interview which takes about 10-15 minutes.
3. After your Interview Lisa can sign you up for the online orientation training.

After these steps are done and all paperwork is in, the 4-H Educator will review your file and when approved you will receive your 4-H Maryland Leader card. To keep your certified volunteer status current each year you will need to sign a Renewal Appointment Agreement and a Behavioral Expectations Form.

Any questions contact Lisa Strong at [lstrong@umd.edu](mailto:lstrong@umd.edu) or 301-600-1595.

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### 4-H Calendar

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