The Frederick County Agriculture Week will be held on February 16-21, 2015 at the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick, Maryland with the theme of “Farmers Supporting Families in Frederick County”. Many displays and events are being planned for this year and changes have been made to the schedule and times of events. If you have any questions concerning Frederick County Ag Week or your business or organization would like to place a display at the mall, please contact Ted Albaugh at 240-446-3054 or at dayslandacres1@comcast.net or Ronald Murphy at 301-788-3847 or at rwm186@hotmail.com

Exhibits may be set up on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Activities currently planned are:

**Coloring contest** – A coloring picture and entry form will be printed in the Frederick News Post prior to Ag Week. Coloring pages will be accepted at the Frederick County 4-H Display next to Littman Jewelers on Monday Feb. 16th from 10 am – 7 pm. All entries will be judged and displayed on Tuesday in the 4-H area. Prizes will be awarded for three age categories. Novice (3 years and under), Juniors (4 yrs – 7 years) and Older Youth (8 years and up). A Special thank you to Seeds of Life for sponsoring the awards. (Coloring page)

**Monday, February 16, 2015** – Ice Cream Making Contest – Registration will begin from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the entrance near DSW Shoes and churning will begin at 6:30 p.m. Groups will need to supply their own hand crank freezer, floor covering, supplies, (no eggs to be used in recipe) salt, ice, etc., along with a copy of the ice cream recipe for the judging (space will be limited, so individuals may have to take turns churning for their group). Groups will also need to supply ice cream for those in attendance and will be required to clean up their area after churning. The Frederick County Dairy Princess and Dairy Maids will be assisting with the ice cream churning and distribution. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015** – The annual Marcie Becker Cake and Pie Contest and Auction will be held on near center court. Please bring your cake or pie to the center court at 6:00-6:30 p.m. An auction of all baked items will start at 7:30 p.m. John Roop of Roop Auction Service will serve as the auctioneer that evening.

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015** – Mike Dickson of the Seeds of Life Nurseries will host various demonstrations and events at center court from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 19, 2015 – The Frederick County 4-H Robotics Club (Robo Rangers) will be conducting various demonstrations and building events at center stage from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20, 2015 – The Roy Porter Memorial Log Sawing Contest will be held at the Shenk & Tittle Store (tentative location) beginning at 7:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Contestants will be judged on time and will be limited to a boys team and girls team from each FFA Chapter in Frederick County. A monetary prize will be awarded to the FFA Chapter with the winning boys team and the winning girls team.

The Frederick County Dairy Princess Committee will be constructing a Giant Ice Cream Sundae that evening at Center Court at 7:30 pm. Ice cream will be provided by Rocky Point Creamery and the Frederick County Dairy Princess and Dairy Maids will be assisting with the construction of the sundae.

Saturday, February 21, 2015 - The Frederick County Sheep Breeders Association will be having demonstrations from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and the Frederick County 4-H Entomology Club will be having a display of insects between 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Also on Saturday from 2:00-4:00 p.m., the 4-H Tailwaggers Dog Club will have demonstrations with 4-H animals and hold a question and answer session.

A demonstration by Scales and Tails will be presented at 6:00 p.m. near the center court and the annual Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull will be held at 7:00 p.m. in front of the DSW store, with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Adult Volunteers- If you would like to volunteer a few hours during the day to represent 4-H and hand out 4-H info please contact Lisa at lstrong@umd.edu or 301-600-1595 to sign up.

Many agriculture organizations and businesses will be having displays during Ag Week at the Mall and can display old scrapbooks, etc. Donations from the fountain at center court during Ag Week at the Mall will go towards expenses of the Frederick County Ag Week at the Mall.

All displays and exhibits must be submitted between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2015, unless prior approval of the Ag Week Committee is received; any organizations bringing machinery should check with the Ag Week Committee on times and all exhibits MUST remain until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2015. No machinery exhibits will be removed until after the mall closes on Saturday, February 21, 2015. Exhibits must be picked up by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21 or they will be considered abandoned and removed from the property; all machinery exhibits must have plastic on the floor under the oil pan, and cardboard or carpet under the tires and jack. NO STEEL WHEELS; booths and exhibits should be kept neat and clean all week. The Chairman of each activity must make sure activities are cleaned up; no vehicles will be allowed in the mall unless approved by the Ag Week Committee and raffles must be approved by the Ag Week Committee and proper permits obtained.

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. 1 - entries available online, Apr. 24 - entries due and May 16 - Wills Fair

Goat Weigh In

May 30, 2015 at the Frederick Fairgrounds
Dairy Goat Workshop 9:30 a.m.
Meat Goat Workshop 12:30 p.m.
Market Goat Weigh In 3:00 p.m.

Dairy Bowl Practice

Dairy Bowl Practice will begin on Sunday, February 15th from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Glade United Church of Christ on Fulton Ave in Walkersville. Other practices will be on Sunday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

For more information contact Cindy Rhoderick waylufarm@aol.com

Horse Bowl Practice

The State Horse Bowl competition is Saturday, March 14th and the State Horse Judging competition is Saturday, May 30th.

January Horse Bowl practice is on Wednesdays at the Yinglings in Union Bridge; practice will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Team members from last year, please bring your binders. In February, practices may be switched to Mondays.

Horse Judging practice will start in the Spring.

If you have any questions please email or text/call (410-207-2241). If you have not tried Horse Bowl in the past, come on over and see what it is all about! Please invite your 4-H friends!

Christy Yingling
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Beef, Sheep & Swine Meetings
All meetings are held at the 4-H Camp Center starting at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 25th
Thursday, March 19th
Wednesday, April 22nd
Snow Date: Thursday, May 21st

The first-ever Maryland Small Ruminant Expo will be held Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center in Frederick, Maryland. The all-day event will feature separate educational programs for adults and youth. The adult program will be divided into four educational tracks: 1) forage/pasture; 2) marketing; 3) production and health, and 4) alternative enterprises. Two tracks will be held concurrently.

The youth program will include sessions related to fiber, dairy, meat, and science (wet lab). Activities will be mostly hands-on. Lunch will be a taco bar, with a choice of lamb and/or goat meat and sheep and/or goat milk cheese. Meats and cheeses will be sourced locally.

Speakers will include extension experts, as well as producers. One of the featured speakers will be Dr. Lindsay Lane. Before attending veterinary school in the Cayman Islands and Minnesota, Dr. Lane was the farm manager for the University of Maryland College Park. She managed the campus farm, which includes a flock of mostly Katahdin sheep.

Pre-registration is required by February 14. The registration fee is $35 per adult and $25 per youth (ages 8-18). You can register online via EventBrite at www.2015mdexpo.eventbrite.com You can pay by credit card, but there is a small fee to do so. Alternatively, you can mail your registration information and payment to the Maryland Small Ruminant Expo, Western Maryland Research & Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756. Checks should be made payable to the University of Maryland. For more information contact Susan Schoenian at 301-432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu or go to http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/2015Expo.html
Soil Conservation
Public Speaking Contest
The Western Maryland Region of the Maryland Soil Conservation Districts is sponsoring an Education Speak-Off for students ages 14-18 years in grades 9-12. Students who reside in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Howard counties are invited to participate. The student may be enrolled in a public, private or home school program, or they may be a member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Envirothon team or other environmental club or program. The Speak-Off will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Frederick County Extension Office, Montevue La, Frederick, MD starting at 9:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather, where the snow emergency plan is in effect, the event will be rescheduled to Saturday, March 21, 2015.

The theme for the speak-off is “Local Heroes-Your Hardworking Pollinators.” One source of information on the topic which students can use in developing their speech can be found at the National Association of Conservation Districts website: nacdnnet.org There are many additional sources as well. Speeches must be five to seven minutes in length and the original work of the student. Students who are unable to travel to the Frederick County Extension office to present their speech in person will have the opportunity to present their speech to the judges via video feed from their local extension office. Students must indicate on the registration form their desire to utilize this option. Students will receive a confirmation of entering in the event with a presentation time.

Cash awards will be presented to the top five speakers in the following amounts. First prize-$150, Second prize -$125, Third prize-$100, Fourth prize-$75 and Fifth prize-$50. The student who wins the regional Speak-Off will be asked to present their speech at the MASCD Annual meeting in July. This event is sponsored by: The Western Maryland Soil Conservation Districts, Rural Maryland Council, Frederick Co. 4-H programs.

To enter the contest, the student must complete the application form and return it along with a copy of their bibliography to: Mr. Denny Remsburg, District Manager, Frederick SCD, 92 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 230, Frederick, MD 21702. Registration forms must be received by February 27, 2015. The registration form and a judging criteria sheet are on the event webpage so that students can prepare their speech to address critical components. As always, if you or the students have questions concerning the application, bibliography or speech, please feel free to contact Denny at dremsburg@comcast.net


4-H Central Cluster Fashion Revue
The 2015 Central Cluster Fashion Revue will be on June, 6 2015 at Bushy Park Elementary school. We will have a planning meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension Office. All youth and adults from the Central Cluster are invited to attend the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be to start organizing our plans and committees for the 2015 Fashion Revue Show. We will also pick the theme for this year's show by voting with the youth in attendance. 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 are looking for a great leadership opportunity come out on the 26th and volunteer to chair and lead any of the following committees for the show: Narrations, Decorations, or Foods. If you have any questions please contact Chris Rein at Crein@umd.edu or Alga Piechocinski algapie@umd.edu

Central Cluster Communications Contest
The 2015 Central Cluster Communications Contest will be held on March 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Bushy Park Elementary School. Clovers are welcome to participate in Prepared Speech area only, reciting the American or 4-H Pledge. Ribbons will be given in each of the age categories for each county. Extemporaneous presenters will draw for their speaking topics upon arrival of scheduled time. Juniors and Intermediates have 30 minutes and seniors have 15 minutes of preparation time. A letter will be mailed out with assigned time of speeches.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the 2015 Communications Contest please contact Chris Rein, 4-H Program Assistant, Howard County at 410-313-1915 or email crein@umd.edu If you need special accommodations please let Chris know by due date. Registration Due Date: Friday, February 27, 2015. 4-H Members may register through Eventbrite-https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-central-maryland-4-h-communications-contest-tickets-15355486674 Not familiar with Eventbrite? Please contact the Howard County UME Office for assistance.
Robo Rangers 4-H Club Activities
The Robo Rangers 4-H Club met on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at the Frederick County 4-H Extension Office. In addition to the regular business meeting, members were encouraged to participate in a “Building Challenge”. Each member could construct anything they chose as long as it was built using only Lego materials. Each member presented their creation along with a two minute speech. The members then voted for the top three. Winners were as follows: Daniel Cleaver for Best Speech, Ben Coyne for Most Creative and Most Votes Overall.

Above: Back Row (left to right) – Trevor Fitzgibbon, Beau Dickens, Daniel Cleaver, Ben Coyne, Ceri Gameson, Front Row (left to right) – Peyton Bollinger, Madison Bollinger, Zachary Spurrier, Liam Karnes, Jonathan Dickens, and Fiona McKee.

The Robo Rangers 4-H Club met on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the Frederick County 4-H Extension Office. In addition to the regular business meeting, Mr. David Franc from the Carroll County Robotics Club gave a presentation in regards to the more advanced VEX robots. The Robo Rangers are currently brainstorming fundraising ideas in order to purchase VEX robots to use for this year’s robotics competition.

Peyton Bollinger, Club Reporter

The Maryland 4-H Foundation awarded a grant to the Robo Rangers 4-H Club to develop outreach programs. The club will use the grant to purchase robotic kits and supplies needed to conduct intro to engineering programs in the community. Club Leaders - Mark & Debra Spurrier along with club members – Madison & Zachary Spurrier represented the Robo Rangers at the 4-H Gala on Sunday, January 18, 2015.

Valley Urbanites
The Valley Urbanites installed new officers at the January meeting. The positions are: President- Aubrey Cole, VP- Claire Edwards, Secretary- Caroline Edwards, Treasurer- Ryan Allen, Sargent of Arms- Meghan Cole, Song/Game Leader- Kendall Cole, Reporter- Aubrey Cole, Refreshment Coordinator- Maggie Shoemaker, Community Service Coordinator- Angela Bueso. Our group is looking forward to a busy and productive year in 4-H. Our leader, Mrs. Sturtz, organized a snowman craft for the end of the meeting. We decorated pieces of wood that had been painted white with old socks, foam pieces, fabric and Sharpies to create snowmen. Each one of them was very unique and absolutely adorable!

Submitted by Aubrey Cole
Rocky Ridge

The Rocky Ridge 4-H Club for the month of January started by using their hands for larger service. On January 17th it was an honor to serve the Thurmont Community Ambulance Company Banquet. Its always nice to help out those who volunteer and do so much for our community. For the month of January our club also collected items such as books, games, craft projects and other items to donate to the Frederick Memorial Hospital Pediatric Wing. We are excited to announce and welcome some new members to the club they are Jacob and Kendra Keeney, Madison Ohler, Katie Topper and Katilyn Bentz. Submitted by Logan Long, Member

Middletown Valley 4-H Dairy Club

On January 18, 2015, at the Burkittsville Ruritan, the Middletown Valley 4-H Dairy Club held its annual banquet. Katelyn Allen welcomed all members and guests. BJ Harrison led us in the American Pledge and Maddie Gooding led us in the 4-H Pledge. Everyone enjoyed a covered meal dish prepared by members and guests. Shortly after our meal, Denny Remsburg recognized members, new members and 4-H Alumni. Abby Riggelman and Sharon Thomas helped install new officers for 2015. President – Katelyn Allen, Vice President – Todd Allen, Secretary – Gabrielle Bowers, Treasurer – Kaitlyn Blank, Sergeant of Arms – Zachary Thompson, Historian – Carly Stocks, and Reporter – Jessica Duley. The banquet ended with recognition of different members, guests and our 4-H Leader, Marcia Molesworth. We invite new members to join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Reformed Church in Middletown, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Duley, Reporter
4-H Achievers Serve at Rescue Mission

On December 29, 2014, the 4-H Achievers volunteered to serve the people at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. During our December club meeting, we assembled comfort bags consisting of toiletries and treats donated by the members. We wrote encouraging messages on the backs of old Christmas cards and included them in the packages. The Mission’s pastor accepted these and will distribute them to people in need. The evening before the service, we met at the Masonic Lodge kitchen to make and bag 80 sandwiches. When we arrived at the Rescue Mission, we unloaded the food and comfort bags and then set up place settings for the whole dining room. Everyone attended church service before the meal. Blair and Brandon Kreh and Buck and Wally Leatherman distributed hymnals to the people there. We sang songs and Buck and Wally played Christmas songs on the piano during their father’s sermon. The 4-H members left the service a little early and dipped out 4 gallons of vegetable beef soup into bowls and set them out at the place settings. We all enjoyed helping in the kitchen with the meal and during the church service! We hope to adopt this program as a service project for the 4-H Achievers Club!

Submitted by Buck Leatherman, 4-H Achievers Reporter

Top left: Club members donated 23 toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. Top right: Blair and Brandon Kreh dropping off the toy donations. Bottom left: During the December holiday party, club members assembled 75 comfort bags for the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. These bags contained toiletries, snacks, socks and a Christmas card to provide comfort and cheer to those in the Rescue Mission during the holiday season. Bottom right: Brandon and Blair Kreh, and Buck Leatherman delivering the comfort bags to the Rescue Mission.

4-H members and their families prepared 80 sandwiches for the Rescue Mission dinner that was held the following evening.

Top left: Wally Leatherman finishes placing the bowls of crackers on the tables. Top right: Blair and Brandon Kreh finishing with the last of the place settings. Bottom photo: Club members, Brandon, Blair, Buck and Wally assisted recently with the serving of soup and sandwiches at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission.
Therapeutic Riding

IT’S RIDING TIME AGAIN FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS RIDERS! Therapeutic riding provides education, socialization, recreation and therapy to more than 78 students in Frederick County each spring and fall at no charge to the participants. The program, a 501c3 non-profit organization, will be beginning its 31st year of service to Frederick County citizens with emotional, physical or mental disabilities. Students ride one hour per week for seven weeks during each session. Class instructors and physical and/or occupational therapists design specific programs for each student, direct the implementation of these programs, and monitor the progress of the students. Visit www.fc4htrp.org on the web for further information. Volunteer Training Day will be on Saturday, April 11. If you have never attended Volunteer Training, please come and join our TRP Family. Our spring session is fast approaching. Classes will begin Tuesday April 14, Thursday Classes April 16; and Saturday Classes April 18. For further information, please call 301-898-3587 mailbox 2 or email fc4htrp@aol.com Here is Mahri, one of our riders, telling you about therapeutic riding: Hi! My name is Mahri, I am a seventeen year old Senior at Linganore High School. I have Cerebral Palsy which means I have to use a wheelchair to get around. It also means I can’t do things like soccer, ballet classes, or other sports. Lucky for me, there is therapeutic riding! I have been participating in Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding since I was 5 years old. It helps me with building strength, balance, and flexibility. I also learn riding skills like use of the reins and commands for the horse. The best part of riding is that it is a place for me and my Mom and Dad to go to have fun and be with friends outdoors in the sunshine.

Lewistown Mt View 4-H Club

The January meeting for Lewistown Mt View was held on January 19th at 6:30 at the St John’s Lutheran Church. The club welcomed our new Clover Buds leader Tatina Burrier and 5 new clovers: Dallas Baker, Levi Moser, Simon Burrier, Madison Ott and Blaine Lenhart. We also welcomed 5 new members Gavin Valentine, Karlie Hood, Ella Burrier Alecia Sexton and Shawna Sexton. Our 2015 officers are President, Brooke Payne; Vice President, Kayla Lenhart; Secretary, Ricky Adkins; Treasure, Tiffany Lenhart; Reporter, Konnor Sowell; Historian, Kayle Welty and Corresponding Secretary, Ty Lenhart. This year looks to be very active for Lewistown Mt View with several Community Service activities, fundraisers and more. Our first fundraiser will be Joe Corbies pizza starting in February. If you are interested in purchasing please contact our club leader Cheryl Lenhart at CLENHART@MilesStockbridge.com and she will put you in contact with a club member near you. Respectfully Submitted - Konnor Sowell, Club Reporter

Clubs Come Together to Help Others

In January 2015 it was brought to my attention that a school in Montgomery County was in need of assistance. The School is considered to be a High Risk School and over 80% of the students walk to school. I was notified that the students where in need of hats and gloves and with the combined efforts of the Shooting Sports Club and Lewistown Mt View 4-H Club we collected 56 pairs of gloves and 36 hats to be given out to students in need of winter wear. I would like to personally thank everyone for coming together, this is the second time I have organized a glove and hat drive for this particular school. I was advised by one of their teachers that the students and teachers appreciate all that we were able to give and it truly is inspirational to see two clubs coming together to help those in need. If your club would like to know how they can help in the future please feel free to contact me at akksowell@comcast.net Thank you everyone. Respectfully submitted - Konnor Sowell, Reporter for Lewistown Mt View 4-H Club and Reporter for Shooting Sports 4-H Club.
Calico Clovers

The Calico Clovers 4-H Club met at the United Church of Christ on January 15th for their monthly meeting. At this meeting, the club had all of its new officers officiating. President, Ben Sanville called the meeting to order. The club discussed old and new business. After the club had gone through all the new and old business Ian, Ben and Amelia did demonstrations. Amelia did her demonstration first. She talked about her clarinets. She showed three different clarinets, all of which were of different size. Ian showed how to paint with charcoal. His paper was covered in charcoal and then he shaded out the charcoal with erasers. Ben did his demonstration last. He showed the process of making wool, from the sheep to your socks. He showed different types of wool and passed them around. The Calico Clovers next meeting is on February 19th. Nathaniel Stuyck, Club Reporter

Club members bringing in food items for a needy family at Thanksgiving.
The club got 10 mittens from Valley Elementary School for needy children. Club members went shopping at WalMart and then went to Golden Coral to wrap the presents before having dinner. Kids love this community service event!

Shooting Sports

Club officers: Rachel Summers, Secretary; PJ Hinch, Vice-President; Natallie Schiazi, President

Patty Pollatos Christmas Party

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CALLING ALL 4-H ALUMNI!

YOU can help Maryland 4-H WIN a $10,000 STEM Scholarship!

Check-In online with the 4-H GROWN Alumni Campaign between January 20 and March 16, 2015!

Go to www.4-H.org/4HGROWN and enter your information.

Every “check-in” by a 4-H Alum identifying with Maryland will earn a vote for our State toward the $10,000 Innovation Incubator Scholarship.

Not a 4-H Alum? Spread the word! Share with friends & family and through your social media!

Follow Maryland 4-H on Social Media!

Facebook: University of Maryland Extension 4-H
Twitter and Instagram: @Maryland4H
**4-H Royalty Fundraiser**

The 4-H Royalty will be kicking off their 1st community service event for 2015 this month. Help the 4-H Royalty collect nonperishable food items to donate to our local food banks. There is an increased need in donations this time of the year. Help us collect food items by dropping donations off at our 4-H Office during the month of February, at our 4-H Dance on February 13th, or at the 4-H Display during Ag Week at FSK Mall.

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**4-H Volunteers Renewals**

Volunteer Renewals have been emailed or mailed. If you did not receive yours please contact Lisa at lstrong@umd.edu

UME Volunteer cards will be mailed in March.

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**2014 Volunteers**

In 2014 we had a total of 311 UME Volunteers including 27 new volunteers! Thank you for all your time and effort to make this a great program for youth!

If you are interested in becoming a trained UME Volunteer contact Lisa lstrong@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

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**Youth Resource Fair**

The Youth Resource fair will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m. at Francis Scott Key Mall (middle).

The Youth Resource Fair is a free event that will provide parents and youth with information on programs and services for youth ages 5-21 in Frederick County. Programs and services to be featured include: after-school programs, child & family services, dropout prevention, educational programs, hotlines & crisis services, job assistance, mental health, mentoring programs, substance abuse treatment, volunteer opportunities, summer camps, sports and recreation, etc.

This event is brought to you by the Local Management Board, the Frederick County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Policy Board, and the Frederick Police Department.

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Livestock Judging
If you are interested in learning how to judge livestock and being a member of the 2015 Livestock Judging Team please contact Colby Ferguson at cferg615@outlook.com. Practices will begin in early March. The practice schedule will be available late February.

Farm Safety Camp
This year is the 20th year for Farm Safety Camp. It will be held June 25-27, 2015.
Registration forms will be available in March on the Frederick County Farm Bureau website.

4HOnline Enrollment System
The 4-H Office is starting to input the 2015 enrollment into the new 4HOnline enrollment system. A profile will be created for each family with a family email. Parents contact information will be listed in the 4-H member’s individual profile contained within the family profile. If a parent is a trained UME Volunteer they will have their own individual profile under the family profile. You will receive an email from the 4H Office with instructions on how to log in and given a temporary password which you will have to change.

This process will take some time and will be done on a club by club basis. Club Leaders will be notified when their club membership is being created. Please bear with us while this transition is taking place.
Scholarship Information

The Frederick County Scholarship and the Beef, Sheep and Swine Scholarships are due March 1, 2015 to the FC 4-H Office.

Darren S. Kennedy Scholarship is due April 30, 2015 to the address listed on the application.

MD 4-H Foundation Scholarship is due June 1, 2015 to the MD 4-H Office.

Information on these scholarships can be found on our website scholarship page:

http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/awards-and-scholarships

New Project Group Entrepreneurship

If you are a 4-H’er interested in joining a county wide project group focused on entrepreneurship and starting your own business please email Ms Donielle at dinskeep@umd.edu by April 1st.

Leaders Spring Meeting
Monday, March 30th
6 - 8 pm at the Extension

Allstars Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting the Frederick County 4-H Allstars fundraiser at Roy Rogers on Route 26 on Saturday, January 31st.

Save the Date!
Maryland Day 2015
April 25th
http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/

Ag Day Avenue
Arts Alley
Biz & Society Hill
Science & Tech Way
Sports & Rec Row
Terp Town Center

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Frederick County 4-H Youth Development
2015 4-H BROILER CHICK PROJECT

This 4-H project involves raising poultry of a meat-type (chicks will be coming from Tyson Farms) from 1 day old baby chicks to finish (6-8 weeks). The birds grow rapidly and are purchased in quantity for this project through University of Maryland Extension. They cost a fraction of what most hatcheries charge per chick of this quality ($1.75 - $2.10 per chick). This year the cost is $1.00 per chick.

4-Her's taking this project learn to feed, care and manage these birds and it is a very short term project. At the conclusion of this 7 week project there is a broiler contest and show where you can enter your two best birds and records for competition and cash awards. This is a multi-county contest.

The project is fun, interesting, short term, and requires a very low investment. Families are invited to order chicks for home use in order to learn more about this project. Also you have some delicious poultry for the freezer or you may market your birds for a cash profit. There are some options for processing your birds at the conclusion of the project. It is not advised to keep these birds for layers because they are bred for meat purposes and will become extremely heavy. The chicks are scheduled to arrive Mid April at the Frederick County Extension Office, pick up between 3:30-4:30 P.M. You will be contacted with an arrival date. (PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CARRYING CONTAINERS). You may order any amount that you wish IN MULTIPLES OF 25.

ORDERS ARE DUE IN THE 4-H OFFICE BY April 3, 2015  PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!!!!!!!

2015 BROILER PROJECT ORDER FORM

DUE April 3rd TO: 4-H DEPARTMENT 330 MONTEVUE LANE FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21702

NAME: ________________________ COUNTY: ________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________

CITY: ________________________ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: ________________________ EMAIL: ________________________

Please circle the # of chicks you would like at $1.00 per chick.

| 25 | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 | 150 |
| 175 | 200 | 225 | 250 | 275 | 300 |
| 325 | 350 | 375 | 400 | 425 | 450 |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ______________ Please make checks payable to Frederick County EAC

Order online with a credit card at:
https://2015fc4hbroilerchicks.eventbrite.com

Equal Opportunity Programs
Achievement Night
Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night will be held on **Tuesday, April 14th at the 4-H Camp and Activities Center.** This year we will recognize Diamond Clover award recipients, Blue Ribbon and Top Project Record Books, Outstanding 4-Hers and UME Volunteer Service award recipients. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments; program begins at 6:30 p.m. Any awards not received by the recipient at Achievement Night will be taken back to the 4-H Office and given to the Club Leader to disburse.

Officer Training
Officer training will be held on Saturday, February 21st at the 4-H Office from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Each officer group will be meeting separately:
- Presidents & Vice Presidents are from 10-11
- Treasurers are from 11-12
- Secretaries are from 12-1
- Historians / Reporters are from 1-2

Email Jennie Schiazzi@umd.edu to register. **RSVP by February 13th**

Record Book Judges Needed
Volunteers interested in helping judge record books should email BreAnn breann@umd.edu. General Record Book Judging will be Saturday, February 21st. An orientation will be provided from 9 – 9:30 a.m. and judging will follow until 4 p.m. Lunch is provided for judges, and individuals can judge for either the morning / afternoon or both.

If a volunteer is not available to help on February 21st and would like to help with project judging they can email BreAnn to schedule a time to stop by.

Volunteer Opportunities
We have had a few UME Volunteers inquire about volunteer opportunities, some have told us that they would volunteer but have not been asked to. In response to this, the 4-H Office has created a group email list to send out volunteer opportunities when they arise. If you would like to receive these emails, contact lstrong@umd.edu

New Posting Board
Do you have an ad for items or services that you would like to post at the 4-H Office? There is a bulletin board that will be available for your ad. Please have ads no larger than half of a sheet of 8 1/2 X 11 paper. All ads will be reviewed by the 4-H Office prior to posting. You can send your ad to lstrong@umd.edu or Schiazzi@umd.edu
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
Feb - Middletown Valley Dairy, Jr. Dairy, Goat Club
Mar - Shookstown, Bug Patrol, Alpha Alpaca
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

Summer Camp Dates:
Day Camp - July 6-10 and 13-17
Residential Camp - July 13-17.

Camp Counselors
It’s not too late to be a camp counselor. If you are interested in serving as a camp counselor this summer for either week of camp or both weeks please email Ms Jennie at schiazi@umd.edu. Our first camp counselor class will be on Thursday, February 26th at the 4-H Office at 6:00 pm. See you there.

NO BULL Challenge
We welcome 4-H students’ participation in our 2015 video contest which is now in full swing and runs through February 27, 2015. flyer

We have added a several new and exciting elements to the NO BULL Challenge:
— Added a vine entry category.
— Added a People Choice Award - While social voting will help narrow to 25 and then to 15 finalists, contestants may continually promote their videos and go after the one award that skips past the judges and straight to the winner's podium - the People's Choice Award.
— Introduced the "Move It," Change Makers Reaching Millions Campaign and “Move it” Award. All contestants are invited to participate in the “Move It,” Change Makers Reaching Millions Campaign - taking the NO BULL Challenge to the next level! This is contestants’ opportunity to promote their video creatively through social media as well as in their school or community. This is a way to be heard, be counted, and improve their chances of capturing the People’s Choice Votes!
— The "Move It" Award - Top video nominees will qualify for the "Move it" Award. This will recognize individuals for their stellar outreach efforts (through and following the NO BULL Challenge until August 7, 2015), showcasing their leadership, communication, teamwork and organizational skills. All nominees will present their “Move It” strategies and results to their fellow nominees at the August 8th Education Conference in Los Angeles. The winner of the “Move It” award will be selected through peer vote on August 8, 2015.
— Opened the No BULL Challenge to college students up to age 23 - the college awards will be distinct and will not compete with entries from teens.
I hope that the NO BULL Challenge will provide an interesting opportunity to engage 4-H students and welcome their participation!

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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
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 or 301-600-1595.

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