February-March 2014

Farewell Samantha, We Will Miss You!

"It is bittersweet news as I announce that as of February 24th I will no longer be a part of Frederick County 4-H. I have accepted a position in Morgantown, and as excited as I am to begin this new adventure, it is with regret that I leave the wonderful people I have had the opportunity to work with over the last 18 months. I have learned so much in my short time in Frederick County and want to thank all of you for your guidance, support, and the dedication you show to Maryland 4-H. I know that you will go on to do amazing things for this county and this program. I wish all of you the best in 2014!"

Achievement Night

Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night will be held on Tuesday, April 15th 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-H’ers and Volunteer Service award recipients. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments; program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Record Books

Record Books – All record books are due into the 4-H Office by 4 p.m. February 11th and must be turned in by the member’s primary club leader.

Record Book Judging – County Record Book Judging will happen on Sunday, March 9th beginning at 9 a.m. at the 4-H Office. If you are a volunteer interested in assisting with the process, please contact Samantha Murdock ASAP smurdock@umd.edu

Diamond Clover

Completed Diamond Clover Reports (2013) and Plans (2014) for Diamond Clover levels 1-4 are due into the office by 4 p.m. February 11th.

Welcome BreAnn !!

Please help us welcome BreAnn Fields as the 2014 4-H Intern. BreAnn is a member of the Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club and currently serves as the club President. BreAnn has been a member of 4-H for 10 years and her main project is Beef. While working with the 4-H program, BreAnn will also be attending Frederick Community College enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program. She plans to transfer to a 4 year program in Extension Education.

Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Club

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Camp and Activity Center starting at 7:00 pm.

2014:
February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)
March 20, 2014 (Thursday)
April 22, 2014 (Tuesday)

Snow date in May but nothing after May

*Workshops (TBA)

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Valley Urbanites

The Valley Urbanites elected new officers at their yearly Christmas party in December. The officers were installed at the January meeting. For 2014 the officers will be: President, Katelyn Allen; Vice President, Claire Edwards; Secretary, Caroline Edwards; Treasurer, Ryan Allen; News Reporter, Meghan Cole; Sargent of Arms, Angela Bueso; Song Leader, Maggie Shoemaker; Game Leader, Kendall Cole; Community Service Coordinator, Aubrey Cole; Refreshment Coordinator, Aubrey Cole. The group is looking forward to a productive and fun filled year in 4-H.

Submitted by Meghan Cole, News Reporter

On December 21st, the members visited the Record Street Ladies Home and sang Christmas carols.

Johnsville 4-H News

In November our club voted for the 2014 officers. President, Kira Zimmerman; Vice-President, Conner Claybaugh; Treasurer, Sabrina Moxley; Secretary, Chelsea Dinterman and Reporters, Luke and Jacob Gladhill.

For our November-December Community Service the club collected clothes and toys for the CASS project for the local Walkersville, Woodsboro, New Midway families that are less fortunate during the holidays. This service helped many families have a wonderful holiday.

On December 20, 2013 we hosted bingo at Crumland Retirement Home. Lukas Hoffman, Emma and Caroline Mullineaux, and Amanda Shultz called bingo and gave away prizes. Many members also donated prizes: Frank Family, Kira Zimmerman, Tabitha Gregory, Zachary Crum, Gladhill Family and Sydney Grossnickle.

On December 28, we held our monthly meeting at Adventure Park. Had a short meeting and then had fun playing laser tag, rope bridge and playing games and much more. Everyone had a great time.

Our January meeting was held on Tuesday the 14th. We discussed having a booth at Ag Week at the Mall during February 16-21. Many members were very interested and decided to come up with a booth to help support 4-H and our club.

Reported by: Luke and Jacob Gladhill

Alpha Alpaca

On Friday December 13th, the Alpha Alpaca 4-H Club had their 4-H business meeting at a 4-H member’s house where we elected new officers and had four new visitors that will be joining in the new year. Once the meeting was adjourned we went Christmas caroling in a member’s neighborhood and collected canned goods from 7-9:30 p.m. There were 11 4-H’ers that sang and 5 parents that came along. The club members got to ride in a hay wagon between houses. We stopped at about ten houses to sing, which doesn’t include the houses we stopped at to just collect canned foods. The neighbors generously donated the canned goods to singing 4-H members. After caroling we came back to the member’s house and had hot chocolates and cookies. We successfully collected over 70 canned goods which will be donated by the 4-H members to the Frederick Food Bank.
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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, is in its 30th 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 5th. If you have never attended Volunteer Training, please come and join our TRP Family. Our SPRING SESSION is fast approaching. Classes will begin Saturday, April 12, Tuesday April 15, and Thursday Classes April 17th. For further information, please call 301-898-3587, Mailbox 2 or email fc4htrp@aol.com.

Kristofer’s family would like to share with you his success story: “Our son Kristofer has autism and has been a student with the Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program (TRP) for 13 years. When Kristofer began the program, he had great difficulties controlling anger and emotional outbursts because he could not express his wants or needs. His poor communication skills presented many difficulties at school, home and in social settings. Kristofer also had deficiencies in fine and gross motor skills which made normal sport activities difficult for him. TRP worked with Kristofer, on horseback, to improve these deficits. Kristofer is now able to groom and saddle his horse and rides without assistance. He participates and wins in statewide horseshows. As a student of TRP, he has gained confidence and focus in all aspects of his life. He is now a college-bound, honors student at Urbana High School, is president of the Emerging Leaders Club, and speaks fluent German!”

Rocky Ridge

For the January 2014 Community Service Project of the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club, the members and parents served the Thurmont Community Ambulance Service and the Rocky Ridge Firemen for their annual banquets. Each month the 4-H Club does a Community Service Project to help the Thurmont/Rocky Ridge area.

The Rocky Ridge 4-H Club’s Community Service for January 2014 was to serve the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Firemen at their annual banquet. It was held on Thursday evening January 23, 2014 at the Rocky Ridge Firemen’s Activity Center in Rocky Ridge, MD. This is a big evening as the club served over 150 people along with the 4-H members’ families assisting. Patty Kears was in charge of the kitchen for the evening.

4-H’ers that helped serve were: Stacie Baust, Brandon Benitez, Dakota Bittner, Brittni & Wesley Brown, Taylor Clarke, Laura & Olivia Dutton, Addison Eyler, Mariam Harper, Asilinn & Brietta Latham, Ashley Lescalee, Logan Long, Nikita Miller, Megan Millison, Kayla & Kaitlyn Neff, Ashley Ridenour, Lauren Schur, Karianna & Kandria Strickhouser, Margo Sweeney, Payton Troxell, Kolton Whetzel & Bryce Topper.

Brittni Brown, Reporter
The January meeting of the Frederick County Shooting Sports Club “Fire Power” was held January 14th at the Frederick County Camp Center. To bring in the New Year we held our election of officers and discussed fundraising, contests and shooting opportunities and community service events. We are looking forward to a very active year and would like to remind other 4-H’ers that they are more then welcome to join our group. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Frederick County Camp Center at 7:00 p.m.

Please be on the lookout for upcoming Shooting events that our club will be sponsoring this spring and summer and welcome our new Officers: President, Garrett Buckmeier; Vice President, Natalie Schiazzi; Treasurer, Olivia Dutton; Secretary, Marli McDonald; Corresponding Secretary, Rachel Summers; Reporter, Konnor Sowell; Historians, Laura Dutton and Morgan Farmer; Safety Officers, Daniel Summers and John Schroyer; Sergeants of Arms, Trevor Fitzgibbon and Madison Bollinger; Quarter Masters, PJ Hinch and Peyton Bollinger; Youth Counsel Representatives, Amelia Summers and Rachel Summers; Club Delegates, Rachel Summers, Cody Ramsburg, Katie Campbell, Matthew Lenhart and Amelia Summers and Refreshment Coordinators, Jessica Dulley and Laura Dutton. We wish everyone a wonderful 2014.

Submitted by: Konnor Sowell, Club Reporter

4-H Shooting Sports members traveled to Chambersburg, PA to practice Sporting Clays and Wobble Trap at Chambersburg Rod and Gun Club.

PJ Hinch just as he beaks a pair of doubles with his semi-auto shotgun in Sporting Clays.

Natalie Schiazzi shooting a Wobble Trap target with an over/under shotgun.

All had a great time and was well worth the trip! We would like to especially thank the staff and members of the Rod and Gun Club for their friendly hospitality, Mr. Bob Abraham who shot with us, Anne and Tori Mann from Carroll County Hotshots for the invite and Mr. Paul Hinch for providing us with transportation! (L-R members) Natalie Schiazzi, Ashley Grimes, Tim Duley and PJ Hinch. (Back) Instructor Mr. Chuck Farmer and Mr. Paul Hinch who will be a 4-H Shotgun Instructor in the near future!

Patty Pollatos Christmas Party

The PPF hosted a special Christmas Party on December 22, 2013 at the Elks Lodge. Many guests included residents of the Scott Key Center, ARC, Community Living, Community Foundation and Goodwill Clients. Santa arrived with elf helpers and gifts were given to all guests, the 4-H Shooting Sports helped out with decorating and provided helium balloons, pizza was generously donated for everyone from James Gang Pizzeria in Middletown, members of the “Outlaws” Football Team were on hand to serve and help out all day. Everything was provided by generous donations from the Community and a great time was had by all!
**Club News**

**“Fire Power” 4-H Shooting Sports Club**

On January 5, 2014 some of our club members attended a spaghetti dinner at Morningside Inn and were honored to be special guests of Delegate, Kelly Schulz. Our Club Members were asked to open with the pledge and were able to meet many elected officials including former Maryland Governor, Marvin Mandel. Pictured L-R (front) Delegate Kelly Schulz, Natalie Schiazzi, Laura Dutton and Jessica Duley (back row) Garret Buckmeier, Tyler McDonald, Olivia Dutton, Tim Duley and Leader Chuck Farmer.

On February 1, 2014 Some of our members traveled to the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, PA and spent time helping Eddie Eagle spread the Gun Safety message to visitors at the show. Eddie Eagle and the staff for the National Gun Safe Program were very appreciative of the time put in on the first day of the show by Ashley Grimes, Natalie Schiazzi and Garret Buckmeier. The Show is from February 1-9, 2014 and there was a lot to see and do!

While at the Outdoor Show, Ashley, Natalie and Garret had a chance to meet Justin Martin from the "Duck Dynasty" Show.

Tim Duley & Garret Buckmeier made the 4-H State Shotgun Practice Team with a chance to attend Nationals in Grand Island, Nebraska this coming June! They did very well at their first mandatory practice on Sporting Clays at Pintail Point on January 12, 2014 and are in the final 6 participants! They have committed to the practice and process to try to make the final 4 member team to represent Maryland! They are required to participate in not only shooting practices for Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays each week at different ranges across the state, but each are subject to an essay and interview process which is a large part of their final score. Not only is this a great opportunity and experience for them but this is a first ever for Frederick County to be represented at this level! Let’s all help support and reward their hard work and dedication and find ways to help them offset their costs and cheer them on! Anyone wishing to sponsor them or make donations, please contact our main office or our Shooting Sports Program.

Garret shooting at a Sporting Clays station at Pintail Point on January 12th.

Tim & Garret listen to tips for shooting Skeet from future 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor, Donnie Dewitt while practicing at Tuscarora Gun Club on January 15th.

Tim & Garret practiced Trap and Skeet on a very cold night at Tuscarora Gun Club!

Shooting Sports member Ashley Grimes prepares to shoot at Leetown Gun Club as a participant in the Tristate Trap League even in the snow!

Members had a great time shooting air rifles at the January meeting!
Youth Tractor Safety

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operations Certification Program Training enables young workers to obtain Hazardous Occupation Order in Agriculture Certification, which is required for youth 14 and 15 years of age who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian, and operate a farm Tractor that is 20 hp or greater. It is highly recommended for ALL farm and equipment-operating youth, even if they will only be working for a parent. Training this year is being offered in Washington County April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 at the Western MD Research Education Center (WMREC).

Contact Jeff Semler at the Washington County Extension Office at 301-791-1304 or jsemler@umd.edu for registration information.

Frederick County will offer the training in 2015.
Share A Bear-Winners

Congratulations to Calico Clovers for collecting the most stuffed animals (263) for the Share A Bear drive. Total number of stuffed animals donated was 992!

Camp Center Community Service Schedule for 4-H Clubs

February - Calico Clovers, Bug Patrol, Rocky Ridge
March - Alpha Alpaca, Tailwaggers
April - Valley Urbanites, Shookstown
May - Paddock Pals, (club needed)
June - Myersville Mountain eers, (club needed)
July - Jr. Dairy, (club needed)
August - Breezy Hills Stables, (club needed)
September - Kaleidoscope
October - Boots ’n Buckles, (club needed)
November - Lewistown Mt. View, Johnsville
December - Tom’s Creek, Bits ’n Bridles

Save the Date: June 24th
All Star Ice Cream Social and End of School Party at the 4-H Camp Center

“Fire Power” 4-H Shooting Sports Club

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“Wounded Warriors” Fundraising Raffle

*1 of 500* Wounded Warrior Rifle Commemorative .44 Caliber with a signed copy of Navy SEAL Chris Kyle’s autobiography “American Sniper” OR -$1000 Pay out Option
(Raffle ends when 500 tickets are sold)

Tickets: $10 each or (3) for $20
for tickets: see us at an event or contact Shootingsports@frederickcounty4-h.org

Half of all proceeds to benefit “Wounded Warriors Project” & “Operation Second Chance” in Frederick County, with the remaining to support the Frederick County 4-H Shooting Sports program

Thank you for your support!
Are you interested in Legos, robots or both? This might be the project club for you. We are seeking interest in starting a new project club that centers on Lego Robotics. Come learn about SuGo, the 4-H Legos robotics challenge and more. E-mail your interest to dvltrt@aol.com An informational session is planned for April 10th at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Office. Please come and check it out.

Cluster Communications Contest

Cluster Communications Contest March 1, 2014 at Oakdale Elementary. Registration packets are now available on the website - https://extension.umd.edu/news/events/fri-2014-02-21-1600-deadline-register-central-cluster-communications-contest Registration is due Feb. 21st to the Frederick County Office.

Frederick Sews!

Workshops have been scheduled through 2014. These workshops are open to all Clovers and 4-H’ers interested in learning to sew, you do not have to carry sewing, clothing, or fashion projects to participate. For more information on each workshop, and to pre-register, please go to the events calendar on our website (located on the sidebar) *Note: some workshops may have a materials cost

- February 17th at the Montgomery County Extension Office, Derwood, MD from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Advanced Quilting. Pre-register through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com/e/february-sewing-workshop-potholders-registration-8976068663 Free if providing own materials (Extra sewing machines will be available), $10 if Office is providing materials. If you would like to bring a previous project to work on, please contact Samantha Murdock prior to the workshop.


- Mark your calendars for June 14th this year’s Cluster Fashion Revue! This year’s contest will be held at Urbana Elementary School.

New Project Club: Lego Robotics

April 11-14 2014
Friday-Sunday Overnight Teen Leaders 4-H Age (13-18) $85.00
Saturday-Sunday Overnight 4-H Age (8-18) $75.00
Day workshops only 4-H Age (5-18) $35.00

4-H Camp and Activities Center
3702 Basford Road Frederick, MD 21703

This overnight sewing workshop is provided by Howard, Montgomery, and Frederick County 4-H.

Workshops for all ages (8-18) and experience levels!

More details to be announced but mark your calendars now!

Scholarships may be available, contact your local 4-H office for more information.
Twelve members enjoyed breakfast provided by Barb, Jan, Viola and Myrtle.

Special recognition went out to All Stars inducted 25 and 50 years ago:

- 25 years ago: April Zimmerman (deceased), Christy Fuss, Linda Powers, James Meunier, Linda Summers and Marcia Summers-Mauser
- 50 years ago: Robert Delauter Jr, Alice Hevner and Wayne Reeder (deceased).

Linda Powers and Christy Fuss were in attendance for the meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Semi-annual for 2014 will be held April 12, 2014 at the Stockton Volunteer Fire Company in Stockton, MD. Viola volunteered to drive for those that plan to attend and would like to carpool. All Star candidates will be voted on.
- The Annual Conference will be held July 28, 2014 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. New All Stars will be inducted.
- Interstate is considering a cruise for those that may be interested. It is usually the first weekend in August, but dates may change based on cruise ship availability. Please let Viola know if you’d like to participate.
- Viola reported that there will be a Northeast Volunteer Forum at the University of Maryland November 20-23, 2014.
- Upcoming fund-raiser probably the first part of April at the Roy Rogers on Route 26. Jan Dommerich, Barb Turell (publicity) and Rebecca Wightman will organize.
- David Axline said servers are needed for the Camp Center fund-raiser dinner at the Jefferson Ruritan Club June 18th.
- There’s a Camp Center Board sponsored Bingo Night February 7th (cancelled due to a power outage). Christy Fuss will send a list of Camp Center Board activities to the All Stars.
- Record book training workshop February 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.

Test your skills at our 1st County Horticulture Contest! The Frederick County Master Gardeners; Susan Trice, Horticulture Educator/ Master Gardener Coordinator, along with 4-H leader / Coach, Myrtle Sturtz are planning a Horticulture Judging Contest on Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. The contest will follow the National Junior Horticultural Association (NJHA) format. Participants will identify vegetables, fruit and nuts, trees and shrubs, flowers, and insects, weeds, and diseases and quality judging classes. Any participant 14 years old and up will take a test on their knowledge of horticulture. The questions will be based on the Study Manual found at this website [http://www.njha.org/projects_hortid.html](http://www.njha.org/projects_hortid.html) The lists of specimens to be identified can also be found at that website or contact Myrtle Sturtz for the lists. Junior members, ages 8-13, will have a shorter list to know than Senior members. Master Gardeners, FFA members, and 4-H members may be participating. Participants will come any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to start the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top individuals. For more information and to preregister if you can, please email Myrtle Sturtz at sturtzm@msn.com

See if you can name the following:

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! FREDERICK COUNTY 4-H ALL STARS!

We are having a fund-raiser at the Route 26 Roy Rogers (near the Wal-Mart) on Monday, April 7, 2014 from 5:00-9:00 P.M. No coupons necessary - just mention Frederick County 4-H All Stars when ordering. Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend. Invite your neighbors, friends, and relatives. If you have questions, please call Jan Dommerich 301-371-5610.

COME! COME! COME! COME! COME! COME! COME! COME!
HOWARD, FREDERICK, & MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

LOCATION: Oakdale Elementary School
9850 Old National Pike
Ijamsville, MD 21754

REGISTRATION: 9:00 a.m.

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 the schedule of events. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the 2013 Communications Contest please contact Samantha Murdock, 4-H Faculty Extension Assistant, Frederick County at (301)-600-3583 or email smurdock@umd.edu. If you need special accommodations please let Samantha know by due date.

Registration Due Date: February 21, 2014

I am a member of: _____ Howard County 4-H _____ Frederick County 4-H _____ Montgomery County 4-H

Name: ___________________________ Age: ___________________________

(As of January 1, 2014)

Address: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

I would like to participate in the following Communication Contest Events:

Prepared Speech: __________ Topic: ___________________________

Interpretations: _______ Other Language ____ Dramatic ____ Poetry ____ Humorous____

Radio/Public Address: ______

Extemporaneous Speech: ______

Clover- 4H Pledge: ______

MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO: Frederick County 4-H
Attn: Samantha Murdock
330 Montevue Lane
Frederick MD, 21702

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Frederick County Agriculture Week at FSK Mall

The Frederick County Agriculture Week will be held on February 17-22, 2014 at the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick, MD with the theme of “Support Local Frederick County Farms.” 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, 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 16, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Activities currently planned are:

Coloring Contest – A coloring picture and entry form printed in the Frederick News Post. Entries will be accepted on Monday afternoon, February 17, 2014 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Display (near Dairy Queen) judging will take place on Tuesday and pictures will be displayed throughout the week. Prizes will be awarded. Categories are ages 2-4; 5-8 and 9-12.

Monday, February 17, 2014 – 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, salt, ice, etc., along with a copy of the ice cream recipe for the judging. Groups 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. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – The Marcie Becker Cake and Pie Contest and Auction will be held on or 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 19, 2014 – Mike Dickson of the Seeds of Life Nurseries will host A Minute To Win It contest beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the center court. At 6:00 p.m. Michael Judd will have a lecture and book signing near center court and Old Line Events will present a seminar on farming with technology; and Seeds of Life Nurseries will present an urban agriculture seminar.

Thursday, February 20, 2014 – the Frederick County 4-H Department will sponsor a “Trash-F” Fashion Show will be held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Class divisions will be; Individual, Pair, Group/Club, and Company/Business, and garments will be made using “non-traditional” textiles (ie. cans, trash bags, cardboard, coffee filters, bubble wrap, CDs). ONLY muslin is allowed to be used in garment creation, and is ONLY to be used for structural integrity. Garments must be wearable and will be modeled on stage for judging. Garments will be judged for use of non-traditional materials and artistic creativity. Each division will be placed 1st – 6th and will be awarded ribbons. Participation ribbons will also be awarded. $10 will be awarded for the 1st place winner in each division. Please complete an entry form to registration along with the completed garment and narration. Forms can be found at the Frederick County 4-H website: https://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4-h-and-youth-development. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Murdock at 301-600-3583 or smurdoch@umd.edu

Friday, February 21, 2014 – The Frederick County Dairy Princess Committee will be constructing a Giant Ice Cream Sundae at 7:30 p.m. at Center Court. Ice cream will be provided by South Mountain Creamery and the Frederick County Dairy Princess and Dairy Maids will be assisting with the construction.

On Saturday, 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.

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 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.

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 16, 2014, 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 22, 2014. No machinery exhibits will be removed until after the mall closes on Saturday, February 22, 2014. Exhibits must be picked up by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd 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.

4-H Displays will be by Dairy Queen and Litman Jewelers instead of Barnes and Noble.

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**Great American: No BULL Challenge Bullying Prevention Video Contest**

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is the first, student-led National video contest and Teen Video Awards show dedicated to bullying prevention and promoting empathy, respect, and inclusive communities using the power of music and the magic of filmmaking. This year, the competition includes full length videos of 2 - 5 minutes as well as PSA's of 30 - 60 seconds.

The goal of the NO BULL Challenge is to join America's students, educators, counselors, organizations, communities, and corporate America together in an effort to enable real change at the student level. Middle and high school students between the ages of 13 - 18 will have 4+ months to create a 2-5 minute video or 30-60 second PSA with a digital responsibility or a bullying prevention theme. **Students will submit their video to the NO BULL Challenge no later than April 30, 2014 at 11:59 PM (PST).** Check out the Digital Responsibility 411 toolkits available at [http://nobullchallenge.org/](http://nobullchallenge.org/) to learn everything you need to know in order to create your video.

Beginning May 5, 2014, each student will rally their friends, family, educators and community to vote for their video. As a result of the public voting period, nominees will be selected from the top 50 favorite videos by a panel of expert judges. The formal announcement of the NO BULL Nominees will occur on June 6, 2014. All nominees will receive a golden ticket to attend the star-studded NO BULL Teen Video Awards show. At the NO BULL Teen Video Awards show, you’ll get to see amazing artists perform live and meet & greet with your favorite athletes and celebrities on the red carpet. The NO BULL winning videos will be announced "live" where your video will be introduced to the world. Inspiring America’s teens to speak up and be an Upstander against bullying is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about, and we need you to make it happen! Download a one page flier and information using this link: [http://nobullchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2014-NO-BULL-One-Sheet.pdf](http://nobullchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2014-NO-BULL-One-Sheet.pdf) Also visit the campaign homepage and view the winning videos from last year at: [http://nobullchallenge.org/winning-films-2013](http://nobullchallenge.org/winning-films-2013)

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**Scholarships**

**The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association** in conjunction with the [Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival](http://www.marylandsheep.com/) 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. All academic majors will be considered, but priority will be to agricultural majors and to those applicants who are members or whose families are members of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Payment will be made upon provision of school acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance.

**Awards Presentation**

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.

**Selection Criteria Basis:**

- Experience and involvement with the sheep industry (e.g. 4-H, FFA, Family Business, Make It with Wool, etc.);
- Industry compatible career goals;
- Community service activities;
- Leadership and/or extra-curricular involvement;
- Official High School or College Transcripts;
- Essay (500 words/Topic listed on Application);
- Letters of recommendation (2).

**Deadline for submission:** July 1, 2014.

Email [lstrong@umd.edu](mailto:lstrong@umd.edu) for application.

Daisy 4-H applications will need to go to Conrad Arnold who will select the two from Maryland to submit to National. The NRA scholarships are awarded as a part of the NRA Youth Education Summit.

**Daisy 4-H Scholarship** [http://www.daisy-hsshootingsports.org/](http://www.daisy-hsshootingsports.org/) under Just For Youth…..2014 Daisy Scholarship


**The Frederick County Scholarship** and the **Beef, Sheep and Swine Scholarships** are due March 1, 2014; the **Darren S. Kennedy Scholarship** is due April 30, 2014; and the **MD 4-H Foundation Scholarship** is due June 1, 2014. Information on these scholarships can be found on our website: [http://extension.umd.edu/frederick/extensiondevelopment/awards-and-scholarships](http://extension.umd.edu/frederick/extensiondevelopment/awards-and-scholarships)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The 4-H Office will be closed March 26-March 28 for Professional Development Training.
2014 MARYLAND-DELAWARE SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL
For Beginning Shearers

Date: April 18 and 19, 2014 (Friday and Saturday)

Place: Ridgely Thompson Farm, 1942 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD 21157. Directions: From
Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take 795 North to Rt. 140 to Westminster. Follow 140 around
Westminster until the dual lane highway turns into single lane at blinker light at Rt. 31; turn left
on Rt. 31, go to second light and turn right on to Uniontown Road, go about 3 miles and farm is
on right side.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sponsor: University of Maryland Extension and University of Delaware Extension, the Maryland Sheep
Breeders' Association, Inc. and the Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers Association

Registration: All registrations must be in advance accompanied by an $80.00 per person fee. Checks should
be made payable to: Carroll County Extension Advisory Council (CCEAC).

Deadline: April 14, 2014
(Mail registration to: David L. Greene, 2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161-9712)
Note! There will be no registration later than April 14th. Participation is limited to the first 25
people who register. (This is done so the class can be kept to a size that will afford the best
learning opportunities.)

Minimum Age: 16 years

What You Need To Bring:
* Lunch including drinks (no facilities for lunch are close by)
* Comfortable clothes and shoes
* Gloves
* A body with the strength and willingness to learn to shear sheep

Note! Shearing machines will be provided.

You Will Learn:
* The New Zealand method of shearing sheep
* How to adjust and care for hand-held shearing machines
* How to set and adjust blades on these shearing machines
* How to properly handle wool after shearing
(NOTE: We do not teach blade shearing)

The school is open to anyone in Maryland, Delaware and surrounding states who want to learn
to shear sheep. Each registrant will receive an ASI Shearing Notebook and instructional DVD.

Instructors:
David L. Greene, Principal Agent Emeritus, University of Maryland Extension-Carroll County
(greelamb@gmail.com)
Richard A. Barczewski, Animal Science Professor, Delaware State University, Dover, DE
Aaron Geiman, Agriculture Teacher at North Carroll High School

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2014 Maryland - Delaware Sheep Shearing School
Registration Form

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________ Zip Code ___________
e-mail: __________________________ Number of persons attending: ______ x $80.00 each $_______
Check One: ______________________ Right Handed __________________________ Left Handed

Make check payable to: Carroll County Extension Advisory Council (CCEAC)
Mail to: David L. Greene, 2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161-9712

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Emma Mullineaux Attends National Agri-Science Summit, Serves As Champion For Agriculture

Emma Mullineaux of Keymar, MD (the daughter of Tom and Melaney Mullineaux) a member of the Johnsville 4-H Club and a Junior at St. Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown, MD attended the Youth Champions for Agriculture National Youth Agri-Science Summit held at the National 4-H Conference center in Chevy Chase, MD January 16th through the 20th, 2014. Emma was one of 80 youth representing thirteen states from California to New York who spent five days together preparing to become Champions of Agriculture in their communities. The National Youth Agri-Science Summit provided numerous opportunities for youth to learn about the latest innovations in Agriculture Science and Technology and to increase their awareness of careers available in this rapidly expanding field.

Emma and attendees from the other states met with representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rutgers University, University of Maryland, Merck Animal Health (sponsor of the event), and several national agricultural commodity groups and regional agribusinesses to learn about the production of food, feed, fuel, and fiber and the challenges currently facing agriculture in the United States and around the world. The five-day event included field trips to the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The summit also included an agricultural issues forum, career panel, and several hands-on workshops about global food security, sustainability, and how youth can play a role in teaching others about agricultural science. Session topics included precision agriculture, agricultural biotechnology, biofuels, aquaponics, food safety, the role of robotics in agriculture, and international agricultural development.

"It is exciting to work with such a talented, motivated, and dedicated group of young people," said Chad Ripberger, Program Director for Science at National 4-H Council. "I was very impressed with the level of interactions and discussions these young leaders had with the ag scientists and researchers. It was clear from their poster session presentations that these teens are ready to tackle some of the biggest issues facing agriculture today."

The National Youth Agri-Science Summit is one of many 4-H Science programs designed to combat a national shortage of young people pursuing science college majors and occupations, and to enhance the nation’s contribution to the sciences. Currently, more than five million young people across the nation participate in 4-H science, engineering, and technology year-long programming.

Animal Science Webinar Series

The 2014 Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinar Series sessions will be held each month, January through May, 2014. All sessions will be held 7:00-8:00 pm via the UME Connect system. The dates and topics are as follows:

• **February 25 - Topic: Clovers in 4-H Animal Projects** - This session will provide an overview of the research behind the 4-H Clovers program, a discussion about national and state guidelines, and an opportunity for sharing tips on conducting successful club Clovers programs in 4-H Animal Sciences. Instructors: Chris Anderson and April Barczewski.

• **March 25 - Topic: Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events** - This session will provide an overview of various potential liabilities and risk management considerations and strategies for conducting animal related events and activities. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Jules Hendrix, and Chris Johnston.

• **April 29 - Topic: 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects** - This session will provide 4-H Club leaders and volunteers with a variety of hands-on club activities and resources to support 4-H Animal Science Projects. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Sheryl Bennett-Dowdy, and Bonnie Boyden.

• **May 27 - Topic: 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects** - This session will provide ideas of different volunteer roles that could be implemented at the club level to support 4-H animal science project work and related events. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Dr. Lisa Dennis, David Gordon, and Ann Sherrard.

Volunteers are requested to visit the AGNR Calendar to register for each session at: [http://www.agnr.umd.edu/AGNRCalendar/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/AGNRCalendar/)

UME 4-H Volunteers

There are still many who have not signed and returned their 2014 Renewal and Behavioral Expectations forms. Please get them into the 4-H Office immediately to maintain your ‘active’ status. Any questions contact Lisa lstrong@umd.edu 301-600-1595.

In 2013 we welcomed 28 new volunteers! In 2014 we have 6 new volunteers already! Currently we have 306 UME trained 4-H Volunteers!
The Junior Sheep & Wool Skillathon, held annually in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, has been changed to the Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon. All skillathon stations will pertain to both sheep and goats, including meat, fiber, and dairy production.

Youth should begin making plans to participate in this year's skillathon. The skillathon will be held Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m, at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland. The Junior Sheep & Goat 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 preregistration deadline for individuals (requested) and teams (required) is April 28. Preregister by sending names, ages, and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu (or via fax at 301-432-4089). [http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html]
Announcing . . .

4-H Day in Annapolis
Monday, February 17, 2014
Check-In 9:30—10:00 A.M. Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, Maryland

If you are interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as citizen and constituent, then this program is for YOU!

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and Volunteers as we:

🌟 Tour historic Annapolis, our State Capitol
🌟 Meet with Maryland Legislators to share information about University of Maryland Extension and 4-H
🌟 Listen to various government officials describe their role
🌟 Learn how a Bill becomes a Law

County 4-H Delegations will make appointments to meet with their own County Legislators in the afternoon following the general program in the morning.

To register your County Delegation and for more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, contact Harford County 4-H 410-638-3255 or cwarner1@umd.edu by 2/13/14

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Summer 2014
Experience Japan
without leaving home!

Open your home to an exchange delegate and open your lives to the world! Through States’ 4-H International, families will have an opportunity to experience Japan by hosting an exchange delegate between the age of 12 and 16 for four weeks this summer. Delegates have limited English language skills, but they are excited to communicate and learn more about daily life in the U.S.

The delegates will visit the United States as part of a 4-H exchange program. You don’t need to be involved with 4-H to host. You just need a willingness to share your lives and your friendship with a young person from another country. These youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.

The program is open to families who have a child close in age to the Japanese youth. Each Japanese visitor will be matched with a host family based on the host sibling’s gender, age, and interests. The homestays are for a month during the summer, but the experience will last a lifetime!

There are also opportunities to host adult chaperones for 2- 4 weeks. Families who host chaperones are not required to have children in the home.

For more information, visit http://www.states4Hexchange.org/
or contact your state coordinator:

Alisha Targonski
alishat@umd.edu
301-314-7319

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Interested in becoming a certified UME 4-H Volunteer? Its 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.
http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-and-youth-development