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Fair Thank You!
We cannot thank our 4-H volunteers enough for all of their hard work during the Montgomery County Fair. Much effort was extended by many and we could not be nearly as successful year after year without your help.

Not only were we lucky to have the dedication of our volunteers time, but once again we had great support from all who participated in our annual cake auction. Big thanks to both donors, and 4-Hers who presented their cakes. Your hard work and support is what keeps 4-H going and helps us support many 4-Hers throughout the year. Through your donations and hard work you are truly helping Montgomery County 4-H make the best better!

6th Annual National Youth Science Day!
We still have some space available for more kids to join us this Friday, October 4 from 6:15-9 pm for the 2013 National 4-H Science Experiment. This will take place in the Heritage Building, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, in Gaithersburg. This year’s experiment, called "Maps & Apps," is all about maps, GIS, RS, and GPS. There are two main activities to the program: creating a map as a group that will reflect the custom design of a community park; and analyzing trash data in a busy geographic location in order to decide where to place trash receptacles so it captures the most trash and stays within budget.

If your child is ages 8-18 and would like to join us for this fun scientific evening, please e-mail Cathy Dobos ASAP at cdobos@washingtonian.com. Children must be registered to take part.

Fall 4-H Leader Update/Dinner
The Fall 4-H Leader Update will be held on October 10th starting at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room at the 4-H office. There are many things to update including the tax information and rechartering requirements again for this year. Please call or email Jeannine Shriver by the 7th to indicate if and how many leaders from your club will attend. Every club should have at least one representative. We will serve dinner that evening.

Chairman’s Meeting
The 4-H Building Chairman’s meeting will take place October 9th starting at 6pm at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Fair Scholarships
All of the information for the fair scholarships is now online and can be accessed at mcagfair.com. This includes the rules and application form. The deadline is in November 18th so start filling them out now.
Diamond Clover Program
The Diamond Clover Program has had some tweaks made to it at the state level and that has caused some confusion for the participants and our office staff as well. To try and help here is an update. As for levels 1-4 not much has changed. The forms and deadlines are the same and the timeline is the same. They will be turned in to our office in early January just as they always have been. The differences are occurring in Levels 5 and 6.

Level 5 hasn’t changed much except that we will most likely just be asking for it to be turned in earlier because the state often asks us for names for inclusion in the Gala which occurs in January. We will let you know the date in the next News & Notes.

Level 6 is the biggest difference. First you cannot begin a level 6 project until you are 14-17 age (a senior). The reason for this is that the state committee decided that for the breadth of level 6 projects it would be extremely hard for a younger member to complete it. The other biggest change is in deadlines. Level 6 proposals are no longer accepted on a rolling basis. They will only be accepted one time a year. This is because of management of the program on a statewide basis. Rolling submissions were too hard to manage and keep track of especially with all of the approvals they require. Level 6 proposals are now accepted and due to the state on September 15. This also means that if you intend to do your level 6 project the year following your level 5 project you also need to be working on your level 6 proposal the year you are completing level 5. Once submitted to the state a state committee will review your level 6 proposal and return it to you with edits to make. You then submit that back to the state and it goes to the State Program Leader, Dr. Jeff Howard, for final approval. If you are approved you can then begin your project. This approval should be given by the first of the year. As always if you have questions contact our office and we will help you through the process.

Record Book/ Resume Training
We will be holding a record book/resume training on November 5th starting at 6pm at the 4-H office. Please call or email Jeannine Shriver at (301) 590-3210 or jshriver@umd.edu to register. We require 15 individuals to hold the training and won’t accept walk-ins so register as soon as possible. Record books and resumes will be due in early January so get an early start and bring your work with you to the training.

Close Encounters with Agriculture Program
Want to share your knowledge of animals with others? Want to be part of the largest Agriculture Education Program in Extension? As the fall is arriving we are looking for volunteers to help with Montgomery County Extension’s Close Encounters with Agriculture program. The program runs Oct. 14-18, Oct. 21-25, and Oct. 28-30. During that time we will teach over 3,000 Montgomery County 4th graders about agriculture. We are always looking for people to serve as station teachers for our animal sections (pigs, goats, beef, dairy and horses). If you are interested please contact David Gordon at (301) 590-2813 or dgordon3@umd.edu to sign up. Training and scripts will be provided if you would like.

Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum – Ocean City
Join us in Ocean City Maryland on November 22-24 for the Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum. November is a great time to visit the resort area with the slower pace, traffic and parking problems are almost non-existent. This event provides time to meet other 4-H families from across the state and learn more about all of the wonders of the 4-H program. It is an excellent opportunity for teen and adult volunteers to learn the knowledge and skills necessary to make Maryland 4-H’s program stronger.

Our county office is offering scholarships consisting of the price of early-bird registration and one night’s hotel cost for the first (10) volunteers/teens who apply to attend. You must call the 4-H office prior to submitting your paperwork to the state in order to secure the scholarship. Scholarship participants are expected to bring something they learned back from the forum to put to use as an educational program in the county.
For more information and forms please go to the Maryland State 4-H website at http://extension.umd.edu/4-h.

**Video Production Workshop**

November 15th at 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Extension Office starts an exciting new cycle for the Video Workshop. We will focus on hands-on shooting and editing. Each of you will select a project to create a brief video of your interests that relate to 4-H or the Fair. Monthly meetings will consist of viewing, editing, adding voice-overs or sound/music and background or titling to embellish each. There are already plans to use the resulting videos to post to the internet, on Montgomery County TV and for 4-H and Fair promotion.

All interested persons are welcome, and we must have 6-10 youth participants to continue. Fair Catalog additions are being developed to allow video entries at the fair for competitive judging, ribbons, and premiums starting in 2014.

**4-H Electric Club**

Circuit writing is the main area for this season’s electric activity. It includes the complexities of multiple switching and controls with active board circuitry, alteration and realignment.

Monthly meetings are the 3rd Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at the Extension Office in the Garage. The group is open to new and continuing members. The results will build individual projects and a group demo project for the club entry in the county fair.

**What’s to know about BUGS?**

Because insects come in a greater variety of forms than any other moving creature there is lots to learn about. Some insects make beautiful collectables. When you want to learn more, think about the 4-H Entomology Workshop starting this season. We have already had some inquiries. Qualified leaders are ready to share their knowledge with those of you who are interested in forming a short term project group.

Call (301) 926-9547 or email Ed Hogan (edwardhogan@gmail.com) before October 10 and leave your name, age, phone number, and email address so we can have a group of 6-12 youth participants.

**National Youth Summits**

Three of our 4-H youth participated in one of the top Youth Summit on Geospatial Technologies, September 25-29 at the National 4-H Council Youth conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Summit was sponsored by Samsung summer Science program. The Summit was attended by 120 high school youth from across the states.

Through this intense summit program the youth:

Gained knowledge and skills in geospatial technologies (GPS, GIS and RS), and plan to conduct a community based GIS mapping project. Among other experiences, they learned several applications of geospatial technologies in agriculture, climate, defense emergency preparedness, natural resources, navigation, Park and Recreation and
planning and transportation.

They really had a great educational and personal experience. They will be sharing their experiences through the News and Notes and video presentation at our 4-H Recognition program.

We thank them for taking their time from school to attend and represent our County.

4-H participants:

Geoffrey Behrend - Flying Tigers 4-H club

Adam Crawley - Lucky Clovers

Gillian Hutter - Lucky Clovers

Upcoming National youth summit series for high school students:

To be held at the National Council 4-H Youth Conference Center.

Healthy Living
January 9-12, 2014

Agri-Science
January 16-20, 2014

Robotics:
February 13-17 2014
Registration at: www.nationalyouthsummit.org.

Please call or let Mrs. Alganesh if you register for any of these. 4-Hers must have an adult leader if they plan to attend. The office will recruit and arrange for adult volunteers if needed. Registration is on your own; however we may provide a minimal scholarship upon request and need.

The Montgomery 4-H Dairy Judging Team Captures Top Spot

Photo by Laurie Savage
The Montgomery County 4-H Senior Dairy Judging Team placed first overall and first in reasons during the Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held during the Maryland State Fair Saturday, Aug. 30. In addition, the team placed first in every breed except Jerseys, in which the team placed second.

Team members were Ian Doody of Damascus, Julia Doody of Damascus, Curtis Gannon of Rockville and Dunchadhn Lyons of Olney. Team alternates were Catherine Savage of Dickerson and Cory Zimmerman of Littlestown, Pa. Ian Doody placed first overall individually and first in reasons in the senior division of the contest.

In addition, James Savage of Dickerson was the county’s representative in the junior 4-H dairy judging competition. He placed second overall individually.

Team members practiced at numerous dairy farms over the summer, often twice a week, to prepare for the competition. The contest requires 4-H’ers to place classes of four heifers or four cows from each of five dairy breeds. Participants present formal oral reasons for placing the animals to official judges as part of the scoring process.

The four senior team members, as well as the two alternates, all placed in the top 10 individually. The six team members went on to earn spots on the state 4-H dairy judging teams that will travel to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

The Doody siblings will travel to Wisconsin as part of the A team, while the remaining team members make up the entire B team traveling to Kentucky. Other team members on the A team are Courtney Hoff of New Windsor and Cassidy Schirmer of Galena.

Montgomery County team coach John Doody of Damascus said he is not aware of any other contest in which six 4-H’ers from one county placed in the top 10 individually.

Team results are as follows:

**Ayrshire**
**Junior**
James Savage, fourth
Fifth team

**Senior**
Cory Zimmerman, 10th
Julia Doody, seventh
Curtis Gannon, third
Ian Doody, second
First team

**Brown Swiss**
**Junior**
James Savage, second individual
Third team

**Senior**
Catherine Savage, eighth
Cory Zimmerman, seventh
Julia Doody, fifth
Ian Doody, fourth
Dunchadhn Lyons, second
First team

**Guernsey**
**Junior**
James Savage, first
Third team
**Senior**
Curtis Gannon, 10th
Ian Doody, ninth
Dunchadhn Lyons, fifth
Julia Doody, second
First team

**Holstein**
**Junior**
James Savage, fifth
Fourth team
**Senior**
Catherine Savage, 10th
Cory Zimmerman, seventh
Curtis Gannon, fifth
Julia Doody, third
Ian Doody, first
First team

**Jersey**
**Senior**
Julia Doody, 10th
Catherine Savage, sixth
Ian Doody, first
Second team

**Reasons**
**Junior**
James Savage, fourth
Fourth team
**Senior**
Catherine Savage, 10th
Curtis Gannon, ninth
Dunchadhn Lyons, sixth
Julia Doody, third
Ian Doody, first
First team

**Overall**
**Junior**
James Savage, second
Third team
**Senior**
Catherine Savage, 10th
Cory Zimmerman, ninth
Dunchadhn Lyons, eighth
Curtis Gannon, sixth
Julia Doody, fourth
Ian Doody, first
Montgomery County 4-Hers Win Dairy Judging Nationals!
As part of the State Dairy Judging team Ian and Julia Doody have had impressive falls. Their team won both the contest at Harrisburg, PA and the National contest at Madison, WI. Ian was the high individual overall at Harrisburg and the 2nd high individual in reasons at Madison. Julia was the 2nd high individual overall at the national contest and the high individual in reasons. Both 4-Hers will now have the opportunity to go and represent Maryland and Montgomery County at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh Scotland next year. This is a great honor for these young people.

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