Ways To Give Back During The Holiday Season
“The Season For Giving”

by: BreAnn Fields

Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are the four H’s in 4-H, and they are the four values members work on. During this holiday season, 4-H clubs may be wondering what ways to give back to the community. Let’s use our HEAD to manage and think of ways to give back to our community, our HEART to relate and care about people that are in need and people that are around us, our HANDS for giving and working with organizations that can help families in need during the holiday season, and HEALTH for being and living in a community that gives back so much!

Here is a list of some places that your 4-H Club can give back to during the 2014 Holiday Season or at any time of the year!

**Toys For Tots**
Coordinator- SSgt Chad Collins
760-821-5847 www.toysfortots.org
www.facebook.comToysforTotsFrederick
*All toys must be at their warehouse by December 15th*

**Local Food Banks**
Find your local food bank by visiting this link Food Banks

**Salvation Army**
223 W. 5th St.
Frederick, MD
Telephone: 301-662-2311

**Soup Kitchen Program**
14 East All Saints Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Phone: 301-600-6263

**Frederick Rescue Mission**
Street Address: 419 West South Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Mailing Address: PO Box 3389
Frederick, MD 21705-3389
Phone: 301-695-6633
www.therescuemission.org
Front Office Hours of Operation
M-F 8am - 5pm, Saturday: 9am - 4pm (Side Entrance), Front Office Closed Sunday

**Advocates for the Homeless**
Connelly Stewart- Family Advocate Counselor
cstewart@afhf88.org
301-662-2003 (office)
www.afhf88.org

**Samaritan’s Purse**
Address: P.O. Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607
Phone: 828-262-1980

**Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree**
General inquiries 1-800-206-9764
Angel Tree inquiries 1-800-55-ANGEL (2-6435)
Donations Only:
Prison Fellowship
PO Box 1550
Merrifield, VA 22116-1550

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**Officer Training**

**Achievement Night**

**Royalty’s Valentine’s Dance**

**Club News**

**Healthy Living Ambassador**

**Winter Camp**

**NJHA**

**No Bull Challenge**

**Broiler Chick Project**

**State/National Contests**

**Project Weekend Series, Day at Wisp, Camp Counselors, Club Camp Schedule**

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**Frederick County Livestock Skillathon Team**

Would you like to be a member of the Frederick County 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team? Join us at the 4-H Office to learn about being a member of the Frederick County 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team. You do not have to show livestock to participate. The Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon Competition is held every March. 4-Hers from each county join together and test their knowledge in the areas of Breed ID, Feed ID, Equipment, Meat Evaluation, Wool ID, and Quality Assurance. Donielle will be holding skillathon practices at the 4-H Office for anyone interested in participating in the state skillathon competition. The practices will cover the subjects and materials which will be at the competition. The practices will give all participants the opportunity to be prepared for the state competition. Practices will be held once a week during the months of January and February from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Attendance is recommended each week since there is a different topic discussed each week. For more information or to RSVP for the practices please contact Jennie the 4-H Office Schiazzi@umd.edu or 301-600-1589.

- Jan 6th: Species and Breed Identification
- Jan 13th: Feed Identification
- Jan 20th: Equipment
- Jan 27th: Meats Evaluation
- Feb 4th: Wool Identification
- Feb 11th: Quality Assurance & Animal Health
- Feb 18th: Judging / Animal Evaluation
- Feb 25th: Mock Contest and selection of team members (MANDATORY ATTENDANCE)

**Beef Livestock Registration**

Extension Office will be closing on Thursday, December 18th at 11:00 am, Registration Forms can be placed in the green locked mailbox on the porch. All Beef Steer and Commercial Heifers Livestock Registration forms due to the 4-H Office, 4 p.m. Friday, December 19th. Forms are carbon copied and are available at the 4-H Office in the lobby on the wall. Beef weigh-in: Frederick County Fairgrounds; Saturday, January 3rd; 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Steers need a MDA metal ear tag. tag regulations weigh-in fairground map

**2014 Dairy Record Books**

The 2014 Dairy Record Books representing the following dairy breeds: Aryshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn prepared by dairy youth will be evaluated on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The evaluations will be done by representatives of the various dairy breed organizations. The record books may be taken in person or mailed to the Mid Atlantic Farm Credit Office located at 925 N. East Street; Frederick, MD 21701 attention Bonnie between Tuesday, January 20th and Monday, January 26th; but must be there by 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27th. The books should be able to be picked up by 1:00 p.m. on the 27th after they have been evaluated. Please make arrangements to have your record book returned to you. Any questions, contact Paul Spurrier 301-898-9353.

**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

**BSS Advisory Meeting**

Thursday, January 29th; 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office

**BSS Parent Meeting**

Thursday, January 29th; 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office

**Leaders Spring Meeting**

Monday, March 30th
6-8 pm at the Extension Office

**Mark your calendars!!!!**

“Goat Getaway Overnight” April 17th - April 18th 4-H Camp Center

A goat learning experience More details to follow

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

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2015 Ag Week at the Mall
The 2015 Ag Week at the Mall for Frederick County will be held at the FSK Mall the week of February 16th-21st, 2015. For more information, contact Ronald Murphy at rwm186@hotmail.com or call 301-788-3847.

Ag Week Entries
It’s that time of the year to start thinking about Ag Week at the Mall 2015. Many events are in the process of being planned for the 2015 Agriculture Celebration in Frederick County. Individuals can create posters, club booths, club posters, give demonstrations and much more!! The 4-H Royalty will also be sponsoring a canned food drive with donations accepted at the 4-H information tables. Don’t delay, start planning your entries today!! Entry forms are due to the 4-H Office Feb 9, 2015. entry information and entry form

Diamond Clover
Forms for 2015 are due to club leaders for approval and due to the office by Feb 6th (same as record books). Completed 2014 forms for levels 1-4 are also due at this time.

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 Schiauzzi@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.

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 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.

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 Schiauzzi@umd.edu

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The Tailwaggers had a busy October and November between training sessions and special events. Showmanship and obedience classes continued even after the fair. And while obedience has now ended with the arrival of colder weather, the club is excited to start rally training in the new year.

On October 22nd, the Tailwaggers participated in the UME 100th Anniversary celebration. Joanna Cleaver, Summer Grove, Cullen Leck, and Jesse Martin manned an info table complete with display board, mascot, and trophies. Visitors who could answer quiz questions about 4-H dog projects won a prize.

On October 29th, regular showmanship class at the Catoctin Kennel Club was taken over by a Halloween costume parade. Eight Tailwaggers and their dogs participated and dressed up as things like a vet and patient, eggs and bacon, and Hermione and Harry Potter. Participants included Jay Andrews, Josie Andrews, Alexandra Broadhurst, Jonny Clark, Joanna Cleaver, Kali Lyons, Jesse Martin, and Elise Wilson.

Later that week, on November 1st was the State Dog Bowl competition held at UMUC. The team, made up of Jay Andrews, Josie Andrews, Joanna Cleaver, Cullen Leck and Jesse Martin, was quizzed on their knowledge of canine anatomy and physiology, diseases and parasites, care and grooming, as well as, AKC breed standards and competition rules. The team placed 5th in the Intermediate division. In individual placements for the division, Cullen Leck won 7th and Joanna Cleaver earned 9th.

On November 20th the club held their last regular meeting for the year and elected new officers. Their 2015 officers include President Jessica Sine, Vice President Bridget Leonard, Secretary Alexandra Broadhurst, Treasurer Cully Leck, Reporter Summer Grover, Correspondence Secretary Josie Andrews, and Historians Joanna Cleaver, Kali Lyons and Jesse Martin.
At the November 2, 2014 Banquet of the Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club an election of officers was held. The new officers for 2015 are President- Ashley McAfee, Vice President - Margaret Sweeney, Secretary - Lauren Schur, Treasurer- Ashley Ridenour, Recreation Officers - Jason Baust & Nikita Miller, Reporters - Logan Long, Caroline Clarke, Laura Dutton & Karianna Strickhouser.

The Calico Clovers 4-H Club had a fun and up-beat last few months of the year. The club worked on a nice float and dressed up as farm animals for the Veterans Day parade. Since Thanksgiving was slowly creeping up, every year the club puts together a food basket for a family in need. Each member is assigned to bring an item and the club supplies the turkey. It was very sweet. We were also invited by the Jefferson Ruritan to help serve their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

To raise money for the club, we worked at two auctions by selling food, like hot dogs, hot beef, brownies, cookies & drinks. Other than being cold and a power mishap, all went well.

On December 4th the Calico Clover’s shopped for families that are less fortunate for Christmas, and then went to the Golden Coral to wrap and have dinner. It is always a special event to end the year.

Members of the Calico Clovers 4-H Club stand proud with their winning ribbons from the Great Frederick Fair! Their 19 members contributed 20% of the annual cake sale less the grand champion cake. Members had 22 cakes and pies which sold for a total of $5360!! We challenge other clubs to beat those odds. This money goes to helping run the 4-H program in Frederick Co. Many local buyers are greatly thanked for their contribution to the 4-H Program.

If interested in joining the Calico Clovers 4-H Club, please contact Sally Arnold at SallyArnold@comcast.net

The Maryland 4-H Healthy Living Program is holding two Healthy Living Summits in January to recruit and train Healthy Living Ambassadors. We are asking clubs to designate two 4-Hers to come to one of these summits to become “health officers” for their 4-H clubs and communities.

These Healthy Living Ambassadors will learn healthy snacks, activities, and exercises to take back to their clubs and counties to promote healthy lifestyles.

Mark your calendars for January 10th at the Montgomery County 4-H Office or for the summit on January 24th at Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County from 10am to 3pm. The summits are open to all 4-Hers ages 8-18!

entry information and entry form
The Frederick County 4-H Adventure Project is pleased to announce that twelve group members successfully hiked the entire length of the Maryland Appalachian Trail section this August! Other members took part in the preparation activities throughout the spring and summer months and completed part of the AT hike. These activities included extended hikes, with and without full backpacks, camping, and learning sessions.

On the four-day trip, the group hiked ten miles each day and stayed in AT shelters or tents at night. We started at Pen Mar and finished in Harper’s Ferry four days later, a little sore but very accomplished. One of our members, Yu-ka Ueda, came all the way from Japan with the 4-H Exchange program, and completed the entire four day trip.

In November, we gave back to PTAC by cleaning up the area around the Ensign Cowall shelter, one of our stopping places. We plan to continue the adventure project and hope that our members will have fun and stay active while hiking, biking, boating and camping with the club. Interested 4-Hers are encouraged to join the project and participate in 2015. We are currently exploring land, water, and biking options.

Many thanks go to the Trail House and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club for their expertise!
Club News

Valley Urbanites

The Valley Urbanites held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, November 30th at the Extension Office. Club members played games (favorite was Christmas Pictionary) and brought items for care packages for the soldiers overseas. Members made Christmas cards for the soldiers. Everyone had a great time at the party!!

Emma Mullineaux Represents Maryland at NJHA Convention

Emma Mullineaux was a member of the Maryland Horticulture Judging Team that competed in Lexington, Kentucky on October 10th-14th at the national contest that was held in conjunction with the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention (NJHA). Maryland placed 5th in the competition. Each state present had a display which was also judged; Maryland placed 3rd. The team worked very hard on their display. The theme for all the displays was “Run for the Roses” which was also the theme for the convention. Maryland also participated in the “Horticulture Connections” contest. This was a Jeopardy style contest in which the participants had to answer horticulture related questions. Maryland made it to the finals but ended up placing 3rd. Convention participants toured some horse farms, nurseries, and other historic places. It was a great trip!!

The Valley Urbanites made a scarecrow for the Middletown Scarecrow Contest. It was on display on Main Street in Middletown for 3 weeks in October. Her name was Ms. Zelda.
Robo Rangers

The Robo Rangers 4-H Club members learned how robots are being used in Maryland agriculture recently when they visited the robotic milking parlor at Woodbourne Dairy. The dairy, owned by the Fendrick Family of Mount Airy, has one robotic milking unit that has almost completely eliminated the need for a human to be involved in the animal side of the dairy farm.

Cows enter the robotic milking unit at their leisure throughout the day, but they robot only allows them to be milked in 6 hour intervals. Upon leaving the unit, the cow is guided by electric fence tape to a different pasture than she was in to begin with. This creates a rotational grazing situation for the dairy giving each field a 30-day rest before the herd returns for grazing. The robotic milking unit supplies a portion of grain every 6 hours when the cows come in to be milking and reports how much milk they give to a computer.

Mr. Fendrick has an off-farm job, but can check in on the herd throughout the day by logging in to his computer. He can check all the records from that day, watch the robotic unit through a camera installed in the milking parlor and receives text messages when any problem occurs with the technology. In addition to this innovative farming technology, Mrs. Fendrick processes the milk from their cows on the farm and sells it at their farm store just down the hill. Club members had a chance to taste test two batches of vanilla ice cream Mrs. Fendrick was experimenting with to feature in the farm store as well.

After the fieldtrip, the club met to elect officers for the 2015 4-H year. The following members were elected:
- President – Madison Spurrier
- Vice President – Madison Bollinger
- Secretary – Beau Dickens
- Treasurer – Ben Coyne
- Reporter – Peyton Bollinger
- Historian – Zachary Spurrier
- Recreation Leader – Daniel Cleaver
- Delegate – Trevor Fitzgibbon

The next meeting of the Robo Rangers 4-H Club is December 7, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Frederick County Extension Office.

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!
**State Archery Competition**

Amelia Summers & Jessica Martin traveled to the Eastern Shore for the October 11th State Archery Competition at Thendara 4-H Center. Four Seniors are selected to represent Maryland at the Nationals each year in Grand Island, NE. Jessica and Amelia both did a great job at the contest gaining knowledge and experience and were the first ever to compete at this level from Frederick County. We were proud to have them represent us!

Seven Frederick County club members participated in the State 4-H Shotgun Competition this year on October 25th at PG County Trap & Skeet. All had a great time in the good weather and did very well. PJ Hinch placed 1st in Trap, 1st in Sporting Clays, 2nd in Skeet and 1st overall in the Intermediates earning 4 medals total! Ashley Grimes placed 3rd out of 59 Seniors shooting Trap earning a medal. Club Vice President Natalie Schiazzi and President Garret Buckmeier scored well enough overall to secure spots on the State Shotgun Practice Team. They will start mandatory practices at different gun ranges throughout the state starting January. Eventually through written applications, essays and oral interviews aside from shooting skills will decide the final four member team where one alternate will also be selected. The final four member team will travel to Nationals in Grand Island, Nebraska next June. Tim Duley who was a state team member last year and traveled to Nebraska, said it is well worth the effort and placed 2nd overall of the Advanced Seniors at this year’s State Match.

Natalie and Garret are committed to working toward this goal and are great representatives for our club and county and will represent our state well too. They need all of the support we can give them! Any financial support can be made by contacting us at shootingsports@frederickcounty4-h.org or any checks can be made out to the club and noted “State Team- Natalie/ Garret” in the memo and sent through the 4-H Office.

We are grateful for the support and wish to especially thank the following individuals for their assistance with our State Archery and Shotgun participants: (Instructors and Coaches) Janet Kirby, Susan Driver, Rich Kirby, Julie Clark, Donnie DeWitt, Eric Kearns, Joe Fitzgibbon, Paul Hinch, Chuck Farmer, Paul Summers and Chip Summers; Tuscarora Archers, Kanawha Gun Club, Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman’s Club, Catoctin Fish and Game, the 4-H Camp Center, Mr. Rick Lushbaugh, Mr. George Stauffer, Mrs. Cass Hammond, Mr. & Mrs. Dave and Janice Feaga, Mr. Steve Crowe and Mrs. Lacy Duley for assistance, advice, expertise and use of facilities for training. A special “heart felt” thank you to Mr. Shawn Shankle and Ashley DeWitt who helped during practices and traveled to the state event and volunteered all day just to help out our youth!
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2014 Sportsman Drawing
We wish to send a special "Thank You" to those who helped with this effort, those who purchased tickets and contributed generously to support our program and to those who helped make this drawing a success!

Many businesses and organizations donated resources and time to help make this year’s drawing even better! We would like to especially thank those in the 4-H Extension Office, Tractor Supply - Frederick/ Jefferson/ Poolesville & Mt Airy Stores, Rentals Unlimited, Mr. Bobby Plude, Jefferson Archery, Hemps Meats, Hobbs Hardware, Rosemont Service Station, Jefferson Crown Service Station, Brown’s Subs and Pizza, Gladhill Tractor, Geisingers Taxidermy, Westminster Livestock Sale, Francis Scott Key Center, Lawyer’s Farm & Corn Maze, Jumbo’s Pumpkin Patch, Crumland Farms, Eunice’s Restaurant, Southern States, Adventure Park USA, Promisedland Seed & Feed, Mr. Frank Krasner & Silverado Gun Show, The Caliber, Chatterbox, Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo.

Many other members, families and volunteers spent time going above and beyond to help sell tickets and contribute to ensure the success of our efforts, especially Tara Clary & Family, Mr & Mrs. McDonald, Cheryl Lenhart & Family, Debbie Schroyer, Mr. Paul Summers & Family, Lisa Strong, Paul Hinch, Cass & Ron Hammond, Tuscarora Gun Club, Thurmont Conservation & Sportsman's Club, Lacy Duley and Family, Janice and Dave Feaga, Tammy Eaves & Family, Catoctin Fish & Game, Jennie Schiazza, Jim Kilby, Brian Axline, Mr. Jimmy Trout, Julie Talbert & Cody Ramsburg, Megan Olson, Rich & Lori Story, Patty Long, Garret and Charlie Buckmeier, Ashley Grimes, Kelly Bowers & Family, Mike Driver & Family, Rachel and Daniel Summers, Stacey Tilton, Karen Sowell & family, Joe Fitzgibbon & family, John & Debbie Schroyer, Breanne Fields, Callan & Lauri Hahn and the Farmer Family.

Congratulations! The following list is the WINNERS of the 2014 Sportsman’s Drawing for the Frederick County 4-H Shooting Sports Program!

Congratulations! To those who also helped sell winning tickets earning gift cards!


Congratulations! The following list is the WINNERS of the 2014 Sportsman’s Drawing for the Frederick County 4-H Shooting Sports Program!

Some of the FC 4-H Shooting Sports team and members traveled out of state again on Dec 7th just to deliver the prize to the winner Hunter Shoemaker who purchased his ticket in Sparta, IL last August at the ATA/ AIM Championships. They packed along their shotguns & equipment and used the opportunity to shoot trap again. (L-R) John Schroyer, Shane Biser, Volunteer Shawn Shankle, Natalie Schiazza, Instructor Chuck Farmer, Hunter Shoemaker, Instructor/ Coach Paul Hinch, Instructor Donnie DeWitt, Ashley Grimes and PJ Hinch.

The December meeting for the Frederick County Shootings sports club was held on Monday December 1st 2014 at the Frederick County Camp center. Club members came together to celebrate the holiday and progress during the year. The club provided Fried Chicken and drinks and families supplied the side dishes and desert. During the dinner the club celebrated Matt Lennart’s and Natalie Schazee’s birthday with a camo cake that Mrs. Cheryl Lenhart supplied. There was a short business meeting in which club officers were nominated. I you wish to run for officer and were not able to attend the December meeting then you will need to be present at the January meeting in which we will be doing the official vote. Club members were asked to bring new toys for the Toys for Tots program. After the meeting members enjoyed crafts.

Respectfully submitted by Konnor Sowell, Club Reporter
Frederick County 4-H
Shooting Sports Program

Shot Shell Christmas Lights!

Pink
Red, White & Blue
Random Multi-Colors

*When we buy the “Pink” Shot shells part of the money goes to support Breast Cancer Awareness as with the “Red, White & Blue” shells part of the funds support Wounded Warriors. We recycle the empty hulls by making these indoor/outdoor Christmas lights. Lights are end to end connecting, come white or green wire and can be set for steady burning or blinking. Each light strand is 20 lights and approximately 8.5’ long. Quantity discounts available.

*20” “Shot Shell Wreaths” also available!

Help our program and these great causes by ordering some today!
Get them in plenty of time to decorate or for that unique gift!

Only $10 per Light Strand and Wreaths are $25 each!

Email us at: shootingsports@frederickcounty4-h.org

Or Clip and mail this form with Check or Money Order payable to:

“Frederick Co. 4-H Shooting Sports” 330 Montevue Lane Frederick, MD 21702

First and Last Name: ______________________________________________ Address: ____________________________________________

Contact Number: ____________________________ Total Check or M/O Enclosed $ __________

# Wreaths (green wire only) Steady Burning: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

# Wreaths Blinking: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

# White wire Light Strands Steady Burning: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

# White wire Light Strands Blinking: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

# Green wire Light Strands Steady Burning: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

# Green wire Light Strands Blinking: Pink_____ Red, White & Blue____ Multi-Color____

*We will contact you when ready for pick up & Thank You for your support!

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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, 2014 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 ENCLOED: __________________ Please make checks payable to Frederick County EAC

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

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**MD State Poultry & Egg Judging Contest**

Frederick County was well represented at the Maryland State Poultry & Egg Judging contest held at the Timonium Fairgrounds. The 4H members judge and place 3 classes of Leghorn Production Hens, judge eggs for interior, exterior, and broken out quality, judge RTC Market hens, identify parts, and give oral reasons.

On the intermediate team was Austin Fogle placed 3rd in Production Hens, 4th in Egg Quality, 7th in Market Hens, and 5th overall. Amanda Shultz placed 5th in Production Hens, 1st in Egg Quality, 5th in Market Hens, and 3rd overall. Zachary Crum placed 8th in Production Hens, 5th in Egg Quality, 8th in Market Hens, and 8th overall. The intermediate team place 2nd overall.

On the Senior team, on the left, Amanda Farmer placed 7th in Production Hens, 8th in Egg Quality, 6th in Market Hens, and 8th overall. 3rd from left, Ray Martin IV placed 4th in Production Hens, 5th in Egg Quality, 6th in Market Hens, and 6th overall. 4th from left, Drew Ridgeway placed 2nd in Production Hens, 6th in Egg Quality, 2nd in Market Hens, and 3rd overall. Missing from photo was team member Isabella Kukor who placed 8th in Production Hens, 3rd in Egg Quality, 3rd in Market Hens, and 4th overall. The senior team placed 2nd overall.

Ray Martin IV and Drew Ridgeway from Frederick County represented Maryland at the National 4H Poultry & Egg Judging Contest held Nov 20th in Louisville, KY.

Thank you to all that judged this year and to the parents for their help and support. We will be looking for 4H members to judge next year. If you are interested, please give Dave Crum a call 410-775-0674 or email CrDv4@comcast.net

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**National 4H Poultry & Egg Judging Contest**

Frederick County had two 4-Hers that competed in the contest in Louisville, KY: Ray Martin IV and Drew Ridgeway. The Maryland Team placed 1st overall. Ray Martin IV placed 3rd Overall Individual and Drew Ridgeway was 39th overall in the contest. There were 72 contestants. Maryland was 2nd in Production Hens, 1st in Egg Quality, 1st in Market Hens, and placed 1st overall in the contest. Maryland also received for the first time the Dr. Charles Wabeck Memorial Award.  

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**Dairy Contests**

Congratulations to the 4-H members who served on the State Judging Team and/or attended national contests:

- Katelyn Allen - National Judging Dairy A Team and World Dairy Expo
- Todd Allen - National Judging Dairy B Team
- Dustin Hahn - National 4-H Dairy Bowl
- Shelby Hahn - National Judging Dairy A Team and World Dairy Expo

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**National 4-H Livestock Skillathon**

Was held in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The MD team placed 3rd overall. Brietta Latham from Frederick County was 5th overall and Emily Solis from Charles County was 10th overall.
2014 Maryland 4-H Horse Program Teams

Hippology
Sabrina Dobbins, Calvert County; Bethany Gillett, Baltimore County; Olivia Richart, Cecil County; Jenny Searles, Montgomery County; Darryl-Ann Buschling, Howard County, Coach

Communications
Public Speaking
Olivia Stibolt, Anne Arundel County

Individual Demonstration
Amber Snyder, Montgomery County

Team Presentation
Samantha Barlage, Anne Arundel County; Danielle Wheelbarger, Howar County; Karen Scott, Carroll County, Coach

Horse Judging
Tabitha Gregory, Frederick County; Ashlee Leshinski, Montgomery County; Maggie Ryan, Carroll County; River Shannon, Cecil County; Kathy Axline, Frederick County

Horse Bowl
Megan Byrne, Queen Anne’s County; Hannah Cimbaljevich, Carroll County; Erin Snyder, Montgomery County; Gertrude Tesar, Garrett County; Jan Rubenstein, Carroll County

All American Quarter Horse Congress, October 13-16, 2014

Maryland 4-H Hippology Team:
Judging phase Individual: Bethany Gillett: 6th place, Olivia Richart: 1st place
Exam phase Individual: Olivia Richart: 6th place
Stations Individual: Jenny Searles: 8th place, Olivia Richart: 3rd place
Overall Individual: Olivia Richart: 2nd place
Team judging phase: 1st place
Team Exam phase: 5th place
Team Stations phase: 2nd place
Team problem phase: 2nd place
Overall team phase: 3rd place

Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Team:
Performance Judging: 8th place overall Team

Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Team:
Individual Demonstration: Amber Snyder: 5th place
Team Demonstration: Sam Barlage and Danielle Wheelbarger: 3rd place
Public Speaking: Olivia Stibolt: 2nd place

Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Team:
Individual: Erin Snyder: 6th place overall

Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up, November 8, 2014
Maryland 4-H Hippology Team:
Written phase Individual: Olivia Richart: 10th place
Team Problem phase: 5th place

Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Team:
Conformation Judging: 6th place Team
Oral Reasons: 8th place Team

Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Team:
Team Demonstration: Sam Barlage and Danielle Wheelbarger: 8th place
Public Speaking: Olivia Stibolt: 7th place
Team Award: 9th place overall Team

Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Team:
Team: 1st place
Individual: Hannah Cimbaljevich: 2nd place
4-H Project Weekend Series
We will be offering a winter project weekend series the last three weekends in January and the first weekend in February with classes being held at the 4-H Office. Kids can sign up for each class individually, there is a limited number of 10 or 20 per class depending on the topic, with a minimum of 5 for us to have the class. Registration for all the classes closes January 12th. There is no cost for the classes – all supplies will be provided, therefore registration is required. Please email BreAnne to register – include the date and which class you are interested in breann@umd.edu

January 17, 2015
Time: Topic:
9 – 9:45 am Jewelry Making
10 – 11:45 am Animal First Aid: Making A First Aid Kit
9 – 11:45 am Sewing: Beginner Project

January 24, 2015
Time: Topic:
9 – 9:45 am Baking & Selecting 1st Place Cookies
10 – 10:45 am Photography: Mounting Photos for the Fair
11 – 11:45 am Shooting Sports: Make A Bow Sock

January 31, 2015
Time: Topic:
9 – 9:45 am Making Halters & Neck Ropes for Animal Projects
10 – 10:45 am How to Create A Perfect Place Settings
11 – 11:45 am Scrapbooking: Let’s Get Creative

February 7, 2015
Time: Topic:
9 – 9:45 am Shooting Sports: Make a Blue Jean Sand Bag
10 – 10:45 am Craft: Duck Tape Pens
11 – 11:45 am Cake Preparation

4-H Scholarships
Be sure to check our webpage for updated information about upcoming scholarship due dates and application forms. Frederick County and BSS Scholarships are due March 2nd.

Camp Counselors Needed
Are you interested in serving as a camp counselor for summer 2015? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in serving as a 2015 Camp Counselor. Training begins in February. Applications are due January 16, 2015. No experience needed, just an enthusiastic attitude. application

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
Jan - Lewistown Mt. View, Rocky Ridge
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

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

Soil Conservation Public Speaking Contest
Saturday, March 14 at the FC Extension Office; Ages 14-18 “Local Heroes, Your Hard Working Pollinators” More info to come...

4-H Day At Wisp Resort
Wednesday, Jan. 21st & Wednesday, February 11th Deadline to register: Monday, January 12th event webpage

Save the Date! Maryland Day 2015 April 25th
Send articles and pictures to lstrong@umd.edu

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**SHOWMANSHIP**

CLASS 1 - FIRST YEAR SHOWMANSHIP:
1st Place: Summer Grove with dog, Bentley

CLASS 2 - NOVICE JR. SHOWMANSHIP:
1st Place: Joanna Cleaver with dog, Jack.

CLASS 3 - NOVICE INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP:
1st Place: Elizabeth Wilson with dog, Bridget

CLASS 5 - OPEN JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:
1st Place: Alexandra Broadhurst with dog, Isis

CLASS 6 - OPEN INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP:
1st Place: Jessica Sine with dog, Pippin

CLASS 7 - OPEN SR. SHOWMANSHIP
1st Place: Elizabeth Katoski with dog, Pearl

CLASS 8 - ELITE SHOWMANSHIP
1st Place: Cullen Leck with dog, Winn

CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP: Cullen Leck with dog, Winn (out of the Elite Showmanship Class)
RESERVE CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP: Alexandra Broadhurst with dog, Isis (out of the Open Jr. Class)

**CONFORMATION**

CLASS 14 – PUREBRED BITCH
1st Place: Alexandra Broadhurst with dog, Isis (Poodle)

CLASS 15 – TITLE HOLDERS’ CLASS DOG
1st Place: Jay Andrews with dog, Olivier (Havanese)

CLASS 16 – TITLE HOLDERS’ CLASS BITCH
1st Place: Jesse Martin with dog, Ariel (Whippet)

CLASS 18 – MIX-BREED DOG
1st Place: Joanna Cleaver with dog, Jack (Border Collie Mix)

CLASS 21 – CHAMPION PUREBRED: Jay Andrews with dog, Oliver

CLASS 22 – RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED: Jesse Martin with dog, Ariel

CLASS 23 – CHAMPION MIX-BREED: Joanna Cleaver with dog, Jack

**Obedience**

Class 25 – PRIMARY – ALL AGES
1st Place: Elizabeth Wilson with dog, Bridget

CLASS 26 – SUB-NOVICE JUNIOR
1st Place: Joanna Cleaver with dog, Jack

CLASS 27 – SUB-NOVICE INTERMEDIATE
1st Place: Jessica Sine with dog, Pippin

CLASS 29 – NOVICE JUNIOR
1st Place: Alexandra Broadhurst with dog, Isis

CLASS 35 – CHAMPION SUB-NOVICE: Joanna

**AGILITY**

Class 26 – SUB-NOVICE JUNIOR
1st Place: Joanna Cleaver with dog, Jack

CLASS 36 – CHAMPION NOVICE: Alexandra Broadhurst with dog, Isis

**Great Frederick Fair Dog Awards**

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The Youth in Action award recognizes an outstanding 4-Her who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. We are looking to acknowledge and honor a confident, accomplished 4-Her who has gained critical life skills through their 4-H program and has utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. The award winner will also demonstrate how they positively impact the community through their 4-H experience.

The winner of the Youth in Action Award will receive a $10,000 scholarship for higher education and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to receive their award. The Youth in Action award is given at National 4-H Council’s annual Legacy Awards on Thursday, April 23, 2015, a special evening of celebration that honors the accomplishments of both 4-H youth and the adults who make life-changing experiences possible for millions of 4-H young people.

Applicants should be a 4-H member or recent alumni, ages 16-21, that represent the diversity and passions of 4-H youth nationwide, demonstrate outstanding leadership, showcase the essence of 4-H positivity and possess a proven ability to engage others. For more information, guidelines, and the application, please visit the following link.

Maryland 4-H Gala

Please join the Maryland 4-H Foundation in our efforts to recognize the outstanding 4-Hers and volunteers of 2014. We are asking for item donations for our silent auction at the Maryland 4-H Gala on January 18, 2015 at Laurel Park Racetrack. We are accepting a wide variety of items including decorated baskets, home decorations, wine packages, clothing, jewelry and accessories, gift certificates and much more! Items can be sent to the Maryland 4-H Foundation at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park or they can be brought to the Gala the day of the event.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu

2015 Beekeeping 101

Mike Embrey, University of Maryland Extension Apiculturist, will be offering a beginning beekeeping class at the Wye Research and Education Center in Queenstown, Maryland. The opening session will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Registration fee is $110.00, which includes the textbook, “The Beekeeper’s Handbook, Third Edition” by Diana Sammataro. If you have your own book, the fee will be $80.00.

You will Learn.....
> About bees, in general
> About beekeeping equipment
> How and where to set up and establish a hive (i.e. location, wind, etc.)
> How to use a smoker
> How to hive a package of bees
> About “b” pests and diseases
> About winterizing your bees

There will be a total of seven (7) classes, the first five of which will be held on every other Saturday until April. The two final sessions will be held approximately the second week of August and the third week of September. These sessions will teach how to winterize your hives and how to protect your bees from diseases and pests.

For registration, contact: Debby Dant
Wye Research and Education Center
PO Box 169; Queenstown, MD 21658
410-827-8056 X115
Fax: 410-827-9039
ddant@umd.edu

Registration deadline is January 10, 2015, in order to purchase books for each registrant. Please make check payable to University of Maryland. For program information, contact Mike Embrey, 410-827-8056 X148, membreym@umd.edu

Wendell August Forge Custom Imprinted 4-H Trays and Disks

The Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association is selling custom imprinted ornaments and trays to sponsor educational volunteer training and development opportunities for adults and teens. They are excellent for holiday remembrances, birthdays, awards, recognition, and tokens of appreciation.

Credit cards and checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to the Maryland 4-H Foundation.
National 4-H Youth Conference Center Program Assistants

Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? We are looking for individuals with a passion for working with young people. If this brings someone to mind please encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at National 4-H Youth Conference Center!

Application deadlines are quickly approaching and we want to give 4-H alumni and collegiate 4-H’ers an opportunity to apply for this amazing opportunity for their spring or summer semester. Our PA’s will be making a difference in the lives of thousands of middle and high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Wonders of Washington (WOW), Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) programs in Washington, D.C.

**WOW Program Assistants will:**
- Facilitate interactive curriculum through tours and workshops in Washington, D.C.
- Teach youth from across the country about government, history, and leadership
- Develop and refine teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in a fast paced and fun environment
- Learn more about the non-profit sector and youth services through professional development exercises and opportunities
- Become licensed D.C. tour guide

- The WOW program begins in late-February and ends in mid-June

**CWF Program Assistants will:**
- Develop and facilitate a unique program experience for over 1,500 high school aged 4-H’ers from across the country in Washington, D.C.
- Lead CWF delegates in experience based citizenship curriculum through tours and workshops
- Develop and refine teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in a fast paced and fun environment
- Become licensed D.C. tour guide

- The CWF PA experience begins in mid-May and ends in late July

**LWF Program Assistants will:**
- Develop and facilitate a unique program experience for middle school aged 4-H’ers from across the country in Washington, D.C.
- Lead LWF delegates through experience based leadership curriculum
- Develop and refine teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in a fast paced and fun environment
- Become licensed D.C. tour guide
- The LWF PA experience begins in early June and ends in late July

If you know a college student looking for an internship or credit towards graduation, please share this information.

Please reference the job descriptions for more information and application materials. If you have any questions, please contact Zach Hall, Educational Programs Specialist at Zhall@4HCenter.org

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Your Help is needed! Make a difference while learning and volunteering

[Image of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program]

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program are looking for volunteers who are interested in sharing their skills, talent and knowledge along with thousands of other American giving back to their communities while volunteering to prepare taxes.

As a volunteer, you will interact with people who need help preparing their tax returns at no cost to them. We need volunteers to serve as Site Managers, Tax Preparers, and Schedulers. If preparing taxes is not your ideal volunteer assignment we still have a place for you. We also need Greeters/Screeners and Interpreters.

You Tell Us:
- How much time you can give
- Your current computer skills
- Your current tax law knowledge
- Your desired volunteer position

We will provide:
- Free tax law training
- E-file Software Training
- Administrative support
- A great volunteer experience

No Experience Needed. We will Train You!

Interested? Contact us today.
Call Mary Reynolds at 301-662-3691 or email at mreyolds@hacfrederick.org

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UME Volunteer Information

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/umes-volunteers](http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/umes-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.

4-H Calendar

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