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### The Real History of State Fair Food Innovation

Excerpt from *Home / Baking from Scratch*, October 27, 2021.  
By Amanda Bright

The Meat Biscuit [See patent below] – invented in 1850 by Gail Borden Jr. – was an attempt to provide travelers during the California Gold Rush with lightweight food to carry with them on the difficult journey. Mr. Borden wanted to make portable ‘meat glue’ to aid friends who were traveling to California and needed vittles [food] to carry from Texas. Using a large kettle, he boiled down 120 pounds of veal into 10 pounds of extract (today we would call this beef or bone broth), then mixed it with good flour, rolled it, cut it into biscuits and baked it.

The meat biscuit could be eaten as a biscuit, or made into a portable soup. According to Mr. Borden, “Two pounds of it will supply one man for a week, and fourteen pounds will support him for a month.” He patented the formula and took it to London’s Great Exposition in 1851, winning a gold medal.

In 1853, Borden also created sweetened condensed milk in an attempt to create a shelf stable milk product. The milk later became a lifesaver for soldiers during the Civil War. He opened two factories to produce his product, but both ultimately failed. Borden was determined, and it was not until the third factory opened in 1864 that his condensed milk, sold under the name Eagle Brand, eventually caught on. This product is still sold 159 years later at supermarkets featuring the Borden name.

Editor’s Note: Patent No. 7066, dated February 5, 1850

“The nature of my invention consists in extracting the nutritious parts of flesh or animal meat of every description and combining this concentrated extract with flour or vegetable meal, and baking the two substances in an oven, thereby forming a portable desiccated soup-bread containing a large amount of the most important alimentary substance in a very small bulk and convenient form, well adapted to seafaring purposes, travelers, hospitals, and also for family use, which will save the trouble and expense of much cooking.”

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>June</b>	
10	Maryland 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contests, Howard County Fairgrounds
10	Central Maryland 4-H/FFA Livestock Spring Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Dairy cows, meat goats, alpacas, rabbits, swine
11	Central Maryland 4-H/FFA Livestock Spring Show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Beef cattle, horse, sheep, dogs, poultry, dairy goats.
10 – 17	National leadership Conference. Selected MD delegates through Sr. Portfolio Process. Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, MI
17	4-H All-Stars Annual Meeting
<b>July</b>	
3-21	Maryland 4-H Equine Art and Photography Contest - Virtual
9 - 14	Camp Tawasentha
15	Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Completion Deadline
22	Montgomery County Fair workdays
29	Montgomery County Fair workdays
TBD	Statewide Dairy Judging Practices
TBD	Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree

<b>August</b>	
5	Montgomery County Fair Workday
11 – 19	Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
24 to Sept 10	Maryland State Fair, Timonium.
24-27	State Fair 4-H Horse English, Western and Dressage Shows. MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium
TBA	Maryland 4-H Robotics Challenge. MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium.
<b>September</b>	
2	Maryland 4-H/FFA Judging Events - State Fair (Dairy, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Horticulture)
8 Tentative	Maryland 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Judging Contest at MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium, 6:00 PM
9 Tentative	Maryland 4-H State Dog Show, 10:00 AM
18	National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest -All American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, PA
20	Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals due to MoCo 4-H Office.
30	Diamond Clover Level 6 project Reports due to 4-H Sate Office. Via Online Portal.
TBA	Maryland 4-H Fashion Revue. MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium.
TBA	Aerospace Contest
TBA	Engineering Contests, MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium.
<b>October</b>	
2	World Dairy Expo Judging Contest, Madison, WI.
15	Diamond Clover Level 5 Report due to MoCo 4-H Office
29 – 10/8	Keystone International Livestock Expo Livestock Judging Contest, Harrisburg, PA.
<b>November</b>	
4-6	Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, Louisville, KY
4-6	National 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest - North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE), Harrisburg, PA.
4-6	Southeastern Regional 4-H Judging Contest, Louisville, KY?
4-6	Southeastern Regional 4-H Skillathon Contest, Raleigh, NC.
14-16	National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest - North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE), Harrisburg, PA.
14-16	National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest - North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE), Harrisburg, PA.
16-17	National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest - North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE), Harrisburg, PA.

<b>December</b>	
3 Tentative	Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl Contest, ANSC Bldg., UMD, College Park.

## **New! MoCo 4-H Social Media**

Follow our new and improved social media accounts!

- Facebook: @ Montgomery County MD 4-H
- Instagram: montgomerycountymd4h

## **Maryland 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest**

June 10, Howard County Fairgrounds

Horse Judging - In this event, youth make a careful evaluation of horses in a class, judging and placing them against an accepted ideal for the breed or discipline shown. Contests usually include halter and performance classes.

The Hippology Contest mixes a range of educational activities offered in the 4-H Horse Program into one event. The contest includes:

Judging. Judging may consist of placing live classes of horses or classes shown on slides or video.

Written Examination. Written Examination consists of questions posed in a variety of ways. For example, multiple choice, fill in, definitions, true and false. Topics generally

are limited to genetics, nutrition, conformation, health, behavior and history.

Identification and Anatomy. This activity test the knowledge of anatomy of the horse, breeds, breed history, colors, color patterns and equine activities. Contestants can be asked to identify tack, equipment, feed samples, grains, or hays.

## **Judging Teams**

It is never too late to join one of our Montgomery County judging teams! Learn what makes an animal ideal for their species, as well as, public speaking, decision-making, and organizational skills. Contact our coaches for more information:

- Rabbits: Dr. Fitz at tmf3@aol.com
- Dairy: Catherine Savage at Csavage9@umd.edu
- Livestock: Amy Miller at Moco4hsheepandswine@gmail.com

## **Launch into Leadership- Virtual Youth Leadership Event**

You are invited to come join the Maryland 4-H State Council for another youth leadership focused virtual event on Saturday, June 17 from 1:00-3:00 PM.

This event will focus on Exploring Opportunities, and How to Become a Better Leader! It will include networking time (chat with fellow 4-H members from across the state) and educational sessions presented by 4-H Educators and members of the Maryland 4-H State Council.

Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/LIL2023phase2>  
You will receive a Zoom link after registering, and a confirmation email near the date to remind you to join.

Send any questions to Jamie Morris at [jkenton@umd.edu](mailto:jkenton@umd.edu).

## Camp Tawasentha



Every year, Montgomery County 4-H takes campers out to western

Maryland for five days of fun at Camp Tawasentha. Our camp is located amidst the Appalachian Mountains in Garrett County and is open to all youth (not just 4-H'ers) who are 8 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2023.

Dates for this year's camp are July 9-14, 2023.

For more information on Camp Tawasentha, please send an email to [camp@montgomerycountymd4-h.org](mailto:camp@montgomerycountymd4-h.org).

## Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance

Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance is due July 15 (<https://ahqa.umd.edu/>).

You will need to complete the program if:

- You are new to 4-H (any age) OR
- You are 11 as of January 1st (moving from junior to intermediate) OR
- You are 14 as of January 1st (moving from intermediate to senior) OR
- Are an intermediate or senior with a new project animal

This must be completed to exhibit animals at the fair. If you have any questions, please email Catherine Savage at [Csavage9@umd.edu](mailto:C savage9@umd.edu).

## Level 5 & 6 Diamond Clover Plans & Reports

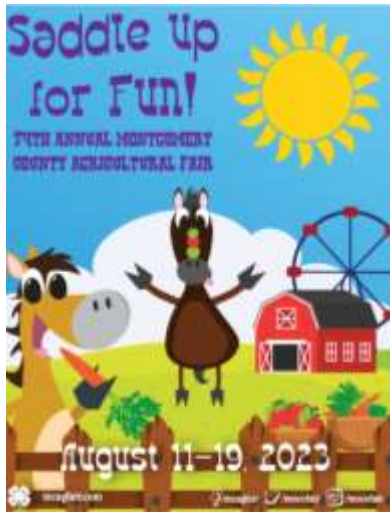
This is a reminder to all 4-H'ers working on earning Level 5 or 6 Diamond Clover Awards.

Level 6 project proposals must be submitted to the MoCo 4-H County Office by September 20. Diamond Clover Level 6 & Final Project reports are due in the portals on September 30.

Diamond Clover Level 5 Plan and Reports must be submitted to MoCo 4-H County Office by October 15. Please mail your materials to the Montgomery County 4-H Office, Attn: Sheila Ford, 18410 Muncaster

Road, Derwood, MD 20855 or email to sheilaf@umd.edu.

Levels 1-4 reports are not due to the county 4-H office until January 2024.



## Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will take place from August 11–19, 2023.

This year's fair theme is "Saddle up for Fun." The 4-H parade theme is "4-H Forging New Frontiers"

The animal of the year is the Dragon.

Remember, you can enter items made at school as long as they fit a class in a Division.

## Important Changes for this Year's Agricultural Fair

Entry time for exhibits on **Wednesday** August 9 will start at **4:30 PM** and will end at 7:30 PM sharp.

Entries must be checked in and on the judges' table by the indicated closing times. 4-H cannot guarantee that exhibitors will be able to interview with the judge if it is past closing time. Please do not wait until the last minute to check in your entries.

**For 4-H Bakers** -A division name change and several new items have been added to the Fairbook this year. We hope you will enter some of these new items as well as the standard cookies, pies, breads, cakes, etc. In addition, do not forget to try the Cake of the Year: Chunky Apple Cake with Browned Butter Topping. The recipe is in the Fairbook.

### DIVISION 16A: DECORATED DELIGHTS

1. Decorated cake, any shape, USING A PASTRY TUBE
2. Novelty cake, any shape, NOT USING A PASTRY TUBE
3. Decorated cake, any shape, USING FONDANT OR OTHER ROLLED ICING
4. Decorated cupcakes, (six)
5. Decorated cake pops, (six)
6. Gingerbread creation, three-dimensional; must be entirely edible
7. Fair-themed decorated cake

### New this year:

8. Decorated cookies—small (six)

9. Decorated cookies—large (one)
10. Decorated cereal treats—small (six)
11. Decorated cereal treats—large (one)
12. Shaped bread—small (six)
13. Shaped bread—large (one)

## 4-H Compact Tractor Contest

New Location at the Fair:

This year's 4-H Compact Tractor Contest will be moving from its past location at the Swine Show Ring (Building 27) to a new spot on the Upper Grounds on the blacktop near the Old Timers' Exhibit. Great place for higher visibility and no sawdust!

The Compact Tractor Contest will be held on Saturday, August 19 at 10:00 AM. Be sure to put this on your 4-H Fair Entry Sheet! This contest is great for anyone involved in mowing a yard or other small engine work.

To see a 3-minute video of the driving component of the contest, visit [https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=4-](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=4-H+compact+Tractor+Contests&docid=603532085819217004&mid=3ABC47F0C0CF43BB7DBA3ABC47F0C0CF43BB7DBA&view=detail&FORM=VIRE)

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There is a parts ID, troubleshooting section, written test, safety and driving skill test. Even if you have never done this contest before, come and learn. Trophies and prize money!

## One Health Careers Summit for Teens

Are you interested in exploring careers in the areas of Animal Health, Human Health, or Environmental Health? If you answered YES, you will not want to miss the One Health Careers Summit for Teens on Thursday, June 22 at the Washington County Extension Office in Boonsboro from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM.

At the One Health Careers Summit, different careers and career pathways related to Animal Health, Human Health, and Environmental Health will be showcased through expert panels, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities.

Our speakers include professionals with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the Maryland Department of the Environment, West Virginia University, University of Maryland Extension, and private industry. We also have collegiate students from University of Maryland and West Virginia University presenting.

This event is open to 4-H members, FFA members, and other youth from Maryland and West Virginia who are 13 years or older. The participation fee is \$10.00 per youth. Registration is limited and closes on June 5, or when full.

4-H members register via 4-H Online. FFA members and other non-4-H youth should email Kai Huang ([khuang14@umd.edu](mailto:khuang14@umd.edu)) for registration information.



## Fair Ticket Pricing

As a 4-H'er, if you enter exhibits at the fair, you will get a free weekly pass!

As in the past, free and reduced-price entry tickets will be made available to 4-H members and their families. Purchasing can occur when you enter exhibits online or weekdays at the Fair Office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM beginning July 22 or between the hours of 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM on one of the Volunteer Workdays on Saturday, July 22, 29 & August 5. After these dates, tickets are only available at the advertised price.

The following free tickets for Fair admission will be provided to 4-H who enter exhibits:

1. 4-H indoor exhibitors and those with poultry, rabbits, pet show, and dog show will be provided with 1 season pass that includes free parking at Perry Pkwy.
2. 4-H exhibitors with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep will be provided with 1 season pass including free parking at all entrances.
3. 4-H exhibitor families with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep that are not Life Members will be provided with an additional season pass including free parking at all entrances.

The following tickets are available for purchase by 4-H member families until 12:30 PM on the final Volunteer Saturday Workday.

1. Season Pass that includes Free Parking at Perry Parkway only - \$50.00
2. Season Pass – special pass for non-exhibitor sibling of a 4-H member (age 12-18) Perry Parkway only - \$18.00
3. 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, Free Parking at Perry Parkway only - \$10.00
4. 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, entrance only, no parking - \$5.00

### Free Shuttle Bus

The free shuttle bus from Lake Forest mall will be available as in the past beginning on August 11 at 11:30 AM and starting at 8:00 AM on all other days. The last bus leaves the Fairgrounds 30 minutes after the advertised closing time each day.

Parking on the Fairgrounds at Perry Parkway - \$15.00 cash or credit per car.

## Fair Volunteers Needed!

Please remember to sign-up to volunteer at the fair. Every single 4-H volunteer is very important and very much appreciated!

Youth volunteers: This is a great opportunity to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours towards graduation. The Fair uses an SSL volunteer hour recording form that you will need to complete and turn in to them no later than the close of business on the Monday after the Fair.

You also have the opportunity to become a life member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fairgrounds and get a free life



member pass to the fair (visit the fairgrounds website for information on this program:

<https://www.mcagfair.com/general-information/volunteer-information/> and click on the Volunteer Information tab.

Each Fair workday you will need to find the unique QR code for clocking in and out that day only. These codes will be at the Gazebo, the Heritage building and each Department. You MUST clock in and out to get credit for your SSL hours

- Only people who are 12 and up can receive hours towards a life membership.
- You must choose one. You cannot receive SSL hours and hours towards a life membership at the same time.

For General Questions or Volunteer Opportunities, please contact: 301-926-3100 ext. 205 or [info@mcagfair.com](mailto:info@mcagfair.com)

## **Do Not Forget to Sign in and out When You Get to the Fair!**

- If you intend to work towards a Fair life membership, you must sign in and sign out on the workdays, either at the Fair Office Gazebo, or at the Heritage Building.
- If you are volunteering during the fair, you need to sign in at that location.

- If you leave the fairgrounds, do not forget to get your hand stamped for re-entry. Otherwise, you will have to pay to get back on the grounds.

## **4-H Youth and Adult Volunteer Opportunities**

Everyone enjoys all the events at the Fair and it takes a community to make it successful. If you are new to 4-H or have never volunteered at the fair, here is your opportunity to meet other 4-H members and make the Best Better! Remember, the 4-H Building belongs to all 4-H youth and we must all take care of it. Even volunteering a few hours makes a big difference.

For volunteer positions other than 4-H, please contact the appropriate person/office in the article.

## **Fair Workdays**

Saturdays, July 22, 29, and August 5 – As always, WE NEED A LOT OF HELP ON THESE DAYS!

You do not need to register for this in advance—just show up. Sign in on the computer at the Fair Office Gazebo off Chestnut Street, or at the Heritage Building.

Workdays begin at 8:00 AM, department superintendents will determine when the workday ends, usually between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM. If you arrive and sign in by

9:00 AM, you will receive one free lunch ticket. Do not forget to ask for it.

We need to clean and set up the 4-H Building and animal pavilions, set up tables and chairs, paint fences, and more. Remember, you must be 12 years or older to earn hours for your fair life membership, or SSL hours.

## 4-H Teen in Action Opportunities

To volunteer for 4-H positions or if you have any questions, please contact Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu and write "Fair Volunteer" on the subject line. Information on how to sign for these opportunities will be posted in the July issue of the News & Notes.

The 4-H Teen in Action is a great way for 4-H'ers 12 years old and up to earn SSL hours or hours counting towards their County Fair Life Membership. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and volunteer at least 10 hours in total this year to earn fair hours towards a Fair Life Membership

*4-H Building Set-up* (must be 12–18 years old).

You may help in the following ways:

- Thursday, August 10, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM. Finish arranging non-perishable items, and help arrange and set up for the perishable entries. 2-hour time slots.

- Saturday, August 12, 6:00–9:00 PM. Help arrange baked good items on the shelves. Parents must be present.

*Senior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day*-Available to 4-H'ers 14 and up. The Senior Chairman of the Day assists the 4-H Building Superintendent by:

- Straightening out exhibits and exhibits' plastic covers.
- Disposing of dead flowers, and rotten vegetables.
- Straightening 4-H information area.
- Watering plants as needed.

Needed one 4-H'er for each time slot:

Monday, August 14 through Saturday August 19, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM. You may sign up for full days or half days.

*Vision Screening*-Work with optometrists as they perform simple vision screening tests for fair visitors.

Monday, August 14 through Wednesday 16, different time slots from 11:00 AM–6:00 PM.

*Project Show and Tell*-This is a great opportunity for a club to show their projects! Individuals or groups working together can show and tell the projects they have worked on throughout the year — demonstrations are encouraged! Bring whatever supplies you need for your exhibit with you. Available times are:

- Monday, August 14, and Tuesday August 15, between 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
- Friday, August 18, between 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Contact Sheila Ford at sheilaf@umd.edu if you need any special help or accommodations for your exhibit.

## **Adult Volunteer Opportunities**

### *4-H Building Information Desk*

*Volunteer*-We need at least two 4-H parents or UME certified Volunteers to work at the Information Desk in the 4-H Building during every hour that the building is open to the public. Responsibilities include interacting with visitors, directing them to informational literature, showing them where the different exhibit areas are, and answering general questions about 4-H and the fair. We ask that you please work two consecutive hours at a time.

Information Desk dates and times (available in 2-hour shifts):

- Sunday August 14, 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM
- Monday August 15 through Saturday August 20, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

*Bake Sale Volunteers*-We need 4-H parents, UME certified volunteers, and youth volunteers aged 12 and older for the bake sale. You can sign up to help at the bake table outside the 4-H Building for 4-

hour intervals on Saturday August 12 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM and Sunday August 13 from 12:00 noon – 10:00 PM. You can sign up for as many 4-hour time slots as you like.

*Building Take Down*-We encourage 4-H members and their families to contribute and increase their participation especially during take down day. We need your help placing exhibits in alphabetical order, folding down tables and tablecloths, taking down signs and buntings, and storing all the 4-H Fair equipment in the trailer.

## **Want to be a member of the 4-h Honor Guard?**



Be the leader of the 4-H Parade! We are looking for an adult leader/guide for the 4-H Honor Guard. The 4-H Honor Guard is also seeking eight youth to carry flags to lead the parade route. You need to be at least 13 years old and strong enough to carry a flag in a harness for the entire length of the parade route. Remember, it could be hot!

The parade is Sunday, August 13 at 5:00 PM. We will have a short mandatory 30-minute training session on Monday, August 7 at 6:00 PM at the fair office at 16 Chestnut Street. You will receive a free 4-H T-shirt and fair hours for your service on the honor guard.

If you are interested, please register by July 3 by contacting Sheila Ford at sheilaf@umd.edu or 301-590-2824.

## **Volunteer at the Big Cheese Booth**



The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is just around the corner! This year the Fair will be August 11-19, 2023.

Volunteers are needed during the Fair preparation and the Fair days for the Cheese Booth. This is a fun and easy way to earn Student Service Learning hours or Agricultural Center Membership hours. Training sessions are scheduled so everyone becomes familiar with the responsibilities. The Cheese Booth also needs help before and after each training session to help prepare the booth for the Fair. To register for preferred work shifts, you **MUST** attend **ONE** of the below sessions. This requirement is for everyone, new volunteers and prior year volunteers.

- July 22, 11:00 -noon
- July 29, 9:30-10:30 AM
- Aug 5, 11:00 -noon

Sessions will meet at the Cheese Booth. The above Saturdays are Fair workdays and the Cheese Booth will need help preparing the building for the Fair. Fair workday sign-in begins at 8:00 AM each Saturday. Volunteers who sign in before 9:00 AM will get a free lunch ticket. Your help is always welcome. Volunteering is more enjoyable

with friends and family, so bring them along too!

Direct questions regarding the Cheese Booth to, Sue Sullivan, 301-325-4384 email at Suesonline@aol.com

## **Volunteer at the Information Booths**

The Information booth is a great way for 4-H'ers, 12 years old and up, to volunteer and start working toward their fair memberships or SSL hours. **IN ADDITION**, we need parents and other adults to help supervise.

We have four booths throughout the fair grounds. Teams of two to three people work each booth for a minimum of four-hour shifts. Shifts are 10:00 AM–2:00 PM, 2:00–6:00 PM, and 6:00–10:00 PM.

Friends and families can work together and entire clubs can sign up together if they want. We would like 4-H'ers to be in the booths while adults help by monitoring each booth and by visiting the booths at intervals and dropping off any needed information materials. Good public speaking is great, but an enthusiasm for the fair is all that is needed. In order to volunteer, you must attend one of the orientation meetings. Clubs that want to sign up together may request to receive a training at one of their meetings.

The info booth orientations take place on the fair workdays (Saturdays) at the following times:

- July 22, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
- July 29, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
- August 5, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

To register, and for more information contact Sue Sullivan at [suesownline@aol.com](mailto:suesownline@aol.com)

## **Tram Spotters Needed**

If you will be 18 years old or older at the time of the fair (calendar age, not 4-H age), we need you as a spotter on the tram that ferries visitors around the fair. You will assist those who need on and off the tram and hand out fair brochures to riders. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Leslie Swartzwelder at [Leslie@mcagfair.com](mailto:Leslie@mcagfair.com), 301-926-3100 ext.205.

## **Animal Exhibitor Orientation Required To Show!**

All 4-H animal exhibitors (this includes ALL animals, even the pet show) at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will be required to attend an exhibitor orientation meeting. Topics will update you on new rule and procedural changes for animals, public health, 4-H rules, fair policies, and other helpful tips to make sure you have a positive fair experience. The session will be held at 8:30 AM sharp on all three workdays (July 22, 29, and August 5), in the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 AM and no late entry will be allowed once the program begins. A parent must be present to sign the attendance form. If you

have any questions, please contact Catherine Savage at [csavage9@umd.edu](mailto:csavage9@umd.edu) or (301) 590-2813

## **Pet Show Requirement**

The Pet Show is a super fun casual dress contest. Pets entered should be friendly and have no history of aggression.

ALL PET SHOW EXHIBITORS: The 4-H'er and a parent or guardian must attend one of the quality assurance meetings held in the Heritage building at 8:30 AM sharp on one of the workdays.

Please check the fair catalog for all requirements of pets entered in the pet show. All required identification and testing requirements/certificates for all species will be enforced the same as any other livestock event at the fair. This could be tattoos, RFD tags, etc.

Dogs and Cats MUST have a current rabies certificate at check in. Rabies tags will NOT be accepted as proof of current vaccine.

Please read the rules carefully for everything, including promotion. Pets shown in the pet show cannot be shown in any other fair event.

We want 4-H'ers to have the most positive, fun experience possible. Feel free to contact Lisa Righter, [LocustSprings@aol.com](mailto:LocustSprings@aol.com), 301-538-0004 with any questions. Email is best.

## **Rabbit Exhibitors**



As per Maryland Department of Agriculture, all rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear for positive

identification. This is a rule that must be enforced as animals in the pet show are subject to inspection and held to the same standards as all other livestock. The Montgomery County Rabbit Club has generously offered free tattoo(s) for any rabbit(s) entered in the pet show on the last workday, August 6 in the morning. Please look for the Fair Veterinarian if your rabbit needs a tattoo.

The Pet Show is about having lots of FUN! Please join us!

## **Share at the Fair**

Exhibiting your projects is one requirement for completing 4-H projects, and the fair is a great place to do just that! If you are enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H, the Adventure in Science program, or a 4-H afterschool program you are eligible to enter your exhibits in the 4-H Building or in any of the 4-H outdoor activities. The 2023 Fair Catalogue is available online at the fair website.

## **Parade Floats**

The 2023 4-H Parade Theme for the Montgomery County Agricultural fair is "4-H Forging New Frontiers."

The 4-H Parade theme complements this year's Agricultural Fair theme of "Saddle up for Fun".

For comprehensive parade rules, please check the printed and online catalog when available. In the meantime, please use the following guidelines for brainstorming and constructing your float.

1. Each float or special unit must send a float entry form and narrative script to the 4-H Office by July 9. The narrative should not exceed 40 words. The float should not need to be explained by a script.

For more information, please contact Chuck Schuster, [cfs@umd.edu](mailto:cfs@umd.edu), 410-596-2159.



## Entering Your Work At The Fair

4-H Indoor and demonstration entry registrations must be entered online by July 20. Each exhibit must have a pre-printed tag firmly attached to it on entry night.

An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class.

Exhibitors are responsible for verifying the accuracy of their entries. If you have a problem or correction, you MUST contact the Fair Office in person or by phone at 301-926-3100. It is highly recommended that all exhibitors bring their On-Line Entry Receipt with them to entry night.

Monitor the Montgomery County Agricultural fair website for information on when you can start entering exhibits online.

When entering online, please make sure you are entering in the desired department—4-H or Open. Please print a receipt for your records.

If you are not able to enter your exhibits using the online system, paper entry forms are available in the back of the fair catalog. Please mail all paper entry forms to the Fair Office (NOT THE 4-H OFFICE): Montgomery Co. Agricultural Fair, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

### HOW TO BRING YOUR INDOOR ENTRIES TO THE 4-H BUILDING AT THE FAIR

- **Monday, August 7 – only day to enter club booths and banners, 6:00-8:00 PM. Club books are optional on Monday.**
- **Wednesday, August 9 – 4-H non-perishable entry drop-off, 4:30 PM (New Time) - 7:30 PM.**
- **Saturday, August 12 - Perishable entry drop-off, 3:00–6:00 PM**
- **NO LATE DROP-OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- **Pick up day—Sunday, August 20 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All exhibits unclaimed by Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 PM will become the property of the fair. EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BACK TO THE 4-H OFFICE.**
- **The Fair or the 4-H Office will NOT be responsible for any damage to an exhibit while at the fair.**

Once the fairground receives all 4-H entry registrations, they generate the display tags for each entry. Leaders will be notified when tags are ready to pick up.

Display tags must accompany each indoor entry at the fair. You must make an appointment to pick up your tags at the 4-H office. Alternatively, you can pick up your tags at the Fairground on entry day. If you wish to volunteer to help sort tags, contact Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu).

Exhibits without tags will not be accepted.

No tags will be issued on entry day if the name of the exhibitor is not on the Fair exhibitor entry list.

## Booths and Banners State Guidelines

Please remember, the State Fair guidelines for entering booths and banners are different from the Montgomery County Fair.

**Banners:** ALL clubs may enter their banners in the State Fair. However, Clubs must enter them themselves using the online State Fair entry system.

**Booths:** ONLY County Fair champion "State Fair Themed Booths" can be entered at the State Fair.

If you wish to enter your banner or booth, make sure it complies with the State Fair rules found here:  
<http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/junior-livestock>

You are responsible for getting your booth or banner to and from the State Fair.

- The 2023 State Fair Booth/Banner Theme can be found under "Department T - 4-H/FAA Promotion": <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h>
- Banner dimensions: 50" wide X 38" tall. The opening for the pole should be a minimum of 3", and is included in the overall size of 38" long. Do not bring your own pole. You MUST use these dimensions or you will be disqualified.

## 4-H Cake Auction Sunday, August 13

You are cordially invited, along with all of your friends and family, to join in the annual 4-H Cake Auction. The Cake Auction will take place in the Cattle Pavilion on Sunday, August 13 at 6:30 PM. Cakes that won blue ribbons at the fair will be auctioned off to the highest bidder—this is our main fundraiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program. All money raised from the auction goes to Montgomery County 4-H to provide programs and opportunities for our 4-H youth and volunteers. Some of the things the funds are used for include resource materials, ribbons and awards, registration fees, and scholarships.

We need your support for the cake auction. Even if your child's cake is not in the auction, please join with friends and family to form a group to bid on a cake. If you know a business that would be interested in participating in this charity event, please encourage them to attend the auction on Sunday. If you know someone, or a group of people, who want to bid on a cake and need fair passes, please contact Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu). We have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose.

## Get In Line for the Parade

Help to get the 2023 Fair off to a great start by participating in the 4-H Parade on Sunday, August 13 at 5:00 PM. Clubs may

enter walking units or floats. If a club wishes to enter a float, the club must arrange for the wagon/trailer itself. The fair will provide a tractor and driver to pull the float.

The theme of this year's 4-H Parade is "4-H Forging New Frontiers."

So get your club members together and start working on your parade unit. Please send a narrative script, not to exceed 35 - 40 words, and the float entry form to Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu) by July 9. No late entries will be accepted.

## **Promote Your Club at the 4-H Club Showcase**

Are you looking to promote your club? Do you want to share all the exciting activities your club members do at the fair, and all year long? Do you just think your club is the very best and want to show it off? Then come out and join us for the 4-H Club Showcase! Clubs will be setting up their tables along Maple Avenue on Saturday, August 20 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If your club is interested, club leaders should register no later than July 30. To register, please contact Leslie Jenkins, [leisliehilljenkins@verizon.net](mailto:leisliehilljenkins@verizon.net)

Table space is limited and given on a first come, first served basis.

## **Ag Education Display Contest**

The Ag Education Display Contest (Department 86) is designed to educate or

promote agriculture. Each club can create a display. Displays will be shown either in your barn, or in the area designated by the Ag Education Committee. Displays from previous years may be brought up to the Fair but will not be judged for premiums.

Please contact the Fair Office at 301-926-3100 ext. 205 if you need space.

## **Inventors Club Science Demonstration**

The Inventors Club is looking forward to showing several of the projects they have designed and built at the Montgomery County Fair. Stop by and see them Monday August 14 from 12:00-4:00 PM. There will be hands on projects. The club will be demonstrating its most complicated Rube Goldberg machine yet, we build a new one each year. Come try your hand at the Giant Robot Operation Game and pick your color for the HarmonGraph, you can take the paper graph design with you. The Inventors have also built a 9-foot Giant LED display built on a Raspberry Pi and Tinsy 4.0, and will be on display showing messages in the Rabbit Barn.

## **Project G Street Calling All Sewers!**

Love shows like Project Runway and Next in Fashion? Feeling inspired to see what you can design & create in a real 1-day team challenge? We want to see you in action!

What: G Street Fabrics is bringing Project G Street back to the 2023 MoCo Fair!

Who: Creative teams of 2, 3 or 4 designers (all ages, at least one team member 18+)

Why: To challenge yourself, express your creativity, maybe win a \$300 gift card to G Street Fabrics, and to have F-U-N!

When: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Register by 8/3/23

Where: Heritage Hall at the fairgrounds in Gaithersburg

For full contest details, and to register, please read the information at the end of the newsletter.

For questions or clarification, please contact Kit Noonan at [kmndakota@gmail.com](mailto:kmndakota@gmail.com) or Maureen Levy at [mlafl@comcast.net](mailto:mlafl@comcast.net)

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## 2023 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Practices

Below are the dates for the 2023 Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging sessions and directions. Unless otherwise stated, all practice sessions will begin at 10:00am. If you have any additional questions or practices that should be listed, please contact Jeff Semler at 301-791-1304 or [jsemler@umd.edu](mailto:jsemler@umd.edu) or Brian Schnebly at [bschnebl@umd.edu](mailto:bschnebl@umd.edu).

Date	Location	Breed
Wednesday July	Wayne and Allen Stiles Spring Valley Farm Westminster, MD	Jersey
Wednesday July 12	David Patrick and Families Maple Dell Farm Woodbine, MD	Ayrshire
Thursday July 20	State FFA Dairy Judging Contest/4-H Practice 9:00am Washington County Ag Expo	Multiple Breeds
Tuesday July 25	John Schnebly and Family Crown Stone Farm Clear Spring, MD	Guernsey
Sunday July 30	Carroll County Fair 9:30am Westminster, MD Contact Kelly Zepp 410-635-3922	Most breeds
Saturday September 2	Maryland State Contest Maryland State Fair 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Evening awards ceremony, Cow Palace, Timonium, MD	All breeds

### Directions:

Spring Valley Farm – 1600 Humbert Schoolhouse Rd, Westminster - From Westminster: continue north on Rt 97 (~10 miles); turn right on Humbert Schoolhouse Rd; travel to first farm on the left. From Taneytown: Travel north on Rt 194 to Stone Rd; turn right on Stone Rd; take first left on Black's School House Rd. Turn right on Rt 97, then left on Humbert Schoolhouse Rd. Travel to first farm on the left.

Maple Dell Farm – 1960 Daisy Rd, Woodbine - From I-70, take the exit for Rt 94 South. At traffic circle, take third exit, Rt 144. After 1.3 miles, turn right on Daisy Rd and travel to first farm on your right.

Crown Stone Farm – 14748 Fairview Rd, Clear Spring - From Hagerstown, continue North on I-70 to exit 24 (Rt 63, Williamsport/Huyett exit). Turn right on Rt 63 North, continue for 4 miles; turn left on Rt 494 and continue for 5 miles. Turn right at farm sign and follow lane through the pasture to the barns.



# SPOTLIGHT



**Cheers to the new graduates! Best wishes for your future!**

## **Ellie Baker**



Ellie Baker joined 4-H when she was 8 years old. Her first project was a market steer.

Ellie's most memorable and favorite 4-H experience was helping during sale night. This night not only helped her meet buyers but also gave her time to enjoy with her friends.

Ellie's plan after High School is to attend Frederick Community College to pursue an Associate Degree in General Studies. After that, she plans to transfer to West Virginia University to pursue a degree in Ag. Business. She is also running for Maryland State's Officer for the Future Farmers of America.

To encourage youth to join 4-H, Ellie would tell them that they would make lots of lifelong friends and memories, along with learning many valuable lessons. In addition, she would tell them that there are so many great opportunities through 4-H that will take them very far in life, and that all of the hard work and dedication does pay off.

## Sai Divella



Sai was 8 years old when a family friend introduced him to the Damascus Community 4-H Club. Sewing and Horticulture intrigued him, and 4-H seemed like a good place to learn more. However, he was immediately drawn to the photography project. He started taking pictures, and have not looked back since. Later, he added additional projects such as dahlias, foods, computer science and more.

Sai has had many memorable experiences, but a few memories stand out for him. These include going to the Dairy Bowl Nationals,

picking strawberries at Butler's Orchard, taking pictures at the demolition derby and other events, talking to President Biden at the Turkey Pardon and lastly, his time as the President of the State Council and Damascus Club.

Sai added that, if not for 4-H, he would have never met his robotics team, where for the past 6 years, he has learned about computer science, physics, math, working on a team, and much more.

Sai will be attending the University of Maryland College Park, to double major in Computer Science and Mathematics in the fall.

To encourage youth to join 4-H, he would tell them about all of the wonderful experiences and opportunities that he has had in 4-H. He made lifelong friends, and experienced new perspectives. He improved his public speaking and communication skills, learned a lot about leadership, and was able to experience his interests in a completely new way.

## Congratulations!

The 4-H Staff want to congratulate the 4-H'ers who competed in the Dairy and Livestock Skillathons.

## Dairy Skillathon Results

- Sophia German
- Shea Cencula-4<sup>th</sup>
- Veronica Ciecwierz-6<sup>th</sup>

## **Livestock Skillathon Results**

- Jackson Null-4<sup>th</sup>
- Brooklyn Morris
- John McKeon
- Theodore Null
- Connor Kilmore
- Kayleigh Morris
- Jackson Holland
- Charlotte Holland
- Abby Zimmerman-7<sup>th</sup>

# CLUB CORNER

## **D** **Damascus** **Community Club**

**Damascus Community 4-H Club updates**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Evelyn B.**

During the April business meeting, six project groups reported on their activities. The Quilting group made bags and pillowcases, and everybody in the Sewing group had started a project and it was reported that everything was going well. The Electricity group fixed a broken lamp, and the Dungeons and Dragons meeting went well. The Beginning Foods group made mini no-bake cheesecakes, and the STEM group played with dry ice and made ice cream.

During the May business meeting, seven groups reported on their activities. The Quilting group continued on making bags and pillowcases, and the Sewing group worked on dresses. The second Dungeons and Dragons group met and created character sheets. The Electricity group soldered wires, and made plans for the fair. The STEM group created slime and compasses, and the Beginning Food made

tacos with homemade flour tortillas and salsa. Finally, the Fiber Arts group did needle felting and made a jellyfish. Additionally, the Clovers went fishing.

The University of Maryland held the 25th Maryland Day in April. The members attending the event had a lot of fun, and there were plenty of things to do. You could learn about basic physics, math, space, geology and tons more. Some members from our club volunteered with the 4-H State Council. They had a booth where they could tell visitors about 4-H. The State Public Speaking Competition was held on the same day. A few of the club members participated in it.

## **C** **Clarksburg** **Helping Hands** **Club**

**Clarksburg Helping Hands updates**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Jeff H.**

The Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H Club has been busy with some events lately. In April, under the leadership of Mrs. Rickert, Milo, and Mrs. Rosanelli, club members turned recycled cookie and candy wrappers into bags. It was a clever and practical way to give them a second life.

Additionally, Jayson L. organized a Heart Pillow Making Day at the 4-H Center. This event was part of his impressive Diamond Clover Level 6 career, reaching the highest level in 4-H Diamond Clover Levels. A fun experience brought a lot of member smiles as 50 pillows were completed and 31 on the way to be finished.

In May, club members got even more creative as Mr. Ed Hogan guided them to create lights filled with beautiful seashells. The lights incorporated the beach into the member

homes and displayed their artistry and eco-friendly ways of adding a little decor.



# 2023 Project G STREET

## Fashion Design Competition Sponsored by G Street Fabrics

Chairpersons Kit Noonan: [kmndakota@gmail.com](mailto:kmndakota@gmail.com) Maureen Levy: [mlafl@comcast.net](mailto:mlafl@comcast.net)

G Street Fabrics is teaming with the Home Arts department to host a fabulous one-day fashion design competition at the fair!

Calling all fashionistas... come one, come all, to embrace your inner designer at this year's Project G Street. No fashion school needed. All skill levels, all ages are invited to show what you can do!

### Project G Street Rules:

1. The first place team will win a \$300.00 gift card to G Street Fabrics, second place team will win a \$200.00 gift card and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will win a \$100.00 gift card. Win or lose, you will take away amazing memories and fantastic social media content!
2. Teams must register by email: [kmndakota@gmail.com](mailto:kmndakota@gmail.com) or hand carry your entry form to the fair office at 16 Chestnut Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877 by end of day on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The chairpersons will choose up to 8 teams for the 2023 Project G Street competition. Teams will be notified on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. NEW THIS YEAR: Teams will be comprised of 2-4 team members, your choice. At least one team member must be 18 or older.
4. The chairpersons will host a video meeting to announce the 2023 Project G Street theme and answer any questions on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All contestants will be emailed a link to join.
5. At least one team member must pick up your team's materials packet at G Street Fabrics during store hours August 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. The packet will have your team's fabric and a \$25 G Street Fabrics gift card for you to purchase notions. NO OTHER FABRIC CAN BE USED. The \$25.00 gift card can be used for any items you would need for the outfit that were not included (thread, closures, etc.) You may make or use your own patterns. *You do not need to purchase patterns with the gift card.*
6. One team member may be the model, or you may choose someone else to be your model. To ensure uniformity, the model must be a woman 18 or older. Models must bring their own shoes. Any other accents such as purses, hats or scarfs must be made with your team's materials.
7. Contestants must provide the tools and machines to create their outfits. You may choose to bring: sewing machines, serger, dress forms, irons, mirrors, steamers etc. Items can be dropped off at Heritage Hall starting at 8 am on Project G Street day: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Directions and parking will be discussed at the video meeting.
8. Teams will construct their outfits in Heritage Hall from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>. The outfits will be judged on the following: interpretation of the theme; design (selection of style, color & material combinations); creativity (use of fabric, trim, closures); fit of outfit on the model; styling (accessories, hairstyle, the way you put together the whole look). *Judges' decision is final.*
9. All outfits will remain at the fair be on display in the Home Arts building during fair week.
10. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased at the fair. No food is allowed in the sewing area.





**2023 Project G Street Sponsored by G Street Fabrics Entry Form**

Entry forms must be received by the Montgomery County Ag Fair by August 3<sup>rd</sup> via email: [kmndakota@gmail.com](mailto:kmndakota@gmail.com) (please put Project G Street in subject line) or hand delivered to 16 Chestnut Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877  
*See complete rules for details.*

Team name:

1<sup>st</sup> contestant's name:

Address:

Cell phone number: We would like a number that we are able to text.

Email:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree that the judges' and chairpersons' decisions are final.

Sign:

2<sup>nd</sup> contestant's name:

Address:

Cell phone number: We would like a number that we are able to text.

Email:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree that the judges' and chairpersons' decisions are final.

Sign:

3<sup>rd</sup> contestant's name:

Address:

Cell phone number: We would like a number that we are able to text.

Email:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree that the judges' and chairpersons' decisions are final.

Sign:

4<sup>th</sup> contestant's name:

Address:

Cell phone number: We would like a number that we are able to text.

Email:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree that the judges' and chairpersons' decisions are final.

Sign: