



Frederick County 4-H News in October - November 2024

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Exciting News



Congratulations to the Rabbit Raisers for selling the most amount of socks for our Frederick County 4-H Holiday Sock Fundraiser! They sold 45 pairs of socks, with our Johnsville Club selling 42 pairs, a close second. In total, we sold 266 pairs of socks and raised \$1,330 to support our scholarships account for graduating seniors. Thank you to all who bought socks and supported this fundraiser!



Congratulations to the members of the National Junior Horticulture Team and our Frederick County 4-H'er Bobear A.! Bobear A. won 1st in Honors, including Highest Overall Individual-Frederick. Overall means he beat 4-H, FFA, Open, and all of the honors kids! Way to go!!

Congratulations to Liam G. who was a part of the 2024 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team that traveled to Kentucky for the National Contest in November.



Congratulations to our Frederick 4-H'ers who competed in national horse contests in November.

Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up:

2024 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Team

Olivia B. & Breana S.

2024 Maryland 4-H Hippology Team

Torrence B., Nicholas C., Stella O. & Cassidy S.



Congratulations to Atley S. who was part of the State 4-H Dairy Judging Team in Louisville.



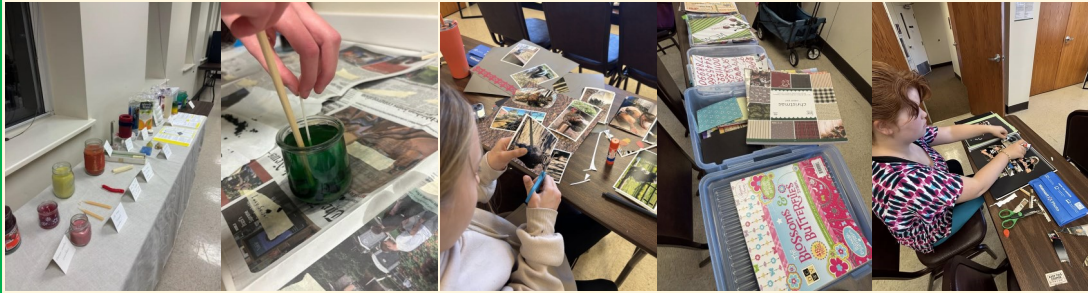
Events

Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum

Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum in Ocean City, Maryland
November 22-24, 2024.



November Project Nights



Scrapbook making, candle pouring and ornament decorating! It was a fun two weeks of Project Nights in November. Thanks to our amazing volunteers who helped to teach these crafts to our kids.

Farm To Table Day



Farm to Table day at Sabillasville Environmental School - A Classical Charter! So much fun talking about corn and the many uses with Ms. Anna and Ms. Margaret.

Harvest of Hope Event



We had a great time sharing with the community about all things 4-h in November at the Harvest of Hope Festival!



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Agriculture Olympics

Agriculture Olympics took place on October 5, 2024 at Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums Fall Festival. There were animals, tractor rides, games, food and crafts. The Ag Olympics included a passport to visit all of the games and receive little prizes for the champions. A fun time was had by all participants and volunteers!



Frederick County 4-H Open House

So much fun at our Open House last night on October 2, 2024!



Agriculture is.... Farms, Food, Fiber

So fun to share "Agriculture is.... Farms, Food, Fiber" with the great students at Waverley Elementary School! They loved touching and smelling the farm fresh flat leaf parsley!



Become a 4-H Volunteer today and help create life-changing experiences for youth in your community!

4-H Volunteers are a key component of the 4-H program. No matter your background or expertise, as a parent, a project leader, or any other leadership capacity, you can offer your unique talents, perspectives, and guidance.

- Lead community clubs, school-based or after-school programs, and camp settings
- Create community service opportunities for youth in your area
- Work with other adults to create fun and exciting programs



For more information and forms go to: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/frederick-county/local-4-h-youth-education/ume-volunteers>

What are the steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer?

Enroll in 4-HOnline as a Volunteer to start the process.

- Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- If you already have a family profile, while in your "Member List" click on "Add Member" and then complete *New Applicant* as your Volunteer position.
- If you are brand new to 4-H, please create a new account and then select *New Applicant* as your Volunteer position.

After you complete your enrollment in 4-HOnline, you will receive an email from Kim Krasauskis with the following steps for completing your 4-H Volunteer On Boarding:

- ◇ **1. Background Check:** Once you complete your 4-HOnline enrollment (#2 above), the Maryland 4-H office will send you an invitation email around the 1st or 15th of the month (depending on when you submitted your enrollment) through vendor *Sterling Volunteers*. **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIVING THE INITIAL EMAIL FROM TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteer.com or you will be DISMISSED by Maryland 4-H for one year and unable to volunteer with 4-H until completing the onboarding in 2024.**
- ◇ **2. References:** An *Adobe Sign* email will be sent to your 3 references listed in your 4-HOnline Screening, so they can complete the reference form digitally. Please let them know in advance so they can watch for the email coming from kkrasaus@umd.edu.
- ◇ **3. Volunteer Orientation Training -Please watch [this 4-H Volunteer Orientation Video](#)** and then complete the Orientation Survey. Our office will automatically receive a notification of your completion of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training Survey.
- ◇ **4. Phone Interview** - To select a sign up time please go to: <https://bit.ly/4-HVolunteerInterview>
- ◇ **5. Signing an Appointment Agreement and Position Description** via an *Adobe Sign* email that will be sent to you after Steps 1-4 are completed.

**** A 4-H Volunteer cannot work with 4-H Youth until ALL the above steps are completed and the 4-HOnline record is approved by both the State office and our local Frederick County office. The volunteer will receive a welcome email after all steps and approvals are completed and they are cleared to work with 4-H youth.**

If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Kim Krasauskis at kkrasaus@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

Club News

Ridge View



In the month of October the Ridge View 4-H Club collected donations for Frederick County Blessings in a Backpack. The club collected 2,568 items to go to local Frederick county students!

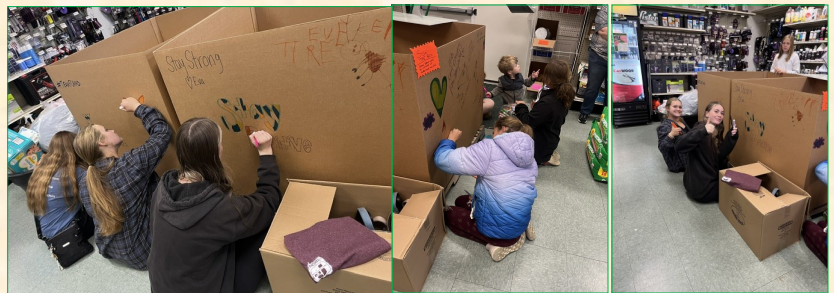
In the month of November, the Ridge View 4-H Club worked with Butterfly Ridge Elementary school to collect items to feed a full thanksgiving meal to families in need. Our club was able to feed five families a full Thanksgiving meal!



Kaleidoscope



The Kaleidoscope of Projects 4-H Club presenting their donation to Amy Stephens at Farmers Cooperative Association, Inc.



In October, the Kaleidoscope of Projects 4-H Club donated to the relief efforts for areas hit by hurricane Helene. Club Members went to present the check for their donation to Amy Stephens at Farmers Cooperative Association, Inc. They also helped decorate the boxes that the supplies were packed in and sent out on October 18th.

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Calico Clovers



The Calico Clovers November Club Meeting at which they had a food drive to provide holiday meals to local families in need.

Shookstown



Shookstown Club is finishing 2024 with having organized and completing many community service projects, a successful fundraiser and recruiting new members. For our October meeting, we had a little Halloween party and a fun demonstration. We collected and donated bedding and pillows to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The Club also packed 22 Good Samaritan boxes. This is a great community service project our club does every year. We had a guest speaker at our November meeting, Erin from the office joined us, and went over the record books and did a little training session. We had our holiday party and held our elections at Decembers meeting. We collected Christmas cards, the club has made, that will be given to area nursing homes, for the residents. Congrats to the incoming officers. And great job to the outgoing officers. It's been a great year. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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City Youth Matrix



It was a fun time on October 16, 2024, at Lincoln Elementary School's STEM Night! City Youth Matrix, Frederick Maryland 4-H Club members helped lead the bat education and electrical circuit craft. It was a 'batty' good night!!

Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

News from February/March - Friday, April 4, 2025

News from April/May - Friday, June 6, 2025

Please email submissions to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

Coming soon, News from December 2024/January 2025 Newsletter

Please email any photos or Club news to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

We love to celebrate the Frederick County 4-H'ers!!

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