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Frederick County 4-H Newsletter

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February - March 2025

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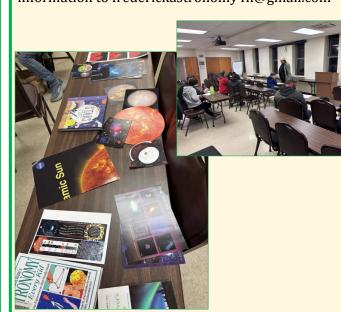
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Exciting News

The Astronomy 4-H Club Interest meeting was in March. If you're interested in Astronomy, reach out for more information to frederickastronomy4h@gmail.com





Central Cluster Public Speaking

this past year! Way to go, Frederick!

Congratulations to all of our Frederick County 4-H'ers

recognized for their hard work and accomplishments

who were honored at the Maryland 4-H Awards Ceremony in February. We had over 20 youth



What a great turnout we had at the Central Cluster Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Competition! Congratulations to all our youth who participated!



Congratulations to our Frederick County 4-H'ers who competed at the Livestock Skillathon! And a big thanks to Ms. Patty for coaching all our amazing youth!

Public Speaking Workshop

Livestock Skillathon

Lots of fun at our Public Speaking workshop in February!



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: <u>https://extension.umd.edu/locations/frederick-county/local-4-h-youth-education/ume-volunteers</u>

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:

- Volunteer Orientation Training -Please watch <u>this 4-H Volunteer Orientation Video</u> and then complete the Orientation Survey. Our office will automatically receive a notification of your completion of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training Survey
- 2. Background Check: Once you complete your 4-HOnline enrollment and watch the Volunteer Orientation Training (#1 above) the Maryland 4-H office will send you an invitation email through vendor *Sterling Volunteers*. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIVING THE INITIAL EMAIL FROM <u>TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteer.com or you will be DISMISSED by Maryland 4-H for one year and unable to</u> volunteer with 4-H until completing the onboarding in 2026.
- ◊ 3. 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.
- **4. Phone Interview** To select a sign up time please go to: <u>https://bit.ly/4-HVolunteerInterview</u>
- **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.

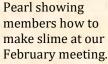
If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Kim Krasauskis at <u>kkrasaus@umd.edu</u> or 301-600-1595.



Club News Valley Urbanites

The Valley Urbanites 4-H Club has enjoyed lots of activities in February and March!







Eli showing members how to plant a tomato seed.



Mrs. Parsley showing Emily how to finish her windmill.



Emma at the Lewistown 4-H Club with her Place Setting talk.



Mr. Turell showing members his insect collection.

Members made bunny and chick favors for the ladies at Record Street Ladies Home.

Calico Clovers

The Calico Clovers 4-H Club picked up trash in honor of Arbor Day.



Club News

Rabbit Raisers

Last year was a year we will never forget. Especially with our amazing officers. This year we are very excited to welcome our new president Austin L., our new vice president Sarah L., our new secretary Sophia L., our new reporter Adalynn D., our new treasurer Julia M., and our new Historian Temperance H.. We have had a great first two months with them, and are very excited for this amazing year ahead.



In these last few months, we have had a lot of activities. These have been very helpful for team bonding. Some of the crafts and activities that we have conducted include making twine and wood bunnies, helping at the antique toy auction, and visiting with the elderly.

During our March meeting, we collected cat food for "Tip Me Frederick". This was a great way to give back to our community. Members also attended a rabbit workshop at the Great Frederick Fair.

Rabbits in the Library event.

A highlight during the last two months was a "Rabbits in the Library" night where we had a great time sharing our rabbits.

We are excited for the official "bunny season" as we head into spring and the Easter season. We hope to see people at Breakfast with the Easter Bunny where you can meet our members and prized Rabbits.

Paddock Pals

Paddock Pals 4-H Club visited Keystone Fur Dressing to learn about the hide tanning processing in February.





Cat food drive for Tip Me Frederick.



Lewistown 4-H & Cloverbuds had a bowling party on March 16 at Walkersville Bowling Lanes. Everyone had a fun time and we have some good bowlers too! Many thanks to Donielle Axline, who coordinated the event and to Donna Inskeep, who also provided door prizes to the lucky winners! Pizza and sodas were enjoyed by all.



Lewistown and Rocky Ridge



The Town of Thurmont celebrated Ag Day on March 18, 2025, with members of the Lewistown 4-H Club, Rocky Ridge Youth Club and the Catoctin FFA. Lewistown was represented by Ada S. and Kaiya S., who gave important agricultural facts to the Mayor and members of the board. Mattee L. represented Rocky Ridge and Blake S. represented the Catoctin FFA Chapter, and each read agricultural facts to those in attendance. The Mayor and board members complimented everyone for speaking in front of an audience and also the importance of agriculture in our community.

Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

News from April/May - Friday, June 6, 2025 News from June/July - Friday, August 1, 2025

Please email submissions to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

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