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Frederick County 4-H Newsletter

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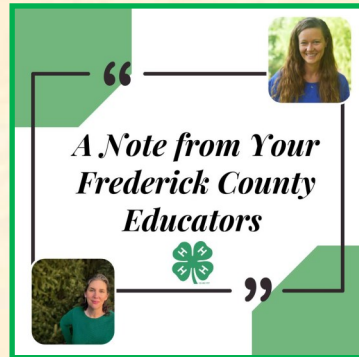
Hey there!

We've both just started in the office and we wanted to take a minute to reintroduce ourselves and let you know what we've been up to the last couple of months.

Both Erin and I are new educators in Frederick County 4-H, but we are no strangers to 4-H. You might know Erin from her role as the previous 4-H Administrative Assistant in Frederick County 4-H. She has been in this position since 2019 but is excited to be supporting the program on a new level now as a county agent. Her experience as an elementary STEM educator and her numerous years as a volunteer for other youth development organizations make her an excellent resource for our program. I, Anna, grew up in Maryland 4-H where I carried a variety of animal projects along with many indoor projects such as baking, vegetables, photography, and public speaking. Since then, I've worked as a 4-H Program Assistant, Horticulture Extension Agent, Agriculture Instructor, and 4-H Consultant both here in the US and abroad.

We've spent the last couple of months getting settled into our new roles. We've met with volunteers, other county 4-H agents, and community stakeholders to start getting a feel for how we can better support and serve the program. This past month we've been focused on finishing up 4-H enrollment, getting animal leasing paperwork in order for the fair, reviewing policies and procedures for record books and scholarships, and getting 4-H's name out into the community through various school field trips, fairs, and other events. This upcoming month we'll be looking at ideas for fundraising over the summer, getting our judging teams prepared for a successful season, helping out with the upcoming Central Maryland Spring Livestock Show and GFF fairs, and planning for our abbreviated 4-H day camp. Let us know if you have questions, comments, or concerns or if you'd like to get involved with any of the above. We'd love to hear from you!

Signed,
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Central MD 4-H Spring Livestock Show

What a fun weened at the Central MD 4-H Spring Livestock Show on June 10th and 11th!! We loved getting to see our 4-H'ers in their element and working with their animals. Not only did the weekend give them a chance to showcase all they knew about their animals, but it was also a chance to practice and build so many #lifeskills such as cooperation, resiliency, responsibility, character and leadership. We are #4HProud of all these amazing young people and the parents and volunteers that made it all happen



Frederick County 275th Jubilee

4-H Educators, Anna and Erin spend the evening on June 10th, 2023 at the Frederick County 275th Jubilee at Utica Park!



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Farmer's Cooperative 100th Anniversary

Anna and Erin went to the Farmer's Cooperative 100th Anniversary on May 20th. It was a fun day with vendors, some freebies and prizes.



Middletown Elementary Family Fun Night

Anna and Erin were at Middletown Elementary Family Fun Night on May 12, 2023. They helped youth plant some lettuce cups to take home!



Schoolhouse Chicks

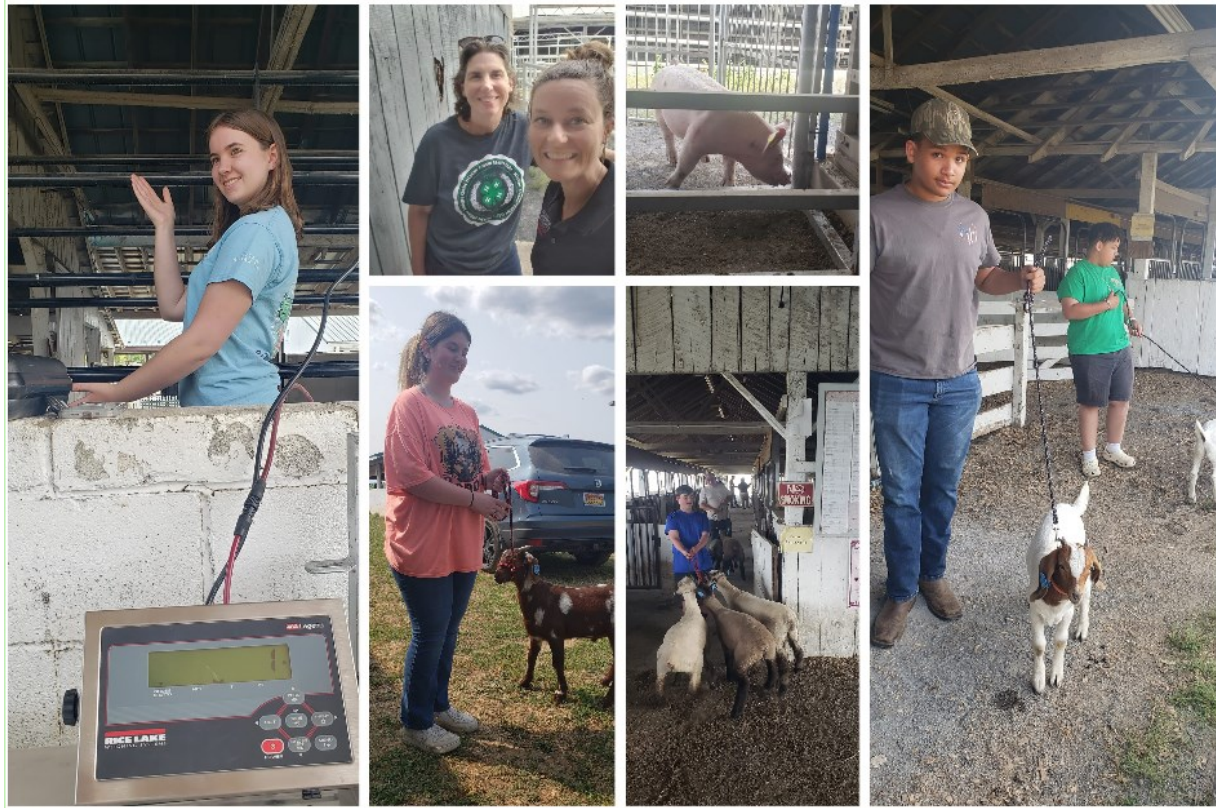
Magic happened all throughout Frederick County in May! Kids in 16 different elementary classrooms experienced the excitement of watching their chicks hatch after 21 days of patiently waiting and checking on their eggs. Not only did the kids get to have fun playing with baby animals, but they got to practice all kinds of skills related to their curriculum like measuring temperatures and weights, keeping records, preventing diseases, managing nutrition, and more.

Send a message to our Frederick County 4-H office educator (amglenn@umd.edu) to learn more about our Schoolhouse Chicks program and to let us know if your school is interested in participating next year!



Weigh-In at the Great Frederick Fairgrounds

Swine Weigh-In was held on June 3, 2023 and the Goat Weigh-In was held on June 5, 2023. Anna and Erin were excited to see some of the Frederick 4-H'ers during the weigh-ins. Everyone is getting ready and excited for [The Great Frederick Fair](#) !



Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

August/September - Friday, August 4

October/November - Friday, October 6

December/ January - Friday, December 1

Please email submissions to Kim Krasauskis kkrasaus@umd.edu

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Judging Team Practices

Our Judging Teams have started their practices to prepare for the upcoming events. Joining these teams is a great way for youth to develop life skills. Our 4-H'ers are learning observation skills and decision making skills while also developing critical thinking skills as they consider the financial impact of how to utilize or not utilize certain animals in their farming operations. The youth also learn teamwork and public speaking skills as they practice "giving reasons" or explaining to judges why they ranked a certain class of animals in a given way.

Our Judging Teams meet all throughout the summer and they prepare youth for the Aug/Sept competitions. We have the following Judging Teams this year:

Dairy Judging Dee Shafer shafdon@aol.com

Horticulture Judging Myrtle Sturtz mosturtz17@gmail.com Susan Trice strice@umd.edu

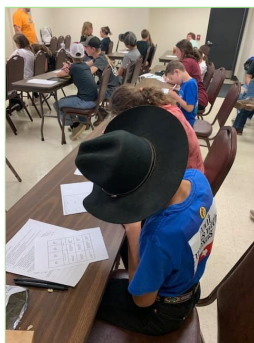
Livestock Judging Donielle Axline deeaxline@gmail.com

Poultry Judging Dave Crum crdv93@comcast.net

Rabbit Judging Tatiana Burrier Tatiana_burrier@msn.com Rhiannon Huscha remylius@gmail.com

Robotics Tom Atelsek frederick4hrobotics@gmail.com

For more information please contact the coaches listed above.



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. I 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://calendly.com/erklined/4-h-volunteer-phone-interview>
- ◇ **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.

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News and Notes from the Great Frederick Fair:**New Website:**

We have revamped our website with a new user-friendly look! Check it out at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

Printed Catalogs:

Printed catalogs should be available around July 1st, but the FULL pdf version is available now on our website www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/exhibit. Printed copies will be located at the fair office

Online Entry System:

The online entry system is now OPEN. All entries (excluding Farm and Garden building) must be made through the online entry system.

Online Entry Link: [Click Here](#)

All livestock entries are due by August 15th at 11:59pm

Youth building (Dept 4K – 4Z) entries are due by August 31st at 11:59pm. Please only enter exhibits that you will be bringing. I have attached step-by-step instructions guide to help those who need a refresher. You will need to login as a new exhibitor. Showworks does not keep passwords from year to year unless you participate in the “passport” for other shows.

Dog and Horse/Pony Cards:

4-H members that have already turned in Dog & Horse/Pony cards to the 4-H Extension Office do NOT have to complete a separate one for GFF. We will receive those turned in from 4-H.

Link for Dog Registration card: <https://forms.gle/NX1WCZhpU5hcwUPC9>

Link for Horse/Pony Registration card: <https://forms.gle/fnvDyJhwnXR1Tv4C9>

Lease Program Forms:

4-H members that have already turned in lease paperwork to the 4-H Extension Office do NOT have to complete a separate one for GFF. We will receive those turned in from 4-H.

Poultry and Rabbit Registration Forms:

Registration forms (both breeding and market) are due by August 1st. Please download the form from the website listed above. Exhibitors need to email a completed scanned copy (PDF format) directly to cjwolf@thegreatfrederickfair.com or mail/drop off hard copies to the fair office. We ask that you do not submit pictures of the forms.



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News and Notes from the Great Frederick Fair (Continued)**Youth Building Workshop Day:**

Workshops will be held on Thursday, July 20th starting at 9am. We welcome all youth who participate in the building to come and learn a little bit more about what's expected and tips and tricks on entering your projects. Please register to come using this link <https://forms.gle/oHsm8at2qnkxzj537>

A tentative schedule for the day:

- 9am - Fleece Dept.
- 10am - Photography Dept.
- 11am - Posters Dept.
- 11:30am - Online entry refresher - Learn how to properly enter your projects.
- 12pm (Noon) - Lunch
- 1pm - Flowers Dept.
- 1:30pm - Environmental, Agricultural and Mechanical Sciences Dept.
- 2pm - Food Preservation Dept.
- 2:30 pm - Crafts Dept.
- 3:30pm - Baked Goods Dept.

**Online Entries:**

Showworks will open June 15th. An email with instructions will be sent out closer to the date.

Reminders:

Beef weight checks: The scales are available to use again this year to check weights of your steers. They will be open the second Monday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30pm (dates below). Please register to come so we know who to expect. The scales will not be opened if no one signs up by the Friday before the date, meaning walk-ins will not be available.

Sign-up: <https://forms.gle/nvsgdPV7ZynRgKT46>

- July 10th
- August 14th

Market Steer Registration papers:

There are still several youth that have not turned in their breed association papers for market steers. All steers that I do not have papers for by May 15th will be shown in the crossbred market class. If you are unsure if you have, please reach out to Carrie Wolf cjwolf@thegreatfrederickfair.com

GFF youth information can be found on the website at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/youthshow.



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Club News

Shookstown

The Shookstown 4-H Club has been busy with several projects. On April 14th we held a fundraiser at the Roy Roger's in Thurmont. Those helping were Pam (Leader), Colton, Triston, Skylar (Manager), Laura (Leader), Ruby (Leader), Jessie, Madison and Aaron. We went from the fundraiser to collecting Teddy Bears for the FHH Children's Festival. We collected 20 bears and met at the Frederick Hospital on April 26th to donate them. Those present were Pam (Leader), Jessie, Mia, Marybeth (Nurse), Colton, Blake, Triston, Giovanni and Ruby (Leader). The next Community Service project was held April 30th. The Club donated a gift basket of treats and a case of water to the ER staff at Frederick Hospital to thank them for all they do. Those attending were Kim (nurse), Madison, Carrie (nurse), Brandon, Ruby (Leader), Triston, Giovanni, Jessie, Aaron, Colton, Pam (Leader), Mia and Freya.



We still found time to make and display a booth for the Open House at the 4-H Office May 7th. The title was "4-H Friends are Forever And Always Working Together". We received 2nd place. Triston entered a poster titled "Learning Thru 4-H".



April demonstrations were done by Triston, on how to handle poultry, using his Serama and Colton on how to make a book mark using straws and yarn.



April we also made Christmas cards to be handed out in December to local nursing homes and signed a Thank You card to be sent to a local resident who donated spider plan cuttings.

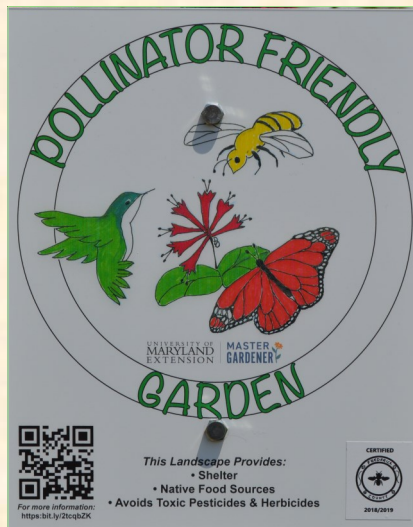
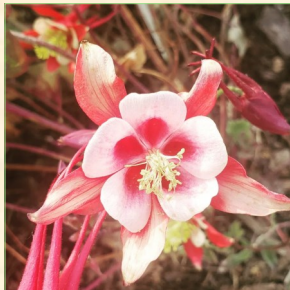


Submitted by Triston, Reporter

Club News

Lincoln Elementary

The pollinator garden at Lincoln Elementary is all installed and certified! What a great collaborative effort between our Frederick County 4-H Youth Development volunteers and our Master Gardeners Frederick County Maryland volunteers who made this happen. Look at the smiles on those faces!



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Middletown Valley Dairy

Middletown Valley Dairy Club is busy helping the community. We spent an evening weeding and mulching the flower beds at the Jefferson Community Center.



Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope has had a great couple of months. In March we held our monthly meeting on the 13th and discussed our scrapbooking day and canning day. We did our demos for this year and everyone did a great job and we had a variety of demos ranging from baking to sports to service projects and personal interests.

In April, we made our club crafts at our monthly meeting and have planned an upcoming canning day.

May was be busy with members working on their individual fair projects, meetings and more.

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