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4-H History

Article as it appears in the National 4-H History Preservation Program website.

"Playing the Cow game"

What did 4-H'ers do to pass the time while traveling cross-country during the mid-1930s? Why, they played the Cow Game, of course.

Miss Rose Kronmiller, Home Demonstration Agent in LaPorte county, Indiana explains the game in the September 1937 issue of National 4-H Club News. It may be played by any number from two to a busload. The group divides into two sides, each choosing one side of the road. They then proceed to count all cows, calves (anything bovine) on their respective side. If a white horse is seen by any member, the side may double its score, but if a graveyard appears, all cows must be buried, the score becoming zero, and the group must begin counting again. (Example: 10 cows plus 2 cows plus 6 cows equals 18 cows; meet team of white horses gives 72 cows. Pass

graveyard, score zero.) "It is surprising how many white horses you see and many times scores will run into thousands and then graveyards are decidedly unwelcome but hilarious joy to the other side," Miss Kronmiller says."

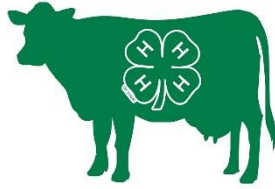
DATE	EVENT
February	
11 Tentative	Maryland 4-H Dairy Fun Day - 9:30 AM -11:30 AM via Zoom.
16	Virtual Public Speaking workshop – 7:00 PM Register at https://go.umd.edu/PublicSpeakingworkshop
19	2023 Maryland 4-H Virtual Awards Gala.
25 Tentative	Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon (or Fun Day) – 1:00 PM -3:00 PM.
25 Snow Date March 4	MoCo 4-H Award Ceremony, Heritage Room, MoCo Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
TBA	Maryland Horsemen's Party
March	
4 5 Snow Date	Maryland 4-H State livestock Skillathon, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD
9 - 12	National 4-H Youth (Combo) Summit Series - Ignite by 4-H. In-person
11	Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Plant Science Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park
15	Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Opens https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships
18	2023 Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest. Registration Deadline: March 3, 2023. Registrations must be done online at https://go.umd.edu/2023CentralClusterPublicSpeaking
25	Maryland 4-H Dairy Skillathon, Carroll County Extension Office (tentative). 9:00 AM
TBD	Spring Aerospace "Clinic and Fun Day". 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
April	
3-17	Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest - Virtual
14 - 19	National 4-H Conference – <i>Selected Maryland Delegates through Senior Portfolio Process Only.</i>
22 Tentative	Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl, Carroll County Extension Office

29	Maryland Day, University of Maryland. University of Maryland College Park
29	Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest. University of Maryland College Park
TBD	Skillathon for State Skillathon Team Finalists I
May	
6-7	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds
7	Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon, Howard County Fairgrounds
TBD	Horse Bowl Buzz-Off, MD 4-H Center, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
June	
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
TBA	Maryland 4-H Congress, College Park, MD
TBA	Aerospace Workshops
TBA	4-H All-Stars Meeting
July	
3-21	Maryland 4-H Equine Art and Photography Contest - Virtual
TBD	Statewide Dairy Judging Practices
TBD	Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree
August	
10	Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Completion Deadline
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.

September	
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.
October	
2	World Dairy Expo Judging Contest, Madison, WI.
TBA	Keystone International Livestock Expo Livestock Judging Contest, Harrisburg, PA.
November	
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.
15	Diamond Clover Level 5 Report due to MoCo 4-H Office
16-17	National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest - North American International Livestock Expo (NAILE), Harrisburg, PA.
December	
3 Tentative	Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl Contest, ANSC Bldg., University of Maryland, College Park.



4-H Dairy Fun Day



February 11 Tentative,
9:30 AM-11:30 AM via
Zoom

Come learn about, practice, and try your hand at Dairy Skillathon, Dairy Quiz Bowl, and Dairy Educational Experience.

Q: When was the first commercial butter factory established in New York? Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

Maryland 4-H Awards Gala

February 19, virtual, starting at 6:00 PM.

The Gala celebrates the accomplishments of 4-H youths, volunteers, and donors.

The Awards Gala and Volunteer Awards will both be broadcast on the Maryland 4-H Foundation Facebook page
www.facebook.com/Maryland4HFoundation

and the Maryland 4-H YouTube Channel
<https://go.umd.edu/MD4HYouTube>

Following the Virtual Awards Gala, on February 19th at 7:30pm, the Foundation will broadcast "Maryland 4-H Volunteers: Celebrating the Heart of Maryland 4-H" showcasing the 2022 Maryland 4-H

Volunteer Award recipients and 2022 National 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee, Bruce Berlage.

MoCo 4-H Awards Ceremony

Save the date! February 25 at 7:00 PM.
Heritage Building, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg.

During the Awards Ceremony, the Montgomery County 4-H will recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members for their project work, leadership skills, personal growth and development, and participation in various 4-H sponsored activities.



Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon (or Fun Day)

February 25. 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (tentative)

The Dog Skillathon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through their involvement in the Dog project area. There are five stations in the contest that include written and hands on activities to test knowledge on dog breeds, anatomy, conformation, animal care, and management.

Q: How many total teeth do adult dogs have? Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

Maryland Horseman's Party

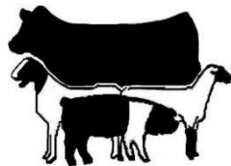
March TBA

The Maryland Horsemen's party serves as the primary fundraiser for the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Horse Endowment Fund. Sallie Parlette Robertson was a native of Howard County, a 4-H Alumna and owner of the famous Ship's Quarters Farms in northern Carroll County.

The goal of the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Endowment Fund is to support 4-H equine educational programs, and the annual trip for 4-Hers representing Maryland at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up in the areas of horse judging, hippology, horse bowl, demonstrations and public speaking. The fund may also provide scholarships for 4-H volunteers and members to attend leadership conferences, equine-related workshops and National 4-H Congress

State 4-H Livestock Skillathon

March 4, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.



The Skillathon provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care, and exhibition of animals into one activity.

Topics may include anatomy and breeds of an animal, feed used in an animal diet, wholesale and retail cuts of meat derived from an animal, and production and management of animals. Livestock studied in Skillathons includes swine, sheep, poultry and beef.

Practices are usually held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. However, there is a chance of hybrid practices.

No prior knowledge of livestock required.

Q: What is the minimum recommended resting area for a market beef animal?

Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl



March 11, tentative. University of Maryland Plant Sciences Bldg., tentative.

This contest involves a series of questions that are asked either of a specific individual in the team, or a team. Participants use a buzzer system to 'buzz' in first and answer questions. These questions might be in the form of a regular question, toss-up, or bonus depending on the half of play. There is a variety of subject areas covered: general

equine terms, the horse industry, feeding and care, and anatomy.

Q: This horse part reflects the horse's attitude at the moment, and indicates his attention. Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Opens March 15. Must apply online by 11:59 PM on June 15, 2023.

<https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/apply-for-scholarship>

The Maryland 4-H Foundation award scholarships each year to 4-H members or alumni. The 4-H members or alumni need to be enrolled at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming academic year.

Maryland 4-H Dairy Skillathon

March 25, tentative. Carroll County Extension Office.

The primary objective of this contest is to provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate the breadth of their

knowledge and understanding of animal science and management.

The contest consists of two phases: the quiz phase and the stations phase. In the quiz phase, contestants take a written quiz with questions about the total dairy industry. The stations phase consist of a series of stations where contestants respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations can be general dairy equipment & milking equipment identification, dairy breed identification, feed identification, dairy cow anatomy & physiology.

Q: Developed in the Netherlands, this breed has the most registrations in the United States. Animals of this breed are black and white or red and white in color. They are known for their outstanding milking ability and vigorous appetites. Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

State 4-H Horse Communication Contest



April 3 – 17 Virtual

The primary objective of the Horse Communication Contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for 4-H youth enrolled in a horse project to demonstrate their communication and media skills on a specific equine or equine related topic.

Youth may compete in the following categories: Public Speaking, Individual Presentation and Team Presentation.

Gardening Workshop



April 15, 2023.
Registration 9:30 AM.
Program 10:00 AM to
12:00 PM at the
Montgomery County 4-
H Office. Cost \$5.00 for

materials.

The Neighborhood Garden Club of Gaithersburg/Washington Grove is sponsoring a hands-on workshop year for 4-H youth.

Are you a 4-H Youth between 8-18 years old, and do you want to learn about potting plants, and how to care for them while creating a Dish Garden? Then look no more.

This year's dish garden will take you to Outer Space! Your dish garden will be a miniature Outer Space garden including alien creatures and a spaceship. All materials used will be made from nature's gifts as well as succulent plants.

Participants will learn about selecting the correct soil and plants for their dish gardens. They will also learn how to care for those plants to include correct watering and light exposure. This will be a wonderful item to enter at the 2020 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. You can give the Dish Garden as a gift to a friend or family member, donate it to a retirement home, or

keep it for yourself.

Limited to the first 25 youth.

To register, please contact Sheila Ford at 301-590-2824 or sheilaf@umd.edu by March 27. \$5.00 checks must be made to MCEAC.



Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest

Date April 22 Tentative. Carroll County Extension Office.

Dairy Bowl Contest allow youth to showcase their knowledge of the dairy industry, ruminant nutrition, calf health, food safety, crops, and other relevant fields in a Jeopardy style team competition.

Q When did Holsteins arrived in the United States? Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

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 mix 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.

Q: There are six basic coat colors of the horse. T or F. Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.

Q: When the feet land in this sequence: (a) right hind; (b) left hind, right front; (c) left front, what gait is the horse performing? Answer found on the last page of this newsletter.



Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Start or continue to work on your Fair Exhibits! The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will take place from August 11 – 19, 2023.

This year's theme is "Saddle up for Fun."

The 4-H Staff needs your Club's help in selecting the theme for the 2023 4-H Parade.

Please send your Club/individual theme suggestions to Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu by February 24, 2023.

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.

Camp registration will open March 1.

Please contact Anne Clagett,
clagettmom@gmail.com for more
information on Camp Tawasentha.

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CLUB CORNER

Potomac **Community Club**

By K. Xue

On January 14, the Wang family hosted the Potomac 4-H Club lunar New Year paper-cutting party. At the event, the members learned how to cut paper decorations for the upcoming Lunar New Year following online videos. Their decorations had the Chinese word for “spring”, since in Chinese culture the holiday usually signifies the beginning of spring. The members also chose to use red paper because it represents luck! The Potomac 4-H Club plans to donate all decorations to community celebrations and homeless shelters.



Aside from paper cutting, the members enjoyed homemade brownies, cookies and soft

drinks. Overall, it was a great experience, and a fun way to learn more about Chinese culture!

Damascus **Community Club**

By E. Brenner

At the December meeting, the Club had a pizza party to celebrate the end of the year. New officers were inducted in a ceremony at the meeting. The outgoing officers welcomed the new officers by gifting them rubber duckies. E. Palsson passed the torch to the new president, R. Kuszewski, who led the rest of the meeting.

Many of the project groups including Sewing, Dungeon and Dragons, Baking, and the Junior Sampler Group, met in December and their members gave demos during their meetings. The Dungeon and Dragons group continued their campaign, and the Clovers made Thanksgiving sugar cookies. At this meeting, the club members voted to select the banquet theme and fantasy.

At the January meeting, it was reported that Foods II did a cookie exchange and made sponge candy. In addition, the Dungeon and Dragons group did demos. Arnelle Quashi, the new 4-H Extension Educator for

Montgomery County, gave a presentation on 4-H.



On January 13, the Club had the Fantasy-themed Achievement Banquet. The Hoffmans and the Bitticks decorated the tables with stone tablecloths and gave out gems, dragon figurines, and paint sets. A slide show of members' pictures from the previous year was shown before dinner to celebrate their accomplishments. Mrs. Palsson and Dr. Graybeal were thanked for their leadership and the Project leaders were recognized for their hard work. All of the members who turned in their record books received a 4-H pin.



R 4-H Rabbit Club

By: EJ. Austgen



On January 21 & 22, The Montgomery County 4-H Rabbit Club members demonstrated rabbits at the Gaithersburg Community Museum for the Lunar New Year. This is the Year of the Rabbit! Over five different breeds of rabbits were on display in the caboose at the museum. This complimented the other activities the museum provided, such as crafts, based on the Lunar New Year and rabbits.



During the spring, Mr. Myers, a beekeeper, gave a presentation on honeybees and beehives. Mrs. Denson graciously hosted the event and included her beehives in the demonstration. The club expanded its' awareness, appreciation, and knowledge of these tiny little creatures from this experience. The club now observes honeybees with a newfound perspective and understanding.



This past summer, Zenith created a booth for the Montgomery County Fair. It was the club's first time participating in this event. Club members learned the values of teamwork and creativity. Together, Zenith created a beautiful booth that won the grand prize at the Montgomery County Fair. This opportunity allowed club members to collaborate and strengthen friendships.

Z Zenith 4-H Club

By: E. Huang

Fruitful. Fascinating. Fantastic. The Zenith 4-H club had an eventful year in 2022. Each season contained enriching experiences that broadened members' knowledge and understanding of various subjects.



During the fall, the club embarked on a field trip at the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum. Mrs. Denson, who volunteers there, guided the club through the Museum. She explained the intricacies of the house, delving into its architecture. Zenith explored the Schifferstadt

Architectural Museum, learning about its history and former inhabitants.



During the winter, Evelyn and Lena led the club in a Christmas craft activity. The club decorated Christmas ornaments and cards. In total, club members produced 30 of each. Zenith sent them to the American Red Cross at Walter Reed. This activity utilized creativity and ingenuity. It also demonstrated the value of giving back, especially during the Holiday season.

In conclusion, the Zenith 4-H club had an eventful year filled with new experiences and opportunities. Zenith club members expanded in knowledge and understanding. With 2022's end, the club eagerly anticipates what this next year has in store.



Dairy Fun Day answer:
1856

Dog Skillathon answer:
Forty-two (42) permanent teeth

Livestock Skillathon answer:
25 square feet

Horse Bowl answer:
Ears

Dairy Skillathon answer:
Holstein

Dairy Bowl answer:
1852

Horse Judging question:
A: True

Hippology question:
A: Canter, left lead – Three beats