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A Well-liked Fair

Neither rain nor heat stopped people from coming to Montgomery County fair to enjoy the livestock competitions, exhibits, entertainment, rides, vendors, and the delicious food.

It takes a great number of volunteers to make a successful fair.

Therefore, the Montgomery County 4-H Staff wants to **THANK:**

- The 4-H members who entered indoor exhibits and livestock at the fair this year. As in previous years, the entries revealed our members' interests and skills.



- The Judges. Our judges are truly dedicated and an important part of the fair success. They spent time interviewing the participants and judging the 4-H entries.
- The Indoor and the Outdoor Award Sponsors. The support and contributions of the sponsors help recognize the accomplishments and hard work of our 4-H members.
- The many amazing volunteers that came during workdays. Their hard work made the building ready for fair week in just three weekends!
- The Club Leaders, parents, youth, and non-4-H persons that volunteered at the 4-H building and provided a warm welcome to the visitors to the 4-H Building during fair week.
- The Auction Cake buyers. The major source of income to support the many county 4-H activities comes from the Annual 4-H Cake Auction.
- The Livestock Auction Buyers. Thank you so much to all that participated in the Auction.
- The Montgomery County Agricultural Center Staff for the support they provided to the 4-H members, volunteers, and staff.

Finally, we want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers that most people forget about, the volunteers that clean up the fairgrounds after the fair ends. If you know any of them, please let them know we appreciate their efforts.

Fair Trivia:

1. Who invented fairs in the US?

In the US, agricultural fairs did not begin to catch on until the early 19th century, when the first American fair was held in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. This early fair, organized by Elkanah Watson in 1807, was a small affair consisting of only sheep shearing demonstrations.

2. What is the oldest fair in the world?

The historical roots of the Frankfurt Trade Fair date back to 1240 when Emperor Frederick II granted the city the trade fair privilege. This makes it the oldest fair in the world.

3. What is the most popular ride at a fair?

The carousel remains a carnival staple worldwide. The ride consists of a rotating platform with seats that move up and down.

Have you ever wondered why a carousel horse's head faces to the right? The reason is that the American carousel spins counter-clockwise; therefore, the right side is seen more than the left side.



SEPTEMBER		
EVENT	DATE	
Approved Diamond Clover Level 6 Project Proposal Application	September 30, 2022	State 4-H Office
Montgomery County Agricultural Center Junior Board of Directors	(301) 926-3100, ext. 205. DUE: October 10 at 4:00 PM	Call Montgomery County Agricultural Center for information
OCTOBER		
STEM Challenge	October 9, 2022 2:00 PM – 5:00 MoCo Fairgrounds/ Agricultural Center	Register at: https://rallyhood.com/35520/fundraisers/14905835?channel_key=a731c5b3a9a0ce4a6966a25f3a81a48f
Close Encounters with Agriculture	October 4 – 27, 2022 (several dates)	Derwood. Doug Tregoning, at dwt@umd.edu or 301-590-2809.
Diamond Clover Level 5 <u>Plan and Reports</u>	October 15, 2022	MoCo 4-H County Office
National 4-H Conference	4-H State Office deadline October 15, 2022	Submit your Senior 4-H Portfolio for consideration through 4-H Online. MoCo 4-H and State 4-H Office.
2023		
Record Books, Resumes, Diamond Clover Levels 1-4 Reports, President 's Volunteer Service Award nominations, Portfolio & Out-of-State Trip applications	January 9, 2023	MoCo 4-H County Office
4-H Enrollment	TBD January 2023	4-H Online
The National 4-H Healthy Living Summit	TBD February 2023	https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/national-4-h-summit-for-healthy-living/
The National Agri-Science Summit	TBD March 2023	https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/national-4-h-summit-for-agri-science/

***Cake* auction**

Our Annual Cake Auction fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to the 4-H'ers who donated their beautiful cakes, and those who bid on the cakes. We raised **\$41,000+** in donations!

The Annual 4-H Cake Auction, is the major source of income to support the many county 4-H activities.

- 40% - scholarships for youth and adults to participate in camp, state events, and national leadership training and conferences.
- 30% - recognition awards, merit ribbons, clover award pins, and other merit items.
- 15% - resource materials for leaders, including judging manuals, videos, and coaching materials.
- 10% - promotional items for exhibits, teaching/workshop materials, Close Encounters with Agriculture, club family nights, etc.
- 5% - Miscellaneous 4-H activities.



Thank your sponsor

With your award, you received the name and address of your award sponsor. Do not forget to handwrite your thank you notes.

A handwritten "Thank You" note shows that you took the time to stop and think about the person who is receiving it. Please write the award you won. Sponsors look forward to hearing from the 4-H members, and they appreciate knowing who won their awards and/or trophies.



Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposal Applications and Final Report

Before you submit your proposal to the PORTAL, all NEW Diamond Clover – Level 6 proposals must be reviewed and approved by the County Educator and the Diamond Clover Advisory Committee. Your PROPOSAL to the County Office is due by September 15, 2022. The approved

proposal is due to the State 4-H Office by September 30, 2022.

After the Educator approves your proposal, you must fill in all information, and upload all documents to the PORTAL ONLY at the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/202388160607151>

You can find a Word Document for Level Six Service Learning Project Proposal Form at

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

You must upload ALL documents into the PORTAL to be considered submitted. If you are having problems uploading, please contact Sarah Garrick at sgarrick@umd.edu for assistance.

Diamond Clover Level 6 FINAL PROJECT REPORTS for completed projects are also due on September 30, 2022.

Once you have completed your approved Diamond Clover Project and you have received all appropriate signatures on the final report cover page, upload your Diamond Clover level 6 report in PDF and Word Version, and support materials to the PORTAL by September 30.

For more information, please visit the link below:

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

Diamond Clover Level 5 Project Plan and Report

Diamond Clover Level 5 Project Plan and Report form due to the 4-H Office by October 15, 2022.

All Diamond Clover Level 5 Plan and Report forms are due to the 4-H Office by October 15, 2022. Do not forget to complete the report section of the Level 5 Plan and Report form and have it signed by your Club leader and Extension Educator.

National 4-H Leadership Opportunities

At the National 4-H Conference you can connect with other teens from across the nation. You will experience opportunities that will influence your community, the nation and the world.

Youth are eligible for this leadership trip opportunity by completing a SENIOR 4-H PORTFOLIO. Portfolios are due to the state by October 15. Local programs can set an earlier date to review before final state submission.

The Montgomery County 4-H Office may submit up to three portfolios.

For more information regarding MOCO's due date, please contact Sheila Ford at (301) 590-2824 or sheilaf@umd.edu.

To be considered for a Leadership Trip, you must complete a portfolio package that includes an application, 4-H resume, essay, and interview.

For more information visit the State website under National 4-H Leadership Opportunities at

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Junior Board of Directors

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center Junior Board of Directors (JBOD) is accepting applications for prospective Board members.

A JBOD member must be 16 years of age but not older than 22 years of age at the time of selection. A member may serve until age 23 as of January 1.

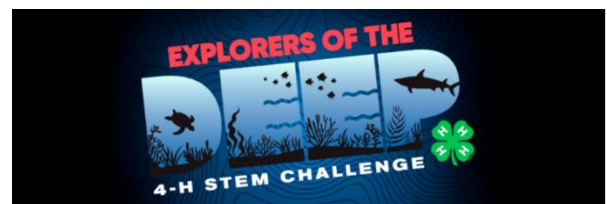
Applicants must be involved in any of the following organizations: 4-H, FFA, and/or MCAC/MCAF Volunteer.

If you wish to be considered for membership on the JBOD, the Nomination Form (via Google Form) must be completed by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2022. Nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Information can be found at

mcagfair.com, and click on "About"

For general information, contact the Montgomery County Agricultural Center at (301) 926-3100, ext. 205.



2022 4-H National STEM Challenge

Welcome to the 2022 4-H STEM Challenge! "Explorers of the Deep", focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! The attendees will use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth's Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet—and focus on how the ocean impacts you and how you impact the ocean.

Register at

https://rallyhood.com/35520/fundraisers/14905835?channel_key=a731c5b3a9a0ce4a6966a25f3a81a48f

Close Encounters with Agriculture



Fall with its' crisp air, vibrant leaves with colors of red, yellow, golden-yellow or

combinations of both is perfect for spending time outdoors. Fall also brings the largest agriculture education program at the University of Maryland Extension, Derwood, MD.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Montgomery County Extension's Close Encounters with Agriculture Program. The program runs in the mornings several days from Oct. 4 – 27, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM during the school week. However, you do not have to volunteer for every day!

We will teach County fourth graders about agriculture, environmentalism, and healthy living. Do not know what to teach? Do not worry, we have you covered, you will receive training and a script to follow.

For more information, you can contact Doug Tregoning, at dwt@umd.edu or 301-590-2809.

National 4-H Healthy Living Summit

2023 Dates TBD

During the National 4-H Healthy Living Summit, youth participants will develop knowledge and skills in addressing today's health related issues including nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional wellbeing through interactive workshops.

The structure of the summit maximizes the amount of hands-on learning experiences for youth. Participants will attend workshops led by professionals in health and wellness fields and work together to create action plans they can implement in their local communities.

For more information, continue to monitor the 4-H National youth Summit Series at

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/national-4-h-summit-for-healthy-living/>

Please note the website has not posted the 2023 dates.



National 4-H Agri-Science Summit

2023 Dates TBD

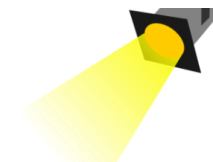
During the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit, youth participants (youth in grades 9-12) will meet youth from across the country to discuss current issues in agriculture and learn about Agri-science

careers.

For more information, continue to monitor the 4-H National youth Summit Series at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/national-4-h-summit-for-agri-science/>

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SPOTLIGHT



Across Half a Century: The 2022 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Queen meets the 1977 Fair Queen

By Caitlyn Y.

On August 19, 2022, at the 73th Montgomery County (MOCO) Agricultural Fair, the Fair Queen, Ms. Layla Shepard met a special visitor, Ms. Vicky (Barkley) Tant, the 1977 MOCO Fair Queen. Layla and Vicky shared their 4-H stories across half a century.

Vicky came all the way from North Carolina to Gaithersburg just for the 4-H indoor exhibitions. She was happy to see the active 4-H animal clubs in our County, as well as the open exhibitors achieving the goal of maintaining the agricultural aspect of the MOCO Fair. Vicky indicated that she was very excited to see the amazing 4-H exhibitions. The exhibits covered 90 categories, including science in STEM education.

Vicky shared her 4-H story with some 4-H volunteers. 45 years ago, her favorite projects were sewing, and clothing. She also enjoyed craft making, room decorating, and designing and making toys. The 4-H club activities taught her many life skills, such as how to separate the yolk and the egg white, which she uses when she bakes cakes today.

The MOCO Fair was not just ribbons and awards. For her, the MOCO Fair is a memory of her hometown, girlhood, and adolescence. She also shared a message with 4-Hers and volunteers.

After touring the fairgrounds the 1977 Queen wrote a note to all 4-H'ers. The note said



*"Try harder to promote 4-H more to regrow this program.
4-H was my life; it gave me my life skills I still use today.
My favorite areas are sewing and crafts."*

Vicky (Barkley) Tant – 1977 Queen

CLUB CORNER

D Damascus Community Club

BUSY SUMMER

_____ By Renee H.
_____ Photos by Brent K.



It was a busy summer for the Damascus Community Club.

With how hectic 4-H was these past few months, the writer would not be surprised if many stories were written, and the writer wishes to be the first to write one!

The Damascus Community Club had an annual picnic, and it was a lot of fun! This year, the Club changed their venue and were hosted by the gracious Graybeal



family. The Graybeal's had an adventure playground in their backyard that the members were able to enjoy. Everyone had a blast! The Club also hosted a birthday party at the Damascus Senior Center, where all had cake and played bingo.

Z Zenith Community 4-H Club

ZENITH CLUB BOOTH

_____ By Lena C.

The Zenith 4-H club won a Grand Champion Ribbon for the State Fair Themed class Booth at the 73rd MOCO Fair in August. The themes for the fair and 4-H this year were "Let The Good Times Grow" and "4-H Cares".

Although the Zenith Club had won

numerous prizes in the county fair in the past, no current club members remembered entering a club booth before. When the club leader, Mrs. Cheryl Booth, suggested making one, everyone agreed it would be fun to try. Club members brainstormed ideas related to the fair theme based on everyone's interests, preferences, and passions, and talked about different ways to include these ideas in the booth. After discussion, the members decided to emphasize their devotion to creativity, nature, health, and community service while turning the club booth into a garden.

Club photos from the past few years were carefully selected to show the club's involvement in creative workshops which nurtured minds, hiking activities that promoted a healthy lifestyle, and community service projects which helped people in need. These photos were then printed and glued on painted wooden crates to illustrate fun memories and useful skills being planted. Embellishments like bushes, fences, and a pond were

added, and a stone pathway running through the garden symbolized connection and teamwork. Club members also made sure the booth met the specifications required.

With head, heart, hand, and health, the Zenith Club tailored its' booth design to the themes "Let The Good Times Grow" and "4-H Cares", making the entire experience memorable and rewarding for the club members.

