



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS & NOTES

## Fair Issue

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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the **First week in September 2022. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu, by August 27, 2022.**

**All dates in the News & Notes are for information only. Readers are responsible to check the accuracy of the dates.**

If you need special accommodations for a 4-H program, event, activity, or reserve space at the Extension Office or at the Fairgrounds, the paperwork/forms was sent out to all leaders.

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**Fair dates: August 12-20, 2022.**

**The 2022 Fair theme: "Let the Good Times Grow."**

**Parade Theme. "4-H & You, We Grow Together"**

## FAIR TICKET PRICING

**REMEMBER — as a 4-H'er, if you enter exhibits at the fair, you will get a free weekly pass!**

As in the past, free and reduced-price entry tickets will be made available to 4-H members and their families. Purchasing can occur

when you enter exhibits online or weekdays at the Fair Office between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM after July 16 or between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM on one of the Volunteer Workdays on Saturday, July 16, 23, 30 and August 6. After these dates, tickets are only available at the advertised price.

The following free tickets for Fair admission will be provided to 4-H who enter exhibits:

1. 4-H indoor exhibitors and those with poultry, rabbits, pet show, and dog show will be provided with 1 season pass that includes free parking at Perry Pkwy.
2. 4-H exhibitors with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep will be provided with 1 season pass including free parking at all entrances.
3. 4-H exhibitor families with horses, beef, dairy, swine, goats, and sheep that are not Life Members will be provided with an additional season pass including free parking at all entrances.

The following tickets are available for purchase by 4-H member families until 12:30 PM on the final Volunteer Saturday Workday.

1. Season Pass that includes Free Parking at Perry Pkwy. only - \$50.00
2. Season Pass – special pass for non-exhibitor sibling of a 4-H member (age 12-18) Perry Pkwy only - \$18.00
3. 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, Free Parking at Perry Pkwy. only - \$10.00
4. 1 Day ticket – 4-H Family, entrance only, no parking - \$5.00

#### Free Shuttle Bus

The free shuttle bus from Lake Forest mall will be available as in the past beginning on August 12 at 11:30 AM and starting at 8:00 AM on all other days. The last bus leaves the Fairgrounds 30 minutes after the advertised closing time each day.

JULY		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
AH & QA	Closes August 10,	<a href="https://ahqa.umd.edu/">https://ahqa.umd.edu/</a>
Fair workday	July 16	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fair workday	July 23	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fair workday	July 30	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AUGUST		
EVENT	DATE	TIME
Fair workday	August 6	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
4-H Bake sale	August 13 & 14	12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Project G Street	August 14	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
4-H Parade	August 14	5:00 PM
4-H Cake auction	August 14	6:30 PM
4-H Fair Club Showcase	August 20	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Pick up entries from 4-H Building	August 21	<b><u>11:00 PM - 2:00 PM</u></b>
<b>MD STATE FAIR STARTS</b>	August 25	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	
<b>MD STATE FAIR ENDS</b>	September 11	
Diamond Clover Level 6 Project Proposal	September 1 to 4-H County Office	



## FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please remember to sign-up to volunteer at the fair. Every single 4-H volunteer is of great importance and very much appreciated!

Youth volunteers: This is a great opportunity to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours towards graduation. The Fair uses an SSL volunteer hour recording form that you will need to complete and turn in to them no later than the close of business on the Monday after the Fair.

You also have the opportunity to become a life member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fairgrounds and get a free life member pass to the fair (visit the fairgrounds website for information on this program: <https://www.mcagfair.com/general-information/volunteer-information/> and click on the Volunteer Information tab.

- Only people who are 12 and up can receive hours towards a life membership.

- You must choose one. You cannot receive SSL hours and hours towards a life membership at the same time.

## **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND OUT WHEN YOU GET TO THE FAIR!**

- If you intend to work towards a Fair life membership, you must sign in and sign out on the workdays, either at the Fair Office Gazebo, or at the Heritage Building.
- If you are volunteering during the fair, you need to sign in at that location.
- **If you leave the fairgrounds, do not forget to get your hand stamped for re-entry. Otherwise, you will have to pay to get back on the grounds.**
- If you want to volunteer, please email Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu). If you need to change your times after you have already signed up, please contact Jeannine Shriver.

## **4-H YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Everyone enjoys all the events at the Fair and it takes a community to make it successful. If you are new to 4-H or have never volunteered at the fair, here is your opportunity to meet other 4-H members and make the Best Better! We need your help, please use the "Volunteer Sign up Form" at the end of this Newsletter to volunteer. Remember, the 4-H Building belongs to all 4-H youth and we must all take care of it. Even volunteering a few hours makes a big difference.

**For volunteer positions other than 4-H,** please contact the appropriate person/office in the article.

## **FAIR WORKDAYS**

**Saturdays, July 16 (TBD), 23 & 30, and August 6 – WE NEED A LOT OF HELP ON THESE DAYS!** **You do not need to register for this in advance—just show up.** Sign in on the computer at the Fair Office gazebo off Chestnut Street, or at the Heritage Building. **Parents must accompany their youth during Fair Workdays.**

Workdays begin at 8:00 AM, department superintendents will determine when the workday ends, usually between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM. If you arrive and sign in by 9:00 AM, you will receive one free lunch ticket. Do not forget to ask for it.

We need to clean and set up the 4-H Building and animal pavilions, set up tables and chairs, paint fences, and more. Remember, **you must be 12 years or older to earn hours for your fair life membership, or SSL hours.**

## 4-H KIDS TEEN IN ACTION

To volunteer for 4-H positions, please use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter. **Spaces will be filled “first come, first served.”**

This program is a great way for 4-H'ers 12 years old and up to earn SSL hours or hours counting towards their County Fair Life Membership. Volunteers **must** be 12 years of age or older and volunteer at least 10 hours in total this year to earn fair hours towards a Fair Life Membership. To register for any of the following opportunities, please use the “Volunteer Sign up Form” at the end of this Newsletter and send it by email to **Anna Hamann at ahamann@umd.edu. If you are registering a group of 4-H'ers, please choose a group leader and use only that person's information on the sign up form.**

### Kids & Teens in Action Volunteer Opportunities:

- **4-H Building Set-up (must be 12 – 18 years old)**—you may help in the following ways:
  - Thursday, August 11, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM—finish arrange non-perishable items, and help arrange and set up for the perishable entries. Sign up for 2-hour time slots.
  - Saturday, August 13, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM—help arrange baked good items on shelves. **Parents must be present.**
  
- **Senior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day** – Available to 4-H'ers 14 and up. The Senior Chairman of the Day assists the 4-H Building Superintendent with whatever needs to be done. They also coordinate the building activities with the other Kids & Teens in Action volunteers. One 4-H'er for each time slot:  
  
Monday, August 15 through Saturday August 20, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. You may sign up for full days or half days.
  
- **Vision Screening** – Work with optometrists as they perform simple vision screening tests for fair visitors.
  - Monday, August 15 through Wednesday 17, different time slots from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM.
  
- **Project Show and Tell**—This is a great opportunity for a club to show their stuff! Individuals or groups working together can show and tell the projects they have worked on throughout the year—demonstrations are encouraged! Some ideas include computer science, making airplanes, woodworking, food science, crocheting, and electric projects. Bring whatever supplies you need for your exhibit with you. Available times are:
  - Monday, August 15, and Tuesday August 16, between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Friday, August 19, 16, between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Contact Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu) if you need any special help or accommodations for your exhibit.

## **ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

To register use the “Adult Volunteer Form” at the end of this Newsletter.

### **4-H BUILDING INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEER**

We need at least two 4-H parents or UME Volunteers to work at the Information Desk in the 4-H Building during every hour that the fair is open to the public. Responsibilities include interacting with visitors, directing them to informational literature, showing them where the different exhibit areas are, and answering general questions about 4-H and the fair. We ask that you please work two consecutive hours at a time.

#### **Information Desk dates and times (available in 2-hour shifts):**

- Sunday August 14, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Monday August 15 through Saturday August 20, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

### **BAKE SALE VOLUNTEERS**

We need 4-H parents, UME Volunteers, and youth volunteers aged 12 and older for the bake sale. You can sign up to help at the bake table outside the 4-H Building for 4-hour intervals on Saturday August 13 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Sunday August 14 from 12:00 AM – 10:00 PM. You can sign up for as many 4-hour time slots as you like.

### **BUILDING TAKE DOWN**

One of the 4-H’s stands for “my HANDS for greater service.” We encourage 4-H members and their families to contribute and increase their participation especially during take down day. **We need your help placing exhibits in alphabetical order, folding down tables and tablecloths, taking down signs and buntings, and storing all the 4-H Fair equipment in the trailer.**

## WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE 4-H HONOR GUARD?



Be the leader of the 4-H Parade! We are looking for an adult leader/guide for the 4-H Honor Guard. The 4-H Honor Guard is also seeking eight youth to carry flags to lead the parade route. You need to be at least 13 years old and strong enough to carry a flag in a harness for the entire length of the parade route. Remember, it could be hot!

The parade is Sunday, August 14 at 5:00 PM. We will have a short mandatory 30-minute training session on Monday, August 8 at 6:00 PM at the fair office at 16 Chestnut Street. You will receive a free 4-H T-shirt and fair hours for your service on the honor guard.

If you are interested, please register by July 1, 2022 by contacting Sheila Ford at [sheilaf@umd.edu](mailto:sheilaf@umd.edu) or 301-590-2824.

## VOLUNTER AT THE BIG CHEESE BOOTH



The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is just around the corner! This year the Fair will be August 12 - 20, 2022. Volunteers are needed during the Fair preparation and the Fair days for the Cheese Booth. This is a fun and easy way to earn Student Service Learning hours or Agricultural Center Membership hours. Training sessions are scheduled so everyone becomes familiar with the responsibilities. The Cheese Booth also needs help before and after each training session to help prepare the booth for the Fair. To register for preferred work shifts, you MUST attend ONE of the below sessions. This requirement is

for everyone, new volunteers and prior year volunteers.

July 16, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

July 23, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

July 30, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

August 6, 9:30 AM -10:30 AM

Sessions will meet at the Cheese Booth. The above Saturdays are Fair workdays and the Cheese Booth will need help preparing the building for the Fair. Fair workday sign-in begins at 8:00 AM each Saturday. Volunteers who sign in before 9:00 AM will get a free lunch ticket. Your help is always welcome. Volunteering is more enjoyable with friends and family, so bring them along too!

Direct questions regarding the Cheese Booth to, Mr. Shannon Sullivan (co-chair) 301-580-7545, email at [irish1der@hotmail.com](mailto:irish1der@hotmail.com), or Mr. Ed Hogan (co-chair) at 301-922- 2681, email at [edwardmhogan@gmail.com](mailto:edwardmhogan@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTER AT THE INFORMATION BOOTHS

The Information booth is a great way for 4-H'ers, 12 years old and up, to volunteer and start working toward their fair memberships or SSL hours. **IN ADDITION, we need parents and other adults to help supervise.** We have four booths throughout the fair grounds. Teams of two to three people work each booth for a minimum of four-hour shifts. Shifts are 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM, and 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Friends and families can work together and entire clubs can sign up together if they want. We would like 4-H'ers to be in the booths while adults help by monitoring each booth and by visiting the booths at intervals and dropping off any needed information materials. Good public speaking is great, but an enthusiasm for the fair is all that is needed. In order to volunteer, you must attend one of the orientation meetings. Clubs that want to sign up together may request to receive a training at one of their meetings.

**The info booth orientations take place on the fair workdays (Saturdays) at the following times:**

- July 16, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
- July 23, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
- July 30, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
- August 6, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

**For more information and to register,** contact Sue Sullivan at [suesonline@aol.com](mailto:suesonline@aol.com)

## TRAM SPOTTERS NEEDED

If you will be 18 years old or older at the time of the fair (calendar age, not 4-H age), we need you as a spotter on the tram that ferries visitors around the fair. You will assist those who need on and off the tram and hand out fair brochures to riders. If you are interested in volunteering for this, contact Jason Silverman at [jsilverman@mcagfair.com](mailto:jsilverman@mcagfair.com) or 301-926-3100 ext. 205.

## ANIMAL EXHIBITOR ORIENTATION – REQUIRED TO SHOW!

**All 4-H animal exhibitors** (this includes ALL animals, even the pet show) at this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair **will be required to attend an exhibitor orientation meeting.** Topics will update you on new rule and procedural changes for animals, public health, 4-H rules, fair policies, and other helpful tips to make sure you have a positive fair experience. The session will again be held at 8:30 AM sharp on all four workdays (July 16, 23, 30, and August 6), in the Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. Doors will be closed promptly at 8:30 AM and no late entry will be allowed once the program begins. If you have any questions, please contact Santana Mays, at [smays1@umd.edu](mailto:smays1@umd.edu).



## Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance

Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance is now open and is due by August 10.

Members can access the AH&QA program at: <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>

Additionally, a link to access the AH&QA program and 2022 AH&QA program are posted on the Animal Science Program Resources for Members page of the Maryland 4-H website under the Animal Science tab at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences>.

4-H'ers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year. ALTERNATIVELY, when an Intermediate or Senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division - they must return to the program and complete it for the new species area. Passcodes issued to members between 2015-2019 should still be viable for returning members. Members with passcodes issued prior to 2015 must register to receive a new passcode.

Please contact Santana Mays at [smays1@umd.edu](mailto:smays1@umd.edu) if you have any questions.

## PET SHOW REQUIREMENT

The Pet Show is a super fun casual dress contest. Pets entered should be friendly and have no history of aggression.

**ALL PET SHOW EXHIBITORS:** The 4-Her and a parent or guardian must attend one of the quality assurance meetings held in the Heritage building at 8:30 AM sharp on one of the workdays. Please check the fair catalog for all requirements of pets entered in the pet show. All required identification and testing requirements/certificates for all species will be enforced the same as any other livestock event at the fair. This could be tattoos, RFD tags, etc. Dogs and Cats MUST have a current rabies certificate at check in. Rabies tags will NOT be accepted as proof of current vaccine. Please read the rules carefully for everything, including promotion. Pets shown in the pet show cannot be shown in any other fair event. We want the kids to have the most positive, fun experience possible. **Feel free to contact Lisa Righter, [LocustSprings@aol.com](mailto:LocustSprings@aol.com), 301-538-0004 with any questions. Email is best.**

## RABBIT EXHIBITORS

As per Maryland Department of Agriculture, all rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear for positive identification. This is a rule that must be enforced as animals in the pet show are subject to inspection and held to the same standards as all other livestock. The Montgomery County Rabbit Club has

generously offered free tattoo(s) for any rabbit(s) entered in the pet show on the last workday, August 6 in the morning. Please look for the Fair Veterinarian if your rabbit needs a tattoo.

The Pet Show is about having lots of **FUN!** Please join us!

## SHARE AT THE FAIR

Exhibiting your projects is one requirement for completing 4-H projects, and the fair is a great place to do just that! If you are enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H, the Adventure in Science program, or a 4-H afterschool program you are eligible to enter your exhibits in the 4-H Building or in any of the 4-H outdoor activities. The 2022 Fair Catalogue is available online at the fair website.

### ENTERING YOUR WORK AT THE FAIR

**4-H animal, indoor, & demonstration entry registrations are DUE BY JULY 20 to the Fair Office. No late entries will be accepted!**

Exhibitors are encouraged to use the online entry system provided by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. Visit this link (<http://mcagfair.com/exhibitors>) and click on **Online Entry**. Using this system cuts down on paperwork and errors in the entry process. When entering online, please make sure you are entering in the desired department—4-H or Open. Please print a receipt for your records.

### HOW TO BRING YOUR INDOOR ENTRIES TO THE 4-H BUILDING AT THE FAIR

- **Monday, August 8 – only day to enter club booths, banners, and club books, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, August 10 – 4-H non-perishable entry drop-off, 3:30 - 7:30 PM**
- **Saturday, August 13 - Perishable entry drop-off, 3:00 – 6:00 PM**
- **NO LATE DROP-OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- **Pick up day—Sunday, August 21 from 11:00 PM – 2:00 PM. All exhibits unclaimed by Sunday, August 21 at 2:00 PM will become the property of the fair. EXHIBITS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BACK TO THE 4-H OFFICE.**
- **The Fair or the 4-H Office will NOT be responsible for any damage to an exhibit while at the fair.**

If you are not able to enter your exhibits using the online system, paper entry forms are available in the back of the fair catalog. Please mail all paper entry forms to the **Fair Office (NOT THE 4-H OFFICE):** Montgomery Co. Agricultural Fair, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Once the fairground receive all 4-H entry registrations, they generate the display tags for each entry. The display tags are sent to the county 4-H office for distribution. Leaders will be notified when tags are ready to pick up.

**Display tags must accompany each indoor entry at the fair. You must make an appointment to pick up your tags at the 4-H office. Alternatively, you can pick up your tags at the Fairground on entry day.** If you wish to volunteer to help sort tags, contact Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu).

**Exhibits without tags will not be accepted.**

**No tags will be issued on entry day if the name of the exhibitor is not on the Fair exhibitor entry list.**

## **BOOTHS AND BANNERS**

Please remember, the **State Fair guidelines** for entering booths and banners are different from the Montgomery County Fair.

**Banners: ALL clubs** may enter their **banners** in the State Fair. **However, Clubs must enter them themselves using the online State Fair entry system.**

**Booths: ONLY** County Fair champion "State Fair Themed Booths" can be entered at the State Fair.

If you wish to enter your banner or booth, make sure it complies with the State Fair rules found here: <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/junior-livestock>

You are responsible for getting your booth or banner to and from the State Fair.

- **The 2022 State Fair Booth/Banner Theme can be found under "Department T - 4-H/FAA Promotion":** <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h>
- **Booth dimensions: 36" wide X 30" deep X 16" high.**
- **Banner dimensions: 50" wide X 38" tall.** The opening for the pole should to be a minimum of 3", and is **included** in the overall size of 38" long. Do not bring your own pole. **You MUST use these dimensions or you will be disqualified.**

## **4-H CAKE AUCTION – SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

You are cordially invited, along with all of your friends and family, to join in the annual 4-H Cake Auction. The Cake Auction will take place in the Cattle Pavilion on Sunday, August 14 at 6:30 PM. Cakes that won blue ribbons at the fair will be auctioned off to the highest bidder—**this is our main fundraiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program**. All money raised from the auction goes to Montgomery County 4-H to provide programs and opportunities for our 4-H youth and volunteers. Some of the things the funds are used for include resource materials, ribbons and awards, registration fees, and scholarships.

We need your support for the cake auction. Even if your child's cake is not in the auction, please join with friends and family to form a group to bid on a cake. If you know a business that would be interested in participating in this charity event, please encourage them to attend the auction on Sunday. If you know someone, or a group of people, who want to bid on a cake and need fair passes, please contact Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu). We have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose.

### **GET IN LINE FOR THE PARADE**

Help to get the 2022 Fair off to a great start by participating in the 4-H Parade on Sunday, August 14 at 5:00 PM. Clubs may enter walking units or floats. If a club wishes to enter a float, the club must arrange for the wagon/trailer itself. The fair will provide a tractor and driver to pull the float.

The theme of this year's 4-H Parade is **"4-H & You, We Grow Together"** So get your club members together and start working on your parade unit. Please send a narrative script, not to exceed 35 - 40 words, and the float entry form to Jeannine Shriver at [jshriver@umd.edu](mailto:jshriver@umd.edu) by July 2. **No late entries will be accepted.**

### **PROMOTE YOUR CLUB AT THE 4-H CLUB SHOWCASE**

Hey 4-H members, are you looking to promote your club? Want to share all the exciting activities your club members do at the fair and all year long? Do you just think your club is the very best and want to show it off? Then come out and join us for the 4-H Club Showcase! Clubs will be setting up their tables along Maple Avenue on Saturday, August 20 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If your club is interested, club leaders should **register no later than July 30**. To register, please contact Leslie Jenkins, [leisliehilljenkins@verizon.net](mailto:leisliehilljenkins@verizon.net)

Table space is limited and given on a first come, first served basis.

### **AG DISPLAY CONTEST**

The Ag Display Contest (Department 86) is designed to educate or promote agriculture. Each club can create a display, which will be shown either in your barn or somewhere else around the fair (the 4-H Building is usually too full to accommodate them). If you enter this contest, but later decide against it, please notify the Fairgrounds at 301-926-3100 ext. 205 as soon as possible, as they may want rent out your space to a vendor (if you were not going to display in a barn.)

### **INVENTORS CLUB SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION**

The Inventors Club is looking forward to showing several of the projects they have designed and built at the Montgomery County Fair. Stop by and see them Monday August 15 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, and Wednesday August 17 from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. There will be hands on projects. Come try your hand at

the Giant Robot Operation Game and pick your color for the HarmonGraph, you can take the paper graph design with you. The Inventors have also built a 9-foot Giant LED display built on a Raspberry Pi and Tinsy 4.0, and will be on display showing messages in the Rabbit Barn.

## **PROJECT G STREET CALLING ALL SEWERS!**

Do you love the TV reality show Project Runway? Do you love to see what you can do with a piece of fabric and some imagination? SO DO WE! We want to see you in action.

G Street Fabrics has been a wonderful sponsor with the Montgomery County Fair. They are looking for eight 2-person teams for the "Project G Street" sewing competition. Each team must include a model, who needs to be at least 18, but there is no age requirement for the people on your team.

Teams will pick up contest materials on **August 11** Sewing will take place at the Fair in the Heritage Hall on Saturday, **August 13** from 9:00 AM– 6:00 PM. If you are entering a perishable exhibit in the 4-H Building, entries accepted from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, you would need to arrange for someone to drop it off or take a break from sewing.

This is an open class contest. Therefore, you will be participating with contestants of all ages.

First place will be a \$300.00 gift card to G Street Fabrics, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100. Winning outfits will be on display at the G Street store after the fair is over for about 30 days.

For full contest details and to register, please contact Mary Hogan at [momhogan39@yahoo.com](mailto:momhogan39@yahoo.com) or call 410-302-4485

## **MARYLAND STATE FAIR REGISTRATION**

The Maryland State Fair takes place in Timonium, north of Baltimore, from August 25 to September 11. For more information visit <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/exhibitor-info>

## **MARYLAND STATE FAIR REGISTRATION**

The Maryland State Fair is sponsoring one (1) \$2,000.00 scholarship in memory of Marlin K. Hoff. The application is open to Maryland youths who have carried a dairy project and are enrolled in a four-year college, post-secondary college or trade school. The application is due July 20, 2022. Visit <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/general-info/scholarships> for more information.

## **LEVEL 5 & 6 DIAMOND CLOVER PLANS & REPORTS**

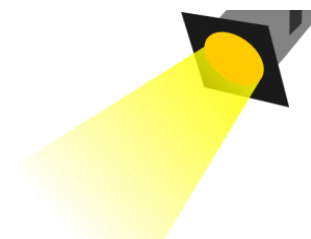
This is a reminder to all 4-H'ers working on earning Level 5 or 6 Diamond Clover Awards. **Level 6 service project proposals** must be submitted to the county 4-H office by **September 1**. **All completed Level 5 and 6 reports are due to the county by October 15**. Please mail your

materials to the Montgomery County 4-H Office, ATTN: Sheila Ford, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855. Level 1 – 4 reports are not due to the county 4-H office until January 2023.

For information on the Maryland 4-H Diamond Clover Award FAQ's and forms visit the website: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>

## SPOTLIGHT

### Kudos to 2022 Maryland State 4-H Horse Communications Contest Winners



Congratulations! Thank you for competing in the 2022 Maryland State 4-H Horse Communications Contest! For the third time, the event was held virtually and it was successful because of your participation! The results are:

#### 2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Communication Contest

Name	County	Title	Placing
<b>JUNIOR DIVISION - Individual Presentation</b>			
Annette Clougherty	Talbot	Getting Ready to Show!	1
Sylas Cox	Washington	How to Groom a Horse	2
Sydney Bragunier	Washington	Our Horse Jack Daniels	3
<b>INTERMEDIATE DIVISION - Public Speech</b>			
Sophia Wehrs	Charles	War Horses	1
Ella Fell	Frederick	Life of a Racehorse	2
<b>INTERMEDIATE DIVISION - Individual Presentation</b>			
Lily Walker	Montgomery	Horses in the Victorian Era	1
Allison Dill	Queen Anne's	No Hoof, No Horse	2
<b>INTERMEDIATE DIVISION - Team Presentation</b>			
Lela Steele/Hannah Williams	Montgomery	Percherons: More than a Carriage Horse	1
Payton Dill/Emma Hutchison	Queen Anne's	A Bit About Bits	2
<b>SENIOR DIVISION - Individual Presentation</b>			
Summer Mrotek	Anne Arundel	The Basics of Transitioning an OTTB	1
		Invasive Species: The Unknown	
Danica Frushour	Carroll	Threat to Equines	2
Maya Landis	Montgomery	Barn Fire Safety	3

Tarini Tippa	Montgomery	Poisonous Plants to the Horse (Horses Eating Everything Except What They Should)	4
Ava Wehrs	Charles	Hey! What's Up with Hay?	5
<b>SENIOR DIVISION - Team Presentation</b>			
Marissa Bookoff/Logan MacKenzie	Baltimore/Carroll	Logan and Marissa's Excellent Adventure--Forging Then and Now	1

# CLUB CORNER

## **D** Damascus Community Club

### MAY'S DAY

by Renee H.

In early May, the Damascus Community 4-H Club hosted an International Night. Members and their families shared foods, games and activities representative of their culture. In addition, the graduating high school seniors including Patrick G., Jessica L., Shea C., Galila I., and Mica B., were acknowledged and celebrated with a large cake.

On May 22nd, the Crochet Project Group and a few other 4-H group members met at Avalon Springs Farm in Mount Airy, a working farm with goats, a lamb, chickens, and a wonderful yarn and fiber store. 4-Hers cleaned, washed, and dyed wool that they will use for a project at the next Crochet Project Group meeting. Members also practiced needle felting and made personalized nametags. They also got to hold and pet baby goats and shop for yarns and handmade crafts at the on-site yarn and fiber shop.

The Damascus Lions Club presented a check to the club in May. The Damascus High School Horticulture Club donated several tomato, zucchini, green bean, and basil plants to the club. The plants were provided to interested club members to grow in their gardens and will hopefully produce some prize-winning vegetables that will be entered in the Montgomery County Fair in August.







## Maryland 4-H State Council members

### PARTICIPATING IN MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ by Eric G. and Caitlyn Y.

On April 30, 2022, some of the Maryland 4-H State Council members from

Montgomery County, Colin, Milo, Jason, and Caitlyn, represented the MoCo 4-Hers and actively engaged in Maryland Day celebration at the University of Maryland College Park to promote the 4-H Program

Early in the morning, the Council members helped set up the 4-H information table in the courtyard of the College of Agriculture



and Natural Resources. As youth leaders, they introduced the 4-H Youth Development Programs at the county and state levels. They promoted the 4-H Program by answering questions, and set up some interesting games for the visitors.



Maryland Day is a public event celebrating the university's history, academics and campus life across five different areas of the campus — Sports and recreation, agriculture, college information, STEM, and art. Maryland Day is also an event the University uses to advertise a world of learning, discovery and exploration. The University of Maryland brought back in-person Maryland Day festivities this year after holding events virtually since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the events, people had the opportunity to learn some agriculture knowledge regarding soil and gardening, environment protection, farm animals, and watch the Equestrian Team demonstrate its skills at the Horse Show and Exhibition etc. The members attending a fun day.



## ANOTHER VIEW OF MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATIONS

by Eric G.

At least 13 members of the State 4-H Council staffed an information booth on Maryland Day on April 30. The weather was nice, and it looked like many people attended Maryland Day. Some members of the State 4-H Council in attendance were Abbey, Noah, K.L. and Eric.

The State Council booth was next to the Lucky Clovers 4-H booth, so Eric's G. family joined in to staff the stations along with Mr.



Dwayne. Both the State 4-H Council and Lucky Clover booths had a steady stream of visitors. The crowd really picked up when the members of both booths worked together to draw people in to each activity. Abby and Noah helped explain what 4-H is

about and then directed the visitors to the nutrition and exercise activities that Hayden and Eric were running. Eric and his siblings made it fun by making the nutrition and exercise activities like a game show. They provided positive reinforcement and big fanfare when visitors completed all the exercises, or when they guessed the right answer for Maryland trivia facts, or for nutrition jeopardy. Of course, handing out prizes helped too! They also gave hints to younger participants, and encouraged them by doing exercises with them to get them excited.



Some groups of kids wanted to do the activities over again, so it was good to see them

having a good time. When visitors were done with the nutrition and exercise activities, the members kept the crowd going by demonstrating how to fold a cardboard case around a cellphone to make their own Virtual Reality Headset. The members explained how they could download an app on their phone to use

the headset for meditation, roller coaster rides, or other entertainment.

The activities were a big hit with the



attendees and many people either left their contact information or took information cards about 4-H. Maryland Day was a lot of fun and the members encourage anyone who has not attended to try it.

It was fun to see all the different projects that a person can do if they study at the University of Maryland. Eric G. arrived late to explore the campus this year, but his favorite activities from past years included watching the fire tornado, standing in the wind tunnel, doing the laser obstacle course, trying out the virtual reality headsets and watching a mini-version of BattleBots in the robotics lab. However, he had to admit that he never miss the free ice cream on Ag Way right near their booth!



## The Clarksburg Helping Hands

### CLUB MAY REPORT

by Caitlyn Y.

The Clarksburg Helping Hands 4-H club held their monthly meeting on May 13, 2022 at the 4-H Home Arts Building at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. This was the club's second in-person meeting since the pandemic had started. The members went through old business and accepted the club's treasurer's and secretary's report. Three members were congratulated for winning awards in the Maryland 4-H Fashion Revue and Talent Show. Three club officers gave a short introduction and reported about the Maryland Day event at University Maryland, College Park on April 30.

After the meeting had adjourned, the club leader, Mrs. Rickert, led all the members in a craft activity, folding origami. The members split into different stations, each dedicated to folding different things: cranes, frogs, and butterflies. The members planned to take the origami creations to the Damascus Lions club dinner to show the club's appreciation for their generous donation.

The members enjoyed meeting and working together on their activity at the club's meeting, and had a lot of fun.

All club members, project managers, parents, and guests wore masks and maintained a good amount of distance between each other throughout the meeting per Montgomery County Guidance.





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4-H'er's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

**For details for each activity, please refer back to the article on Kids N Teens in Action at the beginning of this newsletter.**

**Building Helpers for Exhibit's final set-up and Perishable Entries Entry Day: 12 years and above.**

<b>Thursday 8/11 (Exhibit's final set up)</b>	<b>10:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Saturday 8/14 (Perishable entries)</b>	<b>3:00 pm- 5:00 pm</b>	<b>5:30 pm- 7:30 pm</b>	<b>7:30 pm– 10:00 pm</b>

**Senior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day: 14 years and above.**

<b>Time/Day</b>	<b>8/15</b>	<b>8/16</b>	<b>8/17</b>	<b>8/18</b>	<b>8/19</b>	<b>8/20</b>
<b>11:00 am- 1:00 pm</b>						
<b>1:00 pm- 4:00 pm</b>						



## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Vision Screening: **12 years and above.**

Day/Time	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
<b>Monday 8/16</b>				
<b>Tuesday 8/17</b>				
<b>Wednesday 8/18</b>				

### Project Show & Tell

Day/Time	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
<b>Monday 8/16</b>			
<b>Tuesday 8/17</b>			
<b>Friday 8/20</b>			

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**4-H BUILDING INFORMATION DESK VOLUNTEER**

<b>Day/Time</b>	<b>11:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>2:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday 8/14</b>			
<b>Monday 8/15</b>			
<b>Tuesday 8/16</b>			
<b>Wednesday 8/17</b>			
<b>Thursday 8/18</b>			
<b>Friday 8/19</b>			
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