



4-H Voice



As 2021 ends, we want to THANK all our amazing 4-H Volunteers who worked so hard over the last 2 years to keep our 4-H Clubs and activities going.

*WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!
Amy, Bonnie, Jeanne and Donna*

Graduating Seniors: Brian, LaMaree, Leslie, Sage, Jack, Cheyenne and Parker. Not in the picture: Erin, Sydney, Charlotte, Riley B. and Patricia. We look forward to having you back as 4-H Volunteers in 2022.



FOR 4-H INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE....

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/charles-county/4-h-youth-development>

FOR WEEKLY UPDATES, JOIN OUR ONE-LIST.

Email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu to be added to the list.

**Visit the State 4-H Website for information on State Events
<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>**

4-H Volunteers Corner

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you interested in sharing your skills and abilities with the 4-H'ers in different program areas or just helping out at events? We have a training scheduled for **Thursday, January 27, 2022**. Contact Amy Lang if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. amlang@umd.edu

OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Elections and installation of club officers are in full swing and if your club would like Bonnie to attend your officer installation, please let her know in advance so she can put it on her schedule. bboyden@umd.edu

Volunteer Enrichment

Join us on **February 28th from 6:30-8:30pm** to enjoy time with other dedicated volunteers as we engage in a fun, interactive session highlighting the use of art to support positive youth development. Please **register by February 15th** for this meeting by completing [this short form](#).

New Club Starting

The Pollinator Power Club (ages 12-18) will be starting in **January**. Teen leaders will be trained to educate youth and adult audiences about the importance of pollination, challenges pollinators are facing, and actions we can all take to support them. Teens will also install a pollinator garden at the [Neighborhood Creative Arts Center](#) in La Plata to support pollinators and use as a demonstration tool. For more information, email Amy at amlang@umd.edu

Upcoming Events

OFFICERS' TRAINING WORKSHOP

The 2022 Officers' Training Workshop will be **Thursday, January 13th** at the 4-H Office at **6:30 p.m.** The training is to help your new officers understand their role as President, Vice President, Reporter, Secretary or Treasurer. All of our clubs should be represented. Alternates may also attend. Email Donna Mohler to register. dmohler@umd.edu

PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, January 15, 2022**, there will be a Public Speaking Workshop from **9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.** At this workshop, you will learn about the different types of speeches you can do at the Public Speaking contest in February. You will learn the basics of writing and giving a speech, too. Email Donna Mohler to register. dmohler@umd.edu

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We are excited to share that the 2022 Public Speaking Contest will held on **Friday, February 4, 2022**, in-person. The registration form will be sent out and posted on the website, as we get closer to the date. Please call 301 934-5404 or email Donna Mohler at dmohler@umd.edu with questions.

Computer Science Program

If you are interested in Computer Science, or have experience with Micro:bit or Arduino, this is the program for you. The first night will be **January 24, 2022**. If you are interested or have questions email Amy at amlang@umd.edu

Livestock News

It was great to see all the 4-H livestock participants being able to show this year. We would like to congratulate everyone on an amazing show year. The 31st Charles County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale was an enormous success. Thanks to the Charles County Fair Board and all our volunteers. This was one of the best shows and fair weekends ever! We have the best volunteers in the country. Thank you for your support of the 4-H program.

STEER WEIGH-IN

The 2022 steer weigh-in and ear tagging for State Fair will be held on **Saturday, January 8th** at the Charles County Fairgrounds from 9 – 11 a.m. County Fair weigh-in will be **Saturday, February 5th** from 9 – 11 a.m. If you are planning to raise a steer for 4-H **you must bring** the steer to the fairgrounds at these times. If you have any questions, please call Bonnie or Jeanne at 301-934-5404 or email them.

You **must** register your steer with the 4-H office by **Monday, January 3rd**.

SKILLATHON PRACTICES START

Tuesday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office is the beginning of Skillathon practice. If you would like to learn more about your beef, sheep, swine or goat then this is a great opportunity to learn about feeds, meat, breeds and equipment. Practices will take place January 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Practices will also be February 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. The mock Skillathon Contest will be Sunday, February 27, 2022. To register email Bonnie or Jeanne at bboyden@umd.edu or jeanneh@umd.edu

The state contest will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

2022 Quality Assurance On-line Classes

All youth participating in livestock are **required** to take these classes. There are two separate classes:

- 1) an on-line Quality Assurance training when the dates are announced if you are:
 - a. First time shower
 - b. Have moved up an age division
 - c. Added a species that you have not shown in the past.
- 2) an in-person species workshop at the county level to show at the fair. The dates are listed below.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

In-Person Quality Assurance

This is a reminder that there are **MANDATORY** in-person Quality Assurance sessions that you **MUST** attend if you plan to show livestock in 2022. You need to attend the classes that apply to your species. The youth that show multiple species may need to attend multiple classes. These classes are designed to ensure that consumers are buying the best and safest products at our livestock auction at the fair. There is a Beef and Swine class, a Sheep and Goat class, and a first time showers class.

The in-person quality assurance classes will be:

Beef & Swine- March 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Sheep & Goat- April 5th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

First Time Showers- May 17th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about any of these meetings and requirements either call or email Bonnie. bboyden@umd.edu

2022 Requirements and Deadlines for Livestock

Mark these dates on your calendar NOW for 2022; deadlines sneak up on us!

1) You **must own and register** a market steer by **January 3, 2022**. Registration form is in this issue of the VOICE. All Beef Animals must have a USDA 840 Tag.

2) **All breeding animals** must be registered with 4-H and a copy of breed association registration papers must be submitted to the office by **July 1**. If you do not register the animals, you will be unable to show them in 4-H. If you do not have registration papers, they will have to show in the crossbred class (commercial) in all species. Heifers, ewes and does must have a state breeding tag to be eligible to show in a 4-H class. Breeding animals may be leased but must have the lease agreement on file with the office by **July 1**.

3) All market swine, goats and sheep must be owned and registered by **May 15th, 2022**. They will be ear tagged and weighed prior to Spring Show. **Sheep and Goats on May 24th and Swine on May 25th**. All Swine must have an USDA 840 tag and Sheep and Goats must have a MD scrapie tag.

4) 4-H'ers must **own** their Livestock project market animals.

5) There is no substitution of market animals once they have been registered and tagged. You may tag only 5 beef, and sheep, 4 swine (**but only show and sell 3**) and 3 goats. If you intend to show at the state fair, you may tag more than these limits, but they may **only** be shown at the state fair.

6) If your animal loses its state ear tag, save the tag and contact the office at once for a replacement tag. No animal will be shown or weighed in at the fair that does not have a 4-H tag.

7) All male animals must be castrated prior to ear tagging or they will not be tagged.

8) You **must** turn in a record book to the 4-H office to be able to show livestock the following year.

Horse News



ALL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE HORSE AND PONY PROJECT MUST TAKE THE ON-LINE QUALITY ASSURANCE.

The date will be announced when the site is up and running. You must take the training if:

1. **First year showing your horse**
2. **Moved up an age division**

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR REQUIRED PAPERWORK:

Horse and Pony Cards due – **May 31st**!
Horse Leases due – **May 31st**!

HORSEMANSHIP STANDARDS

Horsemanship Standards are a means to measure youth's knowledge and riding ability. All 4-H'ers must pass riding and knowledge levels 1&2 to participate in county 4-H horse shows. If you need to be tested for any levels please contact the 4-H Office. We will be hosting a testing in the spring. If you need to be tested, please email Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu

For more information about the Horse Program call or email Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu

RABBIT NEWS



We have a very active Rabbit Club and if you would like to learn more about this project email Jeanne for more information. All youth who participate in the Rabbit Project must have a 4-H Rabbit Card on file with the office by **August 1st**. If you already have a card on file and plan to use the same rabbit for 2022 all **you need to do is let Jeanne know you want to update your card.**

ALL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE RABBIT PROJECT MUST TAKE THE ON-LINE QUALITY ASSURANCE.

Dates will be announced in the future when the site is up and running.

You must take the training if:

1. First year showing your rabbit
2. Moved up an age division

Poultry News



ALL YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE POULTRY PROJECT MUST TAKE THE ON-LINE QUALITY ASSURANCE.

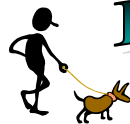
Dates will be announced in the future when the site is up and running.

You must take the training if:

1. First year showing your poultry
2. Moved up an age division

For more information on the Poultry project and activities contact Jeanne at jeanneh@umd.edu

DOG NEWS



All youth who are planning to participate in the Dog Project for 2022 must register their dog(s) with the 4-H office. If you have participated in the past and plan to use the same dog for this year, you can email Jeanne to update your 4-H Dog Card for 2022. You must also have an up-to-date rabies certificate on file. This information must be on file by **May 31st** or earlier if you plan to attend any of the training classes offered by Miss Sharon.

Air Rifle Classes

Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of shooting and how to shoot an air rifle? If so, Air Rifle will be starting in **January** on Wednesday nights. The class will take place from 6-7 p.m. for beginning shooters and 7-8 p.m. for returning shooters. The class will run for 8 weeks. You **MUST** pre-register if you are interested. Please call or Jeanne at (301) 934-5404 or jeanneh@umd.edu

Youth Council

Charles County 4-H has formed a Youth Advisory Council. We are a group of 8-18 year olds who share suggestions for the Charles County 4-H program. The group meets virtually once/quarter from 7-8:00pm. If you are interested in joining us, please complete [this brief application](#) by **January 15th**. For more information, email Amy at amlang@umd.edu

January & February Events

JANUARY

Skillathon Practices at the 4-H Office:
5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26
State Fair Steer Weigh-in at the Fairgrounds:
8 – 9 – 11 a.m.
Computer Science at the 4-H Office:
24, 31 – 6 p.m.
Club Officer Training at the 4-H Office:
13 – 6:30 p.m.
Public Speaking Workshop at the 4-H Office:
15 – 9 – 10:30 a.m.
4-H Senior Opportunities:
24
Pollinator Power Club:
24
New Volunteer Training at the 4-H Office:
27
Maryland 4-H Foundation Gala – Virtual:
28 – 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

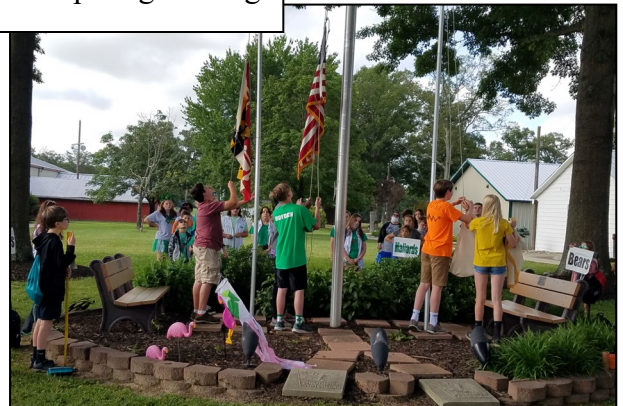
Youth Council
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Skillathon Practices at the 4-H Office
2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23
Public Speaking Contest
4 – 6:30 p.m.
County Fair Beef Weigh-in and Tagging at the
Fairgrounds
5 – 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Computer Science at the 4-H Office
7, 14, 28
Pollinator Power Club
23
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Dates are Subject to Change

State Fair
Livestock Judging



Day Camp Flag Raising



State Fair
Beef Kids



Teen Retreat





We are excited to announce the 2021
Charles County Fair 4-H Champion Awards!

BUILDING CHAMPIONS

Bread – Intermediate- Luke Talbert; Senior- Riley Herbert
Candy – Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Jack Sien
Cookies, Cupcakes, Brownies –Senior- Addison Herbert
Field Crops – Junior- Jayden Hill; Intermediate – Luke Talbert; Senior- Annabelle Talbert
Flowers – Intermediate- Luke Talbert; Senior- Ivy Phillips
Flowers- Arrangements – Junior- Olyvia Krauss; Senior- Sage Phillips
Flowers- House Plants – Junior – Rowan Leonard; Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Erin Possehl
Food Preservation – Junior- Olyvia Krauss; Intermediate- Luke Talbert; Senior- Annabelle Talbert
Clothing – Junior- Emilee Lancaster; Intermediate- Sofia Wehrs; Senior – Erin Possehl
Clothing- Beginner – Junior- Olyvia Krauss; Intermediate- Madilynne Krauss
Home Environment – Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Brynna Bode
Needlework – Intermediate- Olive Swann; Senior- Brynna Bode
Arts – Junior- Olyvia Krauss; Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Sarah Culver
Ceramics – Junior- Karleigh Berry; Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Jack Sien
Crafts I – Junior- Emilee Lancaster; Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Camryn Ging
Crafts II – Junior- Rowan Leonard; Intermediate- Daisy Rojas; Senior- Camryn Ging
Photography – Junior- Jayden Hill; Senior- Sarah Culver
Woodworking & Electric – Junior- Rowan Leonard; Senior- Erin Possehl
Collections – Junior- Jayden Hill; Intermediate- Zach Bryant; Senior- Annabelle Talbert
Natural Sciences – Senior- Claire Bright
Animal Sciences – Intermediate- Bella Verdiglione
Vegetables – Junior- Jayden Hill; Intermediate- Luke Talbert; Senior- Annabelle Talbert
Garden Display – Senior- Ivy Phillips
Connie Dunbar Radish Challenge – Champion- Annabelle Talbert

4-H CLUB AWARDS:

Club Banner – Creative Critters 4-H Club
Club Booth – Rebels 4-H Club
Club Scrapbook – Creative Critters 4-H Club

CONTESTS RESULTS:

Horse Knowledge – Senior- Erin Possehl
Horticulture Judging – Intermediate – Taylor Carter; Senior – Claire Bright
Livestock Skillathon – Junior- Ethan Abell; Intermediate- Cole Barrett; Senior- Riley Herbert
Dog Knowledge – Junior- Eli Hancock; Senior- Claire Bright
Rabbit Judging- Senior- Sarah Culver

RABBIT & POULTRY AWARDS

Rabbits & Cavies – Junior- Eli Hancock; Senior- Brynna Bode & Sara Robertson
Rabbit Showmanship – Senior- Sarah Culver
Poultry – Junior- Olyvia Krauss; Intermediate- Luke Talbert; Senior- Annabelle Talbert & Brynna Bode

DOG SHOW RESULTS

Junior Champion –Olyvia Krauss
Senior Champion – Erin Possehl
Overall Best of Show Dog – Olyvia Krauss



LIVESTOCK RESULTS:

MARKET ANIMALS:

Grand Champion Market Animals

Beef – Cheyenne Roberts; **Goat** – Ethan Abell; **Lamb** – Tiffany Abell; **Swine** – Annabelle Talbert

Reserve Grand Champion Market Animals

Beef – Francesca Bologna; **Goat** – Robbie Abell; **Lamb** – Ethan Abell; **Swine** – Luke Talbert

SHOWMANSHIP CHAMPIONS:

Beef Showmanship – Champion – Savannah Roberts; Reserve Champion – Cheyenne Roberts

Sheep Showmanship – Champion – Riley Herbert; Reserve Champion – Brynna Bode

Swine Showmanship – Champion – Francesca Bologna; Reserve Champion – Michele Thompson

Goat – Dairy Showmanship – Champion – Claire Bright; Reserve Champion – Brynna Bode

Goat – Meat Showmanship – Champion – Tiffany Abell; Reserve Champion – Annabelle Talbert

BREEDING ANIMAL CHAMPIONS:

Beef – Heifer – Savannah Roberts; **Bull** – Riley Herbert

Swine – Parker Stonesifer

Dairy Goat – Claire Bright

Meat Goat – Tiffany Abell

Sheep – Ewe – Blaine Boyden; **Ram** – Brynna Bode; **Flock** – Brynna Bode

HERDSMAN AWARD WINNERS:

Beef

- 1st Place – Herbert Family
- 2nd Place – Roberts Family
- 3rd Place – Bologna Family

Goat

- 1st Place – Bright Family
- 2nd Place – Swann Family
- 3rd Place – Good Family

Sheep

- 1st Place – Abell Family
- 2nd Place – Talbert Family
- 3rd Place – Boyden Family

Swine

- 1st Place – Herbert Family
- 2nd Place – Oliver Family
- 3rd Place – Hancock Family

EDUCATIONAL AWARD WINNERS:

Beef

- 1st Place – Stonesifer Family

Goat

- 1st Place – Talbert Family
- 2nd Place – Posey Family
- 3rd Place – Abell Family

Sheep

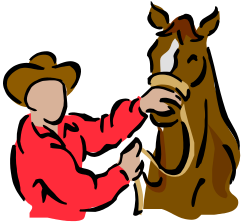
- 1st Place – Abell Family
- 2nd Place – Boyden Family
- 3rd Place – Garner Family

Swine

- 1st Place – Hancock Family
- 2nd Place – Abell Family
- 3rd Place – Posey Family

HAROLD A. ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCOLARDSHIP AWARD: Savannah Roberts

2022 Charles County 4-H Horse Show Winners



In Hand Intermediate Rider –

Champion: Bella Verdiglione

Res Champion: Ava Wehrs

In Hand Senior Rider –

Champion: Megan Zalesak

Res Champion: Sarah Culver

English W/T Intermediate Rider –

Champion: Sophia Wehrs

English W/T Senior Rider –

Champion: Sarah Culver

English WTC On the Flat Intermediate Rider –

Champion: Ava Wehrs

Res Champion: Bella Verdiglione

English WTC On the Flat Senior Rider –

Champion: Megan Zalesak

English W/T Over Fences Senior Rider –

Champion: Sarah Culver

Res Champion: Megan Zalesak

English WTC Over Fences Intermediate Rider –

Champion: Ava Wehrs

OVERALL HIGH POINT Intermediate Rider

Champion – Ava Wehrs

Reserve – Bella Verdiglione

OVERALL HIGH POINT Senior Rider

Champion – Megan Zalesak

Reserve – Sarah Culver

Congratulations to all of our Horse Show winners!

2022 MARKET STEER REGISTRATION FORM

DUE BY: Tuesday - JANUARY 4, 2022

4-H'ER NAME: _____ Phone _____

CLUB _____ Email: _____ Age (as of 1/1/21) _____

To show at the state fair, your steers must be registered with the appropriate association.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT!

1) EARTAG NUMBER OR TATTOO _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

BREED _____ Date Purchased _____ or Bred & Owned _____

PURCHASED FROM: Name _____

City _____ State _____

2) EARTAG NUMBER OR TATTOO _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

BREED _____ Date Purchased _____ or Bred & Owned _____

PURCHASED FROM: Name _____

City _____ State _____

3) EARTAG NUMBER OR TATTOO _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

BREED _____ Date Purchased _____ or Bred & Owned _____

PURCHASED FROM: Name _____

City _____ State _____

4) EARTAG NUMBER OR TATTOO _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

BREED _____ Date Purchased _____ or Bred & Owned _____

PURCHASED FROM: Name _____

City _____ State _____

5) EARTAG NUMBER OR TATTOO _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

BREED _____ Date Purchased _____ or Bred & Owned _____

PURCHASED FROM: Name _____

City _____ State _____

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