



MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS & NOTES

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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the first week in **April 2022**. Please submit your articles to **Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu, by March 25, 2022**.

If you need special accommodation for a 4-H program, event, or activity, please call 301-590-3210 or e-mail jshriver@umd.edu.

4-H History Fun Fact

According to the November 1929 National Boys and Girls Club News, Thomas Rich, from Hobart in Delaware County,

New York, has the distinction of being the first person in the United States to introduce a purebred calf into Egypt. Professor M. C. McFeetra, professor of Agriculture at Assuit College, American mission at Assuit, Egypt, purchased Thomas' 4-H calf, "named Sophis Sons Viola." It was necessary to secure a special permit to make the importation into Egypt, as formerly all stock was slaughtered at the docks. (National 4-H Preservation History Program.)



February		
4-H Dairy Fun Day	February 12 9:30 AM – 11: AM, via ZOOM	Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon	February 20, ZOOM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
Montgomery County 4-H Awards	February 26 Rainy day March 19	Location TBD.
MD Horseman Party	February 28 via ZOOM	Contact Rebecca Bittner at regunder@umd.edu or Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu .
March		
Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl	March 5 & 6. Virtual via Quiz Bowl Pro	Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
The National Agri-Science Summit	March 10-13, 2022	https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#healthyliving
Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon	March 12	Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
Maryland 4-H State Dairy Skillathon	March 26	Carroll County. Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
Central Cluster Public Speaking Contest	Mach 26	Location TBD
April		
State Horse Communication Contest	April 4-18. Registration	Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
National 4-H Healthy Living Summit	April 21-24, 2022	https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/national-4-h-summit-healthy-living/
Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest	April 23.	ANSC Bldg., UMD College Park, MD. Contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu
Maryland Day	April 30	UMD College Park, MD

May		
Central Cluster Fashion Revue	May 7	Contact Chris Reign at crein@umd.edu
Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon	May 7 & 8	Howard County Fairgrounds

Camp Tawasentha

Calling all campers! If you are interested in being a leader at this year's 4-H camp, and you are over the age of 13, please contact Santana Mays at (301) 590-2813 or at smays1@umd.edu, or Anne McKeever Claggett at claggettmom@gmail.com Interviews for leader positions are ongoing! Hope to see you at Camp this year! **Dates for this year's camp are July 10-15, 2022.**

Camp registration to open March 1.

ANIMAL Science News



4-H Dairy Fun Day:

February 12, 2022,
9:30 AM-11:30 AM

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

Please contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu to sign up by February 9.



Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon

February 20, ZOOM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. More information will be posted at

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences>

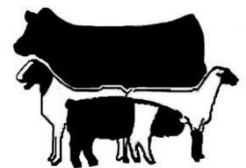


Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl

March 5 & 6. Virtual via QuizBowl Pro and ZOOM.

Registration due by February 11, 2022

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON



March 12 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. To participate please contact

Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu to be included in communications. Practices are usually held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. However, there is a chance of hybrid practices.

No prior knowledge of livestock required.



Maryland 4-H Dairy Skillathon

March 26 Carroll County Extension. To participate please contact Ms. Mays at smays1@umd.edu to be included in communications.

State 4-H Horse Communication Contest



The 2022 Horse Communications Contest will be held virtually. **Registration for the contest will be open from April 4-18th.** Members must submit their recorded presentations between those dates. Contest rules will soon be posted at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

Hippology Contest

June 11, 2022 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The Hippology contest will be completed during the Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Contest. **Registration for this event will be due May 2, 2022.** Contest rules will soon be posted at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

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Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest

April 23. ANSC Bldg., UMD College Park, MD.

National Youth Summit Series

The National Youth Summit Series are immersive, three-day experiences where you dive into the issues, expand your career

horizons, and grow as a leader while working with and learning from other teens and experts with shared passions.

Agri-Science Summit, March 10-13, 2022.

Healthy Living Summit, April 21-24, 2022.

More information and registration at:
<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/#healthyliving>



**The Maryland 4-H
Foundation, Inc.
Academic
Scholarships
2022 – 2023**

Due June TBD

Each year, The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc., awards 15 Maryland education scholarships to current Maryland 4-H members, or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational program in the fall of the year in which they apply.

Only applications submitted online will be accepted. More information regarding the

eligibility and application requirements are at

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

2022 scholarship applications will be uploaded soon. Please continue to monitor the above website for more information



**Montgomery
County
Agricultural
Fair**

Start or continue to work on your Fair Exhibits. The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair will take place from **August 12 – 20, 2022.**

This year's theme is "Let the Good Times Grow."

We need you and/or your Club's help in selecting the theme for the 2022 4-H Parade.

Please send your Club/individual theme suggestions to Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu by **February 10, 2022.**

Fair Awards

Are you interested in sponsoring a Fair award? The following awards need sponsors:

Baked Goods Award #7 - Need a sponsor for "4-H member in the Junior and Senior Divisions with the Champion Entry in Quick Breads."

Clothing Award #1 – Need a sponsor for the "Junior and Senior Champion Clothing Entry."

Clothing Award #6 - Need a sponsor for the "Junior with the first place Handmade Sewing Box. "

Agricultural Demo #1 - Need a sponsor for the "Junior and Senior Champion Team Presentation in Agriculture."

General Demonstration #1 - Need a sponsor for a "Junior Champion Presentation."

Home furnishing #4 - Need a sponsor for the "Junior and Senior 4-H members with Reserve Champion Table Setting."

If you are interested in any of the above awards. Please contact Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu Anna Hamann ahamann@umd.edu by February 10.

Indoor 4-H Building Volunteer Positions available

Superintendent. The Montgomery County 4-H Office is looking for two new Superintendents to help during Fair Week.

Fair superintendents provide leadership to the overall functions of judging, exhibition and public relations in the 4-H Building during fair week. Superintendents need to be present and available at check-in, checkout and during judging times.

Superintendents also oversee the setup, workers, and the cleanup of the 4-H Building. Attend two meeting annually at the MoCo 4-H Office.

MoCo Bake Sale Coordinator. The Bake Sale Coordinator ensure that there are enough supplies (boxes/plates, napkins, tablecloths, etc.) for the bake sale, which are provided by 4-H. In addition, the Bake Sale Coordinator supervise the volunteers, and help with the sale of the baked goods. Responsibilities also include being available to receive cakes on entry day, and arrange baked items for sale during Fair weekend.

UME training is available for these positions.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Alganesh Piechocinski at 301-590-2804 or algapie@umd.edu.

AGDiscovery 2022 Summer Youth Program

AgDiscovery is a free summer outreach program that provides a unique program that help teenagers explore careers in agricultural sciences. AgDiscovery students,

live on a college campus for 2–4 weeks and learn from university professors and USDA experts—plant and animal scientists, biotechnologists, veterinarians, wildlife biologists, administrative professionals, and others. Students gain hands-on experience through labs, workshops, and field trips; participate in character- and team-building activities; and join in many other fun and educational events. It is a unique chance to get a first-hand look at the many exciting career paths in agriculture.

This year, 21 colleges and universities are participating in AgDiscovery. Each school's program focuses on a specific area of interest to our Nation's agriculture, from plant health, entomology, and biotechnology to veterinary science, animal welfare, food science, and agribusiness

PLEASE APPLY EARLY! Applications for the 2022 AgDiscovery program must be submitted online. **The deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2022** at midnight Eastern Time.

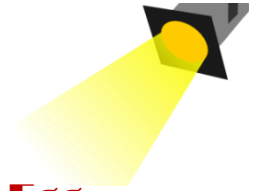
You will be notified by the university the week of May 2, 2022 if you have been selected to participate. Non-selected applicants will receive a letter in the mail at the end of May.

You can find more information at

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery>

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SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to The Maryland 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging Team members, Dalena B., Lillian L., and Anthony R.

The Team participated at The National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference. At the conference, the team judged & placed classes of Production Hens, gave reasons, judged & graded various classes of eggs, graded market poultry, and other classes of poultry products.

Dalena B. placed 6th in Market Eggs, while the team placed 2nd in the same category. The team placed 7th overall in the contest.

When not judging, the team did some sightseeing. They visited the Louisville Bat Factory/Museum, Churchill Downs (home of the Kentucky Derby), and an Upscale Horse Farm.



L to R, Lillian L., Dalena B., Anthony R.

CLUB CORNER



AKC RALLY

By Jack C.

The Kid's N Dogs Club was finally able to get together again for the December meeting and the AKC Rally course. At the meeting, members were able to run for an office and vote for the officers. The members elected the 2022 officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter/Historian. The members were also able to do a white elephant gift exchange, which was very fun. At the end of the meeting, the Club leader gave everyone a Bundt cake (which is a small cake).

In December, the Club leaders arranged to have several AKC rally courses with the dogs in one of the Montgomery County Fairground buildings. In the AKC rally course, the members did a few courses that were repeated few times. Not many members were able to come, but it was still fun and gave other dogs a little extra training, which was great. To learn a little more about what rally is, you can look at

the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/get-started/>



Jack C. and his dog getting ready to do one of the AKC rally courses.



D Damascus Community 4-H Club's

WINTER WRAP-UP

By Renee H.

The December Damascus Community 4-H Club meeting started with some holiday music provided by two members, one on clarinet and the other on bass clarinet. The Club welcomed several potential new members, and several current members assumed their new leadership positions. In addition, the Club made decorative shaped soaps to give the senior citizens at the annual birthday party they will host at the Damascus Senior Center in the summer.

The Dungeons and Dragons group met in December, as well as the Baking and Foods groups who met to decorate cookies and cupcakes.

At the January virtual meeting, the Club happily welcomed several new members. The Club discussed the different annual events the club holds, some of them mandatory and others just for fun. Since they welcomed new members to their Club, they discussed adding a new activity as a fun bonding experience. The members did not come to a final decision, but it seems likely that bowling and a talent show might be scheduled in the future. Hope that

Covid will not prevent the Club from following through with these plans. Overall, the members are lucky to have wonderful parents and adult volunteers that support their ideas and events.



Clarksburg Helping Hands

GET INVOLVED WITH THE HEART PILLOWS FOR COMFORT CASES

By Jayson L.

As the New Year 2022 starts, the weather is cold, but the Clarksburg Helping Hands (CHH) Club members' hearts are warm. The

President, Jayson L. is leading the club on a project for Comfort Cases, which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire communities to bring dignity and hope to youth in foster care through Comfort, Community, Character, and Compassion. The CHH Club is planning to make heart pillows and donate them to children in foster care to show their sympathy, care, and love. They believe that TOGETHER, 4-H'ers can make a difference.

The project goals are to:

- To engage as many youths as possible! This project needs at least 25 volunteers.
- To make as many pillows as possible! The CHH Club plans to make 1,000 heart pillows by 2023.

Materials Needed

- Scissor
- Cardboard
- Cloth (fleece recommended)
- Sewing machine or hand sewing materials
- Pencils/pens
- Stuffing cotton
- Ruler

Instructions

1. Trace a heart on your cardboard with a height of 24.5 cm and a width of 29 cm
2. Cut out your heart-shaped cardboard template
3. Put your heart template onto the cloth and trace it

4. Cut out the heart that you traced on the cloth
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make another piece of heart
6. Match two pieces of heart together and begin sewing, make sure to leave a roughly 6 inch opening at the end for stuffing
7. Then, from the opening, you reach your hand in and turn the heart inside out
8. Next, start stuffing the pillow
9. After stuffing, close the opening by sewing the heart completely
10. Enjoy your hand-made pillows, and have fun!

Tips: Make sure to make your sewing lines, as close to the edge as possible, so that it is invisible. You can do this by creasing each cloth inward slightly at the edge.

The CHH Club will hold several car-washing fundraising events later when weather permits. Stay tuned. Do you want to be part of this inspiring project? Please contact Jayson via email below. Everyone is welcome to join!

Contact Info:

Supermonstersmc123@gmail.com

Clarksburg Helping Hands Club's new officers are:

Vice President (1) Lauren S.
Vice President (2) Caitlyn Y.
Treasurer Jessica L
Secretary Kaitlyn R.
Historian Joseph M.



Z Zenith 4-H Club

VOLUNTEERING AT CARES HUB

By Evelyn H.

On Friday, December 17, 2021, the Zenith 4-H Club volunteered at Seneca Creek Community Church for the Gaithersburg CARES Hub. The Gaithersburg CARES Hub supports individuals and families suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Established in May 2020, this resource and service consolidation center provides food and health supplies for those in need. For example, the Gaithersburg CARES Hub opens the Choice Pantry, available from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Mondays and Fridays each week. It also opens from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the first Saturday of each month.

As a Club that prioritizes giving back to the community, the Zenith Club welcomed the opportunity to volunteer at the Gaithersburg CARES Hub. Club members helped distribute and pack food supplies. After finishing the day, the Club departed with full hearts. During the holiday season, volunteering served as a fulfilling way of giving back to others. The Zenith 4-H Club looks forward to helping again at the Gaithersburg CARES Hub in the future.



Potomac Community 4-H Club

LUNAR NEW YEAR PAPER CUTTING

By Eliana W.

In January, after the Potomac Community 4-H Club's business meeting, the club members participated in an educational

program to learn Chinese paper cutting. The 2022 Lunar New Year Celebrations is coming up soon, *[In 2022, Chinese New Year is celebrated from February 1 to February 15 - Editor]* and the club wanted to create traditional decorations for their own homes.

The Club Vice President, Joshua Wang, showed a YouTube video and demonstrated how to make a snowflake design. The other members followed along and created their own cuts. At the end, everyone turned on their cameras and displayed their art. The activity was a fun and hands-on way for the club members to celebrate Asian culture.

For anyone interested in the YouTube video, the linked is below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aDP7A_OUpc

