



MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS & NOTES

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The next issue of News & Notes will be published on the **first Friday in May 2021. Please submit your articles to Anna Hamann, ahamann@umd.edu, by April 23, 2021.**

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



**CURBING
OUR CARBON
APPETITE**

- Are you interested in learning about the importance of a healthy sustainable food supply to feed a growing world?
- Do you enjoy hands-on activities while learning about climate change?
- And, are you ready to share what you have learned with other youth as a leader through community service and civic engagement? Then this project is right for you!

The 2021 4-H Ag Innovators Experience (AIE), *Curbing Our Carbon Appetite*, helps youth learn the importance of taking actions that can reduce atmospheric carbon. The 4-H AIE is a series of interactive, hands-on activities that help youth understand why everyone has a role to play in addressing climate change. Participants will learn how human activity burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, soil

mismanagement, and unwise food systems are increasing atmospheric carbon and contributing to climate change. The activity leads them through an exploration of actions that three carbon influencer groups: agriculture, business and industry, and individuals and families can take to reduce atmospheric carbon.

If you are interested in serving as a Maryland 4-H Teen Teacher for the AG Innovators Experience-Curbing Our Carbon Appetite activity you can find the application at:

<https://forms.gle/1ruzfxcXWAq2HRcd6>

Online Learning Opportunities

Learn about different careers in the agriculture field by signing up for the Professionals in AG Series. Presenters include Vet Tech, Geologist, Extension Agent and more!

March 8 at 5PM: Renee Wilson, Agritourism/Business

Renee grew up on her family's dairy farm in Northern Maryland. She is a former 4-H member, Maryland Dairy Princess, and Maryland FFA State Officer. She attended the University of Florida where she earned her degree in Telecommunications. She now owns a growing agritourism business-The Farmyard LLC.

Sign up by March 5: <https://form.jotform.com/smays1/March8th>

March 11 at 5PM: Erika Crowl, Extension Agent/Amateur Jockey.

Erika grew up in Northern Maryland being involved in FFA and riding horses. Erika graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Equine Science. Now Erika is the Agricultural Educator for University of Maryland Extension in Baltimore County. She first started as the Nutrient Management Advisor in Baltimore County. In her free time, she still rides horses and is able to travel the world being an amateur jockey.

Sign up by March 5: <https://form.jotform.com/smays1/March11th>

March 18 at 5PM: Katie Shower Professional in AG: Vet Tech

Katie Shower was involved in both 4-H and FFA in Northern Carroll County along with riding horses. She also served as Miss Carroll County Farm Bureau. She followed her love of animals

and became a Veterinarian Technician. Through her job, she is often asked to pet sit. In her free time, Katie still rides, teaches riding lessons, and helps her finance with his pig and hay operation.

Sign up by March 12: <https://form.jotform.com/smays1/March18th>

March 25 at 5PM: Tyler Majchrzak, Loan Officer for MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Tyler grew up in Federalsburg, Maryland where he was involved in 4-H and FFA. Tyler even served as the President of Maryland FFA from 2013-2014. He raised and showed purebred Hampshire sheep at the local and national level and continues to do so with his family. Tyler went to earn a degree in Technical Education in Agriculture from the University of Kentucky. From there he worked from Reproduction Specialty Group as a Client Relations and Education Specialist. Currently Tyler is a loan officer at MidAtlantic Farm Credit.

Sign up by March 19: <https://form.jotform.com/smays1/March22nd>

March 25 at 5PM: Logan Moore, Environmental Geologist

Logan attended Juniata College and earned his degree in Geology. While there, he was able to take classes that gave him hands on experiences. One of these classes took him out west to the "four corners" to study geology there. Currently Logan is an environmental Geologist for Environmental Alliance INC.

Sign up by March 19: <https://form.jotform.com/smays1/March25th>

Contact Santana Mays, smays1@umd.edu with any questions.

Public Speaking Contest

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. You do not have to carry a Public Speaking Project to participate in the contest.

Register online, no later than Aril 21, at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfttBUgWEpcuDzhAPvD7HNRyLiXUdpnKy7Y7oQ97j4TV3yrg/viewform>

Save the Dates

March 2021			
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/LINK
Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl	March 13-14, 2021 (tentative)	All Day	Online/UMD Plant Sciences Bldg. (tentative) - TBA
Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Opens	March 15, 2021	Closes June 15, 2021, 11:59 pm	https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships
Virtual Dairy Skillathon Contest	March 27, 2021	9:30 – 11:30 am Registration deadline: March 15	Counties register their youth via 4-H Online

April 2021			
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/LINK
Maryland 4-H Aerospace Challenge Released	April 1, 2021	N/A	https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/md-4-h-aerospace-workshop-and-challenge
Maryland 4-H Robotics Workshops	~April 3, 2021	All-Day	TBA (Online option being explored)
Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest	April 10, 2021 (tentative)	TBA	Online/Maryland 4-H Center
National 4-H Conference <i>Selected Maryland Delegates through Senior Portfolio Process</i>	April 10-15, 2021	All day	Online
Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest	April 17, 2021	9:30 am Registration deadline: April 1, 2021	Online
Maryland Day & State Communications Contest Maryland 4-H State Council	April 24, 2021	All Day	Online - Streaming from University of Maryland, College Park Campus
Tractor Supply Spring 2021 Paper Clover Campaign	April 28-May 10, 2021	All Day	Online/ Local Tractor Supply Store

May 2021			
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/LINK
Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival	May 1-2, 2021		Howard County Fairgrounds
Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon	May 2, 2021	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Online/Howard County Fairgrounds
MD 4-H STEM Challenge Virtual Session (National Space Day)	May 7, 2021	6:00 pm	Online (Statewide)

June 2021			
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION/LINK
Maryland 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest	June 12, 2021	All Day	Howard County Fairgrounds
Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application due	June 15, 2021	By 11:59 pm	https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships
State Livestock Skillathon Contest	June 19, 2021		Montgomery County Fairgrounds
4-H All-Stars Meeting	June 22, 2021	9:00 am-3:00 pm	TBA/Zoom
National Leadership Conference (Camp Miniwanca)	TBA	Week	Shelby, MI
Maryland State 4-H Equine Art and Photography Contest	TBA		online

Maryland Grain Producers Scholarships

Due: April 30, 2021



The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to students interested in pursuing an agriculturally related career. Maryland's grain farmers believe it is very important to encourage students to consider careers in agriculture, given the dynamic

changes in agriculture today, the advances in biotechnology, global positioning systems, environmental protection, drone technology, and crop and livestock production.

Applicants must be a resident of Maryland and be enrolled in or accepted to a 4-year institution working towards a Bachelor's Degree, or enrolled in or accepted to a 2-year institution with an agricultural program.

Interested students should return a completed application. Online applications can be found at:

<http://marylandgrain.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/MGPA-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

The Maryland Grain Producers Scholarship Committee may request additional information prior to selection. Applications are due by April 30, 2021. Please mail to 123 Clay Drive, Queenstown, MD 21658, or email to jenell.mdag@gmail.com.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. Academic Scholarships 2021 – 2022

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 can be found at:

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

2021 scholarship applications will be uploaded soon. Please continue to monitor the above website for availability.

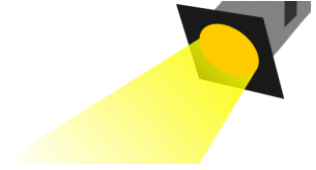


Montgomery County Fair

Start or continue to work on the projects you want to enter at the Fair! **The Fair dates for 2021 are August 13– 21, 2021.** The 2021 Fair theme is "Family Fun for Everyone."

We need yours and/or your club's help in selecting the theme for the 4-H Parade.

Please send your club/individual theme suggestions to Jeannine Shriver at jshriver@umd.edu by March 19, 2021.



SPOTLIGHT

By Caitlyn Y



The month of December always brings many holidays, feasts, and happenings. However, with all the challenges of this year, elderly people are being encouraged to stay home for their safety and as a result have even less human interaction than before. I felt that it was more important than ever to share a little love with the elderly in need during the holidays.

After discussing it with my parents, I took some money from my piggy bank to purchase ceramic holiday mugs with a nice holiday scene such as a winter scene, Santa, snowmen. I also brought some hot chocolate packets, green tea bags, almond biscuits, Hershey's chocolate, candy canes and greeting

cards.

During the end of November and the beginning of December, as soon as I finished my online classes, I focused on working on this project. In an attempt to cheer up some of the elderly this holiday season, I wrote nice messages and inspirational quotes on the greeting cards. Then, the mugs were filled with pre-packaged hot chocolate, a bag of tea, and snacks. Finally, I put the mugs into small, festive gift bags. It took two weeks to complete 50 holiday gift bags.

Due to the county's COVID-19 restriction, I was unable to share these gifts with seniors face to face this year. My Mom helped me to drop off these bags at a local non-profit organization's office. They delivered these gift bags to isolated seniors at senior retirement and living homes in Montgomery County over the Holidays.



CLUB CORNER

Damascus Community Club

By Anvita D.



The Damascus Community Club started a new project group called the "Sampler Project Group." They meet once a month via zoom over a weekend. So far, they have met twice. Each project leader chooses an activity for one month. Any club member can sign up and learn more about a new project. The club also spend time socializing while doing the activity.

During the first meeting on January 30, the members made a mosaic. Members were encouraged to bring coloring pages or free form art. The members used many materials such as paper, clay, glass, and aquarium rocks to make the mosaics. They turned out great.

At the second meeting in February, the members did a coil craft. They used yarn, clothesline and a yarn needle. The project leader supplied these materials. It was quite relaxing and easy.

Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfttBUgWEpcuDzhAPvD7HNRYyLiXUdpnKy7Y7oQ97j4TV3yrg/viewform>



Central Cluster



Public

Speaking

Contest

April 27th 6PM

Prepared and Interpretation

April 28th 6PM

Extemporaneous

April 29th 6PM

Radio Spot and Clovers

May 1st 6PM

Awards Program

This will be held vitrually and time slots will be assigned with the first at 6PM

★ Sign up by April 16th via ★

<https://go.umd.edu/PublicSpeakingContest2021>

Contact your county 4-H educator with questions

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