

April-May 2011

Spotlights On Youth

by: Margo Sweeney



Her name is Breann Fields, she is 15 years old her parents are Danny and Lori Fields. She lives in Smithsburg, MD. She joined 4-H because she has been showing way before 8 old years old. She belongs to Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club and Catoctin FFA. Her projects are beef and swine her favorites are both. She has been in 4-H for 8 years other things she likes to do is hang out with friends and go shopping. When she grows up she wants to be a hair stylist and go to college for business management to manage her own hair salon.



His name is Travis Fields he is 8 years old and his parents are Danny and Lori Fields. He lives in Smithsburg, MD. He joined 4-H because he has a sister in it and he likes to show. He belongs to the Rocky Ridge 4-H Club his projects are beef and swine. This is his first year. He also likes to play football and wrestling, when he grows up he wants to be a football player.



Her name is Rachel Boggs, she is 10 years old her parents are Jeff and Julie Boggs. She lives in Rocky Ridge. She joined 4-H because she wanted to show animals. She belongs to Rocky Ridge 4-H Club, Frederick County 4-H Goat Club and Breezy Hill Horse Club. She has been in 4-H for 3 years and she likes to play sports. When she grows up she would like to be a farm vet like Sarah Link.



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Leader's Meeting

April 14, 2011 at the
4-H Office 6:30 pm

Yes I CAN! Learn How To Can!

Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It Classes Offered

What kind of jars do I use?

What is headspace and how much do I need?

How do I seal lids?

What are the best practices for storing canned goods?

Get all your questions answered and learn how to can for at home, or for The Great Frederick Fair during the three day workshop held at the 4-H Camp & Activities Center. Two, three day sessions will be offered. The classes are open to youth between the ages of 10 – 18 years. Advance registration is required because space is limited to 15 participants per session. The cost is \$30.00 per person and requires advance registration with payment. Participants will learn to can four different items, receive the USDA home canning guide, canning tools to use at home, and start some gardening projects to take home for future canning opportunities.

Session 1 : May 30th, May 31st, & June 1st 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Session 2: June 20th, June 21st, & June 22nd 8:30 – 10:30 am

For registration information call 301-600-1589.



Johnsville 4-H Club Is Very Busy In The Community



Johnsville 4-H Club collected money for St. Jude's all of last year. They will present the money when they have their annual drive.

Pictured from Left to right: Allie Doody: Secretary, Dylan Harshman : Vice President, Dalton McKenzie : President, Josh Doody : Treasurer



On February 12th Johnsville 4-H Club had their 2nd community service for families in the Johnsville area. They provided a variety of different things such as soup, sandwiches and desserts. They also made a bouquet of roses out of chocolate kisses for Valentines Day.

Pictured from front left to right: Zachary Crum, Jacob Gladhill, Luke Gladhill, Amanda Shultz, Olivia Herbert. Back left to right: Emma Mullineaux, Caroline Mullineaux and Hanna Houck. Not pictured: families that also helped- Hoffmans, Hood, Dinterman, Harshman, Kent and Doody.



On Monday, March 7, 2011 Sabrina Moxley and Luke Gladhill were presented an award by Linganore Grange for the most Outstanding 4-H'er in the Johnsville Club.

Johnsville members participated in the County Public Speaking contest on Saturday, March 19th. Many Members will go onto the State Competition in April.

Pictured from left to right front: Luke Gladhill, Zachary Crum and Violet Moxley



Back row: Austin Welty, Sabrina Moxley, Nathan Moxley, Justin Moxley and Kellianne Dubbin. Not Pictured: Clay and Grace Yingling.

Unionville 4-H Club Elects Officers

by: Mckenzy Wolfe and Haley Trevino

December 2010 Unionville 4-H Club elected their 2011 officers. These officers were inducted at the February meeting.



Matthew Ripley was elected President. Matthew is eighteen years old, he has also been a member of the Unionville 4-H for ten years. His projects are market beef and beef breeding. Beth Reed was elected Vice President. Beth is sixteen years old, and has been showing beef, sheep and swine for eight years.

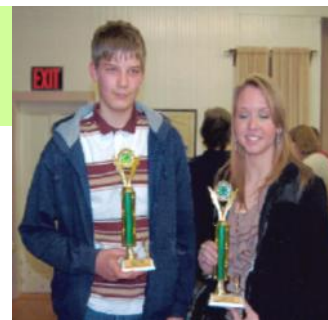
Jodi Shelton was elected Secretary. Jodi has held the projects of beef steers, breeding cattle, baking, and horses. Travis Albright was elected Treasurer in 2010, Treasurer is an ongoing two year office. Travis is 14 years old, and has held the project of rabbits, baked goods and photography for six years. Nikolai Feldman was elected Historian. Nikolai is thirteen years old, he has been in 4-H for four years, and has held the projects of chickens, ducks, beef steers, baking, and photography.

McKenzy Wolfe and Haley Trevino were elected as the club's two reporters. McKenzie Wolfe is thirteen years old, and has been in 4-H for three years, and has held the projects of beef steers, and beef breeding. Haley Trevino is thirteen years old, and has been in 4-H for one year. She is holding the projects of beef steers and chickens.

Drew Ridgeway and Konnor Sowell are holding the positions of Recreation Leaders. Konnor Sowell is nine years old, and has been in 4-H for one year. He has the projects of market and breeding sheep. Drew Ridgeway is 14 and his projects include market sheep, sheep breeding, baking, and public speaking.

Unionville 4-H Members Recognized

Unionville 4-H Club members Matthew Driver and Beth Reed were recognized as the Unionville 4-H Club members of the year by the Linganore Grange Members on Monday, March 7, 2011.



Calico Clovers 4-H Club Had A Busy Meeting

The Calico Clovers 4-H club had a very productive meeting on January 19, 2011. The club members and parents discussed upcoming activities for 2011! Besides a meeting each month, we have additional activities planned, including the Big Sweep in April, going to Washington D.C. in June, touring a fire house in July, taking a walking tour of Jefferson in August, etc.

After our meeting was adjourned, Club Leader Sally Arnold taught club members how to make a recycled mini box out of Christmas cards! This is a great way to give gifts such as jewelry or gift cards. Each member got to make their own box! To conclude the meeting, club members Chayanne Reeves, Dakota Reeves and Mickayla Bacorn gave an informative demo on how to make creative Valentine's Day cards for your friends and family. They also provided the supplies for us to each make a card. There were a variety of different materials to use, from stickers, to markers, to decorative punches for paper. Some VERY creative cards were made! To learn more about the Calico Clovers 4-H Club, contact Sally Arnold at 301-371-3419!

-Amy Lieberman, Reporter



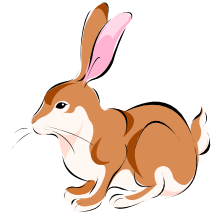
Members of the Calico Clovers enjoyed making recycled mini-boxes out of Christmas cards (Photo by Roy Lieberman)



Chayanne Reeves, Dakota Reeves and Mickayla Bacorn demonstrate how to use a variety of materials to make a Valentine's Day card (Photo by Roy Lieberman)

Rabbit Workshop Scheduled!!

When & Where ? April 16th from 10 am – 12 pm at the Frederick Fairgrounds in Bldg. 28.



Who Can Attend? This is a workshop for 4-H'ers who are just starting with rabbits, or maybe just thinking about getting a rabbit, or would like to show their rabbit, but don't know how to get started. Even 4-H'ers who have some experience with bunnies already will have the opportunity to handle some different breeds of rabbits, and may learn something new!

What Should I Bring? Participants are invited to bring one rabbit that they have and would like to learn and practice showmanship with, but it is okay if you don't have a bunny to bring, because we will have several different breeds and types. If you do bring a rabbit, it MUST be in a proper carrying cage, NO cardboard boxes or laundry baskets, etc!!! A cat carrier will suffice, but we will learn why these types of carriers really aren't good for bunnies.

Also, you will need to fill out a rabbit health form. This form is available on the 4-H website. It is required to show in Maryland, so this is part of learning to show rabbits.

What is the Schedule for the Workshop? We will start the workshop with basic info; where to look for show/breeding stock, reading pedigrees, health, feeding and basic care. Everyone will get to decorate their own rabbit grooming rug to take home. After the craft, we'll talk about how to feed and groom and otherwise prepare for a show. We'll go over how to fill out entry forms for shows, how to do a health check on their rabbits before loading up those carriers! Then everyone will practice showmanship techniques, and learn about showroom etiquette. Lunch will be provided for participants.

If interested call the 4-H Office at 301-600-1589 by April 11th to register.

Green Valley 4-H At California Tortilla

On April 19, 2011 Green Valley 4H Club will be holding a fundraiser at the California Tortilla restaurant in Mt. Airy. The event will take place all day and the club will receive 10% of all proceeds for items sold on that day from open to close. Make sure you come out and support the Green Valley 4-H Club on April 19th!!

2011 4-H Horse Jamboree & Communications Contest:

Please save the date for the 2011 4-H Horse Jamboree scheduled for July 7-9, 2011 at Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. This overnight program is designed to give youth opportunities to demonstrate their existing horse knowledge as well as to learn new ideas and skills while having fun. The program is open to all Maryland 4-H Members, ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2011.

The 4-H Horse Communications Contest is scheduled for Friday, July 8th starting at 1:30 pm and will be held in conjunction with Horse Jamboree. 4-H members can participate in the following categories: public speaking, individual presentations, and team presentations.

Registration packets and information about the communications contest will be available April 15, 2011 at <http://www.4hhorse.umd.edu/activities/jamboree.html>

2011 Horsemanship Standards Program

Included are the 2011 dates for the various Horsemanship Standards Program events being offered this year and the 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meetings. Locations are TBD (unless listed) and will be identified and added to the Maryland 4-H calendar.

Examiner Trainings/Testings

April 23 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Testing: Levels 4-6

May 21 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Training: Levels 1-4

August 13 - Horsemanship Standards Ratings and Standards Seminar for Examiners: Levels 4-6

October 8 - Horsemanship Standards Examiner Testing: Levels 4-6

4-H Member Preps/Testings

June 5 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Testing

Sept 10 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Prep

October 22 - Horsemanship Standards 4-H Member Levels 4-6 Testing

Maryland 4-H Horse Advisory Meetings:

May 25 - 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meeting (Location TBD, 7:00 p.m.)

November 12 - 4-H Horse Program Advisory Meeting (MD 4-H Center, 9:30 a.m.)

For more information, please contact Extension Horse Specialist, Kristen Wilson at 301-596-9478 or via e-mail at kswilson@umd.edu

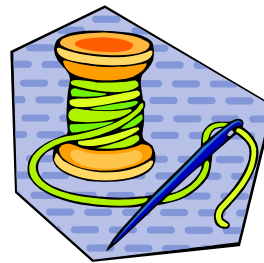
State Horse Bowl Results

The 2011 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest was held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at University of Maryland in College Park, MD. We had an increase in registration this year with 11 Junior teams, 13 Intermediate teams, and 9 Senior teams participating. Congratulations to all of the participants on a job well done!



In the intermediate division congrats to Frederick County for placing 7th as a team, to Mary Lentz for placing 3rd, Kayla Buhrman for placing 9th and to our Junior team for placing 10th.

Mark Your Calendars For Fashion Revue!



The 2011 Fashion Revue, including both construction and ready-to-wear projects, will take place on Saturday, June 25th. Entry forms are available online and are due to the 4-H office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3rd. This year our fashion show will take place at the FSK Mall!

For more information on Fashion Revue or the Clothing Workshop, please e-mail Bailey Roe at bee-bah2630@comcast.net

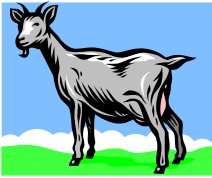
MD State Fair 4-H/FFA

We are pleased to inform you that the 2011 Maryland State Fair 4-H/FFA information is now accessible on the Maryland State Fair website.

To access the information, visit <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/> then from the State Fair's home page click on the "Competition" tab and then click on the "4-H" link. From the "4-H Competition" page you can view and print each of the available 2011 4-H/FFA Premium Book Sections.

Please contact Chris Anderson canders2@umd.edu or Linda Garner terp23@umd.edu if you have questions.

Goats For Sale



Kristin Zimmerman is going away to college and would like to offer some of her award winning **dairy goats for sale** to interested 4-Her's. Newborn kids to mature goats will be for sale. If you are interested please contact: Kristin Zimmerman (301) 845-8825.

Dairy & Market Goat Workshop

Save the date: The Frederick County 4-H Market Goat Workshop will be held at the Frederick Fairgrounds on Friday June 3rd following the market goat weigh in. The dairy goat workshop will also be that evening starting at 6:30 pm. To register please call Laura Ramsburg at 301-845-8364 or email Laura at jdlar@aol.com. Each participant will need to bring a goat to work with for the evening.

Save the Dates: 2011 Junior Sheep & Goat Skill-a-Thons

The University of Maryland Extension Small Ruminant Program conducts two junior skill-a-thons for youth, ages 8 to 18.

The Junior Sheep & Wool Skill-a-Thon is held annually at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. This year it will be held Sunday, May 8, 2011 in the dining hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The competition is open to individuals and teams from any county or state. Pre-registration is requested by April 25th.

The Junior Goat Skill-a-Thon (covering all aspects of goat production) is held in conjunction with the annual Western Maryland Field Day & Sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center near Boonsboro, Maryland. Competition is open to individuals from any county or state. Pre-registration is requested by September 19th.

For more information, visit these web pages:

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html>

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/goatskillathon.html>

Or contact Susan Schoenian, Sheep & Goat Specialist at sschoen@umd.edu.

Spring Goat Show

The Capering Kids 4-H Goat Club Presents the 1st ANNUAL SPRING FLING GOAT SHOW on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. For more information call the Allegany County 4-H Office at 301-724-3320.

Caretaker Position Available

The Frederick County 4-H Camp Center currently has an opening



for their caretaker position. All individuals interested in the position please send a resume to Mr. Smith, Attn: Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center, P.O. Box 547 Jefferson, MD 21755. Resumes will be accepted at the P.O. Box until April 15, 2011. For questions regarding the position please contact Committee Chair Eddie O'Hara at 301-471-5968.

Camp Staff Trainings

We will meet to plan our camp classes and receive training required by Maryland 4-H and the American Camping Association. All trainings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the Extension Office on Montevue Lane in Frederick.

April 7th, April 28th, May 12th

There will be a state-wide camp staff training at the University Of Maryland Extension Washington County office on May 21st, time TBA.

4-H Summer Camp

July 11-15 and July 18-22

See 4-H website for online registration forms.

<http://frederick.umd.edu/4-H/index.cfm>

Maryland 4-H Day At Camden Yards



Come one, come call to the Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards Sunday, July 24, 2011! Tickets are only \$13 and are located behind home plate and down first base line. Bus parking permits are available for group travel.

Help us reach our goal of 1,500 4-H Friends. Youth 14 and under get to run the bases after the ball game! For more information contact Amanda Brown at akbrown@umd.edu

State Livestock Skill-a-Thon Results



The Maryland 4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon was held in conjunction with the Maryland Cattlemen's Convention on Saturday, March 5, 2011. We had a great turnout for the contest (37 juniors, 48 intermediates and 54 seniors) and I would like to thank all of the 4-H'ers who represented Frederick County at the Contest.

Livestock Spring Sale

The Westminster Livestock Auction will be holding an Easter Sale on Saturday, April 16, 2011 starting at 12 p.m. Items will be received from 7 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on the morning of the sale.

The following items will be accepted: goats, lambs, small pigs, large and small poultry, rabbits, bunnies, eggs, pottery, flowers, homemade candies, and baked goods. Lambs and goats must be weaned or sold with their mothers as a family. Poultry must be in good health; adults cannot be missing feathers.

4-H and FFA members are encouraged to use the sale to purchase or sell their livestock projects.

For more information, call the office at (410) 848-9820 or call Victoria at (443) 277-7952 or Earl at (443) 506-5243. Let Victoria or Earl know if you will be bringing items to the sale. This way they can inform potential buyers. The Westminster Livestock Auction is located at 1117 Old New Windsor Pike, Westminster, MD 21157.

Upcoming Beef, Sheep, & Swine Club Dates:

2011 Meeting Dates: Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center 7:00 pm
 April 27, 2011
 May 22, 2011 (workshop)
 October 6, 2011 & Nov. 16, 2011

Weigh In Papers Due: May 27th

**To be in good standing to be sale eligible each member is required to attend 4 meetings or 3 meetings and 1 workshop. A member may have up to 2 excused absences due to illness, or a "graded" school function, sporting events are not excused. All requests must be sent prior to the start of the meeting in which the excused absence is being requested, to BSS Club Vice President Konnar Miller at millerjkn@comcast.net

Frederick County participants included Kallan Latham, Breitta Latham, Aislinn Latham, Oliva Dutton, Laura Dutton, Dylan Harshman, Kendall Harshman, Kaitlyn Fuss, Ashley Fuss, Kendra Kenney, Jake Kenney, Ben Sanville, Ian Sanville, Brandon Benitez, Kameron Dorsey, Caroline Edwards, Karianne Strickhouser, Joshua Baker, Haley Trevino, Ray Martin, Timmy Lambert, and Jared Harshman.



Placing in the junior division were: 3rd place Caroline Edwards, 11th place Ben Sanville, and 15th place Kallan Latham. Placing in the Intermediate division were 5th place Brietta Latham, 11th place Kameron Dorsey, and 20th place Kendall Harshman. In the senior division Aislinn Latham placed 16th and Kaitlyn Fuss placed 17th.



Frederick County 4-H will be hosting the annual Maryland 4-H Livestock Round Up July 5, 2011-July 7, 2011. The three day event will highlight workshops and fieldtrips designed for all Maryland 4-H'ers carrying projects in the areas of beef, sheep, swine, goats, and new this year- DAIRY. Registration will be

limited to 80 youth participants. More information regarding speakers, workshops, and trips will be available May 1, 2011.

BSS 50th Anniversary Shirts

2011 Marks the 50th Anniversary of the Frederick County 4-H Beef, Sheep, & Swine Club Sale. To celebrate the anniversary the club will be designing t-shirts to wear on sale night. If you would like to submit a t-shirt design to be in the running for the 2011, 50th Anniversary T-shirt please contact the committee chair Kaitlyn Fuss at 301-898-0039 or you can email your design to the 4-H office at din-skeep@umd.edu by April 27, 2011.

Show Like A Pro: Dairy Workshop Returns

Attention ALL 4-H Dairy Project members! Mark your calendars now for June 11th-12th 2011 for "Show Like A Pro III." You are invited to attend the annual dairy workshop and show sponsored by the Frederick County MD 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee. We are proud to announce the return of Chris and Jen Hill of MD-Hillbrook Cattle Services to again join other professionals and dairy enthusiasts to give the best possible experience to the participants. Past workshops received glowing reviews by attendees from MD, PA and DE. Our goal is to increase the number of participants we can accept this year and at this point we feel we have the resources in place. The workshop provides knowledge and skills needed to care for your animal both prior to and during show season.

This workshop has the complete set of tools needed by those wishing to compete in fitting and showing, from beginners to those at the pinnacle of their 4-H career. The workshop will conclude with Judge Chris Hill presiding at the 3rd Annual Frederick County 4-H Dairy Workshop Showmanship Contest. See how you stack up with the best of the rest and get ready for the big shows! For details see the UMD dairy website at <http://ansc.umd.edu/extension/dairy/> or contact Frederick County 4-H at 301-600-1594 and request details by mail. Frederick County registration packets will be available March 15th and may be submitted beginning April 1st. Out of county or state registration packets will be available starting April 1st and may be submitted beginning May 1st. Applications must be fully complete prior to acceptance and will be approved on a first come first serve basis if demand exceeds available resources. Registration will end at close of business June 6th.

Dairy Field Day Rules & Schedule 2011

The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association has released the Field Day rules and schedule for the upcoming show season. For ease of access this document is located on the Dairy Extension website <http://dairy.umd.edu/>

If you have any questions regarding this document or the information contained within, please feel free to contact Kiera A Finucane, Coordinator of Dairy-Beef Extension Activities at 301-405-1392 or via email at kieraf@umd.edu

Frederick County, Maryland Dairy Princess Candidates Sought

The Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess Committee is seeking candidates for Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess. Candidates must:

- Maintain residency in Frederick County, Maryland (they may attend an out-of-state college),
- Be a daughter of one of the following: dairy farmer, dairy farm manager or herdsman, employee in a dairy related industry (farm store, cooperative, DHIA, feed supplier, veterinarian, milk inspector, etc.), be employed herself as one of the above.
- The owner of at least one dairy animal in a 4-H or FFA project; and/or enrolled in a dairy-related project for at least two years, including dairy foods, dairy judging and/or dairy leasing programs (NOT dairy goats and dairy steers)
- Be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2011 and must not reach her 22nd birthday by Dec. 31, 2011.

Candidate may not hold a farm queen or dairy breed queen title that would cross over for more than three months. The dairy princess is also expected to attend the Dairy Princess Seminar in Pennsylvania, which will be held July 5-8, 2011.

A completed resume, two recipes with dairy ingredients, a professional picture and letter of interest is due to Johanna Allen, 5185 St. Marks Road, Jefferson, Maryland 21755, by April 30, 2011. The committee is also looking for Dairy Maids to represent Frederick County, Maryland. The Dairy Maid program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies between ages 13-16 may become a dairy maid. For more information, call Johanna Allen at 301-834-5358 or e-mail Johanna at mjkrallen@comcast.net. The contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center, 3702 Basford Road, Frederick, Maryland 21703. The Dairy Princess chosen will represent Frederick County at the Maryland State Dairy Princess Contest on July 13-14, 2011 at the Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland.



ABC SUMMER BONANZA Jackpot Show

Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Road - West Friendship, MD 21794-9604

JUDGE: Tom Cooley, Iowa

Grand Champion Steer \$750.00
Res Grand Champion Steer \$500.00
3rd Overall Steer \$300.00
4th Overall Steer \$150.00
5th Overall Steer \$75.00

Grand Champion Heifer \$750.00
Res Grand Champion Heifer \$500.00
3rd Overall Heifer \$300.00
4th Overall Heifer \$150.00
5th Overall Heifer \$75.00

Bonus \$100 Piedmont Sale Futurity Champion
\$50 for Piedmont Sale Futurity Reserve Champion
Champion & Reserve Champion of Breed Classes will receive a chair!

Breed Champions \$75

Reserve Breed Champions \$50

100% Entry Fee Payback In Each Class

****ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT****

CHECK-IN HEIFERS SATURDAY 7-8:30 AM
WEIGH-IN STEERS SATURDAY 7-8:30AM

OPENING CEREMONIES
BEGIN 8:50 AM

HEIFER SHOW
9:00 AM

STEER SHOW
12:00 PM

BIG Sweep



Does your 4-H Club need funds? The 10th annual Big Sweep will take place on April 16, 2011. The Big Sweep is similar to a walk-a-thon but participants collect sponsorships for picking up trash in Frederick City and County. In the past 9 years, The Big Sweep has engaged over 8,000 volunteers in service who have picked up about 144 tons of trash and recyclables and 3,989 tires while raising about \$380,000 for participating nonprofits. All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to participate by pulling together a team of 4-H members, parents and leaders and raising money to pick up trash. Groups keep 70% of what they raise! For more information, contact Eve Shafi at 301-663-5214 or eves@handsonfrederickcounty.org



COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE MARYLAND DAIRY JUDGING TEAM!

SPAGHETTI DINNER
APRIL 16, 2011
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
FREDERICK COUNTY 4-H CAMP
3702 BASFORD RD, FREDERICK

TICKETS: \$8.00 ADULTS
\$5.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER



Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance

New Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program for 2011

Beginning in 2011, All Maryland 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits MUST complete a new on-line training program to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows.

4-H'ers are required to complete the training program in 2011, unless they completed the on-line training course during 2010.

4-Hers will 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). Thus, each time a member enters a new age division, they will be required to complete the training PLUS if a 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program they must return to program and complete the program for the new species area.

The new on-line program gives youth the opportunity to fulfill the Quality Assurance training requirement via internet from their home, school or local library. The AH&QA program has voice narration, so the material is shared in both written and oral form. Members will be asked to respond to questions to evaluate knowledge at two points during the program.

There are two major parts to the program: Part 1 is completed by all members. Part 2 contains specific information for each animal specie - members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each specie project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit. The program takes about 60 minutes to complete. When members register for the program in Part 1, they will be provided a unique Passcode. **Members should write their Passcode down and keep it in a safe place!** If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their Passcode on Page 1 of the program.

For 2011, members will have access to the AH&QA program from March 1 through July 31st. **Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 31st.**

The link to the website to access the AH&QA program will be posted on the Maryland 4-H website between March 1 and July 31 at <http://www.maryland4h.org/> or go directly to <http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA/>

Upon completion of the individual specie section, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. We suggest keeping the Certificate of Completion with their animal health papers (CVI forms). Each member's progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

Ag Week 2012: Save The Date !!!

February 20-25, 2012

Set up displays on Sunday, Feb. 19 2012 after mall closes between 6-8 p.m.

Pick up displays after mall closes on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 after 9 p.m.

Record Book Thank You !!

A special "Thank You" too all our record Book judges from 2011. Thank you to Jan Dommerich, Kathy Axline, Paul Spurrier, Barb Turell, Susan Trice, Paul Meade, Pat Fellows, Brenda Seiss, Steve Berte, Becky Clarke and Sharon Hamilton. Thank you for supporting our program.

UME Volunteer Training

UME Volunteer Trainings are now offered online! This great new opportunity provides volunteers many more chances to become UME Volunteers with the flexibility of participating from home. Dr. Lisa Dennis has scheduled UME Volunteer trainings for the first half of 2011 as follows:

April 14th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
May 16th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm
June 13th	6:00 pm to 8:00pm

Volunteers can register at the following site:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127>

We encourage all adults helping in any way, including parents, to go through this process.

Volunteers must have **completed all** their UME Volunteer **paperwork**, available online at <http://www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers/UME%20Volunteer%20Policy%20Forms/index.cfm>. Paperwork must be sent to the Frederick County 4-H Office.

Volunteers should have access to a phone line as well as high speed internet connection (not dial-up).

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