

News and Notes

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Special Edition - Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Approaching

As this issue of News and Notes is being written, The 61st Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is rapidly approaching. The countdown clock is at 88 days. That sounds like a lot of time, but August 14, 2009 will be here before you know it. Plan your projects NOW!

There are several changes to entry procedures and rules, so make sure to look inside the newsletter for information on the following topics:

- Demonstrations:
- Special Activities
- Cakes

Animal and indoor exhibits, demonstrations and Special Activities must be pre-entered this year. The preferred way to enter your 4-H exhibits is through the online entry system on the fair website at www.MCAGfair.com

If you need paper entry forms, they will be available in the Fair Catalog, at the 4-H Office, or from your club leader. Paper entries should be mailed to or dropped off at the Fair Office. The address is:
*16 Chestnut Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877*

Entry Deadlines remain the same as last year:

- **Animal entries are due to the fair office by July 10, 2009.** (A late fee will be assessed after this date.)

- **4-H Building entries are due to the fair office by July 20, 2009.**
- **4-H Demonstration entries are due to the fair office by July 20, 2009.**
- **Float / Walking Unit Entries for the 4-H Parade are due to the fair office by July 20, 2009.** Entry forms will be mailed to club leaders.

Entry day for non-perishable exhibits will be Wednesday, August 12, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. If you plan on using your exhibit later in the week, remember to stop at the table outside the 4-H building prior to entering so we can mark it. Otherwise you will not be allowed to remove it from the building.

Perishable exhibits will be accepted on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your perishable exhibits in a cooler if they need refrigeration. A Drop-Off Pass can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please make sure to use the Dalamar Street Entrance to the fairgrounds when arriving with your perishable exhibit. **The Drop Off Pass will not be honored at any other entrance.**



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Jeannie Raines wins Staff Excellence Award from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Jeannie Raines was recognized by the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on May 7, 2009. She received the Off-Campus Staff Excellence Award from Dr. Wei for her service to the Montgomery County 4-H and Youth Development Program.

Jeannie has been with the Maryland Cooperative Extension, one of the three branches of the College of AGNR, since 1984. She has most recently held the position of Program Assistant, a position



Jeannie receives award from Dr. Cheng-I Wei, Dean AGNR

created specifically for Jeannie, since no other job description fit all that she has done on a daily basis. She is the first point of contact for more than 300 4-H adult leaders, team coaches, county fair superintendents, not to mention the more than 1,500 4-H parents.

Jeannie has also coordinated the annual 4-H Recognition Ceremony, and the 4-H Cake Auction at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.

She also re-started the 4-H State-to-State Exchange pro-

gram in Montgomery County, and she will be spending the first day of her retirement in Ocean City with a couple of dozen 4-H teenagers from Montgomery County and Colorado!

“Whatever”

More than anything else, Jeannie is a great problem solver. Tim Gunn must be talking about her when he says “Make it work.”

If Jeannie has worked her magic for you over the years, be sure to look for the invitation to her retirement party later in News and Notes. She would love to see everyone there!

Perdue Family Named Montgomery County Volunteer Family of the Year for 2009

The Perdue Family consists of five members: father, Philip, mother, Susan, daughters Caitlin and Meghan and son, Christopher. They began their 4-H career 10 years ago when they joined the Pets R Us club. Since that time they have grown to become some of our most dedicated leaders and some of our most decorated 4-H members.

Both parents are truly indicative of how 4-H is a family affair. Philip is often seen helping to set up and tear down after 4-H meetings, events and contests. With several very active children, each parent also serves as chauffeur and chaperone for many different events. Susan has been an invaluable volunteer for the Montgomery County 4-H program. She is currently the leader of the Pets R Us club which she has been heading up since 2000. She is also our county dog bowl coach and coordinator who has coached very successful teams and individuals over the years. In addition,

she is also a member of the state dog council. If that weren't enough she also serves on several committees for the office and is only a phone call away whenever we are in need of help or support.

Susan and Christopher have also become very interested in and have helped spearhead a new Citizenship/Community Service program called Honor Flights. This program flies World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. and gives them the opportunity to tour the memorial. Susan and Chris work to solicit new volunteers, organize staffing for days the veterans come and serve as guides and caretakers at the airport and the memorial.

All of the children are remarkable 4-Hers and carry projects that range across all of our programs areas including: horse, dog, vet science, public speaking, nutrition, fashion, and many others. The family is also very musically gifted and

has shared that gift with our organization providing entertainment for the national Epsilon Sigma Phi conference for Extension professionals and for our own 4-H County Recognition program.

The kids have excelled in all aspects of the 4-H program and have been rewarded for it. All of the youth have received numerous county and state awards for their accomplishments. The Perdue kids have become tremendous mentors for younger 4-Hers as well and are always willing to share their experiences and even teach classes for other 4-H members.

We have been blessed to have such a wonderful and giving family involved in our 4-H program. They continually amaze us with their dedication and willingness to lend a hand whenever called upon. The Perdue family is a true embodiment of 4-Hs goals of making the best better, and we are proud to name them our 4-H family of the year.

4-H Lucky Clover Wins Photography Prizes

Congratulations to Samantha Brown, a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, who has received much recognition recently for her work in her 4-H photography project. In June and July Samantha's work will be shown at the new Thomas Farm Community Center in Rockville (700 Falls Grove Drive at the intersection of W. Montgomery Avenue). The lobby gallery is open during the normal community center hours (Monday-Friday, 6 am-9:30 pm; Saturday, 8:30 am-9:30 pm; and Sunday 10 am-6 pm). Samantha will display almost 100 pieces of photography during the two-month solo show. She won this honor through a program sponsored by the City of Rockville, called "Hidden Rockville." The program

supports local artists and provides a venue to promote their work.

On Earth Day, Samantha was notified that she won 1st place for teens in the City of Rockville's Environmental Photography Contest. You can see a better version of this unusual piece of work at



www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/contest.html

[contest.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/contest.html)

She also won 1st place in the state-wide High School Photography contest hosted by the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs at their annual convention. This recognition included a generous cash prize and ceremony on April 25th in Baltimore.

Samantha's photography includes both traditional and unexpected views of common items. The variety is surprising and is a direct result of exercises she is completing for her 4-H photography project. All county 4-Hers are invited to take a relaxing stroll through the lobby gallery and take a peek at Rockville's newest community center during the running of Samantha's show.

Montgomery County Competes in State Dairy Bowl

Montgomery County was one of the eight counties to compete in the 2009 Maryland Dairy Bowl.

Mandy (Beall) German coached the Montgomery County 4-H youth again this year. The intermediate team was made up of Patrick Fendrick, Curtis Gannon, Dunchadn Lyons and Catherine

Savage. They won second place. Dunchadn Lyons was placed sixth overall for intermediates.

The senior level team consisted of Raymond Fendrick, Colleen Gannon and Victor Gannon. They placed fifth out of eight teams this year.

The contest was held at the De-

partment of Animal Sciences, University of Maryland College Park on Saturday May 2nd. It began at 8:45am with teams competing in a double elimination bracket ranked according to their scores from the written exam. The students work very hard and show tremendous potential for leadership in the dairy industry.

Public Speaking Contest Results

The Montgomery County Public Speaking Contest took place on Saturday, March 28, 2009. 41 youths took part in the contest which consisted four different classes; Prepared Speeches, Radio Spots, Extemporaneous Talks and Dramatic Interpretations. The champions in each of these classes were as follows:

Prepared Speeches:

Junior Champion: Katie Koster
Int. Champion: Alana Hamann
Senior Champion: Angela Gale

Radio Spots:

Junior Champion: Nicholus Sakha

Int. Champion: Meghan Perdue
Senior Champion: Colin Shay

Extemporaneous:

Junior Champion: Katie Koster
Int. Champion: Meghan Perdue
Senior Champion: Chris Perdue

Dramatic Interpretations:

Int. Champion: Joshua Reaves
Senior Champion: Caitlin Perdue

Champions from this contest are eligible to compete in the State Communications Contest. See the Montgomery County 4-H website for complete Results.

State Fair - Division X

The Division X - Special 4-H Programs is once again a part of the Maryland State Fair. The entry form for any of these programs needs to be received at the State 4-H office no later than August 1, 2009. The form is available on the State Fair website at:

http://marylandstatefair.com/marylandstatefair/uploads/File/2009_DIV_X_SPECIAL_FINAL_Revised.pdf

Paper copies will also be available at the Montgomery County 4-H Office.

A Fond Farewell...

As I prepare to retire at the end of June, I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the many 4-H families and volunteers that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 25 years. During my years in the 4-H Office I have tried to always encourage our youth and to support and assist the volunteers and parents. I hope that I have left you with a positive image of what 4-H has to offer. I know that you all have enriched my life and made my job meaningful and pleasant. I don't know of a better group of people to have worked with than 4-H families and volunteers. Thanks for the memories and I hope that I will see at least some of you in the community in the future.

Yours Truly, Jeannie Raines

Swing Yer Pardner Round and Round!

Yeehaw! The Back in Time 4-H Club invites you to an old-fashioned, country square dance on Monday, June 29, 2009! Those of you who attended our square dance last summer at the County Fair will remember our awesome caller, Jim Wass. Jim will be leading us again in some fun "hoe-down throw-down" and "do-si-do" steps. According to Back in Time 4-Her, Emma Wilcox, "This is an event that you won't want to



miss."

Join us in the large meeting room of the Extension Office Building at the Agricultural History Farm Park. We will be dancin' from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. on that Monday night. When you need to take a break from dancing, please enjoy our light refreshments and take a stroll over to see the educational display on barns.

The Back-in-Time 4-H Club also invites you to our annual Square

Dance at the Fair, which will be held on Monday, August 17, from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the Garden Room at the County Fairgrounds. This August, the dance will be followed by the popular Agricultural Jeop-R-Dee, which is a bushel of fun!

So put on yer dancin' shoes and grab yer pardner for an old fashioned evening of fun on June 29th with the Back-in-Time 4-H Club!

Reported by M-E Burton

Livestock Judging Team Forming Now

It is that time of year for us to begin livestock judging. If you are interested in learning what the judges are looking for at the fair, learning how to describe animals, and how to pick out the best ones, judging is for you.

You don't have to have any of these animals to be involved, just a desire to learn about them. We focus on sheep, swine, and beef. Judging will also teach valuable public speaking skills.

If you are interested in learning more about livestock judging please contact me at dgordon3@umd.edu or call me at 301-590-2813.

Adult Volunteers Needed for the 4-H Building Information Desk During the County Fair

As many of you already know, there is an information desk in the center of the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. We try to have it staffed with at least one adult volunteer at all times that the building is open to the public. Two volunteers are always better than one.

The building is open for visitors once all judging is complete. The dates and times are as follows:

- Sunday, 8/16, Noon - 10 p.m.
- Monday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Tuesday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Wednesday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Thursday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Friday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

- Saturday 8/17, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to earn your fair hours in an air-conditioned location! Daily passes will be available for volunteers who can work four or more hours in one day. If you are able to spend a few hours helping us out, please contact the 4-H Office or fill out the online form available on the Montgomery County website at <http://montgomery.umd.edu/4-H/OnlineRegistration.cfm>

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

August 14 - 21, 2009

Welcome the new 4-H Building Co-Superintendent!

The Montgomery County 4-H Community is very lucky to have a new Building Co-Superintendent for the 4-H Building. Please give a great big "Welcome" to Jan Sadowski! Make sure you introduce yourself to her during the Fair Workdays and let her know how you can help. If you need to get in touch with Jan before then, contact the 4-H Office and we will put you in touch with her.

Junior 4-H Building Chairman of the Day

The Junior Chairman of the Day assists the Building Superintendent with whatever needs to be done. They also coordinate the building activities with the Kids and Teens in Action volunteers. The Junior Chairman must be 13 years old or older by fair-week (August 14, 2009). Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. from Monday - Saturday of fair-week (8/17 - 8/22). You may sign up for a half-day (10am - 1pm, 1pm - 4pm) or a whole day.

Please contact the 4-H Office or fill out the online form available on the Montgomery County 4-H website at

<http://montgomery.umd.edu/4-H/OnlineRegistration.cfm>

if you would like to volunteer for this position. You will be contacted by the 4-H Office to confirm your date and time.

Kids and Teens In Action

Volunteer in the 4-H Building at the 2009 Montgomery County Fair and you can earn fair hours or service-learning hours! Here are the 2009 4-H Kids and Teens in Action opportunities. You must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours (4-H'ers 12 years old and older) to receive credit towards a Montgomery County Agriculture Center membership. Additional hours for membership can be earned by volunteering at the County Fair Workdays.

- **Building Helpers** - You will be assigned to a department in the building to help with entry days and release day, or Sunday after the Cake Auction.
- **Make and Take Crafts**- Supplies will be provided for you to teach a simple craft to fair visitors. You must volunteer 2 hours at a time. An adult volunteer also needed each day to supervise this activity. Days needed are 817, 8/18, 8/21, 8/22 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Vision Screening** - Eye doctors will teach you how to conduct a simple vision-screening test for fair visi-

tors. You will be working with the eye doctors. Days and times will not be available until a later date but if you are interested in working with vision screening please let us know.

- **Project Show and Tell** - The goal is to have at least one project area being displayed during the following times. This is a great opportunity for a club to "show their stuff"! Ideas include: making airplanes, beading, computer science, needle arts – crocheting, knitting, weaving, embroidery, wood-working, electrical. Days needed are 817, 8/18, 8/21, 8/22 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact the 4-H Office or fill out the online form available on the Montgomery County 4-H website at

<http://montgomery.umd.edu/4-H/OnlineRegistration.cfm>

if you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities.

4-H Honor Guard Needs You!

Sign Up Today – Limited to the First 8 4-H Youth Who Contact the 4-H Office

You must be 12 years old or older and strong enough to carry a large flag through the parade route on Parade Night at the County Fair (Sunday, August 16th).

You will be our Parade starters, representing the county 4-H program. There will a mandatory practice session prior to the Parade which will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. You will receive a 4-H T-shirt to wear in the parade and you will earn fair hours for your service.

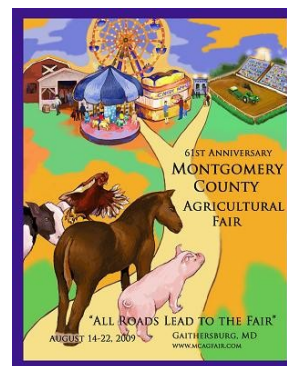
2009 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Catalog Available Online Now!

Hot off the virtual presses! This year's fair catalog is available RIGHT NOW on the fair web page. It can be found at:

www.MCAgFair.com

As you are planning what projects to enter, remember to check the catalog for all the rules that need to be followed.

Printed copies will be available to be picked up at the 4-H Office in June. We will notify your club leaders when they come in.



Discounted Fair Passes for 4-H Families

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is once again offering discounted fair passes to our 4-H families. A team of stakeholders consisting of representatives from the fair board, fair volunteers, Montgomery County 4-H, fair chairpersons, department superintendents and others was assembled to decide on this year's ticketing policy. The wide range of input and feedback allowed the team to reach a consensus that was acceptable to all. The fair board would like to thank everyone for their participation in this process.

4-H Families may purchase discounted passes to the 2009 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

for members of their immediate household. This includes parents, non 4-H siblings, and other family members living in the same household. The prices for passes are as follows:

- 9-day Pass (Parking at Perry Parkway only included) for ages 16 and up will be \$30. This is the same price as 2008. Passes will be punched for each day, and a hand stamp will be required for re-admittance.
- 9-day Pass Wristband (any entrance, no free parking) for ages 2-15 will be \$15.
- Discounted Daily passes will also be available to 4-H family

members only at a cost of \$5.00 each. This also includes parking at Perry Parkway only.

- Children under 2 years of age will be admitted free of charge.

Discounted passes will be available until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th. ***No exceptions will be made.***

4-H Volunteer and Member Cards are available at the 4-H Office. These will allow you admission to the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th until 7 p.m. only. Member and Leader Cards will also serve as passes for entry into the 2009 Maryland State Fair.

Important Entry Information for Demonstrations and Cake Exhibits

Division 38: Demonstrations

All entries must be pre-registered using the online entry system, or on a paper entry form sent to the fair office. The entries should not be sent to the 4-H Office this year.

If you will be using a animal in your demonstration, contact the 4-H Office no later than July 20, 2009 so that arrangements can be made for the presentation of your demonstration.

The dates and times for the different demonstration classes are as follows:

Animal Demonstrations:

Tuesday, 8/18 from 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Wednesday, 8/19 from 4p.m. - 9p.m.

General Demonstrations:

Tuesday, 8/18 from 4p.m. - 9p.m.

Wednesday, 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday, 5p.m. - 9p.m.

Science and Technology:

Thursday, 12 Noon - 4p.m.

If you know you will have a conflict with any of the dates and times of your demonstration (if, for instance, you know you will be showing your

dairy cattle on Tuesday, 8/18 in the afternoon and you are entering an animal demonstration) please make sure to notify the 4-H Office no later than July 20th.

Division 40: Special Activities

All entries must be pre-registered using the online entry system, or on a paper entry form sent to the fair office. The entries should not be sent to the 4-H Office this year. The Dates and Times are as follows:

Blue Ribbon Demonstrations

Monday., 8/17, 10a.m.-noon

Monday, 8/17, 4p.m. - 9p.m.

Informal Demonstrations - Vet Sci.

Friday, 8/18, 11a.m. - 1p.m.

Informal Demonstrations - Ag.

Monday - Thursday 10a.m. - 8p.m.

Informal Demonstrations - General

Monday - Thursday 10a.m. - 8p.m.

Baked Goods

All baked goods MUST be placed on Stiff, disposable or aluminum plates

or cardboard discs that has been covered with foil or freezer paper (waxed side up). Cookies must be on paper plates that are of appropriate size for cookies.

CAKES MUST be exhibited with topside up on a ten-inch Heavy, Cardboard disc that has been covered in waxed paper, freezer paper or foil.

All of the above rules, as well as others, are published in the Fair Catalog and will be enforced. Failure to follow these rules will cause the disqualification of your exhibit.



Did You Know.... More Fair Information

4-H Cake Auction Sunday, August 16, 2009

We would like to invite all of our 4-H families to join us in the Cattle Pavilion on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. for our annual 4-H Cake Auction. This is our main fundraiser for the Montgomery County 4-H Program. All money raised from the auction goes back to our 4-H program 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 cake is not in the auction, please join with friends and family to form a syndicate to bid on a cake. If you know a business that would like to make a donation in this way, please encourage them to attend the auction on Sunday. If you need a pass for a cake buyer, please contact the 4-H Office. We have a limited number of passes to use for this purpose.

4-H Parade Entries

Have you got your float committee or walking unit together? The theme for this year is "*4-H Puts You on the Right Road*". Your club can earn some extra money by entering the 4-H Parade. Prize money is awarded to all 1st through 3rd place winners.

Floats will be judged in the Cattle Show Pavilion on Sunday, August 16th starting at 4:00 p.m. Walking units will assemble and be judged outside the Heritage Building starting at 5:15p.m.

Entry forms will be mailed to each club leader in June. They will need to be completed and returned to the 4-H Office by July 20th.

Stage Hands Needed

The Fair Royalty Stage in the Racing Park will be decorated on the afternoon of Sunday, August 16th beginning at 3:00p.m. and then dismantled following the crowning of the Fair King and Queen around 8:00 p.m.

The Royalty Committee is in need of volunteers to help with this project. 4-H Youth will receive SSL hours for their time. If you can help, please contact Lorelei Irons at 301.253.3223 or by email at lazyhoginn@verizon.net .

Parking Concerns During Fair Week

Due to limited parking space, it is requested that there be no long term storage of trailers during the fair. It is expected that livestock trailers be taken home for the duration of fair week. There can be no parking of vehi-

cles or equipment between the barns. This is a safety issue, and is a violation of fire marshal rules.

More Entry Information

Citizenship Baskets with Food Items:

Entry of Citizenship baskets with baked good will be on Saturday, August 15th with the other perishable entries. These entries will be judged by a baked goods judge.

Entry of Citizenship baskets with preserved foods will be on Wednesday, August 12th with the other indoor non-perishable entries. These entries will be judged by a food preservation judge.

See the 2009 Fair Catalog for all rules.

Free Health Checks for Small

Animal Entries

Dr. Pat Skipton will be providing free health checks for small animal entries for the 2009 Pet Show at the Agricultural History Farm Park (4-H Office) on Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm. Animal health forms will be signed by Dr. Skipton. Owners must provide their own current rabies information.

Animals must be on a lease or in a cage when brought to the Farm Park. Health checks will be performed by the historic barn. If it is hot, bring your animal(s) into a shady area or into the upper level of the barn where it is cooler. If it is rainy, you may leave your animal(s) in the car until it is your turn for a check.

Late arrivals past 7:30pm may miss out on this free service. Please keep all pets away from the Ag. Farm livestock.

Thanks to Dr. Skipton for this great service!

Help Wanted...

Chairperson Needed: A new chairperson is needed for the Miscellaneous Arts Division (Division 3). Duties include:

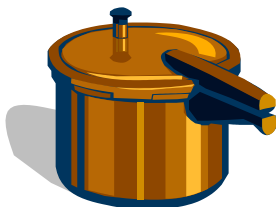
- Pre-Entry set-up of area (getting tables ready for displays and judging)
- Entry Night - Assisting exhibitors and judges
- Logging judging information (premiums/placings) into Chairman's Department Book for data entry at fair office.
- Placing Special Awards notices on exhibits
- Arrange display of exhibits for public viewing
- Take down exhibits on release day
- Two Chairman's meetings before and after the fair.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the 4-H Office.

Are You Entering Preserved Foods in the Fair?

Canning foods is resurfacing as a popular way of preserving foods. To ensure the safety of your family, foods must be canned in a safe manner. There are two safe ways of canning depending upon the food you are preserving. The boiling water bath is used for fruits, , tomatoes, pickles, jam, jellies and preserves. All other foods should be canned using a pressure canner.

Clostridium botulinum bacteria are the reason why low-acid foods must be pressure canned to be safe. The spore from the bacteria can withstand boiling and under certain conditions can result



in production of a deadly toxin. These spores can be destroyed by canning food at a temperature of 240 degrees F or above for a specific amount of time.

To insure that your canner's dial gauge is working correctly pressure canners should be checked for accuracy on a yearly basis. The University of Maryland Extension Office in Montgomery County will be testing pressure canners at no charge on the following days: June 16 and 25 and July 8 between 8 a.m.-2 p.m. You do not need to RSVP but canners will be tested on a first come basis.

Computer Table Volunteers Needed

4-H Youth are needed to work on the computer during the fair.

Dates and times are:

- Mon. 8/17 from 10a.m.-7p.m.
- Wed. 8/19 from 10a.m.-7p.m.
- Fri. 8/21 from 10a.m.-7p.m.

Volunteers may choose to work as few or as many hours as they wish.

To volunteer for any of these times, contact Jean Corraza or Bud Corazza by email at jcorazza@verizon.net.



Fair Workdays, Early Entry, Information Booths, Fair Hours...

Fair Workdays

Dates: July 18, 25, August 1, 8

Work days begin at 8:00 a.m. If you arrive and sign in by 9:30 a.m., you will receive one Free Lunch ticket. Remember, you must be at least 12 years old in order to earn hours for your Fair Membership. You must sign in and out on the Fair computer System in order for your hours to be counted.

The 4-H Building needs volunteers at other times to help set-up areas for entry days. Evenings are needed on Monday August, 10th starting at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, August 13th all day & evening. Other times will also be needed.

Please call the 4-H office to sign up to help. Remember, the 4-H



building belongs to all 4-H Youth and we must all take care of it. Even a few hours make a big difference.

Speaking of Fair Hours...

A person wishing to earn hours toward a life membership must have attained the age of 12 years old before January 1 of year in which they register as a volunteer at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. Children are always welcome to help out during Fair Workdays, but if the child is under the age of 12 (4-H age) they must be accompanied by an adult and they cannot earn fair hours.

Fair Information Booths

Volunteers that are familiar with the fairgrounds and fair activities are needed to serve as "Information Specialists" at the information booths at the fair. Volunteers must have good communication skills.

This is a vital service to fair guests. This can be done by a 4-H Club or groups of two - four people. If you or your club is interested serving, please contact Sue Sullivan at 301.926.5858 or by email at suesownline@aol.com.

Do you need to Enter the Fairgrounds Early for a Show or Contest?

If you need to enter the Fairgrounds before the 10:00 a.m. opening time for a show or contest, you will need to enter through the Dalamar Street Entrance. You must have your entry passes, as tickets are not sold prior to 10 a.m.

You are cordially invited to a retirement celebration honoring Jeannie Raines
Jeannie has been a valued member of the Montgomery County Cooperative Extension office and 4-H
Program for 25 years. Please join us as we express appreciation to Jeannie for her many years of dedi-
cated service to the University
of Maryland, the 4-H Program, and the Montgomery County Extension family.

Join us for an old fashioned BBQ and picnic under the trees

Friday, June 19, 2009

5:30 pm

Agricultural History Farm Park

18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

5:30 Social Time

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Program Recognition and Presentations

\$15.00 per adult (includes dinner and gift)

\$10.00 per child age 12 and under

Please RSVP by June 12, 2009

We plan to present Jeannie with a memory book from family and friends. If you would like to contribute a
letter, card or pictures please mail or hand deliver to

Jeannine Shriver or David Gordon at the

Montgomery County Extension Office,

18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

by June 12 2009.

Return RSVP with payment to the 4-H Office: 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855

I am happy to be able to attend the retirement celebration for Jeannie Raines!

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Checks can be made out to MCEAC

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| May | |
| 29 | Applications for Montgomery County 4-H Scholarships due |
| 29 | Market Animal Registration due to the 4-H Office |
| 31 | Fashion Revue, Heritage Building at MC Fairgrounds |
| June | |
| 1 | Deadline for Animal Leases and Horse and Dog cards to be filed with the 4-H Office |
| 1 | Last day to register for Livestock Round-Up |
| 5 | Last day to register for Horse Jamboree |
| 6 | Mandatory Market Swine, Lamb and Goat Weigh-in |
| 10 | MCE Volunteer Training, 7 p.m. 4-H Office |
| 28-30 | Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree |
| 29 | Back In Time Square Dance 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Agricultural History Farm Park |
| July | |
| 6-8 | Maryland 4-H Livestock Round-Up |
| 10 | Animal Entries Due to fair office or online for MC Ag Fair |
| 12-17 | Montgomery County 4-H Camp |
| 18 | Fair Workday |
| 20 | Indoor Entries Due to fair office or online for MC Ag Fair Demonstration Entries Due to fair office or online for MC Ag Fair Parade Float and Walking Unit Entries Due to 4-H Office |
| 25 | Fair Workday |
| August | |
| 1 | Fair Workday |
| 8 | Fair Workday - if necessary |
| 12 | Indoor, non-perishable entries 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| 14 - 22 | 2009 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair! |
| 15 | Perishable entries accepted 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| 16 | Cake Auction 8 p.m. Cattle Pavilion |
| 17 | Back in Time Square Dance and Jeop-R-Dee at the Fair |
| 23 | Indoor Entries released 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. |
| 28 - 31 | Maryland State Fair |
| September | |
| 1-7 | Maryland State Fair continues |
| 23 | AIS Parent Orientation Meeting 7:30 p.m. 4-H Office |
| 24 | 4-H New Family Orientation 7:00 4-H Office |
| 30 | 4-H Leader Dinner and Update Meeting 6:00 4-H Office |

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Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Saturday, August 15 ONLY



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DRIVER MUST STAY WITH CAR

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Get on the
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