



# Montgomery County

## *News and Notes*

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**ACCESS 4-H** – Online 4-H  
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### ***A PDF Version of this newsletter is available on the [Montgomery County 4-H Website](#)***

Dear 4-H Families,

As we enter autumn one 4-H year is coming to an end and another one is just beginning. You should be organizing all of your project information, 4-H activity records, community service and school activity records to make completing your record book or portfolio a little easier. Look for information about our December 4-H Learning Day in this newsletter. It comes just in time to help you with this task.



We ask that if you are publicizing your club events with flyers, in newspapers or with radio spots, that you send your publicity copy to one of the Extension Educators to ensure that University of Maryland programs are represented correctly. We also keep these items in your club folders here at the office.

A new tool that we have to help with enrollment in your 4-H clubs is **ACCESS 4-H**. This is the online enrollment system recently implemented in Maryland. It has been in use in many states for several years. With this system, your club leaders will have the ability to renew your membership! The only paper that will need to be passed back and forth is the 4-H **Behavioral Expectations/Code of Conduct** form. Every member and their parent or guardian is required read and sign this form. It needs to be on file for at the 4-H Office for reference. Look for an email allowing you to create a password to access your personal record. You will be able to add and remove projects and keep your contact information up to date yourself! There is complete information about the new Maryland 4-H Participation Fee later in this newsletter.

We had many 4-H members with wonderful home arts exhibits at the State Fair this year. For a list of the indoor building exhibit champions and reserve champions [click here](#).

To see the Fashion Revue program with results of champions and overall champions [click here](#).

Photo Challenge, Shepherd's Lead and Costume Animal Parade Champions [click here](#).

### ***Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum***

Join us for the 2010 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum that will be held November 19-21 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City!

The Carousel Resort Hotel is our host for the weekend. This Ocean City landmark is known for its indoor ice rink, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and family friendly accommodations. The Forum has saved a block of rooms for early bird registrants at an excellent rate.

The Forum provides an excellent opportunity for teen and adult volunteers to learn the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve Maryland 4-H's three major goals - Strengthening Clubs, Enhancing Volunteer Development, and Reaching New and Underserved Audiences. And don't forget the Share Fair and Silent Auction.

Register by October 15 to receive the "early bird" conference rate of \$65.00. The registration fee is \$100.00 for registrations postmarked after October 15. Registrations must be accompanied by a check and will only be accepted through October 30; don't delay, register today! And remember, you need to make your hotel reservation by October 20, 2010.

Montgomery County 4-H is offering scholarships to the first 10 families that request them. The early bird hotel room rate will be reimbursed for one room for one night, and the early bird registration fee for all participating family members will also be reimbursed. Call the 4-H Office at (301) 590-9638 to see if any scholarships are still available.

Here is the registration information you will need:

- [2010 Forum Registration Form](#)
- [2010 Forum Class List](#)
- [Maryland 4-H Health Form](#)
- [Forum Liability Release Form for Adults](#)
- [Forum Liability Release Form for Minors](#)

## ***National 4-H Science Experiment Has Environmental Message*** by Cathy Dobos

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National Youth Science Day was celebrated at the county 4-H office on October 6 with a roomful of young 4-H scientists taking part in the 2010 National 4-H Science Experiment, called "4-H2O." Approximately 60 4-Hers, parents, and guests were present. The experiment, which showed how carbon dioxide can affect our natural water sources, touched on four areas: the acid effect of CO<sub>2</sub> on water; how CO<sub>2</sub> gets trapped in the atmosphere; calculating the carbon footprint of the "Green" family; and the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and nutrient runoff on algae growth.



The evening ended with a presentation by Dr. Doug Lipton from the U of MD on oyster restoration in the Chesapeake Bay. Members of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club sponsored the event with a team presentation, giving instructions to the participants as well as scientific background information, complete

with visuals. Presenters were Katie Koster, Yeanie Amara, Marlana Nothwehr, Leah McLean, Philip Drum, Kai Huang, Kara Koster, and John Schepis. Club families also provided refreshments. All those who attended the October 6 event are reminded to report the results on your family's carbon footprint by following the instructions on the handout, and going to <https://site.4-h.org/nysd>. Let's boost Montgomery County to the top of the state tally!

Additionally on September 28 the Lucky CLOvers presentation team had the privilege of conducting the experiment with Don Floyd, CEO of the National 4-H Council, David Kim, a visiting executive from Korea, and other Council staffers at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase. After the experiment, they enjoyed having lunch, answering questions about their 4-H experiences, and displaying many exhibits from the fair.

## ***Around the County*** by Kathy Lyons

### ***Dairy Goat Club Members In The Spotlight!***



Pictured left to right: Dunchadhn, Gordon and Cuan

The top two winning acts in the Montgomery County Fair's "So You Think You Can Dance" competition consisted of Dairy Goat Club members. Dunchadhn Lyons, Vice President, won the competition by performing Irish Dancing and Cuan and Gordon Hendricken took second place with their ballet and modern dance performances. Congratulations to these talented Dairy Goat Club members!

### ***Master Dairy Goat Showman at State Fair!***



Dunchadhn Lyons won Master Showman as an Intermediate at the recent Maryland State Fair. He took first in his age group and then went on to win champion showman against the Senior Division winner. He is pictured at left with his sister, Casey (a former 4H member), who sponsors a plaque that has been awarded to the Master Showman these past two years.

### ***Montgomery County Dairy Judging Teams Perform Well At State Fair!***

Two of the three-member Senior Dairy Judging Team from Montgomery County placed in the top 10 in the statewide competition held on September



Intermediate Team: back-Dunchadhn Lyons and Ian Doody; front-Cory Zimmerman, Curtis Gannon, Julia Doody and Catherine Savage.

4th. Both members, brothers, Jason and Ryan Zimmerman, will be headed to national competitions in the fall: Jason made the A Team and will be competing with the state team from Maryland in Madison, Wisconsin; Ryan made the B Team and will be off to Louisville, Kentucky! All three members, including Brent Zimmerman who placed 19th, are in the Montgomery County Holstein Club.

Our Intermediate Team placed second in the State with three of its members placing in the top ten overall: Julia Doody 6th, Dunchadhn Lyons 9th and Ian Doody 10th. Ian and Dunchadhn also took 3rd and 4th respectively in Oral Reasons. Miss Tara Toth did an excellent job representing our county as the only junior member!

As of this writing, I am pleased to announce that the Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging Team was named the 2010 National 4-H Dairy Judging Champions on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest being held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin! The team won Oral Reasons and High Team Overall. The team is comprised of Hannah Hood - Frederick Co, Jessica Sentelle - Frederick County, Jason Zimmerman - Montgomery County, Caitlin Corbett - Washington County. They are coached by Kiera Finucane and Jeff Semler. They've been invited to the Royal Highlands Contest in Scotland. This marks the 30<sup>th</sup> time that Maryland has earned the title of National 4-H Dairy Judging Champions.

Congratulations to all!

### Advanced Electric Club

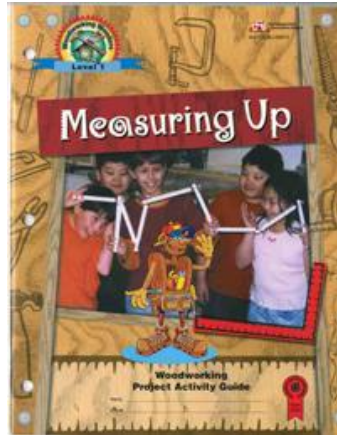
By Lisa Gannon



The Electricity Club displayed items made by members in the 4-H building at this year's Fair. There was an electricity quiz board, a basic motor, a simple circuit with light bulb, a wet cell 'Cola Clock,' a voice changer, and a buzzer. The quiz board and buzzer exhibit were this past year's group projects, with the buzzer demonstrating a self-interrupting circuit. The display was a great way for members to interact with the public and share what they are learning.

The Electricity Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the 4-H Office in Derwood, at 7:15 pm. New members are welcome ... now is a particularly good time to join in since we are starting project activities for the new year.

## ***Woodworking, Anyone?***



Would you like to learn woodworking? A basic woodworking group will begin on October 26<sup>th</sup> and continue to meet every other Tuesday evening at the 4-H Office in the downstairs workshop/garage.

We will start by using hand tools and sand paper on the first project.

Register by calling returning the form at the end of this newsletter to the 4-H Office before October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please include an \$8.00 materials fee with your registration. Registration will be limited to the first 20 paid registrations.

## ***Lights, Camera, Action!***

The Video Production Group is ready to launch its fall season! Interested past and new members should step up now and register with the 4-H Office before October 12<sup>th</sup> by calling (301) 590-9638.

This season we expect practice using video equipment (your own or professional), learn the best techniques for taking videos vs. still photos, and edit and assemble videos using computer capabilities.

We expect to meet one evening each month, possibly the fourth Monday or Tuesday. Please indicate your preference when you register.

## ***University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program Begins 4-H Participation Fee in 2011***

The challenging economic times our nation is in has directly affected the funding available to the University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Substantial budget cuts over the past two years, and anticipated budget cuts next year, have led to the need to institute a 4-H participation fee for all 4-H members in Maryland. This fee will help ensure that Maryland 4-H can continue to be one of the leading Youth Development programs in our state. Beginning with the 2011 4-H year, each youth club member will be required to pay a \$10 participation fee annually. This equates to \$0.83 a month. These funds will be used to sustain 4-H programming across the state of Maryland. A statewide committee comprised of youth and adult volunteers, educators and administrators was assembled to work on the details of this plan. Youth focus groups were held to work through the implications of the need to implement this new annual fee. The University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to continuing the long standing tradition of providing excellent 4-H programs for Maryland's youth.

For a Frequently Asked Question document concerning the new fee [click here](#). This document will more than likely answer the majority of questions that people may have. However, several face to face sessions have been planned around the state of Maryland to provide opportunity for additional questions. Two of the sessions include call in options. Pre-registration is required. The following information highlights the dates and locations.

**October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM– Maryland 4-H Center – This gathering will include a call in option**

8020 Greenmead Drive  
College Park, MD 20740-4000  
301-314-9070

To register click the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=133>

**October 21<sup>st</sup> @7pm – WMREC – This gathering will include a call in option**

18330 Keedysville Road  
Keedysville, MD 21756-1104  
301-432-2767

To register click the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=132>

**November 13<sup>th</sup> @2PM– Wye Research & Educational Center**

124 Wye Narrows Drive  
Queenstown, MD 21658-0169  
410-827-8056

To register click the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=130>

**November 21<sup>st</sup> @2pm – UMES**

2122 Richard A. Henson Center,  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
410-651-6206

To register click the following link:

<http://www.agnr.umd.edu/seminars/Description.cfm?ID=131>

## ***Montgomery County Farm Bureau Scholarships Available***

Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Inc. is a private, non-profit membership organization with a membership of over 3,000 family members. Montgomery County Farm Bureau established this scholarship program to assist students who plan to work and/or teach agriculture in the State of Maryland. Montgomery County Farm Bureau realizes the importance of supporting the next generation by offering these scholarships in order to keep agriculture viable and keep the family farms and agriculturally related businesses in the State of Maryland.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Inc. offers a total of six \$1,000.00 scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in agriculture or an agriculturally related field in a two-year or four-year educational institution. These scholarships are designed to assist students who have demonstrated character, scholarship

and talent and who are interested in pursuing an education and eventual career in the Maryland agricultural, plant related industries and/or Maryland Agriculture Education.

#### ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland.
2. Application must be enrolled or accepted in an undergraduate or graduate animal science, plant science or other agriculturally related curriculum in a two-year or four-year institution. (Student must carry a full-time course load during the semesters the scholarship is granted.)
3. Applicant must demonstrate an overall 2.5 GPA.
4. Applicant must receive excellent references from employers, and/or instructors, and/or industry contacts.
5. Applicant must intend to pursue a career in animal science, plant science or other agriculturally related industries.
6. Applicant must be available to receive the Scholarship in person at the Montgomery county Farm Bureau's Annual Dinner Meeting in Gaithersburg, Maryland on November 9, 2010.

Click [here](#) to download the [application](#). Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Lechliden at (301)253-1501 or by e-mail at [Thelecksfarm@aol.com](mailto:Thelecksfarm@aol.com). Completed applications and supporting documentation must be returned to Mrs. Lechliden no later than October 28, 2010.

### ***Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship***

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau and the Robert T. Mangum Family established "The Robert T. Mangum Memorial Scholarship Fund" in 2004 to honor Montgomery County businessman, Bob Mangum for his dedicated service to the agricultural industry, the community, and to horticultural/agricultural education. The scholarship, one award in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2000), is given to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in horticulture, agriculture, plant science or a related field in a Maryland two-year or four-year educational institution. The Scholarship is designed to assist students who have demonstrated character, scholarship & talent and who are interested in pursuing an education and eventual career in the Maryland agricultural or plant related industries.

Eligibility requirements and applications can be downloaded at <http://site.mangumscholarship.com/Home.html>. Completed applications and supporting documentation are due by October 15, 2010.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4-H Learning Day***

Are you a new Montgomery County 4-H Youth or have been in 4-H but would like some help on how to properly complete a 4-H Record Book? Are you a Senior 4-H Youth and would like to learn how to complete a portfolio that will help you be selected for an Out-of-State trip? Do you need some help organizing your demonstrations? Would you like some help planning your projects to exhibit at the 2011 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and Maryland State Fair? Come to the Montgomery County 4-H Learning Day on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Topics such as keeping track of your 4-H activities, what is required for a "project completion", organizing a demonstration,

completing a record book, and creating a portfolio to apply for Out-of-State trips will be covered. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the programs beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch and drink.

Pre-registration for this program is required and will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 29<sup>th</sup>. This program requires a minimum of 15 pre-registered participants to be held.

Adult volunteers to help teach any of these topics are welcome.

Please call (301) 590-9638 or email [fendrick@umd.edu](mailto:fendrick@umd.edu) to register or volunteer.

### ***Record Book and Portfolio/Resume Judge's Training***

Training for record book judging will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at the 4-H Office. Training will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about two hours. The training is appropriate for adult volunteers who have never judged record books before and for those who would like a refresher.

Please call the 4-H Office at (301)590-9638 to register by December 28<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of six registrants is required for this training to be held.

### ***Junior Fair Board Accepting Applications***

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center Junior Board of Directors will be accepting applications for perspective board members. Applicants must be between 16-22 years old and either current or past 4-H members, FFA members, or fair volunteers.

Junior Board members meet every other month during the school year and monthly in the summer to prepare for fair events. The JBOD is a highly involved youth volunteer organization dedicated to learning about the operations of the fair while experiencing hands-on the inner workings of the fair. To learn more or to request an application, please contact the Montgomery County Agricultural Center at (301)926-3100. Applications must be returned to the fair office no later than November 3, 2010.

### ***Looking for Montgomery County Fair Dog Show History***

*Did you ever show in the Dog Show at the MC Fair? We're working on a book to celebrate the history of the Dog Show at the MC Fair and there's a lot of data missing and very few old photos. Do any of you have any of the old catalogs with who showed, who won what, or maybe even some old photos you'd like to share?*

*The data from 2000 – forward is complete, but before that – some years we have nothing. Barbara Ridge (who was the superintendent of the show from 1969 – 2008) has contributed what she has (and believe me, we've picked her brains!) She's given*



## **Looking for an Udderly Terrific Parade Theme**



The theme of the 2011 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is "It's Udderly Terrific." This year there will be a contest to choose a theme for the 4-H Parade that is based on the fair theme.

Submissions may be made by individual 4-H Youth or 4-H clubs. Put your thinking caps on now and look for complete rules and prizes in the December 2010 issue of News and Notes.

## **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Poster Contest**

Help Raise Awareness about carbon monoxide. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is sponsoring a nationwide carbon monoxide (CO) safety poster contest to help raise awareness about the dangers of CO in the home. Possible topics include: recognizing CO exposure and CO exposure symptoms; the inability to see or smell CO; steps to protect against CO poisoning; and installation and testing of a CO alarm. Additional information about the dangers of CO may be found at [www.cpsc.gov/info/CO](http://www.cpsc.gov/info/CO).

Participants may submit entries to the CPSC until their December 31, 2010 deadline. Only one poster per child may be submitted, and all entries must be received no later than December 31, 2010.

Visit [www.challenge.gov/cpsc](http://www.challenge.gov/cpsc) for judging information and contest rules.

## **Fuel Up to Play 60. Focus on the Health "H"**

What if you had the power to help make your school even better than it already is?

Welcome to *Fuel Up to Play 60*. It's a new youth program sponsored by National Dairy Council and the National Football League designed to empower students to take action for their health and improve their school environment. YOU can help make a difference. All you have to do is eat healthy, play at least 60 minutes a day and participate in fun activities in and out of school.

Additionally it is a chance to get involved in a nationwide competition between participating students and schools. The *Fuel Up to Play 60* competition is an opportunity for you to make long-term healthy changes while competing to win prizes for both you and your school. You will track your healthy eating, physical activity, and participation in *Fuel Up to Play 60* activities as well as refer friends, take pop quizzes and answer challenges to earn points towards exciting prizes. The competition starts on October 15, 2009. Learn more, go to <http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/> to see if your school is participating.

## Youth Service America Grant Programs

<http://www.ysa.org/grants>

Youth Service America supports and motivates youth, educators, and service-learning coordinators by distributing more than \$1 million dollars in micro grants each year to help support youth-led service and service-learning initiatives.

While most of the grants support projects that culminate on Global Youth Service Day in April, funding is also available for projects in the fall.

Youth Service America thanks our sponsors who support and underwrite the following grants to increase the quality and quantity of service and service-learning.

Sign up to receive grant and awards announcements.

See a list of grantees by program and year or sort through it by issue area. YSA grantees work together with millions of other youth around the world celebrating their work every spring on Global Youth Service Day.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Animal Science Leaders Forum

Save the Date...



**2011 Maryland 4-H Animal Science Leaders Forum**

Open to Adult Volunteers, Teen Leaders, and UME Staff!

Animal Science Updates will be discussed, and a variety of sessions will be offered in:

- Animal Science Subject Matter
- Youth Development
- Best Practices
- Club Management

Saturday, January 29, 2011  
Patuxent Research Refuge  
Laurel, MD



Visit [www.4horse.umd.edu](http://www.4horse.umd.edu) for more details!

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Animal Science Leaders Forum** on Saturday, **January 29, 2011** at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD (see attached flyer for more details). This event is open to adult volunteers, teen leaders (14 years of age and up), and UME staff working with all Animal Science Project areas. This includes livestock, dairy, equine, dog, etc...project areas. Annual updates as well as workshops on a variety of topics will be offered.

We need your help determining what topics we should offer workshops on for this year's event. Therefore, please take a minute to let us know your thoughts by filling out a short survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X3PBWZS>

Registration information will be available by November 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.4horse.umd.edu](http://www.4horse.umd.edu)



## Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

<b>October</b>	<b>2010</b>
12	Last day to register for Video Production Group
15	4-H Adult Volunteer and Teen Forum – Last day for earlybird registration
22	Woodworking Group – last day to register
23	Entrepreneurship Readiness Workshop
26	First meeting of woodworking group
<b>November</b>	<b>2010</b>
3	Last day to apply to Junior Fair Board
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration opens for 2011 Animal Science Leaders Forum</li> <li>• Submissions due for December News and Notes</li> </ul>
29	Last day to register for 4-H Learning Day
<b>December</b>	<b>2010</b>
4	4-H Learning Day
28	Record Book Judging Training for Adult Volunteers – Last day to register for training
<b>January</b>	<b>2011</b>
4	Record Book Judging Training
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record Books due</li> <li>• Resumes/Portfolios due</li> <li>• Presidential Service Award Applications due</li> <li>• Completed Diamond Clover Plans due</li> </ul>
13	Record Book Judging
27	New Officer and New Leader Training
29	Animal Science Leaders Forum
<b>February</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>2011</b>
10-15	Montgomery County 4-H Camp Tawasentha
<b>August</b>	<b>2011</b>
12-20	2011 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

**Woodworking Group Registration**  
**Return to 4-H Office before October 22, 2010**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For office use: Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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