



# Montgomery County

## News and Notes

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### SPECIAL BRIEF EDITION



#### 4-H FASHION REVUE

The 4-H Fashion Revue date has been changed to **June 4, 2011**, it will be held at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Heritage Building. **Applications are due to the 4-H Office by May 13<sup>th</sup>**. An application is available on the 4-H web site or you can call the office to get a copy mailed to you. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee for this event contact Alga Piechocinski for more information.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montgomery County 4-H Program is offering two \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships for any 4-H'ers who are high school graduates and will be enrolling in an accredited college, university or post high school program for the first time in the fall of the current year. The two \$500 scholarships are available to both 4-H'ers who have graduated and will be enrolling for the first time and for those re-enrolling in an accredited college, university or post high school program this fall. Scholarship applications are due to the County 4-H Office no later than June 15, 2011 and no late applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. 4-H'ers are responsible for making sure their application packet is complete, the 4-H Office will not contact you if your packet is incomplete. Call the 4-H Office for a scholarship application.

#### SAFETY CAMP OFFERED BY FREDERICK COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Frederick County Farm Bureau is proud to offer the 16th annual Safety Camp. This year we have planned an exciting 3 day 2 night camp. With the camp theme of SAFE: Staying Accident Free Every day campers will enjoy classes that are tailored to personal hygiene, plant, pool/sun, fire and animal safety. Demonstrations will be given on power take off (PTO) and K9 units.

Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will not exceed 80 campers. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2011. Registration fee is \$20 and must be postmarked by that date. Safety Camp will start the evening of June 23, 2011 and will end in the morning on June 25, 2011. For a tentative schedule, registration application and for more details please contact Amy Jo Poffenberger at [amy7538@gmail.com](mailto:amy7538@gmail.com) or call 301-676-6732. The camp will take place at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activities Center.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE!

As part of 4-H's involvement with the Let's Move Campaign, 4-H National Headquarters has started a group to take the President's Challenge together – and you're invited to be part of it!

The President's Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H is answering this call by setting a goal with Michelle Obama to have 100,000 4-H members complete their PALA by September 2011. The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes those individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes minimum for adults).

Signing up for the 4-H group is simple. It's quick, and there's no cost to participate! **HOW TO JOIN:** 1) Go to: [www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/) 2) Fill out the registration form and 3) Start logging your activities. If you have questions please contact Alga at the 4-H Office.

## 4-H/FAIR PARADE THEME

The Montgomery County Fair is coming up fast. Is your club planning to enter a float or walking unit in the 2011 Fair Parade? The theme this year is “4-H Milk It For All It’s Worth”. Get your club’s members together and starting designing your entry for the parade.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR 4-H CLUBS?

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, our 4-H FIRST Lego League Team, the Robo Guards competed in the FLL State Championship. After making it past the Regional Qualifier, we worked for two months to improve our robot’s program, design and our presentation. Finally the day came. We ran a practice round on the table we would be using for the first round and it went well, and it was finally time to get started. Our team did great in the first round, scoring 150 points. The second round we had a slight problem, and scored only 55 points. The final round we did well again, scoring 145 points. Your highest score is the only one that counts, so our score for the robot game was 150. We waited for about an hour for the judges to decide the awards, finally they began to announce the awards!! We anxiously waited for our name to be called, when they came to the “**Quality Design**” award, for the team that used “solid design principles to reduce variables and errors”, we finally heard it! We happily walked up to receive our trophy, which was constructed of real Legos! We received two weeks off as a reward for our hard work, now we just have to do it again for the Montgomery County Fair.

Submitted by: Adam Donaldson

The 4-H Advanced Electric Club’s new officers are:

President: Ian Doody

Vice President: Victor Gannon

Secretary: M-E Burton

Treasurer: Cutris Gannon

Historian/Reporter: Jonathan Schrock

Photographer: M-E, Mindy, and Tucky Burton will share the job

Dick Evens demonstrated a hand drill mounted electric generator to the club. The club continued the work on magnetism. The club worked on completing the electro-magnets and relays they have been building. At the March meeting club members will be starting an electric motor project. Come and learn how to build your own motor.

Submitted by: Larry Raskin



Jonathon Schrock works on assembling his project while his dad Richard and Paul Leatherman look on.



Ed Hogan assists M-E Burton in winding her coil.

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