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Frederick County 4-H Newsletter

**Frederick County 4-H News in
April - May 2025**

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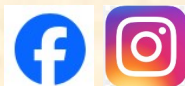
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Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to one of our 2025 Frederick County 4-H Scholarship Winner, Marshall S.!

Marshall is a member of the Johnsville 4-H Club and graduated from Linganore High School. He has been a member of 4-H for 9 years and has carried the Market Beef project for 8 years, the Market Lamb project for 9 years and the Market Swine project for 9 years.

In Marshall's own words.... "Through 4-H, I have had the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and understand that the qualities of a strong 4-H member - such as leadership, responsibility and service - are also valuable traits for success in any career path."

"Reflecting on my 4-H career, some of the most meaningful and impactful experiences I've had involve giving back to the younger members of the club. Being able to share my knowledge and experiences has not only helped them become more successful, but has also shown me the importance of contributing to my community."

This fall Marshall plans to study Criminal Law at Frederick Community College with the goal to become a Maryland State Trooper.

Congratulations Marshall, we wish you much success in your future!



Congratulations to one of our Frederick County 4-H 2025 Scholarship Recipient, Garrett C.!

Garrett is a member of the Johnsville 4-H Club and graduated from Linganore High School. He has been a member of 4-H for 9 years and has carried the Swine Market project for 9 years, the Beef Market project for 3 years and the Poultry Market project for 1 year.

In Garrett's own words.... "One of the most meaningful experiences in my 4-H career has been serving as both President and Treasurer for the Johnsville 4-H Club. I was a very shy kid who dreaded speaking in public prior to being elected as President in 2023. That position taught me a different type of responsibility. It was on my shoulders to speak up and call meetings to order, or represent and speak on behalf of my club at different community functions and meetings."

Garrett completed the HVAC and Plumbing certification program through Frederick County Career and Technology Center his sophomore and junior years of high school. This fall Garrett will begin pursuing an Associate's Degree in General Studies at Frederick Community College and at the same time plans to work towards becoming a HVAC/Plumbing journeyman. His future goal is to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Communication so that he can one day open up his own HVAC company. Congratulations Garrett, we wish you much success in your future!

Exciting News

Achievement Day

On May 4th we had an amazing celebration at the Frederick County 4-H Achievement Day Program. From record books to leadership awards, public speaking to project excellence, it was all about recognizing the hard work, growth and dedication of our incredible 4-H youth. Congratulations to all our members, volunteers, and families who make 4-H such a powerful, positive force in our community. Your passion and perseverance are truly inspirational!



Congrats to Caroline C., Nicholas C., and Liam G. who received state-level recognition for their Animal Project Records!! Special Shout out to Nicholas C. who received the top project record in the state of Maryland!

We were honored to attend the Frederick County Pomona Grange's 109th Annual Banquet in April, a special evening celebrating the values of community, service, and agriculture. Congratulations to our 4-H'ers Ela and Trenton for being recognized as Outstanding 4-H'ers for 2025! Thank you to the Pomona Grange for 109 years of dedication to Frederick County's agricultural roots and rural communities.



Events

Homesteading Day



May 19, 2025 was Homesteading Day with Frederick County Parks and Recreation, MD at Utica Park, Frederick MD! The participants learned how to needlefelt, planted and tasted some zesty and nutritious microgreens, dried herbs and made some tasty seasoning mixes and tinctures, shook up a jar of their own butter, and learned about the parts of an egg and the life cycle of chickens.

Kids Growing With Grains



In May, Frederick County 4-H Educators hosted 'The Wonderful World of Grains', which was held at the historic Rose Hill Manor Park and Museums. More than 400 fourth-grade Frederick County Public School (FCPS) students from four elementary schools took part in this event. Throughout the month, Educators went back into each classroom to teach a follow up lesson about grains to really help the kids understand the benefits of agriculture in our day to day world.

2025 Maryland 4-H State Dairy Bowl

Congrats to the Frederick 4-H Dairy Bowl contestants!

Team Placings:

Junior 5th

Intermediate 6th

Senior Scramble Anne Arundel/Carroll/Frederick Counties 2nd

Top Individual-Written Exam

Junior Dylan R. 2nd

Senior Jamie G. 3rd

High Individual

Junior Dylan R. 6th

Intermediate Abigail S. 7th

Senior Jamie G. 7th (Scramble Anne Arundel/Carroll/Frederick Counties)



Dairy Skillathon

Congrats to all our Frederick 4-H Dairy Skillathon participants! We had two 4-H'ers place in the top 10 throughout the state in their age categories. Way to go Dylan R. and Abigail S.!



2025 State 4-H Public Speaking

Congratulations to our Frederick 4-H'ers who competed in the Maryland State 4-H Public Speaking Competition! All of the people that competed in the state competition, were winners in their local counties so this competition had the cream of the crop!

Demonstrations:

Junior Ella E., 5th

Intermediate Adalyn E. 2nd

Extemporaneous:

Intermediate Blake G. 2nd

Prepared Speech:

Junior Hailey H. 1st

Intermediate Wendy K. 4th

Radio Spot:

Intermediate

Arleth L. Participation

Senior Danika W. 1st

Visual Presentation:

Junior Shanvi S. 3rd

Become a 4-H Volunteer today and help create life-changing experiences for youth in your community!

4-H Volunteers are a key component of the 4-H program. No matter your background or expertise, as a parent, a project leader, or any other leadership capacity, you can offer your unique talents, perspectives, and guidance.

- Lead community clubs, school-based or after-school programs, and camp settings
- Create community service opportunities for youth in your area
- Work with other adults to create fun and exciting programs



For more information and forms go to: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/frederick-county/local-4-h-youth-education/ume-volunteers>

What are the steps to becoming a 4-H volunteer?

Enroll in 4-HOnline as a Volunteer to start the process.

- Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- If you already have a family profile, while in your "Member List" click on "Add Member" and then complete **New Applicant** as your Volunteer position.
- If you are brand new to 4-H, please create a new account and then select **New Applicant** as your Volunteer position.

After you complete your enrollment in 4-HOnline, you will receive an email from Kim Krasauskis with the following steps for completing your 4-H Volunteer On Boarding:

- ◇ **1. Volunteer Orientation Training** -Please watch [this 4-H Volunteer Orientation Video](#) and then complete the Orientation Survey. Our office will automatically receive a notification of your completion of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation Training Survey
- ◇ **2. Background Check:** Once you complete your 4-HOnline enrollment and watch the Volunteer Orientation Training (#1 above) the Maryland 4-H office will send you an invitation email through vendor *Sterling Volunteers*. **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIVING THE INITIAL EMAIL FROM TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteer.com or you will be DISMISSED by Maryland 4-H for one year and unable to volunteer with 4-H until completing the onboarding in 2026.**
- ◇ **3. References:** An *Adobe Sign* email will be sent to your 3 references listed in your 4-HOnline Screening, so they can complete the reference form digitally. Please let them know in advance so they can watch for the email coming from kkrasaus@umd.edu.
- ◇ **4. Phone Interview** - To select a sign up time please go to: <https://bit.ly/4-HVolunteerInterview>
- ◇ **5. Signing an Appointment Agreement and Position Description** via an *Adobe Sign* email that will be sent to you after Steps 1-4 are completed.

**** A 4-H Volunteer cannot work with 4-H Youth until ALL the above steps are completed and the 4-HOnline record is approved by both the State office and our local Frederick County office. The volunteer will receive a welcome email after all steps and approvals are completed and they are cleared to work with 4-H youth.**

If you have any questions about becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Kim Krasauskis at kkrasaus@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

Club News

Entomology

The members of The Entomology Club held their annual Stream and Lake Hike at the Greenbrier State Park on Sunday, 13 April. We walked in the stream and into the lake to look at and capture all kinds of interesting creatures. We managed to find nymphs of caddisflies, stoneflies, crane flies, mayflies, dragonflies, and beetles as well as frogs and salamanders. We released the frogs and salamanders, but kept some of the various insects that we will look at under a microscope at the Catoctin Creek Nature Center at our 18 May meeting. Members of The Entomology Club participated in the International iNaturalist City Challenge from 25-28 April where we tried to find as many creatures as possible and uploaded them onto iNaturalist.



Club members collecting insects in the stream.



Club members playing in the mud at Greenbrier State park.



Club members learning about collecting aquatic insects.



Club members collecting insects by the lake.

The Club members participated in the Master Gardeners' Earth Fest event on Saturday, 31 May. We showed insects and other creatures to lots of people. It was a fun event with lots more going on other than just entomology. For more information about The Entomology Club, contact Michael Turell at mbturell@gmail.com.



Members of the Entomology Club showing insects at Earth Fest.



Tommy and his pet bearded lizard, Draco,

Lincoln After-School

The 4-H Club had a fun time celebrating Earth Day with our own Earth Day Art Show. We are also impressed with the 4-H Club harvesting over 2100 Dandelion Flowers which amounts to 210,000 dandelion seeds that didn't go back into the native garden bed.



Club News

Goat Club



Goat Club meetings have been so fun! We created art from beans. We had a guest come to teach us how to perform fecals. At April's meeting we had our first skill-a-thon practice.

Shookstown

This year has been off to a great start. It's hard to believe it is already halfway through the year. We planned different community service projects this year, including guest speakers at our meetings. Our club is being challenged by our leaders, to choose a different project to complete this year, other than the usual. We have had demonstrations and crafts at each meeting. We made Valentine's Day decorations that were made from buttons and had a great demonstration on Serama chickens. Congratulations to the members that received awards at the achievement night. We recently had a craft night with the Kaleidoscope Club. Everyone was busy making things. Our club is planning and looking forward to the meeting/picnic in July. We make crafts and enjoy the company. Everyone always enjoys themselves. Our club will be having a raffle, like last year. If interested, please contact a member of the Shookstown Club. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

It's hard to believe The Frederick Fair is less than 100 days away. Good luck to all youth members. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be ready.

Submitted by: Reporter Colton



Club News

Rocky Ridge

The Rocky Ridge Club community service project for the month of May was held at the Thurmont Senior Center. Club members landscaped the flower beds for the seniors and planted flowers.



Tailwaggers

Tailwaggers Update By May L.

The Tailwaggers Club is off to a great start this year. We have welcomed several new members and have been

attending multiple training activities. We recently

finished up agility training at Break Away Action Dogs with Ms. Carol. During the training, we focused on getting our dogs used to jumps, A-frames and other obstacles that are included in agility. There were two different groups, the beginner group and the advanced group, that worked at varying levels of difficulty. The club just

started our obedience and rally training at Catoctin Kennel Club with Ms. Dee in March. We have been working on our sit stays, our down stays, and a few other obedience and rally techniques. Ms. Dee is wonderful at working with both the students and the dogs at all different levels and abilities. We are also doing showmanship training at Catoctin Kennel Club with Ms. Tammy. During these classes, we learn how to show our dogs at upcoming fairs. This consists of trotting the dogs in a circular pattern and having them stand in a certain way while the judge evaluates them. We are looking forward to showing off these new skills at the Great Frederick Fair in September. We hope to see you there!



Club News

Rabbit Raisers

This spring has been packed with events for the 4-H Rabbit Raisers. Spring means bunnies for many and it gives us an opportunity to share our animals with the community. Our club celebrated the Spring season with bowling and many events. We hosted "Rabbits at the Library" and took our animals to the Brunswick Heritage Museum for Spring Fest.

A major highlight was the "Easter Bunny at the Airport" at Frederick Municipal Airport. "It was a great affair. We met with 500 children, and I hope to do this again in the future," said Temperance H., Historian for the Rabbit Raisers. Another highlight and club favorite was "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" at the 4-H Camp center on April 12th. We had a variety of bunnies to pet and a lot of friendly people to talk to. It was a huge hit with the Easter bunny in attendance. We are biased but we think our bunnies are the cutest.

As you can see by everyone's smiling faces in the photos, this Spring was a success! Getting into this summer, Rabbit Raisers has many events on the horizon. June 14th and 15th, the "Central Maryland 4-H Livestock Show" will be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. In July we are looking forward to our club picnic at the 4-H Camp Center. All of these events have been great other years and we hope that they are even better this year.



Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

Summer News from June - August- Friday, September 5, 2025

Please email submissions to Dawn Downing, ddown1@umd.edu



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