

4-H news from around Frederick County



Frederick County 4-H News in June - August 2025 Summer Edition

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State Fair Contests

Rabbit Judging

Three Frederick County 4-H members participated in the MD State Rabbit Judging and Skill-a-thon Contest. London T. and Flora M. from Rabbit Raisers and Dodge G. from Alpha Alpacas competed for the very first time. They did great! Tatiana B. & Rhiannon H. served as coaches and are very proud of them.

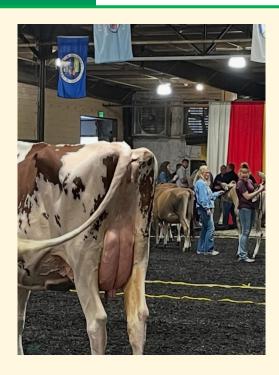
They look forward to them competing next year and invite anyone interested to join them next year!



Dairy Judging

Contratulations to Aubree S. for competing in Dairy Judging. We would love to have more 4-H'ers participate next year. Please reach out to the 4-H Office for more information!





Livestock Judging

On August 30, youth from across the state put their skills to the test in the 4-H Livestock Judging Competition! This contest challenges participants to evaluate classes of beef, swine, sheep and goats, ranking them based on traits such as structure, balance, and production qualities. Competitors then defend their decisions by giving oral reasons—a skill that builds confidence, critical thinking, and public speaking.

Frederick County had an outstanding group this year, with so many participants. They represented our county proudly and did a fantastic job! Thank you to coaches Donielle and David for investing in these 4-H'ers and helping them be successful and to build skills for the future.











Poultry & Egg Judging

On August 30th, members from Frederick County traveled to the Maryland State Fair and competed in the Maryland State Poultry & Egg Judging Contest. The contest consisted of judging & placing classes of live White Leghorn Production hens, giving oral reasons, judging eggs on interior, exterior, and broken out qualities, judging/grading market poultry and processed poultry products, and a parts id class.

The junior team was 1st overall in the contest and the intermediate team placed 1st overall in the contest.

All those that judged did an awesome job and I appreciate each one judging this year. Thank you to the parents for the time that they put into getting the children to the practices and contest.

If you are interested in finding out about Poultry & Egg Judging for next year, please call Dave Crum at







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Robotics

Frederick County 4-H'ers had a fantastic showing at the Maryland 4-H Robotics Competition on August 23rd. This contest challenged youth to work together as a team to design, build, and program robots to complete specific tasks. We are so proud of our Frederick County participants for their hard work, innovation and determination! Thank you to all the coaches who make this possible!











Horticulture Judging

Frederick County 4-H'ers shine at the Maryland 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest! On August 30, our 4-H'ers showed off their green thumbs! Our 4-H'ers tested their knowledge in plant ID, pest management, floral arrangements, and more! Frederick County kids earned top placements and proved their horticulture skills—many with no previous experience! Congratulations to all who participated. Your hard work paid off. Thank you to Ms. Myrtle and Ms. Susan for helping to prepare our kids in the months leading up to the contest.



State Fair Thanks for the Memories













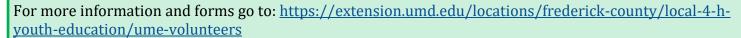




Become a 4-H Volunteer today and help create life-changing experiences for youth in your community!

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



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.

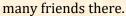


Club News

Rabbit Raisers

The Rabbit Raisers have been busy this summer! In July, we had a great time at our annual club picnic at the 4-H Camp Center. We enjoyed swimming and taking some time off from our projects. Shepherd DeFrehn said, "It was one of the best picnics ever!"

In August, several members attended the Maryland State Fair and showed rabbits. We also had a booth "Blooming in 4-H." We are eagerly preparing for the Great Frederick Fair and hope to see









Club News

Boots N Buckles

Boots N Buckles 4-H Club had a club meeting at Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch in Middletown.

Members learned about mixing soils and how to prepare pots for planting chrysanthemums.

Aubrey also led members in a fun craft making bookmarks.

Later in the summer the club had a fun pool party.









Upcoming Newsletter Submission Deadlines:

December 5, 2025 which will include News from September 2025 through November 2025

Please email submissions to Dawn Downing at ddownin1@umd.edu Phone Number 301-600-1589

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