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4-H news from around Frederick County



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Want to learn more about our 4-H opportunities and program?



Below is the link to our website where you can access the recent editions of our Spark Newsletter containing information about upcoming 4-H events. You can also subscribe to receive the newsletter from our website.

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The Great Frederick Fair

Character Counts Awards



Congratulations to all our Frederick County 4-H'ers who were honored at the 2025 Character Counts Awards Program. We loved hearing all the amazing and inspiring words that your club leaders had to share about you. Keep shining your light to make the world a better place.

Cake Auction

Congratulations to our Senior Frederick 4-H'ers Masyn and Jack for winning Grand Champion Cake and Grand Champion Pie at the Great Frederick Fair! Their baked goods were sold, along with 120 others, at the GFF Youth Cake Auction.



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2025 Master Showman



Congratulations to our 4-H'er Makayla B. for winning the 2025 Master Showman Award

The top showman in each of the 4 major market species (beef, goat, sheep, and swine) compete in this competition. Each showman is evaluated while they show an animal from each of the 4 species. To win this award, youth must have knowledge of all 4 species and confidence in showing different animals in the ring.

This is one of the most prestigious awards of the entire week! Congratulations to all who competed, you were phenomenal!!!



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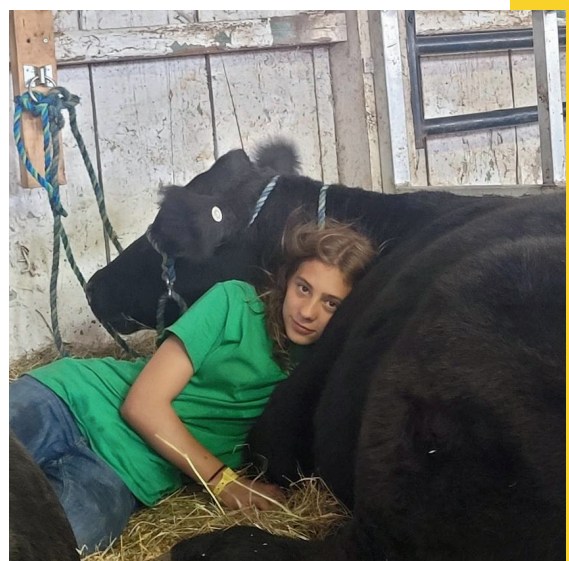
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Events

Ag Olympics



2 jam-packed days of FUN and over 300 kids at the 2nd annual University of Maryland Extension Frederick County Ag Olympics event!

All weekend long kids competed in:

- Straw Bale Stacking Races
- Cow Milking Competitions
- Compost Chaos Sorting Games
- Herb Hunting ID games
- Drone Challenges
- Egg Operation Games



Events

4-H Open House



Amazing night at the 3rd annual Frederick County 4-H Open House!! We had over 100 people come through curious to learn about 4-H. The cookies and cider were gobbled up fast and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all our amazing clubs who came out to promote 4-H!!



News

4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum



Frederick County 4-H was well represented at the 2025 Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum in Ocean City! Our teens enjoyed attending talks about public speaking, animal science, and more. Our volunteers attended workshops on how to make our clubs welcoming to all, fun camp ideas, and youth-adult partnerships. We are so thankful for this weekend to [#growstrongertogether](#)



News

4-H Volunteer Appreciation Bingo



A fun night at our 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Bingo night! Lots of fun prizes, amazing food, and great conversation. Thanks to the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center, Inc. for hosting us on this lovely fall Friday night.



News

Dynamic Automotive Donation

Thanks so much to Dynamic Automotive for your generous donation to Frederick County 4-H! During the months of August and September, they set aside \$5 from every oil change, and it added up to an incredible \$5,965 – that's a lot of oil changes!

We're so grateful for community partners like Dynamic Automotive who invest in the next generation of leaders here in Frederick County!



4-H All-Stars RTV and Cash Raffle



Thanks to the incredible support of our 4-H community, the All Stars raised over \$7,000 in profit! These funds will help offset expenses for youth attending national trips, support scholarship accounts, and fund more educational programs throughout the year.

- RTV Winner: Jane Smith, but donated to her son Wayne Smith (pictured)
- 2nd Place (\$1000) - Anonymous, but donated to help re-launch the Shooting Sports Club
- 3rd Place (\$500) - Katie Axline

Club News

Butterfly Ridge Elementary After School 4-H Club



The new Butterfly Ridge Elementary School Afterschool 4-H Club is off to a great start! The students dissected multiple fruits and vegetables to learn about and compare seeds! They learned about how apples come in various varieties and even did an experiment on the oxidation process of apples, with everyone enjoying a sweet treat after all their hard investigating.

Thanks to the Frederick City Government Community Promotion Grants for supporting taking 4-H Clubs to our Title 1 Schools!
"Talent is everywhere, opportunity is not."



Club News

Entomology Club

The Entomology Club (formerly known as Bug Patrol) attended The Great Insect Fair at Penn State on September 20, 2025. It is an extravaganza celebrating insects.



The members of The Entomology Club participated in a Trunk N Treat event at the New Market Elementary School on Monday, 27 October where our members terrorized and educated the students. Then, on Saturday, 2 November, we were invited to participate in a Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) event at Hagerstown Community College. We showed insects and other creatures to lots of people. It was a fun event with lots more going on than just entomology. We will have our annual Holiday Party on Sunday, 14 December, where we will enjoy all kinds of insect-related treats. For more information about The Entomology Club, contact Michael Turell at mbturell@gmail.com.



Showing a pet tarantula at Trunk n Treat event



Members of the club showing creatures at the STEAM event at Hagerstown Community College



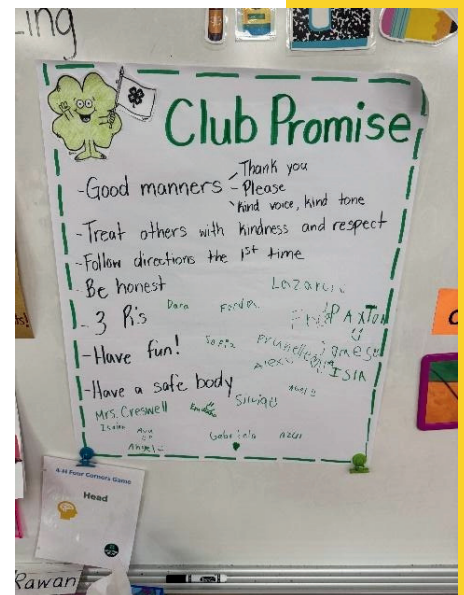
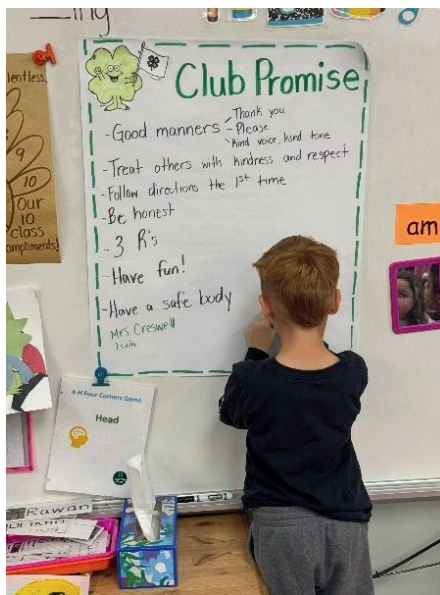
Members of the club at the New Market Elementary Trunk N Treat

Club News

Monocacy Elementary Afterschool 4-H Club



Teachers and kids, during the programs signing their agreements to the rules.



Club News

Rabbit Raisers

These past few months have been a blast, with the Fredrick Fair being a hit for the local rabbit show. Where people enjoyed not only the rabbit show but the activities that came alongside it. We had a dress up contest, for our rabbits, and their exhibitors, followed by the showmanship contest, and our skillathon.



As a club we enjoyed going to Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch. Where we got to pet a variety of animals. We also got to pick out our pumpkins for the fall season.



In November we had the pleasure of shopping for angel tree presents. That was a great way to connect with our club members, and serve our community as well.



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