



Down on the Farm

Spring Edition 2023 Newsletter



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Upcoming Events and Activities

Highlighted here are major upcoming happenings at Kinder Farm Park occurring over the next few months. Visit the Friends’ [12 Month Calendar](#) on our website to see all the happenings at Kinder Farm Park.

Pop-Up Hayrides

Come join us for a hayride through the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park on the following Saturdays: May 13, and June 17. The cost is \$5 per person (cash only) and children 3 and under are free. The first hayride departs from in front of the Visitors Center around 9:00 AM and continues about every half-hour until 11:30 AM (see flyer on [page 23](#)).

Kinder Farmhouse Openings

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open on the following Saturdays, May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farm land that sustained them. There is no charge to tour the farmhouse.

Meet the Kids on May 20, 2023

Join us on Saturday, May 20th for our annual Meet the Kids event. This is a great opportunity to meet all the newborn farm animals and members of the 4H Livestock Club and the Farm Livestock Education Program that care for all the farm animals at Kinder Farm Park. The event runs from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Note, all gate fees collected on the day of the event will go directly to support both the 4H Livestock Club and the Farm Livestock and Education Program (see flyer on [page 21](#)).

Walk in the Park on June 10, 2023

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking/Volks-march Club’s annual walking event will be on Saturday June 10, 2023 at Kinder Farm Park. The event will run from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM and it is open to everyone (for more details see the article on [page 3](#)).

From the President’s Desk

Spring has been a roller coaster ride this year with temperatures warming nicely for a few days, then plunging down to freezing. But after walking in the park, I can honestly say, “SPRING IS HERE!!”

Our Farm and Livestock Education Program has an abundance of new lambs and goats that have been born on the farm. Our sheep have not only had twins but triplets. All healthy, active, and ready to greet our visitors.

This group has also been working diligently on an organic gardening project. The site work was necessary and monumental, pulling up plastic artificial weed barriers and replacing them with organic weed control methods. The garden is used not only to produce (we hope) an abundance of vegetables but also as an educational tool for the walkers that pass by. They also have programs for children and adults.

Our Historical Society has a restoration project to reestablish a long-forgotten graveyard. New fencing has been installed and gravestones are being researched to help understand the history of the folks that have lived on the property.

I would encourage you to take a walk around our beautiful and unique park. The paved walking path offers 2.4 miles

around the perimeter of the park that affords you a glimpse into the interior. What I would suggest



to you is on your next walk, “take a road less traveled” and venture onto one of the many unpaved paths and see Bunks Pond, our wildflower meadows, our organic gardens, our pollinator garden, beehives, and our livestock grazing in the pastures. Please stay on the paths though and leave only footprints.

Enjoy! And I’ll see you at the park.

Barb Buchleitner

Easter Egg Hunt 2023

By Barbara Buchleitner, with photos by Kristine Mase

As promised, this was a rain or shine event. Being April 1 (April Fools Day); it rained and rained and rained! But we had our Easter Egg Hunt by moving most of the activities under the pavilion. The egg hunt was spaced out so that when the rain lessened, we sent the children out to gather their eggs. Everyone that showed up had rain slickers and boots. And let’s face it; little children LOVE splashing in puddles. They had fun!

Attendance was down about 25% from the people that signed up for this sold-out event, however the people that came had a wonderful time. The 4H and Farm Livestock and Education Program brought chickens, sheep, a cow, and goats in lighted tutu. All the animals were in costume, including a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny and companion were sponsored by Mindy Yates from My Fitness Gym. Photo ops were available with the Easter Bunny.



Our volunteers that helped with the setup, registration, egg “Hiding”, animal tending and cleanup were awesome as usual. Seeing the joy on the faces of the participants brought sunshine on a soggy day. Thank you!!



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Easter Egg Hunt 2023 (Cont.)

The Friends gave away goodie bags filled with candy and activities. Since the attendance was less than expected there were goodie bags left over. Luckily, the Saint Vincent DePaul society was having an Easter giveaway that day so the goodie bags that weren't redeemed went to help stuff easter baskets for people that visit the Food Pantry.

Note of Appreciation

A special thank you to Rosalie Spielman and her husband Kevin for their work over the past year in weeding and planting inside the historic Kinder Family Cemetery.



Kinder Family Cemetery, located next to the park Visitors Center.

A special thank you to Veronica Hruska and her team for clearing inside the historic Meyn Family Cemetery during March.



Meyn Family Cemetery, located in the wooded area, across Kinder Farm Park Road from the playground.

The process of uncovering and clearing the historic Yanky/Foreman Cemetery was begun by Ranger Helen Overman (who recently transferred from

KFP), and Diane Rausch from the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society. This project is still underway.

The county historical office assisted in determining the size of the cemetery. Volunteers Tina Simmons and Dennis Greene did the bulk of the clearing of the area. The Friends bought the fence posts and the sawmill cut the rails. The county has provided a metal sign for the cemetery that will be hung once the Blacksmith Shop completes the gate for the cemetery. The cemetery stones were restored by Stanford Monument Repair in Brooklyn.

Recently the project received a generous grant from the James Trader Foundation for Burial Sites in Maryland, which assists in cemetery preservation.

A special thank you to all those that have and will contribute their time and funding to honor, respect, and show remembrance of the past.

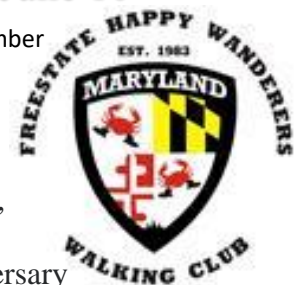


Yanky/Foreman Cemetery, located across Kinder Farm Park Road from the Visitors Center parking lot.

Walk at the Park on June 10th

By Bill Hassell, FoKFP Board Member

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking/Volks-march Club has scheduled a walking event on June 10, 2023, in Kinder Farm Park, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our Club and National Trails Day (a week late).



Volksmarch/walking is a wonderful way to discover historical and quaint places in Maryland at a slower

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Walk at the Park...(Cont.)

pace. Checkout the national website at: <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=123790> or email wahasse1798@verizon.net for a brochure and join us for fun, fitness and friendship.

On Saturday June 10th the volksmarch start table located in the River Birch Pavilion will be open from 8:30 AM until Noon with finish by 3:00PM. There is a \$3 charge per walker, children 12 and under walk for free. Gate fees are waived for walkers, just mention Walk or Volksmarch at the gate. The Kinder Farmhouse will be open for tours, and we will have information available on all the trails other clubs sponsoring walks in Maryland.

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking Club is a locally based club in Maryland. All of the trails are sponsored by local clubs belonging to the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a national non-profit organization, which promoted an awareness of physical fitness for people of all ages. A Year-Round (YRE) walk in Kinder Farm Park is one of 14 trails Freestate sponsors, others are: Savage, Chesapeake Beach, BWI Airport Trail, Ocean City, Brookside Gardens, Ft. Smallwood Park and several more that are available that you can walk anytime.

Our walks are non-competitive events (volksmarches) scheduled throughout the year, and mostly scheduled on weekends with several other walking clubs in Maryland. They are not a pledge walk, but are fun walks, to do by yourself, with your family, friends, and pets, at your own pace. Adequate time is allowed to finish the event 5-km or 10-km trail.

Ask for Bill or Linda and hope to see you there.

KFP Quilt Guild

By Lisa Sternhagen, KFP Quilt Guild Member

The Kinder Farm Park Quilt Guild is a small group of quilters who enjoy getting together monthly for friendship and quilting. We meet the third Tuesday, 1-3pm, at the Visitor's Center, or, on pleasant days, in one of the outdoor pavilions (the gate guard can specify where).

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Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

KFP Quilt Guild (Cont.)

The Quilt Guild made a lovely bed quilt for the Kinder Farm Park Farmhouse. It is displayed there and can be seen during the Farmhouse Open Houses. We have many additional quilt squares from that project and may make another quilt soon.



Quilt on bed at the Kinder Farmhouse

Our members are beginners to seasoned quilters. We assist each other with questions and techniques, but mostly meet to enjoy each other’s company with the combined love of quilting and needlework. Please join our group! We would love to meet you.

When shepherders have a sense of humor...



Farm Animal Birth Announcements

KFP 4H Livestock Club Animals

By Elsie Hoy, KFP 4H Livestock Club Reporter



Maddie the Boer-Nubian cross breed goat, owned by Keith Ivey, had her babies on Sunday, March 26th, Buttermilk (boy, brown) and Dizzy (girl, white).

Farm Livestock and Education Program Animals

By Jen Plant, FoKFP Board Member



Dinky the sheep picked the prettiest day of the year, February 23, 2023, to have her two babies. Way to go Dinky!

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Animal Birth Announcements (Cont.)



Muffin the sheep had babies on February 24, 2023, two ewes and a ram. Muffin you are a rock star!



Teddy the sheep gave birth to her first baby lamb on March 8, 2023, one perfect ram. Great job Teddy!



Buttons the sheep just gave birth to one big, beautiful baby girl on March 13, 2023. Her name is Sweater. A few hours later, Buttons gave birth to a boy, Scarf. Great job Buttons!



Miku the wool sheep gave birth on April 15, 2023, she has two beautiful perfect baby girls. Ebony and Ivory. It's about time, Miku!

KFP 4H New Animals at the Farm

By Elsie Hoy, Kinder Farm 4H Reporter

Kids in the Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club are just now getting our 2023 animals so we will be ready for the county fair in the fall. In our 4-H club we learn about farm animals and the process of raising and caring for livestock. This year members of our club have chicken, turkey, sheep, goat, and pig projects. Come and see our animals at the farm this summer, and plan to see them at the county fair September 13th through 17th!

New pigs at the farm - The pigs were born in February and arrived at the park on April 20th with club members (from the left) Kynzie & Jaidyn Railsback, Olive Patterson, Kolton Railsback, Bryan Davis, and Isacc Velthuis.



New goats at the farm - The Boer goats were born in January and arrived at the park in March.



Elsie Hoy with Swiss



Paul Hoy with Cow



Aviva Krauson with Chico



Sophie Krauson with Spud

New sheep at the farm - Clara Larsen has chosen Robin, one of Kinder Farm Park's own babies, as her lamb project for the year. Robin is a cross breed of Suffolk, Southdown, and Blue Leicester and was born in February.



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KFP 4H New Animals... (Cont.)

New chicks at the farm - The chicks were born in March and will stay separated from the hens for a majority of the summer until they are old enough to be combined into the flock.



New turkeys at the farm - We have two types of turkeys this year: Broad Breasted White and Orlopp Mammoth Bronze. Both breeds were born in April.



Creating a Butterfly Garden

By Rita Custer, Chartwell Garden Club Horticultural Chair

When you see a beautiful garden full of butterflies, birds, and pollinators, you might wish to have such a garden but think it is too difficult for many reasons, for example insufficient space or no green thumb.



Our mid-Atlantic climate says it is close to planting time meaning nighttime temperatures are above 50 degrees with no frost expected. Of course our climate is changing, and extremes are happening regularly, particularly powerful storms, sudden temperature swings, and excessive rainfall lasting for days or no rainfall at all. However, at some point you must decide to plant. Remember plants and seeds hate cold wet soil – 60 degrees is a good temperature.

What to plant? Native plants are always preferable because they aren't fussy, prefer our local conditions and provide support for butterflies, insects, invertebrates and other pollinators. They also require less irrigation, little fertilization and no pesticides. Some favorites include Coneflower and Black-eyed Susan and Milkweed if you want to help out Monarch butterflies. Go to dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/pages/habitat/wahumbutbee.aspx for inspiration or just google creating butterfly gardens in Maryland.

If you only have a balcony or patio your garden will grow in pots. Bigger is better as they won't dry out as fast and can accommodate more root growth. Perennial plants need freeze tolerant pots, and you will have more success if you select a plant that is one to two zones colder than your zone. So for 7A, select a perennial hardy to zone 5 or 6. Happy Gardening!

Apprentice Garden, Spring 2023

By Janet Clauson, Apprentice Garden Co-Chair

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park is a program organized by the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners. It occupies two of the community garden spaces and is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically.



Eight families are recruited each year to join the season-long program. Families have their own personal garden space where they can plant

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Apprentice Garden...(Cont)

vegetables of their choosing, and everyone shares in the common garden areas. From April through September, Master Gardeners and the families meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plan, plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs.

At the beginning of spring, the Apprentice Garden is still sleeping under a cover crop of crimson clover and straw. In late March, Master Gardeners planted cool weather crops in the common areas of the Apprentice Garden, including potatoes and greens. Rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender survived the winter in our “Mediterranean garden”. Mint is grown in big pots to keep it under control, and the hardy perennial survives the winter in the pots.

A large strawberry pot is tucked in the “Strawberry Corner”, so named because the strawberry runners have room to put down roots, and they are happily spreading, filling space in all directions. Master Gardeners will tend these early crops, and we will assist our Apprentice Garden families with planning their garden spaces and planting and tending crops of their choice in April and May.

Master Gardeners will add squash, cucumber, beans, tomatoes and peppers to the common area garden spaces after the danger of frost in mid-May. Sunflowers, marigold, zinnias and other pollinator-friendly flowers will be planted in the back corner of the garden to attract bees, wasps, butterflies, and other beneficial bugs.

Each season, low-till gardening techniques are used; no pesticides or herbicides are applied; Leaf-gro is used at planting, and organic fertilizer is applied monthly. In the fall, the garden spaces were planted with a cover crop of crimson clover to improve the soil and to prevent winter weeds from growing. If you peek over the fence, you will see cover crop still growing until about the end of April. The cover crop will be removed and composted as we get ready for planting spring vegetables. The walkways were covered with newspaper and topped with straw to prevent weeds.

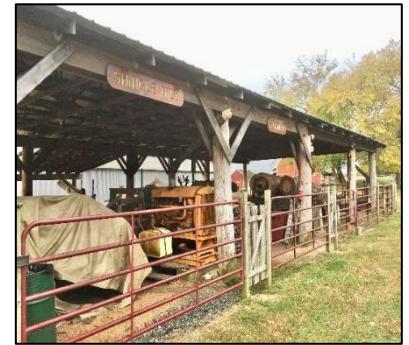
You are welcome to stop by the Apprentice Garden any Wednesday evening, when the program is reopened, and bring your questions.

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, please email:

Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com
or Kristin Silva at ka_silva@verizon.net.

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About the Sawmill at Kinder Farm Park



Every Wednesday a group of volunteers operates an 80-year-old Frick Model 0 circular sawmill at Kinder Farm Park. This

vintage sawmill runs about three hours each week, when the park holds special events, and by special request.

The mill produces boards that are used in various projects (i.e., build and repair buildings, fences, etc.), to support the needs of Kinder Farm Park, other local county parks, and other clubs falling under the auspices of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park (i.e., the Carpentry Shop and the Blacksmiths). In addition, the mill has supported Eagle Scout projects. The logs used to fulfill these requirements come from trees taken down at Kinder Farm Park, other local parks, or are donated by area residents and businesses.

In addition to operating the mill, the volunteers are also responsible for its maintenance. While operating approximately three hours a week does not sound like much, it quickly adds up to over 150 hours each year. Over the period of twenty plus years since this sawmill was installed on Kinder Farm Park, that adds up to over 3,000 hours! If that were your car it would be equivalent to well over 100,000 miles! With this much time on any

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machine there will be normal wear, and preventative maintenance is required.



Without boring you with pages of technobabble, please stick with me while I tell you about not only some of the projects the mill supports but also some of the work required to keep this piece of history operating.

Several years ago, folks running the sawmill noticed boards being sawn were not quite as perfect as they should be. Despite best efforts, the boards we were sawing were not coming close to required dimensions. Also, for some reason the engine began running hot. Thus began our long journey of maintenance and upgrades to the vintage Frick Sawmill.

First a quick intro into the Frick model 0 circular sawmill. It is not known when this sawmill was built, but since it has steel instead of a wood frame we believe it is only 60-80 years old. The sawmill uses circular saw blades that have a diameter of 48” or 56”. It can handle logs up to 18 foot long and 30-inch diameter, although on occasion larger diameter logs are sawn.

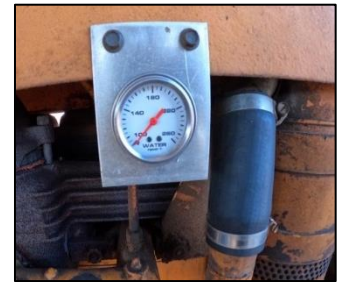
Originally tractor power was used to power the mill; however, currently it is powered by a Minneapolis Moline (MM) Company 605 cubic inch (9.9 liters) engine that was manufactured in the late 1940’s in Minnesota. The engine holds 3.5 gallons of oil and 12 gallons of engine coolant and produces 100 horsepower.

Maintenance on the mill began with what should have been an easy task, a simple oil and filter change. This should be an easy task, but we quickly

learned an oil filter for a 75-year-old engine is not readily available at the local car parts store. Fortunately, through our network of friends and acquaintances, we found a world class expert in Pennsylvania who knows all about these engines and was able to supply the parts needed to convert the engine to accept a modern oil filter. So going forward a replacement oil filter can be easily obtained from the local parts store. One of the volunteers donated new spark plugs and oil, and one hour later the old engine was happy!

But... this poor old engine still had issues with running hot in the summer and too cold in the winter. This just was not right. Upon inspection, we learned this old engine is supposed to have *two* thermostats; however, we found one was missing and the other was rusted shut. Another call to our expert in Pennsylvania and two new thermostats were on the way. No wonder it couldn’t keep cool!

And of course, since the original temperature gauge was not functioning, no cooling system work would be complete without adding an operational temperature gauge.



Next our attention turned to why the saw (“The Saw,” the noun is what they call the 56” circular blade that cuts the logs into boards) was getting hot and why boards we saw (the correct verb is saw, not cut) were not accurate and why our saw was getting hot - even after being sharpened.

As it turns out, although our mill is old, there are several similar operating sawmills in the state; and there are still several companies who manufacture and sell parts to keep these antique sawmills in operation. While this mill may seem like old and obsolete technology, there are still profitable companies today using Frick sawmills to saw logs into lumber. We believe this may be, in part, due to

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how quickly and efficiently a Frick sawmill can saw logs.

After researching possible solutions to the hot saw problem, and obtaining advice from the expert in Mt. Airy, we checked the “lead” of the saw (Note: The “lead” is the angle of the saw (front to back) in relation to the log). When the lead of the saw is set properly, the forward edge of the saw will contact the log and the trailing edge will make the cut slightly wider. This allows the saw to pass more smoothly through the log and lessens heat buildup.

What we found, after much measuring, discussion, debate, voting and scratching our heads, was that the lead on our saw was minus 0.0625” (which is a negative 1/16 of an inch), opposite of the positive 0.0625” it should have been. The correction was made, and the saw overheating problem was resolved.

We discovered that after over twenty years of operation at Kinder Farm Park, the rails, also known as tracks, of our sawmill had shifted enough so they were no longer straight. While one might think this misalignment would be obvious to see, since the tracks are forty feet long, a one-inch deviance is hard to notice. In short, we found the tracks were not level or straight, and they also needed extra support.

Solving the mis-alignment issue was a lot more in-depth. Thanks to a local sawmill operator in Mt. Airy, Maryland, providing a tour of his two sawmills, lots of excellent advice, and even the loan of his specialty tools to check the alignment of our Frick, and reviews of the original Frick operating manuals we were able to identify a number of problem areas.

Once again, volunteers stepped up and provided materials and labor to add concrete and steel

supports, and to straighten and level the tracks. After all the work of digging holes, pouring concrete footers, and installing a new steel support beam, the crew had high hopes we would again be cutting perfectly straight boards. Sadly, that was not the case. The



problem was identified when one of the volunteers got out his T-square and found the saw was not actually perpendicular (90 degrees top to bottom) to the carriage. This meant the side of every board we cut would never be perpendicular. Another morning spent correcting the angle of the carriage to the saw and the problem was resolved.

A quick test run on a small log produced amazing results. We cut square boards! Absolutely fantastic! But our work was not finished yet.

One Wednesday morning, the sawyer (the person controlling how the log is sawed) noticed it was



getting harder and harder to push the log into the saw. Initially our attention focused on the pulleys that moved the carriage and the log back and forth into the saw. They were loose and maybe were causing the problem. As luck would have it, one of the volunteers had machine shop equipment and was able to manufacture new pulley bushings and re-machine the two idler pulleys.

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About the Sawmill... (Cont.)



New pulley pin being machined.



New bushings being test fit.

With new pulley pins in hand and new bushings ready to install, optimism was high that a cure was in hand. Sadly, while this fixed one issue another one was discovered.

While the new pulley bushing and pins eliminated the slop in the pulleys, the sawyer was still having problems pushing the logs through the saw and now there was a grinding noise. Trying to find out what is making noise when an 80-year-old, 100 horsepower engine is spinning a 56" saw blade against a massive oak log is a challenge.

But patience and persistence prevailed. The volunteers realized one of the large pulleys which has cable on it for moving the carriage was not right. The bearings inside that pulley were probably older than any of us and had seen their best days some time ago. Luckily, one of the companies who sells Frick Sawmill parts had everything we needed in stock and shipped them out the same day.

With renewed enthusiasm it was back to the sawmill to install the new bearings. Happily, this time we solved the problem. However, there was another similar pulley at the other end which, of course, needed bearings also. A big shout out to

Kirk Platt for getting us money to make this fix! We know Kirk can be counted on anytime to lend his knowledge and abilities to help with the needs of the Sawmill. Now we are cutting very nice boards that are flat, symmetrical and look awesome.

It was then time to invest in the deck where volunteers walk and do their work. This deck is just that, it's a wooden deck slightly above the ground. But our deck was installed 20+ years ago and needed attention. As luck would have it, we had an unlimited source of boards with which to rebuild the deck! With minimal effort and thanks to logs donated to the park (the logs are worth hundreds of dollars each depending upon the type of tree) the volunteers quickly rebuilt the deck made from boards sawn on the Frick sawmill from trees grown in Anne Arundel County.

Although operating a sawmill might seem easy, there is a lot more going on than one might think. It requires knowledge of the logs, physical strength, understanding lumber (boards) and situational awareness of one's surroundings. It requires everyone to pay attention and watch out for the unexpected to happen. To help improve the safe operation of the sawmill, volunteers installed three emergency cutoff switches to immediately turn everything off if a problem is detected. The three switches are located where the sawyer stands, where the off loader stands (the person removing and stacking the boards) and the person removing slab (scrap) wood stands. These switches are now tested weekly, although thankfully have never been needed. That is a terrific compliment to all the volunteers.



One of the most recent repairs to the sawmill was the manufacture and installation of new head

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blocks. The head blocks are large, machined pieces of steel that weigh almost 75 pounds each and are part of the carriage. The log rides on them as it is sawed. Being perfectly honest, I don't think any of us knew what a head block was... But ours was certainly worn and looked like a disaster waiting to happen.

This could have been a straight forward task of buying new head blocks, installing them, and ensuring everything is square. The good news is that a company in Ohio had newly manufactured head blocks in stock. The bad news is they cost \$1,550 each. And the Frick Model 0 sawmill uses four. That is \$6,200 for just the head blocks; and the rack gears, which ride inside the head blocks, would still need to be refurbished.

Checking locally, just to buy the steel needed to make new head blocks would cost over \$500. As luck would have it, the folks at L.R. Willson in Odenton were sympathetic to our cause and allowed us to rummage in their bone yard for steel to make new head blocks; and the price was right. They donated all the steel needed to make three new head blocks! With steel in hand – or rather on the trailer, as it weighs 15 pounds per foot – volunteers set about the task of making new head blocks.

And...we were warned...making them was harder and more complicated than one might think. But being much smarter and more experienced than anyone else, we realized they were likely exaggerating the complexity of making new head blocks. As fate would have it, they were right! There is a reason the new head blocks sell for \$1,550 each. As is often the case, perseverance persisted and hundreds of hours later (no exaggeration!) three new head blocks were fabricated and ready to install.



New head blocks being welded.

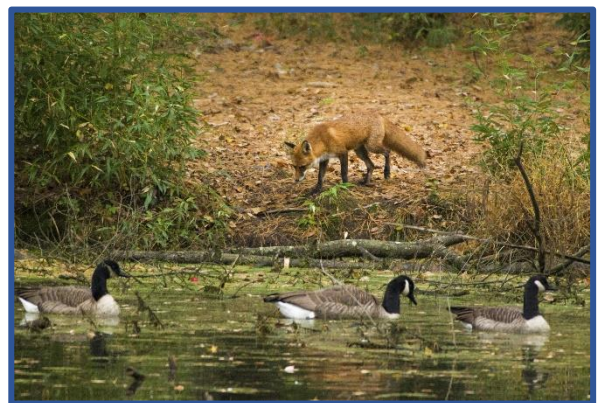
2022 Life in the Park Winning Photos

By Mike Lowman, Photo Contest Administrator and FoKFP Board member

These are the winning photographs in the 2022 Life in the Park Photo Competition.



Grand Prize: Common Buckeye
Taken along the dirt road near the Kinder Farm Garden Plots on September 25, 2022,
by Matthew Beziat



Fauna 1st Place: Fur and Feathers
Taken at Bunk's Pond on October 23, 2022,
by Dominic 'Mickie' Vigneri

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2022 Life in the Park... (Cont.)



*Fauna 2nd Place: **Excuse Me**
Taken along the Blackberry Trail near the
Greenbriar Trail on May 12, 2022,
by Aaron Hedetniemi*



*Flora 2nd Place: **Dewdrop Gems**
Taken at the perimeter trail by the vegetable
gardens on October 25, 2022,
by Markella Magoulas*



*Flora 1st Place: **Like a Lego**
Taken near the Pollinator Garden in
September 2022, by Melinda Myers*



*Landscape 1st Place: **Dawn Over the Pasture**
Taken at the cow pasture on October 9, 2022,
by Dominic 'Mickie' Vigneri*

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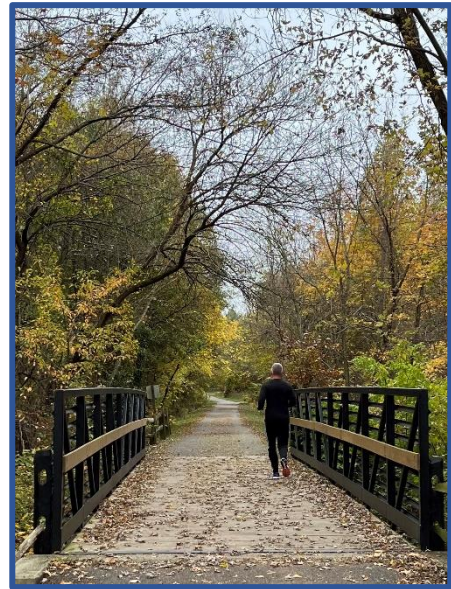
2022 Life in the Park... (Cont.)



*Landscape 2nd Place: **Fall Colors**
Taken on October 26, 2022,
by Mary Gallo*



*People 1st Place: **Reading Book**
Taken on October 22, 2023,
by Tina Duong*



*People 2nd Place: **Out for a Jog**
Taken on October 31, 2022, as my husband ran ahead on the foot bridge at the entrance of the park. I was lagging behind him on my bike and seeing him with the fall leaves behind him just solidified why we pack ourselves and drive to Kinder Park to get our exercise in... you can't compete with the beauty of the nature trail!
Taken by Kathy Hayes*

There were a total of 84 photos entered in the 2022 Life in the Park competition, visit the “Gallery” in the “Photos” menu selection on the Friends website at www.kinderfarmpark.org to see all of the great photos of the park that were entered in this along with all the previous competitions since 2010.

See *page 19* in this newsletter for details about the new Life in the Park Photo Competition.



What do you get when you cross a cow with an angry sheep?

An animal in a Baaaad Mood.

Why did the farmer call his pig ‘Ink’?

Because he kept running out of the pen.

How long do chickens work?

Around the cluck.

2022 Through Young Eyes Winning Photos

By Mike Lowman, Photo Contest Administrator and FoKFP Board member

These are the winning photographs in the 2022 Through Young Eyes Photo Competition. There were 25 entries in this competition for young photographers ages 13 and under.



Grand Prize *Bingo was His Name – o!*

I met Bingo and his caretaker when I was visiting the farm in May! He was my favorite and came right up to the fence and smiled. His caretaker even let me pet him.

Taken by Clover Hicks (age 7)



Fauna 1st Place:

The Thicker the Fur-The Colder the Winter

Taken by the barns on November 6, 2022,

by Julianna Cooke (age 10)



Fauna 2nd Place: *Cow Friends*

Taken at Kinder Farm Park

on November 5, 2022,

by Alyson Henretty (age 12)



Flora 1st Place: *Standing Tall*

Taken at noon of the Holly Tree standing in front of the Kinder homestead on December 4, 2022,

by Elsie Hoy (age 9)

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2022 Through Young Eyes... (Cont.)



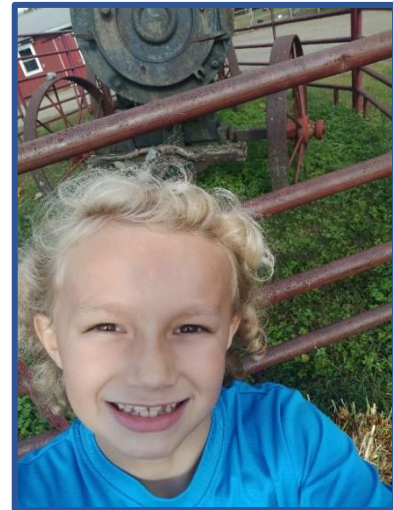
*Flora 2nd Place: **Bright Fright**
Taken in the farm animal area
in mid-October 2022,
by Zoey Sowles (age 7)*



*Landscape 1st Place: **Chimney Cloud**
Taken in the late afternoon looking east
over the sheep field on August 5, 2022,
by Paul Hoy (age 12)*



*Landscape 2nd Place: **Drone on the Farm**
Taken at 6:30 PM on October 27, 2022,
by Clyde Hicks (age 6)*



*People 1st Place: **Tractor Selfie**
Taken on November 22, 2022
by Enzo Cusate (age 8)*



*People 2nd Place: **Spooky Ghost**
Taken by the Community Gardens in
September 2022, by Ronan Friend (age 6)*

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The Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2023 Life in the Park Photo Competition



Categories: Fauna, Flora, Landscapes and People

Prizes: Grand Prize to best overall entry \$100
1st place in each category a choice of \$50 or an engraved Celebration Wheatfield Brick (a \$100 value)
2nd place in each category a choice of \$25 or an engraved Celebration Admiral Red Brick (a \$75 value)

Deadline: February 29, 2024

- Photos must be taken on/or after **March 1, 2023**, within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect aspects of the beauty and/or life in the park
- A panel of judges will select winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the back of this flyer

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RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The categories for this photo competition are: **Flora** (flowers, trees, plants, etc.); **Fauna** (all animals including fishes, birds, insects, etc.); **Landscape**; and, **People** in Kinder Farm Park.
2. Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park between March 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024.
3. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, either in color or black and white.
 - All photographs must be in digital format (preferably in JPG), although they need not be taken with a digital cameras. Scans are acceptable so long as they meet the requirements of these rules.
 - Cell phone photos are acceptable.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography, contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. Participants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. **Each entry must be marked with or accompanied by the following information:**
 - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable as long as photographer's name and age are identified):
 - **Name and address**
 - **Telephone number**
 - **Email address**
 - **Photograph title**
 - **A description of where and the date the photo was taken**
 - **The category in which each photograph is being entered (only one category per photo)**
 - **Notes:**
 - Entries will be returned if they lack any of the above requested information.
 - Personal details will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be published or provided to any third party without your permission.
7. Entries must be emailed to **photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org** with the subject line of "**Life in the Park Photo Contest**."
8. **All entries must be received by February 29, 2024.**
9. The Grand Prize-winning photo will be ineligible for additional prizes in the category in which it was entered.
10. No entries can be returned, and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organizers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged, or delayed in the post.
11. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will select the best photographs in each category. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence can be entered into.
12. By entering, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
13. By entering the competition, entrants grant the right for The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to display the photographs at Kinder Farm Park; publish and exhibit the submitted photographs in print and on the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.
14. Prize winners will be invited to attend a Friends Meeting to receive their prizes, if unable to attend, the winners will be asked to pick up their prize at the Visitors Center.

The Farm Livestock & Education Program
and the 4H Livestock Club Present



Meet the Kids

Date: Sat., May 20, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

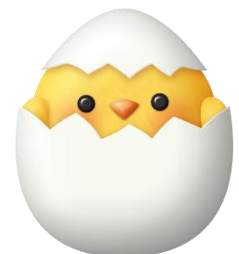
Place: Kinder Park Farm Complex



Activities:

- Meet some of the newborn farm animals
- Participate in a variety of crafts & activities
- Bottled water & packaged treats will be on sale

All gate fees collected on the day of this event will go directly to support the Farm Livestock & Education Program, and the 4H Livestock Club.



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JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

**On the Following
Saturdays:**

May 13, 2023

June 17, 2023

\$5/person (cash only)

**Children age 3 and under
are free**



- **Ticket sales for the hayrides will be in front of the Visitors Center**
- **Hayrides will start every half-hour from 9:00 until 11:30 AM**
- **Friends of Kinder Farm Park members may use their free hayride tickets**
- **Gate Fees still apply.**

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Business Community Support

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to encourage our members and friends to support all the businesses and organizations featured in this publication to show appreciation for the various types of support provided to our organization and Kinder Farm Park.

In addition to the advertisements from:

- Alexander’s Animal Hospital on *page 4*
- Homestead Gardens on *5*

these following businesses offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card:

 <p>Estate Sales & Shoppe 4A Riggs Avenue Severna Park, MD 21146 Website: www.redapronestatesales.com</p> <p>Must show your Friends Membership Card for a 10% discount on sales in retail store only</p>
<p>Anne Arundel Co. Farm, Lawn and Garden Center 478 Jumpers Hole Rd Severna Park, MD 21146 Website: aalawnandgarden.com</p> <p>Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get a 10% discount</p>
 <p>568 Governor Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park Plaza Shopping Plaza Severna Park, MD 21146 Phone: 410-647-2453</p> <p>Website: www.wildbird.com/severnapark</p> <p>Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get 15% off large bags of Bird Seed or 10% off other purchases</p>

Biggy’s Farm and Feed
865 Annapolis Rd.
Gambrills, MD 21064
Phone: 410-923-1120
Visit on Facebook

Must show your Friends Membership Card here and get a 10% discount on most items excluding feed

Become a Sponsor

There are many ways your business can sponsor the Friends of Kinder Farm Park events and activities. To request an information packet with a Sponsorship application, email:

sponsorship@kinderfarmpark.org

Specify a Subject of "Sponsorship Packet Request" and provide the following information:

- Business Name
- Business Address
- Business Phone
- Contact Name
- Contact Email

Summer 2023 Newsletter

This newsletter is comprised of articles about the happenings at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to persons wishing to submit articles for the next edition:

1st Call for Articles: June 8, 2023

Article Deadline: July 20, 2023

Scheduled to be Published: August 3, 2023

Email Articles to: newsletter@kinderfarmpark.org

Articles should be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos in JPEG (jpg) format.

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