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Upcoming Events and Activities

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

National Night Out: Eastern District

Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the Athletic Complex area at Kinder Farm Park.

Join us for National Night Out, an annual community building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships. This event features visits from emergency personnel, safety demonstrations, local resources and fun activities for all ages. Come out to connect with your neighbors and local law enforcement and help foster a true sense of community. Don’t miss this opportunity to build relationships and create a supportive neighborhood!

Visit the Kinder Farmhouse Museum

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open on the following dates from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM (except as noted):

- Saturday, August 10, 2024
- Saturday, September 14, 2024
- Saturday, October 12, 2024
10:00 AM-4:00 PM for Fall Festival
- Saturday November 9, 2024

Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farmland that sustained them. There is no charge to tour the house.

Pop-up Hayrides

Come join us for a hayride through the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 17, 2024
- Saturday, September 28, 2024
- Sunday, October 19, 2024

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Upcoming Events...(Cont.)

Pop-up Hayrides (Cont.)

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 10:00 AM and continues about every half-hour until 12:30 PM (see flyer on page 15).

Friends' Host Historic Burial Sites Speaker

Tina Simmons, a member of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, will speak at the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center in the Harvest Hall on Sunday, August 25th at 2 P.M. Ms. Simmons has had a long interest in genealogy studies and her areas of work include documenting old and neglected cemeteries based on information from death certificates, obituaries, newspaper articles, land and church records, funeral programs, and interviewing community residents. For more details see the flyer on page 17.

Scarecrow Making

Mark Saturday, September 28, 2024, on your calendar if you are interested in making a scarecrow. We will be offering this opportunity separately from the Fall Festival. Details will be provided on our website in August.

Fall Festival

Be sure to mark Saturday, October 12, 2024, on your calendar for our annual Fall Festival. We are still working out some of the details and hope to have those available on our website within the next few weeks. Preregistration will be required along with a general admission that will include many of the activities the you have come to enjoy.

As always for this, our major fund raiser for the year to be successful, we will need lots of volunteers both adults and teens. See the article entitled Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival on page 3.

From the President's Desk

Summer is upon us, with all the heat and fun activities to enjoy around Kinder Farm Park.

On August 8th we are celebrating National Night Out at Kinder, on the Athletic Fields side of the park. The Police, Fire Department and EMTs will have interactive displays along with many community and county organizations adding to the fun. Friends of Kinder Farm Park, and the 4-H club will also be joining the festivities with animals, giveaways and interactive activities that reflect the richness of Kinder Farm Park.

On August 25th at 2pm the Friends of Kinder Farm Park will be hosting Tina Simmons to speak on Historical Burial Sites around Anne Arundel County. She will focus on the three sites located at Kinder. It should prove to be fascinating.

Speaking of festivities, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park is gearing up for our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12th. This year we are trying something new. The event will be a presold ticketed event with tickets going on sale in the early part of September (check the website for the exact date). We will offer games, the straw maze, a pumpkin patch along with many other activities and of course vendors, food trucks and our animals to add to the fun. Hayrides and some special crafts will be available and sold separately.

IT-We have added a new volunteer to the mix, Curt Jackson. He is exploring new ways to streamline our ticketing and membership management systems. Hopefully, with his help we will also be able to livestream important events around the farm and more fully record the lives of our animals.

Our volunteer recruitment efforts are beginning to bare fruit. People are moving out of their COVID shells and realizing that there is an exciting world of volunteer opportunities that offer personal enrichment along with giving back to the park and the community at large.

Please consider joining us,

Barbara Buchleitner

Volunteers Needed for Fall Festival

By Jim Rausch, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board Member

Kinder Farm Park staff and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, a non-profit volunteer organization, are busy planning the Park’s biggest event of the year, the annual Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. This is a great family event in Severna Park, and will include hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a straw maze, fall crafts, kids’ games, and a variety of food and craft vendors. The historic Kinder Farmhouse Museum will be open as well as the Blacksmith Shop and Antique Sawmill, among many other activities and demonstrations.

In order to make this event a success and raise money to be used at Kinder Farm Park, **we need volunteers - both students and adults**. Please consider volunteering for a shift or even better, all day. We need:

- Adults (over 21) to:
 - Check in guests and volunteers at designated entrance locations
 - Sell tickets to hayrides and crafts
- Students and adults to assist with:
 - loading and unloading hayride wagons
 - kiddie and teen games
 - the straw maze, with fall crafts, and at the pumpkin patch

To volunteer, simply go to our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org and:

1. Select the *Support* menu.
2. Select *Volunteer* to display the Volunteer page.
3. Scroll down the Volunteer page to the FALL FESTIVAL section, to select either:
 - a. *Student and Adults Volunteer Here*
 - b. *Adults Only (over 21) Volunteer Here*
4. An application called SignupGenius will display showing all the various volunteer activities and times for which you can sign-up.
5. Follow the instructions to sign up.



Please help us make this year's Fall Festival a great success by signing up to volunteer – we need you!

Kinder Farm Park Recognition

Kinder Farm Park recently received an Honorable Mention in the 2024 Capital Gazette Reader’s Choice Poll.

Below is a photo from the Visit Annapolis webpage that includes Kinder Farm Park as a place to visit. A friend of Cam Muchelski, a member of the FLEP Large Dairy Squad, saw a poster from Visit Annapolis with this photo and a mention of the park at the L’Enfant Metro Station in Washington DC.



Slate Pieces or Patio Pavers Needed

By Diane Rausch, Historical Society Chairperson

Fred Nicklas a new volunteer is working inside the tobacco barn to maintain the Historical Society displays. He needs a few slate pieces or patio pavers that YOU might have as leftovers. These would help to stabilize the heavier farm items on the sandy floor of the barn. You would need to deliver these to the doors of the tobacco barn. Thank you in advance.



Kinder Farm Park in the Severna Park July 4th Parade

By Kirk Platt, FoKFP Tractor Club Lead

This year was the first in a long time for Kinder Farm Park to be represented in the Severna Park July 4th parade. The 4-H Livestock Club and Farm Livestock Education Program groups along with members of the KFP Tractor Club, represented the park.

The morning of July 4th, our 1995 Ford tractor and wagon were driven to the parade staging location, where the representatives from the two farm groups met to decorate the wagon before loading up for the parade.

The Kinder Farm Park entry was number 41, about in the middle of the parade. Ours was the only tractor in the parade, most other entries used a pickup to tow their floats.

Some of the members of the KFP farm groups rode in the wagon and others walked along with the tractor and wagon, giving out candy and a small flyer about an upcoming auction (see flyer on page 19). The parade lasted about 2 hours and was well attended along the route.

After the parade ended, the farm groups removed all the decorations off the tractor and wagon, which was then returned to Kinder Farm Park and put away ready for the next event.



Note of Appreciation

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Historical Society Member

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society I would like to express, “a sincere Thank You,” to the Freestate Happy Wanders for their generous donation to the Historic Society. It was for our opening of the Kinder Farmhouse Museum in support of the volksmarch they held at the park on Saturday, June 8, 2024.



Mark Piasecki the Treasurer of the Freestate Happy Wanders presents donation to Historic Society docent Mike Lowman

Young Volunteers

By Pat Branch, Woodshop Lead

Life is great when the pieces come together. This story starts with a general notion of increasing the number of volunteers working in the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Wood Shop. The shop has a long history of working each Wednesday morning supporting the Friends of Kinder Farm Park clubs with woodworking projects. By adding Sunday afternoons to our schedule, the shop may appeal to a broader audience of volunteers.

This Spring, the Park hired Sam Sousa to a new position as Farm Maintenance Manager. Sam did a survey of work that needed to be done. He quickly recognized that the farm has a pest control issue.

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Young Volunteers (Cont.)

Especially the flies that attack the goats, sheep and pigs. Sam asked the Wood Shop to build four Owl boxes and twenty Barn Swallow houses. Barn Swallows feed on flies.

At this same time there were multiple request for high school students looking for volunteer hours. While that may sound like a simple and reasonable request, there are some barriers that needed to be addressed. Basic safety standards preclude minors from operating potentially dangerous tools, specifically power saws. There is also a park policy requiring minors to be accompanied by parents or guardians while volunteering in the park.

We had a job to do. We had people who wanted to volunteer. And we had rules to keep.

This is what we did. We received freshly cut wood from the Kinder Farm Sawmill. Sam provided bird house plans. The regular Wood Shop Crew precut all the pieces and made 20 kits. We ran an ad in the Down on the Farm newsletter to recruit young volunteers and set a work date of Sunday May 19th. On that date with two hours of work, 4 regular shop volunteers and five new volunteers chaperoned by one grandfather and two mothers built 20 Barn Swallow habitats. The photos included show the workers and their progress.



Volunteers at work in the Woodshop

Not pictured is Max Denver, age 9. Max and his mother visiting the park showed interest in the bird house project. Soon Max with a screwdriver in hand and some basic instruction helped assemble one of the Barn Swallow houses.

This was a successful and beneficial effort. A Fall 2024 spin-off program is being planned (see *New Woodworking Program* on page 6).



*Barn Swallow Habitats for Kinder Farm Park
Warren Webb, Cabral Campbell, with regular crew
members Pat Branch, Bertrand, Dolimier,
Jeff Lynch, and Jim Powell.*

Fun and Weird Farm Trivia

1. **Q:** Can chickens fly?
A: Yes, but only short distances
2. **Q:** What unusual method is sometimes used to plow fields in Japan?
A: Using robotic tractors
3. **Q:** What is the world's smallest farm animal?
A: The bee
4. **Q:** What is the most stolen food in the world?
A: Cheese
5. **Q:** What vegetable was once used as a currency in Europe?
A: Garlic

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New Woodworking Program

By Pat Branch, FoKFP Woodshop lead

Are you a novice wood worker interested in learning basic wood working skills? Coming this fall the Kinder Farm Park will begin to train new wood workers. The program is open to everyone. While skilled volunteers are always appreciated, this program is designed to let novice wood workers learn the trade. The training course is a spin-off of a one-time event held in May when the regular crew and some young volunteers teamed up to build 20 shelters designed for Robins and Barn Swallows (see *Young Volunteers* on page 5).



The course will be held the first and third Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in our woodshop. (Located between the big red barn and the Blacksmith Shop). Due to the size of the shop, we will limit participation to 4 trainees. This is a three-month course. Additional courses may continue based on interest.

The first course begins Sunday, November 3, 2024. Participants must be 12 or older. Adults are welcome. Due to liability issues, youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Minors are restricted from using some advanced tools. This is a free program for Friends of Kinder Farm Park Members. Non-members are welcomed with a fee of \$20.

The course will begin with a short interview to assess each participant's skill level followed by a shop orientation with emphasis on safety. The focus will be to build something useful. The course can be modified to accommodate a scouting merit badge, a 4-H Clover project or the National Honor Society community volunteer requirements. We will have plans to select from or the participants may suggest their own project. Do keep in mind the emphasis is on basic skills.

Most required materials are available in the shop. We start with wood supplied by our park sawmill. The first task is always to create a plan by creating a detailed drawing of the project. The second task is

to mill the wood to the correct dimensions. Come with fresh ideas and an open mind.

If this appeals to you, send an e-mail to Mr. Pat Branch at p2branch@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted in the order they are received.

Apprentice Garden, Summer 2024

By Janet Clauson, Apprentice Garden Lead, and Master Gardener

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. Families have their own personal garden space where they can plant 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.



Each season, low-till gardening techniques are used; no pesticides, insecticides or herbicides are applied; Leaf-gro is used at planting, and organic fertilizer is applied monthly. A few weeks ago, the walkways were covered with newspaper and topped with straw to prevent weeds. Supplemental straw is added when needed to cover exposed newspaper, but this technique ensures minimum weed growth for the rest of the year.

Planting of the common spaces began with cool weather crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces and herbs. Families added their own choices in their personal plots (plots are 8' by 42"). Lettuces, kale, Swiss chard, peapods and lots of seeds for radish, beets and carrots. Late in May, a variety of

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Apprentice Garden...(Cont.)

tomatoes and peppers were planted, along with basil, string beans, cucumbers, butternut squash,



and okra. Flowers planted in the garden (This year, sunflowers, gomphrena, marigold, and a couple volunteer tomatillos), those in the native garden outside the gates, and along the outside fence line (grey goldenrod, milkweed, swamp milkweed, native hibiscus, and black-eyed

and brown-eyed Susans) will attract pollinators to the garden.

Strawberries suffered from the abundance of rain in May, but the potatoes planted around the strawberry pot did well. The children enjoyed finding the berries hiding under the leaves, and in June, “tickled” the potato plants to find the surface potatoes, and later, in July, dug the plants up to harvest the remaining potatoes.



The Mediterranean herb garden is producing an abundance of sage, rosemary, chives, thyme, lavender, and is harvested weekly for the gardeners’ meals. Separate pots have been planted with mint to help control its spread and to provide sprigs for cooking and spicing

beverages.

In June and July, families and volunteers tended the gardens, weeding, watering, and harvesting weekly, and applied organic fertilizer once per month. String beans, beautiful kale, and chard were harvested through the early summer, and now we are happily anticipating the rush of ripening tomatoes, peppers, okra and tomatillos.

You are welcome to stop by the Apprentice Garden any Wednesday evening and bring your questions. For more information about the Apprentice Garden, or if you are interested in participating in the

program, please contact Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com.

The University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.



Birth Announcement

By Jen Plant, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board Member

Mochi the Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goat gave birth on May 6, 2024, to one teeny tiny, itty bitty baby girl! The little girl’s name is Toffee. We are so happy for you, Mochi!



For the answer go to page 9

KFP 4-H New Animals at the Farm

By Elsie Hoy, Kinder Farm 4-H Reporter

There are four new 4-H large animals since our last update: two goats and two sheep. Plus, the turkeys are now at the farm!

New Boer Goats - Pepsi and Coke are Kolton Railsback’s projects.



(Photo Credit: Kolton Railsback)

Pepsi (left) – Kolton’s favorite thing about Pepsi is that he gets excited when he sees Kolton.
Coke (right) – Kolton’s favorite thing about Coke is that he does funny things.

New Lambs - Apollo and Sable

Apollo is Aviva Krauson’s 4-H project this year and is a Suffolk and Hampshire cross lamb.



(Photo Credit: Aviva Krauson)

Apollo was born on February 10, 2024. He is named after both the Greek god and the Apollo space missions that went to the Moon. He is smart, very stubborn, but a lot of fun! He really loves food a lot but will only eat specific leaves.

Sable is Clara Larsen's new sheep project. She was born on February 22, 2024, in Anne Arundel County and arrived at the farm on May 29. Sable is a Katahdin hair sheep; she doesn’t need shearing since she sheds her hair (it’s a lot of hair!) and you don’t dock their tail either, so her tail is long. Sable will be sold at the AA Co Fair in the open market after the livestock auction.



(Photo Credit: Clara Larsen)

New Turkeys

There are about 15 turkeys this year and they are getting big fast! We have a mix of three commercial breeds: Orlopp Mammoth Bronze, Giant White, and Broad Breasted White.



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



(Photo credit: Sophie Krauson)

Pigs at Kinder Farm Park

By Elsie Hoy, Kinder Farm Park Livestock Club 4-H Reporter



Another recent addition to Kinder Farm Park this spring was a drift of pigs - we now have eight! I am learning a lot of surprising things as I raise my first pig, a Yorkshire Hog named Donald. Often thought to be lazy and filthy, pigs are actually very intelligent, curious, and clean. If you spend some time watching them at the farm, you'll see them interacting with other piggie friends in their drift and the world around them.



You might also notice that they pick one corner for a bathroom spot and stick to it leaving the rest of their stall clean.

Just like us they need sunscreen to protect their skin, they use mud as a natural sunscreen. They also get hangry, just like most kids and they can get easily stressed or anxious too, so you have to be calm around them.

Did you know you can even walk a pig around - without a leash? I use a pig tickle stick to guide my pig for walks around the farm. Donald is very curious and likes to look in every nook and cranny, probably for food because he's always hungry. Walking him helps him build muscle and gets him used to being guided with the tickle stick. It also helps me because this is how I'll have to show him in the judging ring at the County Fair in September. If I keep it up, we'll both be pros when it's time for the big day! I hope you take some time to stop by the farm this summer to see our pigs, and all the many new animals grow and prepare for the fair.



4-H and FLEP Working Together

The following is a letter that was received by Ruth Heffner and Jen Plant, leads of the Farm Livestock Education Program (FLEP) from Denise Monahan, a Kinder Park 4-H Livestock Club mom. It is provided here to show how these two groups work together to help each other provide the care for all the park farm animals.

Our FLEP program could not exist without the support from Friends of Kinder Farm Park who have been instrumental in helping to establish program guidelines, and all of our FLEP volunteers who dedicate a portion of their lives to the animals on the farm. And the Anne Arundel County Park staff for their unwavering support and commitment.

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My family have been members of Kinder Farm 4-H Livestock Club for the last 5 years. We love being able to learn about and work with the animals at this amazing park facility.

This year, my son Greg was given the opportunity to lease a dairy goat from FLEP (Farm Livestock Education Program) through Dani and Ruth Heffner. This has been a wonderful experience for him. Being able to lease an animal from FLEP is "game changing" for our 4 H club. Since the animals already live at Kinder Farm, leasing from FLEP allows additional 4 H projects to be offered to our members.

It has allowed my son and another 4 H member to benefit from the experience and knowledge of both the owners and the extremely helpful FLEP team. His project officially began June 1, however since his dairy goat lives at Kinder he was able to learn animal care alongside FLEP members and participate in the kidding process before he officially took over, which was an incredible experience for him.

This past weekend he took his leased goat, Astrid, to his first dairy goat show in St. Mary's County where Astrid won 2nd place! It was a great experience for him. He has spent the last few weeks studying showmanship questions, learning to milk, practicing show ring handling and walking, and learning to shear and "fit" a goat for judging at a show. The FLEP team were his biggest fans, cheering us on and checking in on our travel progress and the show results.

We have been so grateful to the FLEP team for their advice and assistance in Greg's learning this year. They have been very supportive, and I don't know that he could have accomplished as much as he has in this project without this teamwork. This type of cooperative approach to animal projects is not available at any other 4-H club that I am aware of and is another reason that Kinder Farm is such a unique and positive experience for our youth.

I admit we hadn't had many interactions with the FLEP members prior to this experience. But we are so grateful to have had this crossover experience and look forward to continuing and expanding this cross-club cooperation in the future.

Denise Monahan

New Collaborative Dairy Lease Project

By James Monahan, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Reporter

This year, 4-H and FLEP teamed up for a collaborative dairy lease project. The FLEP (Farm Livestock Education Program) small dairy goat team leased two dairy goats to 4-H members. According to FLEP leader Ruth Heffner, a former Kinder Farm 4-H leader, offering this project was very personal to her. It honors the FLEP mission of educating the public and mentoring youth through their experienced and dedicated volunteers while providing the 4-Hers with similar mentoring and educational experiences that were so influential in her daughter Danielle's 4-H experience.

The two groups are working together to provide the daily care for the dairy goats and their newborn kids. The 4-H members milk the goats twice a day and bring the goats to livestock shows. The FLEP team have been teaching, advising, and supporting the 4-Hers along the way. The 4-Hers agreed that this has been both a challenging and rewarding experience. The best part of this project, according to the participants, has been getting to work with the babies!

This collaboration between FLEP and 4-H has been a benefit to both clubs. Having animals that already live on the farm allows extra projects for 4-Hers

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...Dairy Lease Project (Cont.)

without taking up additional farm space. It allows the 4-Hers to benefit from the knowledge and experience of the FLEP members as they are learning how to care for a dairy goat.



For FLEP members, this project allows members to share and expand upon their knowledge of the animals they work closely with daily.

Greg Monahan, one of the 4-Hers, said, “FLEP members, helped to teach us how to do things correctly.”

Calla Boyle, another 4-H participant in the dairy goat program said, “It was so amazing to have FLEP helping me. I’m so thankful for the families and people who helped me through this.”

The club leaders of FLEP and 4-H have been happy about this collaborative project as well. 4-H Club Leader Denise Monahan says, “The project has been very successful so far. The 4-H youth are enjoying their experience and learning a lot. We have all enjoyed working with and getting to know the FLEP members.”



FLEP club leader, Ruth Heffner said that she hopes to offer this program again next year and possibly expand it to include other breeding species such as meat and wool sheep, meat goats, and dairy cows in the near future. The 4-Hers agreed that this has been a great project, and they would recommend it to other 4-Hers next year.

4-H Educational Meeting

By Aviva Krauson, Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club Member

During the July 4-H Educational meeting we took a historic guided tour of Kinder Farm Park. We met with the Kinder Farm Park historian who walked us through the history of the park. From the origin of the Kinder family to where the Kinder family is today. We split into two groups. Half of us went to the Kinder family Farmhouse with the historian and half of us went to the blacksmith shop.

In the Farmhouse we had a tour of the home, and we were able to ask any questions we had. There were many unique items, some were donated to the historical society. One item was an old icebox that was used as an early refrigerator in the downstairs kitchen



Diane Rausch welcomes 4-H Club members to the Kinder Farmhouse

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4-H Educational Meeting (cont.)



Diane Raush guides 4-H Club members through the Kinder Farmhouse describing the history of the farm

In the blacksmith shop, they explained the basic blacksmith tools and procedures. They also showed us some projects they have been working on. The June 4-H Education meeting was a lot of fun learning about the amazing history of Kinder Farm Park!



Blacksmiths demonstrates tools for 4-H Club members

Fun and Weird Farm Trivia (Continued from page 6)

6. Q: Can cows produce strawberry-flavored milk if they eat strawberries?
A: No, their digestive system cannot transfer flavors to milk
7. Q: What is the record for the most eggs laid by a chicken in one day?
A: 7 eggs
8. Q: What is the scientific name for the fear of vegetables?
A: Lachanophobia
9. Q: Can pigs get sunburned?
A: Yes, especially light-colored pigs
10. Q: What fruit is considered a vegetable by the US Supreme Court?
A: Tomatoes
11. Q: Can turkeys drown if they look up during a rainstorm?
A: No, it's an urban legend
12. Q: What vegetable was once believed to cause insanity and immoral behavior?
A: Tomatoes
13. Q: Can sheep recognize human faces?
A: Yes, they can remember up to 50 human faces
14. Q: What vegetable was once used as a love potion?
A: Asparagus
15. Q: Can chickens taste spicy food?
A: Yes, they have taste buds for spicy flavors
16. Q: What fruit was once known as the 'love apple'?
A: Tomatoes
17. Q: Can cows walk upstairs?
A: Yes, but they cannot walk downstairs



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TUESDAY
AUGUST 6, 2024**

6-8 P.M.

**KINDER FARM PARK
MILLERSVILLE, MD**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
EASTERN DISTRICT**

This event is for residents in Eastern District (Annapolis, Arnold, Millersville, Old Mill, Glen Burnie, Pasadena, and Severna Park), and is one of five similar events planned on this same date, in Anne Arundel County.

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JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

On the following Saturdays:

August 17, 2024

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024

\$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 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM
- Friends of Kinder Farm Park members may use their free hayride tickets

Gate Fees Still Apply

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Friends of Kinder Farm Park Speaker Series

Historical Burial Sites



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park will be hosting **Tina Simmons**, a member of the **Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites**, and she will speak at Kinder Farm Park on **Sunday, August 25th at 2 PM** in **Harvest Hall**.

Kinder Farm is the site of at least three historical cemeteries with the oldest known tombstone that of Rachel Foreman dating back to the 1820's.

Ms. Simmons has had a long interest in genealogy studies and her areas of work include documenting old and neglected cemeteries based on information from death certificates, obituaries, newspapers

articles, land and church records, funeral programs, and interviewing community residents. She has worked with cadaver dogs and their owners to discover new graves in historic cemeteries in the County. Based on Tina's long association with historic cemeteries in our area, she will be able to present us with a fascinating understanding of the people who came before us and their final resting places in central Maryland.

Members of the Friends will be admitted free and the cost for non-members will be \$3.00. Online registration and payment for the event begins July 15, 2024, at: <https://kinderfarmparkorg.ticketleap.com/speaker-burialsites/>

Friends of Kinder Farm Park members will find special instructions for free registration at: <https://kinderfarmparkorg/burialsitesMembers2024.html>

Light refreshments will be served.

Gate Fees Apply



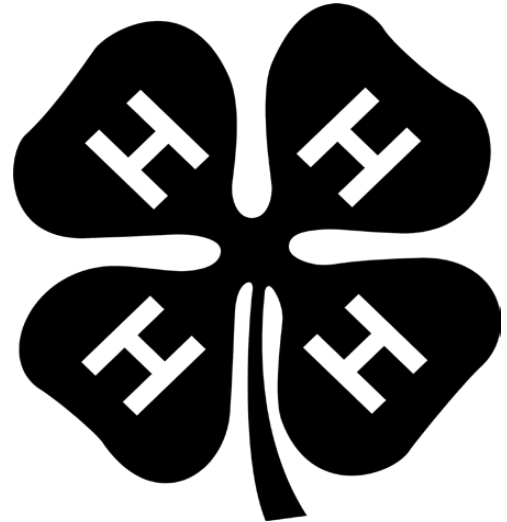
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**Support
Kinder Farm 4-H
Livestock Club at the
Livestock Auction**

9/14/2024

at the

**Anne Arundel
County Fair**



Upon auction purchase, arrangements can be made for Processing!



Any questions, email
kinderfarmpark4h@gmail.com

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The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

2024 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 28, 2025

- Photos must be taken on/or after March 1, 2024, 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, 2024, and February 28, 2025.
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 accompanied by the following information:**
 - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable if 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 **"2024 Life in the Park Photo Contest."**
8. **All entries must be received by February 28, 2025.**
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.

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Business Community Support (Cont.)

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Fall 2024 Newsletter Articles

This newsletter is made up of articles about the happenings at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to persons wishing to submit articles for the Fall 2024 edition of *Down on the Farm*:

1st Call for Articles: September 16, 2024

Article Deadline: October 20, 2024

Scheduled to be Published: November 3, 2024

Email Articles to: mike_lowman@verizon.net
Articles should be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos in JPEG (jpg) format.

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