

4-H MESSENGER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008

Back to School!!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Well, here it is again – Back-to-School. For some, this time of year is an exciting new adventure and for others, well... it's not! I always liked this time of year. I really like the change of seasons and this is my first one here on the Eastern Shore! I bet it'll be beautiful!

We had a great summer. I think the Talbot County Fair was a great success! I was so proud of each and every one of you that participated and I learned so much from you and your dedication to your 4-H projects.

There are a lot of things planned for the up coming months, so please mark your calendars for everything that interests you.

Also, I have all the Maryland 4-H project books in easy-to-look-at binders, so if you are interested in starting a new project, going to the next level on a project you are working on, or just looking to see what Maryland 4-H projects there are, feel free to come in and check them out.



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September

by Helen Hunt Jackson

*The goldenrod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.*

*The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusky pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.*

*The sedges flaunt their harvest
In every meadow-nook;
And asters by the brookside
Make asters in the brook.*

*From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.*

*By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.*

Helen Hunt Jackson (1831-1885)

An American poet and novelist.



Exciting News!

Are you working on, or interested in, a poultry project? Well, just voted on at the Fair Board meeting this past Monday night – the Talbot County Fair is bringing back poultry! If you remember a few years ago, the scare of the Avian Influenza virus had the state of Maryland declare that there would be no poultry at our fairs. Times have changed, and as you may have seen, other fairs have elected to bring poultry back... and now, Talbot County has, too!

And Congratulations to Della Andrew!

Talbot County 4-H Volunteer, Della Andrew, Awarded Dean's Salute to Excellence Lifetime Volunteer Award

At the 2007 Achievement Program held in April of 2008, Ms. Della Andrew was recognized as Talbot County's Nominee to the State 4-H Level for the University of Maryland Dean's Salute to Excellence Lifetime Volunteer Award. For those of you at the program you heard David Bowen tell the heart-warming story of how Della had made such a huge impact on his life and then announce that she was Talbot County's nominee for this year. By the end of his story, Della had received a standing ovation from the whole Talbot County 4-H Program.

Della will be recognized and honored with the other award recipients at the State 4-H Awards and Recognition Program to be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD on October 11, 2008. This event is open to all 4-Hers and their families.

Della has been a 4-H Volunteer for over 32 years. Leading the Busy Beaver 4-H Club, as well as volunteering for several other organizations. She currently has members in her club whose parents had been members when they were children! Della's passion and commitment to 4-H shows through her tireless efforts to keep the program strong and growing throughout the county.

Thank you, Della!

Project Spotlight ~ Aerospace Adventures ~

Today we'll be focusing on our Aerospace Adventures project series. National 4-H is really enthusiastic about the new SET initiative. SET stands for Science, Engineering & Technology. This Aerospace project is only one of several really interesting science projects that Maryland 4-H offers. The really great thing about this project series is that our clover age 4-Hers can get started with an activity guide called **Pre-Flight**. This first activity guide introduces rockets and airplanes with fun (edible!) activities and easy to follow instructions.

Next in the series is **Lift-Off**. Ready to lift off? Whether you have just started exploring aerospace or already know all about rockets, hot air balloons, airplanes and kites you'll enjoy the activities in Lift-Off. Get ready to file your flight plans, select your aerospace helper and complete the Lift-Off Achievement Program!

When you have completed Lift-Off you'll be **Reaching New Heights** – the next project book in this series. In each project book they include interesting aerospace facts like- *Kite flying, as practiced by the Japanese, is a highly competitive and often dangerous sport. Before a battle, kite warriors coat their flying lines with glue and bits of powdered glass. Sometimes curved steel blades are fastened to the tails. The object of the fight is to entangle an opponent's line and cut it down. Once a kite has fallen, the victor claims it as his own!*

Last in this series is **Pilot In Command**. If you have completed the first three levels of this series you are ready for a new challenge. Pilot in Command and the Pilot in Command Achievement Program include many challenging activities to increase your enthusiasm about aerospace. As a recognized expert in many aspects of aerospace you are becoming a role model for many youth who also enjoy the excitement of aerospace. This is your opportunity to share what you have learned and develop your leadership skills as well as other important workforce preparation skills.



4-H Council Meeting

Please mark your Fall calendars for a meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, from 7-8pm at the Extension Office. All leaders, club reps, and 4-H Ambassadors should plan to attend.

Agenda items include: Wrap ups for the Talbot County and MD State Fairs, National 4-H Week, Talbot County 4-H Educator position, club activities, community activities, affirmative action and reporting updates.



Talbot 4-H Fall Events

Aviation Day – Thursday, October 16

We'll have speakers, activities and a tour of the Easton Airport. Bring a bag lunch and a friend or two that's not in 4-H. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Day – Friday, October 17

Sewing projects, crafts, beads – we'll make lots of things to show at the 2009 Talbot County Fair, give as gifts or enjoy for ourselves! Bring a bag lunch and a friend or two that's not in 4-H. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Get Real for Middle School Girls – 5 weeks beginning Wednesday, October 1 (every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.)

Girls will participate in learning activities, games, guest speakers and more - all related to appreciating and understanding what it's all about to be a girl growing up today. Open to all middle school age girls, so sign up with a friend!

New 4-H Family Welcome & Orientation – Tuesday, October 7 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If you have joined 4-H in the past few years, or know someone who is interested in joining 4-H but wants to know more, tonight is your night. Learn about the 4-H year, 4-H projects, what a youth can get out of participating in 4-H and lots more. This is a great opportunity to meet other new 4-H families, hear from our 4-H Ambassadors and ask any questions you have about Talbot County 4-H.

September 22nd is Family Day

This nationwide event will get families around the dinner table for good conversation and an opportunity to get in touch with each other.

Make a date for dinner.

Good food, great conversations and loads of laughs—that's what family dinners are made of. If busy schedules are making it hard for your family to pencil in regular family meals, take a "time out" to consider all the benefits of gathering around the dinner table because family dinners are about more than just sharing a meal.

Did you know that eating dinner frequently with your children reduces their risk of substance abuse?

Research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University consistently finds that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. The conversations that go hand-in-hand with dinner will help you learn more about your children's lives and better understand the challenges they face.

CASA created ***Family Day — A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™*** in 2001, as a national effort to promote family dinners as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens. *Family Day* is celebrated on **the fourth Monday in September**. For more info, please visit: <http://www.casafamilyday.org>

October 5th through the 11th is National 4-H Week

This is the time for all 4-H youth and families to bleed green! Share 4-H with everyone you meet. In the past 4-H clubs have displayed announcements on store and restaurant marquees, at schools and churches, libraries, etc. Let's show Talbot County how proud we are to be a part of this wonderful organization. As you share about 4-H, let interested people know about the New Family Welcome on the 7th and anything your clubs are doing to promote 4-H during this nationwide celebration!

September 7, 2008

4-H State Dressage Show and Combined Test -

Location: Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD

Contact: [Diana Cullum](#) 410-442-5849

September 13, 2008

State 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match -

Location: AGC Range, Marriottsville

Contact: [Conrad Arnold](#) 410-228-8800

September 19, 2008 thru September 21, 2008

Maryland PLAY Weekend -

Location: Harford County 4-H Camp

Contact: [Kendra Wells](#) 301-314-7317

September 21, 2008

[4-H Horsemen's Party](#) - The Maryland Horsemen's party serves as the primary fundraiser for the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Horse Endowment Fund. The fund commemorates former 4-H Alumna Sallie Robertson and helps support 4-H equine education programs.

Location: Ten Oaks Ballroom, Clarksville, MD

Contact: [Kristen Wilson](#) 301-596-9478

September 28, 2008 thru September 28, 2008

[5th Annual Rural Heritage Day](#) - The Wye Research and Education Center, partnering with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy will host this event - animals, childrens', educational, and historic agricultural exhibits, and show ring events will be featured

Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

Contact: [Barbara South](#) 410/827-6202

October 8, 2008

Youth Science Day -

Contact: [Denise Frebertshauser](#) 301-314-7819

October 11, 2008

Maryland Make it with Wool Contest -

Location: Carroll County Agriculture Center

Contact: [Sandy Corridon](#) 301-694-1598

October 11, 2008

State 4-H Awards and Recognition Program -

Location: Martin's Crosswind, Greenbelt MD

Contact: [Amanda Clougherty](#) 301-314-7832

October 15, 2008

Lights on Afterschool Events - Statewide -

Contact: [Anne Tompkins](#) 301-314-9070

October 17, 2008 thru October 18, 2008

State 4-H Archery event -

Location: Thendara 4-H Center

Contact: [Conrad Arnold](#) 410-228-8800

October 25, 2008

Maryland 4-H Forestry Contest -

Location: Patuxent River 4-H Center

Contact: [Denise Frebertshauser](#) 301-314-7819

October 26, 2008

Maryland 4-H Teen Council Meeting -

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: [Kendra Wells](#) 301-314-7317

October 28, 2008

Interviews and Judging for National 4-H Conference -

Location: Maryland 4-H Center

Contact: [Sandy Corridon](#) 301-694-1598

A special thank you to all the volunteers and judges who spent so much time and energy to make our 2008 Talbot County Fair such a great success.

I was a little worried going into my first Talbot County Fair without the guidance of the 4-H Educator, but it was soon obvious I had no reason to be. What an incredible group of people you all are. It was such a pleasure to be a part of this experience. The youth are why we do this, but it couldn't be done without you.

Thank you,
Jayne

4-H Champion and Reserve Champion Winners of the 2008 Talbot County Fair



Department B ~ Small Pets

Bonnie Callahan - Champion
Will Callahan - Reserve Champion

Department C ~ Agricultural Products



Henry Spies - Jr Champion
Julie Andrew - Jr Reserve Champion
Alex Roe - Int Champion
Justine Spies - Int Reserve Champion
Dillon Reilly - Sr Champion

Department D ~ Vegetables & Fruit



Henry Spies - Jr Champion
Jacob Boyle - Jr Reserve Champion
Alex Roe - Int Champion
Justine Spies - Int Reserve Champion
Dillon Reilly - Sr Champion
Tori Spies - Sr Reserve Champion

Department E ~ Crafts & Hobbies



Megan Watts - Jr Champion
Emily Lantz - Jr Reserve Champion
Hannah Engle - Int Champion
Justine Spies - Int Reserve Champion
Katelyn McNeal - Sr Champion
Brooke Dudrow - Sr Reserve Champion

Department F ~ Electric & Woodworking



Gareth Davis - Jr Champion
Sarah Baynard - Jr Reserve Champion
Brandon Dudrow - Int Champion
Parker Brophy - Sr Champion

Department G ~ Photography



Megan Watts - Jr Champion
Jacob Boyle - Jr Reserve Champion
Abby Heinsohn - Int Champion
Jessica Lantz - Int Reserve Champion
Katelyn McNeal - Sr Champion
Bret Gannon - Sr Reserve Champion

Department H ~ Booths, Collections & Miscellaneous Displays



Sam Pearson - Jr Champion
Jessica Lantz - Int Champion
Bailey Harris - Int Reserve Champion
Sara Urry - Sr Champion
Will Callahan - Sr Reserve Champion
Busy Beavers - Club Champion
ClayBusters - Club Reserve Champion

Department I ~ Record Books



Megan Watts - Jr Champion
Jacob Boyle - Jr Reserve Champion
Abby Heinsohn - Int Champion
Brandon Dudrow - Int Reserve Champion
Sara Urry - Sr Champion
Brooke Dudrow - Sr Reserve Champion

Department J ~ Food Preservation



Jacob Boyle - Jr Champion
Sara Urry - Sr Champion
Katelyn McNeal - Sr Reserve Champion

Department K ~ Baked Foods



Megan Watts - Jr Champion/cakes
Maria McCulley - Jr Reserve Champion/cakes
Justine Spies - Int Champion/cakes
Brandon Dudrow - Int Reserve Champion/cakes
Brooke Dudrow - Sr Champion/cakes
Megan Watts - Jr Champion/cookies
Henry Spies - Jr Reserve Champion/cookies
Brandon Dudrow - Int Champion/cookies
Alex Roe - Int Reserve Champion/cookies
Brooke Dudrow - Sr Champion/Cookies
Tori Spies - Sr Reserve Champion/cookies
Brandon Dudrow - Int Champion/breads
Justine Spies - Int Reserve Champion/breads
Tori Spies - Sr Champion/breads
Katelyn McNeal - Sr Reserve Champion/breads
Kallie Duley - Jr Champion/pies
Henry Spies - Jr Reserve Champion/pies

Department L ~ Home Furnishings & Child Care

Kendall Gant - Jr Champion/home furnishings

Megan Watts - Jr Reserve Champion/home furnishings

Jacob Mueller - Int Champion/home furnishings

Michelle McCulley - Int Reserve Champ/home furnishings



Bonnie Callahan - Sr Champion/home furnishings

Will Callahan - Sr Reserve Champion/home furnishings

Megan Andrew - Jr Champion/a well dressed table

Jessica Lantz - Int Champion/a well dressed table

Michelle McCulley - Int Reserve Champ/ well dressed table

Emily Baynard - Int Champion/child care

Department M ~ Clothing

Emily Lantz - Jr Champion

Megan Watts - Jr Reserve Champion

Jessica Lantz - Int Champion

Lindsay Graudin - Int Reserve Champion

Emily Graudin - Sr Champion



Department N ~ Flowers

Megan Thornton - Jr Champion

Megan Watts - Jr Reserve Champion

Abby Heinsohn - Int Champion

Brandon Dudrow - Int Reserve Champion

Brooke Dudrow - Sr Champion

Bonnie Callahan - Sr Reserve Champion



4-H Horse Show

Abby Heinsohn - Champion Beginner Division

Sarah Baynard - Reserve Champion Beginner Division



4-H Fashion Revue

Megan Watts - Jr Champion/constructed

Emily Lantz - Jr Reserve Champion/constructed

Ashley Gant - Int Champion/constructed

Jessica Lantz - Int Reserve Champion/constructed

Emily Graudin - Sr Champion/constructed

-Sr Reserve Champion/constructed

-Jr Champion/ready to wear

Megan Andrew - Jr Reserve Champion/ready to wear

-Int Champion/ready to wear



Lindsay Graudin - Int Reserve Champion/ready to wear

Sara Urry - Sr Champion/ready to wear

Bonnie Callahan - Sr Reserve Champion/ready to wear

Rabbit & Cavy Show

Abby Heinsohn - Reserve Champion Novice Cavy Showmanship

Megan Watts - Best Pet Cavy

Bonnie Callahan - Best 4 Class, Best in Show, Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship



Jacob Mueller - Best Pet Rabbit, Novice Reserve Champion Rabbit Showmanship

Megan Thornton - Reserve Pet Rabbit

Megan Watts - Junior Champion Rabbit Showmanship

Congratulations to our 2008/2009 Ambassadors

Congratulations to this year's Talbot County 4-H Ambassadors. Each Ambassador had to complete his or her record book for 2007, attend the majority of club meetings, submit an Ambassador application which included a response to the question, "Of the four H's which is your favorite, and why?" Each of our Ambassadors then presented his or her speech at the Ambassador Induction night at the Talbot County Fair. Now **Allison Roe, Brooke Dudrow, Emily Graudin, Gabrielle Biddle, Jessica Lantz, Megan Watts, Morgan Harvey, Ryan Snow, Sara Urry and Shane Taylor** will represent Talbot County 4-H when organizations ask to learn more about 4-H. Our Ambassadors will promote 4-H throughout the year and be spokespeople and representatives of our wonderful program! If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador it is very important to be active in 4-H throughout the year. To be eligible to even apply you must complete your record book, participate in a public speaking event that includes non 4-Hers or the county and/or regional public speaking contest. You must attend at least 8 club meetings and be working on at least one 4-H project. If you think that next year you'd like to be representing Talbot County 4-H feel free to ask me more, and, definitely, ask our current Ambassadors!