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## 4-H MESSENGER

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



**May/June 2011**



Dear Members, Parents, and Volunteers,

We hope you are enjoying the spring weather and getting a chance to have some fun. The 4-H Office has been busy supporting clubs, conducting outreach to new youth audiences, and carrying out school and community educational activities. The mission of University of Maryland Extension is to put research-based educational programs to work benefiting the public. Current Talbot County 4-H efforts are focusing on the National 4-H Mission Mandates of healthy living, science, and citizenship.

As many of you anxiously await the end of the school year and the start of summer, remember that in no time the county fair will be here. We have included a lot of fair-related information in this issue of the *4-H Messenger*. Look over the fair updates closely and be sure to check out the fair

book online at [talbotcountyfair.org](http://talbotcountyfair.org). (It will be online soon.) This year we are challenging each of you to think about your project work and identify items that you can enter in the county fair. Wouldn't it be great if every Talbot County 4-H member could enter items in the indoor departments or animals in the animal shows? Remember that the fair requires pre-registration. Check the fair book for details. Let us know if we can help with your fair preparations.

You might also want to consider participating in the Maryland State Fair. Information about the State Fair is found at [marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com).

We would again like to thank you for helping us promote 4-H to the public. The 4-H Office has been conducting educational programs at schools, child care centers, and community settings, but without all of you our outreach efforts would be very limited.

Enjoy the spring, and we'll see you at the fair!

*Tom Hutson*  
4-H Educator

*Pat Murphy*  
4-H Program Assistant



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS

### Saturday, May 14 Eastern Shore 4-H/FFA Spring Show Queen Anne's County 4-H Park



Contact the Extension Office if you would like information about participating in this livestock program. You'll get the opportunity to practice showing your animals.



### Saturday, May 21 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Sewing Fun! Class for Clovers Talbot Agriculture and Education Center

Youth ages 5-7 are invited to this introductory sewing program offered by 4-H volunteer Ms. Roxane Watts. Bring a sewing machine and learn how to use it! Call the Extension Office if you would like to participate. An adult must stay with clovers.

### Saturday, May 28 Livestock Weigh-In and Tagging 9:00 A.M. at the Talbot Agriculture & Education Center



All 4-H members who will be entering livestock in the county fair need to bring their animals to this event and have them tagged/weighed. Call the Extension Office or Ms. Susan Behrens to let us know you're coming.



### Saturday, June 11 Yard Sale to Benefit the Talbot County Fair 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

#### Talbot Agriculture & Education Center

Do you have a bunch of odds and ends that you would like to find a home for? Consider reserving a space at this community yard sale and selling some of your things. Do you like buying things at yard

sales? Come visit the sale and find those treasures you've been looking for. Contact the Extension Office or Ms. Karen Callahan ([karensrabbits@hotmail.com](mailto:karensrabbits@hotmail.com)) for details.



### Sunday, June 12 4-H Mechanical Sciences Day Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

This event usually features large/compact tractor, ATV, welding, bicycle, and small engine contests. It will also allow you to try the written and practice tests prior to competing in the state contest. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested in participating. The day should be a lot of fun.

### Wednesday, June 15 4-H Summer Science Fun Day Talbot Ag. & Education Center



This fun, exciting science program will explore several topics including agriculture, soils, and the environment. The program is designed for all youth ages 8-13 from the Mid-Shore area, but older youth are also welcome. To pre-register by June 1, contact the Talbot County 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244. Participants are asked to bring their lunch. There will be a \$5 registration fee per child to assist in materials costs. **Can't make the 15<sup>th</sup> because of a prior commitment?** Join us for a repeat of this program Thursday, June 16 at the Caroline County 4-H Park. Call Caroline County 4-H to sign up for the Thursday program: (410) 479-4030.



### Saturday, June 18 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest Queen Anne's County 4-H Park

The contest will be held on the Eastern Shore this year! Horse project members are eligible to send teams, but if you don't want to compete you might want to attend the contest just to watch the events. You'll be impressed with the knowledge and skills of 4-H members from around the state.

**Tuesday, June 21 – Friday, June 24**  
**Maryland 4-H State Teen Focus**  
**University of Maryland Eastern Shore**  
**Princess Anne, Maryland**



Consider attending this exciting learning experience and social event for Maryland 4-H teens. This year Teen Focus will be held on the Eastern Shore, so you don't even have to cross the Bay Bridge to attend! Participants will choose from a wide variety of interactive workshops and activities. Registration information is available online at [maryland4h.org](http://maryland4h.org), or you can contact the 4-H Office for details.



**Saturday, June 25, 2011**  
**Our American Heritage Workshop**  
**1 P.M. – 4 P.M., St. Mark's U. M. Church,**  
**room 206, Easton, Maryland**

All youth ages 12 to 18 are welcome to participate in this exploration of American history. Ms. Della Andrew will give an interpretive presentation of the Gettysburg Address and then lead into a discussion of parts of the Declaration of Independence, Paul Revere's Ride, and the U. S. Constitution/Bill of Rights. Then the participants will each create a poster (approx. 14" X 22") with the theme of "Our American Heritage" using paint, markers and/or crayons and misc craft materials. This can be shown at the Talbot 4-H Fair under: Department H - 4-H/FFA Poster Art - for posters related to projects. Register with the 4-H Office by Monday, June 20.

**Wednesday, June 29 – Friday, July 1**  
**Adventures in Health Science**  
**Memorial Hospital in Easton**



All youth ages 10-13 are invited to attend this three-day program filled with fun program that will explore health and medical careers right here in Talbot County! The Sessions will include hospital tours, interactive activities, and talks with health care professionals. Older youth are also welcome, and we might ask you to help the younger kids with their activities. Call the 4-H Office for registration information. Space is limited, so register early.



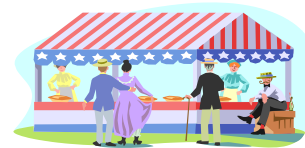
**Thursday, July 7 – Saturday, July 9**  
**4-H Horse Jamboree**  
**Patuxent River 4-H Center**  
**Upper Marlboro, MD**

This overnight program is designed to give youth opportunities to demonstrate their existing horse knowledge as well as to learn new ideas and skills while having fun. The program is open to all Maryland 4-H Members, ages 8-18. Contact the 4-H Office for more information

**Friday, July 8**  
**4-H Horse Communication Contest**  
**1:30 P.M., Patuxent River 4-H Center**



4-H members can participate in the following categories: public speaking, individual presentations, and team presentations.



**July 13-16**  
**2011 Talbot County Fair!**  
**Talbot Agriculture**  
**& Education Center**  
[www.talbotcountyfair.org](http://www.talbotcountyfair.org)

Check out the fair information later in this newsletter.

We'll see you at the fair!



**July 14 - 15**  
**AGsploration Summer Science Institute**  
**Thendara 4-H Center**  
**Hurlock, Maryland**

Do you love science? Are you interested in agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay? All middle school youth are welcome to participate in this two-day program. Participants will complete a variety of hands-on activities, learn about the importance of agriculture, explore Chesapeake Bay environmental

issues, and attend a field trip to a local facility. Contact the 4-H Office if you would like more information about this fun program. **Can't attend because you'll be at the county fair?** There is also an institute held June 27 and 28 in Frederick and another June 29 and 30 held in Prince George's County.

**Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5  
Land and Water Connection Summer  
Camp**



**Horn Point Environmental Lab, Cambridge**

This program will be of interest to youth who like ecology and environmental topics. The cost is \$125 per child, and the camp is available to youth in grades 6-8. Applications are due June 18. This is not a 4-H program, but we can get you the application and information if you would like to attend.



**Thursday, August 4  
10:30-12**

**All about Birds  
Talbot Free Library in Easton**

Youth ages 8-12 can join Mr. Tom Hutson as he offers this fun class that focuses on bird ecology. Participants will learn about food webs, study how birds are adapted to survive, and analyze bird diets by dissecting owl pellets. Call the library to register or call the Extension Office for more information.

**August 25 – September 5  
Maryland State Fair  
Timonium Fairgrounds**



4-H Members: Consider entering some of your projects in the Maryland State Fair. Check online at [marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com) for departments and classes. We hope to see you there! Entry information and policies can be found at [marylandstatefair.org](http://marylandstatefair.org)



**November 17-19  
2010 Grand National Waterfowl Hunt  
Dorchester County**

This annual hunt is held to promote opportunities in Dorchester, encourage wildlife conservation and highlight shooting sports. Registration deadline is JUNE 1. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

**4-H members, parents, and  
volunteers can find out about  
State-Level 4-H Programs and get  
useful policies, information, and  
forms online at:  
[maryland4h.org](http://maryland4h.org)**

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**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.**

**If you need assistance to participate in a program,  
please contact the Extension Office in advance.**

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**Important: Record Book Forms  
and Portfolio Information!**

Do you want to work on your 2011 record book now instead of putting it off? To access the Maryland 4-H Summary Record and Maryland 4-H Project Record forms, go to [talbot.umd.edu](http://talbot.umd.edu) and click "4-H Youth Development." You can edit and save the forms.

To access information about 4-H Senior Portfolios, go to [maryland4h.org](http://maryland4h.org). Click Faculty and Staff; click Forms; click Awards and Recognition; click Out of State Trips. All details about the portfolio are found at this website. Portfolios help determine a senior's eligibility for national trips!

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**Service Learning Hours**



Did you know that your 4-H community service work can often qualify as service learning hours for school? Contact the Extension Office if you need help deciding which of your community service projects qualify as service learning.

## Short-Term Volunteer Opportunity! Nutrition and Healthy Living



The 4-H staff is introducing “healthy living” to pre-K and elementary kids through 30 minutes of activities, games, & song. Multiple school visits will be scheduled.

We’re inviting anyone interested to hand out materials and join in the fun.

Contact Pat Murphy for details.  
410-822-1244      pmurphy3@umd.edu

## Maryland 4-H Foundation Updates



All 4-H Seniors preparing for college should be aware that there are several Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarships available. The deadline for applying is June 1, so check out the 4-Foundation website if you are interested.

### Seniors: Prepare for 2012 Out-of-State Trips!



Attention senior 4-H members: Did you know that the Maryland 4-H Foundation sponsors a variety of national trips each year for 4-H members? If you are interested in attending one of these trips next year, be sure to put together a portfolio this year and have us forward it to the State 4-H Office on the appropriate date. Note: Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference will be due October 2011 to the State 4-H Office. National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older

Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca will be due in January of 2012 to the State 4-H Office.

(Resumes, Essays, and Applications for **2012 National 4-H Conference** will be due in October 2011.

\*\*\*Check out [mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://mymaryland4hfoundation.com) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities!

### *We Would Like to Thank Our Maryland State Communication Contest Participants!*

It is nice to know that we had seven of you showing Maryland residents what Talbot County 4-H members are capable of! All of these members shared their skills with visitors to the contest April 30 in College Park.

**Rebekah Lankford – Champion, Junior  
Prepared Speech!!! 😊**

**Henry Spies, Intermediate Prepared Speech**

**Justine Spies, Senior Prepared Speech**

**Megan Watts, Intermediate Interpretation**

**Mitchell Lantz, Junior Extemporaneous**

**Megan McCulley, Intermediate  
Extemporaneous**

**Michelle McCulley, Senior Extemporaneous**

**DO YOU NO LONGER WANT/NEED  
TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?  
If so, please contact the Extension Office  
and we will remove you from our list.**

## Animal Programs Update



Ms. Susan Behrens is our County Livestock Coordinator, so if the 4-H Office can't answer your question she probably can!

If you are planning to work on a livestock project in 2011 and you want to enter an animal in fairs or shows, please let Ms. Susan or the 4-H Office know as soon as possible.

### Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Program

#### 2011 Program Requirements for the following species:

- ★ All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits MUST complete the training to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows.
- ★ **ALL** 4-H animal project members working with the species listed above are required to complete the training in 2011. Even if they completed the training at a face-to-face session in their county in 2010, they MUST complete the new on-line training program this year.
- ★ For future years of the AH&QA program, 4-H members will complete the online training program when they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year). Therefore, each time you enter a new age division, you will be required to complete the training PLUS if a 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program they must return to program and complete the program for the new species area.
- ★ There are two major parts to the program:
  - Part 1 is completed by all members.
  - Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species - members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each species project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit.

- ★ **Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 1st.**

#### Information to Help You Complete the online training:

- The link to the website to access the AH&QA program will be posted on the Maryland 4-H website between March 1 and July 31 at <http://www.maryland4h.org/> or go directly to <http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA/> .
- The AH&QA program has voice narration, so the material is shared in written and oral form. Members will be asked to respond to questions to evaluate knowledge at two points during the program.
- When members register for the program in Part 1, they will be provided a unique passcode. **Members should write their passcode down and keep it in a safe place!**
- The program takes about 60 minutes to complete. If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program by entering their Passcode .
- Upon completion of the individual species section, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. We suggest keeping the Certificate of Completion with their animal health papers (CVI forms).
- Each member's progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

**BE SURE TO GIVE A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION to Ms. Susan Behrens or Mr. Tom and Ms. Pat at the 4-H Office! Your certificate will be your proof that you took the training.**

Contact us if you have problems accessing the online training.

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### Ownership Deadlines

- Leased animals – must be leased by June 1 (send a copy of the leasing agreement to the 4-H Office)
- Breeding animals, purebred and commercial – must be owned by July 1 (steer ownership date is Jan. 1)



### Check all Regulations!

Reminder to all livestock exhibitors, including rabbits, horses, and poultry: Don't forget to have the proper health papers and self-certification forms when you check in at fairs and shows. The forms are available online at:

[www.mda.md.us/animal health/](http://www.mda.md.us/animal%20health/)

After your veterinarian completes and signs your animal's Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) form, he or she will send a copy to the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Rabbits and horses don't need a CVI, but they DO need you to fill out the self-certification form. Horses and poultry need additional tests, so be sure to check the regulations.

Remember to complete the animal health self-certification form BEFORE you leave home the morning of an animal show. You are required to look over your animal and sign off on the form to indicate that your animal appears to be healthy. DON'T BRING A SICK ANIMAL TO THE FAIR! We need to avoid spreading diseases to other animals.



### Horse and Pony ID Cards

Each 4-H member who leases or owns a horse or pony, and plans to show the animal, needs to complete and turn in a Horse and Pony ID Card to the 4-H Office each year. This is especially important for members who want to participate in out-of-county horse shows. Other counties

are beginning to disqualify members who do not have horse and pony cards on file with their county 4-H office. The cards can be found online at: [maryland4h.org](http://maryland4h.org) in the forms area.



### Do You Have an Idea for a 4-H Project Club?

Hello Talbot County Adults: Do you have a special hobby, skill, or talent? Contact us about sharing your project knowledge with local kids by helping us conduct a series of 6-10 project sessions, a short-term club!

### Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer or start a 4-H club?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or starting a club, please contact the 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244 and we will be glad to talk with you and set up a training session to help you become a volunteer.



### Important 4-H Websites:

Maryland 4-H

[maryland4h.org](http://maryland4h.org)

National 4-H

[4-h.org](http://4-h.org)

Talbot County Extension Office/4-H

[talbot.umd.edu](http://talbot.umd.edu)

University of Maryland Extension

[extension.umd.edu](http://extension.umd.edu)

Talbot County Fair

[talbotcountyfair.org](http://talbotcountyfair.org)

Maryland State Fair

[marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com)

Maryland 4-H Horse

[4horse.umd.edu](http://4horse.umd.edu)

Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports

[md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu](http://md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu)

## The 2011 Talbot County Fair is Coming!

### WHO can enter?

Everyone! All Talbot County 4-H and FFA members are eligible to enter indoor exhibit items and animals into the fair's 4-H classes. All other local residents are encouraged to enter exhibits and animals into the fair's open classes.



### WHERE is the fair held?

The Talbot County Fair is held at the:  
Talbot Agricultural Center  
10659 Hiners Lane  
Easton, MD 21601



### WHEN is the fair?

JULY 13, 14, 15 & 16



### WHY enter items in the fair?

The Talbot County Fair gives local residents the opportunity to showcase their talents and accomplishments in a wide variety of areas. Participating in the fair is also a lot of FUN!



### HOW do I enter items into the fair?

All of the fair information and forms can be found online at: [talbotcountyfair.org](http://talbotcountyfair.org). 4-H/FFA members should check with their club leaders or the Extension Office (410) 822-1244 if they would like to obtain a copy of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor's guide. Open class participants can request a copy of the open class exhibitor's guide from the fair coordinators: (410) 822-8007. The guides provide detailed instructions about entering items. All the entry forms you need are found at the end of each guide.



### WHAT should I enter in the fair?

There are many different types of items that can be entered in the fair! The major departments include:

- Livestock (cattle, hogs, goats, sheep)
- Small Pets (rabbits, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, dogs, poultry, etc.)
- Agricultural Products (field crops, eggs, honey)
- Vegetables and Fruit
- Crafts and Hobbies

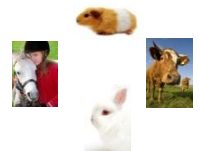


- Needle Work
- Electric and Woodworking
- Photography
- Booths, Collections, and Displays
- 4-H Record Books
- Food Preservation
- Baked Foods
- Home Furnishings and Child Care
- Clothing
- Flowers and Plants
- 4-H Clover Department
- Fashion



Shows that can be entered include:

- Cavy (guinea pig)
- Rabbit
- Horse
- Livestock
- Fashion Revue



Important Registration and Entry Dates\*:

\* All exhibits for 4-H/FFA and open class require **pre-registration** this year.

#### Friday, June 3

All livestock forms are due

#### Friday, June 10

Cavy and Rabbit Show forms deadline  
Small Pets form deadline

#### Friday, June 17

All Indoor Exhibit entry forms deadline

#### Friday, June 24

Horse Show registration form deadline  
Fashion Show registration form deadline

#### Tuesday, July 12, 6:30PM-8:00PM

Indoor Exhibits entered  
(only non-perishable items accepted)

#### Wednesday, July 13, 8:30AM-9:30AM

Indoor Exhibits entered  
(only perishable items accepted)

Note: Check fair book or website for livestock entry and show dates

**DON'T MISS OUT –  
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office**

Council Members Present: Mitchell Lantz, Jessi Lantz, Emily Lantz, Carol Frampton, Catherine Pearson, Noah Dorbin, Jo Anne Roe, Brandon Dudrow, Della Andrew, Brooke Dudrow, Michelle McCulley, Maria McCulley, Susan McCulley, Karla Cherry, Katelynn Cherry, Josh Cherry, Renee Pearson, Pat Murphy, Tom Hutson

**Call to order and pledges**

**I. Minutes of previous Council Meeting**

**II. Old Business**

- MEBA tour spring 2011  
Ms. Della would like to arrange a tour open to the whole county's youth of the engineering school. She will work on finding a suitable date in the spring. (we still need to check on it)
- Record Book Workshops or Public Speaking Workshops – Does anyone know of members who need record book training or public speaking practice? Let the Extension Office know and we'll try to schedule trainings for them.
- Countywide Food Drive for the Humane Society? Catherine Pearson suggested this service activity, and Chapel District 4-H Club will look into it. Catherine says the Humane Society needs canned food of any kind for dogs or cats. The food will be donated to needy families with pets. Each club is asked to collect canned pet food during the next two months.

**IV. Club Activity – January 2011 to present:**

**Bay Hundred Blue Crabs** – not present

**Busy Beavers** – The club met February 12 at the Dixon House. We held our business meeting and then put on a communications program for the residents; following which they invited the residents to join us in singing a few 4-H songs. The clover members gave each resident a bag of treats they had put together for the January meeting. Since then, the club had five members participate in the County Communication Contest on February 17; several members attended Winterfare; and twelve members attended the 4-H Achievement Program on March 11.

**Chapel District** – The club had 5 people compete in the public speaking contest, planned the club tour, and sent cards to troops

**Claybusters** - The club continued to shoot twice a month, weather permitting. There is a shooting fundraiser at Schrader's coming up. It will benefit the 4-H Foundation, and some of the club members will be participating.

**Green Clovers** - At the February meeting, the club discussed sewing dates and most members picked out patterns. Eighteen children are sewing this year. Two members went to Winterfare and three went for interviews for national trips. All of the old members turned in record books. Some of the new members gave speeches in preparation for the county public speaking contest. Five members attended the Achievement Program. The Graudin family was awarded 4-H Family of the Year, and Emily Graudin a book scholarship. The club elected new officers at the March meeting. Mitchell led the club in an arts and crafts community service project. The club also started making origami wreaths for William Hill Manor.

**Hoofbeats** – The club is starting to schedule Hippology practices

**Saddle (and Paws) Club** – The club did a practice with the horses and also learned the parts of the horse; several members participated in the Horse Hoopla. It was fun and they got to spend the night. They are working to open the club to other kids who like small pets, and they are going to the Delaware Horse Expo this weekend.

**V. New Business**

• **Reminder: 4-H Council Representatives**

Each club is encouraged to send its vice president and/or designated 4-H Council representative to attend the 4-H Council meetings. Council meets in January, March, May, September, and November.

• **Election of 4-H Council Officers for March 2011 – March 2012:**

**President** – will run 4-H Council meetings and may contribute ideas/topics to meeting agendas.

Jessi Lantz was nominated again and elected.

**Vice President** – will help president with meetings and run meetings when president is absent

Lindsey Graudin and Noah Dorbin were nominated. Lindsey Graudin was elected.

**Secretary** – will read or summarize the minutes of the previous meeting and contact club vice presidents and Council representatives prior to each 4-H Council meeting. Mitchell Lantz was nominated and elected.

**Historian** - will collect 4-H news clippings and/or success stories and save them/share them with 4-H Council members. Michelle McCulley was nominated and elected.

- **Project Workshops** – Based on your suggestions for new activities, the 4-H Program held an introduction to cooking class targeting youth ages 8-12 on March 12, thanks to adults including Jackie Blake who planned the class. Do you know

someone who would like to help us offer a project workshop this year? Please have him or her contact the Extension Office.

- **Scholarships** - First State Antique Tractor Club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to college students enrolled in agriculture programs. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
- **Robotics Update** – The 4-H Program has received four LEGO Mindstorm kits, so we now have robotics supplies available for older youth (12 and up) in addition to the WeDo kits we have been using for youth ages 7-12. We can get additional clubs started if there are adults who like to supervise kids while they build and program robots.
- **AGsploration** – We have the curriculum, and Michelle McCulley has been trained to teach it!
- **Regional Communication Contest**, Friday, March 25 at 6:30 - Easton High School.  
\*\*Talbot County champions and reserve champions need to notify the Extension Office by Monday, March 21 if you plan to participate in the regional contest
- **\*\*\*4-H Online Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training** – ALL Maryland 4-H members who exhibit alpacas, cattle, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are REQUIRED to take this online training THIS YEAR. We want to have all our 4-H animal project members take the training before April 30. Members should print a copy of their completion certificate and give it to Ms. Susan Behrens or turn it in to the Extension Office. After this year you will only need to re-take the training when you change age level (junior, intermediate, senior) or exhibit a new species of animal. The link to the online training is: <http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA>. (We will also hold an in-person training Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 at the Ag. Center for new livestock project members who take the online training but feel they need more instruction.)

#### VI. Upcoming Events/Dates

- **Saturday, March 19 – Livestock Showing Workshop**, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
- **Saturday, April 2 – 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Shoot/Fundraiser** at Schrader’s Sporting Clays in Bridgetown. This event raises money for the Maryland 4-H Foundation and helps to pay for national trips.
- **Saturday, April 9 - 4-H Horse Judging Clinic**, Carroll County Ag. Center. Contact Kristen Wilson ([kswilson@umd.edu](mailto:kswilson@umd.edu)) for information.
- **Friday, April 8 - Sunday, April 10 – Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training** at Thendara 4-H Center in Hurlock. ALL adults who want to become Maryland 4-H shooting sports instructors need to participate in this weekend training. We also need 4-H members to help out Sunday afternoon by being students for the newly trained instructors so they can get some practice working with kids.
- **Friday, April 15 – Sunday, April 17 – 4-H Mechanical Sciences Camp** at Rocks State Park in Harford County. Participants will explore projects such as engines, lawn tractors, large tractors, and welding.
- **Saturday, April 16 – Mechanical Sciences Workshop** at Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
- **Saturday, April 16 – Livestock Showmanship Workshop** in Cecil County
- **Saturday, April 30 – Maryland Day and State Communication Contest** at U. of MD in College Park. County Champions and Reserve Champions are eligible.
- **Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 14 – 4-H Shooting Safety Training** – required for youth who want to join shooting sports clubs.
- **Saturday, May 14 – Eastern Shore Spring Livestock Show**. Information is available at [queenannes.umd.edu](http://queenannes.umd.edu).
- **Saturday, May 21 – Sewing Class for Clovers** at Extension Office. Please register in advance.
- Other? Spring Expo – April 16 and 17. This program is managed by the Star Democrat at the Easton Community Center. Ms. Della suggested that groups might want to sell baked goods at the expo and involve all of the clubs.
- Project Clean Stream – April 2 – Choptank, Miles, and Wye River (stream cleanup)
- Possible citizenship project workshop (Ms. Della is willing to offer this program in June)
- The Saddle and Paws is looking for older members who might want to help run small pet activities with members in the club. If you know someone who is interested in helping, let the Extension Office know.

**Next Meeting: May 17, 2011, 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the Extension Office. (Ambassadors meeting will be from 5:00-6:00 P.M.)**

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