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NEWS FROM  
THE WICOMICO  
COUNTY 4-H  
PROGRAM

# The GREENroom NEWSLETTER

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4-H Motto  
To Make The Best Better

## Upcoming Event Reminders

September 28th -  
6:30 pm  
4-H Dog Club  
Kennel Club

September 28th  
Robotics Lego -  
6:30pm

October 7 & 8  
4-H State Archery

November 4th  
Awards Program  
6:30 pm

November 18-20  
MD 4-H Vltr Forum  
Ocean City

December 10, 2011  
Holiday Workshop  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

February 25, 2012  
4-H Winterfare



## Fun at the Farm and Home Show

This year we had 58 exhibitors and 638 entries. What a wonderful turn out at the Wicomico Farm and Home Show this year! 4-Her's from Wicomico County competed in indoor exhibits as well as livestock showing. 4-Her's accumulated over \$1,846 in prize money for their indoor exhibits and more for the livestock showing.

The Kindred Spirit Horse Club held a jousting show and riders as well as showmen, displayed their talents. They also coordinated and participated in the Fashion Show. We would like to thank all who participated and the supporting family members for making this such a wonderful year.

A special thanks to Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Debbie, the Farm and Home Show Board members and our volunteer judges and department chairs.

### Lewis R. Riley Trophy Awarded to Sarah Dorey

This engraved trophy is awarded in honor of Lewis R. Riley, a former 4-H member. To become entitled to this trophy, the placing on 4-H exhibits in the Farm & Home Show must total the highest score of all Wicomico 4-H members who have exhibited, including livestock.

### Harry S. Banks Memorial Trophy Awarded to Bradley Dorey

This trophy is donated by the Sharptown Lions Club and is awarded to the Wicomico 4-H member who receives the second highest number of points in 4-H exhibits, including livestock.

### *Wicomico Farm & Home Show "Christmas" Basket Bingo*

This fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, November 3, 2011** at 7 pm (doors & kitchen open at 5:30 pm) at the Salisbury Moose Lodge, Snow Hill Road in Salisbury. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (call Iva Mae Gravenor 410-742-5174).

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## Champion & Grand Champion Winners for each Indoor Division:

### Consumer and Family Science

Child Care- Margaret Gaetano (Grand Champion)

Clothing- Sarah Dorey

Home Environment- McKensie Lewis

### Foods

Food Preparation- McKensie Lewis

Food Preservation - McKensie Lewis (Grand Champion)

Edible Art- Katie Howard

Candy - McKensie Lewis

### Expressive Arts

Photography - Cally Grant (Grand Champion)

Fine Arts - Lexi Uzman (Grand Champion)

Crafts - Lauren Brown (Grand Champion)

Scrapbooking- Logan Grant

Collections - N/A

### Mechanical Science

Woodworking- Angelina Pinkston (Grand Champion)

Electric - N/A

### Environmental Sciences

Natural Resources—Margaret Gaetano (Grand Champion)

### Flowers and Arrangements

Cut Flowers- McKensie Lewis

Arrangements & Corsages - Logan Grant

House Plants & Terrariums - Katelyn Davis (Grand Champion)

### Agricultural Sciences

Vegetable Varieties- Bradley Dorey (Grand Champion)

Grain - Bradley Dorey

Hay- Bradley Dorey

Eggs - Katelyn Davis (Grand Champion)

### 4-H Promotion

4-H Promotional Poster - Zachery LaPearl

Educational Posters - Kelly Phillips

### Champion Showman Livestock

#### Belt Buckle Winners

Dairy - Sarah Dorey

Swine - Cole Olson

Beef - Lura Ring

Sheep - Lura Ring

Meat Goat - Austin Meredith

Dairy Goat - Sarah Dorey

Herdsmanship Award - Angelina Pinkston



**Sarah Dorey was the J. Quinton Johnson Memorial Trophy winner. She earned the highest number of points in the livestock show.**

## Summer Adventures 2011



The **2011 Summer Adventure Program** was a huge success! Fifty-five 4-Hers including teen leaders participated in the program. Youth camped, fished, felted wool, swam, hiked and

made strawberry jam! A special thanks to Kaci Ball, Adam Phillips, Kyle Barga, Kierra Moore, Gabrielle Mister and Wesley Myrer for giving over seventy-five hours of their summer to help kids have fun in a safe environment. Keith Barga, Eric Merrill, Maegan Wikander, Anne Luke, Margo Luke, Brittany Flurer and Carol Newberry volunteered as adults to help make the activities interesting and fun! Mrs. Michaelann Franks enthusiastically joined the team as co-director for this summer's events. We were thrilled to have her as a part of the Wicomico County 4-H team. Also a special thanks to Mr. Mike Phillips who helped obtain a grant to help with the Summer Adventure program.



## Health Rocks - 2011

This summer Wesley Myrer, Kierra Moore, Kyle Barga, Keith Barga, Gabrielle Mister and Michaelann Franks completed ten hours of anti-drug and alcohol abuse training for Wicomico County Parks and Recreation. The sites were North Salisbury Elementary, Westside Intermediate and Pittsville Middle Schools. The Wicomico County Health Rocks Team reached approximately 100 children! They were wonderful role models to the youth

of our area. A poster contest was held at each site and Health Rocks winning posters were exhibited at the Wicomico Farm & Home Show held in August.

**2011 Holiday Workshop** will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm at Nelson's Church in Hebron. More details to follow!



## 2011 State 4-H Archery Event

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and / or  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-Registration by September  
28<sup>th</sup> Required for Either or Both  
Days.

This year's event will be held Friday evening to Saturday afternoon on October 7 & 8 at the Thendara 4-H Center, near Hurlock in Dorchester County. It is sponsored by the Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and supported by the Chesapeake Chapter of Safari Club International.

**Eligibility:** 4-Hers ages 8 to 18 who enrolled prior to Aug. 1, 2011 & are actively & safely participating in 4-H Archery Clubs. In order to be eligible for participation in a state 4-H shooting sports competitive event, the 4-H member must have been enrolled in and completed a basic beginner course taught by a 4-H certified shooting sports instructor of the

appropriate discipline. Youth must be actively participating in a local program and the 4-H instructor will determine if the youth is adequately prepared to safely participate in the state



event.

**Location:** Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock, MD – Dorchester County

**Lodging Options:** Dormitory, Tent Camp, RV's, & Local Motels

**Costs:** start at \$35  
(Late Fee of \$15.00 on any registration postmarked after 9/26/11. Late fee applies to any registration received without payment.

Contact the extension office for your full registration packet to participate in the Archery Event.



### **Winterfare**

**February 25,  
2012**

**Christ U.M.  
Church  
Philip Morris  
Dr, Salisbury**

**See  
registration  
form in  
Next  
newsletter**

## **Annual Awards Banquet**

**November 4, 2011 - 6:30 pm**  
**Christ United Methodist Church**  
**Phillip Morris Drive, Salisbury**

Everyone is invited to join us in recognizing our 4-Hers and volunteers hard work over the last year. Awards will be given out for various achievements.

**Please RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Kay at 410-749-6141 x101**  
This will ensure we order enough food and accommodate for seating.  
We hope to see you all there.



### Melson's Mustangs

By: Amy Wilber

The May meeting was called to order by Sarah Dorey. Pledges were led by Wesley Myrer and Austin Meredith. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by Amy Wilber & Zachary LaPearl. We discussed public speaking, shotgun, air rifle & archery clubs. A program about the basics of French was presented by Wesley Myrer. Chelsea Hudson taught us how to make bottle rockets. Refreshments were provided by Wesley Myrer and we also celebrated Wesley's birthday.

The July meeting was called to order by Sarah Dorey. Pledges were led by Amy Wilber & Wesley Myrer. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by Amy Wilber & Zachary LaPearl. We talked about the 4-H Festival and sent out thank-you cards for everyone's help. We also discussed Teen Focus & Summer Adventures. Demonstrations were given by Megan James, Zachary LaPearl, Amy Wilber, Maddison LaPearl, Mckensie Lewis, Brenna Parsons, Austin Meredith & Sarah Dorey. Refreshments were provided by Brenna Parsons.

We did not have a formal meeting in August. We had dinner at the Hudson's home where we swam and launched our bottle rockets that we made at our May meeting.

The September meeting was called to order by Megan James. Pledges were led by Amy Wilber and Wesley Myrer. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by amy Wilber & Zachary LaPearl. We discussed our Parent Appreciation Dinner, MD 4-H All Stars, Fair season, Summer Adventures and the bottle rocket launch. We also talked about the 4-H Media Club, Creative Home Arts Club, State 4-H Archery, Community Service Project at Bryan & Brittingham. Refreshments were provided by Sarah Dorey. Project books were due on 9/1/11.

### Pittsville Wildcats

By: Trish Manning

The meeting was called to order by MacKenzie Richardson. Pledges were led by Trish Manning & Taylor Aydelotte. Treasurer's report was given by Taylor Aydelotte. Committee report was given by Trish Manning. Our club did face painting at Pittsville Community Day on June 4th. We discussed the Farm & Home Show. We also congratulated ourselves on selling the most Horse show ads and voted to go miniature golfing with our prize. We had a program about record books. Refreshments were provided by Aaron Calloway. Our club also met the last week of May and Miss Barb gave a presentation on Canning & Preserving. We made strawberry jam and had a great time. Thanks to James & Michelle Adkins for donating the strawberries.

### Wicomico Livestock

By: Margaret Gaetano

Here is what this club has been working on during the year. January—the club went to the rodeo together, good time was had by all. We are also discussing the Fitting & Showing awards for the Wicomico Farm & Home Show.

February—we discussed the fair times, and the posters our club members make for the fairs. We also acquired a small horse trailer for the Livestock Club and we did some work on the trailer. We have equipment that has been donated to the club and we are able to store everything in one place now.

March—we finalized the Fitting & Showing awards and sponsors for them. Discussed quality assurance with our members and we talked about fundraisers for the club and the 4-H Festival.

April—talked about Farm Tour, tagging and weigh in dates, and possibly getting donations for the Wicomico Farm & Home Show for the livestock members. We met on May 1st and 70% of our members completed the Quality Assurance program at the Wicomico Extension Office.

May—June - a number of club members brought their animals to the 4-H Festival at Tractor Supply in May. We will be having a pot-luck cookout and pool party to celebrate their hard work. At the May & June meetings there was much discussion about the fairs. Club members plan to show animals in all four Lower Shore fairs. The club will be holding a Poultry & Rabbit Workshop to prepare for showing their animals. The club voted to have t-shirts made so we can have a way to identify our club at 4- H events.



### Wicomico Livestock (cont) By: Margaret Gaetano

September meeting - our club was very grateful to have Susan Arnold, President of the Wicomico Farm & Home Show, visit us at our meeting. We discussed things that we would like to change for next year's Farm & Home Show. Our club talked about the tagging arrangements for next year. If you have five or more animals that need to be tagged, then the leaders will come to your farm and tag them. If you have less than five animals to be tagged, you will bring them to a central location. Our annual Livestock Dinner will be held in October at the Princess Anne Fairgrounds. We will be having a dinner and movie. Maggie and Kacie Ball will be providing the movie & popcorn. There were two new members - Nate & Olivia. There was a record attendance at our meeting of 14 children.



### **2011 4-H Record**

**Books** are due in to the 4-H Office by October 14th. Most of the major 4-H awards are based

on record books and resumes, keeping a record of what you did and learned in 4-H will result in recognition at the awards ceremony.

### Kindred Spirit 4-H Club

On May 22nd the club hosted a surprise graduation party for Ellie Jansen, the president of our club. About 30 people attended and everyone chipped in to purchase a gift for her. Ellie is attending Bridgewater, VA and is taking Ruckus, the two year old that was born here at Kindred Sprit Farm. She will continue his training as she pursues her dream of equestrian studies as well. Ellie will receive a medical kit for Ruckus completely stocked with everything he needs as well as many other items she may need for him at school to continue his training. The amazing donations from the riding lessons at Kindred spirit Farm where Ellie helps teach will send her and Ruckus off completely prepared for their new education. She will be greatly missed.



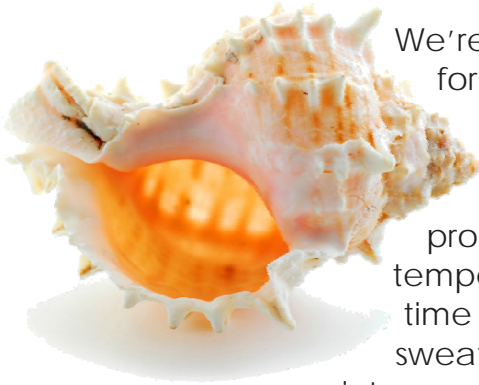
Kindred Spirit 4-H club members participate in the Fashion Show at the Wicomico Farm & Home Show.



Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club had a busy end of the summer. Every club member put a photo and/or recycled art exhibit in the Wicomico County Farm & Home Show and others, like Katie Howard and Kayla Judd had lots of photos and artwork entered. Molly Burns, Ellie Jansen, and Katie Howard were also part of the annual jousting show at the Fair. They had fun dressing in costume and taking part in the ring joust. Former members Julia Poole and Meredith Wilde also joined the show, and Meredith did the jump of death on her horse, Nona. Then we ran across to the modeling show in which Colleen Snitzer and Rebecca McIntyre organized and ran the show very smoothly. Molly Burns and Katie Howard also took part in the modeling and Ellie Jansen helped coordinate things behind the scenes. Katie Howard showed her goat, Hannah Montana at the Worcester and Wicomico County Fairs, and just like the artist she is named after, she entertained and gave out autographs. Going into the fall now, our President, Ellie Jansen is headed to Bridgewater College with Ruckus leaving Molly Burns and Ashley Judd to take over as our new co-presidents. We are hosting another Hope and Healing Clinic with horses at Kindred Spirit Farm on October 15th, and we are planning to do some type of fundraising activity for Halloween this year. We also have the money we raised from last spring's show that we may use for a group trip.

# Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

November 18-20, 2011 – Carousel Hotel,  
Ocean City, Maryland



We're looking forward to having you join us for this year's Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum held in Ocean City, MD. This is a great time to visit the resort area as the pace is slower with traffic and parking problems almost non-existent. Air temperatures are usually comfortable this time of year. You may want to bring a sweater but you probably won't need your winter coat.

The Forum is one of the best training opportunities available to 4-H volunteers and teens which will provide the knowledge & skills necessary for leading successful 4-H clubs, programs and activities. This year special day long classes for our clovers, juniors, and intermediates have been added. This way the whole family can participate.

Register by **October 14** to receive the "early bird" conference rate of \$75.00. The registration fee is \$100 for registrations postmarked after October 15. Registrations must be accompanied by a check and will only be accepted until October 31; don't delay, register today! And remember, **you need to make your hotel reservation by October 21, 2011.**

Check with your 4-H Educator about the availability of a **Forum Scholarship**. Address any questions to Forum Coordinators, Lisa Dennis at [ldennis@umd.edu](mailto:ldennis@umd.edu), 410-651-8330 or Cheryl Hill at [chill1@umd.edu](mailto:chill1@umd.edu), 888-326-9645.

**For a complete registration packet with class listing please contact the extension office or download it from the website.**

**<http://maryland4h.org>**

## Lodging

The **Carousel Resort Hotel** is our host for the weekend. This Ocean City landmark is known for its indoor ice rink, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and family friendly accommodations. The Forum has saved a block of rooms for early bird registrants at an excellent rate of **just \$68 /room per night (plus taxes).**

Most rooms have two double beds and feature a microwave and mini-refrigerator.

**Call the Carousel directly at 1-800-641-0011 to reserve your room by October 21, 2011 and be sure to mention the MD 4-H Forum for the special rate.**

Ocean front rooms and Condos are also available for slightly more. Family members are welcome to accompany Forum participants at no additional charge if they share the same room and are not attending conference meals or breaks. ***A family weekend in OC doesn't get any more affordable!***

# Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

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## Saturday Evening Share Fair

The **Share Fair** is one of the highlights of the Forum and provides an excellent opportunity for participants to share “great ideas” with one another. This year we ask everyone to provide a “hands-on” activity as part of your display that participants can “make and take”. Tables for presenters will be provided and arranged around a large room. **Please indicate what you’d like to “share” on the registration form.**

## Silent Auction

The **Silent Auction** is a fun activity that benefits the Forum and other Maryland 4-H Volunteer Association projects. **Please bring along an item to put in the Silent Auction** that represents your county/city, 4-H club, hobby, craft or talent, and don’t forget your wallet!

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, Nov. 18th

Register and Check-in (6-10 pm)  
Fun Interactive Classes (8-10 pm)  
Teen & Chaperon Mixer/Expectation Mtg (10 pm—Mandatory for everyone present)  
Registrants in own room (11:30 pm)

### Saturday, Nov. 19th

Buffet Breakfast (8 am)  
Two Morning Classes  
Luncheon with Roundtable Discussion  
Two Afternoon Classes  
Free Time to explore OC, see the Winterfest of Lights & enjoy a relaxing dinner on your own  
Evening Program featuring Share Fair, Silent Auction  
Teen Activities

### Sunday, Nov. 20th

Breakfast Buffet (8am)  
Teen & Vltr Meetings with all registrants (9am)  
Departure (approximately 11:30 am)

### A Family Friendly Forum

One of the Forum’s goals is to provide a “family friendly” atmosphere to encourage families to spend some quality time in Ocean City. The “per room” rate will enable a whole family to stay at the Carousel for much less than the usual rate for one person. There is no charge for family members not eating Forum meals or attending sessions. ***If you are a 4-H youth attending the Forum without a parent, please indicate on your registration form the name of your attending chaperone.***



## Wicomico County 4-H Dog Club Organizational Meeting

**When:** September 28 @ 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Salisbury Kennel Club, Winterplace Park  
**Who:** Youth ages 8 - 18 yrs old  
**Cost:** \$25



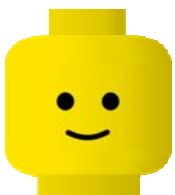
This group is for kids and their dog. **Parents must attend this first meeting with their child and dog.** All dogs must arrive on a leash and show proof of shot records which include rabies vaccinations. For more information, contact Barbara Barga, 410-749-6141 x 105

## Robotics and LEGO Building Club Interest Meeting



**When:** September 28 @ 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Wicomico County Extension Office, Nanticoke Rd, Salisbury

Join us to find out how your child can be a part of 4-H Robotics and/or the LEGO Building club. If you have a Lego fanatic then they will most likely enjoy watching their LEGOs come to life. **Visit our 4-H Robotics Website for details about Robotics <http://wicomico.umd.edu/4-H>**



### Meeting will cover:

WeDo Robotics for 5-11 year olds  
 Mindstorm Robotics 8 and older  
 LEGO Building Club

Volunteer Recruitment – I need you to make it happen

*If you are currently part of a club please feel free to attend so we can accommodate you to new clubs and opportunities!!*

**Please RSVP to Amy Rhodes [arhodes1@umd.edu](mailto:arhodes1@umd.edu) or call 410-749-6141**

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