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NEWS FROM
THE WICOMICO
COUNTY 4-H
PROGRAM

The GREENroom NEWSLETTER

4-H Motto
To Make The Best Better

2009 Event Reminders

February 16
4-H Day in Annapolis

February 21
Winterfare/Operation
Snowflake

March 7
Horse Bowl

March 13
County Public
Speaking Contest

March 27
Regional Public
Speaking Contest

April 25
State Public
Speaking Contest

May 9
4-H Horse Show

May 29
4-H Shorebirds Night

June 13
Six Flags 4-H Day

Fair Dates
Somerset - July 20-27
Worcester - Aug 7-9
Wicomico - Aug 13-15
State - Aug 21-31



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Congratulations to Our County Award Winners

The Annual Wicomico County Awards Program was held on November 18th. We would like to congratulate all of the awardees and thank everyone for attending such a wonderful occasion. The following 4-Hers were awarded the H awards:

Head

Junior - Wesley Myrer & Amy Wilber
Inter. - Megan James
Senior - Brittany Flurer

Heart

Junior - Kylie Uzman
Inter. - Kyle Barga
Senior - Keith Barga



Hands

Junior - Austin Meredith
Inter. - Ashley Jones
Senior - Sarah Dorey

Health

Junior - Bradley Dorey
Inter. - Austin Peterson
Senior - Candace Jeblonski

Spirit

Junior - MacKenzie Johnson
Inter. - Greta Downes
Senior - Chelsea Hudson

See next page for other awards.

*Please commend these hardworking 4-Hers for their
outstanding accomplishments.
They are our role models and our future!
Keep up the good work.*

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Equal Opportunity Programs

OUTSTANDING 1ST YEAR***Kindred Spirit:***

Megan Harman, Emma Bush

Melson's Mustangs:

Zachary LaPearl, Greta Downes,, Luke Downes

Powellville Millers:

Lexi Ucman, Shyanne Smullen,

Jacqueline Bonola

Trails & Tails:

Carly Bodolus

FAITHFUL 1ST YEAR

Archery: Adam Phillips

Hebron Hummingbirds:

Katelyn Collins

Kindred Spirit: Lexi Foster

Powellville Millers:

Garrison Brittingham

Cassidy Bishop

Trails & Tails:

Kellee Toler

UNsung HERO

Archery Club: Roland Morris

TEEN LEADERS

Kindred Spirit Farm:

Molly & Greta Downes, Ellie Jansen,

Madison Dillon,

Erin Monahan,

Ashley Jones

Melson's Mustangs:

Chelsea Hudson

Pittsville Wildcats:

Brittany Hurley

Trails & Tails:

Brittany Flurer

SUMMER PROGRAM COUNSELORS

Steve Shores, Mark Hudson, Eric Merrill, Maria Barga, Patty Berley, Sarah Dorey, Brittney Hurley, Keith Barga, Hunter Adkins, Elana McWilliams, Keith Barga, Caleb Shores, Cody Bradley (honorary)

STATE FAIR WINNERS

Keith Barga, Kyle Barga

4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Phillips Family

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

Chris Wilde, Melson Methodist Church Women, Pittsville Lions Club, Wicomico Humane Society, Jeblonski Family, Gander Mountain, Farmers & Planters, Blan Harcum & Family

4-HER'S WHO COMPLETED RECORD BOOKS

Adam Phillips, Sarah Wilber, Chelsea Hudson, Amy Wilber, Casey Sowell, Sarah Dorey, Stephanie Jones, Megan James, Wesley Meyer, Zachary LaPearl, Austin Meredith, Luke Downes, Austin Peterson, Greta Downes, Jessica O'Neil, Hannah Davis, Carly Bodolus, Brittney Flurer, Ashley Jones, Annie Reading, Mackenzie Johnson, Molly Burns, Madison Johnson, Ellie Jansen, Megan Harman, Jacqueline Bonola, Lexi Ucman, Kylie Ucman, John Coltellino, Shyanne Smullen, Miranda Smullen, Bradley Dorey, Noah Foice, Candace Foice, Margaret Gaetano, Catherine Gaetano, Keith Barga, Kyle Barga

CLOVERS WHO COMPLETED RECORD BOOKS

Katie Howard, Emma Bush

TEENS WHO COMPLETED RESUMES

Candace Jeblonski, Robby Davis Sarah Wilber, Keith Barga

CLUB OFFICERS***Kindred Spirit***

Coleen O'Reilly - President
Julia Poole - Secretary
Annie Reading - Treasurer
Meredith Wilde - Reporter

Trails & Tails

Brittany Flurer - President
Candace Jeblonski - VP
Kellee Toler - Secretary
Carly Bodolus - Treasurer
Courtney Blumenthal - Reporter
Hannah Davis - Song Leader

Powellville Millers

Kylie Ucman - President
Emily LeMaster - VP
Jacqueline Bonola - Secretary
John Coltellino - Treasurer
Miranda Smullen - Reporter

Pittsville Wildcats

Brittany Hurley - President
Aaron Calloway - Vice President
Mary Jess Warren - Secretary
Daniel Churchill - Treasurer
Daniel Churchill - Reporter

Melson's Mustangs

Chelsea Hudson - President
Austin Peterson - Vice President
Megan James - Secretary
Amy Wilber - Treasurer
Sarah Dorey - Reporter
Austin Meredith - Hot-Line Communicator

Hebron Hummingbirds

Robby Davis - President
Zachary Davis - Vice President

COMMITMENT AWARD**Graduating Seniors**

Casey Sowell
Sarah Wilber
Robby Davis

10+ Years

Chelsea Hudson
Keith Barga

5+ Years

Kyle Barga
Brittany Flurer
Sarah Dorey

DIAMOND CLOVER WINNERS

Level One - Amethyst

Level Two - Aquamarine

Level Three - Ruby

Level Four - Sapphire

Level Five - Emerald

Level Six - Diamond

Melson's Mustangs

Level 1 - Greta Downs

Level 2 - Zachary LaPearl,
Stephanie James,

Amy Wilbur, Wesley Myer,

Austin Meredith, Megan James

Level 5 - Sarah Dorey

Kindred Spirit

Level 1 - MacKenzie Johnson,
Megan Harman, Greta Downes

Level 2 - Molly Burns, Annie Reading,
Madison Johnson, Ellie Jansen,
Meredith Wilde, Madison Dillon

Level 3 - Julia Poole, Ashley Jones,
Colleen O'Reilly

Powellville Millers

Level 1 - Lexi Ucman, Shyanne Smullen,
Garrison Brittingham, Jacqueline
Bonola

Level 2 - Emily Lemaster,
John Coltellino, Miranda Smullen,
Kylie Ucman



Pittsville Wildcats (October Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by **Aaron Calloway** with four members, two leaders, and 3 guests in attendance. We discussed Achievement Night. We also talked about project plans and activities for the upcoming year. Miss Mary Beth showed us how to ice a cake and make it look like a pumpkin. We then roasted pumpkin seeds.

(November Meeting) - By **Brittany Hurley**

The meeting was called to order by **Brittany Hurley** with 6 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Aaron Calloway & Mary Jess Warren**. We discussed the Christmas Workshop which is scheduled for the first Saturday in December. We also planned our December meeting. We made turkeys from Oreos and candy corn and made a craft turkey using foam and mini buckets. **Aaron Calloway** gave a demonstration on sanding things. Games were led by **Dillon Churchill**. Refreshments were provided by **Lauren Brown**. We elected the following officers: President - **Mary Jess Warren**; Vice President - **Aaron Calloway**; Secretary - **Lauren Brown**; Treasurer - **Daniel Churchill** and Reporter - **Brittany Hurley**.

Melson's Mustangs

By: **Amy Wilber**

(November) The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 14 members and 1 leader in attendance. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Megan James & Amy Wilber**. We discussed the 4-H Gala, Maryland Archery Shoot, Awards Ceremony &

project choices. We also discussed the Volunteer Teen Forum and our club's Christmas party. The club office nominees gave their speeches. Refreshments were provided by **The Downes Family**. We voted for our upcoming officers. (December) The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 13 members and 1 leader in attendance. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Luke Downes**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Greta Downes & Sarah Wilber**. We discussed our club's Christmas party, Health Forms, Diamond Clover application, New 2008-09 club officers, beef steer tagging. All Melson's Mustangs members were honored at the 4-H Awards Ceremony. Games were led by **Chelsea Hudson**. Refreshments were provided by **The Phillips Family**. **Chelsea Hudson** shared her experiences at the National 4-H Congress which was held in Atlanta, GA in November.

Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club

Had their first working meeting. Snack was provided by Kelly Howard to celebrate Katie & Reese Howard's birthdays. Awards and project books were distributed to all members and everyone received the new project book formats. Club officers were nominated and are: President - **Annie Reading**; Vice President - **Meredith Wilde**; Co-Secretaries - **Molly Burns & Ashley Jones**; Co-Treasurers - **Ellie Jansen & Madison Dillon**; Reporters & newskeepers - **Madison & MacKenzie Johnson**; Co-Chairs of the Fair Committee - **Megan Harmon & Emma Bush**; Attendance keeper/phone caller - **Rachel Gershenfeld**; Co-Chairs of the Activity/Community Service Committee - **Erin Monahan & Kayla Judd**; Clovers Chair - **Katie Howard & Kayla Schmidt**. In December we plan on being part of the Salisbury Winter Parade as a mounted group. We are having a holiday dinner and gift exchange and we are collecting toys for the children at Joseph House and will be having a gift wrapping party for our first community service activity. The Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H group

also took part in the Salisbury Parade with 7 riders on horseback and 3 passengers in a horse drawn carriage. They rode with members of Rand B Ranch and won best animal unit in the parade. We were very cold, but had a lot of fun. We also had a great Holiday meal together and another year of excitement with our gift exchange. On January 3rd, we met again to wrap gifts, which were donated to the Joseph House to be handed out monthly for kids celebrating birthdays while living there. They planned and organized an 8 week baby shower party as a count down for a pregnant mare at the farm. The 4-H club is running a baby shower game a week related to the upcoming birth for all those who ride at the farm to take part in. Our former 4-H president, Colleen O'Reilly returned for winter break to teach the 4-H members and others some exciting new riding techniques that she has learned while off at college. They are also putting together a trip to the Lone Star Rodeo at the civic center and several members are submitting art work to the 4-H contest at the Horse Expo.

Wicomico Livestock Club

December By: Adam Phillips

The meeting was called to order by **Bradley Dorey** with 6 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Austin Meredith & Connor Palmer**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Adam Phillips & Sarah Dorey**. We discussed the Heifer International, posters and mock show discussion. Refreshments were provided by the **Palmer Family**. We all wished **Connor Palmer** a very Happy Birthday.

January By Adam Phillips

Meeting called to order with 3 members and 2 leaders by **Bradley Dorey**. Pledges were led by **Bradley Dorey** and **Adam Phillips**. Secretary's report by **Adam Phillips** and the Treasurer's report by **Sarah Dorey**. Old business included Heifer International. New business included discussion of the pedal tractor raffle and the livestock dinner.



Don't forget
to get mail
in your
Winterfare
&
**Operation
Snowflake
Registration**
found in the
newsletter.

NEW
**Operation
Snowflake
will be an all
day event.**

**Saturday
February 21
9:00-3:35**

**Christ
United
Methodist
Church**



County Public Speaking Contest

The local *Wicomico County Public Speaking Contest* will be held on **March 13, 2009** at **6:30 pm** and will be held at The Holly Center, Snow Hill Rd, Salisbury. The deadline for Public Speaking pre-registration is March 10th. Call 410-749-6141 x101 to register.

Youth will have the opportunity to participate by entering in the Prepared, Extemporaneous, Dramatic Interpretation or Radio Spot categories as a Junior (8-10), Intermediate (10-13), or Senior (14-18). If you need a copy of the MD 4-H Communication Contest Rules ask your club leader or call the 4-H Office.

If you are the County Winner in your category you will have the opportunity to attend the **Regional Contest**, which will be March 27th, 6:30pm at Easton High School. Regional Winners will move on to the **State contest**, which will be on Maryland Day April 25th, at the University of Maryland College Park campus.

Senior youth will also have the opportunity to participate in the **Maryland Egg Demonstration** competition. The state competition is held at the Maryland State Fair. The special feature of this contest is that there is a great national trip associated with this competition. The youth that wins the MD competition will travel to the National Poultry Judging Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. This is not considered a major 4-H trip, so it does not count in the maximum 2 trips per 4-H career. It is a fantastic trip from all reports of 4-Hers who have attended this event. Senior 4-Hers that want to compete in the state contest, will need to deliver their demonstration at the County Public Speaking Contest on March 13th. (*You must register in a Food Project*) Call Miss Barb 410-749-6141 x105 for more details.

Holiday Fun Had By All

Mrs. Barb led a wonderful holiday workshop. Once again wreath making was a big hit. Thanks to Mrs. Ginny and her Master Gardeners for their help. Thanks also goes out to Mrs. Kelly Beachamp.



Grants Made Available For Clubs



Bruce and Donna Berlage are avid MD 4-H Program supporters who believe in the power of youth development. In recognition of this, they have established the innovative grants 4-YH program to strengthen outreach and club programs.

Eight, \$250 grants will be awarded each year, for either a service or outreach project in which the majority

of the club members participate. Preference will be given to those who educate the community about 4-H or help "to make the best better" within the community.

The money will need to be used within one year of receiving the award. After the project is completed clubs who receive grants are asked to send in a brief paragraph about their program/project and also pictures for publicity.

This is a state awarded grant and is enabling our clubs to have financial support toward certain projects, so I encourage each club to apply. Many of our clubs are already performing service projects, so just imagine what you could do with a little extra cash, and how many other people you could help. If you have any questions or would like an application call Mrs. Amy, 410-749-6141 x108.

There is no limit on the number of years a club can apply. This grant will be awarded yearly. Applications are to be post marked by February 1 of each calendar year. Recipients will be notified by March 1 of that year.

On the application there are 5 questions you must answer, they are:

- 1) What is the project which you are requesting funds for?
- 2) How will this project benefit your community and in what way?
- 3) How will the money for this project be spent? (need an approximate budget)
- 4) What is the role of club members in this project and will everyone have an equal chance to participate?
- 5) What life skills will be strengthened as a result of this project?

4-H Day in Annapolis



**Monday, February 16
Annapolis, MD**

Are you interested in learning more about MD State Government and your role as a citizen and constituent?

Then this event is for you. Come spend this Presidents Day with other Maryland 4-Hers as we tour our State Capitol and meet MD legislators who will share info about how a bill becomes a law. Learn how various government officials describe their role and how we as citizens can become more involved in our own government. If you or your club are interested in attending this event call Mrs. Barbara for more information.



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