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NEWS FROM
THE WICOMICO
COUNTY 4-H
PROGRAM

The GREENroom NEWSLETTER

4-H Motto
To Make The Best Better

2010 Event Reminders

February 15
4-H Day in
Annapolis

February 20
Winterfare/
Operation
Snowflake

March 13
Horse Bowl

March 19
County Public
Speaking Contest

March 26
Regional Public
Speaking Contest

April 24
State Public
Speaking Contest

May 8
4-H Horse Show



Congratulations to Our 2010 County Award Winners

The Annual Wicomico County Awards Program was held on November 6th. 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 - Zachary LaPearl
Inter. - Adam Phillips
Senior - Greta Downes

Heart

Junior - Kylie Ucman
Inter. - Drake Walls
Senior - Brittany Flurer

Hands

Junior - Bradley Dorey
Inter. - Wesley Myrer
Senior - Keith Barga

Health

Junior - Austin Meredith
Inter. - Kyle Barga
Senior - Sarah Dorey

Spirit

Junior - Amy Wilber
Inter. - Luette Muir
Senior - Chelsea Hudson

See next page for other awards.



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*Please commend these hardworking 4-Hers for their
outstanding accomplishments.*

*They are our role models and our future!
Keep up the good work.*

OUTSTANDING 1ST YEAR**Coastal County:**

Cally Grant, Lurette Muir,
Claire Walls, Drake Walls

Kindred Spirit: Kayla Judd**Melson's Mustangs:**

Aaron Meredith

Powellville Millers:

Miranda Uzman

Pittsville Wildcats: Taylor Aydelotte, Patricia Manning**FAITHFUL 1ST YEAR****Archery:** Carl LeMaster**Coastal Country:**

Britney Wilkin, Brielle
Wilkin, Melissa Obert

Hebron Hummingbirds:

Katelyn Collins,
Elizabeth Reighard,
Sarah Reighard,
Caleb Reighard

Melson's Mustangs:

Brandon West

UNSUNG HERO**Coastal County:** Elle Weber**Livestock:** Aaron Meredith**Melson's Mustangs:**

Casey Sowell

Powellville Millers:

John Coltellino

TEEN LEADERS**Hebron Hummingbirds**

Robby Davis, Zach Davis,
Keith Barga, Kyle Barga

Kindred Spirit

Ellie Jansen, Molly Burns,
Erin Monahan, Kayla Judd

Livestock

Adam Phillips, Sarah Dorey

Melson's Mustangs

Chelsea Hudson, Sarah
Wilber

Pittsville Wildcats

Aaron Calloway,
Brittany Hurley

SUMMER PROGRAM COUNSELORS

Brittany Hurley, Robin Beauchamp,
Sarah Dorey, Hunter Adkins, Caleb
Shores, Keith Barga, Kelly
Beauchamp, Steve Shores, Eric
Merrill

STATE TRIP AWARDEES

Keith Barga

ALL STARS INDUCTED IN 2009

Chelsea Hudson, Sarah Wilber, Keith
Barga, Candace Jeblonski, Casey
Sowell, Karen Sowell

STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

Keith Barga, Kyle Barga, Drake
Walls, Melissa Obert

STATE HORSE BOWL COMPETITION

Intermediate Team: Kellee Toler,
Holly Berkey, Lurette Muir,
Logan Grant, Cally Grant

Senior Team: Alexa Grant, Brittany
Flurer, Melissa Obert, Candace
Jeblonski, Brianna Berkey

STATE ARCHERY EVENT

Chelsea Hudson, Adam Phillips, Josh
Berley, Shane Kundell

STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Lurette Muir, Amy Wilber, Kyle
Barga, Molly Potvin, Brittany Wilkin

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

Gander Mountain, Amy Walls, Jason
Martin, The Bush Family, Jeff
Middleton, Wayne & Myra Spencer,
Tidewater Utilities

RECORD BOOK COMPLETION**Coastal Country**

Lurette Muir, Cally Grant, Caroline
Hornfeck, Elisha Beckett, Drake
Walls, *Claire Walls* (clover)

Hebron Hummingbirds

Keith Barga, Kyle Barga, Katelyn
Davis, Zach Davis

Livestock

Bradley Dorey, Adam Phillips,
Sarah Dorey, Austin Meredith,
Aaron Meredith

Melson's Mustangs

Adam Phillips, Chelsea Hudson,
Amy Wilber, Sarah Dorey,
Stephanie Jones, Megan James,
Wesley Meyer, Zachary LaPearl,
Aaron Meredith, Austin
Meredith, Luke Downes, Greta
Downes, Sarah Wilber

Kindred Spirits

Rachel Gershenfeld, Kayla Judd,
Meredith Wilde, Ashley Jones,
Mackenzie Johnson, Molly
Burns, Madison Johnson, Ellie
Jansen,
Megan Harman, Emma Bush
Katie Howard (clover)

Powellville Millers

Jacqueline Bonola, Lexi Uzman,
Kylie Uzman

Salisbury Eagles

Maddy Robertson, Allyson
Hawley

Trails and Tails

Brittany Flurer, Candace
Jeblonski, Emily LeMaster,
Carly Bodolus, Kellee Toler

Pittsville Wildcats

Lauren Brown, Mary Jess
Warren, Tricia Manning, Taylor
Aydolette, Daniel Churchill,
Brittany Hurley, Aaron
Calloway

TEENS WHO COMPLETED**RESUMES**

Candace Jeblonski, Robby Davis
Sarah Wilber, Keith Barga

CLUB OFFICERS**Coastal Country**

Melissa Obert- President

Alexa Grant- Vice President

Lurette Muir - Recording Secre-
tary

Logan Grant - Corresponding
Secretary

Drake Walls- Treasurer

Kindred Spirit

Annie Reading - President

Meredith Wilde - Vice President

Molly Burns & Ashley Jones -
Secretary

Ellie Jansen- Treasurer

Erin Monahan & Kayla Judd-
Community Service

Livestock

Bradley Dorey - President

Austin Meredith - Vice President

Adam Phillips - Secretary

Sarah Dorey- Treasurer

Pittsville Wildcats

Mary Jess Warren - President

Aaron Calloway - Vice President

Lauren Brown - Secretary

Daniel Churchill - Treasurer

Brittany Hurley - Reporter

Powellville Millers

Miranda Smullen - President

Kylie Uzman - Vice-President

Jacqueline Bonola - Secretary

Shyanne Smullen - Treasurer

Aleah Smullen - Reporter

Melson's Mustangs

Chelsea Hudson - President

Greta Downes - Vice President

Megan James - Secretary

Sarah Wilber - Treasurer

Stephanie James - Communica-
tor

Level One - Amethyst**Coastal Country**

Cally Grant, Lurette Muir, Melissa
Obert, Drake Walls, Brielle Wilkin,
Britney Wilkin, Logan Grant,
Alexa Grant

Kindred Spirit

Emma Bush, Kayla Judd,
Rachel Gershenfeld,

Melson's Mustangs

Brandon West, Luke Downes,
Aaron Meredith

Pittsville Wildcats

Patricia Manning, Taylor Aydelotte

Level Two - Aquamarine**Kindred Spirit**

Mackenzie Johnson,
Megan Harmon

Melson's Mustangs

Greta Downes

Pittsville Wildcats

Daniel Churchill

Powellville Millers

Lexi Uzman,
Jackie Bonola

Level Three - Ruby**Kindred Spirit**

Ellie Jansen, Madison Johnson,
Meredith Wilde, Molly Burns

Melson's Mustangs

Wesley Myrer, Amy Wilber,
Zachary LaPearl, Austin
Meredith, Stephanie James,
Megan James

Pittsville Wildcats

Aaron Calloway, Lauren
Brown, Mary Jess Warren,
Brittany Hurley

Powellville Millers

Kylie Uzman

Level Four**Kindred Spirit**

Ashley Jones

Level Six**Melson's Mustangs**

Chelsea Hudson



Welcome Little Creek Clovers



We are proud to introduce a new clover club called the Little Creek Clovers, led by Chelsea and Melody Hudson. They had a wonderful Fall Fun Day at the Hudson's home where they made fall critter magnets, scarecrows decorated with markers, a fall erase board, turkey pens, and had a yummy snack. They finished their day off with an extra special tractor ride. Pictured are Jacelyn McWilliams, Sophia Peterson, Breanna Parson, Madison LaPearl, and Chelsea Hudson. This group is off to a wonderful start.

Melson's Mustangs

represented Wicomico 4-H at the Volunteer Forum Putt Putt 4-H Contest in Ocean City on November 21st. Their team consisted of Mark and Melody Hudson, Megan and Chris Hudson. Brinkley Rayne, Chelsea Hudson, Wesley Myrer Brandon West, Adam Phillips, and Kelly Myrer. Way to go guys, we know you had a great time!



Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club

The Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H club met on Nov. 21st. We started the meeting by appointing our new officials. Meredith Wilde is President. Ellie Jansen is Vice President. Molly Burns and Ashley Jones are both Treasurer. We are starting the year with \$560.00. Kayla Judd is Secretary. Rachel Gershenfeld is Attendance Keeper and Snack Duty. Madison Johnson is Phone caller. Mackenzie Johnson is Community Service Leader. Megan Harmon is Fair planner. Emma Bush is activities coordinator. And, Katie Howard is in charge of Clovers. We are riding and walking in the Salisbury Parade on Dec. 6th as cowgirls and boy and farm animals. We are celebrating the holidays with our annual dinner and gift exchange. We looked ahead at the year and planned out our community service activities and 4-H activities that we plan on doing through out the year.

Kindred Spirit Farm also participated in the Salisbury Christmas Parade. Kerry Burns, Cindy Jansen and Dawn Gershenfeld were the gator drivers, all long time parents of 4-H members.

We had 12 horses, 2 dogs, and 18 others with us walking or driving the trucks. We were announced as the Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club and some of the things that we do throughout the year.





Salisbury Eagles - Allyson & Cristian Hawley, Claudia Hill, Cece Imirie and Maddy Robertson had a great time weaving through the corn maze at their fall field trip to Adkins Farms. They made edible sculptures at their December meeting where they decided to take the Six Easy Bites project as their club focus this year.

Hebron Hummingbirds - (Oct Mtg)

The members had a great time playing in the corn maze, drinking hot chocolate and making a yearly plan for 2010. Members decided to plan a camping weekend in June as their major excursion for the year. Three adults, and eight members attended this meeting. Members included: Robby, Zach, Katelyn Davis, Zach & Kyle Simon, Keith & Kyle Barga and Katelyn Collins.

(Nov mtg) - members of the club made lots of Holiday cookies at their meeting held on November 27th at Nelson's Church. Zach Davis, Keith & Klye Barga, Katelyn Davis, Katelyn Collins, Kyle & Zach Simon had fun getting into the holiday spirit.



Livestock - The meeting was called to order by Bradley Dorey with six members, two leaders and six guests in attendance. Pledges were led by Austin and Aaron Meredith. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by Adam Phillips and Sarah Dorey. We discussed our upcoming cookbook project, toy donations and the Heifer International. The meeting was hosted by the Dorey's and they provided refreshments.

Melson's Mustangs - By: Austin Meredith

The December meeting was called to order by Greta Downes with 15 members and 1 leader in attendance. Pledges were led by Brandon West and Adam Phillips. Secretary's and Treasury's reports were given by Stephanie James and Chelsea Hudson. We discussed the Diamond Clover applications, Wicomico Award ceremony and the mini golf tournament in Ocean City, MD. We also discussed the club's Christmas party and the county Holiday Workshop. Refreshments were provided by Brandon West. Brandon West mad a motion to adjourn the meeting and Adam Phillips seconded that motion.

Pittsville Wildcats - By: Aaron Calloway

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jess Warren with 9 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by Aaron Calloway and Mary Jess Warren. We discussed the Achievement Night. We also talked about Pittsville Club's Holiday Workshop which was held on December 5th and Winterfare which will be held in February. Demonstrations were given by Mary Jess Warren on beading and Lauren Brown in painted shells. Refreshments were provided by Rebecca Richardson and Mary Jess Warren. We also brought donations and made cards for men and women in uniform which were mailed to the troops overseas.

2009 4-H Holiday Workshop

4-Hers had a wonderful time on December 5th making fresh evergreen wreaths, fresh arrangements, ornaments and lots of goodies to take home for the holidays. A special thank you goes out to Carol Newberry, Lisa Dorr, Ginny Rosenkranz and Bruce & Gail Eckert for helping with this fun event. Check out the next page for pictures from this event.

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Kyler Barkley uses his creative talents to make a fresh holiday arrangement at the 2009 4-H Holiday Workshop held at Nelson's Church in Hebron.



Emily Tamosaitis and Lisa Dorr work together on their holiday wreath.



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

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

**Saturday
February 20
9:00-3:35**

**Christ
United
Methodist
Church**



County Public Speaking Contest

The local *Wicomico County Public Speaking Contest* will be held on **March 19, 2010 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 16th](#). 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 26th, 6:30pm** at Easton High School. Regional Winners will move on to the **State contest**, which will be on Maryland Day **April 24th**, 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 19th**. (*You must register in a Food Project*) Call Miss Barb 410-749-6141 x105 for more details.

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp

Join us again this year for Camp at Thendara, in Dorchester County. Camp will take place on June 21-25. Camper age is 8-12. Counselor age is 13-17. Adults are needed to volunteer. If you are interested please contact Mrs.

Amy or Mrs. Barb. More info will be in the next Newsletter.





4-H Cookbook by the Livestock Club

Wicomico 4-H is cooking up lots of new ideas, including a cookbook.

The Livestock club has decided to publish a cookbook and needs your help. The club is asking for you to send in your favorite recipes, cooking tips, stories, or anything else you might want added to the book.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/Cookbook

The link above will take you to our online submission site where you can enter up to 10 recipes at a time. If you would like to add more please revisit the link and you will be able to add an additional 10. Please enter all your recipes at once. You will not be able to change them once they have been officially submitted.

Be part of Wicomico County 4-H history and submit you recipes today. If you have any questions please email Sarah Dorey at Wicomico4Hcookbook@gmail.com.

All recipes must be submitted by **March 17th**. This allows time to publish the book and hopefully have it ready by fair season.

Summer Adventures Teen Counselors Interest Meeting

Thursday, January 28th, 7-8:30 at the Wicomico Extension Office. Help is needed for this fun program. Youth who are 4-H age 14 are encouraged to participate in this program. Training will begin in February. Applications are due by Wednesday, January 27th. Call Barbara Barga for more information at 410-749-6141 ext 105.



4-H Day in Annapolis



**Monday, February 15
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.



Outstanding 4-Hers!!

Coastal Country Club is one of our newer clubs and they are creating some outstanding 4-Hers.

Melissa Obert won the Mid-Atlantic Morgan horse show Hunt Seat over fences silver medal class last June in Lexington Virginia. This win qualified her for the Gold Medal finals at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse show in Oklahoma City in October. She was one of eight riders from all around the country to compete in the gold medal finals. She rode Severn Hill Good as Gold (Trixie) a 13 year old palomino Morgan mare. The special thing about Trixie is that she is missing her right eye. This handicapp has never deterred Trixie or her riders. The gold medal finals class consisted of a 10 fence course including several challenging turns as well as a halt and trot fence mid course. Melissa and Trixie had no problem executing the course with perfection. **Melissa comes home a National Champion after winning the Gold Medal.**



Logan Grant also travelled with us to the Mid-Atlantic Morgan horse show in Lexington Virginia last June where she competed in the American Morgan Horse Association Youth of the Year competition. This contest consisted of a written test on horse knowledge, a 5 minute speech, and a ridden horsemanship pattern which she completed on Runny Mede

Midnight Venture. This was Logan's first year competing in the contest and she won Reserve Champion of the junior division.



Claire Walls competed all year in the Maryland Horse Show Association's short stirrup equitation division. This is a division for riders under the age of 10. It includes both hack classes and a jumping class and is judged on the riders position on the pony and her ability to ride effectively. Claire rode her pony Cavalier's Kiss n Tell (Casper). She had many blue ribbons and show championships throught out the year and we are very proud to announce that she ended up 2nd in points at the end of the year for all of the Maryland Horse Show Association.

Robotics Spotlight

On January 9th about 10 robotics teams from across the region met at Salisbury Middle School and competed in a Regional First Lego League Robotics competition. 4-H hope to have a club enter in this contest next year and represent our program. Mrs. Amy is in the process of setting up clubs and gathering volunteers for this exciting new program. 4-H set up a booth that day and showed off some of the fun things that can be built with the WeDo and Mindstorm Robots.



If you are interested in joining a robotics club give Mrs. Amy a call. Kids as young as 5 can join!



That same day they also had an open Lego Building competition. The theme was to design a new building for the Wicomico County Library. Zachary LaPearl of Melson's Mustangs entered his outstanding version that included skylights, computer stations and even a garage for the book mobile. His design was great and won 3rd place!! His sister Madison won the guess how many Lego pieces contest that day as well. It was a fun and exciting day.



2010 Census to Begin

Better Business Bureau
WARNING -- **Be Cautious** About Giving Info to Census Workers
by Susan Johnson



With the U. S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U. S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U. S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U. S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

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