

4-H HAPPENINGS

July/August, 2006



Wicomico Farm & Home Show! 4-H Help Needed.....

Help! Help! Help! Your help is needed in several ways for the 4-H Fair at the Wicomico Farm & Home Show.

1. Help is needed to **receive** 4-H entries on Wednesday, August 16th from 4-8 pm. I need 10 adults or teens to work from 4-6pm and 6-8 pm.
2. Help is needed from 8:45am -12 noon on Thursday, August 17th to **assist judges** in all departments. I prefer the person who finishes the Wednesday evening shift help in the same department on Thursday morning. Ten adults or teens are needed for this job.
3. **Fair Judges** are needed!!! If you know of a person who would be a wonderful judge and understand what children are capable of doing, please forward their name & contact information to Kay or Barbara.
4. I need one or two brave volunteers to assist Barb with the **Farm Chore Olympics**. They will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 3:30 pm.
5. **Trophy Sponsors are Needed**. If you would like to sponsor a trophy or gift certificate for Fair department prizes, feel free to contact Kay by August 1st. I would like to give all department grand champions a \$5 gift certificate.
6. Finally, I need a helper to assist with the **Fun Fashion Show**. The show will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 1:30 pm



Special 4-H Fair Events!

Thursday, August 17th - 4-H Art Event

Participants will have 2 hours between 4-6 pm to walk around the Fair with a clip board & piece of paper to capture a picture on paper of something that you have seen at the fair (you can draw it with color or black & white pencils). At 6 pm all pictures will be returned to "Miss" Barb and a prize will be awarded at the Fair's final awards ceremony on Saturday. Pre-registration for this event is required by August 1st. We need 5 participants to hold the event.

Friday, August 18th/1 pm - 4-H Safety

Event - Youth will present a 3-5 minute demonstration or illustrated talk on safety issues dealing with their 4-H project. This will give kids an opportunity to meet the demonstration requirements of their projects. There will be a sponsor for this event and winners will be presented with their prize at the final Awards Program on Saturday. The illustrated posters should be on full size poster boards and be able to remain at the Farm & Home Show throughout the event. You must pre-register for this event by August 1st. We need 5 participants for the contest and if you have forgotten to pre-register for the show, this is your chance to exhibit.

Saturday, August 19th - 4-H Fashion Show

This event is open for clovers and traditional 4-Hers. Youth may model two outfits of their choice. The outfits can either be made by the 4-Her or something that they have and would like to model. One outfit should be formal and one can be casual. The Fashion Show practice will be at 12 noon on Friday, Aug 19th. Pre-register by August 1st.

Farm Chore Olympics will be held on Sat, Aug 19th at 3:30 pm. Each 4-H Club may have up to two teams of 5 members. Pre-register by Aug 1st.

ATTENTION TEENS!!

You are invited to a summer party/picnic on Monday, July 31st. Teens who have been a member of the teen club or would like to be a member of the Wicomico County Teen Club. All alumni of the Wicomico County 4-H Teen Club are invited to this Party. We have several 4-Hers who are leaving for college in the fall and this is our time to bid them farewell. A special invitation goes out to **Maranda Serman-King, Nathanael Hancock, Pam Beauchamp, Caitlin Engler, Kyle Bradley, Matthew Hochmuth, Melissa Dorr and Maria Barga.**

2006 FAMILY CAMP

Are you interested in Family Camp??? Family Camp is tentatively scheduled for October 13-14, 2006. This is the same time frame as the State Archery event. If you are interested in Family Camp, please contact the Extension Office by August 1st.



Record Books are due to Club Leaders on September 20th. Graded record books are due in the Extension Office by October 1st.



CLUB NEWS

Melson's Mustangs - By: **Fiona Siegel**

June Meeting - Meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 8 members and 1 leader in attendance. Pledges were led by **Fiona Siegel**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by

Emily Mills & Sarah Wilber. **Old Business** - We discussed the food booth at the Horse Show which was a sell out. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project. Make sure everyone puts donated can goods in your project book if you helped with that project. Rent a 4-Her money is due at the September meeting. **New Business** - Older Camp is July 10-14. Scholarships are available through the Wicomico Extension Office. Contact Ms. Kay. The next club meeting is July 6th poolside at the Sowell's house. Bring a bathing suit & towel. Somerset Fair books are available at the Somerset Extension Office. Entry forms for the Wicomico County Fair are due in July 15th. Project book demonstrations given by **Chelsea Hudson, Fiona Siegel & Sarah Wilber.** Refreshments were provided by **Fiona Siegel.**

July Meeting - Meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 8 members and 1 leader in attendance. Pledges were led by **Austin Peterson** and **Fiona Siegel**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Emily Mills & Sarah Wilber.** **Old Business** - Project books are due September 7th. **New Business** - All Star Inductions are held on July 29th in Bowie. Interviews for the Wicomico 4-H Educator position were held on July 7th. **Casey Sowell & Austin Peterson** did demonstrations on small engines. Refreshments were provided by **The Sowell Family.** Don't forget Somerset Fair pre-registration due July 10th and Wicomico Fair pre-registration is due July 25th.

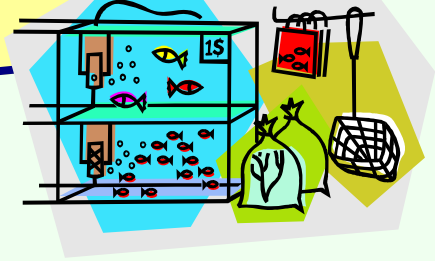
Pemberton Clovers - By: **Bailey Moses**

The Pemberton Clover Club started in July. It is a small animal group that takes care of them. We do animal projects. We do lots of crafts.

Trails & Tails - By **Courtney Blumenthal**

The meeting was called to order by **Margo Luke** with 8 members and 3 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Kelly Sullivan**. Secretary's report was given by **Laura Pavlos.** **Courtney Blumenthal** gave a committee report on Shad Landing. We also discussed our old business which is our possible trip to Shad Landing for the day. We also discussed entries for the Wicomico Farm & Home Show and viewed a garden area for a gardening project. Program was presented about scrap booking. Demonstration was given by **Yvonne Meyer.** Refreshments were provided by **Laura Pavlos.** **Brittany Flurer** taught us a hand gesture which we will probably do every meeting from now on. Our next meeting will be a bit challenging as we start to plant seeds in our club garden. Luckily our club works together very well.

LESREC OPEN HOUSE



~ ~ Family Fun and Education ~ ~

Join faculty and staff of the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for a day of family fun and education at the Lower Eastern Shore Research and Education Center (LESREC) in Salisbury on **Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (rain or shine).

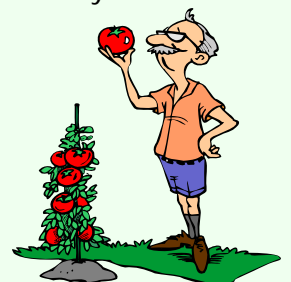
This Open House celebration will give you a chance to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how we affect your life...while having a great time! We've planned activities and educational opportunities for visitors of all ages, including:

Wagon tours of the facility and walking tours of ongoing research projects ~~~
Interactive exhibits and demonstrations on archery, insects, plant pests, aquatic life, nutrient management, personal sanitation, dog breeds, home plant, lawn, and garden care and much more ~~~ Pedal tractor races, a toy-filled corn play box, a "Growing with Grains" art project, a corn maze, and other fun activities for children ~~~
College admissions, financial aid, and career information for teens ~~~
Live animals ~~~ Food, door prizes, and more!

Lots of fun and education! So mark the date and come join the fun!

For more information, contact Jeri Cook at 410-742-1178.

Directions: Approaching Salisbury from the west on Business Route 50, turn right onto Nanticoke Road (State Route 349) and proceed approximately two miles. The LESREC-Salisbury Facility is on the right.



Message from Wicomico County 4-H:

The dog days of summer are here and I am thankful for all the support I have received from the Extension faculty & staff and our Lower Shore 4-H Family. I had several goals since the beginning of the year. The first was to try to maintain as much of the existing 4-H program as possible so the new educator can step into the program and not have to rebuild everything. I am proud to give the following report:

- ▶ Children's Farm Tour was very successful with 3,000 children & adults visiting the farm & learning about local agriculture. This project was a true team effort by our office and volunteers.
- ▶ I taught the Bike Safety Program at Pinehurst and Westside Elementary Schools reaching about 850 children.
- ▶ We maintained the 4-H clubs and two new clubs are forming in August.
- ▶ We welcomed four additional shooting sport volunteers and had a strong presence at Jakes Day in June. A special thanks to **Santana Pouncy** for addressing the crowd of over 150 people about her wonderful trip to National 4-H Conference. She is a fantastic role model for Maryland 4-H.

In addition, Eastern Shore Younger & Older 4-H Camps are in the history books. I am told everyone had a great camping experience. Wicomico County contributed over \$2,000 in scholarships and donations to help the camps and have participation in Teen Learning & Leadership Conference. This is possible because of all the many 4-Hers who sold 4-H Horse Show ads.

Summer Adventures are in full swing and there are still spaces left in the overnight at Dick Hazel's Farm on August 1-2. We are having a fun summer and have had a great amount of support from the Salisbury Elks Lodge and Wild Turkey Federation.

Finally a special thanks to everyone for your support of Wicomico County 4-H. We make my job a joy!!

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