



4-H HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Wicomico



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Summer Vacation

Schools are getting out, vacation is finally here. YIPPEEE! Remember to be safe this summer, buckle-up, never swim alone, be aware of the weather. Most of all have FUN and enjoy this time with Family and Friends.



Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Barbara



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Wicomico Farm & Home Show

Wicomico County Farm &

Home Show will be held on August 16-18 at the Wicomico Equestrian Center at Winterplace in Salisbury. You must pre-register and the registration deadline for 4-H exhibits is July 16th. Entries will be turned in on August 15th between 4-8pm at the Carriage House. We are currently drafting a Wicomico 4-H Premium Book that will have updated information and new classes just for 4-Her's. Many classes will resemble ones from the Maryland State Fair, if you have any questions please let us know. Registration form enclosed in this newsletter.



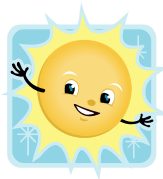
Powellville Millers - Reporter Miranda Smullen

(APRIL) The Powellville Millers had their April meeting on April 9, 2007. A week before our meeting , on March 31, we made our stepping stones. In attendance at the April meeting were John Coltellino, Wesley Myrer, Miranda Smullen, Kylie Ucman, Emily LeMaster and various adults. For our April meeting we had a special guest, Mrs. Verna Lankford (Master Gardener). She discusse what is needed to have a complete butterfly garden : and she helped us design a model of what our garden would look like. At the end she gave us all beautiful flower wind catcher. Thank you, Verna for all your hard work and the wonderful surprise !

(MAY) The Powellville Millers had their May meeting on Monday, May 14, 2007. All together there were 7 members and 5 leaders. The members were Willow Gunther, Miranda Smullen, Kylie Ucman, Emily LeMaster, John Coltellino, Wesley Myrer and Hermony Cecil. The meeting was called to order by Willow. The pledges were led by John and Harmony. We discussed the community picnic we are having on June 3rd at Adkins Mill Pond Park and what we all would bring. We made a big poster of our community service project and left it for display at the Powellville Ruritan meeting . Flyers will be put out at the Powellville UMC and the Powellville Fire Department inviting the people in Powellville to the picnic. We are all really looking forward to the picnic and are very happy about how our butterfly garden turned out.

The Powellville Clubs Beautify Adkins Mill Pond **Reporter Miranda Smullen**

Powellville 4-H Clubs Community Service Project - On Saturday , April 28, 2007 the Powellville Millers and the Powellville Pumpkins planted their butterfly garden and put in their stepping stones at Adkins Mill Pond Park. Everyone in both clubs attended with their parents and 4-H leaders . Also there attending were Mrs. Verna Lankford, Mr. Shelton Lankford, their grandchildren, Mrs. Amy Rhodes, and Mrs. Barbara Barga. We had lots of fun planting flowers, playing, and walking on the nature trail. At the end , our club president, Willow Gunther, presented Mrs. Verna with a gift for all her hard work and all her help.





Children's Farm Tour a Big Hit

Thanks to the following 4-H folks who helped with the 2007 Children's Farm Tour held at Beechnut Dairy Farm in Mardela Springs: **Keith & Kyle Barga, Kelsey Insley, Hunter Adkins, Kara Mills, Megan Batchelder, Mary Beth Calloway, Thomas Wagner, Robin & Amber Kelly, Chelsea Hudson, Keith & Sarah Dorey.** Thanks also to **The Hudson Family, Barga Family, Perdue Farms & UME\$** for loaning animals and especially to **The Harcum Family** for hosting this event. Thanks to the following sponsors: **Wicomico County Farm Bureau, Mid-Atlantic Milk Marketing Association, Land O'Lakes, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, Farmers & Planters, Wicomico Farm & Home Show, Rockwalkin & Rewastico Ruritan Club, & Sharptown Lions Club.** Thanks also to the faculty & staff of the Wicomico County Extension Office for their help & support.



4-H Horse Show a Huge Success!!



Once again a special thanks to **Myra & Wayne Spencer, Gayle Dunkleman** and everyone else who helped with the 2007 4-H Horse Show on May 12th in Salisbury. Thanks to the **Melson's Mustangs** for operating the food concession trailer at the Horse Show. Thanks also to the following people who helped the day of the show: **Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club, Trails & Tail 4-H Club, Scott & Wesley Myrer, Robby Davis, Keith & Kyle Barga, and Milt Savage.**

Back Row: Ellie Jansen, Logan Grant, Madison Dillon, Molly Burns, Ashley Jones, Emily Desjardins, Ellen Weber, Alexa Grant
Front Row: Nicole Snitzer, Annie Reading, Kelly Howard, Colleen O'Reilly, Julia Poole

Congratulations to **Aaron & Mary Beth Calloway** who sold the most ads for the 4-H Horse Show ad book. Congratulations also to the **Pittsville Wildcats 4-H Club** who sold the most ads per club for the book.



SAFE KIDS DAY

This year's event held at the Salisbury YMCA on Saturday May 5th was a huge success. The theme this year was *Make It a Safe Kids Summer!* Safe Kids Day was designed to teach our community about what we can do to keep our children safe from the five leading summer risks: drowning, wheeled sports, falls, pedestrian and motor vehicle injuries. Over the years, the event has grown to include many other safety issues relative to children. This year, a grand total of 282 children and parents from all four lower shore counties attended the event and more than 70 volunteers and vendors helped to make it possible. One hundred fifty-seven children earned free bike helmets for completing the bicycle safety course led by the Maryland Cooperative Extension Office. The many other safety demonstrations and interactive learning stations were a hit for all!



The Coalition sincerely thanks the 4-H volunteers Kyle Barga, Sarah Dorey, Chelsea Hudson, Brittany Hurley, Megan Ludy, Cindy Morris, Martha Williams and Terry Barrett for making a difference.



Martha Williams and Chelsea Hudson painted faces.



Kyle Barga (Sun Guard Man), Sarah Dorey (Vince), Chelsea Hudson (Safety Pup), Brittany Hurley (Larry)

HEADLINES
News Flash

Eastern Shore



Attention Campers!!

Camp is right around the corner and we have tons of exciting things lined up for you. So make sure you turn in all your paper work and start packing your bags. Don't forget to double check and bring all the necessities. This year's camp director is Stacey Hoffman, Educator in Talbot County, and the assistant director is Amy Rhodes, Educator in Wicomico. Our camp staff from Wicomico includes Steve Shores, Maria Barga, Keith Barga, Laura Brittingham, Santana Pouncy, Caleb Shores, and Sarah Wilber. Some things you'll do while at camp besides have lots of FUN. Campfires, water games, crafts, air rifle, rockets, fishing, cooking, party, make new friends and more.

Check Out the 4-H Web Photo Gallery for Past Events
<http://picasaweb.google.com/Wicomico4H>

Livestock Club - by: Greta Downes,

Reporter The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 7 members and 5 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Amy Wilber & Wesley Myrer**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Sarah Dorey & Luke Downes**. We discussed Quality Assurance training, vet checks for upcoming fairs, car wash/bake sale, shows & fairs. Demonstration was given by **Wesley Myrer**. Refreshments were provided by the **Dorey Family**.

Pittsville Wildcats – by: Aaron Calloway

The meeting was called to order by **Erika Moore** with 10 members, 2 leaders, & 1 guest in attendance. Pledges were led by **MJ Warren & Lauren Brown**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Carla Moore & Brittany Hurley**. We discussed selling ads for the 4-H Horse Show ad book, marching in the parade in Fruitland on 3/31/07, Early Childhood Expo in the Centre, and Safe Kids Day at the YMCA. A program was presented by Mrs Sharon Adkins. We made an Easter decoration which was lots of fun. Mrs Mary Beth Calloway read jokes and asked riddles. Refreshments were provided by **Samatha & Jennifer Disharoon, Lauren Brown & Erika Moore**.

Wicomico Day School

We are making a poster to display in the lobby of Wicomico Day School. The poster will tell of our favorite 4-H memories this year and what we learned as a club. We had a nursing home refresher course at the start of class, discussing the field trip last week and planning the next one. Our poster needs to get finished in order to display it before school gets out in May. We talk during every meeting about bettering our lives and our community. We discussed our fundraiser, ticket sales & gift basket.

Melson's Mustangs

(April) - Austin

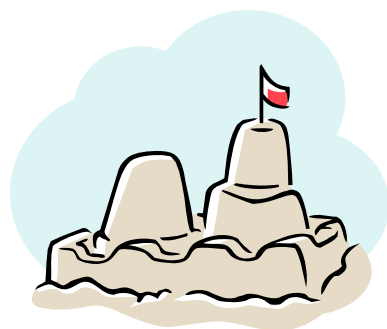
Peterson, Reporter

The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 10 members and 2 leaders in attendance. We welcomed **Zachery LaPearl** as a new member of our club. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Amy Wilber**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Emily Mills & Sarah Wilber**. We discussed Public Speaking, Horse Show ads, 4-H Night with the Shorebirds, and the Community Parent Appreciation Dinner.

Melson Mustangs (May) –

by: Austin Peterson

The meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson** with 12 members and 2 leaders in attendance. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Austin Meredith**. Treasurer's report was given by **Sarah Wilber**. We discussed Early Childhood Expo to be held at the Centre at Salistury, Safe Kids Day, Parent Appreciation Dinner, 4-H Horse Show and Lower Shore 4-H Camp. We then played BINGO. Refreshments were provided by **Austin Peterson**.





2007 MD State Fair & County Fairs

Maryland State Fair - will be held August 24 - September 3 at the State Fair Grounds in Timonium MD. The premium books are online again this year at www.marylandstatefair.com.

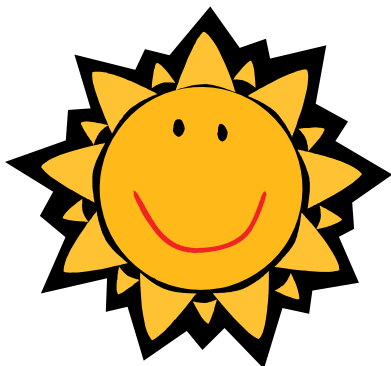
Somerset County Fair - will be held on July 23-29, 2006 at the Princess Anne Civic Center. Fair books are available at the Somerset County Extension Office .

Worcester County Fair will be held on August 10-12 at Byrd Park in Snow Hill. Premium books are available in the Worcester County Extension Office.

As the summer approaches, it's time to be reminded about Maryland 4-H Policies and Procedures, especially as they relate to fairs and shows. It's important to remember that Clover 4-H'ers (ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2007) cannot show animals or participate in any competitive events at county and state 4-H fairs and shows.

4-H Summer Adventures

Information on the Wicomico Summer Adventures was in last month's newsletter. There are still openings in these day camps. If you would like a registration form, please contact Kay at the Wicomico Extension Office at 410-749-6141 x101 and she will be glad to see that you get one.



Ag Farm Safety Day

A Progressive Ag Farm Safety Day program will take place in Centreville, at the Corsica Antique Tractor Show on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. All youth ages 7-13 are invited to attend. A t-shirt and goodie bag along with hands on opportunities in the following topic areas will be presented: electric , sun, fire, tractor and farm equipment hazards, household and farm chemical safety and lawn equipment and hand tool safety. Please call 410 479-4030 for a registration form by July 6.

The People Speak's 2007-2008 Global Debate

October may seem far away, but it's not too early to start planning your first event in The People Speak's 2007-2008 Global Debate series. During one-week periods in both the fall and spring, students at thousands of schools across the U.S. and the world will hold a Global Debate in their school and coordinate a school wide vote on some of the most pressing global issues facing our world today. The October topic is on the best way to lower carbon emissions and March's topic will be on water rights.

The People Speak: Global Debates will be a chance for you and your teammates to develop your skills as a public speaker and student leader as you research important global issues and present your debate to your classmates. Your efforts could qualify you to win a trip to the United Nations Foundation Global Student Leadership Summit in New York City in July 2008, where you will have a chance to meet and debate students from around the world and take advantage of special opportunities including a special UN tour and the opportunity to meet high ranking UN officials.

In order to qualify for the trip and to make sure you receive all the most recent information and updates, you need to register your school. You can do this online at www.thepeoplespeak.org. Sign up today!

Lower Shore Chapter
American Red Cross

Swim Lessons Summer 2007
Somers Cove Marina Pool,
Crisfield, MD

Dates: *Session 1* - July 9, 10, 11, 12
Session 2 - July 23, 24, 25, 26

Times:

Infant/Preschool Aquatics

(6 months - 5 years): **10:30 - 11:00 am**

Learn to Swim - Levels I - III: **9:45 - 10:30 am**

Learn to Swim - Levels III+: **9:00 - 9:45 am**

Notes:

- Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis.
- All students will be evaluated on the first day to determine if they are a beginner swimmer or advanced swimmer. The instructor may re-assign a time slot depending on swimming ability.
- Each child participating in the Infant/Preschool Aquatics must have an adult in the water with them child during the lesson.
- Wicomico County 4-H is teaming up with the American Red Cross to promote Water Safety and Weather Awareness during their summer swimming lessons.

Cost: \$47.00 per student

How to Register:

Phone....Call the Red Cross Office at (410) 749-5331.

Walk In... In person registration between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday - Friday at the American Red Cross office at 1505 Emerson Avenue, Salisbury.

Mail....Checks or money orders may be mailed in, please call the office first to confirm registration.

Acceptable payment by credit card, cash, check or money order.



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Be Safe and Enjoy the Water!



**Learning
to
Swim
will
Last
a
Life
Time!!!**



4-H & Red Cross Stresses Water Safety as Summer Kicks Off

When you head to the pool, don't forget the sunblock, the sunglasses—and the safety tips.

Memorial Day signifies the unofficial beginning of summer, as the school year comes to an end and neighborhood pools begin to open. The warmer months are a time for fun in the sun, and water safety is integral to making sure your family stays safe in and around the water. Whether you're the parent of a child or just a child at heart, be sure to follow these safety tips when near the water.

Learn to Swim

Of the many simple ways to prevent accidents from happening in and around the water, learning to swim should be the first step. National statistics reports that drowning claims the lives of more than 3,000 people each year, and children four and younger have the highest death rate due to drowning. By enrolling children in swimming classes as early as age three, you can drastically reduce their risk of drowning. The Red Cross Learn-to-Swim class provides instruction to would-be swimmers of all ages and is designed to give students a positive learning experience. Aquatic and safety skills are taught in a natural progression of six skill levels, including stroke development and refinement and general water safety.

Be a “Lifeguard”

Most water-related injuries happen when parents take their eyes off their children. Whether your children are heading to the neighborhood pool or only have to go as far as your own back yard to take a dip, keep them safe by following these safety tips:

- Never leave a child alone or unattended near the water. Even though a trained lifeguard may be present, all parents should practice "reach supervision," which means to be within arm's length of a child in case an emergency occurs.
- Children who are not strong enough to swim on their own should use U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs). However, remember that PFDs cannot replace parental supervision.
- All people (and especially children) should always swim with a buddy and be knowledgeable of the water environment, taking notice of deep and shallow areas, currents, exit areas and obstructions.
- Watch your children for signs of the dangerous “toos”- too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much strenuous activity.

Use Your Head

Water safety starts with your head, not your arms and legs. You can prevent many accidents from occurring by observing common-sense precautions and making sure you're prepared before you reach the water:

- Read and obey all posted signs and rules.
- Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- Pack a safety bag for a day at the beach or pool. Be sure to include waterproof sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, water shoes to keep feet safe from the heat and sharp objects on land and plenty of water for everyone to keep hydrated. All containers should be plastic to prevent injuries from breaking glass.
- Learn CPR and first aid from [your local Red Cross chapter](#).

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