

September/October
2010

NEWS FROM
THE WICOMICO
COUNTY 4-H
PROGRAM

The GREENroom NEWSLETTER

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4-H Motto
To Make The Best Better

2010 Event Reminders

September 20
WeDo Robotics Club

September 24
Family Camp Interest

October 3-9
4-H Week

October 8-9
State Archery Event

October 11-6:30pm
Volunteer Meeting

October 13
Air Rifle

October 22-24
Family Camp

November 5
Awards Program

November 8
Parent/Youth Advisory
Committee Meeting

November 19-21
Teen/ Volunteer Forum

December 11
Holiday Workshop

February 5, 2011
Winterfare
Operation Snowflake



Fun at the Farm and Home Show

This year we had 52 exhibitors and 475 entries. What a wonderful turn out at the 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 \$1500 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- see pictures on pg. 11.

4-Her's also had the opportunity to participate in a Fashion Show and many other activities open to everyone. We would like to thank all who participated and the supporting family members for making this such a wonder 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 Chelsea Hudson

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.

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Champion & Grand Champion Winners for each Indoor Division:

Consumer and Family Science

Child Care- Sarah Dorey

Clothing- Logan Grant

Home Environment- Katelyn Davis (Grand Champion)

Foods

Food Preparation- Amy Wilber (Grand Champion)

Food Preservation - McKensie Lewis

Edible Art- Chelsea Hudson

Candy - Sarah Dorey

Expressive Arts

Photography - Alexa Grant (Grand Champion)

Fine Arts - Chelsea Hudson (Grand Champion)

Crafts - McKensie Lewis

Scrapbooking- Logan Grant (Grand Champion)

Collections - N/A

Mechanical Science

Woodworking- Kyle Barga (Grand Champion)

Electric - N/A

Flowers and Arrangements

Cut Flowers- Chelsea Hudson (Grand Champion)

Arrangements & Corsages - Megan James

House Plants & Terrariums - Aaron Meredith

Agricultural Sciences

Vegetable Varieties- Miranda Uzman (Grand Champion)

Grain - Bradley Dorey

Hay- Bradley Dorey

Eggs - Wesley Myrer (Grand Champion)

4-H Promotion

4-H Promotional Poster - Brooke Church

Educational Posters - Sarah Dorey

Champion Showman Livestock

Belt Buckle Winners

Dairy - Sarah Dorey

Swine - Lura Ring

Beef - Bradley Dorey

Sheep - Ryan Ruark

Meat Goat - Luke Downes

Dairy Goat - Sarah Dorey

Herdsmanship Award - McKensie Lewis



Lura Ring was the J. Quinton Johnson Memorial Trophy winner. She earned the highest number of points in the livestock show.

The **2010 Summer Adventure Program** was a success! Sixty 4-Hers including teen leaders participated in the program. 4-Hers had a great time learning about horses, environmental science, the arts, fibers from around the world, spinning angora fiber from the angora rabbit and simply having fun outdoors! **Keith Barga, Kyle Barga, Robin Beauchamp, Brittany Hurley, Brittany Flurer and Adam Phillips** gave over 300 hours of their time in training and volunteer service. **Margo Luke, Jennifer Howell, Kelly Beauchamp, Eric Merrill, Maria Cook, Eric Shultz, Earl Ludy, Mike Phillips, Dennis Handley, Ronnie Lowe, Anne Luke and Candance Jeblonski** offered their services to ensure the program was a success. A special thank you to the **American Legion Post 64, Salisbury Elks Lodge, BPOE 817, Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center and Holly Ridge Farms** for sponsoring these adventures. Once again, it is my pleasure to thank **Mrs. Carol Newberry**, who served as co-director of the program. We had a wonderful summer filled with learning and fun!



*Summer
Adventures 2010*

2010 State 4-H Archery Event

**Friday, October 8th and / or
Saturday, October 9th
Pre-Registration by October 1st
Required** for Either or Both Days.

This year we are planning a Friday evening to Saturday afternoon for October 8 & 9 at the Thendara 4-H Center, near Hurlock in Dorchester County. This event 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, 2010 & 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 10/01/10. Late fee applies to any registration received without payment.)

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



New
4-H Parent and Youth Advisory Committee
First meeting
Monday
Nov 8th
6:30
Extension Office

Help us in making decision about your 4-H Program. To join this committee please register with Amy Rhodes.

We Need Your Guidance to Reach Greatness!

Annual Awards Banquet

Friday, November 5th, 6:30pm
Christ United Methodist Church
Phillip Morris Dr., Salisbury, MD

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 29th to Ms. Kay at 410-749-6141. This will ensure we order enough food and accommodate for seating. We hope to see you all there.



Melson's Mustangs

By: Austin Meredith

The June meeting was called to order by **Chelsea Hudson**.

Pledges were led by **Megan James & Brandon West**.

Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Stephanie James & Chelsea Hudson**. We discussed Horse Show, Summer Adventures and upcoming fairs and project books. Demonstrations were given by **Brandon West, Stephanie James, Amy Wilber and Sarah Dorey**. Refreshments were provided by **The Phillips Family**.

The July meeting was called to order by **Greta Downes** with 12 members and 1 leader in attendance. Pledges were led by **Austin Meredith & Wesley Myrer**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Stephanie James & Luke Downes**. We talked about our program Rent-A-4Her, Summer Adventures and upcoming Fairs. Demonstrations were given by **Casey Adkins, Austin Meredith, Greta Downes, Zachary LaPearl, Aaron Meredith, Stephanie & Megan James**. Refreshments were provided by **The Meredith Family**.

Pittsville Wildcats

By: Aaron Calloway

The meeting was called to order by **Brittany Hurley** with 10 members, 1 leader and 2 guests in attendance. We welcomed **Melinda Phillips & Lily Phillips** as new members of our club. Pledges were led by **Tyler DeSimon and Taylor Aydelotte**.

Treasurer's Report was given by **Lauren Brown**. We discussed our Memorial Day program which we held at Atria Assisted Living in May. We discussed the Horse Show ads and Farm & Home Show. We planned a game night for our club and worked on our record books. We decorated cupcakes to look like graduation hats in honor of our graduates - **Brittany Hurley & Mary Jess Warren**.

Wicomico Livestock

By: Adam Phillips

The meeting was called to order by **Aaron Meredith**. Pledges were led by **Adam Phillips & Bradley Dorey**. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were given by **Adam Phillips & Sarah Dorey**. We discussed the summer fairs. Refreshments were provided by **The Dorey Family**.

Thanks to clubs for submitting such wonderful news articles about your clubs activities!!

Keep Up the Good Work!!

If you would like your club's news included in our newsletter just contact Mrs. Amy or Mrs. Kay. You can email or fax in your articles.



Don't forget about submitting pictures too.

Record Books ARE DUE

Your record book is due to your 4-H Club Leader.

Learning to keep good records of the work you do is something that will help you in school, lead to a successful career and is one of the most important things you do in 4-H.

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

ONLINE 4-H Enrollment



The Wicomico County 4-H program along with many other counties across the state will be moving to a new online enrollment system, called **ACCESS 4-H**. This will be an exciting opportunity to go GREEN, use time more efficiently and utilize the benefits of technology. ACCESS 4-H is operated by the National 4-H Council and made possible by funding through the State 4-H Program. We will keep you posted on when this system will come available.

UME 4-H Volunteer Training, Webinar!

Things have changed a lot since most of our volunteers have joined the program, so we are encouraging all volunteers to listen in on this session. The nice part is you can do this session in the comfort of your own home, using your own computer, via a webinar. However if you would like to attend a group session at the Extension Office please contact Amy Rhodes to make arrangements.

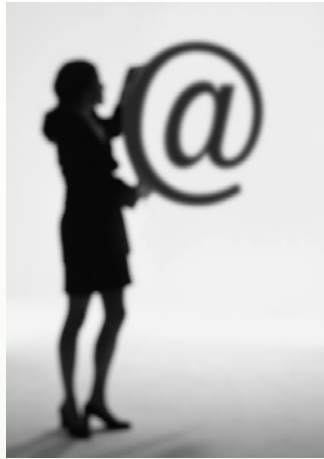
So join US! Improve volunteer's understanding and knowledge of the University of Maryland 4-H youth development program. Increase the quality of program delivery for 4-H members in Maryland.

September 22, 2010 6:30-8:30

October 21, 2010 6:30-8:30

TO REGISTER visit:

www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127



4-H Email List

Join our email list and receive updates, notices, and the newsletter via email. Anyone can join! Just email your request to arhodes1@umd.edu

Annual Volunteer Meeting

Monday October 11th

6:30 pm

Extension Office

All volunteers are required to attend. Please RSVP.



Great Changes Happening at the Extension Office

We would like to welcome Karen Reddersen as the new Area Extension Director for the Lower Eastern Shore counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester. Karen comes to us with great enthusiasm for the position and UME is going to benefit extensively from her professionalism and expertise. You may contact Karen at 410-749-6141 ext.110 or email kredders@umd.edu



4-H is proud to present the new University of Maryland Extension Wicomico County Office Sign. Outfitted with our wonderful 4-H clover! Stop by and check it out.



Family 4-H Camping Trip



The 4-H program would like to invite everyone to attend a 4-H Family Camping Weekend.

The tentative dates are **October 22-24** at the Hazel Outdoor Discovery Center in Eden MD. The Hazel property is over 500 acres of forested woodlands with 3 ponds and hiking trails. Costs will be minimal, since the location is free.

This will be a wonderful fall weekend in a beautiful setting, just imaging how the leaves will be turning and the campfire will feel so nice in the evening.

Tent camping and campers are welcome. This facility also has a large room for meals and is equipped with restrooms and a shower.

We are having an **interest meeting on Friday, September 24 at 6:30** at the Extension Office for all families. This will let us plan a fun filled weekend with your ideas in mind. Please RSVP by September 22 to Amy Rhodes at 410-749-6141 x108 or email at arhodes1@umd.edu.

Air Riffle Club

Next Meeting Date

October 13

7pm

at the Extension Office.



Youth must be 8 years or older.

Form more information or to register contact the 4-H office.

\$\$ 4-H BEGINS PARTICIPATION FEE IN 2011\$\$

The challenging economic times our nation is in has directly affected the funding available to the University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Substantial budget cuts over the past two years, and anticipated budget cuts this next year, have led to the need to institute a 4-H participation fee for all 4-H club members in Maryland. This fee will help ensure that Maryland 4-H can continue to be one of the leading youth development programs in our state. Beginning with the 2011 4-H year, each youth club member will be required to pay \$10 participation fee annually which equals \$0.83 cents per month. These funds will be used to sustain 4-H programming across the State of Maryland. A statewide committee comprised of youth and adult volunteers, educators and administrators was assembled to work on the details on this plan and youth focus groups were held to work through the implications of the need to implement this new annual fee. University of Maryland's 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to continuing the long standing tradition of providing excellent 4-H programs for Maryland's youth. More information about this process will be discussed with volunteers at the Annual Volunteer meeting on October 11. Any questions should be directed to Amy Rhodes or Kay Riall.



Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

November 19-21, 2010 – 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 15** to receive the "early bird" conference rate of \$65.00. The registration fee is \$125.00 for registrations postmarked after October 15. Registrations must be accompanied by a check and will only be accepted until October 30; don't delay, register today! And remember, **you need to make your hotel reservation by October 20, 2010.**

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, 410-651-8330 or Cheryl Hill at 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://wicomico.umd.edu/4-H>

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 20, 2010 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!***

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!

Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum

November 20-22, 2009 – Carousel Hotel,
Ocean City, Maryland

Tentative Schedule

Friday, Nov. 19th

Register and Check-in (6-10 pm)
Fun Interactive Classes

Saturday, Nov. 20th

Buffet Breakfast
Two Morning Classes
Buffet Luncheon
Two Afternoon Classes
Free Time

Putt for 4-H

Explore OC and see "Winterfest of Lights"

Share Fair and Silent Auction
Teen Activities

Sunday, Nov. 21st

Breakfast Buffet
Survey & Door Prizes
Volunteer Association Meeting
Teen Council Meeting

Class Topics Include:

Leader Training
Robotics
Animal Sciences
SET
Natural Resources
Youth issues
Camp Training

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.

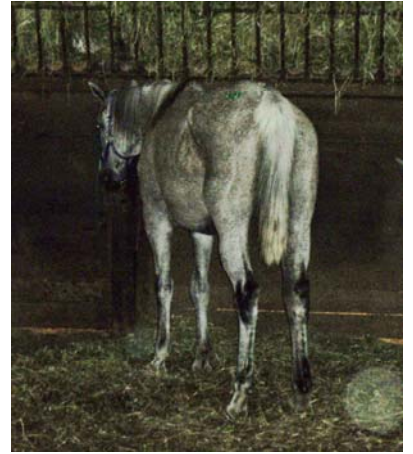
A special thanks to Monsanto and national 4-H Council for Forum funding support.



SECRET PRIDE STABLES 4-H CLUB NEWS

At 9:00 a.m., June 23rd, 2010, Secret Pride Stables personnel had an exciting job at hand. Our mission was to drive to the Camelot Horse Auction in Cranberry New Jersey and purchase a horse with the intentions of making a wonderful project and learning experience for our Secret Pride Equestrians 4-H Club.

We arrived at the auction hours in advance and observed the horses that had been brought earlier in the week, as well as watched several more horses get dropped off. The first horse to catch our attention was a tall flea bitten grey mare that had obviously seen better days. After petting the poor girl for a while, we eventually spoke with the proprietor and mentioned we were in search of a project horse for our 4-H group. When he asked if we had seen anything of interest, we told him we had some interest in the grey mare. He told us that she was an 11 year old Thoroughbred with Jockey Club papers. When she was brought to the auction the day before, her previous owner had put her, a paint mare, and a haflinger gelding in a 12 ft two horse trailer. On their way to the auction both of the mares fell down and sustained some substantial injuries. Incredibly thin, tick eggs throughout her mane, her right eye swollen shut with a large gash above it, both right legs extremely swollen and many other gashes, bumps and bruises, this girl was a poor sight. Though she had been through a lot in the last couple of days, she was very sweet and stood with us approvingly as we rubbed her neck. Finally, at 11:00 p.m., ten hours after arriving at Camelot, our horse was "ran through" the auction. Of the last horses to be taken through that night, we sat on the edge of our seats as the bidding began. There weren't many people left in the stands by this time and, of the remaining, not many had much interest in a broken down mare in bad enough shape that she had to be hand led through at the walk. We had the closing bid at \$250! We loaded up our prized mare and made it back to the farm at four o'clock in the morning.



With much excitement some of our 4H'ers came out to observe and take part in Gold Ensigns healing process. She has since been vetted, had her hooves trimmed, her teeth floated, most of her wounds healed, put on some pounds and has begun a whole new life where good care and lots of love is the number one priority.

At our last meeting, the group had voted on a new name for our horse's new life and all of our members have been assigned special tasks for the care and recuperation of this special horse. Her new barn name is Premonition, "Remi" for short and her caregivers have been given the tasks of grooming, handling, feeding, training, a stable hand, photographing, and record keeping her care, training and expenses. She even has someone take her out on walks to eat lush grass and spend one on one time with a child who will never again let her hurt.

It has only been three weeks, and we see great change in Remi every day. She is in the first stages of training being assigned to one student for regular grooming/cross-tying practices while another student is teaching her the basics of natural horsemanship. Our president is creating a personalized training program and our treasurer is practicing her book keeping skills while calculating just what it costs to own a horse. Each of our members will take part in teaching Remi, and helping her get back to living the kind of life every horse deserves. Some group members have even made donations to put into the costs of owning and caring for their new horse. Our club members acknowledge that the horses that don't sell at the auction are often shipped off to slaughter and they all take great pride in knowing that they have rescued a horse that might otherwise have not been rescued. We look forward to the day when Remi looks like every other fit and happy horse on the farm and are excited to take this journey getting her there. One thing I know our 4-H group has learned already throughout this project is the 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better".



Kindred Spirit Farm 4-H Club News

We had another successful Jousting Show at the Wicomico Farm & Home Show. Tank, the Percheron that the 4-H Club rescued made his debut showing at the mount for Sir Barchan. Tank was excellent during the show as well as greeting people at the fence. **Molly Burns** and **Ellie Jansen** took part in the show and jousted at rings as well as acted as squires for the knights. **Ellie Jansen** jumped Lorali over Barchan for the jump of death as well. **Ashley Judd**, **Mackenzie Johnson** and **Katie Howard** assisted with the show, the horses, and educating the public about how we rescued Tank and rescuing horses in general. Also, on another note, our 4-H President, **Meredith Wilde**, is spending her senior year abroad in India, attending school and activities while learning the culture. Her father, Chris Wilde, still participated in our show and represented the 4-H's.



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