Electronic 4-H Talk Newsletter

We have transitioned from a paper copy of the newsletter to an e-mail version of our 4-H Talk Newsletter where you will be e-mailed a copy of the newsletter and notified that a new version is online, if you would still like to receive a paper copy, please contact Micki Preston at 410-996-5280 or mpresto2@umd.edu or mark it on your enrollment form by no later than February 19th. Also, if your e-mail address has changed from what is on your reenrollment form, please notify April Barczewski at adhall@umd.edu. If you know someone that is not receiving the newsletter, it might be because we have an incorrect e-mail address for them or have not reenrolled for the 2016 program year, please tell them to get in contact with us.

Inclement Weather Policy-Yes, the snowy season has arrived and will hopefully soon be over!!!
Just a reminder……if Cecil County Public Schools are cancelled for the day, there is early dismissal or after-school activities are cancelled for the evening DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ALL 4-H events are cancelled or during the weekend if the Cecil County snow emergency plan is in effect in the county both the day or evening events are cancelled.

4-H Achievement Night Program MC’s Practice
Please contact April at the Extension Office via e-mail at adhall@umd.edu or 410-996-5280 by Friday, February 26th if you are a Senior-aged 4-H member who would like to speak at 4-H Achievement Night. For all those youth who will be speaking at Achievement night, a program run-through will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill at 6:30 p.m. At the practice, you will be assigned and practice your speaking part. You must attend this practice in order to be a speaker the evening of the program.
4-H Achievement Night

Achievement Night is coming up soon, so mark your calendars and plan to attend, since most 4-Hers are recognized in some way. It will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill (Cecil County Fairgrounds). Refreshments start at 6:30 PM and the Program begins at 7:00 PM. During the refreshment time you will be able to go around and look at club displays. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share and to bring a non-perishable food as we will be collecting donations for the Cecil County Help Center. Please do not donate items with expired dates. Please dress nicely for the awards program. We hope to see you and your family at 4-H Achievement Night!

Winterfest

Cecil County 4-H Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2016 at the Walls Activity Hall in Fair Hill from 1:00-4:00 PM. The cost is $7 per 4-Her and we offer classes for clover and 4-H members. See the Winterfest flyer in this issue of 4-H Talk or look it up online under the “Upcoming Events” page for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration is due by Friday, February 27th. There are a lot of great classes that are being offered this year. At Winterfest you get to try new things while hanging out with your fellow 4-Hers!!!

Communications and Demonstration Day

Speaking is one of the best skills you can develop in 4-H. Our Cecil County 4-H Communications and Demonstration Day will be offered on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM and Demonstrations (Visual Presentations) will start at 9:00 AM and the Communications contest to follow. The difference between them is that with visual presentations/demonstrations you use posters, props and visual aids to show others how to do something like prepare a recipe, care for an animal or make something. A 4-H demonstration guide can be found online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/d6/files/publications/documents/4H_909R.pdf. With communications you do not use any aids or props. The categories for the communications contest include a prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, radio spot and interpretations divisions. Youth are eligible to do one communications and one visual presentation. See the Communications Day flyer in this issue of 4-H Talk or look it up online under the “Upcoming Events” page for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration forms are due by Friday, March 11, 2016.

Eggstravaganza 2016

Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert at 9 AM. At Eggstravaganza youth can participate in demonstrations, educational and fun activities and the all-popular food preparation contest. 4-H youth are invited to do demonstrations and enter the egg food preparation categories. See the Winterfest flyer in this issue of 4-H Talk or look it up online under the “Upcoming Events” page for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration is due by Monday, March 21, 2016.

Camp Counselor and Adult Staff Trainings for 2016

Like 4-H Camp? Will you be Actual age 15 or older in 2016 by August 8, 2016? Want to help more? If you are interested in being a camp counselor the first training will be Saturday, January 8-9 at the Rocks in Harford County (as an overnight lock in). Camp is always looking for more adult volunteers, even if it is just to teach a class, or come down for one activity, so please contact us if interested. Please be aware that becoming a camp counselor or adult staff member is a very big responsibility and does require commitment. These are the set dates and are not expected to change. Please mark your calendars now. For the day trainings, you will need to bring $5 for lunch, or bring your lunch with you - there is a kitchen available. If you have any questions about 4-H Camp or becoming a camp counselor, please feel free to contact Camp Director, Susan Sprout Knight at susank@ardenttitle.com. She can be reached at work at 410-996-9780.

The tentative trainings dates/times and locations are as follows:
- Saturday, February 20 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun
- Saturday, March 12 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun
- Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10, On Site Weekend Training at the Rocks
- Saturday, May 7 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun

4-H Sewing Workshops 2015-2016

4-H Volunteer, Joan Gaffney, will be having county-wide Sewing Workshops every month starting in September. The workshops will take place from 2-4 pm at Trinity Church, 105 N. Bridge Street, Elkton. If you would like to learn how to sew, please attend the workshops. These workshops are open to any 4-H’er, including clovers, parent or volunteer. Please
RSVP for each workshop at least one week in advance by calling Joan at 443-553-7492. Below are the dates and topics. Please complete the flyer and bring it with you to the workshop! The flyer was in the September-October, 2015 4-H Talk Newsletter and is online under the upcoming events.

- Sunday, February 21 “Recycling”
- Sunday, March 20 “Sewing Sense”
- Sunday, April 17 “Show-N-Tell”

UME Tractor Safety Training for Youth
The University of Maryland Extension 4-H staff is planning a weekend training, Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2016, to provide certification for youth wanting to work on a farm. Youth must be between the ages of 14 to 16 to take this training. Participants will stay at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centreville, Maryland and will have off site visits to local Tractor Dealers. Federal law states that all 14-15 year old youth, who are seeking employment in the agricultural industry that require tractor driving must receive the training as required by the U. S. Department of Labor. Youth working on their own parent's farm do not need to become certified unless they will be driving on the road with machinery. Agricultural producers are liable if they employ youth that do not have this certification. When youth become 16 years of age, this law no longer applies to their employment. Go to http://www.nstmop.psu.edu/info.htm for details. This class provides 24 hours of intensive training. A driving and written exam is included. A requirement of the class is to become familiar with the lessons covering various agricultural related safety needs before the training. Resources will be made available prior to the training. The weekend training will cost $60. The registration fee and application are due to the Queen Anne's County Extension office by March 24. Contact Chris Johnston cjohnston@umd.edu or 410 758-0166 for a registration form. Registration forms can be downloaded at: https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/tractor-school-teens.

Animal Science Activities & Update

2016 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H
Please refer to the January-mid-February 2016 4-H Talk Newsletter.

2016 Cecil County Fair Animal Ages and Weights
Please refer to the January-mid-February 2016 4-H Talk Newsletter.

Cecil County 4-H Horse Bowl Practices
Horse Bowl practices will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Office (200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500, Elkton, MD) from 6:30-8:30 PM. Topics include: Horse Breeds, Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition, Feeds and Feeding, Health, Diseases, Disorders and Parasites, Reproduction and Genetics, Equipment and Showing and Much More.
Please contact Elaine Keys at 856-332-3380 or keys.elaine@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- February 3rd
- February 10th
- February 17th
- February 24th
- March 2nd

Cecil County 4-H Horse Judging Practices
Horse Judging is underway. We are looking forward to an absolutely terrific team again this year. Last year's team had an incredible amount of success (and fun!) at the State Competition and we are looking forward to the same this summer! Horse Judging practices will be the second Wednesday of Every Month (until it gets closer to competition time of course). They will be from 6 pm to 8 pm at Drue and River's House, 1014 New London Rd, Newark, Delaware 19711. They are just across the Cecil County line on Route 896, just a few minutes east of Fair Hill and south of Landenberg. They will provide dinner, so please call, email or text Drue to let them know you are coming, and let them know if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions. They are planning a great practice program, so we hope you can come join us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email Drue Chichi at 302-588-0197/brickmanhouse@gmail.com or Elaine Keys at 856-332-3380/keys.elaine@gmail.com!

Cecil County 4-H Poultry & Rabbit Fun Day
4-H Poultry & Rabbit Fun Day will be held on Monday, February 15, 2016 with check in beginning at 8:30 AM and activities running from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Calvert Grange on Rt. 273 in Calvert (2357 Telegraph Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911). A flyer containing registration information was included in the January 4-H Talk newsletter or you can
register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-livestock-fun-day. Registration is due by February 10th. This year there will be poultry/rabbit related educational topics and participating in poultry & rabbit related learning stations on a variety of topics. In the morning we will focus on rabbits and in the afternoon we will focus on the poultry project. We will also have the opportunity to partake in ice breaker games, animal related games, a hands-on craft or activity and socialize with other 4-H Poultry & Rabbit members. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided.

**Hands-On Animal Science Classes**

We will be offering fun, hands-on Animal Science classes for 4-Hers on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-hands-animal-science-classes or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.

The dates and topics are as follows:
- February 23, 2016 - Udderly Awesome
- March 22, 2016 - Disease Detectives
- April 27, 2016 - This Little Piggy
- May 24, 2016 - Your Message Matters
- September 27, 2016 - Hay What’s Up
- October 25, 2016 - Donut Do Injections Like This
- November 22, 2016 - Fiber Fun (Rescheduled from January, 2016)

All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on.

**Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices**

4-H Dairy Bowl includes questions pertaining to both dairy cattle and dairy goats and is similar to "Jeopardy", except all questions are dairy related. If you are interested in participating, contact April at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu. The State contest is Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the University of Maryland College Park.

**Livestock Skillathon Practices**

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, Livestock Skillathon is a great way to work with other 4-H’ers and learn information about livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats). Topics include: Anatomy/Parts, Breed, Equipment, Feed & Retail Meats Identification; Meat, Hay & Wool Judging with questions and Quality Assurance topics. Please contact Carla Eastburn at 410-398-7594 if you are interested in participating in county Livestock Skillathon practices. The State contest is Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Hagerstown.

**Eastern Shore Spring Show**

Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be mailed soon to all Cecil 4-Hers who participated in 2015 and is available online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/fairs-and-shows. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park in Centreville. Entries are due by April 15, 2016.

**Cecil County Breeders Fair**

Cecil County Breeders’ Fair information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to those Cecil 4-H’ers who participated in 2016 and will be available online by mid-March at the Cecil County Extension Website under the 4-H Youth Development Upcoming Events Link. The Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows are scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016, and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2016, at Fair Hill. Entries are due by May 2nd. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

**Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2016**

The complete Maryland health regulations and forms will be available in early January online at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

**One new change in 2016:** In-State Health papers will be good for only 90 days from the date issued not the entire show season like in past years. Out-of-State Health papers will continue to be good for only 30 days from the date issued which is not a change.

Again this year-All animals except Rabbits will need to have an official identification. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise. Health
certificates will be three carbon copy pages and again will no longer need to be stamped by MDA as it will be your veterinarian’s responsibility to send the approved copy to MDA to be filed. Exhibitors will still be expected to do the Animal Health Self-Certification for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits and Horses. If your animal requires vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are effective.

At this point, Poultry shows will happen after June 1st but will be limited to 1 day only. (Again, shows subject to cancelation in 2016 due to Avian Influenza).

Livestock Quality Assurance
Quality Assurance will be online by mid-March this year. All new youth who exhibit animal projects (alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse & pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine) must complete the online training, in addition, youth will need to take the training online once as a Junior member, once when they become an Intermediate member (4-H age 11) and once when they become a Senior member (4-H age 14). The training will be accessible from 3/15-7/1. Check out the Cecil County 4-H website in mid-March once the link becomes available.

State 4-H Animal Science Reminder Information
• An animal can be tagged either commercial breeding or market but not both
• 4-H project animals MUST be registered in the individual name of the 4-Her only

Maryland 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Updates Webinars
4-H Animal Science Volunteer Recordings from previous 4-H Animal Science Volunteer webinars conducted are available for viewing on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Resources page at: https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources under the Animal Science Training Opportunities for Leaders. The available topics include:
• 2016 4-H Animal Science Program Updates – RECORDING from 12/15/15- This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program rule changes and event updates for 2016 for Maryland 4-H Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program area.
• Statewide 4-H Animal Science Events and Contest Opportunities – RECORDING from 2/24/15
• Clovers in 4-H Animal Projects - RECORDING from 2/25/2014
• Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events - RECORDING from 3/25/2014
• 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - RECORDING from 4/29/2014
• Preparing for Competitive Events - RECORDING from 2/26/2013
• Introducing the New 4-H Animal Science Project Records - RECORDING from 3/25/2013
• Managing Risks in 4-H Animal Science Projects and Activities - RECORDING from 4/28/2013
• Sportsmanship in Animal Science Projects - RECORDING from 5/28/2013
Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or 301-314-7187 for more information or if you have questions.

University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings
Are you interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer or do you know anyone that might be interested? Don’t wait because now is the time April and/or Vicki will be conducting two UME Volunteer trainings this fall and one in January. They are:
• Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Wednesday, March 16, 2016 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
• Monday, June 6, 2016 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please register online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 to confirm your attendance.

Cecil 4-H UME Volunteer Development Series
Volunteers and teen leaders are encouraged to enhance their skills by registering for the Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series. You can pick and choose which topics you would like to attend. The topics and dates are as follows:
• 3/1 - Food Safety
Robotics Training Workshop for 4-H Leaders and Teens

There will be a robotics training workshop for 4-H Leaders and Teens on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 10 AM-2:30 PM at the USRA STEMaction Center at 7178 Columbia Gateway Dr, Columbia, MD. This workshop is designed for adult 4-H volunteers and teens interested in mentoring younger 4-H members on how to program LEGO Mindstorm® robots and to introduce the 2016 LEGO 4-H Challenge. The training will feature tracks for those that will be mentoring robotics activities and those that are working with teams on the 4-H LEGO Challenge. The 2016 4-H LEGO Challenge mat has been redesigned. Registered teams this year will receive a new mat free of charge! Any registered team that attends this training will also receive the LEGO mission pieces free as well. Time will be allotted to construct the mission pieces and review the rules for this year’s game. Advanced programming training will be provided on topics such as line following.

We encourage each team to bring a laptop and a Mindstorm® robot that is ready to program. This program will be presented by the GEARs Robotics Team from Garrett County. To register for the training, go online to Eventbrite at [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/robotics-training-workshop-for-leaders-and-teens-tickets-21067188528](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/robotics-training-workshop-for-leaders-and-teens-tickets-21067188528). For more information or if you have questions contact the Garrett County Extension office at 301-334-6960.

4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting

The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H programming including Achievement Night, Winterfest and other spring and summer programs. Additional 2016 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on Monday, May 23rd; Monday, September 19th and Monday, November 21st.

Attention Club Leader—All Club Forms and Resources Available Online

All 4-H Club Leaders Resources can be found at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms)

Interested in Starting A New 4-H Club?

Anyone interested in starting a new 4-H Club should contact April in the Extension Office. Our 4-H enrollment continues to rise and so do request for club information, so we’re looking to our UME volunteers to step up and start some new clubs.

Educational Videos, Learning Kits and Materials Available For Loan

The Cecil County 4-H Office has some educational videos/CD’s, learning kits, curriculum, and equipment which club leaders can borrow from our office on a variety of topics. If you are interested in borrowing videos, learning kits, curriculum or equipment stop by the Extension office.

Club and Special Interest Group Updates

2016 Great Potato Contest Rules

The 2016 Great Potato contest is being managed and sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club. **Clovers and Juniors** – You will be receiving a potato, a pot and some soil. You will plant your potato any method you want and you will need to add soil (again your own type). Please pick up your potatoes at the **BACK DOOR** of the Grange Hall on March 19 between 10 and 12 AM. Please have exact change or a check to pay for your entry fee. YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $3.00. We do not have a final date yet. It will be sometime in September. At the end of the contest, youth will bring back their pot with the potato still planted. Youth will be disqualified if the potato has been removed from the container. We will then weigh the potatoes in front of the judges. Prizes will be given for the biggest potato, the heaviest potato harvest, and the funniest potato.
Intermediates and Seniors - Your contest involves you planting the three pounds of potatoes and bringing back 4 potatoes for judging to our contest night. We will have details of the contest night later on. It will be in September. You will need to bring your potatoes on a white paper plate to display. Please pick-up your three pounds of seed potatoes on March 19 at the BACK DOOR of the Calvert Grange between 10 and 12 AM. Your entry fee is $5. Please have exact change or a check to pay when you pick up your potatoes. The Great Potato Contest will conclude with a covered dish potato dinner. (Each family will be asked to bring a dish containing potatoes to share). The club is also adding a Great Sweet Potato contest for 2016. More information will be in the next issue of 4-H Talk.

Fundraiser to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Horse Program
There will be an all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 100 Elkton Rd, Newark, Delaware to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program-So you can stop by for lunch, dinner or late night! Check out the upcoming programs to download the takeover voucher. By turning in the voucher, 20% of your check will be donated to the Cecil County 4-H Horse program. (The voucher is attached)

Kids of the Future 4-H Club Fundraisers
The Kids of the Future 4-H Club will be selling tickets for a restaurant gift card basket raffle from March 1-July 30, 2016. They will be holding a yard sale and hosting a food booth on April 22-23, 2016 at Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun.

Other
Cecil County Young Farmer’s Funding
The Cecil County Young Farmers are proud to support local 4-Her's by providing funding for participation in state, regional and national events. If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the Cecil County Young Farmers Funding Request Form, which can be found on the 4-H website. Requests are to be made as soon as possible and must be submitted at least one month prior to the event in order to be considered. In addition, 4-Hers are strongly encouraged to attend a Cecil County Young Farmer’s Meeting to request funds. (Funds are not guaranteed by only completing the request form.) Young Farmer’s meetings are held every other month at the Cecil County Administrative Building in the Rising Sun room on the third Monday at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Additional meetings are held as needed and are to be announced when scheduled. Meetings are currently scheduled for 3/20, 5/16, 7/18 (Fairgrounds), 9/19 and 11/21. Questions, as well as funding request forms, can be sent directly to the community service chair via email at erikaledwards117@gmail.com. As always, we are actively seeking new members and encourage those who are 18 years or older to consider joining the Cecil County Young Farmers. Contact cecilyoungfarmers@gmail.com for more information!

AGDiscovery
AgDiscovery is a two week residential outreach program sponsored by different USDA programs for high school students in partnership with selected universities. AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths open to them in agriculture. The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about different agriculture careers from university professors, scientists and other professionals who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. Additional information and the application form can be found online at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/ct_agdiscovery_program/?ut/p/z1/04_iUlDg4tKPAFJABpSA0fpReYllmemJZn5eYk5-hH6kVFm8T7-Js6GTsEGQNrVycDRNjcj19X508jAzVjFC6wRoR9kAn4dEVAAdUOVwSj_SqMiX2TddP6qgSRDNzMvLV8_IrkkPjE9JbM4Ob8tagyvQaoP70aMVe_IDsqEgAM7P2m/. The application deadline is March 7, 2016.

4-H Calendar of Events

February 2016
5 DEADLINE: Cecil 4-H Achievement Night Nominations to Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton or E-mailed to April
5 4-H Day at Maryland Women’s Basketball, 7 PM, Xfinity Center, UMCP, College Park
6 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, Centreville (Inc. Weather Date 2/20)
9 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
10 Horse Judging Practice, 6-8 PM, Brickman House, Newark
13 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, Westminster (Inc. Weather Date 2/27)
15 Poultry/Rabbit Fun Learning Day, 9 AM-4 PM, Calvert Grange, Calvert (Check in begins at 8:30 AM)
20 Camp Staff Training, Rising Sun
20 State 4-H Robotics Training, 10 AM-2:30 PM, USRA STEMaction Center, Columbia
21 Sewing Workshop, Trinity Church, Elkton
22 Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
23 Hands-On Animal Science: Udderly Awesome, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton

Wednesdays Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton

March 2016

1 Volunteer Series: Food Safety, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
2 Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
3 Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night Set Up & Speakers Practice, 6:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
5 Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night, 6:30 PM-Desert Social, 7:00 PM-Program, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
5 State 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon Contest, Hagerstown
6 Cecil County 4-H Winterfest, 1-4 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
9 Horse Judging Practice, 6-8 PM, Brickman House, Newark
9 Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
10 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
12 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
12 Camp Staff Training, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
15 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (QH&QA) Program Opens
16 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
19 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 9:00 AM
21 Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser to Benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Newark, DE (Patrons must present a voucher for the Horse program to receive 20% of the proceeds)
22 Hands-On Animal Science Class: Disease Detectives, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
26 Eggstravaganza, Calvert Grange, Registration Begins at 9:00 AM, Calvert

April 2016

1 Regional Communications Event, Easton High School, Easton
1-3 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
5 Volunteer Series: Positive Youth Development an Serving Your Community, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
7 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
8-10 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Rocks (Tentative)
8-10 Eastern Shore Tractor/Agriculture Equipment Certification Training, Centreville
9 Maryland 4-H Foundation Shooting Clays Fundraiser, Pintail Point, Queenstown
13 Horse Judging Practice, Newark
15 DEADLINE: Eastern Shore Spring Show Entries
16 State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, College Park
17 Sewing Workshop, Elkton
22-23 Kids of the Future 4-H Club Yard Sale, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun
22-24 State 4-H Engineering Weekend, Rocks
23 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
27 Hands-On Animal Science Class: This Little Piggy, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
30 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
30 State Communication Contest, College Park

May 2016

2 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H Member & Project Enrollment
2 DEADLINE: Cecil County Breeders Fair Entries
3 Volunteer Series: Life Skills Development & Fun Activities to do at Club Meetings, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
7 Camp Staff Training, Rising Sun
7-8 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
8 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
12 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
14 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Centreville
18 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
19 & 20 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, Fair Hill
20 Market Rabbit & Market Broilers Intent Form Due in Extension Office
23 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class: Your Message Matters, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
26 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Rising Sun
TBA Food Safety Training, Rising Sun

**June 2015**
1 Horse/Dog Identification Cards & Rabbit/Poultry Ownership Registration Due in Extension Office
1 Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
1 Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
1 County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Elkton
2 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Set Up, Fair Hill
4 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill
5 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill
6 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
7 Volunteer Series: Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
9 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 6:45 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
16 Cecil County Fair “Ask the Expert”, Elkton
21-23 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
26-30 Maryland 4-H Congress, College Park

**July 2016**
1 Cecil County Fair Animal, Club & Engineering Entries Deadline
1 State Fair Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Closes for Cecil County Fair 4-H Participation
6-8 State Horse Jamboree, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
7 State Horse Communications Contest, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
19 Cecil County Fair Animal Orientation & Set Up, Fair Hill
22-30 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill
31 Deadline: ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries
TBA State Dairy Judging Practices (Tuesdays or Thursdays)
TBA Junior Fair Board Meeting & Children’s Bag Stuffing, Elkton

**August 2016**
7-12 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
25 State 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Event, Timonium
25-9/5 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

**September 2016**
1 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
3 Most State 4-H Judging Contests at the Maryland State Fair
10 State 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match, Marriottsville
15 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals in State 4-H Portal
19 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
27 Hands-On Animal Science: Hay What’s Up, Elkton
29 Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton

**October 2016**
2-8 National 4-H Week
2 Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Goblin Gallop, Fair Hill
5 National 4-H Youth Science Day Activity
7 National 4-H Conference Portfolios Due to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
8 State 4-H Archery Match, Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock
12 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
15 DEADLINE: 4-H Club Financial Reports FY2016
19 Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton (Tentative)
22 State 4-H Shotgun Match, Prince George’s Trap & Skeet Center, Glenn Dale
25 Hands-On Animal Science: Donut Do Injections Like This, Elkton
TBA Apple/Pumpkin Fest
TBA Maryland 4-H Horsemen’s Party, Timonium
TBA State 4-H Dressage Show
November 2016
1 Volunteer Series: Club Management, Program Planning & Working with your Officer Team, 6:30 PM, UME-Cecil County Office, Elkton
1 DEADLINE: MD 4-H Foundation Grants
14 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
15 DEADLINE: 990-N E-postcard for Club
21 Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
22 Hands-On Animal Science: Fiber Fun, Elkton

December 2016
3 Holiday Craft Workshop, Fair Hill
3 Countywide 4-H Benefit Auction, Fair Hill

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4-H Club Meeting Dates
Rabbit Wranglers-2nd Sunday
Tailwinds Trotters -2nd Sunday
Making Strides-3rd Sunday
Carrot Crunchers-4th Sunday
Puddle Jumpers -2nd Monday
Stars & Stripes -2nd Monday
Calvert Boys & Girls Clovers-2nd Monday
Kids of the Future-2nd Tuesday
Junior Council -TBA
Kibbles-N-Kids-2nd Wednesday
Rising Sun Milk Squirters-2nd Wednesday
Cecil Sliders-2nd Wednesday
Young Guns Shotgun Practice-Every Thursday
Kuntry Livestock-1st Thursday
Calvert Boys and Girls-3rd Thursday
Krazy Kritters-3rd Thursday
County Archery Practice-3rd Thursdays
C-Line 1st Placers-2nd Friday
Tri-State Trotters-2nd Friday
Rainbow Riders-TBA
Reaching for the Stars-2nd Saturday
Robotics-Varies

April Hall Barczewski
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County

Victoria “Vicki” Stone
Program Assistant
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County

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The following documents are attached and located on the Cecil County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs

- Achievement Night Invitation
- Winterfest Registration
- Communications Day Registration
- Eggstravaganza Registration
- Calvert Boys & Girls Great Potato Contest Registration
- Horse Program Buffalo Wild Wings Voucher
- Tractor Safety School for Teens Flyer
You and your family are invited to
Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night
Saturday, March 5, 2016
Walls Activity Hall on the Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
(4640 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921)
Refreshment & Social Time 6:30 PM, Program Begins 7 PM

- Club Roll Call
- Friends of 4-H
- 1st year 4-Her (Joined 2015)
- 4-H Alumni (Last Year 2016)
- Volunteer Years of Service (1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 35th)
- Volunteer Service Awards
- 4-H Family of the Year
- Clover Awards
- Member Record Book & Project Completion Awards
- 4-H All-Star Top Jr., Int. & Sr. Stories and Sr. Essay
- Quiz Bowl, Judging, Skillathon & Shooting Sports Participants
- State Trip Recipients
- Youth Community Service Awards
- Diamond Clover Awards
- “I Dare You” Leadership Award
- Record Keeping Award
- Cecil County Fair Boy & Girl
- Mason Blue Ribbon Awards
- Club Spirit Awards
- Club of the Year
- Club Record Completion Awards
- County Spirit Award Recipients

Please bring a simple desert to share during the refreshment time.

We are also doing a community service project and we will be collecting canned food for the Cecil County Help Center.

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Winterfest 2016 Participant Registration Form

Participant Name______________________________________________   Phone Number_______________________________
Address____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact Person_________________________ Emergency Contact Phone Number______________________

Club___________________________________ 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/16)_________________________ Check #___________

Cost $7.00
(includes supplies and snack)
Registration Due by Friday,
February 26th by 4:30 pm
Please mail a check made payable to CCEAC and
this registration form by February 26th to:
University of MD Extension, Cecil County
4-H Winterfest Registration
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500
Elkton, MD 21921

Be sure that you make a 2nd and 3rd choice in case
your 1st choice is full!
Make sure to wear old clothes or bring a smock!

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CECIL COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 at the Calvert Grange
2357 Telegraphy Rd, Rising Sun
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AND PUBLIC SPEAKING TO FOLLOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CECIL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DAY

- **Age Divisions:**
  - Clover - Ages 5-7 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Junior - Ages 8-10 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Intermediate - Ages 11-13 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Senior - Ages 14-18 (as of January 1 of current year)

- Members may compete in one Visual Presentation Class and one Public Speaking category.
- **Registration forms are due by Friday, March 11, 2016** to the Cecil County Extension Office.
- Any youth that would like to participate in the State Fair 4-H Presents! Program must register themselves on the appropriate form by July 31, 2016.

**VISUAL PRESENTATION (DEMONSTRATION) RULES**

- **Length of Visual Presentation:**
  - Clover, Maximum 2 minutes or less
  - Junior Division, 3 - 10 minutes
  - Intermediate Division, 4 - 12 minutes
  - Senior Division, 5 - 15 minutes

- **Judging Criteria:**
  - Content (Introduction, general information and summary of main points)
  - Presenter (Appearance, delivery, visual aids and time)
  - The team and individual presentations in each class will be judged by the modified group method according to merit: Excellent, Very Good, Good. Those placing in “Excellent” will receive blue ribbons; “Very Good” will receive red ribbons; “Good” will receive white ribbons.

- Clowers are permitted to do a “Show and Tell” only and will be awarded a participation ribbon.
- Youth can do a traditional presentation or use Power Point for their presentation. Finished products should be displayed during the allotted time for the presentation and may not be provided to the audience.
- Equipment and Supplies: Participants must furnish all their own equipment and supplies. Hot plate and microwave will be available for presentations when the 4-H'er indicates the need. A table and easel is provided for all presentations. For Power Point presentations, a laptop computer with Microsoft Power Point, a projector and screen will be available.

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Over for Public Speaking Contest Information
CECIL COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

- The contest consists of four categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Radio Spot, and Interpretation. Individuals, not teams, give speeches.
- Time Limits: Prepared - Juniors: 3 to 5 minutes, Intermediates and Seniors: 4 to 6 minutes; Extemporaneous: Juniors and Intermediates: 2 to 3 minutes, Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes; Radio Spot: 30 seconds for all age groups; and Interpretations: Juniors: 1½ to 3 minutes, Intermediates: 2 to 4 minutes, Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes. Judges may deduct points for not meeting or exceeding time limits.
- Visual aids, including posters, are not permitted. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. For Dramatic interpretation, contestant may choose to wear a costume and opt to sit for presentation. Podium use is optional, but judges may deduct points for excessive movement and hand gestures that distract.
- Contestants should not introduce themselves as part of their presentation. This will be done by an MC or room Host/Hostess.
- Judges may ask questions of contestants in the prepared, extemporaneous, and interpretations categories related to the speech’s topic. Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the radio spot category.
- The names of the top three individuals in each category can advance to the Regional Competition and the top scoring individual in each category will advance to the State Competition.
- State Champions may not enter the same category and age group a second time.

Public Speaking Contest Categories:

| 21 | Prepared Speech | Youth speaker has written and practiced a speech prior to the County contest. Contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered controversial with your 4-H leader or educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a Rotary Club. Memorization is not encouraged. Only juniors may use a complete script. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. These note cards are to be given to the judges at the end of the speech. |
| 22 | Extemporaneous Speech | Youth speaker will draw three topics and choose one topic for their speech. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors up to 15 minutes to prepare their talks. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 5 x 8 inch note cards for their key word outline. Extemporaneous speakers will be shown time cards at correctly timed intervals indicating “1 MINUTE”, “30 SECONDS”, AND “STOP”. |
| 23 | Radio Spot Announcement | Youth speaker has written and practiced the announcement prior to the County contest. Radio Spots should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or “tag” by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant will provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original, and be created by the contestant. |
| 24 | Interpretations | Youth speaker can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using language other than spoken English, the participant must inform Extension Office a minimum of 10 working days before the event to ensure appropriately qualified judges are available. An Interpretation is a memorized oral presentation of selected narrative from published works. Permitted works include dramatic or humorous plays or books or poetry, but not the script of a television show or any unpublished source. Contestants are to bring two (2) copies of the script for the judges, including a complete reference citation. Language other than English must be translated in these documents. (Must be spoken, Singing is not permitted) |
| 25 | 4-H Pledge (Clovers Only) | Clovers will not be placed but will be allowed to recite the 4-H Pledge and will receive a participation ribbon. This is for the county level only. |

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REGISTRATION FORM - COMMUNICATIONS DAY CONTEST -

Name ______________________________ Age as of 1/1/16 ___________

Address ___________________________________________________ City ___________________State _____ Zip ________________

Phone ______________________________ Youth may do ONE demonstration and ONE public speaking category ONLY!

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Indicate equipment needed (check all that apply): (**For preparation use only, not during presentation)

- Hot Plate
- Easel
- Microwave*
- Laptop Computer
- LCD Projector
- Screen

Public Speaking Class # ___________

Title/Topic: ________________________________________________________

(Please don’t forget to include your title/topic)
EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, March 26, 2016
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Calvert Grange Hall
2357 Telegraph Rd., Rising Sun, MD

ACTIVITIES:
☼ Egg Cooking Demonstration
☼ Egg Selection Handling and Judging
☼ Egg Cooking Contest
☼ Egg Crafts

(Submit your recipe for judging)

Competition classes for youth ages 5 through 18! Win prizes and ribbons! Door prizes, too!

EGG PREPARATION CONTEST RULES AND REGISTRATION

- The finished product may not contain uncooked, or raw eggs.
- New recipes only! Please bring your own serving utensils.
- The egg recipe prepared must contain a minimum of one half an egg per serving (real eggs only).
- Recipe cards must accompany the prepared recipe – DO NOT PUT NAME ON RECIPE CARD.
- Craft entries must include directions.
- Clovers may enter 1 craft and 1 egg recipe. They will be judged and presented a Participation Ribbon.
- Registration Forms must be received by Monday, March 21, 2016 in the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County Office, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500, Elkton, MD 21921.
- All prepared recipes and recipe cards MUST arrive at the Eggstravaganza location (Calvert Grange Hall) between 9:00 – 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Judging and activities begin at 10:00 PM.

Each family must bring one dozen DRY clean egg shells, whole or crushed, and dyed.

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Mail to: University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 1500, Elkton, MD 21921

Contestant Name ________________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________________
Phone____________________________________  Email_____________________________________

I would like to participate in the following division(s):
○ Breakfast/Brunch  ○ Cake  ○ Dessert  ○ Lunch/Dinner  ○ Egg Craft (made with real eggs or egg shells)

Please check the appropriate age group (age as of 1/1/16)
○ Clover (Age 5-7)  ○ Junior (Age 8-10)  ○ Intermediate (Age 11-13)  ○ Senior (Age 14-18)

____ Yes, I will be participating in the Egg Demonstration [Please write title of demonstration below:]
__________________________________________________________

(Title of Egg Demonstration)
2016 Great Potato Contest Rules

Thank you for participating in the 2016 contest sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club.

**Clovers and Juniors** – You will be receiving a potato, a pot and some soil. You will plant your potato any method you want and you will need to add soil (again your own type). Please pick up your potatoes at the **BACK DOOR** of the Grange Hall on March 19 between 10 and 12 AM. Please have exact change or a check to pay for your entry fee. YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $3.00.

We do not have a final date yet. It will be sometime in September. At the end of the contest, youth will bring back their pot with the potato still planted. Youth will be disqualified if the potato has been removed from the container. We will then weigh the potatoes in front of the judges.

Prizes will be given for the biggest potato, the heaviest potato harvest, and the funniest potato.

**Intermediates and Seniors** - Your contest involves you planting the three pounds of potatoes and bringing back 4 potatoes for judging to our contest night. We will have details of the contest night later on. It will be in September. You will need to bring your potatoes on a white paper plate to display.

Please pick-up your three pounds of seed potatoes on March 19 at the **BACK DOOR** of the Calvert Grange between 10 and 12 AM. YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $5. Please have exact change or a check to pay when you pick up your potatoes.

*Our contest will conclude with a covered dish potato dinner. (Each family will be asked to bring a dish containing potatoes to share).*

Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club  Ellen Larrimore, Leader elarrimore@zoominternet.net

Chairpeople:  Seth Donnelley and Josh Kline

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I have read the rules for the 2016 Great Potato Contest and understand them. I understand at the end of the contest Clovers and Juniors need to bring back the pot with the potato still planted. Intermediates and Seniors need to bring back their best 4 potatoes.

Contestant ____________________________

4-H Age_________ Club ____________________________

Email______________________________________________

Phone______________________________________________

Parent Signature____________________________________ Date_____________
Eat at B-Dubs and we’ll give 20% to...
CECIL COUNTY 4H HORSE PROGRAM

100 S. Main St., Newark – 302.731.3145

Must show this voucher at time of payment. This is not a discount. Not valid for use on discounted purchases, valid only on date listed. Good for dine in and take out (cannot be applied to the purchase of gift cards). “Total check” excludes tax and tip. Vouchers CANNOT be distributed at the restaurant.

Monday, March 21st
A weekend training is set for April 8 – 10 to provide certification for youth ages 14-15 wishing to work on a farm. This training is required for youth ages 14 and 15 to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower and other specific farm machinery on a farm not owned/operated by their parents or guardians. Individuals 16 years of age and older can be employed in agriculture without this certification but may register for course if space allows. Course provides 24 hours of intensive training including classroom lectures, demonstrations, activities, and an Ag themed field trip. Pre-course reading is required. Certification based on successful completion of Written Exam and Tractor Driving Skills Course. Registrations are due by March 24. Registration fee: $60

To REGISTER or for INFORMATION contact:
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