April 2016

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Record Books have been judged and county awards have been selected for the 2016 4-H Achievement Program. Congratulations to each 4-H member who completed a record book for the 2015 project year. Record keeping is a skill that you will use throughout your lifetime! Your record books will be returned to you at your next club meeting.

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MARYLAND DAY 2016

Maryland Day, the University of Maryland’s popular and free open house, celebrates its 12th anniversary on Saturday, April 30th.

All over Maryland’s 1250 acre campus, visitors can observe “Explore Our World of Fearless Ideas” with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. The University is broken up into seven specific areas of exploration, learning and fun: Science and Tech Way, Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Sports and Rec Row, Biz and Society Hill, Terp Town Center and the Global Village on Hornbake Plaza.

All Maryland Day events on April 30th run from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. rain or shine! Everything is family friendly. Don’t miss a scoop of Maryland ice cream at the Dairy! Admission and parking is free, and there will be free shuttle buses to and from the College Park Metro and on campus. Visitors are encouraged to take Metro.

Navigation is easy with the help of complementary activity maps that include descriptions of all events.

www.marylandday.umd.edu/

STATE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The State Communication Contest will be held on “Maryland Day” Saturday, April 30th, at the University of Maryland’s open house. We have several 4-H members who will be participating in the contest! We wish you all the best of luck!

4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Howard County 4-H Clubs will recognize their 4-H Volunteers for their years of dedication on Saturday, May 14th. We are looking for clubs to consider making monetary donations to cover the expenses for this program. Our budget has decreased, therefore, we are relying on donations to help recognize these hard working and dedicated volunteers. Please discuss this with your club! Club leaders have received a letter regarding specifics regarding this request.

COUNT DOWN TO THE 2016 HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

As of April 1st... There are 127 Days Left until the 2016 Howard County Fair!

See you there!

2016 4-H CAMP

Howard County 4-H Camp is a one-week residential camp, located in beautiful Garrett County Maryland, at the 1,100 acre Western Maryland 4-H Education Center. This ACA accredited camp will now be held from Sunday, June 19th - Saturday, June 25th. All youth, ages 8 (as of January 1, 2016) through 14, are welcome to apply. Applications will be available online the second week in March at www.howard4-h.org.

The fee includes transportation to and from camp and room and board for 6 nights. Camper activities include: crafts, canoeing, swimming, hiking, archery, sports, nature class, candle-making, riflery, campfires, talent show, a one-night rustic camping opportunity, all in a natural outdoor setting. Parents and campers are required to attend the upcoming orientation being held on May 26th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration forms are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please keep in mind 4-H members will received preferred status prior to Monday, April 11th. After that date, it will be open to all youth (ages 8-14) and placement will continue until spaces are filled. TRY NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE, SPACE GOES FAST!!

After the camp registration deadline passes, additional information will be mailed to all applicants regarding their acceptance to camp. Need-based scholarships are available for those who qualify. For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu.
MARYLAND 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eighteen college scholarships are awarded to current/former 4-H members who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational programs in the Fall of 2016. Students wishing to apply for any one of the scholarships may obtain further information and scholarship form from the Maryland 4-H Foundation State web site:

www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/apply-for-scholarship

An individual may win one of the listed scholarships:

- Edwin D. and Susan Fry Memorial Scholarship $500*
- William E. & Eileen M. Klingelhofer Memorial Scholarship*** $500*
- Beatrice Streaker Pfefferkorn Memorial Scholarship $500*
- Irene G. & Nicholas A. Porter Memorial Scholarship*** $500*
- Barbara Pue Streaker Memorial Scholarship $500*
- W. Max & Blodwen J. Buckel Scholarship $1,000
- Amelia Grace Dashiell 4-H Horse Scholarship*** $1,000
- Howard Warfield Clark Sr. Memorial Scholarship $1,000
- Fine Arts & 4-H Scholarship*** $1,000
- Charles & Judy Iager Scholarship (2 qty) $1,000
- J.O’Neal & Rosa Maxley Johnston Memorial Scholarship*** $1,000
- Mid-East DHIA Dairy Scholarship (2qty min.)*** $1,000
- Victor T. Olds Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships (8 qty) $1,000
- Lansdale Pue Scholarship (5 qty) $1,000
- Brenda Bourne Stair Memorial Scholarship*** $1,500
- Maryland 4-H All Star Blackhall Scholarship*** $1,500
- W. Lawson King Memorial Scholarship*** $2,000
- Rippeon Family Scholarship*** $2,500
- Donald C. Toms*** $1000
- J. Lee Majeskie Dairy Scholarship*** $1,000
- Maryland 4-H Foundation*** $1000 and $500
- Sandy Spring Bank Scholarship*** $1000 and $500
- Paul and Fran Rocks Scholarship

Scholarships are administered by The Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Applications may be submitted on-line or via paper copy. Completed applications are due to the Maryland State 4-H Office by June 1st. You need only one form to be considered for each of the above listed scholarships.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

In 2016, we will be celebrating 10 years of providing Howard County 4-Her’s, a t-shirt to wear at the Howard County Fair and years to come. The process has begun again and we are in the process of planning our 10 year anniversary shirt!

We are anticipating great success so all our 4-H’ers have a t-shirt at no cost! Sponsorship forms will be posted to the web.

SCHOLARSHIPS BEING OFFERED BY ALL STARS

Howard County 4-H All Stars are offering 2 $500 scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded to current or former Howard County 4-H member enrolled at an accredited 2 year or 4 year college, university with the intent to obtain an associate, bachelor, graduate degree or a technical school.

Criteria

50% Scholarship Application and an up-to-date transcript of grades.

50% Essay: Submit an essay of no more than two pages, double spaced, in a 12 font, on how 4-H alumni can continue to provide service to the 4-H Program. Include your thoughts on how college students and those alumni who live out of state may provide service to the 4-H Program.

Interviews:

If needed, interviews will be held.

Applications will be available at www.howard4-h.org by May 1st

Applications, essays and transcripts are due by July 1, 2016.
**BEEF FIELD DAY**

Mark your calendar now! The Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It is mandatory that all Junior, Intermediate and First Year 4-H’ers carrying a beef project attend and exhibit one animal at this event. If you have a conflict, please contact Sheryl ASAP at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.

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**2016 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM**

Beef Steers, Market Goats, Market Lambs, and Market Pigs will have minimum "rate-of-gain" required to show in 2016. This means that market animals will have to gain a certain amount per day from Tag-In Day to the County Fair:

- **Beef**: 2.0 pounds of gain per day
- **Sheep**: .40 pounds of gain per day
- **Swine**: 1.5 pounds of gain per day
- **Goat**: .20 pounds of gain per day

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**4-H HORSE BOWL STATE CONTEST**

What is a numnuh? Don’t know - ask a Howard County Horse Bowler!

Congratulations to the Howard County 4-H Horse Bowl Junior and Intermediate Teams that participated in the Maryland State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition at the University of Maryland, College Park on Saturday, March 12th. Howard County teams have been studying equine facts weekly since early November and the Maryland State Competition gave them a chance to “strut their stuff!”

Horse Bowl can best be described as "It’s Academic", only with horse-related questions. Teams of four faced off in front of a panel of judges and a moderator. One-on-one questions were restricted to one player from each team, whereas open questions were answered by any member on a team. In order to get the chance to answer, competitors ring a buzzer. Both teams and individuals compete for respective awards, and the top ten Senior individuals qualify to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.

Over 15 teams from around the State of Maryland competed in each division. The Junior Team, coached by Cyndi Lemmon, came in 8th Place. The Intermediate Team, coached by Marcie Barnard, came in 1st Place. It was a wonderful experience for all team members: making new friends, competitive learning in a warm, encouraging environment, and a friendly dose of team spirit.

**Junior Team**: Emma Burk, Ava Gunther, Pearl Gunther

**Intermediate Team**: Emmy Mako, Grace Meyer, Liana Grosko, Liesl Young, Kate Bendel, Ava Fogle, Grace Gunther, Riley Troppman

P.S. A numnuh is a contoured saddle pad. Want to learn more? Sign up for Horse Bowl in the Fall of 2016.

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**GOAT PROJECT CLARIFICATION**

Last year when the enrollment system changed to a new version, it was noted that there is 5 different goat project names. The decision was made to simplify the project names for goats. Clarification of Goat projects:

- **Market Goat Project** - Intent raised for the Livestock Sale
- **Goats, Breeding Project** - All other goats (pygmy, dairy, breeding meat (Intent to show in Breeding Show), etc.)

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**UPCOMING SKILLATHON CONTESTS**

Howard County 4-H’ers are fortunate to have so many opportunities available in the nearby area. A Sheep, Wool and Goat Skillathon will be held on Sunday, May 8th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Information about this contest can be found at http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html.
4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON STATE CONTEST

The UME office would like to congratulate all who competed in the 2016 State Livestock Skillathon. Howard County 4-H participants had an outstanding day! The event was held March 7th in conjunction with the Maryland Cattlemen's Convention. There was an excellent turn out! Howard County did very well! The Top 10 Senior Individuals have been invited to participate in three additional contests to qualify to be a part of the Maryland State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team.

Congratulations, Howard County Participants!


Howard County Participants who placed in the top 20

Juniors: Taryn Schwartz- 2nd and Kaitlyn Spicer- 14th.


Seniors: Miranda Iager- 4th, Matthew Chaney- 6th, Rebecca Herriotts- 8th, Jacob Carroll- 15th, Nicole King- 16th, Caroline Beall- 18th, and Rachel King- 20th.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All animal science quality assurance trainings will be completed online for 2016. The online Quality Assurance program will be available online.

Please read the following information very carefully:

Anyone enrolled in the following projects must complete online Quality Assurance training: alpaca, beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.

• If you completed online Quality Assurance training last year please read the following bullet points:

• If you have not added any new animal projects and have not changed an age level (Junior to Intermediate or Intermediate to Senior), then you do not need to do anything this year.

• If you have a new animal project this year, then you must complete the introductory section as well as the specie specific section of the online Quality Assurance training.

• If you changed age levels this year, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all animal sections related to your projects.

• If this is your first year in 4-H, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all sections related to your projects.

http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/
2016 POULTRY SHOW CHANGES

Attention all poultry exhibitors! Please note the following changes below.

1) No poultry exhibits will be allowed prior to May 15, 2016
2) After May 15, 2016- Exhibitions are allowed the entire duration of the exhibition.
3) Waterfowl will be allowed into Fairs and Shows.
4) Wildbird displays and poultry zoos will be allowed.
5) All poultry must be tested for Avian Influenza, In state and out of state, within 10 days prior to entry, or originate directly from an NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock.
6) Eggs must be cleaned and sanitized.
7) No private poultry sales at fairs and shows.

MARKET LIVESTOCK TAG REPLACEMENT

Each year we have market animals that lose their ear tags. This creates a challenge re-tagging the right animals. Animals need to be housed and handled so they do not lose their tags. Replacement tags will cost $10.00 each. Please notify Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or by email at sherylb@umd.edu if you have an animal that loses a tag. Please notify her within 48 hours of the loss of the tag.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH FORMS

*NEW* - 2016 Maryland Fair and Show requirements - The new Maryland CVI will be valid for 120 Days for Exhibition. (If you get papers in early spring, they may not be good for fall shows)

(....CVIs: There is a new Maryland Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Form that will replace both Interstate and Intrastate CVIs in Maryland. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) originating in Maryland for both interstate and intrastate movement will be called “Maryland CVIs”. The same form used for movement to exhibitions within Maryland (“instate”) will be used for sale or movement of animals from Maryland to another state (“interstate”). There are separate boxes on the new Maryland CVI form to designate “Interstate” movement, “Exhibition” and “Sale”.

a. Forms marked “Exhibition” will be valid for 120 days for movement to an Exhibition (fair or show) within Maryland ....)

~From 2016 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements Ref: COMAR 15.11.14.06 Issued: January 1, 2016 REISSUED: MARCH 15, 2016

REMINDER: CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) forms DO NOT NEED to be sent or taken to the MDA to be stamped or signed.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

With the start of the 2016 show season, members need to remember several regulations established for all livestock exhibits of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine in 2014.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has identification requirements for national animal disease traceability (ADT). All livestock being bought to shows in 2016 must have an “official identification”. This identification will be tied to a registered premise. For most livestock this means a tag bearing the official US shield.

- Sheep and goats scrapie identification is an acceptable identification, including breed registration tattoos (tattoos must be legible and follow scrapie program requirements)
- Cattle must have an official tag, brands and tattoos will not be accepted
- Swine must have an official tag, ear notches and tattoos are not accepted

What does all of this mean for 4-H projects?

- Official identification will need to be done by the producer or veterinarian to tie the identification to a registered premise.
- 4-H animals will still be tagged with a Maryland state 4-H tag
- Registered purebred animals will still be exempt from the Maryland state 4-H tag but must have an official identification with the US shield for shows
- For 4-H shows both the official identification and the Maryland 4-H identification must be listed on your CVI (health papers)
- In 2016 4-H swine projects will be tagged with a regular 4-H tag. Maryland 4-H will NOT be providing the official ADT tags.

For more information about the tagging requirements please visit: www.mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx
There will be several changes and additions for the 2016 Howard County Fair in relation to 4-H Animal Sciences, therefore, the major changes have been outlined below! Extensive details and all finalized changes will be included in the fair book that will be available at the beginning of June.

ALL 4-H ANIMAL ENTRIES WILL BE ENTERED ONLINE IN 2016.
THE ONLINE SYSTEM WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE- www.howard4-h.org.

4-H General Rules
- The following information is not new but just a reminder: 4-Hers are the responsibility of their parent(s)/ guardian(s) at all times during the fair.
- For everyone's safety, the Howard County 4-H Program strongly discourages any 4-Hers from spending the night at the fair.

4-H Livestock Orientation
- Livestock Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the show ring at the fairgrounds. 4-Hers and a parent/guardian must attend.

4-H Dairy Department
- Dairy showmanship will move to Thursday, August 14th at 12:00 noon. Guernsey, Brown Swiss & Milking Shorthorns will be shown at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. the Ayrshire & Holsteins will be shown.

4-H Goat Department
- There will be separate shows for open class and 4-H dairy goats in 2016. The 4-H Dairy Goat Show will be on Monday, August 8th at 9:00 a.m.

4-H Horse Department
- Classes have been reworked and there are many changes.
- NEW for 2016 Games Classes including: Clothing Race, Water Command, Bare-Back Dollar, and Feed Bucket Race

4-H Poultry Department
- Broilers will automatically be entered in the fair as they are purchased through the Howard County 4-H program. 4-Hers can purchase as many birds as they would like, however, a maximum of 15 birds will be banded Birds must be banded in order to be exhibited. There is a new individual broiler class for 2016. Therefore, each 4-Her can enter a pen of 3 and 1 individual broiler.
- All exhibitors wanting to enter the Showmanship Contest must do so no later than 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 10th. 4-Hers need to be present in the building at 9:00 a.m. so they are ready when called. Those not present when called will be scratched from the contest. 4-H Show uniform is required for the Showmanship Contest.

4-H Rabbit Department
- There is a limit of 25 entries per exhibitor in the 4-H Rabbit Show.
- Regarding meat pens, each rabbit must weigh between 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 pounds.

4-H Sheep Department
- All market lambs must be completely slick shorn to the hock prior to arrival on the grounds. Those that are not will be disqualified at weigh-in.
CENTRAL CLUSTER FASHION REVUE SHOW & 4-H'S GOT TALENT
TWO GREAT SHOW ON ONE NIGHT!

Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show and "4-H's Got Talent" will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Montgomery County Fairgrounds 16 Chestnut Street Gaithersburg, MD 20877. New this year we will be hosting "4-H's Got Talent" show during the Fashion Revue Intermission.

All Central Cluster 4-H youth are welcome and encouraged to participate in the talent show. If you are interested the categories will consist of: Vocal Music * Instrumental Music * Dance * Miscellaneous (Poetry, comedy, magic, drama, etc.) * Also a class to compete as a Club. While judges are making decisions refreshments will be provided. Once all judges have made their award decisions, we will have an awards ceremony! There will be $1.00 per person admission. It is going to be a fun night, so come out and participate or support fellow 4-H'er's!!!!

Fashion Revue Show
All participants in the Fashion Revue show should be dressed and ready for Line-Up at 5:30 p.m. Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year's show is "Fashion Awakening Premier". Judging will be held at the Montgomery County Extension Office on June 8, 2016, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855. Judging began at 3 p.m and run through the evening. The judging assignments will be mailed to all participants.

There are several other opportunities for 4-H'ers to participate in the Central Cluster Fashion Revue Show. If you are carrying Food and Nutrition, Public Speaking or even Crafts projects you could serve on one of the sub-committees to help prepare for the show. There are three sub-committees, Foods, Narrations, and Decorations. If you are interested in participating on one of the committees please contact Chris Rein at (410) 313-1915 or email crein@umd.edu. Or Alga Piechocinski at (301) 590-2804 or algapie@umd.edu.

Any 4-H'er carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue projects may participate in the Fashion Revue Show. New this year is a category just offered in the Central Cluster Show. We have added a "Show Theme Category" and for 2016 it is Pajamas. Everyone is encourage to sew pajamas! All participants can enter in this category in addition to their already sewn and ready-to-wear garments.

The rules and regulations, classes, guidelines, and entry forms are posted on our local extension office 4-H web sites.

Please read them carefully and remember they must be complete with a narration and swatch of fabric. These entries are due in by Monday, May 9th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
HOWARD COUNTY 4-H INDOOR BUILDING FAIR CHANGES FOR 2016

*NEW*
On-line pre-entries will be limited to 75 per member. Please contact Chris Rein (crein@umd.edu) if an exception is needed.

Baked Good Department
New Classes:
- Fruit Cobbler
- Multiple Fruit Cobbler
Deleted Classes:
- Plain Muffins
- Yeast Bread Gift Baskets

Crafts
This year’s theme is “Burlap Craft”

*NEW* Department Digital Technology- Replaces Computers
Computers
1. Graphic Design
2. Presentations
3. Programming and Web Design
4. Spreadsheets
Digital Productions
5. Club Video Presentation
6. Club Audio Presentation
7. Individual Vice Presentation
8. Individual Audio Presentation

Science, Hobbies, and Natural Resources Departments
Natural Resources
Removed Entomology Department and provided a class under the Natural Resources.

Hobbies
Added Classes Collection- Misc 15 or more different items.

Science
Removed the poster contest and added classes to the Science Department

Club Books
Club Books will be entered the same night as non-perishable entries. Wednesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 4th 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COMPETITION
The Healthy Lifestyles Competition for the Central Cluster (Montgomery, Howard, and Frederick Counties) will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Montgomery County Extension Office (18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855). Juniors, intermediates, and seniors may enter the following categories—poster, tablesetting, food science exhibit, and menu. Entries should be brought to the 4-H office by 8:30 am. The tablesetting and food science exhibits require a short interview with the judge, but the posters and menus can be dropped off for judging if you are unable to stay for the whole morning. Use of the computer and Choose My Plate (http://www.choosemyplate.gov/myplate/index.aspx) is strongly recommended for researching the menu entry. The poster theme this year is “Eat Right, Be Bright.”

For more information, guidelines and to register visit- https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/healthy-lifestyles-visual-presentation-contests. Registration is due April 1st.