DECEMBER, 2014

25&26 OFFICE CLOSED, CHRISTMAS DAY...HOLIDAY
27 BEEF TAGGING, WYE, 10-NOON

JANUARY

1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
1&2 OFFICE CLOSED, HOLIDAY
5 Officers training 4-H Park
7 DEADLINE to enter Horse Art Contest
13 State Dairy Bowl Coaches meeting
14 Leaders Meeting, 4-H Park, 7pm
14 Senior Resumes for State Competition Due
16-18 Horse World Expo-Timonium
18 State 4-H Gala Awards Program, Laurel
19 OFFICE CLOSED, HOLIDAY
20 RECORD BOOKS DUE, IN OFFICE BY 4:30

FEBRUARY

7 Out of State Trip Interviews-QA Office
14 VALENTINES DAY
16 OFFICE CLOSED, HOLIDAY
20-22 Regional Tractor School
28 Rabbit and Poultry Workshop, 4-H Park

The University of Maryland Extension for Queen Anne’s County wants to wish each and every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Just a few Christmas Parade Pictures!!!

IMPORTANT!!! RECORDBOOKS DUE JANUARY 20TH
WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK DISPLAYS

Thanks to all of the clubs who put up displays. We are still slacking!! We didn’t even have half of our clubs participate...Let’s do a better job next year!!

3-D Category: 1st place Go Getters 4-H Club, 2nd place Pony Express 4-H Club
Poster Category: 1st place Wags and Whinnies 4-H Club
Tri-Fold Category: 1st place Farm to Market 4-H Club; 2nd place Clover Seeds 4-H Club; 3rd Place Shooting Stars 4-H Club

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

We held our Holiday Workshop on Nov. 15th at the 4-H Park. There were 24 participants who enjoyed making crafts throughout the day. Some of the items that were made were: cookies and chocolate coated pretzel sticks, ornaments of owls, snowmen, stars, pine cones and “signs”, window clings of “stained glass” and fusible beads.

Thank you to all who participated and especially to all of the adult volunteers and the teen 4-H volunteers of Michael Lee and Jenell Eck. A good time was had by all!

4-H APPRECIATION DINNER

The 4-H Park Board Association chose to postpone the dinner that was to be held in November. After careful consideration, it has been decided to wait until next year, rather than try to schedule through the holidays, winter weather and spring activities.

We will look forward to the dinner which will be held in November 2015, following the Holiday Workshop, as was planned this year. Know that all of the time and help that everyone gives to the fair and 4-H throughout the year is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

JANUARY LEADERS MEETING

We will be getting back on schedule with our bi-monthly Leaders Meetings starting on Wednesday, January 14th. We will meet at the 4-H Park at 7 p.m. If there are any topics that you would like to see on the agenda, please let Sally know.

We will be discussing the 4-H Online enrollment. We want to know how it is going and what, if anything we can do to help you with it.

SENIOR ESSAY TOPIC

“Surely there are some times when you did not accomplish what you would have liked to. How have these experiences (in which you were not your best) made you a better person?”

IMPORTANT

4-H RECORDBOOKS

It’s that time again!! Senior 4-H’ers who want to try for an opportunity to go on an Out of State Trip, MUST turn in their portfolios (resume & essay) by JANUARY 12th.
Please try to attend or send a representative from your club. Future meetings will be: March 11, May 13 and July 8. The rest are yet to be determined.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMUNICATION CONTEST

All clubs should be preparing to hold their public speaking contests. The County Contest is scheduled for March 6th at Chesapeake College. Sue will be sending out the results form, rules, etc. PLEASE use the results form versus sending us handwritten or verbal results. We would greatly appreciate it!

There are 4 categories in which you may compete. They are: Prepared Speech, Radio Spot, Extemporaneous and Interpretations. Age groups that compete are: Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Clovers may compete by reciting the 4-H Pledge. Ages are as of January 1, 2015.

So, work on those speeches at your club and get the results in to the county. Club winners will receive a letter of invitation to the county contest. The county winners may go on to compete in the State Contest on April 25th at College Park. So, work on those speeches at your club and get the results in to the county. Club winners will receive a letter of invitation to the county contest. The county winners may go on to compete in the State Contest on April 25th at College Park.

4-H ONLINE REGISTRATION

All 4-H members are required to re-enroll this year by using the new online process. The website is: https://maryland.4honline.com or https://md.4honline.com (notice there’s no “www” in that address)

1. Click “I need to set up a profile”. A drop down menu will appear. Select the county you want to join, (Queen Anne’s) then type in your valid family e-mail address.
   *E-mail address must be valid-it’s your account login as well as how you receive information.*

2. Confirm your e-mail address.

3. Type in your parent/guardian/household’s last name. (This will be the name that appears on mailing labels-“The Johnson Family” for example.)

4. Create your password-must include letters and numbers/symbols with a minimum of 8 characters.

5. Click on “Create Login”

You will now be at the “Family Information” page. Fill this in with the red asterisks as required. “Continue” and you’re on the “Member List” page. In the drop down box, under “Add a New Family Member”, select “Youth” and click on “Add Member.

This is the “Youth Personal Information” screen. Fill this in. Bold fields with an asterisk are required. Additional Information Page-read the “4-H Maryland Behavioral Expectations & MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures”, “Photo/Media Release”, & “Animal Science Code of Ethics”. Check the “I Agree” boxes.

The “Club/Projects/Groups” page is where you will select a 4-H club and projects for the current 4-H year (2015). Be sure to click “Add Club”. If you’re a member of more than one club, add the next one the same way. Make sure that the main club has the green dot next to it and then “Continue”.

The “Projects” tab is next. Under “Select a Project”, click on the drop down menu and select your first project. “Years in Project” must have 1 for 1st year members. Click “Add Project”.

Once you have entered all of your projects, you need to click on “Submit Enrollment” and you are finished!
If there is another youth (or an adult leader) in your family enrolling in 4-H, you will need to repeat this process for them. There is an option to “copy parent information from another youth record” drop box that will shorten the process for the second (and beyond) youth. 

Be sure to keep your login (family email address) and password handy so that you can log in to the program and update your records whenever you need to.

Next year, when it’s re-enrollment time, you’ll log in to the records you created this year, and simply “reactivate” any members or adult volunteers (UME Trained Volunteers) in your family.

Members will still pay their $10.00 yearly enrollment fee to their club. The club will then write a check to Extension for their enrollments. Clovers do not pay the fee and it’s a maximum of $30.00 per family. If you are a member of more than one club, you only pay once.

4-H CLUB RE-CHARTERS

All 4-H clubs must fill out their re-charter papers and get them in to the Extension office by Jan. 31st. The forms needed are: list of UME trained volunteers, list of club officers, club by-laws, club annual program plan, and the AA (Affirmative Action) form. You also need proof of filing, or attempting to file, your IRS 990 EPost Card.

You have already sent in your annual financial report and inventory report form. I will send a copy of your original Affiliation Agreement. If you need help, let Sally know.

4-H CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING

All 4-H Club officers must attend the annual training. Even if you have previously taken the training, you must repeat it. The training will be held on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 at the 4-H Park. There are no scheduled club meetings or events on that date.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter are required offices. A committee is being formed to present the training in a more active and fun format.

Please email Sally at: srosenbe@umd.edu or call at 410-758-0166 telling me what club you are in and what office you are training for.

CHRISTMAS—“2015”

We are excited to start a new program/competition for all of our 4-H Clubs for Christmas next year! It’s the “County Trim a Tree Contest”.

This holiday activity is designed for everyone who participates to have fun and bring happiness to others during the holiday season. As a club, 4-H members use their creative energy to construct handmade decorations for a Christmas tree. The trees should be placed around the community and remain there during the holiday season.

Trees are judged for neatness and originality and the primary objective is to share some holiday joy with those who need it most. Decorations are to be handmade from any materials except for food items that could spoil. Energy efficient lights may be used, but they are not necessary. This is only a club contest, but
individuals are encouraged to display their own tree around the community as a service project. (Great for a Diamond Clover task).

Trees should be in place by the first Monday in December. They will be judged sometime during the following 2 weeks. Trees must be over 3 feet, but not over 8 feet. Now that you know about the contest, you can get some great deals on trees, lights and ornament supplies at the end of the season!

I had several locations that wanted trees for this year, but it was too late to get the clubs started for 2014. It might not be too late for individuals to do a tree on their own for a service project. If you’re interested in that, let Ms. Sally know.

BECOME A HEALTHY LIVING AMBASSADOR

Would you like to have fun line dancing, smoothie making with the “Blender Bike”, make and take your own trail mix, learn about a hand washing station, get a healthy living kit to take home, win prizes, play games and much more? Then you need to attend the Healthy Living Ambassador Summit! Ms. Sally will be going and would love to have a bunch of Queen Anne’s County 4-Hers attend too. The program is free and open to any 4-Her age 8-18. The Summit will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th at the Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County. It will be run from 10:00-3:00 in the afternoon. We can use all the help we can get, so parents, think about staying and enjoying the fun too!

Our goal is to have each club send at least 2 members to become Healthy Living Ambassadors. Each ambassador will take back to their counties and 4-H Clubs simple ways that you can stay healthy, whether it’s organizing a healthy snack for your monthly 4-H Club meeting or attending an event and promoting healthy lifestyles through educational displays and activities. Healthy Living Ambassadors are Maryland 4-H’s Health “H” promoters!

To join the fun, email Suzannah Macleod at smacleo1@umd.edu. Questions may be directed to Suzannah Macleod at 301-314-7821 or Sandy Corridon at 301-314-7363. You may also talk to Ms. Sally at 410-758-0166. Please join me (Ms. Sally) on Jan. 24th!

REGIONAL TRACTOR CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

If you are 14, 15 or 16 and are interested in being employed in agriculture or are working on your family farm and would be operating machinery on the road – this is the class for you. It will be held Friday evening Feb 20 through Sunday Feb 22 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park. Youth are required to attend all of the sessions and successfully complete a written and driving test to attain their certification. More details to follow – but for now hold the date and contact Chris Johnston if you are interested or for more information. cjohsntn@umd.edu 410 758-0166

FASHION REVUE

We have an active committee working on planning the workshops and contest for 2015. We will have fun and educational workshops for the participants on Hair and make-up, accessorizing, tye-dying and other topics. The contest format will be revised this year in that we will have the participants come on a Saturday late morning or early afternoon to have our preliminary judging then there will be a full fashion show with the modeling being judged on stage and family and friends in the audience. The theme is “Frozen in Time” and we will have separate divisions for Clovers and Clover Seeds – more details as they come available – and we are still looking for interested committee members – contact Chris Johnston if you are interested.
INDOOR DIVISION OF THE COUNTY FAIR

Our exhibitors numbers have grown tremendously in this department so we also have a committee of volunteers that are working on helping to organize and manage this department. We are still looking for volunteers to assist by committing to help with a specific project area. The task would include taking in entries on Sunday of fair then organizing the classes for judging and working with the judges to evaluate the items, complete the results sheets, attach ribbon and prepare exhibits for display. Volunteers can be anyone with an interest in helping. Please network to ask former 4-Hers, former 4-H parents and anyone else that you think might be willing to help. Please sent the contact information and area of interest to Chris Johnston cjohnstn@umd.edu or 410 758-0166.

“ANNOUNCEMENT”

We will not be holding a Queen Anne’s County 4-H Day Camp this summer. For those who wish to have the real camping experience, there is a 4-H youth camp that is held at the Thendara 4-H Center in Dorchester County. Queen Anne’s County has had several camp counselors work there over the past few years. It’s a fun residential camp complete with cabins, woods and a pond. They have taken day trips to Tuckahoe State Park too. There will be more information about the camp soon.

We are working on creating activities for our 4-Hers that will be fun, learning experiences. If you have suggestions and ideas, please let Sally know about them. We need volunteers who are UME trained to assist with activities. Our “Clover” sector is growing—does anyone have ideas for an activity or two for them? We are open to all ideas for all ages. Email Sally, srosenbe@umd.edu or call 410-758-0166.

BEEF TAGGING

Saturday, December 27th is the date for 4-H Beef tagging. It will be held at the Wye from 10:00-12:00. All market beef should be weighed for “rate of gain” and get tagged for the 2015 season. Contact Miss Chris by Dec. 23rd if you will be bringing beef to tag.

DAIRY BOWL COACHES

There will be a dairy bowl coaches meeting on January 13, 2015 in Howard County. The current coaches will be sent information directly from April Hall Barczewski if you are interested contact adhall@umd.edu to be included in her mailing.

4-H HORSE EVENTS

The state 4H Horse leaders council and state 4H staff have been busy planning the 2015 4H horse events and activities. You can find all of the information on the state 4H Horse web site http://www.mdhorse.org/4H/index.htm

HORSE WORLD EXPO

January 16 – 18 at the Maryland state fairgrounds in Timonium. Educational and shopping opportunities for the horse enthusiast. Youth are encouraged to enter the Horse Art contests – there are divisions for
drawings and photographs. Entries are due January 7th – but the actual entry has to be delivered to fairgrounds by January 16th and is released after the awards ceremony on Jan 18th.

New in 2015…

We will allow senior aged individuals to compete in the State Horse Bowl contest on March 14th. Counties with less than 3 seniors (or more than 4) can submit their names and they will be assigned to a “scramble” team which will allow them to compete for a spot on the state horse bowl team

Other horse dates – May 30th State Horse Judging and Hippology Contest.

Ownership Deadlines and Tagging information for 2015:

Beef and Dairy Steers MUST be owned by Jan 1, 2015.

Important policies for Sheep, Swine and Goats. Sheep and Goats MUST have scrapies tags – you should not buy a lamb or goat from a breeder or sale unless it has an official scrapies tag – or is a purebred that meets the scrapies registration paper/tattoo guidelines. You can go to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health web site to find the current aphis information on scrapies requirements.

Swine – Maryland is requiring that all breeders tag animals that they produce with a USDA approved ID tag. Once again – do not buy an animal from anyone unless it has a premise ID tag. This is a nationwide USDA program so even animals purchased out of state should have a tag. MDA animal health officials have confirmed that swine will continue to shed the PEDV virus for up to 3 weeks after they have exhibited signs of the disease. If you are purchasing pigs in 2015 – use caution and make sure that the herd that they are coming from has been disease free for at least that long. If you have questions you can call or email Chris Johnston cjohnstn@umd.edu or 410 758-0166. In 2015 we will once again require that swine be tagged and weighed at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H park within a week of the June 1st ownership deadline. We will also offer that if you show at the Eastern Shore Spring Show that we will tag and weigh then.

VOLUNTEER LEADER ANIMAL SCIENCE WEBINARS

Chris Anderson, State 4-H Animal Science Specialist will host two webinars for 4-H Animal Science Volunteers. The dates are Jan 27th and Feb 24th at 7pm. You can log in from your computer – details and topics will be available soon.

POULTRY AND RABBIT WORKSHOP

On February 28th at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park a Poultry and Rabbit Workshop will be held. This will be a full day of rotating workshops to make youth and volunteers more knowledgeable of the opportunities available thru 4-H in these two project areas. The day will include lots of hands on experience with both chickens and rabbits. Hold the date and exact details will be in the next newsletter.
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Happy Holidays!

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