Newsletter

Talbot County 4-H
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning life skills, communication, leadership, and citizenship.

Fall 2013

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 16, 5:30–7 p.m.
Health Careers Club Meeting
Memorial Hospital, Easton
(location may vary)
This project club support the National 4-H Science Mission Mandate and allows young people to learn about health care careers by interacting with medical professionals. Youth of middle and high school age are encouraged to join. If you know a professional who would be a good guest speaker, or if you know a medical facility that would be willing to offer 4-H youth a tour, contact Tom Hutson. The club usually meets at the hospital, but we also go off-site to visit other medical facilities. (additional meeting dates: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16)

Tuesday, September 17 at the Extension Office:
4-H Ambassadors meeting 5–6 p.m.
4-H Council meeting 6–7 p.m.
Representatives of all clubs are encouraged to participate in 4-H Council meetings. This committee provides guidance for Talbot County 4-H programs and activities. Youth are also elected as 4-H Council officers.

Wednesday, September 18, 1–3 p.m.
Home School Club Meeting
(Two dates: Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18)
Talbot Bible Church, Easton
Thanks to our new 4-H volunteers Susan Hills and Joan Vogelsang, Talbot 4-H has formed a club that fits the schedule of local home school families. The club plans to focus on robotics during its first year; after that, members may explore different project areas.

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.–noon
Health & Wealth Club Meeting
(location may vary)
This project club supports the National 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate and allows young people to learn how to make informed, healthy food choices and spend their money wisely. The usual meeting place is the Talbot Agriculture and Education Center, but meetings are sometimes held at other locations. Contact Pat Murphy if you are interested in joining (youth) or helping with (adults) club meetings and activities. (additional meeting dates: Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21)
Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
**Out Here with Animals Event—4-H Promotion**  
**Tractor Supply Company, Easton**  
4-H clubs and members are invited to help us show the public what a great program 4-H is and to feature animal projects. You may do a project talk, demonstration, or visual presentation. (Your activity *can* be related to animals, but it doesn’t have to be.) You may also lead an educational activity that you bring or help us lead our activities. This is another great public speaking and promotion opportunity for you! If you are interested in signing up, contact Tom Hutson or Pat Murphy.

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October 9–October 20  
**4-H Promotion and Paper Clover Fundraiser**  
**Tractor Supply Company, Easton**  
Tractor Supply is a strong supporter and community partner of Talbot 4-H. During the week of October 9-20, the Easton store will highlight 4-H and sell paper clovers for $1 each to help raise money to fund 4-H programs. All 4-H members and clubs are invited to do talks, demonstrations, visual presentations, or carry out educational activities after school or on the weekends. Please contact Tom Hutson, Pat Murphy, or 4-H Volunteer Karen Callahan if you would like to participate in this public education and public speaking opportunity.

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Saturday, October 5  
**Trappetoberfest—4-H Promotion**  
**Trappe**  
Every year, the town of Trappe holds a community celebration that features fun activities, food, music, etc. This is a special event that reaches many people, especially those who live in the southern part of the county. If you are interested in signing up to be a part of the 4-H promotional activities, contact Pat Murphy or Tom Hutson.

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October 6-12  
**National 4-H Week!!!**  
Every year, the second week in October is set aside as National 4-H week. Across the country, 4-H programs are asked to help people learn about the opportunities that 4-H provides for young people. Your club members might want to make posters about 4-H and display them in public, teach students in your school about 4-H, perform a community service project that helps local communities, or think of an even better idea.

Wednesday, October 9 is **National Youth Science Day**. On this day, all states are asked to feature 4-H science programs. The national science experiment this year deals with GPS, and we have a special treat for you: Ms. Cathy Cooper, a GIS expert, will be leading a GIS workshop (held Saturday, October 19 instead of October 9). See below for details.

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Friday, October 18, 9–3 p.m.  
**Up for the Challenge Fitness and Nutrition Program: Adult and Teen Training**  
**T.C. Free Library Easton—meeting room**  
Do you think fitness and nutrition are the keys to a good quality of life? Would you like to learn more
about the 4-H Up for the Challenge Program and receive training about how to teach lessons from the curriculum? If so, 4-H wants you! See the flyer at the end of this newsletter (electronic newsletter only) for more information, or contact Pat Murphy. Pat is coordinating Up for the Challenge activities in many counties!

Saturday, October 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (part 2 Saturday, October 26)
Geographic Information Systems Workshop
T.C. Free Library, Easton—meeting room
Do you love computer technology? Do you love maps? If so, this is a great opportunity for you. The National Youth Science Day topic this year is geographic information systems. Ms. Cathy Cooper, a GIS expert, has graciously offered to run a session that will allow you to explore GIS and its applications. See the attached flyer (electronic newsletter only) for more information, or contact the Extension Office to register.

Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Harvest Festival!
4-H Promotion
Talbot Ag. & Ed. Center, Easton
Each year, the Ag. Center holds a fall harvest-themed event that highlights traditional and modern agriculture and includes a variety of educational activities, game booths, and yummy food selections. The Harvest Festival is one of the main fundraisers for the Ag. Center. Proceeds help pay utility bills and cover repairs/maintenance. The Ag. Center is valuable to 4-H because it gives us a free location to hold activities including club meetings, workshops, and county fair events. Therefore, we ALL need to give back to the Ag. Center because it gives so much to us. Tom Hutson recently sent out an e-mail message with a request for each club to sponsor a booth at the festival. If you didn’t get the message and you want to sign up for a booth, contact the Extension Office or speak with 4-H volunteer Debbie Dudrow. THANK YOU for your support and contributions.

Saturday, November 2
4-H State Shotgun Match
Attention, Claybusters members: If you are planning to participate in the State Shotgun Match, please make a request with the club leader, Ms. Jo Anne Roe, for help with registering for the match. If you attend, good luck!

November 8–10
Waterfowl Festival
UME/4-H Promotion
This annual event is usually attended by local residents and people from all over the country. The Extension Office usually runs a booth in the center of the festival. If you want to be help us offer environmental-themed educational activities for visitors, contact the Extension Office. The Waterfowl Festival usually marks the end of our marathon of fall promotional events!

November 15 – Deadline for 4-H Clubs to file IRS E-Postcards for January - June 2013 (new schedule).

Tuesday, November 19 at the Extension Office:
4-H Ambassadors meeting 5–6 p.m.
4-H Council meeting 6–7 p.m.

November 22–24
4-H Volunteer & Teen Forum
Carousel Hotel, Ocean City
Attention, volunteers and teens: The Volunteer Forum is an annual conference held in Ocean City. Consider attending and participating in workshops that will help you learn new lessons and activities you can use with your club. Registration information will be available on the state website.

Thursday, December 5
Talbot 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Event
Without our amazing, dedicated, caring volunteers, Talbot 4-H would be very limited in its ability to expose young people to quality youth development experiences. Volunteers, you are invited to attend
this annual appreciation event. Details will be coming!

4-H is Open to Everyone!

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to any person and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, and gender identity or expression. If you require special assistance to participate in Extension programs, please contact the Extension Office in advance.

Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer or start a 4-H club?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or starting a club, please contact the 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244. We will be glad to talk with you and set up a training session to help you become a volunteer.

DO YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS THE NEWSLETTER AND ISN’T RECEIVING IT?

If so, please contact the Extension Office and let us know so we can make the changes in our mailing lists.

Important 4-H Websites

Maryland 4-H Program Information
extension.umd.edu/4-h

U of MD Extension Talbot County/4-H
extension.umd.edu/talbot-county

Order 4-H Project Books & Supplies
4-hmall.org

National 4-H
4-h.org

University of Maryland Extension - State
extension.umd.edu

Talbot County Fair
talbotcountyfair.org

Maryland State Fair
marylandstatefair.com

Maryland 4-H Horse
4hhorse.umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports
md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Foundation News

Important Deadline:
Attention, 4-H Seniors: If you are planning to apply to attend the National 4-H Conference, portfolios are due to the State 4-H Office Tuesday, October 15.

2014 Northeast Region Volunteer Forum
Maryland 4-H will be hosting this November 2014 event for 4-H volunteers and teens from New England and the Mid-Atlantic states. Maryland members and volunteers will be eligible to participate, and the event will be held at the University of Maryland’s College Park campus.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring several fundraisers to help us pay expenses for the event and reduce costs for participants. Talbot 4-H would appreciate your contributions to any of these fundraisers. Thank you in advance!!!

Would you like to learn more about the role of the Maryland 4-H Foundation in promoting youth development across
Many Thanks to our 4-H Members & Community Supporters who made the Health Fair “School Supply Giveaway” a HUGE success.

- Noah Dorbin
- The Hutchison Family
- The Lankford Family
- PLUS community donors:
  - ACME
  - Jasco Analytical Instruments
  - Talbot Agriculture Service Center
  - Teddy Bear Fresh
  - UMD Extension TC 4-H
  - Wildlife International

Megan McCulley has been selected to attend National 4-H Congress. Good luck, Megan! You’ll enjoy this high-quality leadership experience. We would like to acknowledge the contributions of everyone who donated money to the county fair baked goods auction. These funds provide valuable financial support for our programs. We are especially grateful for the Talbot Young Farmers. They made a $200 donation, and that helps a lot!

Animal Programs Update

Livestock Project Guidance
Ms. Susan Behrens is our county 4-H livestock coordinator. She is always willing to provide livestock project assistance and mentoring to members.

Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance
If you are working on a rabbit or cavy project this year, you might want to contact 4-H volunteer Ms. Karen Callahan. She can help you learn about proper care and showing.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION!
All of our 4-H members and clubs do great things. We would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of a few special people.

Megan McCulley planned a fun, exciting summer program for clovers at the Ag. Center this summer and Maria McCulley planned a great overnight experience for intermediates at Pickering Creek. These are both fantastic Diamond Clover service projects. Way to go!

The Bay Hundred Blue Crabs designed two beautiful mosaics to enhance the Ag. Center. Thanks, club members and leaders Jan Duley and Roxane Watts. BIG thanks to Victoria Milhollan for sharing her mosaic-making talents with club members.

Brandon Dudrow recently represented Talbot 4-H at the National Shooting Sports Leadership Institute in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Selection for this honor was a significant accomplishment!
4-H Website and Record Book Forms
This spring, all University of Maryland Extension websites transitioned to a new web management system. We are still working on getting the new website to post important program information. Please bear with us.

**RECORD BOOK FORMS:** If you plan to work on your record book this fall and you need access to the type-in or write-in record book forms, let us know and we can e-mail them to you. So far, we haven’t figured out how to get the new website to post the forms!

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**TALBOT COUNTY FAIR NEWS**

**Congratulation to Our 2013 Talbot County Fair Participants!**
This year, more than 60 4-H members entered indoor exhibits at the fair and 20 members entered livestock. 4-H members also participated in other fair activities including the poultry, rabbit, and dog shows. Overall, we had a great level of participation! Great job, everyone!

**4-H Livestock Exhibitors**
Thank you to our livestock show chairs Susan Behrens, Cindy Spies, Ryan Snow (and Terri & Sonny Snow) and all show helpers. Special thanks go to the Livestock Auction Committee members led by Tom Reilly!

- **Brianna Boyle**
  - Goat Champion Fitting/Showing
  - Champion Market Goat

- **Emma Boyle**
  - Goat Reserve Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Jacob Boyle**

- **Joshua Cherry**
  - Champion Pygmy Goat

- **Cheyenne Cowell**
  - Beef Reserve Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Hayden Hutchison**

- **Kara Hutchison**

- **Ellie Morris**
  - Reserve Champion Market Goat

- **Catherine Pearson**
  - Dairy Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Sam Pearson**

- **Austin Spies**
  - Swine Reserve Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Henry Spies**
  - Swine Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Justine Spies**

- **Megan Thornton**
  - Champion Dairy Cow

- **Jacob VanSchaik**
  - Champion Hereford Cattle

**4-H Indoor Exhibit Champions**

(Congratulations to EVERYONE who entered!)
Special thanks go to Indoor Exhibits Superintendent Linda Brown and all of our judges and department helpers.

**C=Champion, RC=Reserve Champion**

- **Karli Abbott**
  - Junior RC Woodworking
  - Junior RC Photography
  - Junior C Booths, etc.
  - Junior RC Cookies
  - Junior RC Home Furnishings

- **Jason Blades-Hrynko**
  - Junior C Vegetables
  - Junior RC Record Books
  - Junior C Food Preservation
  - Junior RC Flowers

- **Rebecca Brault**

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**Champion Bull**

- **Sheridan Cowell**
  - Champion Cow Calf
  - Reserve Champion Hereford Cattle

- **Emmy Lou Foster**
  - Dairy Reserve Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Drew Frase**

- **Hannah Harrison**
  - Champion Market Hog
  - Reserve Champion Market Hog

- **Alex Heinsohn**

- **Hayden Hutchison**

- **Kara Hutchison**

- **Ellie Morris**
  - Reserve Champion Market Goat

- **Catherine Pearson**
  - Dairy Champion Fitting/Showing

- **Jake Schuman**
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Junior RC Food Preservation
Julianna Burns
   Intermediate C Vegetables
   Intermediate C Photography
   Intermediate C Record Books
Lilly Catlin
   Intermediate RC Crafts
Joshua Cherry
   Junior RC Collections
Katelynn Cherry
   Intermediate RC Collections
   Intermediate RC Record Books
Rylie Dewitt
   Junior RC Home Furnishings
Brandon Dudrow
   Senior RC Cakes
   Senior C Flowers
Bradley Duley
   Junior RC Crafts
   Junior RC Cakes
Kallie Duley
   Intermediate C Electric
   Intermediate C Booths, etc.
   Intermediate RC Cakes
Isabella Fiorenza
   Junior RC Clothing
Ashley Gant
   Senior RC Pies
   Senior C Clothing
Kendall Gant
   Senior C Photography
Lindsey Graudin
   Senior RC Crafts
Alex Heinsohn
   Intermediate C Field Crops
Hayden Hutchison
   Junior C Field Crops
Kara Hutchison
   Intermediate RC Field Crops
Elise Lankford
   Junior RC Vegetables
   Junior C Flowers
Rebekah Lankford
   Intermediate RC Cookies
   Intermediate C Clothing
Emily Lantz
   Senior C Vegetables
   Senior C Booths, etc.
   Senior RC Flowers
Jessica Lantz
   Senior C Photography
   Senior RC Booths, etc.
Mitchell Lantz
   Intermediate C Vegetables
   Intermediate RC Woodworking
   Intermediate C Food Preservation
   Intermediate RC Flowers
Kristin Lednum
   Junior RC Photography
   Junior C Record Books
Maria McCulley
   Senior C Record Books
Megan McCulley
   Senior RC Record Books
Ashton Milhollan
   Junior C Crafts
E.J. Milhollan
   Junior C Woodworking
Catherine Pearson
   Senior RC Cookies
Sam Pearson
   Intermediate C Photography
Madeline Principe
   Junior C Clothing
Alex Roe
   Senior RC Field Crops
Austin Spies
   Junior RC Field Crops
Henry Spies
   Senior C Field Crops
Justine Spies
   Senior C Decorate Cakes
Aidan Steinly
   Intermediate C Cakes
Elizabeth Tefft
   Intermediate RC Clothing
Megan Thornton
   Intermediate C Flowers
Karleigh Voshell
   Senior C Crafts
Julie Warner
   Intermediate C Crafts
Megan Watts
   Senior C Electric
   Senior C Home Furnishings
Maryland State Fair Participants: Outstanding Participation This Year!
This year, 19 Talbot 4-H members participated in the Maryland State Fair by entering indoor exhibits, participating in animal shows and judging, 4-H Presents, and the Fashion Revue. Thanks to all of you for servings as excellent Talbot County 4-H representatives! Here is a neat fact: All three Fashion Revue participants were champions. Way to go, Joy Coleman, Ashley Gant, and Kendall Gant!

What Have WE Done for YOUth Lately?
Do you wonder what youth development projects Tom Hutson and Pat Murphy have been working on during recent months? Here is a brief update:

Within the county, Tom Hutson worked on preparations for the county fair (updating fair books, receiving and organizing entries, preparing for events, etc.) and helped coordinate fair activities and events. In June and July, he helped Maria and Megan McCulley carry out their Diamond Clover service projects. He also helped get 4-H curriculum enrichment into Talbot County schools. By obtaining grant funds, he was able to order drug and alcohol prevention educational materials for Talbot’s middle and high schools in support of the National 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate. He also collaboratively offered professional development training for eight Talbot County teachers by introducing them to agriculture and environmental lessons from the AGsploration curriculum. This summer, he also taught a variety of science, engineering, and safety programs to local youth. He also helped plan and lead the Adventures in Health Science summer medical career program. These efforts supported the National 4-H Science Mission Mandate.

At the state level, Tom worked as part of the AGsploration team and offered teacher in-service trainings to public school teachers across the state. He also supported state-level programs such as Maryland Stat Fair, where he served as a superintendent of mechanical sciences (woodworking and electrical projects) and environmental sciences (science collections and displays). He also served as one of several superintendents for the Maryland State Fair Horticulture Contest.

Pat Murphy worked on supporting local club activities and events by connecting club leaders, members, and parents with the resources they need for successful 4-H work. She planned and taught weekly health, wellness, and science workshops to youth at several child care centers, Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center, and other locations. She also worked on developing youth and adult teaching leadership skills by creating a variety of teaching kits and training 4-H members and volunteers to teach lessons at community locations. Empowering members and volunteers to teach 4-H curricula helps the program reach greater numbers of local residents with high-quality educational activities.

Pat’s work has also contributed to statewide health and fitness efforts. She has been coordinating the implementation of 4-H Up for the Challenge programs in several Maryland counties. Her efforts in this area are help to support the National 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate statewide. Pat is also creating opportunities for youth and adults to get involved with teaching Up for the Challenge lessons. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Pat!