What’s Buzzing in Baltimore County

NEW TAGGING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

The 2014 livestock show season is just a few months away, in just a few weeks we will be weighing and tagging our 4-H beef and dairy steers. With the start of the 2014 show season there are several new regulations that all livestock exhibitors need to be aware of for cattle, sheep, goats, and swine.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has announced new identification requirements to comply with national animal disease traceability (ADT) rules. All livestock being brought to shows starting in 2014 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)

MDA will be working with the Maryland 4-H animal science program in the upcoming year in an attempt to develop a tagging system that will meet the 4-H needs and comply with the ADT rules.

For more information about the tagging requirements please visit: www.mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

LET’S GROW OUR 4-H PROGRAM

The 4-H program is a great way for youth to gain life skills that will prepare them to be successful adults. Youth learn a variety of skills including leadership, science, citizenship and healthy living. We want to reach at least 2,000 young people ages 5-18 with 4-H in 2013 through clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment programs, camp, special interest and individual study. We challenge each club and 4-H program to increase their reach in 2013!

For promotional ideas, please contact Nia Fields at Nfields@umd.edu.
The Baltimore County 4-H Program is committed to educating 4-Hers and the general public about the importance of Agriculture. We have created a series of Ag and Animal Science based workshops for 4-H and non (future) 4-Hers. We encourage you to participate in these opportunities and to spread the word. These will be ideal experiences for 4-Hers to add to their record books and animal person of the year nomination forms! The cost is $7 per class.

We hope to see you there! To register for these sessions, please call the 4-H office at 410-771-1761. Sessions will be held at the Ag Center/4-H Office at 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. All classes will be from 1pm – 4pm.

The next sessions are:

**March 8, 2014**
*Animal Anatomy and Reproduction*
This class will include information about genetics, choosing sires, reproductive anatomy, and A.I. breeding. This class is better suited to intermediate and senior members.

**April 12, 2014**
*Soil Science*
Participants will discover soil as a natural resource, what are its properties and how it is used in agriculture.

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-HERS**
The Maryland 4-H program has a lot of exciting opportunities that Baltimore County can participate in. To the right, you will find various MD 4-H contests and workshops. If you are interested in leading or joining a county team, please contact the 4-H office.

**Maryland 4-H Horse Art Contest at the Maryland Horse World Expo** January 17 - 19, 2014
- Livestock Skillathon*
  March 1
- 4-H Horse Bowl Contest*
  March 15
- 4-H Dairy Bowl
  April 12
- Horse Judging/Hippology*
  June 14
- Avian Bowl
  June 21

*Note:* indicates that we currently have a Baltimore County team.

**ASK THE 4-H EDUCATORS**

Q: How do I find the 4-H Blog, Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter Site?

A: You can find all of our social media sites through the following links:
- **Blog:** umebaltimorecountyfourh.wordpress.com
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/UMEBaltoCo4H
- **Pinterest:** www.pinterest.com/baltcounty4H
- **Facebook:** Baltimore-County-4-H
LAMB GRANT PROJECT INFORMATION

The Baltimore County 4-H Lamb Grant Project is now accepting applications for participation. Grants are given to Baltimore County 4-H members (ages 9-18 yrs. old) interested in purchasing and caring for a lamb.

The Lamb Grant Project’s goal is to increase the total enrollment of 4-H market lamb projects in the county. The grant program is directed towards 4-H members who haven’t the facilities or the financial resources to carry a lamb project.

The selection of those members receiving grants will be based on the evaluation of an essay written by the 4-H member to the Baltimore County 4-H Lamb Grant selection committee. The essay should cover the following points:

Why would I like to carry a market lamb project?

What do I expect to learn from the project?

Goals I wish to achieve with a lamb project.

Essays must include; name, address, phone, email, age, 4-H club name, and be received no later than March 8th at the 4-H office, University of Maryland Extension, Baltimore County, 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

4-Hers will be interviewed by the Livestock Sale Committee members. The interview date is Thursday, March 20th at the sponsor’s farm in White Hall, MD beginning at 7:00 pm. Parent or guardian must attend the interview. The awarding of grants will be forwarded by mail. The requirements for those selected will be as follows:

The market lamb must be shown at the Baltimore County Fair, July 8-13, 2014.

The market lamb must be sold by auction at the Baltimore County Fair Livestock Sale. Only lambs not meeting grade or weight standards may be sold by private treaty. In the event of a private treaty sale, the Lamb Grant Project must be reimbursed at the time of the sale.

The member will be required to maintain a project record of each animal, and the record submitted to his/her 4-H leader by the end of the calendar year.

If you were in the Lamb Grant Project last year, and would like to participate this year, all you need to do is send an essay to the 4-H office by March 8th. You will not have to be interviewed.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist with this project. If you wish to be a volunteer, please contact the 4-H office at 410-771-1761.

POULTRY

As of January 2010, over 3400 flocks have been registered

Why a poultry registration program?

This program helps protect the Maryland domestic poultry industries from the spread of diseases such as avian influenza.

Who needs to register?

All individuals involved in keeping or caring for all types of poultry and any number of birds, which would includes: Small households, all forms of live poultry production, production facilities/farms, suppliers, dealers, haulers, wholesalers, live bird markets, and participants in MD’s fairs and shows. By definition poultry includes: Chickens, turkeys, ratites, waterfowl, game birds and domestic/captive pigeons.

Who is exempt from registration?

Registration is not required if five (5) or less birds are housed for less than 120 days in a 12 month period. Exempt premises may not have other poultry on the property. Poultry can not be moved from the exempt premises, participate in shows or be sold.

Examples of exempt poultry: Easter chicks, school or 4-H broiler projects and certain pets.

Who is already registered in the program?

1. Contract poultry growers have been registered by their poultry company. 2. Layer locks enrolled in the MDA Egg Law program and MDA certified flocks have been registered by MDA.

Exotic Bird registration is voluntary and is not mandatory. However, if your birds are associated with high risk activities, registration is recommended. High-risk activities include: showing, trading, breeding, multiple bird households and activities which involve commingling with poultry or other birds.
JOIN THE FAIR BOARD AS A YOUTH DIRECTOR! – The Board has two vacancies

The Fair Board is accepting self-nominations from 4-H youth, ages 14 to 17, to serve as a Youth Director for a 2-year term beginning January 2014. Two Youth Directors will have voting privileges and are bound by the same code of conduct as an adult director. Youth must retain active 4-H membership during their term on the Board. Letters of interest, including information about themselves, 4-H involvement and interest in serving on the Board, must be sent to Arlene Sheets at arlenesheets@yahoo.com or 20912 Old York Road, Parkton, MD 21120 no later than January 21st. The letter must include parental or custodial permission in writing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Looking for Adult Volunteers

Shared Ideas Create Good Ideas!

The Fair Board is looking for Adult volunteers interested in serving on the Baltimore 4-H Fair Association’s Committees for:

- 50th Anniversary – The 2014 Fair will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The Fair Board would like to plan special events and activities to celebrate 50 years of providing Baltimore County’s 4-H youth with opportunities to develop life skills, good friends and lasting memories.
- Fund Raising – The Fair Board needs to discuss and plan several fund raising events. Funds raised will be used to celebrate the 50th Anniversary as well as costs of the Fair, including insurance, security, ribbons, advertising, custodial services, etc.
- Scheduling – Ideas to establish a schedule of entry/release times, shows, competitions, events and activities are needed to maximize the Fair’s positive impact.

If you are interested in serving, please submit your self-nomination no later than January 21st to Arlene Sheets at arlenesheets@yahoo.com or 20912 Old York Road, Parkton, MD 21120. Include information about your interests, 4-H involvement, relevant skills and which Committee you would like to serve on.
PAL DAY

Last month, over 100 youth from the Baltimore County Rec and Park PAL centers experienced a day at the farm! Cromwell Valley Park was filled with 4-H animals, an Ag exploration experiment, and many other exciting stations. Fun was had by all!

SENIOR TRIPS

All seniors interested in applying for National Congress, Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwaca must turn in their Senior Resume, Essay and Application by January 13, 2014. The essay topic this year is “How do the life development skills you have learned through 4-H help you serve as a mentor to others?”.

Resources for these opportunities are attached. Senior Portfolio forms and examples can be found here: http://extension.umd.edu/baltimore-county/record-book-ideas. You may also visit the MD 4-H Awards and Recognition page here: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition for additional information.

This is a wonderful opportunity that former Seniors who’ve attended speak very highly of!

All other Senior Portfolios, Record Books, Project Completions and Award Nominations are due to the 4-H office by February 3, 2014 (as Feb, 1st is a Saturday).

Record keeping is one of the skills that youth learn in 4-H. Each year, youth are expected to record what they’ve learned in the form of a clover book, project completion, record book or senior portfolio. Learn about what these are and how to put one together! Youth with exceptional projects, record books and portfolios are recognized at our annual achievement event.

SUMMER 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in being a Baltimore County 4-H camp counselor? Are you 14 years old or older? Here are some important dates for you to know:

1. Baltimore County 4-H day camp is July 21-25th @ Oregon Ridge park.
2. Counselor trainings begin January 9th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursdays of the month.
3. Other state counselor training opportunities will be held on: April 12th, May 10th or June 14th
   More info will be forthcoming from Dwayne Murphy. In the meantime, please contact the 4-H office to register for the next training 410-771-1761.

MEET A CLUB LEADER

1. When did you first join 4-H & what was the name of the club?
   Ronnie Green invited me to join the Randallstown Boys 4-H club in 1958.

2. How did you end up serving as a club leader?
   We moved back from the Eastern Shore. My cousin needed help with a local Club.

3. What is your favorite 4-H memory?
   The boys cheered when I showed up at a beef show. They knew they would not get last place. On one occasion I spoiled their bravado. I out placed all of them and received Champion Steer at the Eastern National Livestock Show.

4. Who has played a huge role in your 4-H experience?
   Leroy

5. What was your favorite 4-H event?
   Fun in the barns with friends.

“IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A 4-H ACTIVITY, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION AT 410-771-1761 AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY DATE.”
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- 3 Livestock Registration Due
- 24 Holiday 4-H Office Closed
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- 3 Member/Volunteer enrollments, mandatory charter renewal forms, club by-laws, club annual calendar, AA form & club information sheets due.

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- 1 New Year's Day 4-H Office Closed
- 2 Beef & Dairy Steer Ownership Deadline
- 3 17 MD Horse World Expo and 4-H Art Contest
- 4 Tagging Beef & Dairy Steers 8:00 am at the MD Fairgrounds Snow date of 1/18/14
- 5 Winter Workshop 9:00 am – 1:30 pm The New UME Ag Center
- 6 MD 4-H Gala Carriage Room, Laurel Park
- 7 Martin Luther King Day 4-H Office Closed
- 8 Maryland 4-H Horse Art Contest Entries Due
- 9 22 Officer’s Training 6:30 pm in the 4-H Office
- 10 23 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Mosner Miller building 7:30 at the Fairgrounds
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- **April 1**: 17th Annual Horsebowl Contest at UMD Plant Science Bldg, College Park, MD
- **April 15**: 4-H Skill-a-thon - Oregon Ridge Public Speaking Contest 6:30—8:00 p.m., UME Ag Center
- **April 27**: Fair Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Mosner Miller building 7:30 at the Fairgrounds
It’s that time again to recognize the achievements of our members and volunteers! Each year at our Achievement Night Program, special Baltimore County awards are presented to outstanding 4-Hers and Volunteers. It is important to have leader input for the award nominations as you know your members and fellow volunteers best. Often times, a well deserving 4-Her is overlooked simply because they weren’t nominated.

In order to nominate someone for an award, you should complete a Special Awards Nomination Form. Anyone can complete the attached nomination form. Equestrian of the Year nominees should complete the Equestrian of the Year Application and Animal Project nominees should complete the Animal Project Awards Application. These forms can be found online at www.baltimorecounty.umd.edu (under 4-H Youth Development: 4-H Forms) Please take into consideration that some of the awards are geared toward older 4-Hers as they have demonstrated the necessary accomplishments throughout the years. Younger members have many years to look forward to and can set goals to work towards these awards in the future. Other than the Points of Light award, an award winner can not receive the same award more than once in their 4-H career. Nominations should be mailed, faxed to 410-785-5950 or e-mailed to Nfields@umd.edu to reach the office by February 1st.

**Note:** These awards are a one time only award. **Note:** This award cannot be won 2 years in a row.

**Baltimore County Outstanding 4-H Club Award**

Each county can submit three outstanding club nominations for state consideration. To compete for this award we will need your club’s program plan for last year, your secretary’s book and your treasurer’s book. You may also write a short story about some of the things your club has done this past year. This award is sponsored by the Baltimore County Volunteer Association.

**“I’ll Be Glad To” Award** (2 awards)

This award is given to two members who have been very helpful in their club and county program in the last year. They have the “I’ll Be Glad To” spirit to help other 4-H’ers, volunteers, parents, and educators in many 4-H activities. This award has been given by the Cashman family in memory of their parents Roy and Helen Cashman who gave many years to 4-H camp and Chestnut Ridge 4-H Club.

**Elizabeth Scott Memorial Award** (1 award)

This is awarded yearly to the outstanding Baltimore County 4-H club member. This individual should reflect the leadership, citizenship and social skills 4-H seeks to teach and should demonstrate interest in furthering the 4-H program. Dr. Robert Scott gives this award in memory of his mother who was a leader in the Long Green-Glen Arm Area. It is the most cherished award a Baltimore County 4-H’er may receive during their 4-H career. This person should be at least 16 years old.

**Margaret Smith Memorial Award** (1 award)

This award pays tribute to the Baltimore County 4-H member who has excelled in the family and Consumer Sciences project areas. Margaret Smith was a leader for 41 years and gave direction to club members in home economics. This award was established by the Long Green 4-H Club to honor Miss Margaret and is now given in her memory by her niece and nephew. This should be an older 4-H’er age 14 and up.

**Outstanding 1st Year 4-H’er** (1 award)

To receive this award you must have been a first year 4-H’er during the past year. (Does not count Clover years) Criteria: Completed at least one project with a demonstration or public speech, completed a project record and record book. Exhibited at a local club meeting, school, or fair and participated in one county activity or event. The youth has the “learn by doing” 4-H spirit to complete a project that built a firm foundation for his or her future 4-H project work.
ANDY SCHMIDT 4-H SERVICE AWARD (1 award)

This award recognizes the outstanding Baltimore County 4-H member in terms of service to others and involvement in community affairs. A citizenship type award; it is rendered yearly to the 4-H’er who has exhibited outstanding service to their family, club and community. This award is given in memory of Andy Schmidt.

WILLIAM KLINDELHOFER MEMORIAL AWARD (1 award)

Leaders of the Baltimore County 4-H program established this award to memorialize Bill Klingelhofer, an outstanding club leader in the Randallstown area and horticulture judging coach. It is given to a 4-H’er who excels in leadership and citizenship and many phases of club work. Bill was interested in all 4-H’ers and worked in many project areas.

(We are also looking for a sponsor for this award)

POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

This award recognizes youth who have performed voluntary community service to help correct a social problem such as pollution, feeding the hungry, adopting animals, visiting the elderly, etc. This award is given to as many youth as qualify.

ALL-STAR “UNSUNG HERO” (1 award)

Each year the Baltimore County 4-H All Stars sponsor an award for the 4-H member who exhibits the qualities we desire in 4-H members, yet have not, in the course of their 4-H careers, received strong recognition for their hard work on a club and county level. This person works behind the scenes to make the best even better for others. This award should go to an older 4-H member.

ALL-STAR LEADERSHIP AWARD (1 award)

Each year the Baltimore County All Stars sponsor an award for the 4-H member who exhibits the qualities of a leader. This person works hard to take on leadership roles in their club, community, school and other organizations.

EQUESTRIAN OF THE YEAR (1 award)

Any 4-Her with a horse project may apply for this award. You earn this award through a point system based on the work you have done with the horse project and your leadership during the past year. If you feel you have done enough to qualify for this award, contact the office for an application. This award is sponsored by the Horsin’ Around Club.

Animal Project Awards

(1 award each category)

Similar to the Equestrian of the year award, these awards would be for the person of the year in Dairy, Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, Cat, and Alpacas. These awards will be based on a point system and the 4-Her may apply for them.

4-H FAMILY OF THE YEAR (1 award)

This is a special award given to Baltimore County’s outstanding 4-H family. A family that believes in the 4-H program, is always there to lend a helping hand, is very involved with helping others and sets a great example for others. This family will represent Baltimore County in State Competition. This award is sponsored by the Baltimore County Volunteer Association.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD :

This is a rather new award, as we want to honor an outstanding Baltimore County 4-H Volunteer. (This will be hard, as there are so many deserving volunteers out there.) Please nominate someone you feel goes over and above to help others. Write a story as to why you feel this specific person is deserving of this award. Maybe they have no one in 4-H, but give many hours to the program helping others. Maybe they have worked hard to hold a club together under difficult circumstances. Maybe they are just there for you and other 4-H members whenever you need them. Let us know. This person could be a club leader or a volunteer in any way with the 4-H program. A leader can win this award only once. This award is sponsored by Fana Wolff.

Baltimore County 4-H Afterschool, Military or School Program Year

To compete for this award we will need a write up of your program’s goals for the year along with the accomplishments. You may also write a short story about some of the things your program has done this past year. We would like to see a well-rounded program to include citizenship, project work excellence and program growth.

4-H Scientist of the Year

This award is given to the Baltimore County 4-H member who has excelled in the Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) project areas. 4-H has a goal to develop the next generation of our country’s scientists. The nomination write-up should describe project excellence in 4-H SET related projects including but not limited to robotics, wind power, environmental science, rocketry, etc. and how these projects have increased interest and abilities in SET.

Awards are also given for record books and senior portfolios. We will also present the Diamond Clover Award Pins. Any Clover turning in a Clover Scrapbook will be recognized as well. Record books, scrapbooks and Diamond Clover Awards applications must be received by February 1st.
Special Award: (Please check appropriate box and see the Special Awards list for full description. This form can be submitted via the mail at 1114 Shawan Road, Suite 2, Cockeysville, MD 21030, fax- 410-785-5950 or electronically to Nfields@umd.edu by February 1st.)

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☐ “I’ll Be Glad To Award”
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☐ Margaret Smith Memorial Award (Home Economics)
☐ Outstanding 1st Year 4-Her
☐ Andy Schmidt 4-H Service Award (Community affairs and citizenship)
☐ William Klingelhofer Memorial Award (Leadership in various project areas)
☐ Points of Light Award (All youth who have performed community service)
☐ All-Star “Unsung Hero”
☐ All-Star Leadership Award
☐ 4-H Family of the Year
☐ Outstanding 4-H Volunteer
☐ Baltimore County 4-H Afterschool, Military or School Program Year
☐ 4-H Scientist of the Year

Note: Equestrian of the Year nominees should complete the Equestrian of the Year Application and Livestock Project nominees should complete the Livestock Project Awards Application. Both forms can be found online at www.extension.umd.edu/baltimore-county/4-h-youth under 4-H Youth Development: 4-H Forms.

Nominee: __________________________________________ Age: ______ Club: ____________________________________

Please explain in 200 words or less why this nominee should be considered for the above award:

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Announcing . . .

4-H Day in Annapolis
Monday, February 17, 2014
Annapolis, Maryland

If you are interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as citizen and constituent, then this program is for YOU!

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H’ers and Volunteers as we:

🌟 Tour historic Annapolis, our State Capitol
🌟 Meet with Maryland legislators to share information about Maryland Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program
🌟 Meet new friends
🌟 Learn how a bill becomes a law in Maryland
🌟 Listen to various government officials describe their role and learn how we as citizens can be involved in government

County 4-H groups will make appointments to meet with their own county delegation members after a brief overview and general program in the morning.

For more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, contact
The Baltimore County Office
410-771-1761 by February 7, 2014

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**Fair Board and Association:**
All meetings are held at the Mosner Miller building at the MD Fairgrounds at 7:30 pm
- Jan. 23, 2014 - Board
- Feb. 27, 2014 - Association & Board
- March 27, 2014 - Board
- April 24, 2014 - Association & Board
- May 22, 2014 - Board
- June 19, 2014 - Association & Board - Pick up Dept. Books
- July 24, 2014 - Evaluation
- Sept. 25, 2014 - Board & Association
- Oct. 24, 2014 - Board
- Nov. 20, 2014 - Board & Association

**4-H Volunteer Association Meeting**
- February 6, 2014 @ 7:30 pm
- May 1, 2014 @ 7:30 pm

**University of Maryland Extension**
**4-H Volunteer Training:**
This is for New UME 4-H Volunteers the Webinar is 2 hrs.
A volunteer must have completed all UME Volunteer paperwork before attending the training. Please call 410-771-1761 to register.
The next upcoming dates are:
- Dec 19, 2013
- Jan 16, 2014
- Feb 11, 2014
- Mar 11, 2014
6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Save the Date!**
4-H open house February 20th 4-7:30. Learn about 4-H projects, entering into the fair, achievement opportunities, national 4-H trips, new family tips, and more! New families and long time families are all encouraged to visit the open house between 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP at 410-771-1761 or at wendydil@umd.edu.