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4-H Day at the Howard County Fair

Looking for a way to promote your project to the public, and get the public involved in 4-H? Come sample the pieces of 4-H at the 2015 Howard County Fair. On Monday, August 10, 2015 Howard County 4-H will be hosting a sample project day for the visitors of the Howard County Fair. We are looking for members who will be willing to donate their time, and participate in activities with the following projects: 4-H Presents/Demonstrations, Hands-On Crafts, Robotics Demonstrations, Handwashing, Interactive Demonstrations, Button Sewing, and other project areas. These projects will be on display for visitors to create or watch demonstrations, but we need your help. Shifts will be from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. If you are interested in helping, please register through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-day-at-the-howard-county-fair-tickets-17230695474

If you have other ideas for this day please contact the 4-H office.

Howard County 4-H Fair Entries

All Indoor and Livestock Fair Entries will be submitted on line by Wednesday, July 1st!

No Late Entries will be accepted!

The entry system is available on-line at www.howard4-h.org.
- Left Hand tool bar- Click on Howard County Fair link
- Middle of the page- Click on ONLINE ENTRIES link
- Member page- type in your last name and select look up
- Click on arrow in the first drop down box- select name
- Click on arrow in the second drop down box- select 4-H Indoor Entry System
- Select Continue and follow directions on screen

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Howard County Fair Countdown

Are you ready? There are only 68 days left until the 2015 Howard County Fair!

Reminder: All Howard County Fair Entries are Due Wednesday, July 1st!!!!

No late entries will be accepted.

Diamond Clover

If you are participating in the Diamond Clover Award Program, please be sure to check out the information on the state 4-H website at http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition

Diamond Clover reports will be due to our Howard County UME office by Friday, August 28th.

Fair Orientation for New Members

The Howard County 4-H Program will be offering a Fair Orientation for all members new to 4-H or new to exhibiting at the Howard County Fair. Join us at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 2nd at 4:30 pm. Orientation will begin at the 4-H Activities Building (flag poles are outside the building).

Topics discussed are:
• How and when to enter exhibits
• When exhibits will be picked up
• Opportunities at fair will be discussed
• Fair schedule
• Thank you notes
• Take a tour of the fairgrounds

Please register through Eventbrite before Wednesday, July 29th. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-member-fair-orientation-tickets-17230653348

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Maryland Day at Camden Yards

Maryland 4-H Night will be held at Camden Yards, Sunday, June 28th at 1:35 pm. Orioles play the Cleveland Indians.

Plan a club outing, bring your family and friends! Tickets are $14 for reserved upper seats (Section 316-356. Rows 13-25). $5 of every ticket purchased will support Maryland 4-H. To order tickets or for more information please refer to the link below:
www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h

Relay for Life - Howard County 4-H Dairy Club

The Howard County 4-H Dairy Club will be participating in the Western Howard County Relay for Life on Friday, June 12th. 6pm-midnight at Western Regional Park

All are welcome to join the team!

If you are interested in joining or wish to make a donation, you may do so online at www.relayforlife.org.

The club has cups, t-shirts, and sweatshirts for sale. Proceeds go to battle cancer and end the fight!

See images of the Cups, Sweat shirts, and T-shirts on their facebook page- "Cows for a Cure"

If you don’t want wish to join the team, they invite you to come and enjoy the fellowship of all who want to find a cure for this horrible disease! For more information, please contact Rhonda Winkler at dairy@howard4-h.org.
HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Howard County Fair Association, Inc., offers six $2,000 scholarships to qualified individuals to assist with educational expenses. The scholarships are available to applicants who are or have been active in the Fair, 4-H and/or FFA program in Howard County and who are directing their education toward agriculture, home economics, or a related field. Those applying for a scholarship must be at least a current high school junior. To be considered, applicants must submit a completed application, a current transcript of grades, and supplemental materials supporting 4-H and/or FFA work.

Previous winners of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. Applications must be delivered to the Howard County Fair Office, 2210 Fairground Road, West Friendship, Maryland 21794, on or before 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15th. Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual Howard County Fair Stockholder’s Dinner. For an application package go to the 4-H web page www.howard4-h.org.

JENNIFER OLSON AND JENNIFER LYNNE TURNER SCHOLARSHIPS

Two $750.00 scholarships will be given in memory of Jenny Olson and Jennifer Turner. The endowments were established by family and friends to commemorate the lives of these young ladies and their accomplishments in the 4-H Program. The Scholarship Program is open to current 4-H’ers who have graduated from high school AND former 4-H’ers enrolled in college or graduate school. Applications are available on line at www.howard4-h.org Only one application is needed. Completed applications are due Wednesday, July 1st. to the Howard County Extension Office.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR SCHOLARSHIPS

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. Scholarship applications are due Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Application and information can be found on-line www.howard4-h.org.

JERED HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

A $1000 scholarship will be given in memory of Jered Harrison who was a 4-H member. Jered tragically lost his life in a farming accident. This scholarship has been established in his memory to provide opportunity for other young 4-H and FFA members. Applications and guidelines are available on line at www.howard4-h.org. Scholarship applications are due Saturday, July 25, 2015. The recipient will be recognized at the 2015 Howard County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale on Friday, August 14, 2015.

SUMMER 4-H SCIENCE DAYS

The Central Maryland 4-H Cluster (Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard Counties) will be holding three days of science fun and education at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This program is open to all youth, not just 4-H’ers, who are 10 - 13 as of January 1, 2015. Participants will experience:

- July 20 - tinkering with robots
- July 21 - agricultural science, including a field trip to Rock Hill Orchard
- July 22 - learning about food science and health, including making a nut butter and jelly sandwich from scratch

The program runs from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The cost to participate is $50 and you must also send a consent form (pdf) and a health form (pdf) to: Montgomery County 4-H, Summer Science Days, 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

You need to register no later than July 1. We only have room for 30 people, so sign up today!

REGISTRATION

Go here (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-h-summer-science-days-tickets-16502255691) to register with Eventbrite, or call 301 590 2824.
**CO-CHAIRS NEEDED**

Co-Chairs are needed for the Howard County Fair in some of the Indoor 4-H Building Departments. If interested, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or via email at crein@umd.edu.

**CALLING ALL NEW UME VOLUNTEERS!**

UME Volunteer Training is available. This class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer. The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded.

Before you can participate in the on-line class, you must complete the UME volunteer paperwork. Once paperwork is returned to the office and completed you will get a list of training dates offered.

You will need to let Chris Rein know the date you would like to take the class and she will register you. Please contact Chris Rein at the Howard County office at 410-313-1915 or email Crein@umd.edu for paperwork or any further questions regarding volunteer status.

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**PROVIDE A HANDS-ON PROJECT ACTIVITY**

To help promote 4-H to potential members, plan a hands-on project activity such as a coloring page, mini craft, table game, hand sewing, touch and feel table, etc... in which they can briefly participate. Please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu if you are interested in participating. Please indicate what day and time you would be available and briefly describe your activity. This would be a good community service or Junior Leader activity. Activities will be done in the 4-H Indoor Building. Adults are welcome to help promote the program as well. Read more about the opportunity in your 2015 Fair Book.

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**GIVE A WORKING DEMONSTRATION**

Can you spin wool? Are you a great baker? Do you compost? Put on your thinking cap and decide what kind of working demonstration you could provide in the 4-H Building during the fair to educate the public. Please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu if you are interested in participating.

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**INTERESTED IN BEING A MANNEQUIN MODEL?**

If interested in signing up for the Mannequin Modeling please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu with your date and time you wish to participate. Modeling is scheduled Sunday through Friday in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. In order to participate you must be carrying the Clothing or Fashion Revue project.

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**MODEL YOUR FASHION REVUE GARMENT**

The scheduled time for the 4-H Mini Fashion Show is 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9th, in the Show Ring during the Farm Queen Contest. Contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu if you are interested in modeling in this show, unless you entered your name on the County Fashion Revue registration form, in which case your name has already been submitted to the event coordinator. If you are entering this garment for exhibit at the fair, please attach a note or place a sticker on entry tag so it is not displayed out of reach. Those 4-H’ers registered are to report to the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building no later than 2:30 p.m. to get dressed, have script checked and line up. You must be in line no later than 2:45 p.m. or you will not be able to model.

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**MARYLAND STATE FAIR ON-LINE ENTRY**

Maryland State Fair 4-H will only have on-line entry for indoor and animal entries and are due by July 31st. It will require that you have your member number to enter. Please access the link for the State Fair on-line entry through the Howard County 4-H web site at www.howard4-h.org. There will not be hard copies of the Maryland State Fair catalog this year.

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**STATE FASHION REVUE UPDATE**

This year, Junior and Intermediate 4-Hers will have the chance to show off their fashion on the Fashion Revue stage from 12:30-1:30pm before the main show. Participants will receive a ribbon for their participation. Sign up to participate with Chris Rein at Crein@umd.edu by July 31st!
INDOOR BUILDING CO-CHAIRS & VOLUNTEERS
PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairground in the 4-H Activities Building. This meeting is for all co-chairs and anyone interested in volunteering in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. Several hands are needed! For more information, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu.

LOTS OF HANDS ARE NEEDED FOR SET-UP

Each year help is needed at the Howard County Fairgrounds to set up tables and display stands in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. Strong help is needed on Sunday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to set up the heavier displays. Men and older 4-H'ers, are especially needed to help the coordinators set up these areas. It takes a lot of hands, so please sign-up by contacting Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at crein@umd.edu.

HELP WANTED

ATTENTION ALL 4-H’ERS, PARENTS, & VOLUNTEERS:

We are in desperate need of help on Saturday afternoon, August 8th after judging to get the building open to the public. Duties will include breaking down tables, stacking chairs, hanging and displaying all the valuable exhibits, and covering all exhibits with plastic. Please call Chris Rein at (410) 313-1915 or email her at crein@umd.edu.

REGISTRATION TABLE HELP NEEDED!!!

Six adults are needed to verify project entries, distribute entry tags, and take in exhibits as they are entered at the Howard County 4-H Indoor Building. If you would like to help, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or e-mail crein@umd.edu. You would be needed from either of the following dates and times:

- 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5th
- 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th
- 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8th.

INDOOR RELEASE TIME

All indoor entries will be released this year on Sunday, August 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME! Any exhibits not claimed will not be the responsibilities of either Howard County Extension or Howard County Fair Board. NO EXHIBITS WILL BE RELEASED ON SATURDAY EVENING!!

BICYCLE CONTEST
NEW DATE!!!!

The Bicycle contest has been changed to a new date. Monday, August 3rd from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Please plan to start no later than 6:30pm. Please report to the Main Show Ring to check in.

Bicycle safety, course and a written test. We encourage all to participate even if you do not carry the bicycle project.

Registration forms can be found on line at www.howard4-h.org.

Forms are due to the Howard County UME office by July 1st.

ON LINE-4-H INDOOR EXHIBITS

Entries for the 2015 Indoor 4-H Exhibit building will be PRE-ENTERED. All entries will be due Tuesday, July 1st. We encourage you to enter on line at www.howard4-h.org. Paper entries are also available for those who do not have web access!
MARYLAND 4-H AEROSPACE CHALLENGE

The Maryland 4-H Aerospace Challenge will be held on Sunday, July 19th, 2 pm-6:30 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Competition is open to all Maryland 4-H juniors, intermediates, and seniors. Members do not have to carry the 4-H aerospace project.

Each age group contest will include: parts identification, general exam on aerodynamics, model rocketry and safety, A build-a-rocket session using pre-selected parts, A safe rocket launch to a minimum of 200’ with evaluation both pre- and post-flight. Senior aged members will interview judging on your rocket design and build.

Those planning to participate in the contest, may find it very beneficial to attend the workshop scheduled for Sunday, July 12th from 2—6:30 pm at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Activities Building.

To register send an e-mail to md.aero.challenge@gmail.com with the following information: name of 4-Her; 4-H age (as of January 1, 2015); county; whether you will attend the State Challenge on July 19, the 4-H Aerospace Workshop on July 12, or both; for seniors only, your preferred teammate, if you have one, for the two-person team requirement.

Registration for the State Challenge is open until July 13. Registration for the Aerospace Workshop is open until July 6. For more information, see flier or visit http://joeschepis2000.wix.com/maryland-aerospace.

NEW ZOO REVUE

Dress up your pet and win a premium! The categories are Prettiest, Most Creative, Funniest, the Animal that Stole the Show, Smallest, Best Representing 4-H, Animal with the Most Character, and Animal from a Fairy Tale. The 4-H’ers must decide on the category. Sign up by noon on Saturday, August 15th at the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. This will give narrators time to read over and adjust narrations, if they are longer than 150 words. Contest will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Show Ring. Check the Fair Book for more information. All 4-H’ers carrying public speaking may sign up to read narrations at the 4-H Indoor Building please see Chris Rein.

EXTRA HANDS NEEDED AT THE BAKED GOODS DEPARTMENT

The 4-H Bake Sale at the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8th and continue on Sunday, August 9th until sold out. We need help selling between 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, since many people are still working at setting up departments. If you can help, please volunteer by contacting Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email at crein@umd.edu.

The 4-H Baked Goods Auction will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Show Ring. Champion and Blue Ribbon exhibits will be auctioned. All 4-H’ers carrying the baking project are asked to come support the auction.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Maryland Shorthorn Association will host the Shorthorn Beef Judging Contest and Clinic on Saturday, June 20th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the contest starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be three divisions - Junior 8-10 years of age; Intermediate 11-13 years of age; and Senior 14-18 years of age, all as of January 1, 2015. There will be no teams or oral reasons. All classes will be talked about by the official at the end of each class. There will be individual awards for the top 10 recipients in each age division. This is an excellent way to begin the summer judging season. There is no cost to enter the grounds or to participate in the contest. Refreshments and food available on the grounds. Come and be a part a great event!!

Volunteers Needed: We need help to hold cattle during classes and to bring them back and forth from the barn. If you are able to do so, please contact Martin Hamilton by email at shorthorn@verizon.net

2015 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM

Market Livestock (beef steers, market lambs, market pigs, and market goats) must gain a certain amount of weight per day to show in market classes at the 2015 Howard County Fair. Weight gain per day is calculated from weigh-in/tag day to weigh-in at the County Fair. There are several weight check days scheduled at the fairgrounds scale for 4-H’ers to check market animals’ weight. Dates are listed in the 4-H calendar.

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

2015 MARYLAND 4-H HORSE JAMBOREE

The 2015 Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree is being held Friday, June 26th – Sunday, June 28th at the Craggett Center in Frederick County, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710.

This overnight program is designed to give youth opportunities to demonstrate their existing horse knowledge as well as to learn new ideas and skills while having fun. The program is open to all Maryland 4-H Members, ages 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2015. Participants will be sleeping in dorms at the Craggett Center, a retreat overlooking Sugarloaf Mountain. There is a pool and water games are planned so bring a towel and a swim suit.

Information can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015.
LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT
DRESS CODE

Refer to your county and state fair books for the dress code for the show and livestock sale. NO DEVIATIONS FROM THESE DRESS CODES WILL BE ALLOWED! This includes HATS!
Special club or farm shirts may be worn at other times throughout the fair but not during the shows. Kelly/Spruce Green is the appropriate color green- not shades of teal and blue green.
Cell Phones are not allowed in the show ring.
Approved neck pieces only. Neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie, or tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece- no exceptions.

LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Are you interested in helping to create educational posters regarding livestock animals? We are looking for intermediate and senior age 4-Hers who would like to provide leadership in helping to create educational display items that can be used to educate the public at the Howard County Fair about our livestock animals. This summer, the 4-H staff will schedule several work sessions so 4-Hers can come to the Extension Office to work with other 4-Hers to create the display items. If you are interested, please let Amy Brueckmann know at 410-313-1906 or amyb@umd.edu by June 30th.

ATTENTION MARKET GOAT EXHIBITORS!!!

All 4-H Market goats must have horns tipped or blunted for county and state fairs!!

JULY 1st DEADLINES

Just a reminder that the ownership deadline for all breeding animals is July 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD COUNTY 4-H DAIRY CLUB

Howard County 4-H Dairy Club Places 1st in the Hoard's Dairyman Contest!!!

Congratulations to the Howard County 4-H Dairy Club Members. Competing against 335 4-H Clubs, the club tied with another 4-H club from PA with a score of 458. After completing a tie breaker assessment of different breed, Howard County 4-H Dairy Club came out on top.

ATTENTION POULTRY, RABBIT AND HORSE EXHIBITORS

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is requiring all poultry, rabbit and horse exhibitors to complete a “Self-Certification” form each time they exhibit their animals. This form is very basic and extremely easy to complete. Each time you are loading your animals to go to shows, fairs, etc., you need to look them over to make sure they are not showing any signs of illness. If an animal is showing signs of illness, do not take the animal to the show. If they are healthy, then you sign and date the form. (If you are under 18, then a parent/guardian signs the form). It is as easy as that! The show staff, state veterinarians, and others may ask to see your form to verify that it was completed.
Forms are available on our website at www.howard4-h.org (under the animal science link). If you have any questions, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu.