**Newsletter**

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**Talbot County 4-H Youth Development**

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

**Spring 2014**

**Upcoming Events**

- **April 23 – May 3**
  4-H Promotion/Paper Clover Fundraiser
  Tractor Supply Company, Easton
  Tractor Supply does a lot to support 4-H. This spring, the store will be highlighting 4-H and selling paper clovers as a fundraiser. Members and clubs are invited to set up projects exhibits/displays/demonstrations anytime, especially during the promotion period. Contact the UME Office or 4-H Volunteer Ms. Karen Callahan to sign up. **This is a fun way to complete a communication event or exhibit for your 4-H project.**
  If you know people who will be shopping at the Easton store during the 11-day promotion, please encourage them to buy and sign a $1 paper clover that will be displayed in the store.

- **Saturday, April 26**
  Maryland Day and 4-H State Communication Contest
  U of MD, College Park
  Each year, the University of Maryland hosts a day of exciting activities at its College Park campus. We offer many fun events and activities that are of interest to children and adults. For more information, go online to [www.marylandday.umd.edu](http://www.marylandday.umd.edu). Maryland Day is also the site of the State 4-H Communication (public speaking) contest. Several Talbot 4-H members will be presenting this year, and we wish them luck. **The State Communication Contest needs judges! Adults, let us know if you would like to be a judge.**

- **Saturday, April 26**
  Oxford Day
  Town of Oxford
  Each year, the town of Oxford holds an all-day celebration. Talbot 4-H hopes to have a booth at Oxford Day this year. Members and volunteers, contact Pat Murphy if you would like to help by leading educational activities, demonstration, etc.

- **Monday, April 14, 5:30 – 7 p.m.**
  4-H Health Science Club Meeting
  UM Shore Health (Easton Hospital)
  Health care is the number one employment sector in Talbot County. This project club introduces members to health careers by allowing them to interact with medical professionals. New members are always welcome. If you know of a professional who would be a good guest speaker or a medical facility that 4-H could visit, contact Tom Hutson. The club meets at the hospital, but we also visit off-site medical facilities.

- **Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4**
  Shooting Sports Instructor Training
  Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock (Dorchester Co.)
  We would like to be able to offer shooting sports programs in addition to shotgun, but we need volunteers with an interest in archery, rifle, etc. Adults who would like to become 4-H shooting instructors can attend this weekend training and become
certified. If you know someone who like to become a shooting sports volunteer, please have him or her contact the UME Office immediately so we can help with registration. 4-H members (8 and up) are invited to serve as students for the newly trained instructors during the afternoon of Sunday, May 4. Members, please let the Extension Office know if you are interested so we can register you. We need your name, phone number, age, and T-shirt size in case shirts are available this year.

Saturday, May 3
Earth Day Event
Phillips Wharf Environmental Ctr., Tilghman
Talbot 4-H is planning to offer environment-themed activities at this fun Earth Day celebration hosted by Phillips Wharf Environmental Center. The event runs all day, but 4-H would like to have a 4-H booth there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping us teach people about environmental issues such as water quality, contact Tom Hutson.

Saturday, May 10
Eastern Shore Spring Show
Queen Anne’s 4-H Park, Centreville
This annual event features regional shows for animal species including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and dogs. We previously e-mailed the registration packet to members. If you need more information, contact the UME Office. The registration deadline is Friday, April 11.

Monday, May 19
MD 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament
Montgomery Country Club, Laytonsville
This annual golf event helps the 4-H Foundation raise money to fund a variety of programs that benefit 4-H participants across the state. Registration information can be found online at www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com.

Tuesday, May 20
4-H Ambassadors meeting 5 – 6 p.m.
4-H Council meeting 6 – 7 p.m.
UME Office, Easton
Each club is asked to send a designated representative to the 4-H Council meeting. Representatives report about recent club activities and take information back to share with their clubs. 4-H Council provides guidance for local 4-H programs and events. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Date to Be Determined
(May 24, 31, or early June)
4-H Livestock Registration/Tagging
Talbot Ag. and Education Center
We are still receiving livestock policy updates from the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the State 4-H Office. After we have all of the information, we will work with 4-H Volunteer Susan Behrens to select a date for registration and tagging. All market livestock entered in fairs must have 4-H ear tags.

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
All about Animals!
Tractor Supply Company, Easton
TSC will once again be hosting a day of animal-themed educational booths and displays. 4-H members are invited to do talks, demonstrations, or exhibits related to any (animal or non-animal) 4-H projects. This is a fun way to do a communication event or exhibit that can help you complete your project. If you plan to do a talk about animals, you are welcome to take your pets or livestock to the event. Clubs are also invited to sell baked goods or other foods as fundraisers. (Health Department permits are required for the sale of many foods.) Register with the UME Office by April 18 if your plans to sell food and May 31 if you would like to do a talk or exhibit.

Sunday, June 29
Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
Baltimore
Each year, Maryland 4-H hosts this popular event that gives 4-H families a chance to come together and enjoy a baseball game. This year, the Orioles will be playing the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets cost $13, and $5 of each ticket will be donated to the Maryland 4-H Foundation to support 4-H programs and events. For information, contact the UME Office, see the event flyer, or go online to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com.
July 1 – 3 (tentative dates)
Talbot 4-H Clover Experience
Talbot Ag. and Education Center

For the past two years, members Maria and Megan McCulley have helped Talbot 4-H offer exciting camp-like experiences for 4-H members. Even though their Diamond Clover Level 6 projects have officially been completed, they are planning to offer another clover experience this year. The program is designed primarily for youth of ages 5, 6, and 7. We will share Megan’s flyer with you when it is finalized. Please hold the dates if your child would like to participate. Previous participants have said it was one the best parts of their 4-H year.

August 1 – 3
4-H Summer Camp at Thendara
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock (Dorchester Co.)

Due to several school closings during the winter, this year’s Eastern Shore camp has been condensed and moved from June to August. The fee will be $75. **Register by July 1.** We previously shared the flyer with members, but we can send it again if you need it.

If you have questions about this year’s camp, contact achesser@umd.edu or nramirez@umd.edu (phone number 410-651-1350) in the Somerset County UME Office.

November 20 – 23
Northeast Region Volunteer Forum
College Park

In place of the usual Volunteer Forum in Ocean City, this year Maryland 4-H will be hosting a regional forum for volunteers and teens from all over the Northeastern U.S. Consider attending the exciting workshops and field trips that the program will offer. Tom Hutson is one of the people in charge of selecting educational workshops. We will be offering a large number and variety of interesting and exciting workshops. You may register as a part-time or full-time participant, and we are planning to offer some sessions over the internet for people who can’t get to College Park. We will share registration information as it becomes available.

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**Animal Programs Update**

**Maryland 4-H Ownership Deadlines**

- **Jan. 1** beef steers, dairy steers
- **June 1** alpacas, cavies, dairy feeder steers, dogs, goats, market goats, pygmy goats, horses, breeding poultry, breeding rabbits*, market sheep, market swine, dairy LEASING
- **July 1** breeding beef, breeding dairy, dairy goats, breeding sheep, breeding swine

Set by market poultry, market rabbits

*breeding rabbits April 1 for T.C. Fair

**Animal Project Records**

Did you know there are special animal science project records you may use instead of the regular 4-H project record? These forms give you space to keep track of details that are specific to your animals. They are available online at [extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

**Ear Tags**

If you plan to enter market livestock in fairs or shows, let us know immediately so we know how many ear tags to order. Please also notify Susan Behrens, our livestock coordinator, so that she knows how many 4-H livestock to expect at the fair. Note: This year, swine may be required to have special tags. Details are still being determined at the state level.

**Poultry Testing**

Poultry entered in the Talbot County Fair will need to be tested or re-tested this year to make sure they are healthy. Karla Cherry, the chairperson of the poultry show, hopes to make testing available the day we hold livestock registration and tagging.

**Animal Registration Forms/ID Cards**

Members who work with livestock, poultry, rabbits, and cavies need to fill out 4-H registration forms each year, and members who work with horses and dogs need to fill out ID cards. The UME Office needs copies of these papers by **June 1.** (We will have livestock...
forms available on registration and tagging day.) These forms verify which animals you own, and they are VERY important if you plan to participate in 4-H shows outside of the county. The forms are online at [extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

**Online Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training**

One of the top priorities of Maryland 4-H is ensuring that animals involved in 4-H projects are treated humanely, receive proper care, and (if they are to enter the food supply) are safe to eat. In an effort to make sure that all 4-H members receive the same information, Maryland 4-H offers online animal husbandry and quality assurance training.

Members who exhibit alpacas, cattle, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are REQUIRED to complete the online training if you plan to enter animals in fairs and shows. You are required to complete the training **every year that you change age levels** (junior to intermediate, intermediate to senior) **AND every year that you begin working with a new animal species**. Juniors complete the introductory module; intermediates and seniors complete the introductory module AND the modules for the individual species you are working with. The link to the training can be found at online at [extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

If you need help, contact the UME Office.

**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REQUIRED TRAINING MODULES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE MET THE STATE REQUIREMENTS!**

**Animal Science Webinar Series**

The State 4-H Office is continuing to offer online learning opportunities for volunteers who work with animal projects. Here are the upcoming topics:

- **April 29 – 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects.** This session will provide 4-H club leaders and volunteers with a variety of hands-on club activities and resources to support 4-H animal projects.
- **May 27 – 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects.** This session will provide ideas about different volunteer roles that could be implemented at the club level to support 4-H animal science project work and events.

If you missed previous webinars, recordings are available online at [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources).

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**Maryland 4-H Foundation News**

**Supporting the Northeast Region Volunteer Forum**

As mentioned in the “Upcoming Events” section, Maryland 4-H will be hosting a volunteer forum this November for teens and volunteers from the Northeastern U.S. The Maryland 4-H Foundation is holding several fundraisers to offset costs of the program and reduce registration fees for participants. Talbot 4-H would appreciate your support of and contributions to any of these fundraisers. Thank you in advance!

In addition to the fundraising events described in the “Upcoming Events” section above, a few other fundraisers are described below. **For more information about the fundraisers, contact the UME Office or see the flyers and other information that we recently e-mailed to members and volunteers.**

**Maryland 4-H Quilt Raffle**—The Foundation is raffling off a beautiful quilt with squares that represent every Maryland 4-H program. Many 4-H parents and volunteers have seen the quilt and had a chance to bid on it at Talbot 4-H events. If you wanted to buy tickets and didn’t get a chance, contact the UME Office or 4-H Volunteer Amanda Clougherty.

**November 1 – 20 4-H Online Auction**—The 4-H Foundation is soliciting donations for an online auction that will be run through BiddingForGood.com. Donated items may be delivered to the Talbot County
UME Office or the Maryland 4-H Center. We need all items by October 20 at the latest.

**Scholarship Applications**
If you are planning to enroll in an accredited college, university, or post-high school program in the fall of 2014, you may be eligible for a 4-H Foundation scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by June 1. Information can be found online at [www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com)

**Maryland 4-H in Action!**
4-H members, the Delmarva Farmer newspaper is once again putting together a *4-H in Action* supplement. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to showcase the Maryland 4-H Program through their own eyes. The supplement will be written, edited, and designed by 4-H members who are interested in media and writing. A share of the advertising sales will go to the Maryland 4-H Foundation and will eventually aid youth who attend national conferences and program trips. Members who are interested in writing an article should contact Amanda Clougherty, akbrown@umd.edu.

Would you like to learn more about the role of the Maryland 4-H Foundation in promoting youth development across the state?
Go online to [mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://mymaryland4hfoundation.com) or speak to Ms. Amanda Clougherty, Talbot County 4-H Volunteer AND Director of the 4-H Foundation!

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**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.

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**Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer or start a 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.

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**Important 4-H Websites**

- Maryland 4-H Program Information [extension.umd.edu/4-h](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h)
- U of MD Extension Talbot County/4-H [extension.umd.edu/talbot-county](http://extension.umd.edu/talbot-county)
- Order 4-H Project Books & Supplies [4-hmall.org](http://4-hmall.org)
- National 4-H [4-h.org](http://4-h.org)
- University of Maryland Extension - State [extension.umd.edu](http://extension.umd.edu)
- Talbot County Fair [talbotcountyfair.org](http://talbotcountyfair.org)
- Maryland State Fair [marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com)

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**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 lists.

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Award Recipients at the March 7, 2014 Talbot 4-H Achievement Program

Record Book and Project Awards

CLOVERS
Emma Brown
Jessica Hammond
Joshua Hrynko
Avery Mead
Sophia Principe
Autumn Redman
Jessica Watts

JUNIORS
Karli Abbott
Jason Blades Hrynko
Rebecca Brault
Joshua Cherry
Rylie Dewitt
Bradley Duley
Isabella Fiorenza
Emmy Foster
Bree Ann Haufe
William Haufe
Hayden Hutchison
Elise Lankford
Kristin Lednum
Ashton Milhollan
Brian Milhollan
Eric Milhollan
Pippa Milhollan
Madeline Principe
Tyler Redman
Austin Spies
Elaina Steinly

INTERMEDIATES
Laurie Alltop
Julianna Burns
Lilly Catlin
Katelynn Cherry
Kallie Duley
Alex Heinsohn
Kara Hutchison
Rebekah Lankford
Sam Pearson
Heather Principe
Selinde Roosenburg

Aidan Steinly
Meredith Strickland
Elizabeth Tefft
Julie Warner

SENIORS
Matthew Brault
Callista Catlin
Joy Coleman
Noah Dorbin
Brandon Dudrow
Kendall Gant
Lindsey Graudin
Heather Matthews
Maria McCulley
Megan McCulley
Michelle McCulley
Alex Roe
Henry Spies
Justine Spies
Megan Watts

Diamond Clover Awards

Level 1 – Amethyst
Jason Blades Hrynko
Matthew Brault
Rebecca Brault
Callista Catlin
Rylie Dewitt
Isabella Fiorenza
Hayden Hutchison
Elise Lankford
Ashton Milhollan
Brian Milhollan
Pippa Milhollan
Aidan Steinly
Elaina Steinly

Level 2 – Aquamarine
Karli Abbott
Laurie Alltop
Kristin Lednum
Eric Milhollan

Level 3 – Ruby
Joshua Cherry
Bradley Duley

Kara Hutchison
Rebekah Lankford
Sam Pearson

Level 4 – Sapphire
Elizabeth Tefft

Level 5 – Emerald (state recognition)
Katelynn Cherry
Kallie Duley

Level 6 – Diamond (state recognition)
Jessica Lantz
Maria McCulley
Megan McCulley

Special Awards

Early Bird Award
Josh Cherry

Club President
Megan McCulley

Club Secretary Award
Kara Hutchison
Rebekah Lankford
Maria McCulley

Club Treasurer Award
Jason Blades Hrynko

Friends of 4-H Awards
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Easton High School and the EHS Culinary Program

Family of the Year
Dudrow Family
Hutchison Family
Spies Family

CONGRATULATIONS, AWARD WINNERS!

SPECIAL thanks go to our 4-H Ambassadors for being leaders and presenting the awards.