This annual event features regional shows for animal species including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and dogs. Promises to be an exciting event and an opportunity to check out other 4-H projects.

All market livestock entered in fairs must have 4-H ear tags. Maryland Department of Agriculture is still updating the livestock policy. When final information is available from the State 4-H Office, Tom Hutson and 4-H Volunteer Susan Behrens will announce a registration/tagging date.

Information about tagging your livestock can be found online at:
http://extension.umd.edu/learn/4-h-animal-tagging-day

TSC is hosting a day of animal-themed educational booths and displays. Talbot County 4-H members will give talks, demonstrations, or exhibits related to their 4-H projects (animal or non-animal). This is a fun way to do an exhibit or communication event that can help you complete your project. There will be pets and/or livestock present as a part of the 4-H Project presentations. A bake sale will also be provided as a Talbot County 4-H fundraiser.

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 your Extension Office or go online to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com

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4-H SUMMER CAMP: AUGUST 1–3
Thendara 4–H Center, Hurlock (Dorchester County)
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. See Flyer Attached!
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.
NOTE: Dorchester 4-H will be providing a $25 scholarship for each Dorchester 4-H member registering to attend Eastern Shore 4-H Camp. Your 4-H members should submit their registrations as early as possible to ensure a spot at camp. Have them submit $50 toward their $75 registration fee and we will take care of the $25 scholarship with the Somerset County office.

2 Lop-eared Bunnies Looking for Home
Come with hutch
Contact Colette Devine
mcolettedevine@gmail.com
410-822-7292
These were Easter gifts to her children with the understanding that the bunnies would be going back “home” after a few weeks. Now they’re looking for that home. Is it yours?
Contact Colette

4-H ON-LINE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Please mark your calendars for the Orientations taught by Dr. Lisa Dennis, 4-H Youth and Adult Leadership Specialist. These educational opportunities are provided monthly and are designed as a baseline training for those wishing to become official 4-H University of Maryland Extension Volunteers.

- Thursday, December 11, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30
- Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30
- Wednesday, October 15, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30
- Tuesday, September 16, 2014 - 18:45 to 20:45
- Monday, August 11, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30
- Thursday, July 17, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30
- Monday, June 16, 2014 - 18:30 to 20:30

Registration for a class is available online at: https://extension.umd.edu/event-series/2013-2014-online-volunteer-trainings

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 the animal husbandry and quality assurance training required. If you need help, contact your Extension Office.

Please complete your required training modules as soon as possible so we can verify that you have met the state requirements!

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**IF YOU MISSED PREVIOUS WEBINARS, RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**

http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources

**Dorchester County 4-H sponsored a poster contest to encourage youth to think about Earth Day and its message about our environment.** Invitations were issued to all 4-H clubs and two after-school 4-H clubs. Posters were submitted from Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Seeds of Change 4-H Club, Vienna After-School 4-H and South Dorchester After-School 4-H. All posters showed an understanding of the need for changes in everyday life to secure a healthy environment for the future. Today's youth are conscious of existing environmental problems and have a clear vision of an environment they want for their future.

**The Winners of the Earth Day Contest are:**

- **1st Prize ($25)**
  - Owen Jarette
  - Vienna After-School 4-H

- **2nd Prize ($15)**
  - Abby Jackson
  - Seeds of Change 4-H Club

- **3rd Prize ($10)**
  - Bethany Niehaus
  - Lucky Clovers 4-H Club

**4-H CLUBS FUN DAY AT THENDARA 4-H CENTER - SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

- The Dorchester County Extension Office has set aside a day for all county 4-H'ers to come together for a 'meet and greet' event of fun and games.

- It is a great opportunity for all 4-H members to get to know each other better, build friendships, share their 4-H experiences and learn more about what 4-H has to offer. Each member contributes to 4-H through their individual talents which can benefit all of us! Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share about their 4-H experience.

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Thendara 4-H Center is maintained for all 4-H members to experience the outdoors: nature, summer camp, fishing, club meetings and other special occasions.

In keeping with 4-H values - to be responsible, thoughtful, helpful - we will spend the first hour sharing clean-up duty on the property: rake leaves, remove fallen branches, tidy-up the hiking trails, etc.

We will have a “Pot-Luck Lunch”, with families bringing a ‘dish’ to share. The Extension Office will provide paper plates, napkins, cups, utensils and drinks.

Please RSVP to Kerry Turner by May 23rd at 410-228-8800 or e-mail kerryt@umd.edu

Let’s plan to make this a 1st Annual 4-H Clubs Fun Day.

DORCHESTER COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS:
Seeds of Change 4-H Club:

★ 4-H and Cloverbud members have been busy with activities and field trips. Environment and wildlife are two of the top priorities and meetings included nature crafts; a touchy/feely day with animal skulls and skins; the Nat’l Outdoor Show at So. Dorchester.

★ Field Trips included tours of Choptank Veterinary Hospital; Pop’s Old Farm; and Horn Point.

★ May 10th the club officers will have a business meeting to plan summer events/activities and will be potting summer seeds.

Discussions will include:

★ working with Master Gardeners to create a rain garden or possibly rain barrels;

★ a photography hike with guest speaker;

★ another fishing expedition is inevitable;

★ a forestry hike with guest speaker;

★ Nicole Barth from Talbot County to speak on environmental issues.

Trailblazers 4-H Club

★ Lisa Malkus from Honeysuckle and Vine provided a workshop on starting seeds to the Trailblazers on March 28th. We started lettuce and zinnias. We should have lettuce produced in another month. The members enjoyed it and have advised me they are now repotting their plants as they have outgrown the original containers.

★ Dave Wilson did pony and horse demonstrations on April 11th at his farm with his four wonderful horses, Moonshine, Luna, Cocoa which are various breeds. We also had a hands-on demonstration of what you learn in a halter class.

★ Rilynn Blake, beginning her 4-H Goat Project, purchased three fainting goats to raise from Pops Old Place. She has been working with her goats for a few weeks now.

Upcoming events:

★ planning to visit Rilynn to see her goats and learn more about her 4-H Goat Project

★ members will be attending the conformation clinic in Queen Anne’s county on May 10th

★ 5 of our members are attending the shooting clinic on Sunday, May 4th.

The Lucky Clovers

★ The Lucky Clovers will be having their next meeting Monday, May 12th at 6:30 pm at Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care. We will be discussing summer activities and preparing for the County and State Fair.

★ Best of luck to any county 4-H’ers exhibiting at the Eastern Shore Spring Show, May 10th. Come out and support your fellow 4-H’ers.
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

★ 4-H Archery and Rifle Club members and leaders recently spent several hours picking up litter along the roadside at The Thendara 4-H Center. In addition some of the members picked up sticks and limbs that had fallen over the winter. With so many of our members involved in the ball sports, it is difficult to continue meeting weekly at this time. Archery club will not meet again until late summer, while rifle will schedule some meetings between ball games and practices.

Where’s the best place to buy bugs?
A flea market.

Which insect tells time?
A clock-roach.

Why did the flies go to Paris?
Because they wanted to be French flies.

What is a mosquito’s favorite sport?
Skin diving

How do fireflies start a race?
Ready, Set, Glow.

How do bees get to school?
On the school buzz

What is it that was given to you, belongs only to you, and yet your friends use it more than you do?

What’s the difference between a teacher & a train?

What is a caterpillar scared of?
A dogapillar.

How do bees brush their hair?
With a honey comb.

What do moth study in school?
Mathematics.

What do you call a bug that jumps over cups?
A glasshopper.

What do you call two spiders who just got married?
Newly webs.

Annual 4-H youth Participation Fee:
✦ 4-H age 8 to 18 - $10
✦ Cloverbud age 5 to 7- free

Bugs, Butterflies, Worms, and Spiders

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**COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS, 4-H YOUTH ARE:**
- ★ 2X as likely to go to college
- ★ 2X as likely to pursue careers in science
- ★ More likely to make healthier choices, be physically active and avoid risky behaviors
- ★ 3X as likely to give back to their communities

**IMPORTANT 4-H WEBSITES**

University of MD Extension Dorchester County/4-H
[extension.umd.edu/dorchester-county](http://extension.umd.edu/dorchester-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)

Caroline/Dorchester County Fair
[www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org/](http://www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org/)

Maryland State Fair
[marylandstatefair.com](http://marylandstatefair.com)

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**4-H WORD SEARCH**

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**ACTIVITIES**
- FUN
- HEART
- PLEDGE

**CLOVER**
- GAMES
- LEADERS
- SCIENCE

**CRAFTS**
- GREEN
- MEMBERS
- SNACKS

**FLAG**
- HANDS
- NATURE
- SONGS

**FRIENDS**
- HEAD
- HEALTH
- WHITE

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**Do you want to learn more about 4-H?**

4-H members, parents, and volunteers can find out about Dorchester County 4-H by going online to:

[https://extension.umd.edu/dorchester-county](https://extension.umd.edu/dorchester-county)
or; about State- Level 4-H programs, policies, and forms by going online to: [www.extension.umd.edu/4-h](http://www.extension.umd.edu/4-h)

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