Inclement Weather Policy—Yes, the snowy season is still here and will hopefully soon be over!!!
Just a reminder …… if Cecil County Public Schools are cancelled for the day, there is early dismissal, or after-school activities are cancelled for the evening DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ALL 4-H events are to be cancelled or during the weekend if the Cecil County snow emergency plan is in effect in the county both the day or evening events are cancelled.

University of Maryland Extension’s 4-H Youth Development Program 2015 4-H Participation Fee
Again in 2015, each 4-H club member will be required to pay the annual $10 participation fee which equals $.83 cents per month. These funds will be used to sustain 4-H programming across the state of Maryland. University of Maryland’s 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to continuing the long standing tradition of providing excellent 4-H programs for Maryland’s youth. Members can pay their fee to their primary club. If you belong to more than one club members only need to pay the fee to their primary club. Cecil County 4-H has already started collecting the fees and your enrollment fee is due by no later than June 15th so that membership cards can be issued to those members in good standing. The fee is only for 4-H youth members ages 8-18 as of 1/1/15. There is no fee for clover members or UME 4-H volunteers.

Maryland 4-H Ages for 2015
As we start the 2015 4-H project year we wanted to remind you of the Maryland 4-H ages.
- Clovers ages 5-7 as of 1/1/15 (members can compete in non-competitive events and receive participation ribbon at 4-H events)
- Juniors ages 8-10 as of 1/1/15
- Intermediates ages 11-13 as of 1/1/15
- Seniors ages 14-18 as of 1/1/15
4-H Family Night at the Delaware 87ers
Cecil County 4-Hers are invited to join New Castle Delaware 4-Her at 4-H Family Night at the Delaware 87ers on Saturday, February 28, 2015 in Newark. The cost is $10 per ticket. Children under 2 are free! Registration is due by next Wednesday, February 25th to the Cecil County Extension Office. A registration form is attached.

4-H Achievement Night Program MC’s Practice
Please contact April at the Extension Office via e-mail at adhall@umd.edu or 410-996-5280 by Friday, February 27th if you are a Senior-aged 4-H member who would like to speak at 4-H Achievement. For all those youth who will be speaking at Achievement night, a program run-through will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill at 6:30 p.m. At the practice you will be assigned and practice your speaking part. You must attend this practice in order to be a speaker the evening of the program.

4-H Achievement Night
Achievement Night is coming up soon, so mark your calendars and plan to attend, since most 4-Hers are recognized in some way. It will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill (Cecil County Fairgrounds). Refreshments start at 6:30 PM and the Program begins at 7:00 PM. During the refreshment time you will be able to go around and look at club displays. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share and to bring a non-perishable food as we will be collecting donations for the Cecil County Help Center. Please do not donate items with expired dates. Please dress nicely for the awards program. We hope to see you and your family at 4-H Achievement Night!

Winterfest
Cecil County 4-H Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Walls Activity Hall in Fair Hill from 1:00-4:00 PM. The cost is $7 per 4-Her and we have classes for clover and 4-H members. See the Winterfest flyer on this website’s “Upcoming Events” page for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration is due by Friday, February 27th. There are a lot of great classes that are being offered this year. At Winterfest you get to try new things while hanging out with your fellow 4-Hers!!!

The Maryland 4-H Foundation store is now open online!
The Maryland 4-H Foundations store is now open online! Go to www.tinyurl.com/md4hshop and browse the different shirts, jackets, shorts, hats, bags, and other 4-H gear for sale. The online store will only be open for a limited time until March 15th. Any purchased clothing online will be shipped after this date.

Communications and Demonstration Day
Speaking is one of the best skills you can develop in 4-H. Our Cecil County 4-H Communications and Demonstration Day will be offered on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM and Demonstrations (Visual Presentations) will start at 9:00 AM and the Communications contest to follow. The difference between them is that with visual presentations/demonstrations you use posters, props and visual aids to show others how to do something like prepare a recipe, care for an animal or make something. A 4-H demonstration guide can be found online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/publications/documents/4H_909R.pdf. With communications you do not use any aids or props. A 4-H communications guide can be found online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/publications/documents/4H_970R.pdf. The categories for the communications contest include a prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, radio spot and interpretations divisions. Youth are eligible to do one communications and one visual presentation. See the Communications Day flyer on this website’s “Upcoming Events” page for additional information. Registration forms are due by Friday, March 13, 2015.

Eggstravaganza 2015
Eggstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert at 9 AM. At Eggstravaganza youth can participate in demonstrations, educational and fun activities and the all-popular food preparation contest. 4-H youth are invited to do demonstrations and enter the egg food preparation categories. Registration materials will soon be posted online on this website’s “Upcoming Events” page. Registration is due by Monday, March 23, 2015.

Camp Counselor and Adult Staff Trainings for 2015
Like 4-H Camp? Will you be Actual age 15 or older in 2015 by August 10, 2015? Want to help more? If you are interested in being a camp counselor the first training will be Saturday, January 3 starting at 8 AM tentatively at the Rocks
in Harford County (as an overnight lock in). We are looking for more adult volunteers, even if it is just to teach a class or come down for one activity so please contact us if interested. Please be aware that becoming a camp counselor or adult staff member is a very big responsibility and does require commitment. These are the set dates and are not expected to change. Please mark your calendars now. For the day trainings, you will need to bring $5 for lunch or bring your lunch with you - there is a kitchen available. If you have any questions about 4-H Camp or becoming a camp counselor, please feel free to contact Camp Director, Susan Knight at susank@ardenttitle.com. She can be reached at work at 410-996-9780.

The trainings are as follows:
- Saturday, February 28 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative)
- Saturday, March 28 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative)
- Friday, April 10-Sunday, April 12, On Site Weekend Training at the Rocks (Dates Tentative)
- Saturday, May 16 from 8 AM-5 PM, Ebenezer Church, Rising Sun (Location Tentative) (Makeup Date plus Food Safety, CPR/First Aid Training)

Annual Sporting Clays Tournament to Benefit Maryland 4-H Youth Programs-March 28th
The Maryland 4-H Foundations 20th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot will be held on Saturday, March 28, (Rain or Shine) at Schrader’s Sporting Clays, 16090 Oakland Road, Henderson, MD. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. with the clays competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants are welcome to begin the course anytime until 11:30 a.m. The 50-target clays course always proves to be great fun and a real challenge. Awards will be presented in 3 to 4 Lewis Classes (depending on number of shooters), Youth, Ladies and Teams. A Pit Beef Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Awards, door prizes and a drawing for a Beretta Model A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun ($5 each or 3 for $10) will wrap up the fun-filled day. Entry fees are: Adults –$60; 4-H & Youth –$40. Opportunities are available for donor support through program advertising, station signs and sponsorships. Come out for a great day and help support our Maryland 4-H Youth Programs. For additional information or to register call the MD 4-H Foundation at 301-314-7835; Brittany Hoffman at 301-314-7826; or Schrader’s Sporting Clays at 410-758-1824.

Cecil County Fair Updates
- The Cecil County Fair will be July 24-August 1, 2015 in Fair Hill (Clean Up Day August 2nd).
- The Fair Book will be online this year
- The Fair is redesigning their website

Animal Science Activities & Update
2015 Cecil County Fair Animal Ages and Weights
- Market Broilers-Pair of broilers, no weight limit, under 7 weeks old (Hatched on or after June 5, 2015) and each weighing 3 lbs. each *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
- Market Ducks-Pair of ducks, each weighing between 8-12 pounds (Hatched on or after March 15, 2015) *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
- Market Rabbits-3 rabbits, 3-5 pounds each, under 70 days old (Born on or after May 17, 2015)
- Market Goat-55-135 pounds (Born after 9/1/14 and must have milk teeth)
- Market Beef-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/14)
- Dairy Steer-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/14)
- Market Lambs-90-155 pounds
- Market Hogs-220-290 pounds
- Again, No Weight Tolerances in 2015!
- Youth are allowed to sell a maximum of 3 animals in the livestock sale and 2 per species

Other Cecil County Fair Animal Changes
- 4-H Livestock Orientation will take place on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds
- Breeding Meat Goat Doe Classes will be separated into two divisions: ABGA Registered & Commercial (4-H Tagged)
- All market lambs/sheep & meat goats/market goats must be clipped/slick-sheared prior to arrival at the Fairgrounds. (Trimming is permitted)
- Meat Goat/Market Goat show will take place on Monday, July 27, 2015 starting at noon
- Sheep show will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 starting at 9 AM
- Swine Fitting & Showing will take place on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 starting at 6 PM
We will be offering fun, hands-on Animal Science classes for 4-Hers on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP your online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-hands-animal-science-classes or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.

The dates and topics are as follows:

- **February 24, 2015-** “Animal Senses” we will be learning how animals see, smell, hear & touch by experiencing what an animal experiences.
- **March 24th-** “Bones, Bones, Bones” we will be learning about a mammals skeletal system, will be putting bones together and searching for bones in an owl pellet.
- **April 28th-** “Animal Genes & Reproduction” we will be learning about genetics & reproduction and observing a cows reproductive tract. All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on.

### Dairy Quiz Bowl

2015 Dairy Bowl practices are underway on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office but it is not too late to come out and learn. 4-H Dairy Bowl includes questions pertaining to both dairy cattle and dairy goats and is similar to "Jeopardy", except all questions are dairy related. All interested youth are encouraged to attend. Practices are scheduled on 2/23, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 & 4/13. If you can't make the practices but are interested in participating, contact Erika at 410-996-5280 or edward4@umd.edu.

### Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops

The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program is pleased to offer a series of Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops for new and experienced 4-H members, parents, and coaches during January thru March 2015! Winter Workshops are scheduled on:

- **February 28 Queen Anne’s 4-H Park (extended workshop/afternoon session-see flyer)**
- **March 21 Charles County**

The Agenda is as follows:

- 9:00 am Registration and Refreshments
- 9:30 am Welcome / Introduction to Judging and Bowl Events
- 10:00 am Breakout Sessions – divide into Poultry and Rabbit Groups if group size permits
- 12:30 pm Adjourn

Topics include: What to Expect at Judging and Bowl Events, What to Look at When Judging a Class, Resources to Help You Learn More

A $5.00 registration fee covers workshop handouts and refreshments. You can register online at: http://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_docs/programs/4-H/AnimalSciences/2015%20Poultry%20and%20Rabbit%20Judging%20Workshops%20Flyer.pdf

### Eastern Shore Spring Show

Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to all who participated in 2014 and will be available online at the Queen Anne’s County Extension website at [http://www.extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county](http://www.extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county) by mid-March. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park in Centreville.

### Cecil County Breeders Fair

Cecil County Breeders’ Fair information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to those Cecil 4-H’ers who participated in 2014 and will be available online by mid-March at the Cecil County Extension Website under the 4-H Youth Development Upcoming Events Link. The Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015 and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Fair Hill. Entries are due by May 1st. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

### Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2015

The complete Maryland health regulations and forms will be available soon online at [http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx)
Again this year—All animals except Rabbits will need to have an official identification. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise.

Again this year, health certificates will be three carbon copy pages and again will no longer need to be stamped by MDA as it will be your veterinarian’s responsibility to send the approved copy to MDA to be filed. Exhibitors will still be expected to do the Animal Health Self-certification for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits and Horses. Papers will still be due within 60 days of your first show, and if your animal required vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are effective.

Livestock Quality Assurance
Quality Assurance will be online in 2015. All new youth who exhibit animal projects (alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse & pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine) must complete the online training, in addition, youth will need to take the training online once as a Junior member, once when they become an Intermediate member (4-H age 11) and once when they become a Senior member (4-H age 14). The training will be accessible from 3/15-7/1. Check out the Cecil County 4-H website in mid-March once the link becomes available.

State 4-H Animal Science Reminder Information
- An animal can be tagged either commercial breeding or market but not both
- 4-H project animals MUST be registered in the individual name of the 4-Her only

2015 Maryland 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Updates Webinars
4-H Animal Science Volunteers are invited to register for a 2015 Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinars which will be held on February 25. The session will be held 7:00-8:30 pm via the UME Connect system and will be recorded for viewing at alternate times. Volunteers are requested to visit the Maryland 4-H website to register for the session.

The date and topic is as follows:
- February 24 - Topics: 2015 Statewide 4-H Animal Science Events and Contest Opportunities – This session will provide an overview of the various statewide events and contests being offered throughout 2015 in the Animal Sciences program area. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Brittany Hoffman, and Chris Johnston.

Recordings from previous 4-H Animal Science Volunteer webinars conducted are available for viewing on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Resources page at: https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources under the Animal Science Training Opportunities for Leaders.

The available topics include:
- 2015 4-H Animal Science Program Updates 1/27/2015-This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program rule changes and event updates for 2015 for Maryland 4-H Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program area. (Available Soon)
- Clovers in 4-H Animal Projects - RECORDING from 2/25/2014
- Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events - RECORDING from 3/25/2014
- 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - RECORDING from 4/29/2014
- 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects - Program to be held 5/27/2015
- Preparing for Competitive Events - RECORDING from 2/26/2013
- Introducing the New 4-H Animal Science Project Records - RECORDING from 3/25/2013
- Managing Risks in 4-H Animal Science Projects and Activities - RECORDING from 4/28/2013
- Sportsmanship in Animal Science Projects - RECORDING from 5/28/2013

Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or 301-314-7187 for more information or if you have questions.

University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings
Are you interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer or do you know anyone that might be interested? Don’t wait because now is the time April and/or Vicki will be conducting upcoming UME Volunteer trainings on the following evenings:
- Thursday, March 19, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please register online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration or e-mail adhall@umd.edu or call 410-996-8134 to confirm your attendance.

Cecil 4-H UME Volunteer Development Series
Volunteers and teen leaders are encouraged to enhance their skills by registering for the Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series. You can pick and choose which topics you would like to attend. The topics and dates are as follows:

- 3/3-Ages & Stages of Youth Development & Working with Diverse Audiences
- 3/26-Food Safety
- 4/7-Positive Youth Development & Serving Your Community
- 5/5-Life Skills Development and Fun Activities to Do at Club Meetings
- 5/16-Food Safety Training
- 6/2-Preparing Diamond Clover Service Project Applications and Other Teen Opportunities
- 9/29-Animal Science Planning Meeting
- 10/6-4-H Project Opportunities and Open House
- 11/2-Club Management & Program Planning and Youth Adult Partnerships and Working with Your Officer Team

The programs take place from 6:30-8 PM in the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office at 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton in Suite 1500. If you would like to attend, please register online at https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-volunteer-development-series or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280.

4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting
The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H programming including Achievement Night, Winterfest and other Spring programs. Additional 2015 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on Monday, May 18th; Monday, September 21st and Monday, November 23rd.

Attention Club Leader-All Club Forms and Resources Available Online
All 4-H Club Leaders Resources can be found at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/leader-forms including the fundraiser approval request that we ask you to submit at least 30 days prior to your planned fundraiser.

Interested in Starting a New 4-H Club?
Anyone interested in starting a new 4-H Club should contact April in the Extension Office. Our 4-H enrollment continues to rise and so do request’s for club information, so we’re looking to our UME volunteers to step up and start some new clubs.

Educational Videos, Learning Kits, and Materials Available For Loan
The Cecil County 4-H Office has some educational videos, learning kits, curriculum, and equipment which club leaders can borrow from our office on a variety of topics. If you are interested in borrowing videos, learning kits, curriculum or equipment stop by the Extension office.

Club and Special Interest Group Updates
2015 Great Potato Contest Rules
The 2015 Great Potato contest is being managed and sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club.

Clovers and Juniors – You will be receiving a potato, a pot and some soil. You will plant your potato any method you want and you will need to add soil (again your own type). Please pick up your potatoes at the BACK DOOR of the Grange Hall on March 21 between 10 and 12 AM. Please have exact change or a check to pay for your entry fee. YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $3.00. We do not have a final date yet. It will be sometime in September. At the end of the contest, youth will bring back their pot with the potato still planted. Youth will be disqualified if the potato has been removed from the container. We will then weigh the potatoes in front of the judges. Prizes will be given for the biggest potato, the heaviest potato harvest, and the funniest potato.
**Intermediates and Seniors**- Your contest involves you planting the three pounds of potatoes and bringing back 4 potatoes for judging to our contest night. We will have details of the contest night later on. It will be in September. You will need to bring your potatoes on a white paper plate to display. Please pick-up your three pounds of seed potatoes on March 21 at the **BACK DOOR** of the Calvert Grange between 10 and 12 AM. Your entry fee is $5. Please have exact change or a check to pay when you pick up your potatoes.

The Great Potato Contest will conclude with a covered dish potato dinner. (Each family will be asked to bring a dish containing potatoes to share).

**Fundraiser to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Horse Program**

There will be an all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 100 South Main Street, Newark, Delaware to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program—so you can stop by for lunch, dinner or late night! Check out the upcoming programs to download the takeover voucher. By turning in the voucher 20% of your check will be donated to the Cecil County 4-H Horse program.

**4-H Calendar of Events**

**February 2015**

20-22 State Tractor/Agriculture Equipment Certification Training, Centreville
22 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
23 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
23 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class, Elkton~“Animal Senses”, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
24 State 4-H Animal Science “Statewide 4-H Animal Science Events and Contest Opportunities” Webinar, 7 PM
28 Camp Staff Training, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
28 Young Guns Benefit Dinner, Oxford Gun Club, Oxford
28 Maryland Small Ruminant Expo, Frederick
28 Maryland 4-H Poultry & Rabbit Judging Workshop (with Poultry Workshop to follow), Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
28 4-H Family Night with the Delaware 87ers, Newark

**March 2015**

3 Volunteer Series: Ages & Stages of Youth Development & Working with Diverse Audiences, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
5 Achievement Night Speakers Practice & Set Up, 6:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
7 Achievement Night, 6:30 PM-Desert Social, 7:00 PM-Program, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
7 State 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest, Hagerstown
8 Winterfest, Fair Hill, 1-4 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
12 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
14 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
15 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Opens
21 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 9:00 AM
22 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
19 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
27 Regional Communications Event, 6 PM, Easton High School, Easton
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class-Bones, Bones, Bones, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
25 Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser to Benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Newark, DE (Patrons must present a voucher for the Horse program to receive 20% of the proceeds)
28 Maryland 4-H Foundation Shooting Clays Fundraiser, Schrader’s Bridgetown Manor, Henderson
28 Camp Staff Training, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
28 Eggstravaganza, Calvert Grange, Calvert
28 Poultry Bingo Fundraiser, Calvert Grange, Calvert
9, 16, 23 & 30 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

**April 2015**

3 Companion Animal Day, Calvert Grange, Registration 8:30 AM, Program Begins 9:00 AM
7 Volunteer Series: Positive Youth Development an Serving Your Community, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
10-12 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Rocks (Tentative)
14 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
18 State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, College Park
25 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
May 2015
1 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H Member & Project Enrollment Deadline
2-3 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
3 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
5 Volunteer Series: Life Skills Development & Fun Activities to do at Club Meetings, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
9 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Centreville
14 & 15 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, 6-8 PM, Fair Hill
15 DEADLINE: Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Form Due in Extension Office
16 Camp Staff Training Makeup, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun (Food Safety, CPR, First Aid)
18 Volunteer Series: Food Safety, Time TBA, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
19 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, 6:45 PM, Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun
20 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
24 Sewing Workshop, 1-4 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton
30 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill
30 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
31 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill

June 2015
1 Deadline: Horse/Dog Identification Cards and Rabbit & Poultry Registrations Due in Extension Office
1 Deadline: Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
1 Deadline: Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
1 Deadline: County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
2 Volunteer Series: Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
3 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting, Elkon, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
4 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
16-18 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
26-28 State Horse Jamboree & Communication Contest, Frederick

July 2015
1 State Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Closes for Cecil County Fair 4-H Participation
20 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock & Poultry Orientation & Set Up, Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill, 6:00 PM
24-8/1 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill
31 Deadline: ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries

August 2015
9-14 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
27-9/7 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

September 2015
1 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
5 Most State 4-H Judging Contests at the Maryland State Fair
5 State 4-H Smallbore Rifle Match, Marriottsville
15 Deadline: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals in State 4-H Portal
21 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
29 Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

October 2015
3 AGNR Open House, CMREC, Clarksville
3 or 10 State 4-H Archery Match, Hurlock
4-10 National 4-H Week
6 Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton (Tentative)
6 National 4-H Youth Science Day Activity, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
**November 2015**

- **2** Volunteer Series: Club Management, Program Planning & Working with your Officer Team, Elkton, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
- **10** University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
- **20-22** Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum, Ocean City
- **23** Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

**December 2015**

- **5** Holiday Craft Workshop, Fair Hill
- **5** Countywide 4-H Benefit Auction, Fair Hill

***For more information about any event, call, email or stop by the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office. If you need special assistance to participate in any of our programs, please contact the University of Maryland Extension, Cecil County Office, at 410-996-5280 at least 1 week prior to the scheduled program.***

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April Hall Barczewski
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County

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**The following documents are attached and located on the Cecil County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs**

- 4-H Family Night at the Delaware 87ers
- Achievement Night Invitation
- Winterfest Registration
- Communications Day Registration
- Calvert Boys & Girls Great Potato Contest Registration
- Horse Program Buffalo Wild Wings Voucher
- Queen Anne’s Co. Poultry Workshop Flyer
4-H FAMILY NIGHT
with the Delaware 87ers
Saturday, February 28, 2015
Doors open at 6pm  Game starts at 7pm

$10 tickets!

- Pre-Game Parade for all 4-H Members
- $2 Fundraiser to Support 4-H
- Mascot In-Seat Visit
- Block Seating & Group Recognition

4-H Family Night - Saturday, February 28, 2015

Group Name: Cecil County 4-H
Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________
Phone: __________________________ Email: ______________________

Payment: circle one  Cash  Check (Payable to CCEAC)
Total Tickets: _______ x $10 = $

Return form and payment to: Cecil County 4-H Office
200 Chesapeake Blvd.
Suite 1500
Elkton, MD 21921

Form and payment due: February 25, 2015

87ers Contact
Tony Furr
302-351-5382
tonyfurr@sevens.com
You and your family are invited to
Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night
Saturday, March 7, 2015
Walls Activity Hall on the Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
(4640 Telegraph Road, Elkton, MD 21921)
Refreshment & Social Time 6:30 PM, Program Begins 7 PM

- Club Roll Call
- Friends of 4-H
- 1st year 4-Her (Joined 2014)
- 4-H Alumni (Last Year 2015)
- Volunteer Years of Service (1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th and 30th)
- Volunteer Service Awards
- 4-H Family of the Year
- Clover Awards
- Member Record Book & Project Completion Awards
- 4-H All-Star Top Jr., Int. & Sr. Stories and Sr. Essay
- Quiz Bowl, Judging, Skillathon & Shooting Sports Participants
- State Trip Recipients
- Youth Community Service Awards
- Diamond Clover Awards
- “I Dare You” Leadership Award
- Record Keeping Award
- Cecil County Fair Boy & Girl
- Mason Blue Ribbon Awards
- Club Spirit Awards
- Club of the Year
- Club Record Completion Awards
- County Spirit Award Recipients

Please bring a simple desert to share during the refreshment time.

We are also doing a community service project and we will be collecting canned food for the Cecil County Help Center.

We hope to see you at 4-H Achievement Night!
Winterfest 2015 Participant Registration Form

Participant Name____________________________________________ Phone Number______________________________

Address____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact Person_____________________________ Emergency Contact Phone Number______________________

Club_________________________ 4-H Age (age as of 1/1/15)________________________ Check #__________

Cost $7.00
(includes supplies and snack)

Registration Due by Friday, 
February 27th by 4:30 pm

Please mail a check made payable to CCEAC and 
this registration form by February 27th to:
University of MD Extension, Cecil County 
4-H Winterfest Registration
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500
Elkton, MD 21921

Be sure that you make a 2nd and 3rd choice in case 
your 1st choice is full!

Make sure to wear old clothes or bring a smock!

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CECIL COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015 at the Calvert Grange
2357 Telegraphy Rd, Rising Sun
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AND PUBLIC SPEAKING TO FOLLOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CECIL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DAY

- **Age Divisions:**
  - Clover - Ages 5-7 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Junior - Ages 8-10 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Intermediate - Ages 11-13 (as of January 1 of current year)
  - Senior - Ages 14-18 (as of January 1 of current year)

- Members may compete in one Visual Presentation Class and one Public Speaking category.
- Registration forms are due by Friday, March 13, 2015 to the Cecil County Extension Office.

**VISUAL PRESENTATION (DEMONSTRATION) RULES**

- **Length of Visual Presentation:**
  - Clover, Maximum 2 minutes or less
  - Junior Division, 3½ - 10 minutes
  - Intermediate Division, 5 - 12 minutes
  - Senior Division, 5 - 15 minutes

- **Judging Criteria:**
  - Content (Introduction, general information and summary of main points)
  - Presenter (Appearance, delivery, visual aids and time)

- The team and individual presentations in each class will be judged by the modified group method according to merit: Excellent, Very Good, Good. Those placing in “Excellent” will receive blue ribbons; “Very Good” will receive red ribbons; “Good” will receive white ribbons.

- Clover teams are permitted to do a “Show and Tell” only and will be awarded a participation ribbon.

- Youths can do a traditional presentation or use Power Point for their presentation. Finished products should be displayed during the allotted time for the presentation and may not be provided to the audience.

- Equipment and Supplies: Participants must furnish all their own equipment and supplies. Hot plate and microwave will be available for presentations when the 4-H’er indicates the need. A table and easel is provided for all presentations. For Power Point presentations, a laptop computer with Microsoft Power Point, a projector and screen will be available.

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Over for Public Speaking Contest Information
The contest consists of four categories: **Prepared Speech**, **Extemporaneous Speech**, **Radio Spot**, and **Interpretation**. Individuals, not teams, give speeches.

**Time Limits:**
- Prepared: Juniors: 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors: 4 to 6 minutes; Extemporaneous: Juniors and Intermediates: 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes; Radio Spot: 30 seconds for all age groups; and Interpretations: Juniors: 1 ½ to 3 minutes, Intermediates: 2 to 4 minutes, Seniors: 3 to 5 minutes. Judges may deduct points for not meeting or exceeding time limits.

**Visual aids**, including posters, are **not permitted**. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. For Dramatic interpretation, contestants may choose to wear a costume and opt to sit for presentation. Podium use is optional, but judges may deduct points for excessive movement and hand gestures that distract.

**Contestants should not introduce themselves** as part of their presentation. This will be done by an MC or room Host/Hostess.

**Judges may ask questions of contestants in the prepared, extemporaneous, and interpretations categories related to the speech’s topic.** Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the radio spot category.

The names of the **top three individuals** in each category can advance to the Regional Competition and the **top scoring individual** in each category will advance to the State Competition.

**State Champions** may not enter the same category and age group a second time.

### Public Speaking Contest Categories:

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<td>Youth speaker has written and practiced a speech prior to the County contest. Contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered controversial with your 4-H leader or educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a Rotary Club. <strong>Memorization is not encouraged.</strong> Only juniors may use a complete script. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. These note cards are to be given to the judges at the end of the speech.</td>
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<td><strong>Extemporaneous Speech</strong></td>
<td>Youth speaker will draw three topics and choose one topic for their speech. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors up to 15 minutes to prepare their talks. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 5 x 8 inch note cards for their key word outline. Extemporaneous speakers will be shown time cards at correctly timed intervals indicating “1 MINUTE”, “30 SECONDS”, AND “STOP”.</td>
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<td>Youth speaker has written and practiced the announcement prior to the County contest. Radio Spots should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but may not include a spoken introduction or “tag” by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device. The contestant must provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30 second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original and be created by the contestant.</td>
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<td>Clovers will not be placed but will be allowed to recite the 4-H Pledge and will receive a participation ribbon. This is for the county level only.</td>
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Thank you for participating in our 2015 contest sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club.

**Clovers and Juniors** – You will be receiving a potato, a pot and some soil. You will plant your potato any method you want and you will need to add soil (again your own type). Please pick up your potatoes at the **BACK DOOR** of the Grange Hall on March 21 between 10 and 12 AM. Please have exact change or a check to pay for your entry fee. **YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $3.00.**

We do not have a final date yet. It will be sometime in September. At the end of the contest, youth will bring back their pot with the potato still planted. Youth will be disqualified if the potato has been removed from the container. We will then weigh the potatoes in front of the judges.

Prizes will be given for the biggest potato, the heaviest potato harvest, and the funniest potato.

**Intermediates and Seniors**- Your contest involves you planting the three pounds of potatoes and bringing back 4 potatoes for judging to our contest night. We will have details of the contest night later on. It will be in September. You will need to bring your potatoes on a white paper plate to display.

Please pick-up your three pounds of seed potatoes on March 21 at the **BACK DOOR** of the Calvert Grange between 10 and 12 AM. **YOUR ENTRY FEE IS $5.** Please have exact change or a check to pay when you pick up your potatoes.

*Our contest will conclude with a covered dish potato dinner. (Each family will be asked to bring a dish containing potatoes to share).*

**Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club**   Ellen Larrimore, Leader   elarrimore@zoominternet.net

Chairpeople:   Logan Rutherford and Matthew Larrimore

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I have read the rules for the 2015 Great Potato Contest and understand them. I understand at the end of the contest Clovers and Juniors need to bring back the pot with the potato still planted. Intermediates and Seniors need to bring back their best 4 potatoes.

Contestant ___________________________________________________________________

4-H Age__________  Club________________________________________________________________

Email________________________________________________________________________

Phone________________________________________________________________________

Parent Signature__________________________________________     Date_______________
We invite you to...

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

TAKE OVER!

100 South Main St., Newark – 302.731.3145

Wednesday, March 25th

Join us all day - for Lunch, Dinner, or Late Night!!

turn in this voucher at time of payment and 20% of your check will be donated to

Cecil County 4H Horse Program

This is not a discount. Not valid for use on discounted purchases, valid only on date listed. Good for dine in and take out (cannot be applied to the purchase of gift cards). “Total check” excludes tax and tip.
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Poultry Workshop

Hands-On Instructions Provided by Paul Gilroy, APA Licensed Judge

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park

1:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

1st Session ~ How to choose the right chicken for you!

Learn about various breed of birds and where to purchase them…Hatchery vs. Breeders

Break ~ Arts & Craft Activity

2nd Session ~ Showmanship and Handling of Birds

Learn how to handle and show your birds. This will be a new addition to our Poultry Show this year!

Please email your RSVP to courseys@atlanticbb.net or jmans2010@live.com by February 20th

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