National 4-H Shotgun Team Participation
Kudos to Cecil 4-H youth Austin Brown, Matthew Larrimore and David McMichael who will be traveling to participate as a members of the Maryland 4-H Shotgun team that will be participating in the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship in late June in Grand Island, Nebraska. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Congratulations Cecil 4-H Horse Bowl Participants
Congratulations to our Cecil 4-H youth that participated in the Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Competition on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Junior team placed 3rd overall and Danielle Triola placed 3rd individually, Holly Adams placed 7th individually, Isabella Fausnaught placed 12th individually and Vivian Miller placed 15th individually. Sadie Kalman and Angela Edelson also participated as juniors. The intermediate team placed 9th overall and Mackenzie Barnett placed 11th individually and Brynn LaSala placed 13th individually. Other intermediate team members were and Maggie Edelson, Gabriella Lehman and Micaela Rogers. The senior team placed 2nd overall and River Shannon placed 2nd individually, Sydney Keys placed 6th overall and Arianna Cordrey placed 9th individually. Madison Smith was also member of the senior team. Congratulations to River Shannon that earned a spot on the State 4-H Horse Bowl team that will compete this fall.

Cecil 4-H Demonstration & Communications Contest Results
On Saturday, March 17th eighteen Cecil County 4-Hers and clovers participated in Cecil County 4-H Communications Day. Congratulations to all the participants and a big thank you goes to the judges. Below are the results:

Show and Tell:
Clovers: Abby Barnhart-Participation, Logan Lehman-Participation, Reed Mason-Participation, Nathaniel Smith-Participation, Evan Wilson-Participation
Demonstrations:
Juniors: Selena Oceanic-Blue Award, Tarra Todd-Blue Award
Intermediates: Georgia Barchowsky-Blue Award, Elise Brown-Red Award, Ethan Lacher-Blue Award
Brynn LaSala-Blue Award, Madison Rust-Blue Award, Taylor Todd-Blue Award, Rachel Ward-Red Award,
Senior: Gavin LaSala-Red Award, River Shannon-Blue Award

4-H Clover Pledge:
Clovers: Nathaniel Smith-Participation

Communications:
Prepared Speeches:
Intermediate: Sydney Keys-Blue Award*, Brynn LaSala-Red Award

Interpretations:
Intermediate: Gavra Goldie-Blue Award*
Senior: River Shannon-Red Award*

Extemporaneous:
Intermediate: Ethan Lacher-Blue Award*
Senior: Gavin LaSala-Red Award*

All Junior, Intermediate and Senior Communications Participants Qualified for the Regional Contest on March 27th
*Selected to participate in the State Communications Event at Maryland Day on April 25th

Regional 4-H Communications Contest Results
Congratulations to our four Cecil 4-Hers that participate in the Eastern Shore Regional 4-H Communications Contest on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Easton High School in Talbot County. Sydney Keys and Brynn LaSala participated in the intermediate prepared division, Gavin LaSala participated in the senior extemporaneous division and Gavra Goldie participate in the intermediate interpretations division. Gavra was selected as the regional intermediate champion with her interpretation entitled “Julius Caesar-Act 3, Scene 2, Speech by Mark Anthony”.

Gavra Goldie

Cecil 4-H Eggstravaganza Results
Eggstravanza took place on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert. Congratulations to all the participants! Below are the results:

Clovers:
Breakfast/Brunch: Abby Barnhart-Participation, Nathaniel Smith-Participation
Cake: Evan Wilson-Participation
Dessert: Jesse Wilson-Participation

Juniors:
Breakfast/Brunch: Samuel Button-1st, Tarra Todd-2nd
Cake: William Donnelley-1st
Egg Craft: Tarra Todd-1st, 2nd Thomas Button

Intermediates:
Breakfast/Brunch: Gavra Goldie-1st, Taylor Todd-2nd
Lunch/Dinner: Brynn LaSala-1st, Ethan Lacher-2nd
Egg Craft: Gavra Goldie-1st, Taylor Todd-2nd, Brynn LaSala-3rd, Ethan Lacher-4th

Seniors:
Breakfast/Brunch: Rebekah Maggitti-1st, Arianna Cordrey-2nd
Cake: Rachel Rhoades-1st
Dessert: Mikayla Maggitti-1st, Seth Donnelley-2nd, Nadine Sylva-Brown-3rd, Rachel Rhoades-4th
Lunch/Dinner: Rebekah Maggitti-1st, Gavin LaSala-2nd, Anthony Zugnoni-3rd, Seth Donnelley-4th
Egg Craft: Gavin LaSala-1st

Congratulations Cecil 4-H Dairy Bowl Participants
Congratulations to our Cecil 4-H youth that participated in the Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Competition on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Rachel Ward competed on a combined team with two 4-Hers from Montgomery County and one 4-Her from Queen Anne’s County. The combined intermediate team placed 4th overall. The
senior team placed 2nd overall and Olivia Richart placed 1st individually and Tyler McMullen placed 7th individually. Madison Smith and Melinda Ward were also member of the senior team.

State 4-H Communications Contest Results
Kudos to our four Cecil 4-Hers that participated in the Maryland 4-H Communications Contest on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the University of Maryland College Park. Gavra Goldie competed in the intermediate interpretations division, Ethan Lacher competed in the intermediate extemporaneous division, Gavin LaSala competed in the senior extemporaneous division and Sydney Keys competed in the intermediate prepared division. Sydney was selected as the State intermediate champion with her speech about Parkinson’s Disease.

Eastern Shore Spring Show
The Eastern Shore Spring Show was successfully held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park in Centerville. Cecil County 4-H had a large participation at the show. Congratulations to all the participants!

Judging/Skills Opportunities:
Hippology: Olivia Richart is offering two hippology practices on Thursday, 5/21 and 5/28 at 6:30 PM at the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You don’t have to be participating in this year’s State contest but you can come learn all about this all-encompassing Horse Skills & Knowledge event. Please RSVP your attendance by noon the day of the practice to the Cecil County Extension Office.

Dairy Judging: Cecil County 4-H Dairy Judging practices are just getting underway and taking place on Monday evenings at various locations. The next practice will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the University of Delaware Dairy Farm at 7 PM. Please contact Wayne Carlisle at 443-907-2339 for more information. Below is the State Practice Schedule. Included are the dates for the 2015 Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging sessions. Please contact the Cecil County Extension Office for directions. Unless otherwise stated, all practice sessions will run from 10:00am until 2:30pm. If you have any additional questions or practices that should be listed, please contact Jeff Semler at 301-791-1304 or jsemler@umd.edu.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Breed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, June 30th</td>
<td>Wayne and Allen Stiles Spring Valley Farm, Westminster, MD</td>
<td>Jersey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, July 7th</td>
<td>Eric and Faith Burall and Family, New Windsor, MD</td>
<td>Brown Swiss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, July 14th</td>
<td>David Patrick and Families Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, MD</td>
<td>Ayrshire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, July 24th</td>
<td>State FFA Contest, Washington Co. Ag Expo (9 AM-12 noon)</td>
<td>Most breeds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, July 28th</td>
<td>John Schnebly and Family Crown Stone Farm, Clear Spring, MD</td>
<td>Guernsey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, August 2nd</td>
<td>Carroll County Fair 9:30am, Westminster, MD</td>
<td>Most breeds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dairy Goat Judging: Please contact April by July 15th if interested in participating in the State Contest. We will offer several practice sessions if enough youth are interested in participating.

Poultry and Egg Judging: Please contact April by July 15th if interested in participating in the State Contest

Rabbit Judging: Please contact April by July 15th if interested in participating in the State Contest

Livestock Judging: Cecil County 4-H Livestock Judging practices are just getting underway. Please contact Carla Eastburn at 410-398-7594 for more information.

Horticulture Judging: Upcoming Horticulture judging practices will be held on May 27th, June 10th, June 15th, July 6th and July 15th at 7:00 PM at Rosebank Church, Rising Sun and on June 1st and June 29th at Fair Hill Florist, Elkton. The county contest will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2015. For more information contact Ruth Brown at 410-658-6446 or 410-920-7838.

Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
Enjoy an afternoon at an Orioles baseball game with your 4-H friends and family on Sunday, June 28, 2015! You do not have to be in 4-H to purchase tickets to help raise money for the State 4-H program! A flyer with additional information is available online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/maryland-4-h-day-camden-yards and you can purchase tickets online at: http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h.

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 is redesigning their website
- The Club Theme will be “Reaching Beyond the Stars with 4-H”
- The Fair Book will be out by late May in the Cecil Whig and will also be available online and from the UME-Cecil County 4-H Office
- The Fair Entry Deadline is July 1, 2015 (Animal, Engineering & Club Entries)
- The Cecil County 4-H program will be offering two Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” open sessions to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 and Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:30-8 PM.
- NEW 4-H Club Entry!!!! 4-H Promotional Board and the Rules
- Below are the rules:
  - A painted 4x4 plywood board to promote your 4-H club which will hang permanently in the home arts building.
  - The AA statement can be affixed on the back of the board on an index card prior to entry
  - Club name must be a prominent part of the promotional board
  - The 4-H Clover emblem must also be on the board.
  - Design must be on one side only and should be two-dimensional, expressing one idea to illustrate a phase of 4-H work.
  - Members can use any type of medium
  - Members are responsible for constructing the board, although adults may assist.
  - The Club Boards will hang in the home arts building for many years.
  - Only one board per club
  - Judging criteria will be the same as the 4-H Booths.

4-H Promotional Poster Contest for the Cecil County Fair
All members of 4-H are eligible to participate in the 4-H promotion poster contest. The categories are: Clover, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Members of the Junior Fair Board are able to participate but cannot vote on the posters in their respective age category. Posters are due by July 6th by 4:30 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. Posters will laminated and displayed around the fairgrounds- barns, bathrooms, grandstands, ice cream booth, exhibit hall, etc. to promote the 4-H program. The winners of the contest will be announced at the awards ceremony on Saturday. The 4-H promotional poster contest rules are listed below:
- One Entry per 4-H member
- Posters may be either horizontal or vertical.
- Poster must be designed by the 4-H Member.
- Poster must be designed on or affixed to 14”x 22” poster board
- Poster may use any medium, water color, ink, crayon, acrylic charcoal, oils or collage. They may not be three dimensional.
- Well know cartoon figures such as Snoopy, Garfield Charlie Brown, etc. cannot be used because they are copyrighted.
- The 4-H Members name and age are to be clearly written and attached to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner.
- All posters must have “AA Statement” (located on the last page of this newsletter) clearly affixed to the front of the poster and display the proper use of the 4-H clover.

Maryland State Fair Updates
- Maryland State Fair takes place August 28-September 7, 2015
- The Maryland State Fair Book has been posted online at: http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h
- The Maryland State Fair 4-H newsletter is posted online at: http://extension.umd.edu/news/maryland-state-fair-newsletters (February & April editions)
The online registration system will open up by the end of May and the system closes on July 31st at 11:59 PM.

Below are some descriptions of some new 4-H entry opportunities.

**Knitting and Crocheting Classes:**
This year, Knitting and Crocheting is a new department! There are classes for all ability levels:
- 1st year item
- Clothing accessory
- Accessory for home
- Afghan

These are offered both for knit and crocheted pieces. Check out the Consumer & Family Science division book on the Maryland State Fair website for more information, or contact the superintendent, Jamie Lynne Hester, at jlynne62213@yahoo.com or 443-375-7082.

**Graphic Art Design 4-H Promotional Classes**
Are you good with computers and have a talent for creativity? Consider entering a project in the new 4-H Promotional Graphic Design class! Each 4-H member can enter 1 design per class: County 4-H Promotion, Maryland 4-H Promotion and Open 4-H Promotion.

Designs should be no larger than 8”x10” and may be horizontal or vertical and must be computer generated. All artwork must be original-no images or photos from the internet are permitted except for the official 4-H Clover.

For more details, check out the Division T-4-H/FFA Promotion book posted on the Maryland State Fair website.

**4-H Tailgate Throwdown!**
Have a great tailgate party recipe? Sign up for the new addition to the 4-H Presents! program: 4-H Tailgate Throwdown. Contestants will develop a themed three-course menu consisting of an appetizer, main dish and dessert and will prepare ONE of the courses to be judged. Participants will have a 2 hour time frame to make the dish. The prepared dish and a printed description of the full three-course menu must be presented on a table space creatively decorated by the 4-Her, reflecting the theme. To sign up for the event, please visit the Maryland State Fair website. Under the “Exhibitors” tab, click on “4-H”. This should direct you to the Division Book listings. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Special Programs book and filled out and mailed to the Maryland 4-H Center. Questions about this new class? Contact Cathy Porterfield at 301-314-7823 or cporterf@umd.edu.

**Maryland State Fair Youth Worker Application**
The Maryland State Fair is looking for youth workers over the age of 14 to help out in Animal World, the Home Arts Building, and the Poultry and Rabbit Building during the 11 days of the fair.

If you are enthusiastic about 4-H and able to interact positively with youth, UME and MDSF staff, volunteers, and the public, we want you to apply! You must be currently enrolled in the Maryland 4-H Program and willing to work a minimum of eight 4-hour shifts during the fair. Applications are due by July 15th and can be mailed in or filled out online at: [http://www.jotform.us/form/51133216593147](http://www.jotform.us/form/51133216593147)

If you have questions about working at the State Fair? Contact Amanda Clougherty at 301-314-7835 or akbrown@umd.edu.

**Cecil County 4-H Camp-Applications & Forms Now Available**
The camp staff is planning another fun and memorable 2015 Cecil County 4-H Camp. Camp will take place on August 9-14, 2015 at the Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks outside Forest Hill. Camp is open to youth ages 8-14. Discounted applications are due by July 1, 2015. An orientation will take place on July 8, 2015 in the Elk Room at the Cecil County Administration Building (Date & Location Tentative). Packets have been mailed to everyone that participated in 2014.

You can download a camp application and required materials online at [http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp](http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp) or pick up a packet at the University of Maryland Extension-Cecil County 4-H Office.

**Up and Away with the State 4-H Aerospace Workshop and Challenge!**
The Maryland 4-H Aerospace Workshop and Challenge will continue to excite our 4-H youth engineers as we enter our fourth year. The workshop, which is highly beneficial to participants in the Challenge, will take place on Sunday, July 12 from 2-6:30 at the air-conditioned 4-H Activities Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. On the following Sunday, July 19, the State Aerospace Challenge will take place from 2-6:30 pm. Seniors will compete on a two-person team, but are not required to register with a teammate; individual seniors will be paired with another senior 4-Her upon arrival. For each age group, the contest will include parts identification; general exam on aerodynamics, model rocketry and safety; a build-a-rocket session using pre-selected kits and components; a safe rocket launch with evaluation both pre- and post-flight; and for seniors, interview judging on your rocket design and build. All of the categories of the State Challenge will be
covered at the workshop, which will be led by seasoned aerospace professionals and hobbyists. No preparation is needed to attend the workshop, however study materials will be available to bring home for added preparation before the state-level event.

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 visit http://joescheps2000.wix.com/maryland-aerospace.

Animal Science Activities & Update

Animal Ownership Deadlines

2015 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H

- Enrolled in 4-H and applicable projects by May 1, 2015 to participate in 2015 Maryland State Fair and Cecil County Fair 4-H Events
- Registration papers MUST be in the full name of the 4-H EXHIBITOR ONLY in order to be eligible as a 4-H project.
- An animal can be tagged either commercial breeding or market but NOT BOTH
- Poultry/Waterfowl and Rabbit/Cavy Ownership Forms due June 1, 2015
- Dog and Horse Identification Cards due June 1, 2015
- Breeding and Performance Animal Leases due June 1, 2015 (3 components-Guidelines, Agreement, and Statement of Understanding and Release)
  - Breeding Animal Leases (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats)-A member may not own and lease animals in the same general project area
  - Performance Animal Leases (Horse, Dog, Alpacas and Llamas)-An animal may be lease by up to two different 4-H members and can be exhibited in a single class by only one 4-H member.
- Commercial (tagged) and Purebred Beef Heifers owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Beef Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
- Beef Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Cattle owned by June 1, 2015
  - All Dairy Cows must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
- Market Dairy Steers owned by January 1, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/3)
- Dairy Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Goats owned by June 1, 2015
  - All Dairy Goats must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first
- Commercial (tagged) and Registered Breeding Meat Goats owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Goats owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dog owned/leased by June 1, 2015
- Horse and Pony owned/leased by June 1, 2015
- Market Broilers and Ducks Intent form on file by May 15, 2015
- Poultry and Waterfowl owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Rabbit Intent Form on file by May 15, 2015
- Rabbits and Cavies owned by June 1, 2015
- Breeding Sheep owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Sheep owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Breeding Swine owned by June 1, 2015
- Market Swine owned and tagged by May 15, 2015 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)

All the Cecil County 4-H Animal Science Forms can be found online at: http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/animal-forms

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 a min. of 3 lbs. each
- Market Turkeys-Pair of turkeys, no weight limit, under 7 weeks old (Hatched on or after June 5, 2015) and each weighing a min. of 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 8/1/13)

• Dairy Steer-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/13)
• 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
• Dress Attire Change Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie, or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece-no exceptions (loose necklaces are not to be worn in the show ring)
• Meat Goat Specific Rules: During the show, goats must have all four feet firmly placed on the ground and Prong/pinch collars are not permitted for use

Cecil County Fair Mandatory Livestock Sale Meeting Dates Have Been Set
The Cecil County 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting is mandatory every other year. All new sellers and all youth who did not attend a meeting in 2014 along with a parent are required to attend a meeting in 2015, if they would like to sell an animal in the Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale. The final meeting is scheduled for the following evening:
  o Wednesday, June 3, 2015-UME-Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton, 7 PM

Dog Handling Classes
• Mrs. Debbie Moore is offering 4-H dog handling classes on Wednesday evenings (except the 2nd Wednesday of each month) at 6 PM under the Stafford Pavilion at the Cecil County Fairgrounds in Fair Hill. All 4-H youth carrying the dog project are welcome to participate. (Please make sure your dog’s vaccinations are up to date and do not bring any aggressive dogs or dogs in heat.) For more information please contact Mrs. Debbie at 410-392-5434.

Hands-On Animal Science Classes
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 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:
  • September 22nd “Animal-ology-Test Your Animal Knowledge” we will be learning and participating in a skillathon event.
  • October 27th “Mighty Muscles” we will be learning about muscles and dissecting chicken wings
All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on.

Cecil County Breeders Fair
Cecil County Breeders Fair Livestock, Rabbit/Cavy and Dog shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2015 and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at Fair Hill. The entry deadline has passed, however, you can come support your fellow 4-Hers.

Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2015
The complete Maryland health regulations and forms are 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. 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.

### Poultry Update—No Waterfowl (Ducks & Geese) at Maryland Fair and Shows for 2015

Because of the unprecedented incidences of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) currently in our country, the Maryland Department of Agriculture has revised the 2015 Fair and Show Requirements for Poultry. As of May 8, 2015 waterfowl will be not allowed to enter Maryland Fairs and Shows. All poultry both in state and out of state poultry must be tested for Avian Influenza within 10 days prior entry, or originate from a NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock. See attached revised MD Fair and Show requirements. At this time, the MDA is not ordering the closure of MD Fairs and Shows to poultry other than for waterfowl. However, the Department is constantly monitoring the situation, and if HPAI enters our region, a complete closure of all poultry from our fairs and shows will be ordered. For more information about Avian Influenza check out the MDA website at: [http://mda.maryland.gov/Pages/AvianFlu.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/Pages/AvianFlu.aspx)

**What does this mean?** This means that if you were planning to enter ducks (including meat ducks) or geese at the 2015 Cecil County Fair and/or Maryland State Fair that you will NOT be able to exhibit and/or sell them this year. Also, this means that we will be AI testing ALL chickens and broilers for the 2015 Cecil County Fair and if you were planning to exhibit them at the 2015 Maryland State Fair that we would have to retest your birds for AI within 10 days of the State Fair show.

- The Cecil County Fair poultry testing date will be Sunday, July 12, 2015. The cost will be $1 per bird.

### 4-H/FFA On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training Program

**ALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE—THE DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2015**

All Maryland 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to complete the 4-H and FFA On-Line Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2015 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows. The AH&QA program has been revised for 2015 in partnership with West Virginia University and will also be completed by West Virginia 4-H and FFA members this year.

For 2015, members will have access to the AH&QA program from April 14th through July 1st. **Cecil Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 1st.**

4-H’ers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18)) – all as of January 1 of the current year OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division.

Members may go directly to the AH&QA program at [http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/) The program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer. The on-line program gives youth the opportunity to fulfill the Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance training requirement via internet from their home, school or local library. The AH&QA program has voice narration, so the material is shared in both written and oral form. Members will be asked to respond to questions to evaluate knowledge at different points during the program.

There are two Levels to the program: one level is for Junior members and a second level is for Intermediate and Senior members. Members will be automatically taken to the appropriate Level according to the birthdate entered on the registration screen. The program takes about 45-75 minutes to complete, depending on which level is being completed. When members register for the program, they will be provided a unique Passcode. **Members should write their Passcode down and keep it in a safe place!** If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their Passcode on Welcome screen of the program. ALL members completing the program in 2015 (or any portion of the program) must register and a NEW PASSCODE will be assigned. Passcodes from prior years are no longer valid.
A member must be LOGGED IN for the system to track their progress and record their completion of the program. There is a note at the top of the screen indicating the member’s status. When logged in, the message will read “Logged in: [Member’s Name]”. If the member is not logged in correctly, the message will not identify them by name it will identify them as a “Guest”. Progress will NOT be recorded as a “Guest”. Upon completion of the program, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. It is suggested that members keep the Certificate of Completion with their animal health papers, registration papers, and other animal records. Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla
Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla is back for another year. Hoopla will be held on June 16-18, 2015 in Fair Hill. This three-day program features workshops, fun activities, and competitive events in the horse project area. Many exciting activities and events are planned and are open to all Cecil 4-Hers ages 8-18 as of 1/1/2015. The Horse Hoopla registration materials are available online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-horse-hoopla. The registration deadline is May 29, 2015 to receive the discounted price of $115. A late registration fee of $35 will be added if received after May 29th and all application packets must be received by June 5th.

2015 Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree
The 2015 Maryland 4-H Horse Jamboree is being hosted by Montgomery County and will be held Saturday, June 26 – Monday, June 28, 2015 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center, Frederick, MD. The Jamboree features a variety of Workshops, a Horsemanship Contest, a Horse Art Contest, Horse Crafts, Horse Presentations, and other fun and educational Equine and camp activities, as well as the annual Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest. Detailed event information, registration materials, and contest rules can be found on the Montgomery County website: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015.

All forms should be sent to Montgomery County (not Frederick), and any questions can be directed either to Michael Laudwein at mlaudwei@umd.edu or David Gordon dgordon3@umd.edu.

Maryland Horse Communication Contest
Do you like to talk? Participate in a team demonstration, individual public speaking talk or individual demonstration about horses at the State Horse Jamboree. The State Horse Communications Contest will take place at Jamboree on Saturday, but contestants don't have to attend Jamboree to compete. Detailed event information, registration materials, and contest rules can be found on the Montgomery County website: https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county/4-h-youth/state-horse-jamboree-2015. High scoring senior individuals in the state contest may be selected to compete in the national contest in Louisville, KY.

Leaders & Volunteers Updates

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:

- 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 410-996-520 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:

- 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

Upcoming 2015 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on 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.

Club Financial Books

Don't forget to close out treasurer's books, ending June 30. This treasurer's book will only report half of the year, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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.

Workshop Proposals Being Sought for the Maryland 4-H Adult and Teen Forum

The Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association is accepting presentation proposals for the 2015 Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum, which will be held November 20-22, 2015 in Ocean City, Maryland. The Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum strives to educate volunteer and teen leaders about the best practices involved in working with, teaching, empowering and developing life-skills in youth in support of the mission of 4-H Youth Development. The 2015 Workshop Planning Committee invites adults to submit proposals. Youth-adult presentation teams are welcomed and encouraged. All submissions will be reviewed and selected based on usefulness, relevance, contribution to new knowledge, clarity and completeness, and appropriate instructional techniques.

Workshops should: (1) Promote development of competency in one or more of the following areas: Partnerships, Focusing on Youth, Re-energizing Volunteers, and Further Development of 4-H’s Foundational Elements. (2) Enable and encourage 4-H leaders/volunteers, teens and Extension faculty/staff to explore new program idea’s and share resources in relation to the three mission mandates of 4-H Youth Development: Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (S.T.E.M.); Healthy Lifestyles; and Citizenship. (3) Facilitate interaction between and personal growth of 4-H leaders/volunteers, teens and Extension faculty/staff.

All presenters who are full-time attendees of the 2015 Maryland Volunteer and Teen Forum are required to pay their own registration fee and travel expenses. Day registration (including meals, breaks, workshops and activities for that day) will be available for presenters just attending for the day of their workshop. Additional information (the schedule of presentation, details on presentation methods, etc.) will be provided after your proposal has been approved.

Please visit the Proposal Submission link at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hLYOChyXydVWwEBHAo3ghqIgmlMHIQZ6dp45z2TIT4/viewform?c=0&w=1 to complete the online proposal submission form to have your presentation considered for the 2015 Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum.

The deadline for submission of proposals is July 31, 2015.

Questions? Please contact: Jennifer Hiscock, Workshop Committee Tri-Chair, Maryland 4-H Volunteers’ Association Vice President at hiscockjenn@gmail.com.

Club and Special Interest Group Updates

Young Guns Practices

The Cecil County Young Guns will be holding shotgun practices on Mondays and Fridays, beginning at 6 pm at the Oxford Gun Club, 880 Chrome Road, Oxford PA. Practices will continue year round, weather permitting. New and experienced shooters are welcome, and it is never too late to join! Certified coaches are available from first shot to...
advanced instruction. Please contact the Young Guns at cecilyoungguns@gmail.com with questions, or visit www.cecilyoungguns.com for more information.

**Archery Practice**
Cecil County 4-H Archery practices will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. You do not need to own a bow and arrows as equipment is provided. Come on out and hit the target with archery. Contact the Sanford-Cranes at 410-392-5904 if you are interested in participating, have any questions or need directions to the practice.

**Robotics**
Kara Barnhart will be hosting practices once the State competition materials arrive. Contact Miss Kara’s at (443) 567-3510 for meeting information.

**Club Fundraisers**

**Calvert Boys & Girls 4-H Club Car Wash**
The Calvert Boys & Girls 4-H Club is doing a car wash on Saturday, May 30, 2015 in the Rising Sun Area. Please contact Ellen Larrimore for more information.

**Making Strides 4-H Club Car Wash**
Making Strides 4-H Club is doing a car wash on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Tractor Supply in Elkton. Please contact Tammy Maggitti for more information.

**Junior Council Golf Tournament**
Cecil County Junior Council will be doing a Golf Tournament on Friday, June 19, 2015 from 7 AM-2 PM at Patriots Glen Golf Club in Elkton. Please contact Susan Knight for more information.

**Kibbles-N-Kids Alex’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser**
Kibbles-N-Kids 4-H Club is doing a 50/50 fundraiser to raise money to go to Alex’s Lemonade Stand. Please contact Debbie Moore for more information.

**Young Guns Shotgun Raffle**
The Young Guns 4-H Club is doing a shotgun raffle. Please contact Karl LaSala for more information. The funds raised help to support the Young Guns 4-H Club and three youth on the State 4-H Shotgun team. The drawing will take place in July.

**Cecil County 4-H All-Stars Fundraiser**
The Cecil County 4-H All-Stars will be doing a 50/50 fundraiser to raise money to help support their scholarship fund. Please contact Mark Barczewski for more information.

**Scholarship Opportunities**

**Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships**
Scholarship applications are available online for the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship. They will be awarding over 30 scholarships with a minimum of $1,000 each. All applicants must have participated in Maryland 4-H for 2 years and be pursuing a post-secondary degree or certification. Visit the Maryland 4-H Foundation Website for all the details at http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/_Assets/pdf/MD4H-Scholarship-Application-2015.pdf. Applications are due postmarked by June 1, 2015.

**Maryland Grain Producers Scholarship**
The Maryland Grain Producers offer a scholarship to Maryland residents interested in pursuing an agriculturally related career. The scholarship deadline is June 1, 2015. The scholarship can be downloaded online at: http://www.marylandgrain.com/Scholarship%20Program.htm.

**Maryland State Fair Scholarship**
In recognizing the importance of education and the participation and contributions to the Maryland State Fair, a Scholarship Program has been initiated by the Maryland State Fair. Maryland State Fair offers two different scholarships: The Maryland State Fair Scholarship which is award to 9 students annually and the Marlin K. Hoff Scholarship which is
offered to one dairy project youth. Applications are available online at: http://www.marylandstatefair.com/general-info/scholarships and are due postmarked by July 1, 2015.

4-H Calendar of Events

May 2015
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
27 4-H Horticulture Judging Practice, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun, 7 PM
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/Cavy & Poultry/Waterfowl 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
1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications
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, Elkton, 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
10 Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” Open Session, 6:30-8 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton (to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions)
18 Cecil County Fair “Ask an Expert” Open Session, 6:30-8 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton (to help 4-H youth fill out their entry forms & entry tags and answer any fair related questions)
16-18 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
26-28 State Horse Jamboree & Communication Contest, Frederick
28 Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards, Game Starts at 1:35 PM, Baltimore
1, 10, 15 & 29 4-H Horticulture Judging Practice, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun (10 & 15) or Fair Hill Florist, Elkton, 7 PM (1 & 29)
Mondays Cecil 4-H Dairy Judging Practices, Various Locations

July 2015
1 DEADLINE: Registered Breeding Animal Project Ownership Deadline for the Maryland State Fair
1 DEADLINE: All Cecil County Fair Animal, Club and Engineering Entries (to the address listed on the registration form)
1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Quality Assurance Online Website Closes for Cecil County 4-H for participation in the Cecil County and Maryland State Fairs
1 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H Camp Registration to receive a discounted rate
6 DEADLINE: 4-H Promotional Poster Contest for the Cecil County Fair
8 Cecil County 4-H Camp Orientation, County Administration Building, Elk Room Elkton, 6:30-8 PM (Tentative)
8 Cecil County Fair 4-H Dairy/Dairy Steer Exhibitor Orientation & Set Up, Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
11 Cecil County 4-H Bicycle Event. 8:30 AM, Location TBA
11 Cecil County Fair 4-H Shotgun Event & Written Exam, Oxford Gun Club, Oxford
12 Cecil County Fair Poultry Testing, April & Mark Barczewski’s, Fair Hill (Maryland Residents), Oxford Feed & Lumber, Oxford (Pennsylvania Residents), Location TBA (Delaware Residents)-Time slots will be assigned
13 Eastern Shore District Holstein Show, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centerville, 9:30 AM
19 Cecil County 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Harmony Masonic Lodge, Port Deposit
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: Online ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries (Online Entry System closes at 11:59 PM)
6 & 15 4-H Horticulture Judging Practice, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun, 7 PM
Mondays Cecil 4-H Dairy Judging Practices, Various Locations

August 2015
2 Cecil County Fair Indoor Exhibits Released & Clean Up, Fair Hill
9-14 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
16 Cecil County 4-H Horse Program Fundraiser to support Lily Bolen, 1-4 PM, Cedar Farm, Calvert
27-9/7 Maryland State Fair, Timonium
Mondays Cecil 4-H Dairy Judging Practices, Various Locations

September 2015
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
19 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update (for instructors certified & trained prior to 2013), Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro
21 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
22 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Animal-ology-Test Your Animal Knowledge, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
29 Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton, 7:00 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton

October 2015
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
9 Deadline: National 4-H Conference Portfolios Due to UME-Cecil 4-H Office
19 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, UME Cecil County 4-H Office, Elkton
24 State 4-H Shotgun Match, Glenn Dale
27 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Mighty Muscles, Cecil County Extension 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.

4-H Club Meeting Dates
Rabbit Wranglers-2nd Sunday
Tailwinds Trotters -2nd Sunday
Making Strides-3rd Sunday
Puddle Jumpers -2nd Monday
Stars & Stripes -2nd Monday
Calvert Boys & Girls Clovers-2nd Monday
Kids of the Future-2nd Tuesday
Junior Council -3rd Tuesday
Kibbles-N-Kids-2nd Wednesday
Rising Sun Milk Squirters-2nd Wednesday
Cecil Sliders-2nd Wednesday
Young Guns Shotgun Practice-Every Thursday
Kuntry Livestock-1st Thursday
Calvert Boys and Girls-3rd Thursday
Krazy Kritters-3rd Thursday
County Archery Practice-1st & 3rd Thursday
C-Line 1st Placers-2nd Friday
Tri-State Trotters-2nd Friday
Reaching for the Stars-2nd Saturday
Robotics-Varies

April Hall Barczewski
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County
Victoria “Vicki” Stone
Program Assistant
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County

“University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.”

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
- Cecil County 4-H Camp Application & Form
- Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards

(If you would like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter or any of the registration forms, please contact Micki in the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 or mpresto@umd.edu)