Electronic 4-H Talk Newsletter

We have transitioned from a paper copy of the newsletter to an e-mail version of our 4-H Talk Newsletter where you will be notified when a new version is online, if you would still like to receive a paper copy, please contact April Barczewski at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu by February 28th. **Also, if your e-mail address has changed from what is on your reenrollment form, please notify April Barczewski at adhall@umd.edu.** If you know someone that is not receiving the newsletter, it might be because we have an incorrect e-mail address for them, please tell them to please get in contact with us.

**Inclement Weather Policy-Yes, the snowy season has arrived 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.

**Fantastic Cecil Attendance at the Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum**

Kudos to our University of Maryland Volunteers and Teens that attended the Maryland 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteers in Ocean City on November 22-24, 2013. All that attended seemed to have an enjoyable time.

**Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Craft Workshop Thank You**

A thank you goes to the Junior Council 4-H members and volunteers that helped to conduct the Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Over fifty youth and adults participated in the morning’s workshop. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. Junior Council also held a fun activity in the morning, hosting a Breakfast with
Santa for families to come and meet St. Nick even complete with picture opportunities. Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to our program!

4-H Benefit Auction and Dinner Thank You
The Tenth Annual Cecil County 4-H Benefit Auction and Roast Beef Dinner proved to be very successful! The live and silent auction garnered over $14,000 after expenses for the County and Club 4-H programs in Cecil County. There were 140 registered buyers for the auction. Around 200 people were served roast beef dinners by the members and volunteers of the 4-H Junior Council. Thanks to the members and volunteers that helped with the dinner and auction. A big thanks goes to the “head chef” Peggy Sprout. Again a BIG THANKS goes to all the clubs, volunteers and youth that gathered donations for the auction and purchased items at the auction. Also, thanks goes to the 4-Hers who modeled the auctions items during the sale. In addition, we would like to thank our volunteers and teens that helped with wrapping, moving, and organizing auction items, facility set up and clean up, and the volunteers that helped during the auction to make it run smoothly. At the event, a fun time was had by all. Without the support of our wonderful community, the auction would not have been as successful as it was. The turn out and profits confirm that the community is behind the 4-H youth development program in Cecil County.

Reenrollment Deadline
This is your last issue of 4-H Talk if we have not received your 2014 Reenrollment. In order to get project information and keep up with all the 4-H news and events, be sure to turn in your 2014 4-H enrollment form now! Remember, you must be enrolled in the 4-H project area that specifically relates to the project that you are entering at the county and state fairs. New members have until May 1st to register for 4-H. Current and new members have until May 1st to register for any projects that they plan to enter in the Cecil County and Maryland State Fair. Members and volunteers who were enrolled in 2013 and have not turned in the required paperwork for 2014 should get their reenrollment forms into the Extension Office ASAP so as not to miss out on any 4-H opportunities. Please contact April in the Extension Office if you need your reenrollments forms reprinted.

University of Maryland Extension’s 4-H Youth Development Program 2014 4-H Participation Fee
Again in 2014, 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 from and the fee will be due no later than June 15th so that membership cards can be issued to those in good standing. The fee is only for 4-H youth members ages 8-18 as of 1/1/14. There is no fee for clover members or UME 4-H volunteers.

Maryland 4-H Ages for 2014
As we start the 2014 4-H project year we wanted to remind you of the Maryland 4-H ages.
- Clovers ages 5-7 as of 1/1/14 (members can compete in non-competitive events and receive participation ribbon at 4-H events)
- Juniors ages 8-10 as of 1/1/14
- Intermediates ages 11-13 as of 1/1/14
- Seniors ages 14-18 as of 1/1/14

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 Wednesday, February 26th 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-though will be held on Thursday, February 27th 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 March 1, 2014, 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 2, 2014 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 Monday, February 24th. 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!!!

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 both Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Cecil County Administrative Building in Elkton and March 15, 2014 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert so pick the day that works best for you. Check in will begin at 9:00 AM and Demonstrations (Visual Presentations) will start at 9:30 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. With communications you do not use any aids or props. 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 Wednesday, March 7, 2014.

Robotics
Nicole Madron and Mike LaMonica will be hosting at least one team located at 761 Biggs Hwy., Rising Sun, MD 21911. Meetings be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM.
Kara Barnhart will be hosting at least one team located at 180 Avalon Ave in Elkton, MD 21921. Contact Miss Kara’s at (443) 567-3510 for meeting information. Each location may have more than one team. Right now we know that the North East location will have at least one senior team. We also know that the Elkton location will have at least one intermediate team. No worries though. Additional teams can be added either at the same or a different level.

Eggstravanza 2014
Eggstravanza is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert at 9 AM. At Eggstravanza 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 Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

Camp Counselor and Adult Staff Trainings for 2014
Like 4-H Camp? Will you be Actual age 15 or older in 2014 by August 3, 2014? Want to help more? 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 22 from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
- Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
- Friday, April 4-Sunday, April 6, On Site Weekend Training at the Rocks (Date Tentative)

Annual Sporting Clays Tournament to Benefit Maryland 4-H Youth Programs-March 29th
The Maryland 4-H Foundation 19th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot will be held Saturday March 29, (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, Youth,
Ladies, Veteran, Super Veteran, High Overall, and Teams. A Pit Beef Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Awards, door prizes, a drawing for a Beretta A-300 Outlander Semi-Automatic Shotgun will wrap up the fun-filled day. Entry fees are: Adults—$60; 4-H & Youth—$35. 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 301-314-9070; Conrad Arnold at 410-228-8800; or Schrader’s Sporting Clays at 410-758-1824.

Cecil County Fair Updates
- The Cecil County Fair will be July 18-July 26, 2014 in Fair Hill (Clean Up Day July 27).
- The Fair Book will be online this year.

Animal Science Activities & Update

2014 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H
- Enrolled in 4-H and applicable projects by May 1, 2014 to participate in 2014 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.
- Poultry/Waterfowl and Rabbit/Cavy Ownership Forms due June 1, 2014
- Dog and Horse Identification Cards due June 1, 2014
- Breeding and Performance Animal Leases due June 1, 2014 (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, 2014
- Market Beef Steers owned by January 1, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4 or 1/5)
- Beef Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 16, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/15 or 5/16)
- Dairy Cattle owned by June 1, 2014
  - 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, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4)
- Dairy Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 16, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/15 or 5/16)
- Dairy Goats owned by June 1, 2014
  - 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, 2014
- Market Goats owned and tagged by May 16, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/15 or 5/16)
- Dog owned/leased by June 1, 2014
- Horse and Pony owned/leased by June 1, 2014
- Market Broilers and Ducks Intent form on file by May 16, 2014
- Poultry and Waterfowl owned by June 1, 2014
- Market Rabbit Intent Form on file by May 16, 2014
- Rabbits and Cavies owned by June 1, 2014
- Breeding Sheep owned by June 1, 2014
- Market Sheep owned and tagged by May 16, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/15 or 5/16)
- Breeding Swine owned by June 1, 2014
- Market Swine owned and tagged by May 16, 2014 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/15 or 5/16)

2014 Cecil County Fair Animal Ages and Weights
- Market Broilers-Pair of broilers, no weight limit, under 7 weeks old (Hatched on or after May 30, 2014)
- Market Ducks-Pair of ducks, each weighing between 8-12 pounds (Hatched on or after March 15, 2014)
- Market Rabbits-3 rabbits, 3-5 pounds each, under 70 days old (Born on or after May 11, 2014)
- Market Goat - 55-120 pounds (Born after 9/1/13 and must have milk teeth)
- Market Beef - minimum 1000 pounds (Born after 8/1/12)
- Dairy Steer - minimum 1000 pounds (Born after 8/1/12)
- Market Lambs - 90-145 pounds
- Market Hogs - 220-280 pounds
- Again, No Weight Tolerances in 2014!
- Youth are allowed to sell a maximum of 3 animals in the livestock sale and 2 per species

Animal Science Record Keeping Forms Revised
The Maryland 4-H Animal Science Records have been revised and are more specific to your project area. Cecil County 4-H will be using them for 2014 project year. Project specific records include: Camelids, Dairy, Dog, Horse, Large Animal Breeding, Market Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit & Cavy and Small Pets. The new forms can be downloaded online https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources under the animal project record heading and will soon be posted on the Cecil County 4-H website under the record keeping link.

Hands-On Animal Science Classes
Mrs. April 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.
- February 25, 2013 we will be learning about Animal Anatomy & Physiology and will learn about the animal organ systems and how they work while participating in a sheep organ dissection and going over sheep and goat basics.
- March 25th we will be going over beef and swine basics and learning about different meat cuts.
- April 22nd we will be doing Hands-On Quality Assurance topics and Introducing Animal Science Related Competitive Activities and Events.
All the classes will be very fun and energetic as all the sessions will be hands-on. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP your attendance to adhall@umd.edu or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.

Dairy Quiz Bowl
2014 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 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31 and 4/7. If you can't make the practices but are interested in participating, contact April at 410-996-5280 or adhall@umd.edu.

Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Mini Expo
The University of Maryland Extension will host a Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Mini Expo from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on March 8, 2014 at North Harford High School at 211 Pylesville Road, Pylesville, MD 21132
The mini expo will feature at least 10 educational seminars on urban poultry keeping, feeds & feeding, breed characteristics, rules and regulations, disease prevention and control, production basics, predator control, poultry first aid, poultry production for profit, breeding & incubation, egg grading and handling.
- Door prizes will be awarded!
- Extension Specialists and Educators will be available to answer technical questions about production practices.
- Vendors will be available with poultry equipment and supplies.
Registration is required: Adults: $35 and Children under 18 years: $15. Registration fees include lunch. To register online go to: https://poultryexpo-northharfordhigh.eventbrite.com (registration deadline— February 28, 2014) NO on-site registration is offered!
For additional information about the Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Mini Expo contact UME Harford County Office at 410-638-3255

Sheep Shearing School for Beginner Shearers
The Maryland-Delaware Sheep Shearing School for Beginner Shearers ages 16 and older will be held on April 18 and 19, 2014 at the Ridgely Thompson Farm, Westminster. The cost is $80 per person. At the training you will learn the New
Zealand method of shearing sheep, how to set and adjust blades and care for hand-held shearing machines, and how to properly handle wool after shearing. Blade shearing is not taught at this training. Registration is due by April 14th and is limited to the first 25 people who register. Contact April in the Cecil County Extension Office to receive a registration form. If anyone has questions, please address them to David Greene at greelamb@gmail.com.

Eastern Shore Spring Show
Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be emailed or mailed in mid-March to all who participated in 2013 and will be available online at the Queen Anne’s County Extension website at www.queenannes.umd.edu by mid-March. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014 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 2013 and will be available online by early 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 31, 2014, and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2014, 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 2014
The complete Maryland health regulations and forms will be available soon online at http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx

New 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 2014. 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 at https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/ Please do not compete it until after March 15th as the system will not record your information and will not be valid.

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

State 4-H Animal Science Project Leaders/ Volunteer Webinar Series
The 2014 Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinar Series will be the last Tuesday of every month until May from 7:00-8:00 pm via the UME Connect system. The dates and topics are as follows:
- February 25 - Topic: Closers in 4-H Animal Projects - This session will provide an overview of the research behind the 4-H Closers program, a discussion about national and state guidelines, and an opportunity for sharing tips on conducting successful club Closers programs in 4-H Animal Sciences.
- March 25 - Topic: Managing Liabilities Associated with 4-H Animal Projects and Events - This session will provide an overview of various potential liabilities and risk management considerations and strategies for conducting animal related 4-H events and activities.
- April 29 - Topic: 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - This session will provide 4-H Club leaders and volunteers with a variety of hands-on club activities and resources to support 4-H Animal Science Projects.
• May 27 - Topic: 4-H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects - This session will provide ideas of different volunteer roles that could be implemented at the club level to support 4-H animal science project work and related events.

Volunteers are requested to visit the AGNR Calendar to register for each session at: http://www.agnr.umd.edu/AGNRCalendar/. Recorded session are available online at: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources under the Animal Science Training Opportunities for Leaders. 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:

- Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Monday, April 14, 2014 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, June 5, 2014 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 call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 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:

- March 4th 2014-Risk Management and Liability 6:30 pm
- April 1st 2014-Working Special Needs Audience 6:30 pm
- May 6th 2014-Food Safety 6:30 pm
- June 3rd 2014-Diamond Clover and Older Teen Opportunities 6:30 pm
- September 2nd 2014-Fundraising Workshop 6:30 pm
- October 7th 2014-Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase 6:30 pm
- November 3rd 2014-4-H Club Management and Program Planning 6:30 pm

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.

4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting
The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be the Cecil County Fair and upcoming 4-H programming.

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

Interested in Starting 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 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

2014 Great Potato Contest Rules
The 2014 Great Potato contest is being managed and sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club. Clovers and Juniors – 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.
Fundraiser to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Horse Program
There will be an all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 100 South Main Street (Formally Elkton Road), 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.

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Camp and Junior Council Exchange Trip
There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Calvert Grange on Saturday, March 21, 2014 from 5-8 PM in Calvert to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Camp Program and 4-H Junior Council Exchange trip. The cost is $7 for adults and $3.50 for children ages 6-12. For more information contact Susan Sprout Knight at 443-553-0542.

Golf Outing to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Camp and Junior Council Exchange Trip
On Saturday, May 4, 2014 from 8 AM-2PM there will be a golf tournament at Principio Furnace Golf Course in Perryville to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Camp Program and 4-H Junior Council Exchange trip. For more information contact Susan Sprout Knight at 443-553-0542.

4-H Calendar of Events

February 2014
22 Camp Staff Training, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
24 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices Begin, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
25 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
25 State 4-H Animal Science Clover in Animal Projects Webinar, 7 PM
27 Achievement Night Speakers Practice & Set Up, 6:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill

Last Saturday Sewing Workshop, 2 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton

March 2014
1 Achievement Night, 6:30 PM-Desert Social, 7:00 PM-Program, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
2 Winterfest, Fair Hill, 1-4 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
4 Cecil 4-H Volunteer Risk Management & Liability Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
8 State 4-H Livestock Skill-A-Thon Contest, Hagerstown
8 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Cecil County Administration Building, Elkton, 9:30 AM (Pick 3/8 or 3/15)
8 Mid-Atlantic Small Flock Poultry Mini Expo, 9 AM-3 PM, North Harford High School, Pylesville
13 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
15 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
15 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Rising Sun, 9:30 AM (Pick 3/8 or 3/15)
15 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Opens
19 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
21 Regional Communications Event, Easton High School, Easton
21 Junior Council and Camp Spaghetti Dinner, 5-8 PM, Calvert Grange
22 Camp Staff Training, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, Ebenezer Methodist Church, Rising Sun
25 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
25 State 4-H Animal Science Managing Liabilities Webinar, 7 PM
26 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)
29 Maryland 4-H Foundation Shooting Clays Fundraiser, Schrader’s Bridgetown Manor, Henderson
29 Eggstravaganza, Calvert Grange, Calvert
3/10, 3/24, 3/31 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices Begin, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
1st Tuesday Robotics Practices, 6:30-7:30 PM, LaMonica Residence, Rising Sun
TBA Robotics Practices, Barnhart Residence, Elkton
3rd Thursday Cecil County 4-H Archery Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanford-Cranes, Elkton
Last Sunday Sewing Workshop, 2 PM, Trinity Church, Elkton

April 2014
1 Working with Special Needs Audience Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
4-6 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Rocks (Tentative)
7 Cecil County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices Begin, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
14 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
18-19 MD-DE Sheep Shearing School for Beginners, Westminster
22 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
26 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
26 State Communication Contest, College Park
27 4-H Animal Science Showmanship Workshops, 1 PM, Fair Hill
29 State Animal Science Club Activities Webinar, 7 PM

May 2014
1 Cecil County 4-H Member & Project Enrollment Deadline
3 State Wildlife Habitat Education Program Event
2-4 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training
3-4 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
4 Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
4 4-H Junior Council & Camp Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Perryville
6 Food Safety Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
10 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Centreville
15 & 16 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, Fair Hill
16 Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Form Due in Extension Office
19 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
20 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
27 State Animal Science Roles to Support Animal Projects Webinar, 7 PM
27 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
31 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill

June 2014
1 Horse/Dog Identification Cards Due in Extension Office
1 Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
1 Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
1 County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill
2 Maryland 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament, Hampstead
3 Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
5 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
14 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
17-19 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
27-29 State Horse Jamboree & Communication Contest, Frederick

July 2014
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
13-28 State 4-H African Experience, Tanzania
18-26 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill
31 Deadline: ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries

August 2014
3-8 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks
20-9/1 Maryland State Fair, Timonium

September 2014
October 2014
3 National 4-H Conference Portfolios Due
4 AGNR Open House, CMREC, Clarksville
4 State 4-H Archery Match, Hurlock
5 Maryland 4-H Horsemen’s Party, Clarksville
5 Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Goblin Gallop, Fair Hill
5-11 National 4-H Week
8 Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton (Tentative)
10-12 State 4-H Family Camp
25 State 4-H Shotgun Match, Glenn Dale

November 2014
3 4-H Club Management & Program Planning Workshop, Elkton
20-23 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum, College Park

December 2014
6 Holiday Craft Workshop, Fair Hill
6 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.

4-H Club Meeting Dates

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Kuntry Livestock-1st Thursday
Robotics-2nd & 4th Thursday
Calvert Boys and Girls-3rd Thursday
Krazy Kritters-3rd Thursday
Archery Practice-1st & 3rd Thursday
Tri-State Trotters-2nd Friday
Camp Staff Training-1st Saturday
Young Guns Shotgun Practice-Varies

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

Victoria “Vicki” Stone
Program Assistant
4-H Youth Development
Cecil County

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Find the following documents on our 4-H website under “Upcoming Events”:

- Achievement Night Invitation
- Winterfest Registration
- Communications Day Registration
- Calvert Boys & Girls Great Potato Contest Registration
- Camp & Junior Council Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Flyer
- Horse Program Buffalo Wild Wings Voucher
You and your family are invited to
Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night
Saturday, March 1, 2014
Walls Activity Hall on the Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
Refreshment & Social Time 6:30 PM
Recognition Program: 7:00 PM

- Club Roll Call
- Friends of 4-H
- 1st year 4-Her (Joined 2013)
- 4-H Alumni (Last Year 2014)
- Volunteer Years of Service (1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th)
- 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!

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Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill, MD

Schedule
12:50 Registration and Welcome
1:00-1:55 1st Session
2:00-2:55 2nd Session
3:00-3:55 3rd Session
4:00-4:15 Snacks

Cost $7.00 (includes supplies and snack)
Registration Due by Monday, February 24, 2013 by 4:30 pm

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Cost $7.00 (includes supplies and snack)
Registration Due by Monday, February 24, 2013 by 4:30 pm
CECIL COUNTY 4-H COMMUNICATIONS DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014 at the Cecil County Administration Building
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton OR

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014 at the Calvert Grange, 2357 Telegraphy Rd, Rising Sun
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN AT 9:30 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 Wednesday, March 5, 2014 to the Cecil County Extension Office.

VISUAL PRESENTATION (DEMONSTRATION) RULES

- Length of Visual Presentation:
  - Clover, Maximum 2 minutes or less
  - Junior Division, 3 ½ - 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.

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

- Youth 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
CECIL COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

- 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 Dramatic, Humorous, and Poetry Interpretations: Juniors: 1 ½ to 3 minutes, Intermediates: 2-4 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 interpretations, 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 other categories.
- 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>Prepared Speech - 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. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only juniors may use a complete script. Memorization is not encouraged. Note cards are to be given to the judges at the end of the speech.</td>
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<td>Extemporaneous Speech - 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 &quot;1 MINUTE&quot;, &quot;30 SECONDS&quot;, AND &quot;STOP&quot;.</td>
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<td>Interpretations - Speaker can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using language other than spoken English, the participant must inform Extension Office a minimum of 10 working days before the event to ensure appropriately qualified judges are available. An Interpretation is a memorized oral presentation of selected narrative from published works. Permitted works include dramatic or humorous plays or books or poetry, but not the script of a television show or any unpublished source. Contestants are to bring two (2) copies of the script for the judges, including a complete reference citation. Language other than English must be translated in these documents. (Must be spoken-Singing is not permitted)</td>
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REGISTRATION FORM - COMMUNICATIONS DAY CONTEST -

Name ____________________________ Age as of 1/1/14 __________

Address __________________________ City ______ State ______ Zip ______

Phone __________________________ Location: (Choose 1) o March 8th, Ce. Co. Admin. Bldg., Elkton o March 15th, Calvert Grange, Rising Sun

Youth may do ONE demonstration and ONE public speaking category ONLY!

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Class # __________________ Title/Topic __________________

o Individual o Team

Indicate equipment needed (check all that apply): (*For preparation use only, not during presentation)

o Hot Plate o Easel o Microwave*

o Laptop Computer o LCD Projector o Screen

Public Speaking Class # __________________ Title/Topic: __________________

(Please don’t forget to include your title/topic)

Return by Wednesday, March 5 to:
University of Maryland Extension
4-H Communications Event
200 Chesapeake Blvd, Suite 1500
Elkton MD 21921 or E-mail to adhall@umd.edu
Great Potato Contest Rules

Thank you for participating in our 2014 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 15 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 15 at the BACK DOOR of the Calvert Grange between 10 and 12. 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 2014 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__________