Welcome Micki Preston
We would like to welcome Micki Preston as the new administrative assistant in the Cecil County Extension Office. Part of Micki’s duties include assisting the 4-H program. Micki is working hard to learn all about the Cecil County 4-H program.

4-H Achievement Night Thank You
Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up at 4-H Achievement Night. Also, thanks goes to all the teen speakers. The achievement night results are available under the 4-H & Youth Tab by clicking in the results sidebar. Congratulations to all of your 4-H achievements!

Winterfest Thank You
Thank you to everyone who helped teach at 4-H Winterfest. Sixty youth participated in the fun afternoon of educational learning and activities. Thanks to the teens and volunteers that helped teach. It was a very successful day.

Project Enrollment Deadline
New members have until May 1st to register for 4-H. Current 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.

4-H Paper Clover Fundraising Program at Tractor Supply
Tractor Supply has partnered with the 4-H program to raise money for both national and local programs by implementing the 4-H Paper Clover fundraising promotion in all stores to run from April 23-May 4, 2014: 60% of the proceeds will go to our local 4-H program, 10% will go to the State 4-H program and 30% will go to the National 4-H Council. We are lucky to have a Tractor Supply located in Elkton and will be able to participate in this fundraising effort. We will only
receive monies collected at the Elkton Tractor Supply to support our local program. If any 4-H group is interested in promoting 4-H during this fundraising event at Tractor Supply, please contact April in the Extension Office.

**Congratulations Cecil Horse Bowl Participants**

Congratulations for our Cecil 4-H youth that participated in the Maryland Horse Bowl Competition on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Junior team placed 3rd overall and Gavra Goldie placed 1st individually and Danielle Triola placed 9th individually. Isabella Fausnaught, Sadie Kalman and Brynn LaSala also participate as members of the junior team. The intermediate team placed 4th overall and Arianna Cordrey placed 2nd individually and Lily Planck placed 4th individually. Other intermediate team members were Georgia Barchowsky and Maggie Edelson. The senior team placed 10th overall and Rivera Shannon placed 12th individually and Travis Clark placed 15th individually. Sydney Keys and Morgan Shipley were also members of the senior team.

**Cecil Communications Contest Results**

On Saturday, March 8th and Saturday, March 15th twenty-five 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, Reed Mason-Participation, Isabel Severson-Participation, Nathaniel Smith-Participation, Tarra Todd-Participation, Evan Wilson-Participation

*Demonstrations:*
- Juniors: Gabby Severson-White Award, William Keys-Red Award, Allie Kubek-Red Award, Cate Ness-Blue Award, Taylor Todd-Red Award, Justin Ward-Blue Award, Rachel Ward-Blue Award
- Intermediates: Mackenzie Barnett-White Award, Arianna Cordrey-Red Award, Lexy Droz-Red Award, Ethan Lacher-Blue Award, Lily Planck-Red Award, Claudia Severson-Red Ward, Rachel Ward-Blue Award
- Senior: Melinda Ward-Blue Award, River Shannon-Red Award

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

*Radio Spots:*
- Intermediate: Hunter Madron-Red Award*

*Prepared Speeches:*
- Juniors: Gavra Goldie-Blue Award*
- Intermediate: Katherine Severson-Blue Award*
- Senior: Anthony Yetzer-Blue Award*

*Interpretations:*
- Junior: Brynn LaSala-White Award*
- Senior: River Shannon-Blue Award, Melinda Ward-Blue Award*

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

All Junior, Intermediate and Senior Participants Qualified for the Regional Contest on March 21st

*Selected to participate in the State Communications Event at Maryland Day on April 26th

**Regional Communications Results**

Congratulations to our only Cecil County 4-Her that participated in the Regional Communications event on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Easton High School in Easton. Kudos to all the participants! Below are the results:

*Prepared Speech:*
- Senior: Anthony Yetzer-1st place

**Maryland Day 2014**

Grab your family, friends and neighbors and head out to the University of Maryland College Park on April 26th for Maryland Day 2014. The University of Maryland’s popular open house is family-friendly and is filled with learning, exploration and fun. There are more than 400 hands-on exhibits, workshops and live performances. Come enjoy our global village. In our college, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, our annual Ag Day
will be buzzing in and around the animal science courtyard and barns. In the plant science building and on the mall near Symons Hall, the State 4-H Communications event will begin at 10 AM. Also 4-H will be highlighted in the Science, Engineering and Technology Zone in the Animal Science Courtyard. Parking and transportation on campus are free. The event runs from 10 AM until 4 PM. For more information visit the website at: www.marylandday.umd.edu

**State Communications Event**

We will highlight the speaking abilities of our 4-H youth at the State Communications Contest held during Maryland Day, Saturday, April 26th from 10 AM until 1 PM. The speaking awards will be announced in a central location in the afternoon at 3 PM. This year there will be locations for prepared, extemporaneous, and interpretative speeches as well as radio spots. ALL county champions are encouraged to participate. If any youth would like to serve as room monitors or announcers, and any if adults would like to serve as judges, contact Sandy Corridon at corridon@umd.edu.

**Horticulture Judging Information Meetings and Practices**

If you are interested in the Horticulture judging program there will be informational meetings on Monday, April 28th at 7:00pm and Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00pm at Rosebank Church in Rising Sun. Starting in May, Horticulture judging practices will be held on Monday evenings at Rosebank Church, Rising Sun or Fair Hill Florist, Elkton. For more information contact Ruth Brown at 410-658-6446 or 410-920-7838.

**Maryland 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest**

Calling all wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts! The Maryland 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Contest will be held at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro, MD on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:30AM until approximately 2:30PM. WHEP provides an opportunity for youth in all 4-H age divisions to test their skills in wildlife identification, apply their knowledge of ecological concepts, and learn more about wildlife management.

There will be awards in each age division and the top scorers in the senior division may have the opportunity to represent Maryland 4-H at the National WHEP Contest. Lunch will be included with the cost of registration for participants and will be available for purchase by non-participants. There will be a hike and wildlife activities for Junior participants. Anyone with an interest in wildlife & the outdoors is encouraged to come, compete, and learn! Registration forms and contest information are available at: http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/4-h-youth/whep

**Cecil County Beginner and Advanced Welding Classes**

There are plans to offer two welding classes this year: a beginner class starting in May for one night a week for 4 consecutive weeks, and then an advanced class starting after the completion of the beginner class for 4 additional weeks. Beginner classes will start on Tuesday, May 6th and will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM at Jerry’s Automotive, Rising Sun. The welding classes are open to intermediate and senior aged 4-Hers. There will be a cost of $5 to participate in the beginner classes. The advanced classes will tentatively begin on Tuesday, June 3rd. In order to participate in the advanced class, you must have participated in the beginner class either this year or in the past. If you are interested in participating in the welding classes, please register in the Extension Office by April 28th and let us know if you are interested in the beginner and/or advanced classes. Contact the Extension office to register at 410-996-5280 or e-mail adhall@umd.edu. Space is limited and offered on a first come, first serve basis, so sign up now to reserve your place.

**National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program**

National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training that will allow them to return to their homes and advocate for the program at the county, regional, and state level. Some Ambassadors may be asked to support national events as well. Ambassadors provide public relations support at special events such as donor/sponsor functions and also serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports Program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs more visible. The Ambassador's further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building. Teens must be a minimum of 15 years of age and active in 4-H shooting sports to be eligible to apply. Interested teens should submit complete applications to Conrad Arnold prior to May 15. State Coordinators will select two applications, identify one as the primary candidate and one as the second if space allows. The cost and arrangement of transportation to the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All lodging (including linens), meals, transportation during the event and materials will be provided.
Maryland 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament
The Maryland 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament will be Monday May 19, 2014 at the Montgomery Country Club, with a 1pm start. All levels of skill welcome! Please join us in our new location! Visit the Maryland 4-H Foundation Website at http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/calendar/2014-md-4-h-golf-tournament for more information.

Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards will be Sunday June 29, 2014. The Baltimore Orioles will be playing against the Tampa Bay Rays. All tickets are $13 and $5 of each ticket is donated to Maryland 4-H! Visit the Maryland 4-H for all the details at https://extension.umd.edu/news/maryland-4-h-day-camden-yards for more information.

Volunteer to Host a Japanese Teen for One Month
Experience the richness of the world, without even leaving home. Each summer, Maryland 4-H sponsors 10-12 Japanese youth ages 12-16 who come to Maryland for one month - July 26 through August 22nd. These eager Japanese youth want to experience American culture, make new friends and improve their English by staying with your family. Every family is welcome in this program-you don't have to be in 4-H. For more information and applications for hosting a Japanese delegate may be completed on-line at: https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-programareas/hosting-your-family or contact Alisha Targonski at: alishat@umd.edu or call 301-314-7319.

Cecil County Fair Updates
• The Cecil County Fair will be July 18-July 26, 2014 in Fair Hill (Clean Up Day July 27)
• The Club Theme will be “Exploring Our Future with 4-H”
• The Fair Book will be out by late May and pre-entries are due by July 1, 2014.

Camp News
Camp Application
The camp staff is planning another fun and memorable 2014 Cecil County 4-H Camp. Camp will take place on August 3-8, 2014 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, 2014. An orientation will take place on July 9, 2014 in the Elk Room at the Cecil County Administration Building. You can download a camp application and required materials online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp.

Animal Science Activities & Update
Animal Science Updates
• The State Horse Jamboree is scheduled for June 28-30, 2014 at the Frederick County 4-H Camp and Activity Center in Frederick
• The poultry and waterfowl testing date will be Sunday, July 6, 2014. The cost will be $1 per bird.
• Cecil County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Practices will be on Monday evenings at various locations. If you have questions contact Wayne Carlisle at 443-907-2339.
• If you are interested in Dairy Goat Judging contact April at the Extension Office by May 1st.

Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training Program
ALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE –THE DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2014
The Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training (AH&QA) program must be completed individually by all 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef (dairy steer), dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits projects for eligibility to exhibit their project animals in Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows in 2014. The Maryland 4-H Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance training will be online again in 2014.

All new youth who exhibit animal projects or those intermediate and senior aged youth who completed the program in the past and have added new projects for 2014 (alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse & pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine) must complete the online training. In addition, youth need to take the training online once as a Junior member (4-H age 8), 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 is accessible now and will remain open until July 1 at https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/ or by accessing the Cecil County website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/animal-husbandry-quality-assurance
There are two major parts to the program:
- Part 1 is completed by all members (Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors)
- Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species – Intermediate and Senior aged members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each species project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit.

**Swine Update**

Cecil County 4-H (and the entire Maryland 4-H program) will only be tagging market swine in 2014. We will not be weighing 4-H Swine in 2014 due to the concerns of potentially spreading Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDv). PEDv is a virus spread through contaminated feces and causes older pigs to go off feed and have acute diarrhea and vomiting for up to 7 days. In newborn piglets (under 7 days of age) it can be fatal. It is not zoonotic, so therefore it poses no risk to other animals or humans. Also, it poses no risk to food safety.

Tagging animals is an important step in validating ownership of 4-H project market animals. As in the past, tagging of 4-H animals will be supervised by UME 4-H faculty/staff or an appointed designee. Tagging will be done on the exhibitor’s trailer by the exhibitor (family) and observed by the appointed designee, at the time and place designated by County 4-H faculty/staff. A specific letter will be e-mailed/mailed to those youth that carry the swine project.

The rate-of-gain requirements are waived for 2014 Maryland 4-H Swine Shows. At this time all 4-H swine shows will still go on as scheduled including Eastern Shore Spring Show, Cecil County Breeders Fair, Cecil County Fair and Maryland State Fair.

**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.

- April 22nd we will be going over beef and swine basics and learning about different meat cuts.
- May 27th we will be doing companion animal and poultry basics and making tasty treats for our pets.
- June 24th 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.

**Animal Science Showmanship Workshop**

There will be an Animal Science Showmanship workshop on Sunday, April 27 from 1-4 PM at the Cecil County Fairgrounds 4-H Livestock Barns in Fair Hill. Come join us for a fun-filled day about 4-H Animal Fitting & Showmanship and pick and choose the classes that you want to participate in. A minimum of 5 youth must be registered for each species for it to take place. Choices include: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Pets, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine. Registration is due by April 23 by e-mailing adhall@umd.edu or calling 410-996-5280.

See the attached flyer for more information.

**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:
- 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.

**Horse Hoopla T-Shirt Design Contest**

Make an entry for the design for the 2014 Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla t-shirt. The winning drawing/design is to promote Horse Hoopla, and will be featured as the front design on the t-shirt. Drawings must be in black and white, and on paper no larger than 8 1/2 x 11. The simpler and bolder the design, the better! Entries can be dropped off or mailed to...
the Cecil County Extension Office, or scanned and emailed to cecilhorse@gmail.com or adhall@umd.edu. Entries must be received by May 1. Voting will take place online. A link to the voting survey will be emailed to everyone, and will also be on by May 2nd on www.cecilhorse.com. Voting will close on May 20th.

Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon

The 2014 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon will be held Sunday, May 4, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival. The Festival is always held the first full weekend of May at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship. Registration for the contest begins at 8 a.m. The contest starts at 9 a.m. Awards will be presented at approximately 1 p.m. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch (pizza and sodas). The skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county or state may compete. Youth compete according to their age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth ages 8 to 10 compete as juniors; youth ages 11 to 13 compete as intermediates; and youth 14 to 18 compete as seniors. Pre-registration of individuals and teams for the 2014 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is requested by April 28. Preregister by sending names, ages, and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu (or via fax at (301) 432-4089). Online registration is possible at www.sheepandwool.org. For more information, contact Susan at (301) 432-2767 x343 or visit the web site at http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html.

Eastern Shore Spring Show

Eastern Shore Spring Show will be held on Saturday May 10th 2014 at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centerville, MD. The Eastern Shore Spring Show booklet has been e-mailed to all who participated in 2012 and is available online under the 4-H & Youth Tab by clicking on the Upcoming Programs sidebar and clicking on the Eastern Shore Spring Show tab or from the Cecil County Extension Office.

Cecil 4-H Market Animal Tagging and Weigh-In Information

Cecil County 4-H will be tagging and weighing all 4-H Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Feeder Calf projects on Thursday, May 16, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. and Friday, May 17, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the 4-H Scales at the Cecil County Fairgrounds in Fair Hill, MD.

First State Livestock Jackpot Preview Show

The event will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2014 for Market Beef Steers, Lambs, Swine and Meat goats in Harrington, DE. Registration materials can be downloaded online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/first-state-livestock-jackpot-preview-show and paper copies can be obtained from the Cecil County Extension Office. The entry fee is $25 per animal. All proceeds benefit the Kent County, Delaware 4-H Livestock Program. For more information contact Susan Garey in the Kent County Delaware Extension Office at 302-730-4000.

Cecil County Breeders Fair

Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014, and the Horse Shows will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Fair Hill. Entries are due post marked by Monday, May 1st. The Breeders Fair Show booklet will be e-mailed to all who participated in 2013 and is available online under the 4-H & Youth Tab by clicking on the Upcoming Programs sidebar and clicking on the Breeders Fair tab or from the Cecil County Extension Office. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla

Cecil County 4-H Horse Hoopla is back for another year. Hoopla will be held on June 17-19, 2014 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 1/1/2014. 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 31, 2014.

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)
  o Breeding Animal Leases (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats)—A member may not own and lease animals in the same general project area
  o 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
  o 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 by 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

Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2014
- The complete Maryland health regulations are available online at http://www.mda.state.md.us/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Show.aspx. Health certificates will be three carbon copy pages, are not available online and will no longer need to be stamped and approved 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. Papers will still be due within 60 days of your first show, and if your animal required vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 21 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are effective. Papers are available from your veterinarian or at the Cecil County Extension Office. All Cattle and Swine must be identified using an official USDA or MD tag that is associated with a registered premise (This includes vaccination tags or 840 tags; brands, tattoos, ear notches, and farm tags are not acceptable. All sheep and goats must be officially scrapie-identified.)
Mandatory Livestock Sale Meeting Dates Have Been Set
The Cecil County 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting will be mandatory every other year. All new sellers and all youth who did not attend a meeting in 2013 along with a parent, are required to attend a meeting in 2014, if they would like to sell an animal in the Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale. The meetings are scheduled for the following evenings:
  - Thursday, May 22-Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun, 6:45 PM
  - Wednesday, June 4-Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 7 PM

Leaders/Volunteer Meeting
The next 4-H leaders meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Extension Office. The main topics we will be discussing include upcoming 4-H Activities and Events happening this summer including the Cecil County Fair.

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:
  - May 6th 2014-Food Safety 6:30 pm
  - June 3rd 2014-Diamond Clover and Older Teen Opportunities 6:30 pm (All teens are welcome to attend)
  - 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.

University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings for New Volunteers
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. 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. April or Vicki will be conducting monthly UME Volunteer trainings prior to the 2014 Cecil County Fair. If no one RSVP’s, that months training will be canceled.
Scheduled trainings are:
  - 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 doing the online volunteer training, rather than attend one of the in-person trainings listed above. Volunteers may no longer register themselves to attend training. A volunteer must have completed all UME Volunteer paperwork, been interviewed, completed a position description, and have complete reference checks before attending. Your county 4-H educator will register you for the online training.

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

Club and Special Interest Group Updates
Archery Practice
Cecil County 4-H Archery practices take place on the third Thursday in April at the Sanford-Crane residence on West Lewis Shore Road, Elkton. Beginning in May 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
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 Rising Sun 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.

Golf Outing to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Camp and Junior Council
On Saturday, May 3 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 susank@ardenttitle.com

Cecil County 4-H All-Star Book Scholarships
The Cecil County 4-H All-Stars will be awarding a select number of book scholarships to 4-Hers who are 4-H members and plan to enroll in or are enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college or technical school for the 2013-2014 academic year. You can download application online under the 4-H & Youth Tab by clicking on the Upcoming Programs sidebar and clicking on the Scholarship tab or from the Cecil County Extension Office or you can request an application from Mark Barczewski at 302-743-9950 or mrbarczewski@gmail.com. The completed application is due May 15, 2014.

Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Scholarship applications are available online for the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship. They will be awarding 31 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/how-we-give/apply-for-scholarship. Applications are due by June 1, 2014

Other
Cecil County Farm Bureau Scholarships
Cecil County Farm Bureau, Inc. is offering four $1,500 scholarships: two Ray Mueller Scholarships and two Steve Carson Young Farmers’ Scholarships. The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is April 30, 2014. Guidelines and application forms are available by contacting calling the Cecil County Farm Bureau Office at 410-392-4226 or downloading the application at http://cecil.mdfarmbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2014/04/14-scholarship.pdf

4-H Calendar of Events

April 2014
22 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
23-May 4 Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraiser and Promotion
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
28 & 30 4-H Horticulture Judging Information Meeting, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun, 7 PM
28 State Animal Science Club Activities Webinar, 7 PM
Monday Evenings Cecil 4-H Dairy Judging Practices, 7 PM (Various Locations)

May 2014
1 DEADLINE: New Member Enrollments in the Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Projects Enrollment for New and Current Cecil County Members in the Extension Office
1 DEADLINE: Cecil County Breeders Fair Entries
3 State Wildlife Habitat Education Program Event, Patuxent River 4-H Center, Upper Marlboro
3 Golf Tournament to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Camp and Junior Council, Principio Furnace Golf Course, Perryville
2-4 State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
3-4 Sheep and Wool Festival, West Friendship
4 Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon, West Friendship
6 Food Safety Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
10 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
15 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H All-Star Book Scholarship
15 & 16 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline for Market Goats, Lambs and Feeder Calves, Fair Hill
16 Tagging & Ownership Deadline for Market Swine
16 Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Form Due in Extension Office
17 First State Livestock Jackpot Preview Show, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington
19 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
19 Maryland 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament, Montgomery Country Club, Laytonsville
20 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
22 Mandatory Livestock Sale Meeting, 6:45 PM, Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun
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

Monday Evenings Horticulture Judging Practices, Rosebank Church, Rising Sun or Fair Hill Florist, Elkton, 7 PM

Every Tuesday beginning 5/6 Beginning Welding Workshops, 6:30 PM, Jerry’s Automotive, Rising Sun (5/6-5/27)
1st & 3rd Thursday Archery Practice, 6:30 PM, Sanford-Cranes, Elkton

June 2014
1 DEADLINE: Dog/Horse/Rabbit/Cavy/Poultry Identification Cards 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: Cecil County 4-H Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
1 Cecil County Breeders’ Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill
3 Diamond Clover & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
4 Mandatory Livestock Sale Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
5 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
6-8 State 4-H Engineering Camp Weekend, Rocks 4-H Camp Center, Street
14 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, College Park
17-19 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
24 Hands-On Animal Science Class, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
28-30 State Horse Jamboree & Communications Contest, Frederick 4-H Camp and Activity Center, Frederick

July 2014
1 DEADLINE: Registered Breeding Animal Project Ownership Deadline for the Maryland State Fair
1 DEADLINE: All Cecil County Fair Animal, Club and Engineering Entries
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 the Discounted Rate
6 Cecil County Fair Poultry Testing, April & Mark Barczewski’s, Fair Hill
9 Cecil County 4-H Camp Orientation, County Administration Building, Elk Room Elkton, 6:30-8 PM (Tentative)
12 Cecil County 4-H Bicycle Event
13-28 State 4-H African Experience, Tanzania
18-26 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill (Clean Up 7/27)
31 DEADLINE: Online ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries (Online Entry System closes at 11:59 PM)

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

September 2014
2 4-H Club Fundraising Workshop, Elkton
6 Tailwinds Family Day on the Farm, North East
25 Cecil 4-H Animal Science Planning Meeting, Elkton

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 Horsemens’ 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, PG Trap & Skeet Club, 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.

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Find the following documents on the Cecil County Extension website at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county under the 4-H Youth Development Tab

Achievement Night Results
Cecil 4-H Camp Registration
Cecil 4-H Horse Hoopla Registration
Cecil County Breeders Fair Booklet & Registration
Eastern Shore Spring Show (ESSS) Booklet & Registration

(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)