DECEMBER, 2012

7 & 8  Annual Toy Sale and Auction, 4-H Park
7  Centreville Christmas Parade
25  CHRISTMAS DAY, OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY, 2013

1  HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
3  Officers Training
9  Monthly Leaders Meeting
20  State 4-H Gala
21  HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
22  RECORD BOOKS DUE BY 4:30 p.m.
    Extension Office

Thanks to Growing Together 4-H Club for decorating our office window for Veteran’s Day. We welcome any club to decorate our window. There is only one window available to decorate versus the previous two windows. Please contact Sue, 410-758-0166, if you would like to decorate the window.

Record Books are due no later than January 22, 2013. The office is closed on the 21st. You may turn them in as soon as you have completed them – the earlier, the better! If you would like to schedule a presentation for record books, please contact Miss Sally at srosenbe@umd.edu or call 410-758-0166.

4-H Park Board Fundraiser
The 2nd Annual Toy Show, Sale and Auction Fundraiser for the QAC 4-H Park Board is being held at the 4-H Park on Friday evening, December 7th from 6:00-9:00pm. It continues on Saturday the 8th from 10:00-2:00 with an Auction of toys beginning at 3:00pm. Admission is $3.00 with children 10 and under FREE. Food and drink will be for sale by the QAC Park Board. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE QAC Park Board.

Merry Christmas

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK DISPLAY CONTEST

Thanks to all of the clubs that participated in the display contest during National 4-H Week. We had a good turnout, but the goal is to have 100% participation. Maybe next year we can attain that! The QAC 4-H All Stars provided the prize money. We are lucky to have such a supportive All Star group and we thank them wholeheartedly.

Winners: 3D Category- 1st - Growing Together; 2nd - Greenies; 3rd - Goat.
Poster Category- 1st-K-9; 2nd - Church Hill; 3rd - Tuckahoe Trailblazers; 4th - Growing Together.
Tri-fold Category- 1st- Shooting Stars; 2nd- Pony Express; 3rd- Go-Getters.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Everyone had lots of fun at the Holiday Workshop. We made several different Christmas ornaments from felt, popsicle sticks and clear, plastic, fillable balls. We made caramel apples and “Texas Cornbread” in a jar. Fleece scarves were made and decorated with beads. Miss Lisa, from Richard Brusca Nursery, came and taught us how to make large bows with wired ribbon.

Thank you to our 4-Her’s, Gabbi Milliken and Michael Lee, who helped with the crafts. Also thanks to Julia King and her group of volunteers from Chesapeake College. They learned how easy it is to burn caramel if the heat is too high! As always, a big thank you to the parents who stayed and helped and to those who transported our participants.

CENTREVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

December the 7th is the date of the Christmas Parade in Centreville. The parade route has changed this year! It will begin at the QACHS (as normal) and proceed down Kidwell Avenue. It then turns and goes up Commerce Street (as normal) but then it continues and turns right onto Turpin Lane, then right onto Banjo Lane and left onto Railroad Avenue. It then follows Railroad Avenue back to the QACHS. So, it will begin and end at the same place, making it easier to get back and forth.

Queen Anne’s County 4-H only has three groups this year 😟 They are: the Pony Express 4-H Club, the Young Riders 4-H Club and the Farm to Market 4-H Club. This is a BIG parade and hopefully next year we’ll have more clubs get involved. It’s great promotion for our 4-H program and lots of fun for the 4-Hers.

ATTENTION Club Reporters...
The 4-H Office would love to know what upcoming events or activities you have planned so that we can share in our newsletter!!

Maryland 4-H is asking clubs to send in filled baskets to be auctioned in the 2013 MD 4-H Awards Gala Silent Auction. Contact Sally for more information at 410-758-0166.
REMINDERS….

The County PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST will be held on March 8, 2013. (Snow date March 22nd) It will take place at Chesapeake College again. If you have anyone you know who would like to judge, please contact Miss Sally.

The ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET will be held at the 4-H Park on March 24, 2013. Plans for this will be discussed at the next leaders meeting on January 9, 2013. Please be thinking about how to improve the program and present your ideas at that meeting.

TRACTOR SCHOOL

New format for 2013. Instead of several evenings and Saturdays spread over two months we are going to teach the entire course in an overnight camp weekend. If you are 14 – 16 years old and want to attend to become certified to be employed in agriculture please hold the dates of March 15-17, 2013.

Reminder – If School is cancelled because of bad weather – All activities at the 4-H Park are cancelled for that day and evening.

BEEF TAGGING

Market steer ownership deadline is January 1st. You MUST call the Extension office 410 758-0166 or email cjohstn@umd.edu by December 15th to let us know that you have a steer project for 2013. We will then tell you when tagging will be held. Feeder calf and commercial heifer deadline is June 1, 2013 and Breeding heifers are July 1.

OFFICERS TRAINING

There will be a 4-H Officer’s Training held January 3, 2013 at 7:00pm at the 4-H Park. It is necessary for all clubs to send all of their officers, even if they’ve held the position before. There are new things to cover with the new charter and IRS rules.

We will be bringing in outside instructors to assist with each office and their duties. Please RSVP by December 28, 2012. You need to call in your name, club and office held. You may call 410-758-0166 or email srosenbe@umd.edu.

HORSE BOWL & HIPPOLOGY

Want to learn more about horses? Here’s your opportunity! Practices for Horse Bowl and Hippology Competitions will begin January 3, 2013. We are searching for juniors through seniors who would like to participate. You don’t have to own a horse or belong to a horse club to be on the teams. We are particularly in need of juniors. Horse Bowl is like the Jeopardy Game on TV. Hippology is identifying everything about the horse and their accessories. Items are laid out for you to identify.

Pat Ward will be coaching the seniors, Dottie Gannon the intermediates and Catherine and Dot Gannon will coach the juniors. At this time, we are looking for a coach for Hippology. For now, those who are interested in Hippology may attend Horse Bowl practices and it will be incorporated together.
Practices will be held on Thursdays at the 4-H Park beginning January 3rd and continuing until the competition on April 21st. Practices start at 7:00pm. If you would like to give it a try, please call the Extension Office at 410-758-0166 or email srosenbe@umd.edu.

**SCIENCE ROCKS! (And so does the Shooting Stars 4-H Club)**

Kudos to the Shooting Stars 4-H Club for participating in the ECO BOT CHALLENGE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT on National 4-H Science Day. The club had lots of fun making their tiny robots and “cleaning up environmental spills”. They have also made rockets and participated in the National Science Rocketry Challenge.

The Shooting Stars 4-H Club also participated in the “Million Minute Family Challenge.” This challenge runs from September 1st through December 31st, 2012. You can go online at [www.millionminute.com](http://www.millionminute.com) to register to play. The object is to accumulate a million minutes of families or groups playing board and card games together. The Shooting Stars played their games at the Kent Island Library, which is where their club meets. This is the second year that they have added their minutes toward the goal of one million. They all had a lot of fun.

The club members are also going to be doing some community service on December 8th. They will help serve dinner at the Shelter on Kent Island. Way to go Shooting Stars!

**4-H CLUB REPORTERS**

Club reporters need to get their club activities into the newspapers. Articles about children (especially with photos) really help to sell newspapers, so they like to have your reports and photos too. If you need help with contact information for the newspapers, please call the extension Office and we’ll help you.

**4-H LEADERS MEETING**

January 9, 2013 is the date for the next Leaders Meeting. We will discuss what needs to be filed for your clubs and when things are due. Hopefully, you are already working on what you need to do to get your charter. All of the information is in the Handbook you were given at the October meeting. I am willing to work with each leader, individually, if you wish. I can also make the Jan. meeting a working meeting for the charter and IRS requirements. If we choose to do this as a group, be prepared to bring all of your information and expect to run a lot later before adjournment. I am considering meeting at the 4-H Park to give us room to work (if that’s what you all want to do).

We will be discussing Public Speaking and the Achievement Banquet too.

Please let me know how each of you would like to proceed with the necessary paperwork for your charter and IRS requirements. I will send out an email on this as well.

The Queen Anne’s County Extension Office would like to wish you and your family a safe and joyous Holiday Season!!
Or Current Occupant

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