# February & March, 2012

## Queen Anne's County Office

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The plans were to have all newsletters emailed, but unfortunately, we still don’t have all the club re-enrollments in and many forms still don’t have emails included. Remember we must have your email on file to send your newsletter!!

**SAVEFARMFAMILIES.ORG FUNDRAISER** – QA County 4-H Park, Saturday, February 18th from 3-8p.m. Call our office for more information @410-758-0166.

Just a heads up….Before you know it the Eastern Shore Spring Show will be here…the book and entry forms will be available by February 15th! Stop by the office or check out our website... [http://queenannes.umd.edu](http://queenannes.umd.edu)

Reminder: Don’t forget if you want to utilize our Office windows to promote your club, please give Ms. Sue a call at 410-758-0166. Note: April and May is already taken.

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Agricultural Experiment Station and Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, martial or parental status or disability.
4-H DAY IN ANNAPOLIS - Monday, February 20, 2012 Annapolis, MD

Are you interested in learning more about MD State Government and your role as a citizen and constituent? Then this event is for you. Come spend this Presidents Day with other Maryland 4-Hers as they tour our State Capitol and meet MD legislators who will share info about how a bill becomes a law. Learn how various government officials describe their role and how we as citizens can become more involved in our own government. If you or your clubs are interested in attending this event please call Miss Sally for more information.

155 RECORD BOOKS FOR ACHIEVEMENT!

Congratulations to all 155 4-Hers who turned in record books this year! The top age division was the Intermediates with 53 books, followed by the seniors and the juniors who tied with 42 each and the clovers with 18. Don’t forget to attend the Achievement Banquet on Sunday, March 25th beginning at 3:30 with dinner starting at 4:00. You will receive your books and awards at that time.

BI - MONTHLY LEADERS MEETING

Jan. 11th was our 1st 2012 leaders meeting. It was well attended by 10 clubs with 14 present. There was discussion about our Public Speaking Contest. It will be held at Chesapeake College on Friday, March 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. It was determined that it is CRITICAL to have 4-Hers notify the Extension Office if they are NOT planning on attending and giving their speech. There were 44 contestants that simply did not show up last year. We actually had a set of judges who had no one show up to be judged! Leaders need to stress to their clubs that if you are not going to give your speech, let us know.

Achievement was a big topic. We decided to raise the club fee by $10.00 over last year’s fee. Notices will be sent out. Food items requested will remain the same. Again, letters will be sent out regarding this information. The silent auction will be different this year in that all proceeds will go to our county program. Each club is being asked to donate one or more theme baskets to be auctioned off. We will set out a donation jar in hopes that other family members will give a donation to help cover the costs of this program. Two committees were formed: Auction Committee–Lisa Michaels, Beth Sissom & Lynn Whitby and General Committee–Patrick Lee, Lisa Michaels, Beth Sissom & Robbin Brown.

Our next meeting will be held at the Extension Office on March 14th at 7:00 p.m. A reminder and agenda will be emailed out prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend or send a representative from your club.

POTATO PROJECT

Have you ever tried to grow your own potatoes? Well, now is your chance. We have 4-H sponsors who will purchase your seed potatoes and we will distribute them to all who are interested. Call the Extension Office by March 12th and we’ll have them ready for you to pick up by March 18th. If you sign up, you will be given “seed potatoes” in 5 pound increments. You will be supplied with growing instructions and tips. All you have to do is plant and care for your potatoes throughout the spring and summer. You can exhibit them in the Fair too. At harvest, you bring
your potatoes into the Extension Office and we will weigh and bag them and then take them to markets. Each grower will receive ½ of the money from the sale and the other ½ of the money is donated wherever the sponsors wish. It is important that you bring in some of your harvest for sale. This is the incentive for the sponsor, as this is where their charity donation comes from. If you have NO POTATOES we ask that you please donate $2.50 back to the program. For the past few years the money has gone to the 4-H Park where we all benefit from it. Call now!

COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING – NEW LOCATION

Please check your office mailboxes for your public speaking forms and PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR CLUB WINNERS ON THE SHEETS PROVIDED IN YOUR CLUB MAILBOX.

2012 is bringing a change in location to our County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. This year it is moving to Chesapeake College! The date is Friday, March 9, 2012. The starting time is 7:00 p.m. so please arrive at 6:45. This will give you time to find your room and get settled in before the contest starts. Judges and room monitors will meet for a brief orientation beforehand. Please be respectful of your surroundings – we want to be invited back next year!

It is very important that you send your club results to Sue, in the office, as soon as possible. We will not have as many rooms as we had at the Centreville Middle School. This means that we have to know how many are coming to the County Contest and the type of speech they are giving in order to schedule the speakers, judges and rooms effectively.

All champions in the county will be eligible to compete in the State Contest. The State Contest will be held during Md. Day at College Park on April 28, 2012. There will also be a Regional Contest that is being held at the Easton High School on March 23rd beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Regional Contest has no bearing on the State Contest. It will still be the COUNTY WINNERS that go on to the State Contest. The Regional Contest will give the county winners another opportunity to practice their speech and get additional judge’s feedback. They also receive CASH AWARDS!

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO COME TO THE COUNTY CONTEST AND DO NOT PLAN TO COMPETE, NOTIFY SUE THAT YOU ARE NOT COMING!!! In the past, we have had many “No Shows” and it really makes it difficult to run the competition in a timely manner. So, PLEASE, let us know if you are not coming.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please remember if schools are closed or called early for inclement weather, all 4-H County functions will also be cancelled. Contact your club leader for your club policy. Also if you regularly meet at the 4-H Park and are canceling a meeting (such as holiday time or for inclement weather), please call Rodney the 4-H Park Caretaker at 410-829-6803 and leave a message. The Park Board cannot afford to open and heat the building when it is not in use. Thanks!!
SEWING WORKSHOPS

We are planning to hold several sewing workshops this spring. If you are interested in these, please contact Ms. Sally or Miss Sue with what you would like to learn. It could be making a skirt, making a tote bag, making shorts, making placemats, making aprons, quilting, learning to use a sewing machine, learning to sew by hand or any other skill or project that you are interested in.

I would like to have your ideas by the end of February. That will give me time to find the proper instructors, location, etc. I hope to hear from lots of you!

PARK CLEAN UP DAY

NOTICE TO ALL 4-H CLUBS!!

Park Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, March 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until around 3:00 p.m. Lunch and drinks will be supplied by the Queen Anne's County 4-H All Stars. ALL CLUBS are expected to participate in this event. There are many things to be accomplished – both indoors and out. It WILL be held Rain or Shine!

The Park Board is compiling a list of what needs to be done. The following is a partial list: paint the main hall, paint outside of dining hall, clean flower beds, clean commercial building #1, wash all windows, wash tables & chairs, clean barbeque pit, clean outdoor bathrooms, rake leaves.

A final list will be given to us after the Park Board meets on March 1st. We will determine who does what prior to Clean Up Day. Further information on this will be relayed to the Club Leaders after March 1st.

In the interest of having enough food and drink available, we need each club to call the Extension Office and give us an approximate number of volunteers that will be attending from your club. Parents and siblings are encouraged to participate as well. Please call in by March 12th.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

There will be a club fee dependent upon your enrollment numbers. Each year we have operated at a deficit and we cannot continue to do so. The cost of the awards and food are ever rising and we feel that charging this fee will substantially help to offset this cost. Each club will be sent a bill and the checks are to be made out to QACEAC. The fees will range from $30.00 to $85.00. You may contact the Extension Office if you feel that the amount we are requesting creates a hardship to your club. Thank you for your cooperation.

We will hold the Achievement Banquet at the 4-H Park on Sunday, March 25, 2012. The arrival time is set for 3:30 with dinner beginning at 4:00. Each club will be responsible for bringing different food items and for carrying out various other duties. We want our Ambassadors to lead pledges, do invocation, hand out programs, etc. Each club should set up a table display about their club and its activities. You can display your scrapbooks, trophies, club activities, community service projects, general club info, etc. It is especially important to have your displays this year as all the new County Commissioners are invited to attend. This is one of our best opportunities to showcase what we do for our youth and our communities. Our county government is cutting budgets and jobs and we need to show that we benefit our county. Club
Ambassadors are asked to take charge of these displays at the Banquet. Clubs are asked to send photos for the power point (minimum of 15 pictures).

At the Leader’s Meeting held on January 11th, it was decided that at this year’s Achievement Banquet, the silent auction will be a little different. This year each club is asked to donate one (or more if you can) “THEME BASKET”, 100% of the proceeds go to benefit our local 4-H Office. Make it as BIG or small that is up to you and your club; there is no specific dollar amount. The Silent Auction Committee is Lisa Michaels her email is lmich@atlanticbb.net, Beth Sissom is motojock99@aol.com and Lynn Whitby is lfwhitby@yahoo.com. Please be sure to let them know what your theme basket will be and its contents.

**REMEMBER – HORSE AND PONY PROJECT MEMBERS**

Don’t forget – Horse and Pony Cards MUST be updated by MAY 1ST; for the Queen Anne’s County Fair; JUNE 1ST for State Fair. You may call the 4-H Office and ask for Ms. Sue, she will update your present cards on file, however, if you are adding a new horse, that has not been photographed you must call or stop by the 4-H Office to schedule an appointment to photograph and measure your horse or pony.

**TRACTOR, FARM EQUIPMENT SAFETY CLASS FOR YOUTH**

If you are between the ages of 14-16 and are interested in attending a 24 hour tractor certification course to become eligible to work with agriculture equipment, please call the 4-H Office and speak with Chris Johnston at 410-758-0166 or email cjohnstn@umd.edu by March 1st!

**POULTRY TESTER OPPORTUNITY**

Would you like to become a certified Poultry Tester??? If so, call 410-758-0166 and speak with Sally Rosenberry to register! Class will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 10-1 p.m. in Salisbury, Maryland. There is a fee of $10.00.

**EASTERN SHORE SPRING SHOW – MAY 12, 2012**

The Eastern Shore Spring Show will be here before you know it!!! There are shows for Beef, Dairy Cow, Dairy goat, Rabbits, Cavies, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats. Entry information can be found at our website http://queenannes.umd.edu Or stop by our office to pick up a copy. All information will be ready and on the web by February 15th!!! Entry deadline is APRIL 12, 2012, PLEASE NO FAXED COPIES.
REGIONAL 4-H HORSE SCIENCE DAY
MARCH 24, 2012
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY 4-H PARK
8:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Get ready for the Knowledge Horsemanship Standards Testing
Open to 4-H members on the Eastern Shore.
This program will consist of guest speakers and fun hands on activities presenting information on a variety of topics. In addition, the information presented will help youth prepare for the Knowledge Level Testing of the Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards. Levels 1 and 2; knowledge and Riding and Level 3; Riding; must be passed to become eligible to compete at the Maryland State Fair. The morning will focus on Levels 1 & 2 with the afternoon focused on Level 3.

Sessions to include
Nutrition Tack
Veterinary Care Grooming
Trailer Safety Horse Knowledge

There is a $5.00 registration fee. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch. Drinks will be provided and refrigeration is available.

For more information contact Edna Garlic at 410-482-2293 or email eigerlic@atlanticbb.net

Mark your Calendar ~ An Official Horsemanship Standards Knowledge Testing will be held May 6th at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park.

REGIONAL 4-H HORSE SCIENCE DAY
REGISTRATION FORM
MARCH 24, 2012
REGISTRATIONS DUE BY MARCH 19, 2012

NAME ____________________________ 4-H AGE ________

PHONE________________________ EMAIL ___________________ COUNTY ________

ADDRESS ____________________________

Select One training tract _______ Levels 1 & 2 _________ Level 3

Horsemanship Standard Knowledge Level that you will be officially testing for on May 20, 2012
Level 1 - 2- 3 (circle one)

Please complete registration and mail with $5.00 fee (make checks payable to QACEAC) to:
University of Maryland Extension –QACEAC
C/o Sue Wolff
505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4
Centreville, MD 21617

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Poster Contest
Queen Anne’s County Fair
4-H Park ~ ~Centreville, MD 21617

Design a poster that promotes the Queen Anne’s County Fair and win a savings bond or cash prize. THERE WILL BE FOUR AGE DIVISIONS. (ALL AGES AS OF JANUARY 1ST OF CURRENT YEAR)
5-7 years old or 8-10 years old
11-13 years old or 14-18 years old
There will be one winner per division that will receive a $100.00 savings bond. 2nd and 3rd place will receive a check for $10.00. Ribbons are to be awarded to Honorable Mention entries.

Grand Champion Poster will be used on Queen Anne’s County Fair Promotional Articles.

Rules and Regulations

Poster Board Size – 22” x 28”
DEADLINE: Thursday, MAY 31, 2012, by 4:30 p.m.
Posters to be entered at the Queen Anne’s County Extension Office
(505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4), Centreville, Md (410) 758-0166
Previous winners are ineligible to enter in the same age division in which they won.

Information to be Included on the Poster: (this is very important)
Queen Anne’s County Fair
August 6-11, 2012
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park
Rt. 18
Centreville, MD 21617
Admission: $2.00 per person
Phone: 410-758-0267
For more information and to register on-line visit: www.queenannescofair.com

The remainder of the poster should depict:
“CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF THE QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY FAIR”.

For any drawings: pen and ink, crayon, magic marker or paint may be used. Limited to choice of ONLY 3 COLORS. On the back of the poster at the bottom of the right hand corner write your name, parents name, complete address, phone number and age as of January 1, 2012.

Judges Decision will be Final
All posters (winners and non-winners) will be displayed throughout the County. Grand Champion Poster will be used on QA County Fair Promotional Articles and displayed at the 2012 QAC Fair. Award winners will be notified by the first week in July. Awards will be presented at the QAC Fair and you will be notified by mail. SPONSORED BY: “Brent T. Carroll, CPA”, Centreville, MD and the QAC Allstars.
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY  
4-H HORSE HOOPLA  
When: Friday, March 30, 2012  
And  
Saturday, March 31, 2012  
Where: Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park  
Don’t miss out on this fun and believe or not educational weekend!  
On Friday, March 30th starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be a themed “pajama party” (of course without your 4-legged friend) with fun educational activities and popcorn to snack!! Oh and don’t forget your sleep gear, we will be bunking in the indoor building!!  
On Saturday, breakfast and lunch will be provided starting at 9 a.m. There will be hands on fun workshops which will include horse related crafts and educational workshops to increase your knowledge and skills of horses!  
Come for the one day or come for both  
WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING 40 REGISTRATIONS, SO REGISTER EARLY!!  

Cost: Both Friday and Saturday: $40.00  
Just Saturday from 9-NOON: $20.00  
Must pre-register by March 16, 2012  

If you have any questions call the 4-H Office at 410-758-0166  

Scholarships may be available upon request for Queen Anne’s County 4-H’ers – please contact Chris Johnston or Sally Rosenberry  

Attached please find the registration form to send back!
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY HORSE HOOPLA REGISTRATION FORM
March 30 & 31, 2012
DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2012
(Only 40 participants will be accepted)

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: _______________ County: __________ Email: ________________________________

Club: ____________________________________________

T-Shirt size: please check appropriate size: Youth Lg. _______ Adult S _______ Adult M _______
Adult L___________

I will be attending Friday & Saturday (fee $40.00)___________ Only Saturday (fee $20.00)___________

Please make checks payable to: QACEAC
*Note: Health Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office.

Send registration, health form and check to:
University of Maryland – Extension
505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4
c/o Sue Wolff
Centreville, MD 21617

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Maryland 4-H
Grains for Youth!

Donate Grain! Make a Difference!
By donating grain, farmers provide opportunities for youth across Maryland and can save on self-employment tax, federal income tax, and state income tax.

Why Should I Get Involved?
For many cash basis farmers, significant tax savings can be achieved by donating crops directly to the Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Tax Savings
Cash charitable contributions are deductible only as an itemized deduction from adjusted gross income which results in reducing federal income tax only. By contributing crops to the Maryland 4-H Foundation the cash basis farmer avoids having to include the sale of the cash crop in income, which results in saving self-employment tax, federal and state income tax.

Use Professional Advisors
The farmer should always consult with a professional tax or legal advisor to determine tax implications prior to making the gift for current tax law information.

How Do I Donate Grain?
1. Deliver the grain to one of the participating grain elevators.
2. Indicate how many bushels are for the Maryland 4-H program, making the Maryland 4-H Foundation the owner of those bushels.
3. Sign donation form, approving the grain donation and amount donated.
4. Grain will be sold at current day’s price and credited towards Maryland 4-H Foundation account.
5. Farmer will receive tax deductible donation receipt from Maryland 4-H Foundation once payment has been received from grain elevator.

Participating Grain Elevators
Hostetter Grain, Inc. (www.hostettergrain.com) & Nagel Farm Service (www.nagelgrain.com)

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Tips for Making Gifts of Grain

1. **Timing** – Gifts of grain to the Maryland 4-H Foundation can be donated from the current or previous year’s harvest.

2. **Unsold Commodity** – The gift should be from unsold crop inventory with no prior sale commitment. A farmer will gift the grain to the Maryland 4-H Foundation, and let them decide when to sell it.

3. **Physical Delivery** – Be sure the gift is farm commodities, not warehouse receipts, which could be considered a cash equivalent. The charity must be able to demonstrate “control and dominion” over the gifted property.

4. **Retention of Control** – Farmers cannot offer any guidance in the transfer agreement as to the retention or sale of the gifted commodity.

5. **Documentation** – The original sales invoice should list the Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. as the seller.

6. **Passage of Risk** – After the transfer, the Maryland 4-H Foundation assumes the cost of storage, transportation and marketing, and bears and risk of loss.

Why donate to the Maryland 4-H Foundation?

The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization that funds opportunities for Maryland 4-H youth and volunteers on a club, county, regional, state, national and international level. Founded in 1959, the Maryland 4-H Foundation has expanded to provide 24 out-of-state project & leadership opportunities, 22 academic scholarships, and $700,000+ is state level program support.

For more information about Foundation programs, please visit
Www.mymaryland4-hfoundation.com

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