JULY
10       QA County Farm Bureau Picnic, 4-H Park
10-13    Talbot County Fair
17       MANDATORY Pre-Fair Meeting, 7 p.m. 4-H Park
18-21    Kent County Fair
22       Beef Workshop, 4-H Park, 6:30 p.m.
30       Canning Workshop, 9-4; 4-H Park
31-3     Caroline County Fair
31       Canning Workshop, 9-2; 4-H Park

AUGUST
5        Second MANDATORY Pre-Fair Meeting, 7 p.m.
12-17    QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY FAIR
23-Sept 2 MARYLAND STATE FAIR

“SPECIAL NEWS”
Dr. Carson Scholarship Winners grow in Queen Anne’s County

Dr. Ben Carson, world renowned Pediatrician of John Hopkins University is pictured here with Grace Park, who attends Matapeake Middle School and who is also a 4-H member of Dream Riders 4-H Club. Grace was one of the Carson scholarship winners.

Skylar and Willow Podraza who attends Matapeake Elementary and Willow Podraza who attends Stevensville Middle School, and also members of the Pony Express 4-H Club were also recipients of the Carson scholarship.

To be awarded this scholarship you must carry at least a 3.5 GPA and be recognized for academics, extracurricular and their commitments to their communities through service. This is a HUGE accomplishment, University of Maryland Extension for Queen Anne’s County wish to CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON THIS AWESOME ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!

*pictures taken from Bay Times, 6/5/13
IMPORTANT - COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

The county fair website is www.queenannescofair.com. All outdoor exhibits must be entered by July 15th. We have a brand new online entry system and it appears to have a few bugs. DO NOT PANIC – if you are trying to enter something and it will not go thru- enter what you can and then send an email with the information that you could not enter to cjohnstn@umd.edu. WE WILL GET YOU ENTERED if you email it. Indoor exhibits need to be entered by August 1st if you want to have your entry tags preprinted or if you want to write your tags you can enter.

ALL 4-H Animals must be on grounds by Monday, August 12 from 7am to 4pm and will not be released until 10pm on Saturday, August 17th.

All Non Perishable items can be entered Friday, August 9th 5-8 p.m. or Saturday, August 10th 11-2 p.m. Perishable are baked goods, flower and vegetables. Any and all entries except Club entries are accepted Sunday, August 11th from 12-4 p.m. Club entries must be entered by Saturday at 2 p.m., as they are judged Saturday afternoon.

COMMERORATIVE BRICKS

The Queen Anne’s County Fair will be placing commemorative personalized bricks on the 4-H Park grounds. For example: your personalized brick can be in memory of a loved one or simply your family name. Bricks cannot be used as a form of advertisement.

Please note this is not a fundraiser, you are only being charged for the cost of the brick and engraving. Please see attached order form.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Queen Anne’s County 4-H All Stars and the 4-H Office would like to congratulate the following 4-H’ers who received a $900.00 Book scholarship for 2013!

Cyle Johnston, former 4-H’er of the Farm to Market 4-H Club
Amber Cruz, member of the Pony Express 4-H Club; Anna Sissom, member of the Growing Together 4-H Club; Olivia Sultenfuss, member of the QAC Goat Club and Sarah Branham, member of the Go Getters 4-H Club.

2013 POSTER CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to the twenty-one (21) artistic 4-H’ers who participated in the annual poster contest. Our GRAND CHAMPION WINNER FOR 2013 is NASH RICHARDSON who is a member of the Marksmanship Club. In the 5-7 Year old group: Bryan Lumb, Alyssa Scholz, placing 2nd; Kylee Starr, placing 3rd; and ELENA EYNEK placed 1st. In the 8-10 Year old group: Colleen Weaver, Madeline Kent, Devin King, Christian Lumb; Annaliese Tuttle, Michelle Tuttle, Ashlynn Kunes, placing 3rd; Logan Bozarth, placing 2nd; and JULIA SMITH, placing 1st. In the 11-13 Age group: Morgan Elburn, placing 3rd, Lilly Eynek, placing 2nd and ANNIKA KOEHLER placing 1st. Thanks again for your participation an enthusiasm!!
There’s still time!!!  We have already conducted our Pickle and Jam classes; our last two (hands on) workshops will be held at the 4-H Park on July 30 & 31. They will be Pressure Canning and Tomatoes/Salsa. The first class will be $35.00, if you would like to take the second it will only be $20.00.

There will be four (4) certified instructors to guide you through the process. For more information please contact our office at 410-758-0166.

4-H DAY CAMP

Camp was held June 24-27. A good time was had by all 40 who attended. The weather held out for us and it didn’t rain until we finished on the waterslide the last day. As soon as we made it inside, the rain came pouring down and minutes later we lost electric power! We still had enough light in the dining room to enjoy our ice cream sundaes, but it did make it difficult to clean in the dark with no water pressure. It all worked out in the end and we all had a good time.

A huge thank you goes out to Theresa Connelly for organizing and running the Clover section of camp as well as helping with the older camp. Thanks to all the adult volunteers: Janice Lumb, Lynn Whitby, Star Schweiger and Nicole Brown. Thanks to Svienn Storm for the donation of our ice cream and to the QAC 4-H All Stars for lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to Barbara Barga for presenting an awesome program on animal science. Thank you to the Tuttle family for bringing their chicken and goats, Anna Schmitt for her rabbit, Kayla Eisenhart for her rabbit too, Melissa Anderson for her horse, Bailey Riggs for her calf and Miss Chris for her dog. Thank you to Choptank Electric for donating 40 lamp kits and sending three employees to teach us how to make them. Thanks to the Sherriff’s Department for sending Deputy Jason and his dog to give us a demonstration on the working dog – they were awesome!

We had counselors and CIT’s (counselor in training) that did a wonderful job. The CIT’s were: Kayla Eisenhart and David Lumb. The counselors were: Michael Lee, Jennifer Kelly, Anna Schmitt, Melissa Anderson and Phillip Whitby. A special thanks to Melissa for helping with the Clovers.

This year each day had a theme. Monday was STEM day, Tuesday was Craftsman day, Wednesday was Animal day and Thursday was Healthy lifestyles day. We’re already thinking ahead to next year and what fun things we can come up with for camp in 2014.

Again, thank you to all who contributed and I hope I didn’t leave anyone’s name out!

FAIR NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS
4-H Indoor Fair Chairpersons Needed

We are searching for volunteers on Sunday, August 11th and/or Monday August 12th to help with the Indoor entry and judging process. Adults are needed to organize entries and record judges’ results. There will be senior 4-Hers to assist the chairpersons.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday for: Garden, Flowers-House Plants-Flower Arrangements, Decorated Cakes, Cookies, Breads, Pies-Candies, and Field Crops. Additional organization is appreciated for areas not being judged until Monday.

Sunday the intake begins at 12:00, organizing at 4:00 and judging at 7:00.
Volunteers are needed on Monday for: Woodworking-Environmental Sciences-Electric, Photography, Food Preservation, Child Care-Home Environment, Art, Crafts, Scrapbooking, and Clothing.

Monday the judging begins at 9:00 and is generally over by 12:00. From 12:00 until 4:00 the last of the organizing is done and the finishing touches are completed.

There is a TREMENDOUS amount of work to be completed in the Indoor Department. Adult and senior volunteers are DESPERATELY NEEDED for both days. The more help we have, the easier the job is for everyone. PLEASE consider helping in some capacity. Contact Sally if you are able to help.

As always, we are looking for judges for all of our departments in the Indoor Division. If you know of anyone who is willing to judge, please let Sally know ASAP.

**CLUB ASSIGNMENTS FOR INDOOR FAIR BUILDING WATCH**

Each club is assigned a day or night slot of 4 hours to supply people to stay in the 4-H Indoor Building. Please supply older, reliable 4-Hers, parents or other family members who are capable of watching out for disruptive and undesirable behavior. You are also there to answer questions and be an ambassador for 4-H. The biggest problem is usually the “little fingers” that want to touch everything! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

The following is a schedule of times for clubs to participate. As always, if you have a scheduling problem, please contact Sally and we will try to rearrange times to suit your club membership. Anyone is welcome to sit, even if it is not your “scheduled” time. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated on Monday from 2-6, as I will be extremely busy getting things organized and awards taken care of to be presented that evening. Thank you all for your help!

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**INDOOR FAIR CHANGES AND INFORMATION**

**Section D – Photography.** There are no longer two camera categories, it’s all one. There is a new class for “sky watching”, animals are now separated into “animals” or “birds and insects”.

**Section P – Food Preservation.** More classes have been added to this section. See our website (queenannescofair.com) for the new classes.

**Section S – Home Environment.** This section has a major overhaul. It more closely follows the classes at State Fair. See our website for the new classes.

**Section T – Art.** There is a new class for “pastels”.
Section U – Crafts. NO LEGOS ACCEPTED! Enter LEGOS in the Home Arts. Place jewelry or small objects in a zip lock bag. A new class for “mosaics” has been added.

As always, please read over the rules and regulations.

Baked cakes must be in the clear, hard plastic bakery containers. There will be some available at the Extension Office for $2.00 each. They will also be available on Sunday at intake, but you will have to place your cake in it yourself. Adhere to the decorated cake dimensions. Place cookies on disposable plate inside a zip lock bag. Same goes for bread, candy and pies. No Plastic Wrapped Items will be accepted! Scrapbook pages are entered under Section V – “Scrapbooking”, not under crafts. Lamps made at camp should be entered under Section U – “Crafts” in class 33-“Craft made at camp”. They can’t go under electric, as they were made from a kit.

REMEMBER – If there is a class for your project in 4-H, it belongs in 4-H – not Home Arts. You are not supposed to double enter into both sections. If 4-H does not have a class for your item, that’s when you enter it into Home Arts.

4-H CLUB PROJECTS

The theme for this year’s booth is: “4-H, Share the Fun”

All club projects must be entered on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00p.m. or on Saturday from 11:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. All of the club projects will be judged after entries close on Saturday

SAVE the DATE!

The Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park Board is hosting an afternoon of food and fun for all of the 4-Hers and volunteers. It will be held on Saturday September 7th and will start at 3:00pm. Food will be provided by Paul Gunther’s Catering. Games will also be organized. More information will follow and an RSVP will be required to ensure that we have enough food available.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Start thinking about your displays for our National 4-H Week which is October 6-12, 2013. Our booth theme of “4-H, Share the Fun” ties in nicely with 4-H Week. Let’s have lots of displays for promotion this year!

MANDATORY PRE-FAIR INFORMATION SESSIONS:

If you plan on exhibiting any animal (dogs excluded) at the Queen Anne’s County Fair in 2013 you will be REQUIRED to attend one of two pre-fair information sessions. Important information regarding animal health issues, behavior expectations, livestock sale information and requirements will be shared. We are offering two dates for you to choose from. If the 4-H member is not available either date than a family representative should attend. We encourage both youth and parents to attend. The Maryland Department of Agriculture has set some new policies in place for our fairs and shows and it is important that you attend or send a representative. You can come on July 17th or August 5th - 7pm at the 4-H Park.

MDA HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All dairy and livestock must have a valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) completed by your veterinarian and a Self-Check Health form completed by the 4-H member and a responsible adult prior to entering the gate at the fairgrounds. The CVI does not have to be sent or taken to MDA for approval.
Once your veterinarian checks your animals they will give you a carbon copy of the form – that is what you need to bring to the fair with your animals.

Poultry exhibitors that have submitted count fair entries will be contacted after July 15 to set up a time to have our county poultry testers inspect and blood test your birds. You will also be responsible for completing a self-check form but not a CVI.

Horse exhibitors will have to have a valid negative coggins test done within one year and a equine self check form completed by the exhibitor and a responsible adult.

Dog exhibitors will need proof of rabies vaccination.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OWNERSHIP**

Important details for breeding stock. The 4-H member must have bona-fide ownership by July 1st. This means that the registration papers from the respective breed association are in the 4-H members name only – not a farm name or siblings. Purebred breeding stock do not need to be tagged.

**Maryland 4-H On-Line Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program**
The Maryland 4-H Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program is an on-line training program which enables youth to fulfill the Quality Assurance training requirement via internet from their home, school or local library. A new Junior Level has been added for 2013.

**2013 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**
* All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, llamas, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required complete the training to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2013 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows.
* 4-Hers are required to complete the on-line training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year) OR when as Intermediates and Seniors, they are new to an animal science project listed above. Thus, each time a member enters a new age division, they will be required to complete the training PLUS if an Intermediate or Senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within an age division they must return to the program and complete the program for the new species area.

There are two different Levels to the program. Members will be automatically taken to the appropriate Level according to the birthdate entered on the registration screen:

**Junior AH&QA Level**
There is one part to the Junior Level.
There is not species specific information as in the Intermediate and

**Senior Level**
Intermediate and Senior AH&QA Level
There are two parts to the Intermediate and Senior Level:
Part 1 is completed by all intermediate and senior members.
Part 2 - contains specific information for each animal species - members will need to complete Part 2 of the program for each specie project they are enrolled in and wish to exhibit. For 2013, members will have access to the AH&QA program from March 15 through July 31st. Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 31st.
Also for 2013, ALL members completing the program (or any portion of the program) must register and a NEW PASSCODE will be assigned. Passcodes from prior years are no longer valid.

Information to Help You Successfully Complete the Maryland 4-H AH&QA Program:
Members may access the AH&QA program at: https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/ or a link to the program will be posted on the Animal Science Program Resources page of the Maryland 4-H website at http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/.

The AH&QA program has voice narration, so the material is shared in written and oral form. Members will be asked to respond to questions to evaluate knowledge at different points during the program. When members register for the program, they will be provided a unique Passcode. Members should write their Passcode down and keep it in a safe place! They will be asked to enter their passcode when responding to the “Check Your Knowledge" and “What I Learned” quizzes. The program takes about 45 minutes for Juniors to complete and 60-75 minutes for Intermediates and Seniors to complete. If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their Passcode on Page I of the program. A member may log out at any point by clicking on the Log Out? Link underneath each slide.

A member must be LOGGED IN for the system to track their progress and record their completion of the program. There is a note at the bottom of each slide indicating the member's status. When logged in, the message will read “Welcome, [Member’s Name]. Log out? “. If the member is not logged in correctly, the message will read “You are not currently logged in. Your progress will NOT be recorded”. Upon completion of the Junior Level or the Intermediate and Senior Level individual specie sections, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. It is suggested that members keep the Certificate of Completion with their animal health papers (CVI forms), registration papers and other important animal records.

If a member is correctly logged in, the Certificate of Completion will automatically fill in the member's name and date of completion. A blank Certificate of Completion would indicate that the member was not correctly logged in. Each member's progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

INTERNATIONAL 4-H EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

URGENT _ Our State is still short on host families – PLEASE RESPOND ASAP if your family is willing to find out about hosting.

Our state 4-H staffs are currently in the process of searching for Maryland 4-H families to host delegates from Japan as part of our involvement with the States’ 4-H International Exchange Program. Our ten Japanese youth and one adult chaperone will be arriving in the United States on July 21st and staying through August 19th. Because the 4-H States’ Exchange Program wants to make sure that each delegate has a host sibling that they can relate to, these families will need to have at least one child between the ages of 12 and 17.

If you think that your family would be interested in participating please go to the event website for more information http://states4hexchange.org/ Click the “Become a host family” tab and follow the instructions to fill out the Electronic Host Family Information Sheet(e-HFIS). As a reminder, filling out the e-HFIS is not any form of official commitment, but simply the first step in finding out if the family is a good fit for the program.

Please notify our county 4-H office if you are interested so that we can assist you with the UME volunteer process.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKSHOPS

Below is a list of state wide practices that are available. At each practice there will be classes for judging and an official who will talk the classes. If you have young people that are interested and don’t have a county coach some of the other county coaches will also be available to work with them on reasons if they would like.

State Sheep Practice: The Rills
Thursday, July 11, 2013 starting at 6:30pm
4 classes of sheep
Address: 427 Lee’s Mill Road, Hampstead, MD 21074
Phone #: 410-374-2339

State 3 species practice: The Houghs
Thursday, July 25, 2013 starting at 6:30pm
Classes of all livestock
Address: 17403 Hardy Rd, Mt Airy, Maryland, 21771

Carroll County Fair
Friday, August 2, 2013, starting at 9:00am
All 3 species
Address: 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157

STOP AND THINK BEFORE YOU LEAVE ME IN THE CAR!!
THANKS
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The cost of each brick is $40.00, please make checks payable to Queen Anne's County Fair and send them to the Queen Anne's County Extension Office.

If you would like for your brick to be on display for this year's Queen Anne's County Fair, the order form must be paid and turned into the Queen Anne's County Extension Office no later than July 1, 2013.

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University of Maryland Extension – Queen Anne’s Office
505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4,
Centreville, MD 21617

Phone Number:
410-758-0166
Or Current Occupant

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