Thank you to all of the clubs who turned in all of their annual paperwork. We appreciate your effort to accomplish this in a timely manner.

4-H YEARBOOK
Thank you to all of the clubs who turned in ads for the 4-H Yearbook, we will be accepting them until March 30. The yearbooks and the online fair entry forms should be available for you to register for the fair in early May.

MARCH 7 – MEAL APPEAL
Good luck to all the clubs that are participating and have fun while learning many skills to help you in life’s adventure. If you don’t know what Meal Appeal is all about, stop by and watch some demonstrations and maybe your club will want to participate next year (Extension Office starting at 10:00am – 9:30 set-up).

MARCH 7 – STATE LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON
Good luck to all participants. Practice what you’ve learned and enjoy your new friendships.

MARCH 15 – MANDATORY ANIMAL HUSBANDRY/QUALITY ASSURANCE ONLINE TRAINING WEBSITE OPENS
The site will be reopened on March 15, 2015 to certify exhibitors for the 2015 Harford County Farm Fair and the Maryland State Fair. To complete this program go to: http://webtools.moo.edu/AHQA.

If you completed this program in 2014 as a junior, intermediate or senior and are still a junior, intermediate or senior in 2015, you do not have to redo the program in 2015. However, if you completed the program in 2014 as a junior or intermediate and have become an intermediate or senior in 2015, you will need to redo the program for your appropriate age group (juniors 8-10, intermediates 11-13 and seniors 14-18) after March 15, 2015. All new 4-H members would have to complete the program or members that will be showing a different species. THIS TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1.
MARCH 14 – 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
5:00 p.m. at 4-H Camp
Congratulations to everyone that submitted a 4-H Record Book, was on a bowl or judging team or was an outstanding 4-H member in 2014. Look for your invitation in the mail!

MARYLAND 4-H
SHOOTING SPORTS
INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WEEKEND
APRIL 10-12
This training is to certify adult 4-H volunteers to become instructors to teach in their respective counties or camping programs and will be held at the Thendara 4-H Center in Hurlock, MD, Dorchester Co.
Contact Brittany Hoffman at 301-314-7826 - Bhoffma2@umd.edu

APRIL is THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

MARCH 10 – HORSE COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

MARCH 10 – FASHION REVUE PLANNING MEETING
7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
Join other Fashion Revue participants to help organize and select a theme for this years’ show.

MARCH 14 – HORSE BOWL CONTEST – University of Maryland College Park
Good luck to all participants. You’ve studied and logged in a lot of time, now have some fun with all that you’ve learned and new friends that you have made.

EASTER EGG HUNT & FISHERMAN’S BREAKFAST
Saturday, March 28
Egg Hunt 10:00a.m.-12:00 noon  Breakfast 8:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
Come and join the fun! Invite a friend to come along!
Enjoy your beautiful campgrounds and a free Easter Egg Hunt.
The egg hunt will be done according to age groups.
This event is sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors and the Junior Leaders/Exchange 4-H Club.
Have breakfast at the Fisherman’s Breakfast - See Below.

FISHERMAN’S BREAKFAST
Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks - Deer Creek Overlook
6 Cherry Hill Road, Street MD 21154
Saturday, March 28th
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
$7.00 Adults
$3.00 Children Ages 3-8
All proceeds benefit the Harford County 4-H Camp
Menu
Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Hash Browned Potatoes, Juice, Milk & Coffee
For information contact:
Darleen Binns
443-987-8893
Busybee875@hotmail.com
events@deercreekoverlook.com

MARCH 28 – THE 20TH ANNUAL MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT
This event supports the MD 4-H Shooting Sports Program through a Sporting Clays event. Bring your shot gun and friends to help grow our 4-H Shooting Sports program. More details to follow.
Event takes place at Schrader’s Bridgetown Manor in Henderson, Maryland. For additional information contact Brittany Hoffman at 301-314-7826 or bhoffma2@umd.edu.

NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATIONS – APRIL 1, APRIL 16, MAY 6 or MAY 19.
What are your expectations of joining 4-H? This meeting is to welcome you, help guide you to a better understanding of the 4-H Youth Development program, how it works and how it can benefit your family. This is your opportunity to be informed and have all of your questions answered about club meetings, activities, programs, community service, camps, fairs, etc. and about our expectations.
APRIL 17-18 MARYLAND SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL
This school is open to anyone in Maryland and surrounding states who wants to learn to shear sheep. It will be held at Ridgely Thompson Farm, 1942 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD 21157 starting at 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is $80.00 and includes a copy of ASI’s Sheep Shearing Notebook and an instructional DVD. Everyone must pre-register by April 5. Participation is limited to the first 25. The minimum age is 16.

Checks should be made payable to the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc., and mailed to Aaron Geiman, 429 Hook Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

Contact Aaron Geiman at adgeiman75@gmail.com for more information.

MARYLAND 4-H ENGINEERING CAMP
APRIL 17-19 at the HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP
Friday, Apr. 17, 2015 - 6:30pm to Sunday, Apr. 19, 2015 - 3:30pm

The Maryland 4-H Engineering camp has been designed in a way to promote the teamwork and critical thinking skills that employees need in today’s job market. To accomplish this, participants are randomly broken into teams of 3–4 campers to compete in several engineering challenges such as “Junk Drawer Robotics”, PVC tower building, and minute to win it contests throughout the weekend. Campers also participate individually in 4 workshops designed to introduce mechanical science projects to the campers while teaching them the basic knowledge that is needed in many engineering fields. Contact information 410-771-1761.

APRIL 25 – MARYLAND DAY/AG DAY
COLLEGE PARK from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us on campus on the last Saturday of April for our annual spring “open house.” Maryland Day has become one of the most popular annual events in the Washington, D.C./Virginia/Maryland region. The campus opens its doors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine) – offering more than 400 free events, free parking, free on-campus transportation, and many food choices.

Throughout Maryland’s 1,250-acre campus, visitors can take tours, explore exhibits, and attend demonstrations. The university is divided into six areas: Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Biz and Society Hill, Science and Tech Way, Sports and Rec Row and Terp Town Center. Come find out why Maryland is increasingly known as a center of innovation, creativity and social change.

Visit the Maryland Day webpage for more information.

APRIL 25 – 4-H STATE COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST at College Park
As part of the 2015 Maryland Day, we will highlight our 4-H Youth Development Program by bringing county/city Public Speaking Champions to campus to participate in our 2015 State 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Good luck to everyone who qualified and will be participating.
APRIL 30 - HARFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

Harford County Farm Bureau, Inc. announces the availability of a scholarship(s) to help fund the education of a candidate whose family are members of Harford County Farm Bureau. The candidate’s chosen curriculum must be in an approved program in agriculture or in an agriculturally related field. A maximum of $1,000 is available for each scholarship. All applications must be delivered or postmarked no later than April 30, 2015. For more information or an application contact the Farm Bureau at 410-836-7773 or harfordfb@gmail.com or the Extension Office.

APRIL 30 – HARFORD COUNTY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Harford County Farm Bureau announces the availability of a scholarship(s) to help fund the education of a graduating high school senior who has been involved in the 4-H program for at least 2 years. The candidate’s chosen curriculum does not have to be agriculturally related. The applications are available at the Harford County Farm Bureau office or the Extension Office. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2015. For more information contact Alice Archer at 410-836-7773 or Harford@MdFarmBureau.com.

MAY 1 – ALL NEW HORSE & DOG I.D. CARDS AND ANY ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENTS ARE DUE

MAY 1 – 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE FOR THE FAIR

All 4-H project additions, deletions and a signed member enrollment form with payment are due to the Extension Office by May 1, 2015 to be eligible for fair participation. That does not mean to your leader but to OUR office. (All animal projects must be listed on your enrollment form for each species in order to show and to insure that you receive project deadlines). All projects must be listed on your enrollment form (foods, horticulture, crafts, woodworking, etc.) to be eligible to exhibit an item in that specific category.

MAY 2-3 MARYLAND SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL

HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

If you are new to the Festival, expect wonderful adventure and education. As always, the Festival Committee has created a feast for the senses. Taste lamb cooked by area chefs, talk to shepherds, enjoy the many presentations and exhibits, and discover a multitude of opportunities to buy materials, supplies, and finished goods from more than 200 vendors.

Admire more than 600 sheep and then learn from the shepherds who tend more than 40 different breeds in a living display. Watch the craft of sheepdogs nudging sheep into pens. Attend one or more of the many classes and seminars on fiber arts offered before and during the event weekend.

Come join us and enjoy the educational opportunities, auctions, animals, ongoing entertainment, and vendors.

For more information go to http://sheepandwool.org/.
May 3 – Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon
Howard County Fairgrounds, 8:00am-12:00p.m.
A skillathon provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, and care and exhibition of animals into a single activity.
Register by April 28, 2015. Send name(s), address, phone number, and email address to Susan Schoenian, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756, phone: 301-432-2767 x343, fax: 301-432-4089 or sschoen@umd.edu.
For information about the skillathon and links to study resources, go to http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html.

May 7 – Dog Obedience, Rally and Showmanship
Classes will be held on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Camp and will begin on May 7 and run for 8 weeks. The fee is $25. For more information and to register, please contact Debbie Flock at debflock@aol.com.

4-H Robotics Challenge
The Maryland State 4-H Robotics Challenge provides the opportunity for members to participate in an organized statewide robotics activity. Members in each county will form teams that will build robots to perform specific tasks. The county teams will then have the opportunity to compete at the Maryland State Fair. The Challenge will be divided into two divisions: the LEGO Challenge and the Robotic Engineering Challenge. Each of the divisions will be broken down into age divisions. Teams in the LEGO division will have from 3-8 members and teams in the Robotic Engineering teams will have 2-4 members.

4-H members that want to participate in the robotics challenge can visit the Maryland 4-H Robotics website at http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/robotics-0. Game manuals and registration forms are available at the bottom of the page. Teams must register for the challenge through their county 4-H office.

May 23 - Rabbit & Poultry Judging & Avian Bowl Workshop
The enrollment in the 4-H rabbit and poultry project has been steadily increasing in Maryland during the past few years. In response to this growing interest in these project areas, the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program is pleased to offer a series of Rabbit and Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl Workshops for new and experienced 4-H members, parents, and coaches. You need not be a project member to attend. Location to be determined.

Summer 2015 International Exchange Program with Costa Rica or Japan
Open your home to an exchange delegate and open your lives to the world! Through States’ 4-H International, families will have an opportunity to experience 7 teens-sharing with Virginia, dates June 24-July 19, ages 15-17, English language skills vary. Or you can help to host 10 middle school age students and one adult, dates July 25-August 22 (dates may change), ages 12-15, English language skills vary.
For more details contact Alisha Targonski at alishat@umd.edu or 301-314-7319.
4-H CLUB NEWS

Harford Stockyards 4-H club putting together baskets for the quarter auction. Brooke McCarter, Emma Hopkins, Kimmi Doran, Kloe Patrick, Sam Heston, Zoe Crouse, and Abbie Patrick.

The Homeschool Heart in Hand 4-H Club recently held its monthly meeting at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Madonna and held its annual candlelight ceremony for the induction of newly-elected officers for 2015. Debbie Miller of Maple Border Farm, White Hall, was the guest speaker. She encouraged club members to use their talents and abilities to help and encourage others whenever they have the opportunity. Participating in the ceremony were, front row, right to left, Eli Jahnke, Secretary; Meredith Weitz, Snack Organizer; Maura Weitz, Vice-President. Back Row, right to left: Mrs. Joanna Miller, Club Leader; Ashley Beichler, Historian; Daniel Beichler, Treasurer; Amelia Beichler, President; and Mrs. Debbie Miller, Guest Speaker. Missing is Logan Miller, Reporter. To learn more about the club and 4-H, visit www.freewebs.com/homeschool4h.

Angelique Livezey coached the State 4-H Poultry Judging Team which went on to win the nationals.

Harford Stockyards 2015 Officers
Vice President: Anne Maxwell, President: Kimmi Doran, Reporter: Abbie Patrick, Secretary: Sam Heston, Treasurer: Brooke Rickey (Not Shown).

4-H WINTER WORKSHOP
Thank You
4-H Volunteer Judges
Eileen & Ducky Daughton
Rachel Buckler
and
Donna Ichniowski
4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
7-MEAL APPEAL
7-STATE LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON
10-HORSE COUNCIL MEETING
10-FASHION REVUE PLANNING MEETING
12-UME ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
14-4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
14-HORSE BOWL CONTEST
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28-EASTER EGG HUNT & FISHERMANS BREAKFAST
28-MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT
30-RESCHEDULED VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL
MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
1-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
10-12-MARYLAND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WEEKEND
12-18-NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
16-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
17-18 MARYLAND SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL
17-19-MARYLAND 4-H ENGINEERING CAMP
25-MARYLAND DAY/AG DA
25-STATE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST
27-DOG AGILITY TRAINING BEGINS
30-HARFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP DUE
30-HARFORD COUNTY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DUE

MAY
1-ALL ENROLLMENTS WITH PROJECTS DUE
1-ALL HORSE & DOG I.D. CARDS & ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENTS DUE
2-3-MARYLAND SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
3-JUNIOR SHEEP & GOAT SKILLATHON
6-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
7-DOG OBEDIENCE, RALLY AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES BEGIN
19-NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
23-RABBIT & POULTRY JUDGING AND AVIAN WORKSHOP

JUNE
1-STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
21-ONLINE FAIR ENTRIES DEADLINE
28-JULY 2-JUNIOR 4-H CAMP

JULY
13-FARM FAIR PACKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
30-AUGUST 2-HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR

AUGUST
28-SEPTEMBER 7-MARYLAND STATE FAIR
If you require special assistance to participate in any 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office two weeks prior to the event.

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