Welcome Spring!

Please take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities that 4-H has to offer by taking a few minutes to review the newsletter and highlight events of interest. 4-H members are reminded to take a minute to thank your dedicated leaders as they are the ones that make 4-H available to you.

Visit the following websites for additional information:

- **Maryland 4-H Program**: extension.umd.edu/4-h
- **Caroline County UME**: extension.umd.edu/caroline-county
- **Caroline-Dorchester County Fair**: www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org OR extension.umd.edu/caroline-county
- **Maryland State Fair**: marylandstatefair.com
- **National 4-H**: 4-h.org

Please consider supporting the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair by enjoying a night out dining at the following restaurants: Katie Mae’s on Wednesday, 4/23/14 all day dine in or carry out. The Federalsburg Family Restaurant is also offering fair support on Monday, 4/28/14 starting at 4 p.m. until close. Please mention the fair as a fundraiser when dining. Call Becky Boncella if you have any questions: 410 714-0807.

Members are all encouraged during the year to keep records of their projects and submit these for review and awards. Most importantly, each record submitted has helped the 4-H member learn the valuable skill of keeping good records. What are the cost of the project materials? If it is an animal project—the cost of feed, veterinarian fees, etc. What progress have you made regarding accuracy with your shooting sports project? If you want to start now to prepare your records contact the 4-H office for details.

Maryland 4-H Foundation news: If you are planning to enroll in an accredited college, university or post-high school program in the fall of 2014, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by June 1. Information can be found online at www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com
Quality Assurance requirements: All new members raising beef, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, cavies and horses must complete the Quality Assurance training and print out a certificate of completion from the online training. Complete the training the first year you work on an animal project and every year you change age levels (junior to intermediate; intermediate to senior). If you take on a new species then you must take that species training. Juniors only complete the introductory section. The link to the training can be found online at: extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources

New members: If you need any help with Quality Assurance please call the 4-H office. Individual help is available.

IMPORTANT! All livestock exhibitors of goats, sheep, swine, beef, horses and rabbits must complete the Self Certification form found online at the Maryland Department of Agriculture – click on animal sciences or go to: mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/default.asp

Bring this form with you completed and signed by both your parents and you each time attend a show/livestock event.

HORSE topics: On Saturday, May 10 a MD 4-H Horse Judging Clinic will be held at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park. The program is for beginners with topics to include: judging performance horses; evaluating halter horse; learning how to give reasons, and skills needed to become a successful judging coach. Youth of all ages are invited.

Horse Jamboree- June 28-June 30. A fun weekend focusing on lots of horse related activities. For more details and to register visit: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/4-h-horse-program

Eastern Shore Spring Show
Saturday, May 10 at the Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park. Some of our members are showing swine, beef, rabbits and cavies. We are proud of your efforts and hope you enjoy the show.

All 4-H members planning to raise livestock as a 4-H project and show at the county fair must let 4-H volunteer, Mrs. Charlotte Brown (410 479-3334) know the species you are raising and the number of animals as soon as possible. All goats and sheep will be tagged at the 4-H Park on Sunday, May 4 at 1 p.m. If you are showing pigs, tagging will be done separately and we will notify you of the details. All pigs must have the USDA tag in their ears before the vet checks the pigs. If you are taking pigs to the Eastern Shore Spring Show you must have the USDA tag in the pig’s ears.

Members with horse and dog project animals must complete ID cards and turn these in to the 4-H office by June 1.

Animal project records: Did you know that there are special animal science project records you may use instead of the regular 4-H project record? These forms give you space to keep track of details that are specific to your animals. They are available online at extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources.
APRIL

Caroline County 4-H works closely with the County Wellness Coalition and we are sharing a program that all families are encouraged to attend. **Brian Matters** is a free program offered to the public focusing on the harsh reality of underage drinking. This event will take place on Friday, April 25 at the CALHOON MEBA School, 27050 St. Michaels Rd., Easton, 20601 from 6-8 p.m. Parents and teens are invited to attend. Please visit the website below for tickets, or call 410 479-3501. http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-harsh-reality-of-underage-drinking-come-hear-why-brian-matters-tickets-11023173609

**Maryland Day and State 4-H Communications Contest**, U of MD, College Park. April 26, 2014 10am to 4pm. Each year the University of Maryland hosts a day of exciting learning experiences at the College Park campus. All are invited to attend the events and activities that are of interest to children and adults. For more information, go online to [www.marylandday.umd.edu](http://www.marylandday.umd.edu). The **Maryland State 4-H Communication** (public speaking) **Contest** takes place that day as well. The following Caroline County 4-H members will be presenting speeches: Samantha Jessee, Quinn Cochrane, Sandra Todd, Julie Cesarini, Gabrielle Parsley and Emilee Coulbourn. We are very proud of these members and wish them great success at the state contest.

MAY

**Maryland 4-H Wildlife Education Program Contest**, May 3, 9:30 a.m- 2:30 p.m.; Patuxent River 4-H Center; for all youth ages 8-18. The main focus is the Eastern Deciduous Forest. Request details if interested.

The **4-H Clover Club** (5-7 year old members, as of January 1, 2014) will hold their May meeting at the Williams Building, 4-H Park, on Monday, May 5. This program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please let the 4-H office know by noon on May 5 if your child plans to attend the meeting.

**Shooting Sports training**: on Sunday, May 4, at the Thendera 4-H Center, Hurlock, from noon to 3 p.m. Youth are needed to serve as students for the newly trained adult volunteer 4-H shooting sports instructors. Youth do not need to be involved in 4-H shooting sports. Youth must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2014. Having youth involved in the final part of the training helps the instructors experience club programming as they practice with the 4-H members. If you can attend, contact the 4-H office for details.

A **Leader and Ambassador meeting** will take place on Tuesday May 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Each club is asked to have a representative attend.

JUNE

The **Maryland 4-H Engineering Weekend** program for all intermediate and senior 4-H members will be held on June 6-8 at the Rocks 4-H Camp, in Harford County. If you enjoy a challenge and working with teams of youth you will love this camp. Five topics will be offered: agriculture and mechanical sciences; aerospace; energy/electricity; environmental engineering and robotics. More details will be available soon including registration information- but please let the 4-H office know if you want to details.

**Summer Health Careers program**? Please save the dates of June 17-19 as the plans are being made for a day program focusing on the BRAIN and related topics. Let the 4-H office know of your interest if you are not a club member. All 4-H intermediates and seniors are invited. A trip to the Baltimore Science Center to view a new exhibit is being considered.

Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards, Baltimore. On Sunday, June 29, Maryland 4-H hosts this popular event that gives 4-H families a chance to come together and enjoy the Orioles as they play the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets cost $13 and $5 of each ticket will be donated to the Maryland 4-H Foundation to support 4-H programs and events. For details go online: [www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com)

JULY

On July 11-13, a **Hunter Safety Camp** will take place at the Thendera 4-H Center, Hurlock offering hunter certification in one weekend. Call the 4-H office to put your name on the list if you are interested.

The **Eastern Shore 4-H Camp** for youth ages 8-18 will be held on August 1-3 at the Thendera 4-H Center in Hurlock. The program includes a teen leadership track (for youth ages 13-18) and numerous camp adventures such as shooting sports, skill building, arts and crafts, adventure fitness, stewardship, STEM activities and much more. The cost is $75 per camper. Scholarship funds are available to interested 4-H members. Call for details. Want to serve as a teen counselor?

AUGUST

Caroline/Dorchester County Fair: August 6-9. Start planning your exhibits now! Consider vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts and other project ideas. Be sure to keep some of your best art projects from school to enter as an exhibit.
Congratulations to all who presented speeches during the Caroline County 4-H Public Speaking Contest: They include: Kylie Rhinehardt, Madison Weston, Karlie McClanathan, Kaleb James, Samantha Jessee, Julie Cesarini, Gabrielle Parsley and Sandra Todd.

Many members participated in celebrating their accomplishments during the 2013 4-H year at the annual Achievement banquet. Thanks to the following 4-H members for sharing as presenters of awards and or recognizing our guests: Julie Cesarini, Clover 4-H members, Paul Saathoff, Connor Cochran, Quinn Cochran, Gabrielle Parsley, Sandra Todd, Monica Simpson, Cynthia Lednum, Rosa Cifuentes, Emma Beaven and Jarrett Keys. A very special CONGRATULATIONS/!!! to Gabrielle Parsley as she earned the 2013 4-H’er of the Year award and cash to support her future 4-H projects donated by the Caroline County 4-H All Stars.

Thanks to Ms. Becky Boncella, 4-H volunteer, for chairing the spring yard/craft sale. More than $600 was raised to benefit numerous 4-H needs in the county. The Hopping Around 4-H Club served food in the kitchen and benefitted as well.

4-H Club News

⇒ A 4-H Volunteer training will take place soon. Please contact the 4-H office if you are interested in the training to further support the clubs and needs of the program. The training will be set at a time that works best for your schedule.

⇒ Are you interested in joining the Shot gun 4-H club? Youth ages 10 and older should let the 4-H office know of your interest. Meetings are held at the Talbot Rod and Gun Club near Easton, usually on Sunday afternoon.

⇒ We expect the 2014 fair premium book with the exhibit description will be online by late May on our county extension website: extension.umd.edu/caroline-county

⇒ If you have any interest at all in a possible careers in health care then you should consider joining the Health Careers 4-H Club. Recent topics have included: occupational therapy, music therapy, respiratory and pulmonary diseases, behind the scenes in the hospital and more.

Miscellaneous Stuff

MD 4-H in Action! The MD 4-H in Action supplement to the Delmarva Farmer is back for 2014. The supplement will be written, edited and designed by 4-H youth interested in media and writing under the guidance of staff from MD 4-H and the Delmarva Farmer. If you are interested in writing an article, or helping in any way please contact Amanda Clougherty, akbrown@umd.edu. A conference call will take place on June 24 at 7 p.m.

Supporting the Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum: Maryland 4-H Foundation will be sponsoring several fundraisers to offset the costs of the NEVF and reduce registration costs for participants. The Foundation is raffling a MD 4-H Quilt. If you want to purchase tickets please contact the 4-H office. In addition, from November 1-20 there will be an online auction of items donated to benefit the forum. If you have any suggestions or items to donate please let us know by October 20.
4-H WORD SEARCH

ANIMALS  CLOVER  CLUB
COMMUNITY  EXTENSION  FAIR
FRIENDS  FRUIT  GREEN
HANDS  HEAD  HEALTH
HEART  HORSE  INTERMEDIATE
JUNIOR  LEADER  LEADERSHIP
LEARN  MEMBER  NATURE
PLEDGE  SCIENCE  SENIOR
SERVICE  SEWING  VEGETABLE
VOLUNTEERS: Do you want to keep up to date with MD 4-H Animal Science Program activities and events?

We have several e-mail lists established for volunteers affiliated with the 4-H Animal Science Programs. The list will be monitored to prevent unrelated viruses and emails from being distributed.

- 4-H Horse Volunteers
- 4-H Dog Volunteers
- 4-H Poultry Volunteers
- 4-H Livestock Volunteers

To join a list, email your request to Chris Anderson with your name, county and email address.

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