



4-H Talk Newsletter

February-mid-March 2020

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“This issue of 4-H Talk Contains Important Information about the 2020 4-H Project Year”



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Inclement Weather Policy-Yes, We Still Might Get Snow

Just a reminder.....if Cecil County Public Schools are cancelled for the day, there is early dismissal or after-school activities are cancelled for the evening **DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ALL** 4-H events are cancelled or during the weekend if the Cecil County snow emergency plan is in effect in the county both the day and/or evening events are cancelled.

4-H Benefit Auction Thank You

The fourteenth Annual Cecil County 4-H Benefit Auction proved to be very successful! The live and silent auction raised over \$14,000 for the County and Club 4-H programs in Cecil County. There were over 140 registered buyers for the auction. A **BIG THANKS** goes to all the clubs, volunteers and youth that gathered donations for the auction and purchased items at the auction. Also, thanks goes to the 4-Hers who modeled the auction items during the sale. In addition, we would like to thank our volunteers and teens that helped with moving and organizing auction items, facility set up and clean up and the volunteers that helped during the auction to make it run smoothly. At the event, a fun time was had by all. Without the support of our wonderful community, the auction would not have been as successful as it was. The turn out and profits confirm that the community is behind the 4-H youth development program in Cecil County.

Congratulations Maryland 4-H Gala Honorees

Congratulations to the Cecil 4-H Youth, Alumni and Volunteers that were recognized at the Maryland 4-H Gala on Sunday, January 19th. A few of those recognized from Cecil included:



Wayne Carlisle received the Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year for 10 or more years of service Award



Erica Sprout received the Maryland 4-H Mylo Downey Leadership Award



Seth Donnelley received the Diamond Clover Level 6 Award



Cecil County 4-H Reenrollments & New Member Enrollments for 2020

The NEW system is now open. The State goal is for ALL current member and volunteer reenrollments to be complete by March 1, 2020. The 4-H online can be accessed at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Enrollment guides can be found online at: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/4-h-online>.

University of Maryland Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program 2020 4-H Participation Fee

All clovers and 4-H club members will be required to pay the annual \$10 participation fee which equals \$.83 cents per month in 2020. These funds will be used to sustain 4-H programming across the state of Maryland. University of Maryland's 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to continuing the long standing tradition of providing excellent 4-H programs for Maryland's youth. Members will pay their fee via the online system. Membership cards will be issued to those in good standing. The fee is only for all 4-H youth members ages 5-18 as of 1/1/20. There is no fee for UME 4-H adult volunteers.

Maryland 4-H Ages for 2020

As we start the 2020 4-H project year we wanted to remind you of the Maryland 4-H ages.

- Clovers ages 5-7 as of 1/1/20 (members can compete in non-competitive events and receive participation ribbons at 4-H events)
- Juniors ages 8-10 as of 1/1/20
- Intermediates ages 11-13 as of 1/1/20
- Seniors ages 14-18 as of 1/1/20



Maryland 4-H Forms that are New or Have Been Revised for 2020

We are in the process of continuing to update our Cecil County 4-H website for 2020. Much of the information has been revised including SEVERAL of the forms that have been revised at the State or County Level for 2020. Additional items will continued to be added once updated. Below are some of the forms that have been updated.

- Maryland 4-H Code of Conduct
- Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Service Award Form
- Cecil County 4-H Project Resource Guide

Cecil 4-H Calendar Available via Google Calendar

The 2020 Cecil County 4-H Calendar is included in this newsletter. We have also developed a "Cecil 4-H Calendar" that includes Cecil County and Maryland 4-H activities in Google Calendar. If you would like to have access to the calendar, please e-mail April at adhall@umd.edu and I will share the calendar with the Gmail address that you provide.

Diamond Clover Program Information and Recognition Information

This Maryland 4-H Diamond Clover award is designed to encourage 4-H members ages 8 to 18 to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire the skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. You can start planning now to complete a level in 2020 by completing your diamond clover plan. Forms can be found online at <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/diamond-clover-forms>. A diamond clover level 6 preparation session will be held on May 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton.

Community Service Program Information and Recognition

Teaching youth citizenship is one of the core goals of the 4-H program, as a reminder each club should be doing at least two community service activities annually. Collect your community service hours for 2020 as you can get recognition for your actions and receive the President's Service gold, silver or bronze pin or 4-H service green pin. Community Service refers to efforts to help others and to improve your community. You can be participating on behalf of a community, religious, and/or youth organization. It can be an individual effort or with a group such as a school-based service learning project. This can include club projects, community events, fair activities, and 4-H Camp services. Examples of community service include singing at nursing homes, gathering supplies for the troops, volunteering at a local hospital, purchasing items for those in need, and anything that benefits the community for those who are not as fortunate. Things that would not count are fundraisers, unless all the proceeds are given to an organization like the American Cancer Society or the local homeless shelter that helps others, and neither you nor your 4-H club are benefiting from the service. Forms to track your service for 2020 are available online at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/service-learning-forms>.

State 4-H Winter Camp

State 4-H Winter Camp will be held on February 14-17, 2020 at the Frederick 4-H Camp Center, Frederick. The cost is \$150 per camper. Registration is available online at: <https://go.umd.edu/4hwintercamp20> and is due by February 6, 2020.

4-H Achievement Night Program MC's Practice

Please contact April at the Extension Office via e-mail at adhall@umd.edu or 410-996-5280 by Friday, February 28th if you are a senior-aged 4-H member who would like to speak at 4-H Achievement Night. For all those youth who will be speaking at Achievement night, a program run-through will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill at 2:30 p.m. You will be e-mailed your speaking part in advance. At the practice, you will rehearse your speaking part. You must attend this practice in order to be a speaker at the program.

4-H Achievement Night-Please Note Times & Activities

Achievement Night is coming up soon, so mark your calendars and plan to attend, since most 4-Hers are recognized in some way. It will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Walls Activity Building in Fair Hill (Cecil County Fairgrounds). Refreshments start at 4:00 PM and the Program begins at 4:30 PM. During the refreshment time you will be able to go around and look at club displays. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share and to bring a non-perishable food as we will be collecting donations for the Cecil County Help Center. Please do not donate items with expired dates. Please dress nicely for the awards program. Following the awards program we will have a Pizza party from 6:30-7 PM with a Dance to follow from 7-9 PM. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by no later than Wednesday, March 4th online at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-achievement-night> or call the Extension Office to RSVP at 410-996-5280. We hope to see you and your family at 4-H Achievement Night!

Winterfest

Cecil County 4-H Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the Walls Activity Hall in Fair Hill from 1:00- 4:00 PM. The cost is \$7 per 4-Her and we offer classes for clover and 4-H members. See the Winterfest flyer in this issue of 4-H Talk or look it up online under the "Upcoming Events" page at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs> for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration is due by Friday, February 28th. There are a lot of great classes that are being offered this year. At Winterfest you get to try new things while hanging out with your fellow 4-Hers!!!



Communications Day

Speaking is one of the best skills you can develop in 4-H. Our Cecil County 4-H Public Speaking and Demonstration Day will be on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Calvert Grange in Calvert. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM and Demonstrations (Visual Presentations) will start at 9:00 AM and the Public Speaking contest will follow. The difference between them is that with visual presentations/demonstrations you use posters, props and visual aids to show others how to do something like prepare a recipe, care for an animal or make something. A 4-H demonstration guide can be found online at: http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/d6/files/publications/documents/4H_909R.pdf. With public speaking you do not use any aids or props. The categories for the public speaking contest include a prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, radio spot and interpretations divisions. Youth are eligible to do one communications and one visual presentation. See the Communications Day flyer in this issue of 4-H Talk or look it up online under the "Upcoming Events" page for additional information on the classes and for the registration form. Registration forms are due by Monday, March 16, 2020.

Creative Clovers

All Clovers ages 5-7 as of 1/1/20 are welcome to attend the monthly 4-H Creative Clover sessions on the 4th Thursday of each month that will be held at the Cecil County Extension Office in Elkton from 6:15-7:15 PM. The next class will take place on February 27th and another class will take place on March 26th. Participants don't have to attend every class. Please register online at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-creative-clovers> by noon the day of the program so that we can gather enough supplies.

Countywide 4-H Food Workshops

4-H Volunteer, Joan Gaffney, will be offering county-wide food workshops on February 16th and March 15th at St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church-Parish Center, 315 South Main Street, North East from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Park in front of cemetery wall on street or in Post Office parking lot). The cost for each class is \$5. RSVP your attendance to Joan at 443-553-7492 or joangaffney.49@gmail.com at least a week before each scheduled class. Classes are limited to 12 kids.

Get to Know 4-H

Are you new to the 4-H program and want to learn what 4-H is all about? Come to our "Get to Know 4-H" program that will be held on March 31, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. We will be offering another session if you can't make the March session on May 6th. Please RSVP your attendance to April at adhall@umd.edu by noon the day of the program.

Robotics Group

Attention 4-Hers! If you are interested in Robotics please contact Vicki in the Extension Office at vstone@umd.edu as there are plans to start doing activities twice a month.

UME Tractor Safety Training for Youth

University of Maryland Extension 4-H staff will be holding a weekend training, Friday-Sunday, March 22-24, 2020 to provide certification for youth wanting to work on a farm. Youth must be between the ages of 14 to 15 to take this training. Youth ages 13 and over are welcome to attend the training if they are turning 14 before the end of the summer. Participants will stay at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centreville, Maryland and will have off site visits to local Tractor Dealers. A requirement of the class is to become familiar with the lessons covering various agricultural related safety needs before the training. Resources will be made available prior to the training to registered participants. Contact Chris Johnston cjohnstn@umd.edu or 410 758-0166 for more information or to receive registration materials.

Animal Science Activities & Update

2020 Animal Ownership Deadlines for Cecil County & Maryland 4-H

- Enrolled in 4-H and applicable projects by May 1, 2020 to participate in 2020 Maryland State Fair and Cecil County Fair 4-H Events
- Registration papers MUST be in the full name of the 4-H EXHIBITOR ONLY in order to be eligible as a 4-H project.
- Poultry/Waterfowl and Rabbit/Cavy Ownership Forms due June 1, 2020
- Dog and Horse Identification Cards due June 1, 2020
- Breeding and Performance Animal Leases due June 1, 2020 (3 components-Guidelines, Agreement, and Statement of Understanding and Release)
 - Breeding Animal Leases (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Goats)-A member may not own and lease animals in the same general project area
 - Performance Animal Leases (Horse, Dog, Alpacas and Llamas)-An animal may be lease by up to two different 4-H members and can be exhibited in a single class by only one 4-H member.
- Commercial (tagged) and Purebred Beef Heifers owned by June 1, 2020
- Market Beef Steers owned by January 1, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4)
- Beef Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4, 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Cattle owned by June 1, 2020.
- All Dairy Cows must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first.
- Market Dairy Steers owned by January 1, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4)
- Dairy Feeder Calves owned and tagged by May 15, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 1/4, 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dairy Goats owned by June 1, 2020

- All Dairy Goats must have been owned/leased by the youth before first freshening or before 2 years of age, whichever comes first
- Commercial (tagged) and Registered Breeding Meat Goats owned by June 1, 2020
- Market Goats owned and tagged by May 15, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Dog owned/leased by June 1, 2020
- Horse and Pony owned/leased by June 1, 2020
- Market Broilers & Duck Intent form on file by May 15, 2020
- Poultry owned by June 1, 2020
- Market Rabbit Intent Form on file by May 15, 2020
- Rabbits and Cavies owned by June 1, 2020
- Breeding Sheep owned by June 1, 2020
- Market Sheep owned and tagged by May 15, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)
- Breeding Swine owned by June 1, 2020
- Market Swine owned and tagged by May 15, 2020 (Tagged & Weighed on 5/14 or 5/15)



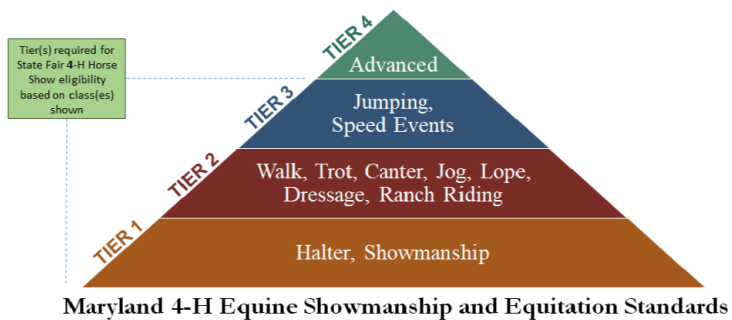
2020 Cecil County Fair Animal Ages and Weights (Tentative)

- Market Broilers-Pair of broilers, each weighing a minimum of 3 lbs. each, under 7 weeks old (Hatched on or after June 5, 2020) *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
- Market Ducks-Pair of ducks, each weighing over 7 pounds (Hatched on or after May 1, 2020) *Submit copy of order receipt/shipping label
- Market Rabbits-3 rabbits, 3-5 pounds each, under 70 days old (Born on or after May 17, 2020)
- Market Goat-55-135 pounds (Born after 9/1/19 and must have milk teeth)
- Market Beef-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/18)
- Dairy Steer-minimum 1000 pounds (Born on or after 8/1/18)
- Market Lambs-90-160 pounds (Born on or after 1/1/20)
- Market Hogs-220-290 pounds (Born on or after 1/1/20)
- Again, No Weight Tolerances in 2020!
Youth are allowed to sell a maximum of 3 animals in the livestock sale and 2 per species

Cecil County 4-H Horse Judging Practices

Horse Judging practices are just getting underway. Horse Judging practices will be every other Monday until it gets closer to competition time. Upcoming practice dates are: 2/10, 2/24, 3/9 and 3/23 and every other Monday thereafter until the State competition on May 30th from 6 to 8 pm at Ricketts Farm, 407 Ricketts Mill Rd, Elkton, MD until it warms up where they will be visiting different farms in the area to judge live horses. Horse Judging is a fun and educational program that teaches conformation of the horse in general, conformation of specific breeds of horses, placing horses in order of conformation assets and flaws, and organizing this knowledge into a presentation of reasons. Being able to judge a horse's conformation is a valuable skillset to have, and the organization and presentation of reasons is a critically important life skill as you move into your professional lives. Dinner will be provided, so please call, email or text Drue to let her know you are coming and if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions, and let them know if you have any allergies or dietary restrictions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email Drue Wallace at [302-588-0197](tel:302-588-0197) or e-mail her at: brickmanhouse@gmail.com.

NEW Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards program



The Maryland Horsemanship Standards have been revised and are now called the Maryland 4-H Equine Showmanship and Equitation Standards. They are designed to help 4-H members progressively develop horsemanship skills throughout their participation in the Maryland 4-H Horse Project. The Standards are divided into Knowledge, and Handling/Riding components in Four (4) Tiers. Completion of Tiers is required for participation in the Maryland State Fair 4-H Horse Show and most Maryland County 4-H Horse Shows. More information will be forthcoming once Cecil 4-H

Volunteers get trained as examiners. If you are a current 4-H volunteer and are interested in serving as an examiner please contact April in the Extension office.

Hands-On Animal Science Classes

We will be offering fun, hands-on Animal Science classes for 4-Hers of each month from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. You do not have to attend all the class topics. Please RSVP online at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-county-4-h-hands-animal-science-classes> or call 410-996-5280 the day prior to each scheduled class so that enough supplies can be gathered and materials prepared in advance.

The dates and topics are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 25, 2020-Take a Deep Breath
- Monday, March 23, 2020-Veterinary Vitals
- Monday, April 27, 2020-Being Safe is No Accident
- Tuesday, September 29, 2020-Toxic Plants!
- Monday, October 26, 2020-Unwelcome Guests
- Monday, November 30, 2020-Muscle Through It!



Eastern Shore Spring Show

Eastern Shore Spring Show information will be emailed or mailed soon to all Cecil 4-Hers who participated in 2019 and will be available online by mid-March at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/fairs-and-shows>. The show is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020 at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centreville. Entries are due by April 15, 2020.

Cecil County Breeders Fair

Cecil County Breeders' Fair information will be emailed or mailed to those Cecil 4-H'ers who participated in 2019 and is available online by mid-March at: <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/fairs-and-shows>. The Breeders' Fair Livestock, Rabbit, Cavy & Dog Shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2020, and the Horse Shows are scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2020, at Fair Hill. Please pay close attention to the rules as some things have changed. We will continue with the Clover Stuffed Animal Show and Tell. Entries are due postmarked by May 1st. Cecil County 4-Hers are encouraged to take advantage of a great opportunity to participate.

Maryland Animal Health Requirements 2020

The complete Maryland health regulations and forms are available online at: <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>. Again this year-All animals will need to have an official identification. In most cases, this means the animal will have to be identified using an official USDA or MD premise tag or EID that is associated with a registered premise. Health certificates will be three carbon copy pages and as it will be your veterinarian's responsibility to send the copies to MDA to be filed. Exhibitors will still be expected to do the Animal Health Self-Certification for Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits and Horses. If your animal requires vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so that the vaccinations are fully effective.

Maryland 4-H Animal Science Volunteer Updates Webinars

4-H Animal Science Volunteer Recordings from previous 4-H Animal Science Volunteer webinars conducted are available for viewing on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Resources for Volunteers page at: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources-volunteers> under the Animal Science Training Opportunities for Leaders.

The available topics include:

- 2020 4-H Animal Science Program Updates – RECORDING from 12/17/19- This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program rule changes and event updates for 2020 for Maryland 4-H Volunteers working with 4-H members in the Animal Science program area.
- Statewide 4-H Animal Science Events and Contest Opportunities – RECORDING from 2/24/15
- 4-H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects - RECORDING from 4/29/2014

Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or 301-314-7187 for more information or if you have questions.



University of Maryland Extension 4-H Volunteer Trainings

Are you interested in becoming a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer or do you know anyone that might be interested? Don't wait because now is the time April will be conducting UME Volunteer trainings on the following dates:

- Monday, February 10, 2020 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, June 4, 2020 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, October 1, 2020 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please register online at <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-ume-volunteer-training-registration> or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 to confirm your attendance by no later than noon the day of the training. You are asked to please complete your application found online at: https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/docs/Volunteer%20Application_5.pdf and e-mail it to April at adhall@umd.edu prior to your attendance.

Cecil 4-H UME Volunteer Development Series

Volunteers and teen leaders are encouraged to enhance their skills by registering for the Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series sessions. You can pick and choose which topics you would like to attend. The topics, dates and times are as follows:

- 2/24-Animal Science Updates & Resources to Use at the Club Level, 6-7 PM (Includes Dinner)
- 3/8- Food Safety Training, 1 PM (During Winterfest)
- 5/18-Club Fundraising and Financial Management, 6-7 PM (Includes Dinner)
- 5/20-Preparing Diamond Clover Service Project Applications and Other Teen Opportunities, 7-8:30 PM
- 9/28-Disability Awareness and Reasonable Accommodations, 6-7 PM (Includes Dinner)
- 10/15-4-H Project Opportunities and Open House, 6-8 PM
- 11/23-Put Some "Agri" in Your Club Culture" (Includes Dinner)

The programs will take place in the University of Maryland Extension Cecil County 4-H Office at 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton in Suite 1500. If you would like to attend, please register online at <https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/cecil-4-h-volunteer-development-series>, email April at adhall@umd.edu or call the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 by noon the day of the session.

4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting

The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office. The main topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H programming including Achievement Night, Winterfest and other spring & summer programs. Additional 2020 Leaders and Volunteers meetings will take place on Monday, May 18th; Monday, September 28th and Monday, November 23rd.

Attention Club Leader-All Club Forms and Resources Available Online

All 4-H Club Leaders Resources can be found at <https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-club-leaders>. The page is split into 6 pages that include: 4-H club required annual forms, 4-H club financial reporting information, 4-H club officer documents, 4-H club risk management information & documents, 4-H club donation & fundraising information & documents and 4-H leaders & volunteers meeting notes/professional development information.

Interested in Starting A New 4-H Club?

Anyone interested in starting a new 4-H Club should contact April in the Extension Office. Our 4-H enrollment continues to rise, so do request for club information, so we're looking to our UME volunteers to step up and start some new clubs.

Educational Videos, Learning Kits and Materials Available For Loan

The Cecil County 4-H Office has some educational videos/CD's, learning kits, curriculum, and equipment which club leaders can borrow from our office on a variety of topics. If you are interested in borrowing videos, learning kits, curriculum or equipment stop by the Extension office.

Maryland 4-H Dairy Advisory Group

UME 4-H Volunteers are invited to join the Maryland 4-H Dairy Advisory Group via Webex Conference call on Friday, February 28, 2020 from 7-8 PM. Please contact April at adhall@umd.edu for call information.

Club and Special Interest Group Updates **Young Gun's Gun/Cash Raffle**

The Young Guns 4-H Club is collecting cans as a club fundraiser. See the flyer for additional information.

2020 Great Potato Contest Rules

The 2020 Great Potato contest is being managed and sponsored by the Calvert Boys and Girls 4-H Club. Pick up is on Saturday, March 21st. See the flyer for additional information.

Fundraiser to Benefit Cecil County 4-H Horse Program

There will be an all-day fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 100 South Main St, Newark, Delaware and 540 W. Main St, Middletown, Delaware to benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program-So you can stop by for lunch, dinner or late night! Check out the upcoming programs to download the takeover voucher. By turning in the voucher, 20% of your check will be donated to the Cecil County 4-H Horse program. (The voucher is attached)



AGDiscovery

AgDiscovery is a two to four week residential program sponsored by different USDA programs for high school students in partnership with 20 different universities. AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths open to them in agriculture. The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about different agriculture careers from university professors, scientists and other professionals who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. Additional information and the application form can be found online at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery>. The application deadline is March 20, 2020.

JOANN Fabric and Crafts 4-H Reward Card

Sign up for the JOANN Fabric 4-H Reward Card as you can save money while "shopping with purpose" with the free This 4-H Reward Card gives JOANN shoppers 15% off their total in-store and online purchases every day, and gives a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction as a donation to 4-H. To learn more about the national partnership and to register for the discount card, visit <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>

Large Animal Emergency Rescue

A Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training will be held on April 5th at 4-H Animal Barns at the Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill. The one day clinic is being offered to educate first responders, horse owners or anyone interested in learning basic large animal rescue techniques. For more information check out the flyer online at: <https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/large-animal-emergency-rescue-training>. The cost is \$50 per person and registration must be received by March 26, 2020. For more information contact Joann Bashore at joann.bashore@gmail.com or 443-553-6184.

4-H Calendar of Events

February 2020

- 7 DEADLINE: Cecil 4-H Achievement Night Nominations to Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton or E-mailed to April
- 8 State 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, Westminster (Inc. Weather Date 2/23)
- 8 State 4-H Dairy Skillathon, 9:30 AM, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster
- 9 State 4-H Dog Skillathon Contest, 12 noon, Animal Science Building, University of Maryland, College Park
- 9 State 4-H Out of State Trip Interviews, College Park (Inc. Weather Date 2/24)
- 10 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 10 State 4-H Horsemanship Standards NEW Examiner Training, Via Webex
- 10 & 24 Horse Judging Practices, 6 PM, Ricketts Farm, 407 Ricketts Mill Rd, Elkton
- 14-17 State 4-H Winter Camp, Frederick 4-H Camp Center, Frederick
- 15 Camp Staff Training 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Janes Church, Rising Sun
- 16 4-H Project Class, Foods, 2:00 PM, St. Mary's Anne, North East
- 23 State 4-H Horseman's Party, Laurel Race Track, Laurel
- 24 Volunteer Series: Animal Science Updates & Resources to Use at the Club Level, 6 PM Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 24 Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, Elkton, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 25 Hands-On Animal Science, Take a Deep Breath, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 27 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 28 State 4-H Dairy Advisory Meeting, 7:00, Via Conference Call
- 29 State 4-H Livestock Skillathon, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg
- Every Wednesday Horse Bowl Practice, 6:45 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton

March 2020

- 1-April 30 JoAnn Fabric "Clovers for Kids" Campaign
- 6 Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night Set Up, 6:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 7 Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night Speakers Practice, 2:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 7 Cecil County 4-H Achievement Night-Refreshments-4:00 PM, Program-4:30 PM, Pizza-6:30 PM, Dance-7-9 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 8 Cecil County 4-H Winterfest, 1-4 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 8 Volunteer Series: Food Safety Training, 1-2:30 PM, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 12 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 9 & 23 Horse Judging Practices, 6 PM, Ricketts Farm, 407 Ricketts Mill Rd, Elkton
- 14 Camp Staff Training 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Janes Church, Rising Sun
- 14 State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest, Plant Science Building, University of Maryland, College Park
- 15 4-H Project Class-Foods, 2 PM, St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, North East
- 18 Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser to Benefit the Cecil County 4-H Horse Program, Newark, DE & Middletown, DE (Patrons must present a voucher for the Horse program to receive 20% of the proceeds)
- 21 Cecil 4-H Demonstration and Communications Day, Calvert Grange, Calvert, 9 AM
- 21 Great Potato Contest Item Pick Up, 10 AM-noon, Calvert Grange, Calvert
- 22-24 Eastern Shore Tractor/Agriculture Equipment Certification Training, Centreville
- 23 Hands-On Animal Science Class: Veterinary Vitals, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 26 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 27 Regional Communications Event, Easton High School, Easton
- 28 State 4-H Shooting Clays Fundraiser
- 29 State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting, 6 PM via Webex
- 31 Get to Know 4-H, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- Every Wednesday Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton (Last practice on 3/11)

April 2020

- 1 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 3-5 Camp Staff Training Weekend, Rocks 4-H Camp Center, Street
- 4 Eggstravaganza, Calvert Grange, Calvert
- 4 State 4-H Horse Communications Contest, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
- 5 Large Animal Emergency Rescue Training, 8:30-4 PM, 4-H Barn, Fair Hill
- 7 You Want to Show, Everything You Need to Know About Animal Projects, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- @15 Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Opens for Cecil County Fair 4-H Participation
- 15 DEADLINE: Eastern Shore Spring Show Entries
- 17-19 State 4-H Engineering Camp, Harford County 4-H Camp at the Rocks, Street
- 18 State 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
- 18 State 4-H Hippology Clinic, Location TBA
- 19 Cecil 4-H Animal Showmanship Workshop, Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
- 23 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 25 Maryland Day at University of Maryland College Park
- 25 State Communication Contest, University of Maryland, College Park
- 27 Hands-On Animal Science Class: Being Safe is No Accident, 6:30-8 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 29 You Want to Show, Everything You Need to Know About Animal Projects, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 29-5/10 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- Mondays Horse Judging Practices, 6 PM, Ricketts Farm, 407 Ricketts Mill Rd, Elkton

May 2020

- 1 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H Member & Project Enrollment
- 1 DEADLINE: Cecil County Breeders Fair Entries
- 2-3 Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship
- 3 Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship
- 5 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 6 Get to Know 4-H, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 9 Eastern Shore Spring Show, Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville
- 14 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, 6:45 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 14 & 15 Tagging, Weigh In & Ownership Deadline of Market Goats, Sheep, Swine and Feeder Calves, Cecil County Fairgrounds, Fair Hill
- 15 DEADLINE: Cecil County 4-H All-Star Scholarship
- 15 Market Rabbit, Market Broilers & Market Duck Intent Forms Due in Extension Office
- 18 Volunteer Series: Club Fundraising and Financial Management, 6-7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 18 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office
- 20 Preparing Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Projects & Other Teen Opportunities Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 27 Cecil County Breeders' Fair Set Up, Fair Hill
- 28 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 30 Cecil County Breeders' Fair Livestock, Rabbit & Dog Shows, Fair Hill
- 30 State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contest, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship
- 31 Cecil County Breeders' Fair Horse Shows, Fair Hill
- Mondays Horse Judging Practices, 6 PM, Ricketts Farm, 407 Ricketts Mill Rd, Elkton

June 2020

- 1 DEADLINE: Horse/Dog Identification Cards & Rabbit/Cavy/Poultry/Waterfowl Ownership Registration Due in Extension Office
- 1 DEADLINE: Performance/Breeding Animal Arrangements Due in Extension Office
- 1 DEADLINE: Ownership Deadline for Commercial Breeding Animal Projects
- 1 DEADLINE: County Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
- 1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- 3 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Exhibitor, Rabbit & Poultry Husbandry & Livestock Sale Meeting, Cecil County Administrative Building-Elk Room, Elkton
- 4 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 8 Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Exhibitor, Rabbit & Poultry Husbandry & Livestock Sale Meeting, Calvert Grange, Calvert
- 10 Cecil County Fair 4-H Horse Herdsman Exhibitor Meeting, Cecil County Administrative Building-Elk Room, Elkton
- 11 Junior Fairboard Meeting, Elkton
- 11 Cecil County Fair 101, Elkton
- 15 Cecil County 4-H Camp Orientation, Cecil County Administrative Building-Elk Room, Elkton

- 15 Cecil County Fair 4-H Horse Herdsman Exhibitor Meeting, 7 PM, Calvert Grange, Calvert
- 22 Cecil County Fair 101, Elkton
- 29-7/1 Maryland 4-H Issue Forum-Theme: Water Quality, University of Maryland, College Park
- 23-25 Horse Hoopla, Fair Hill
- 27 or 7/11 Cecil County Fair 4-H Bicycle Event and Fashion Revue Judging, Cecil County Administrative Building, Elkton

July 2020

- 1 DEADLINE: Cecil County Fair 4-H Animal, Club & Engineering Entry Deadline
- 1 DEADLINE: State Fair Ownership Deadline for Registered Breeding Animal Projects
- 1 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance Program Closes for Cecil County Fair 4-H Participation
- 6 Junior Fair Board Meeting & Children’s Bag Stuffing, Elkton
- 15 DEADLINE: ALL Maryland State Fair 4-H Entries
- 21 Cecil County Fair Animal Set Up, Fair Hill
- 24-8/1 Cecil County Fair, Fair Hill (Clean Up, 7/29)
- Tuesdays State 4-H Dairy Judging Practices

August 2020

- 9-14 Cecil County 4-H Camp, Rocks (8/3-8/14 for Staff)
- 26-9/7 Maryland State Fair, Timonium
- TBA State 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Event, Maryland State Fair, Timonium

September 2020

- 1 DEADLINE: 4-H Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals to Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton (After County Approval must be submitted to State in online portal by 9/30)
- 5 Most State 4-H Judging Contests at the Maryland State Fair, Timonium (Dairy, Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit & Horticulture)
- 19 State 4-H Rifle Match
- 24 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 26 State 4-H Archery Match
- 28 Volunteer Series: Disability Awareness and Reasonable Accommodations, 6-7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 28 Cecil 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 29 Hands-On Animal Science: Toxic Plants!, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 30 DEADLINE: Diamond Clover Level 6 Project Completion Reports to State via Online Portal
- 30 DEADLINE: State 4-H Volunteer Award Nominations

October 2020

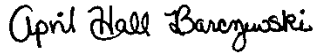
- 1 DEADLINE: 990-N E-postcard for Club & 4-H Club Financial Reports for FY 2020
- 1 University of Maryland Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- 2 DEADLINE: National 4-H Conference Portfolios Due to Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton (After County Approval must be submitted to State in online portal by 10/15)
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 5 4-H Spirit Day-Wear Your 4-H Clothing
- 7 National 4-H Youth Science Day Activity, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 8 Cecil County Junior Fairboard Meeting, Elkton
- 15 Cecil 4-H Open House & Project Showcase, Elkton
- 16 AGsperience Career Development Program
- 22 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 24 State 4-H Shotgun Match
- 26 Hands-On Animal Science: Unwelcome Guests, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 31 DEADLINE: Cecil County Junior Fair Board Applications

November 2020

- 3 AGsperience Career Development Program
- 5 Record Book Workshop, 6:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 7 Apple/Pumpkin Fest, Calvert Grange, Calvert
- 8 State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest, Animal Science Building, University of Maryland, College Park
- 8 State 4-H Conference Trip Interviews, College Park
- 15 DEADLINE: Maryland 4-H State Council 2020 General Membership Applications Due
- 19 Creative Clovers, 6:15 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 20-22 Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum
- 23 Volunteer Series: Put some “Agri in your Club Culture”-Agriculture Activities at the Club Level, Elkton , 6-7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 23 Cecil 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Meeting, 7 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton

December 2020

- 5 Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Craft Workshop, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 5 Countywide 4-H Benefit Auction, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 6 State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting, 1 PM, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park
- 6 State 4-H Dog Advisory Meeting, 6 PM, via WebEx Conference Call
- 15 State 4-H Animal Science Update for Volunteers via WebEx



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The following documents are attached and located on the Cecil County Extension website at <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs>

- Achievement Night Flyer
- Winterfest Registration
- Communications Day Registration
- Horse Program Buffalo Wild Wings Voucher
- Calvert Boys & Girls Great Potato Contest Registration
- Young Guns Can Recycling Flyer

Online Registrations for the following are located on the Cecil County Extension website at <http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/upcoming-programs>

- Cecil County 4-H Creative Clovers
- Cecil County 4-H Volunteer Development Series
- Cecil County 4-H Hands-On Animal Science Classes