NOTES FROM BONNIE!

Dear 4-H Families,

We are so excited about all the summer activities that 4-H has to offer. We look forward to the upcoming Spring Show, Day and Overnight Camp and of course our Clover Days. Please take the time to read through all the information in this issue of the VOICE and let us know if you have any questions. It is not too late to bring a friend to a 4-H meeting to join so they can also participate in all 4-H has to offer.

Please review all the mandatory requirements for your animal’s projects that are listed in this issue. Remember deadlines are firm for the Animal Projects.

Have a great Summer,

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FOR 4-H INFORMATION GO TO OUR WEBSITE....

www.extension.umd.edu/charles-county/4-h-youth

FOR WEEKLY UPDATES, JOIN OUR ONE-LIST.
You must go to cc4h-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and request to be placed on the 4-H one-list.

Equal Opportunity Programs
If you need special assistance to participate in the program please call 301 934-5404 one week prior to the event.
Public Speaking Results
STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST!

We were so excited to have seven of our champions from the county Public Speaking contest attend the State Communications Contest on Saturday, April 30th at the University of Maryland on Maryland Day. The 4-Hers that attended were:

Kaitlin Benthin - Junior Prepared Speech
Robbie Abell - Junior Radio Spot
Jack Sein - Intermediate Prepared
Addison Herbert - Intermediate Radio Spot
Sofia Sherman - Intermediate Interpretation
Marie Ammar - Senior Extemporaneous
Kyle Noah Batchelor - Senior Radio Spot

Congratulations for making it to the state level! Great job at the contest! We can't wait for next year! Results from the county contest can be found in the back of the Voice.

Shooting Sports News

AIR RIFLE

The air rifle class has just ended their program for the spring. Thank you to everyone that helped with the class and instructed!

Call the office, (301) 934-5404, if you are interested in getting involved in air rifle and we will be in touch when the time comes for another class.

SHOTGUN

Shotgun classes have begun for beginning shooters. They are shooting each week and learning the basics of shooting shotgun competitively. If you may be interested in learning more about the shotgun program call the office at 301-934-5404 or email Debbie at dhouse1@umd.edu.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION

Volunteers that have taken the shooting sports instructor training MUST be recertified this year. The state has a new requirement for the past instructors and you have to go through a recertification program. PLEASE mark your calendars for either September 17, 2016 or November 5, 2016. We know that it is during our fair and are sorry for the inconvenience. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Volunteer Training

Are you interested in sharing your skills and abilities with the 4-H'er's in different program areas or just help out at events? We would love for you to become a trained 4-H volunteer! Contact us by phone at 301-934-5404 or email at dmosher@umd.edu if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Congratulations and welcome to all of our new UME Volunteers! We absolutely couldn’t do things without you!

Diamond Clover Award

Many of our 4-H'ers are working on their Diamond Clover Award for 2016, we would like to make sure that everyone is following the correct requirements. Level 1-4 is an agreement with the 4-H'er and the Club Leader. The 4-H'er and Leader should meet and agree to work on meeting and sign the agreement on the front page. When the level is completed the last page is then signed and turned into the 4-H office in December.

**Youth must complete with 1 year.** Only 1 level can be submitted within 1 year. If a youth chooses to complete a 4-H project as one of the task, they would need to submit a project record sheet either in their 4-H Record or attached to the form to show completion of the project.

**Level One – Amethyst – complete at least 3 task**
**Level Two – Aquamarine – complete at least 4 task**
**Level Three – Ruby – complete at least 5 task**
**Level Four – Sapphire – complete at least 6 task**
**Level 5 – Emerald – complete at least 7 task.**

Level 5 is an agreement with the 4-H'er, club leader and Extension Educator prior to the start of the level. Level 5 – Emerald – complete at least 7 task. Level 6 – Diamond Clover the highest level. This plan must be pre-approved before any work has started. Senior age 4-H’ers only. This level is a major service-learning project. The plan must be reviewed by a committee of 5 members. Once approved by the committee, the 4-H plan will be forwarded to State 4-H Leader for final approval prior to starting the project.
Forms and more information can be found on our website.

2016 Camping Season

Camp Teen Leader Training

Are you interested in being a teen leader at one or both of our camps? If so this is a reminder that you REQUIRED to take our teen training classes. Mark your calendars with the following dates for training. We are giving you plenty of time to hold these dates for training.

RETURNING LEADERS:

- Monday, May 23rd from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26th from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 8th from 6 - 8 p.m.

FIRST TIME LEADERS

- Monday, May 23rd 2 – 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26th from 6 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 8th from 6 - 8 p.m.

30 hours of training are required.

DAY CAMP - June 20-24, 2016

The 2016 Application for the Day Camp is enclosed with this VOICE. Daily bus transportation will be provided from the 4-H office. The cost will be $90.00 due by June 3rd. After the 3rd the cost will be $100.00. Space is limited so it is a first come basis. We may fill before the deadline, so don’t delay. 4-Hers will need to bring their lunch and drink with them each day. The deadline for registration is June 3, 2016. Payment and all forms must accompany the application. There will be no refunds.

OVERNIGHT CAMP - July 17-23, 2016

Cool nights, campfires, canoeing, archery, hiking and lots of fun is what is in store for you at the Western MD 4-H Center. The Overnight Camp Commitment Form is included in this month’s issue of the VOICE. The cost of the camp will be $300.00. The first payment is a commitment registration of $150.00 due by June 17, 2016 and the final payment of $175.00 is due by July 6th. Sorry we only accept cash or check for payment.

*REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMP!

First time camper’s orientation for overnight camp is required! The date is Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H office.

A completed University of Maryland Health Form must be submitted along with your camp registration, release form, and payment in order for your packet to be considered complete. Please check the website for a link to the Health Form, Release Form is included in this issue of the VOICE. Go to: www.extension.umd.edu/charles-county/4-h-youth

CLOVER DAYS – August 9 & 10, 2016

Attention Clover 4-H’ers we have a mini camp for our 5, 6, and 7 year olds. It is a ½ day of fun and activities on August 9 & 10. More information will be coming out shortly.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL

Are you interested in meeting other youth around the state and working together to put on fun statewide 4-H activities? If so, you should contact the 4-H office and we can help you get involved! Call the office at (301) 934-5404 or email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!
The state Skillathon contest was held on March 5th in Hagerstown. Charles County had twelve 4-H’ers participate in the contest!

**Juniors:**
- Riley Jo Herbert - 1st Overall
- Tiffany Abell - 7th Overall
- Sarah Culver - 10th Overall
- Matthew Schuessler - 16th Overall
- Robbie Abell - 24th Overall

**Intermediates:**
- Addison Herbert - 3rd Overall
- Parker Stonesifer - 13th Overall
- Sydney Garner - 20th Overall

**Seniors:**
- Tre’ Giannini - 5th Overall
- Taylar Burch - 11th Overall
- Hayley Tanner - 14th Overall
- Calla Ziebell - 32nd Overall

Congratulations on a job well done at the state contest. Good Luck to Taylar and Tre’ who are trying for a spot on the state Skillathon team.

**LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN**

**Swine:** The 2016 swine weigh-in and ear tagging will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at the Charles County Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you are planning to show a market hog for 4-H **you must bring** your pigs to the fairgrounds at that time. Reminder you may tag 5 but only show and sale 3 hogs. If you have any questions, please call 301-934-5404.

**Sheep and Goat:** The sheep and goat weigh in for 2016 will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you are planning on raising market lambs or goats for the 2016 fair you must bring your animals to the Charles County Fairgrounds on this day for them to be weighed in and tagged. If you have any questions, please call 301-934-5404 or email bboyden@umd.edu.

**MANDATORY! ONLINE QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The online quality assurance is for any youth in the **beef, sheep, swine, goat, horse, poultry, or rabbit projects.**

The online quality assurance program is up and running. You must complete this online training by August 15th, 2016. You must complete the online training if you:
- are a first time shower
- moved up in age division (junior to intermediate or intermediate to senior)
- are showing a new animal species

Go to [http://www.agnr.umd.edu/aqha/](http://www.agnr.umd.edu/aqha/) to access the online quality assurance.

**LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS NEW FOR 2016!!**

- All swine MUST be tagged with either a USDA or MDA premises ID tag **BEFORE** weigh in and tagging. These premises ID tags **MUST** come from the breeders. 4-H will no longer be providing tags with a premises ID number on them.
- We strongly encourage that all beef animals have their USDA or MDA premises ID tags from the breeder **BEFORE** weigh in and tagging.
- In order to exhibit at State Fair you must list the project on your re-enrollment by July 1st.

**4-HERS WITH BREEDING PROJECTS:**

Copies of the breed registrations for your animals is due to the office by JULY 1st. This includes all species: beef, goats, sheep, and swine.

Commercial animals must be tagged with a 4-H commercial breeding tag and be registered with the office using the form at the end of the Voice.

If you have any questions please call 301-934-5404 or email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu

Livestock Judging is getting ready to start...if you would like to learn what the judge is looking for in the show ring, then this is a great activity to try. Call the office or email Bonnie at bboyden@umd.edu for more information.
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HORSE AND PONY CARDS DUE BY MAY 31ST. CONTACT ELIZABETH TO UPDATE OR ADD A NEW HORSE TO YOUR RECORDS.

HORSE BOWL
Congratulations to the Charles County Senior Horse Bowl Team. The team of Lilly Collins, Morgan Hanson, William Kendrick, Callie Maginnis, and Haley Fuese placed 6th at the state contest on March 12th. Morgan Hanson also placed 9th individually. Great job at the state level!

HORSE JUDGING AND HIPPOLOGY
Charles County had two senior participants in the state Horse Judging and Hippology contest. The individuals were William Kendrick and Callie Maginnis.
In the Horse Judging contest, William placed 7th in Overall Halter and Callie place 7th in Overall Performance and 8th in Overall Reason.
In the Hippology contest, Callie placed 7th.
Great job you guys!

HORSEMANSHIP STANDARDS
Horsemanship Standards is the means to measure youth’s knowledge and riding ability. All 4-H’ers must pass riding and knowledge levels 1&2 to participate in county 4-H horse shows. To participate at the Maryland State Fair 4-H’ers must have passed riding levels 1, 2, & 3 and knowledge levels 1&2. Please call the 4-H office if you need to take your Horsemanship Standards. Mrs. Karol Dyson is going to be working with us to get our 4-H’ers completed. Let’s try for 100% of our 4-H’ers getting this done.

Area UME volunteers are invited to become testers for the Standards. If interested, please call the 4-H office at 301 934-5404.

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All youth who are planning on participating in the Dog Project for 2016 must register their animal(s) with the 4-H office. If you have participated in the past and plan on using the same dog for this year, you can call Elizabeth and ask her to update your 4-H Dog Card for 2016. You must also have an up-to-date rabies certificate on file. This information must be on file by May 31st.

Dog obedience classes have begun. Dogs must have a current Rabies vaccination certificate, 6 foot leash, training or buckle collar, and small dog treats. If you would like to learn more about training your dog or getting involved in the classes please call the office at (301) 934-5404.

Spring Livestock Dog Show information is available on the 4-H website if you would like to participate in a great day of learning for you and your dog.

POULTRY JUDGING
Are you interested in learning all about poultry? Poultry Judging is a way of learning about poultry without having to own birds. You learn about the poultry industry, grading chickens, grading eggs, and much, much more. If you are interested in learning about how to get involved please call the office at (301) 934-5404.

BROILER PROJECT!
For 2016 you may order your broilers any time between March 1 and June 30th. You must notify the office and fill out the required paper work to start the project. Please contact Bonnie if you have any questions.

RABBIT NEWS:
All youth who participate in the Rabbit Project must have a 4-H Rabbit Card on file with the office by August 1st. If you already have a card on file and plan to use the same rabbit for 2016 all you need to do is call the office to update the card.

Spring Show Rabbit Show information can be found on our website.
2016 Charles County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Results

Room A Prepared
Coordinator: Amber Hanson
Timekeeper: Stephanie Robertson
Judges: Ginger Jones & Cairna Muniz

Juniors:
NAME: Kaitlin Benthin
TITLE: Golden Labs – Blue & Champion
NAME: Cole Barrett
TITLE: Owls – Blue & Reserve Champion
NAME: Sara Robertson
TITLE: My Coal Speech – Blue

Seniors:
NAME: Taylor Good
TITLE: My Goat Ruby – Blue & Champion

Room B Prepared
Coordinator: Lilly Collins
Timekeeper: Pat Stonesifer
Judges: Robin Boswell & Cecilia Chandler

Intermediates:
NAME: Brynna Bode
TITLE: Lily – Blue & Reserve Champion
NAME: Victoria Drury
TITLE: My Love of Reading – Red
NAME: Parker Stonesifer
TITLE: Boy Scouts – Blue
NAME: Tessah Good
TITLE: 4-H Day Camp – Blue
NAME: Jack Sien
TITLE: Diamond Deception – Blue & Champion

Room C Clovers
Coordinator: Becky Ammar
Judges: Kelly Friedberg

Show & Tell
Clovers
NAME: Andrew Roscoe
TITLE: Kevin Minion – Participation Award

4-H Pledge
Clovers
NAME: Alfred Roscoe
TITLE: Participation Award

Juniors
NAME: Blaine Boyden
TITLE: Participation Award

Registration Table: Annette Braun & Calla Ziebell
Emcee: Marie Ammar

Room D Radio Spots
Coordinator: Hayley Tanner
Time Keeper: Mike Mohler
Judges: Elena Gilroy & Lauren Mohler

Juniors:
NAME: Ivy Phillips
TITLE: My Favorite Thing About 4-H – Blue
NAME: Robbie Abell III
TITLE: What Makes 4-H Fun – Blue & Champion
NAME: Sarah Culver
TITLE: Come Join Skill-a-thon – Blue
NAME: Ray Guzzone
TITLE: I Can’t Wait for Day Camp – Blue & Reserve Champion

Intermediates:
NAME: Kierstin Miller
TITLE: WAGR 4-H News Update – Blue & Reserve Champion
NAME: Addison Herbert
TITLE: 4-H Skillathon – Blue & Champion
NAME: Sage Phillips
TITLE: My Favorite Thing About 4-H – Blue

Seniors:
NAME: Annette Braun
TITLE: 4-H Overnight Camp – Blue
NAME: Calla Ziebell
TITLE: 4-H Overnight Camp – Blue
NAME: Hayley Tanner
TITLE: Camp – Blue & Reserve Champion
NAME: Kyle Noah Batchelor
TITLE: Dog Gone Crazy – Blue & Champion
NAME: Georgia Bowling
TITLE: Bored? Join 4-H! – Blue

Room E Interpretation & Extemporaneous
Coordinator: Caitlin Olejnik
Time Keeper: Jeanne Herbert
Judges: Sue Herbert & DiDi Huber

Interpretation
Intermediates:
NAME: Sofia Sherman
TITLE: “The Bells” – Blue & Champion by Edgar Allan Poe

Seniors:
NAME: Hannah Lehew
TITLE: “Number the Stars” – Blue & Champion by Lois Lowry

Extemporaneous
Prep Room Coordinator: Jeanne Herbert

Seniors:
NAME: Marie Ammar
TITLE: “My Favorite 4-H Project…” Blue & Champion

Judges’ Room/Ribbons:
Elena Solis & Elizabeth Solis-McGarry