Talbot County 4-H

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning life skills, communication, leadership, and citizenship.

May 16, 2017

Upcoming Events

4-H State Council Meeting

Sunday, May 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park
State Council is the Maryland 4-H statewide teen leadership program. Kara Hutchison and E.J. Milhollan are our 2017 representatives. They are working on several interesting projects this year including public education about the importance of bees as pollinators.

Maryland 4-H Volunteer Association Meeting

Saturday, May 21 at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park
All Maryland 4-H volunteers are welcome to become active in the Volunteer Association. Participants play an important role in shaping the direction of volunteer programs and activities across the state. For more information, contact 4-H State Volunteer Specialist Jamie Kenton Morris at jkenton@umd.edu.

Talbot Agriculture and Education Center Meeting

Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ag. Center in Easton
Would you like to become more involved in supporting the Ag. Center and helping with special projects? Consider attending some of the monthly meetings to find out how you can get involved.

Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline: Thursday, June 1
Seniors who would like to apply for college scholarships MUST apply by the June 1 deadline. The Foundation awards numerous scholarships each year, so be sure to apply NOW if you haven’t already applied.
**Bayside Quilt Show**  
**Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3 from 10-4 and Sunday, June 4 from 10-3 at the Oxford Community Center**  
Take a trip to Oxford and visit the Bayside Quilt Show! Talbot 4-H members and many other talented quilters will have a variety of beautiful quilted items on display. Admission is $10.

**Archery Classes!**  
**Friday, June 9 and Friday, June 16 (2 sessions) from 5 to 7 p.m.**  
Volunteers Joe Opalski and Sam Durner, along with other members of the Izaak Walton League, will host a two-session archery experience. Members who participated in the fall sessions had a great time. Consider signing up: Space is limited. **Register by June 5.**

**Talbot County Fair**  
**DEADLINE for Livestock Entry Forms: Friday, June 9**  
**Talbot County Fair**  
**DEADLINE for Non-Livestock Entry Forms: Friday, June 16**  
Members, please start working on your fair entry forms **NOW. DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS,** or you won’t have much time to fill out your forms! It takes a lot of time to type the entries in the fair database, so please turn them in to the Extension Office as early as possible. As always, we are grateful to Mr. Bill Behrens and Mr. Jim Morris for maintaining our livestock and indoor exhibit databases. Contact Tom Hutson or Linda Brown with indoor exhibit questions.

**Maryland 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, June 19 in Myersville**  
Visit [www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com) for details about the event.

**Maryland 4-H Congress!**  
**June 20–24 at the University of Maryland in College Park**  
Members who are 13-18 as of January 1, 2017 are invited to have fun and experience opportunities for leadership and career development. Participants will learn about the campus and get a feel for what it is like to be a University of Maryland student. Several departments will lead learning activities that help participants discover research and career opportunities connected to the University. Participants must register using the 4-H Online event registration system. The early bird deadline was May 15, but members may still register for a slightly higher fee of $225. For details, go to [www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com).

**Orioles Baseball Game: Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards**  
**Thursday, June 22 at 7:05 p.m. in Baltimore**  
Enjoy 4-H Day at the ballpark with your fellow Maryland 4-H families and the Baltimore Orioles, and support the Maryland 4-H Foundation too! Upper Reserve tickets $17 each. $5 of every ticket sold will benefit the Foundation.
Talbot County Fair!
Thursday, July 13–Saturday, July 15 at the Ag. Center
It’s time for our fun, exciting annual rural lifestyle and 4-H exhibits showcase! This year’s fair is three days long, so be sure to check the schedule because some events have moved to different days and times. For example, indoor exhibit entry night will be Wednesday, July 12 instead of Tuesday as in previous years. Remember to turn in your exhibit forms before the June 9 (livestock) and June 16 (all non-livestock) deadlines. See the important fair information later in this newsletter.

Maryland State Fair DEADLINE for Online Exhibit Entry:
Friday, July 31 at 11:59 p.m.
Please register by JULY 15 because many people wait until the end of the month and can overload/slow down the entry system. Registering early will also give you time to get help if you experience problems with any part of the registration process. The entry system will open soon. Information and the online registration link can be found at www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h.

Cecil County 4-H Camp
August 6–11 at Rocks State Park in Harford County
Talbot 4-H members are welcome to apply to attend the exciting Cecil County camp this summer. Slots fill up quickly, so please register early. Registration information will be available online at http://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/4-h-youth/4-h-camp. Teens who are interested in being camp counselors should contact the camp director, Susan Knight, at susank@ardentitle.com or at 410-996-9780.

The Maryland State Fair
Wednesday, August 24–Monday, September 5 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds
The State Fair is always fun! Put these dates on your calendar if you plan to participate. If you need help getting your indoor exhibits to the fair for entry, Mr. Tom will take whatever exhibits fit inside his truck and will enter them for you. Because space is limited, please choose a few small items to enter, attach the tags, put them in a box, and drop them off at the Extension Office no later than Friday, August 19 so there is plenty of time to see if they all fit in the truck. (Note: Mr. Tom prefers not to take perishable items such as fresh cut flowers because they deteriorate before they are judged.) You will be responsible for picking up your exhibits at the end of the fair or asking someone to pick them up for you. Please enter your exhibits online by July 15 so we can help you if you have problems. Don’t wait until the July 31 deadline!

This year’s schedule has a LOT of changes. Please check the schedule carefully because some events have been switched to different days or times. Information can be found at www.marylandstatefair.com.
4-H Ambassadors Meeting, 5 to 6 p.m.
4-H Council Meeting, 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19 at the Extension Office (Soil Conservation suite)

4-H Ambassadors: This group of youth leaders serves as a liaison between Talbot 4-H and local communities.

4-H Council: Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting of volunteer leaders and youth representatives of 4-H clubs. We share information about programs and activities and discuss upcoming events.

Reminder: CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER
If severe weather of any kind causes schools to close and/or cancel after-school activities, all 4-H meetings and events for that day are also canceled. Weekend activities may also be canceled due to weather, so check your e-mail for updates.

4-H is Open to Everyone!
University of Maryland Extension programs are open to any person and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, and gender identity or expression. If you require special assistance to participate in Extension programs, please contact the Extension Office in advance.

Welcome

Would you like to become a 4-H volunteer and help with events, contribute to club activities, or start your own club?
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer and/or starting a club, contact the 4-H Office at (410) 822-1244. We will be glad to talk with you and set up a training session to make you a volunteer.

Parents, our club leaders can always use additional adults to help with club projects and activities. If you want to become a volunteer and help with your child’s club, talk to Tom and Missy. Becoming a volunteer is easy, and the application process doesn’t take much time.

DO YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS THE NEWSLETTER AND ISN’T RECEIVING IT?
Contact the Extension Office so we can make the changes in our e-mail lists.
Level 6 Diamond Clover Projects

- 4-H seniors Kallie Duley, Kara Hutchison, and Rebekah Lankford are working on their Level 6 community service projects that have been approved. Kallie is doing a beach restoration project in Claiborne, Kara is putting in Ag. Center ceiling fans in the Collier Pavilion and the Swine Barn, and Rebekah is putting in an Ag. Center water fountain so visitors can stay hydrated during hot weather. Please support their projects as they help to improve our local communities. See the support letter from Kara at the end of this newsletter.

- Karli Abbott, Josh Cherry, Bree Haufe, and E.J. Milhollan have begun the process of writing proposals for Level 6 projects that will be submitted in the fall. Let’s wish them luck on formulating their ideas and developing their plans.

- We are grateful to volunteer Diamond Clover Project Specialist Ms. Debbie Urry for guiding members through the proposal and implementation processes.

College Scholarship Opportunity

High school seniors, the Maryland 4-H scholarship application deadline is June 1. If you plan to apply for a scholarship for community college or four-year college, technical school, vocational school, etc., the application information is available online at www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com. Talk to Ms. Amanda Brown Clougherty if you have questions.

National Trip Opportunities for Senior Members

4-H seniors, you are eligible to apply for out-of-state trips. Information about the trips is available online at extension.umd.edu/4-h. There are specific deadlines for submission of senior portfolios if you want to apply for a trip, so pay close attention to the timeline.

Support the Maryland 4-H Foundation

The Maryland 4-H Foundation provides financial support to the Maryland 4-H program through club, county, regional, and state events; national project and leadership-based trips; scholarships; and much more. The Foundation holds several fundraising events each year. Proceeds support the Awards Gala, national trips, and a variety of educational initiatives across the state. Talbot 4-H greatly appreciates your contributions to and participation in Foundation fundraisers.

Would you like to learn more about the role of the Maryland 4-H Foundation in promoting youth development across the state? Go online to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com or speak to Ms. Amanda Brown Clougherty, Talbot County 4-H Volunteer AND Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation!
Talbot Agriculture and Education Center is Available for Rental

The Ag. Center is available free of charge for 4-H events, but did you know that it can be rented for private events such as weddings and family reunions? Rental income helps to cover expenses and keep the Ag. Center in operation. Information is available online at www.talbotagcenter.org.

Animal Science Updates

Ethics: Always Do the Right Thing!

When members enroll online, they agree to abide by the Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics. The code says you will treat your animals humanely and, if your animals will eventually be eaten by people, that the meat is free of substances (medicines, etc.) that might be harmful. Parents and leaders, if your children are working on animal projects please review the code of ethics with them. The Extension Office will print a copy of the code if you need it.

Animal Project Records Can Help You Organize Information

Did you know there are special animal science project records you may use instead of the standard 4-H project record? These forms give you space to keep track of important details related to many animal species and are much more useful for animal project members than the generic project record. Find them at extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources.

2017 MDA ANIMAL REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS

(1) Be sure to carefully read over the Maryland Department of Agriculture’s animal health web page to make sure you are meeting all 2017 animal regulations. You don’t want to arrive at a fair or show and be turned away because you didn’t meet one of the regulations! Go online to http://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/default.aspx. (Mr. Tom also put a copy of the regulations in the 2017 Talbot County Fair Book.)

(2) Maryland 4-H is providing regular 4-H swine ear tags this year but NOT USDA RFID tags. The reason is that the state is making a transition: cattle and swine breeders are expected to put in USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) tags at the point of origin (where the animals are born). If the animals you buy don’t have them, you can ask a veterinarian to put them in for you. The metal USDA non-RFID tags are NOT acceptable. You may need to add a USDA RFID tag to an ear, but do not remove the other USDA tag (just ignore it).

(3) Poultry exhibitors: You must contact Ms. Karla Wieland Cherry at dkcherry4@aol.com or another licensed poultry tester to have your birds tested for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to the fair. Poultry regulations often change during the fair season, so check the Maryland Department of Agriculture website regularly for regulation changes. If avian influenza breaks out, poultry shows may be canceled.
4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines for the Talbot County Fair

If you will be showing 4-H animals this year, you must own your animals (or have a signed lease agreement if applicable) by the dates listed below.

**January 1**  
beef and dairy steers

**May 1**  
swine, lambs, goats, commercial beef heifers, and commercial breeding sheep

**June 1**  
registered heifers, performance animal leases

All other ownership deadlines are determined by county fair show rules.

Animal Science Project Reminders

- **Where can I find 4-H animal information and forms online?**
  Forms are available online at [https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources). The Extension Office can also print them for you.

- **Livestock Registration Forms**
  If you have cattle, swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, cavies, or poultry as project animals, you need to have livestock, rabbit/cavy, or poultry registration forms on file with the Extension Office by June 1. *(For market livestock, we already gave you a form to fill out on tagging and weighing day. It’s in the livestock information packet you received.)*

- **Performance Animal Leases**
  If you are leasing a performance animal such as a dairy cow, the Extension Office needs a signed copy of your lease on file by June 1. Only PERFORMANCE animals—NOT market animals—may be leased.

- **ID Cards**
  If you have dogs or horses/ponies as 4-H project animals, please fill out your 4-H ID cards and give them to the Extension Office by June 1.

- **What if I don’t put my registration form or ID card on file with the Extension Office?**
  If you DON’T have livestock registration forms and dog/horse ID cards on file, *you may be denied the ability to participate in 4-H shows*, especially shows at the regional or state level, because we have to give the state office copies of the forms for all 4-H animals for verification at show check-in.

- **Vaccinations**
  If your animals require vaccinations, they should be vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the first show so the vaccinations have time to take effect.

- **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**
  All livestock that will be entered in fairs and shows must have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has been completed by a licensed vet. *You MUST keep your CVI with you at every fair or show you attend!!!*
• **Self-Certification of Animal Health**

YOU know your animals best. For this reason, you are required to complete the self-certification of animal health form for livestock, poultry, rabbits and horses. (Your CVI form from the vet has a self-certification form on the back.) *Look over your animals right before you load them to take them to a fair or show. If your animals show signs of illness before you load them, LEAVE THEM AT HOME so you don’t risk spreading diseases to other people’s animals! You MUST keep your self-certification with you at every fair or show you enter.*

• **Miscellaneous Information**

- An animal can be tagged as commercial (breeding) OR market (for sale) but not both.
- 4-H animals MUST be registered in the member’s name or follow approved leasing procedures.
- Clovers (ages 5-7 as of January 1) are NOT permitted to show animals as 4-H members at fairs and shows. This is a rule that follows the National 4-H Council policy. Note: Some shows allow clover-aged youth to participate in OPEN shows.

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**Be Sure to Complete Your Online Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training!**

Members who exhibit alpacas, cattle, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are *REQUIRED* to take this online training to be eligible to show their animals. *Complete the training the first year you do a new animal project and every year you change age levels (junior to intermediate, intermediate to senior).* Juniors do the introductory section. Intermediates and seniors also do the sections for their species.

Here is the training link: [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/animal-science-resources). Complete the training by June 15, but try to get it finished by June 1 because the website gets jammed the closer we get to the 15th. Contact the Extension Office if you need help.

**NEW: Minimum Goal Market Hog Weight for the Livestock Auction**

The Livestock Auction Committee established a **minimum GOAL market weight** for 4-H hogs that will be sold in the auction. There is a goal of **225 pounds** on the day of the auction, so please try to get your hogs as close as possible to this weight. Because our fair is one of the first fairs, we have less time to get our hogs to market weight. *Consider buying hog feed that is of high quality and has higher levels of protein and (possibly) fat. Talk with a knowledgeable feed mill for help.*

**Do You Have Animal QUESTIONS?**

Contact Tom or Missy with general questions. Livestock Coordinator **Susan Behrens** knows a LOT about all livestock species and is a great resource. Others who can answer your species-specific questions are: swine, goats, rabbits, cavies **Tresa Hutchison**; beef and sheep, **Cindy Spies**; dairy, **Ryan Snow**; poultry and dogs, **Karla Wieland-Cherry**; horses, **Shannon Dill**; and the livestock auction, **Tom Reilly**.
Some Members and Volunteers STILL Need to Reenroll Online for 2017!

Volunteers and members, please reenroll yourself for the 2017 program year before June 1!!! Go to www.4honline.com, click Maryland, and then log in using the Family option in the drop-down menu. Contact Tom if you need him to reenroll you in the online system. If your club doesn’t pay the participation fee for its members you need to give your $10 fee directly to the Extension Office so we can send it to the state office. Checks should be made out to “Talbot County Extension Advisory Council (EAC)”. Contact Tom if you need to request a scholarship for the $10 fee.

MARYLAND 4-H AGES ARE DETERMINED BY HOW OLD YOU WERE ON JANUARY 1. You NEVER change age levels in the middle of a year because it would cause confusion for contests and events. (For example, even if you turn 8 on January 2 you are still a clover for the rest of the calendar year.)

Clovers—ages 5, 6, or 7; Juniors—ages 8, 9, 10; Intermediates—ages 11, 12, or 13; Seniors—ages 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

When members enroll, they agree to follow the Maryland 4-H Youth Code of Conduct (based on Character Counts). Parents, please review the code with your children. The Extension Office can give you a printed copy if you need one.

Important 4-H Websites

Maryland 4-H Program Information extension.umd.edu/4-h
U of MD Extension Talbot County/4-H extension.umd.edu/talbot-county
Order 4-H Project Books & Supplies 4-hmall.org
National 4-H 4-h.org
University of Maryland Extension – State extension.umd.edu
Talbot County Fair talbotcountyfair.org
Maryland State Fair marylandstatefair.com
Maryland 4-H Foundation www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com
Dear Valued Community Member,

My name is Kara Hutchison. I am in 10th grade at Easton High School. I am a member of Easton FFA. My CDE’s are: Creed Speaking, Veterinary Science, and Horse Judging. I am also a member of Talbot Co./ Maryland State 4-H. My project areas include: swine, dairy cattle, rabbits, sewing, baking, photography, grain production, and State Council. This is my third year serving on the Maryland 4-H State Council and I am currently working on my Level 6 Diamond Clover Project, which is what I would like to tell you about today.

The Diamond Clover levels are similar to the Boy Scout levels. Diamond Clover has 6 levels: amethyst, aquamarine, ruby, sapphire, emerald, and diamond. Once you reach level six, or diamond level, you have two years to complete a large service project, just like Boy Scouts have to do to become Eagle Scouts. For my Diamond clover project, I would like to put up livestock fans in the hog building, main show ring, and main pavilion at the Talbot Agricultural and Education Center. The fans will help keep showmen and their livestock cool and stress free. The fans will also assist in biosecurity by keeping flies away. This is a $10,000 project, and I would like your help.

There are three levels of sponsorship: Grand Supreme, Junior Supreme, and Reserve Supreme. Grand Supreme sponsors are those who donate $300 or more, Junior Supreme sponsors are those who donate from $200 up to $300, and Supreme sponsors are those who donate from $100 to $200. There are even honorable mentions because donors are the key thing to making this project successful. If you decide to help me make my diamond clover project a successful, please make checks out to “MSCF/ Diamond Clover Project” and mail them to the address above or donate online at mscf.org, noting it as Diamond Clover, to make it tax deductible.

I hope you will consider helping me strive for the 4-H motto “To make the best better”.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kara Hutchison
Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the University of MD Extension Office

President – Tyler Redman
Vice President – Rebecca Brault
Secretary – Caleb Wooters (absent)
Historian – Josh Wooters (absent)
Ag. Center Representative – Kara Hutchison, Josh Cherry
Fair Board Representative – Kara Hutchison, Josh Cherry

Attendance (from sign-in sheet): Karli Abbott, Della Andrew, Susan Behrens, Jason Blades Hrynko, Chris Brault, Rebecca Brault, Josh Cherry, Katelynn Cherry, Kari Diefenderfer, Martha Harrison, Billy Haufe, Linda Hrynko, Hayden Hutchison, Kara Hutchison, Tresa Hutchison, Tom Hutson, Abigail Meadows, Jessica Meadows, Tyler Redman, Rebecca Meadows, Pippa Milhollan, Victoria Milhollan, Missy Tucker, Jessi Watts, Roxane Watts, Karla Wieland-Cherry

Call to Order and Pledges

Updates from 4-H Council, Ambassadors, and State Council
Early Bird registration ended, but you can still register. You get to learn from professors and do classroom activities. Last year they identified animal footprints and dissected owl pellets. This year, everyone will go to an Orioles game. There will also be a community service projects. Council is working on the State Fair bee education project. There will be a meeting in College Park this Sunday for Council officers.

Old Business

• Review of Past Events
  o Visual Presentations—we want to thank Green Clover club for sponsoring the program. People liked the space and times, and we also accommodated people who had to present early.
  o State Communication (Public Speaking) Contest—Mrs. Milhollan said she was impressed with the presenters at the state contest.

• Other Old Business?

Club Activity Reports
NOTE: Club reporters/reps may submit summaries to the Extension Office before the meeting takes place.

• Bay Hundred Blue Crabs (submitted by Roxane Watts and Jessi Watts)
  Bay 100 Blue Crabs met on Friday, May 5 at Environmental Concern. Meeting was called to order by Jessi. Pledge was led by Bradley and Dragana. Minutes were read by Kallie. Treasurer's report was given by Megan.

  The TC Fair was discussed, time changes were highlighted, and Miss Rocky mentioned that even if someone will be on vacation she will get their items entered and picked up for them. Several members were urged to sign up for the 4-H National Congress.
Kallie and Bradley gave reports on their oyster project Kallie has been working on her Claiborne Project and will soon announce a date for club activities towards her Diamond Award. Megan announced that she is indeed going to Nebraska for the National 4-H Shotgun Competition. Club will be holding a yard sale on June 10 to help raise funds for the trip (rain date June 17). Megan will be leading the club in a Service Learning Project that ties in with Kallie’s Bay Environment Project after August. Bat houses will be made by the club and distributed locally. Members continue to work on their horseshoe crabs.

Dragana gave a report on the Sewing Circle. They made stuffed animals learning how curves and darts add shape to a project and made an ornament that features the many stitch designs available on a machine. Jessi continues to work on her Astronomy project. She made a 3 part project for the SMMHS STEM Fair that won the Structural Award. The club viewed a video highlighting businesses and the bay of the Eastern Shore.

Clover and Jr sewing circle will meet on May 19 and Intermediate sewing circle will meet on May 26.

Next club meeting will be June 9 at Environmental Concern.

• **Busy Beavers** *(submitted by Della Andrew, Linda Hrynko, and Tyler Redman)*
  In March, the club had a Bill Burton State Park for cleanup.

  In April, we went to the Dixon House for Easter. We played games, sang songs, and held an egg hunt. We had a meeting at the Dixon House. We also walked for 4-H in the Oxford Parade.

  One member did a speech at Maryland Day (the State Communication Contest).

  In May, we had a hot dog sale at Giant Food and held our meeting at St. Mark’s Church. The club has a craft program planned for May 21.

• **Chapel District** *(submitted by Susan Behrens and Martha Harrison)*
  The Chapel District 4-H Club met in April at the Talbot Ag Center. Club members displayed their crafts made from plastic canvas. Each member can enter this project at the county fair. Jodie Callahan gave a talk on swine health. Many of the club members will be bringing their swine projects to the county fair to be exhibited in the showmanship and market classes.

  The Chapel District 4-H Club met on Saturday May 13th in the main show pavilion for weighing of market animals. Twenty-five hogs one goat were weighed. A vet from Chestertown Animal hospital and Mr. Tom reviewed swine health and registration forms.

• **Chesapeake Bay** *(submitted by Victoria Milhollan and Pippa Milhollan)*
  Chesapeake Bay 4-H Club *(Submitted by Pippa Milhollan & Victoria Milhollan)*

  Chesapeake Bay 4-H Club members have been working on their “Simple Service Learning Projects” for our community. This year we have collected can goods, fresh fruit, donation baskets and shoes, members are working on re-assembling the 4-H robotic kits with all pieces, and most recently our group visited patients at Bayleigh Chase’s Marvel Hall to demonstrate how Legos have evolved through the years.
EJ Milhollan and Bree Haufe received their Diamond Clover Emerald Award in January at The State Fair Grounds. Many of our members participated in Talbot County’s, Regional, Visual and State Public Speaking contests. Sara & Jack Chapple competed at the state public speaking event during Maryland Day at College Park Univ. Of MD.

Our group has been working on Geocaching throughout Talbot County while promoting 4-H. Members have set out 4 different geocaches throughout the Easton area with 4-H information inside containers. This is just a part of our Outdoors project we are working towards.

Many of our members have been making tee shirt bed runners with Lou and the Bayside Quilters. It has been fun and a great way to recycle fun tee shirts. I think it has been our members’ favorite sewing project so far.

Our trip to Kennedy Space Center was a huge success. The space Center was more than what we had expected. Tour was amazing, we could do a lot of hands on with many of the displays as well as climbing inside real capsules and aircrafts on the property. Members asked excellent questions and were all impressed with the Kennedy Space Center and the wildlife on the NASA property.

All members have been keeping record books up to date, working on fair entries, planting gardens and doing project demonstrations. Members also sold 88 clovers at Easton’s tractor Supply to benefit Maryland’s 4-H.

- **Green Clover (submitted by Carol Frampton and Karli Abbott)**
  March 31st was the Regional Public Speaking contest held at Easton High School. Our club coordinated the refreshment sale and donated all money for Visual Presentations. The total collected was $160. Rylee Gowen and Elaina Steinly earned a participation certificate. Karli Abbot earned 2nd place.

  We did not have a regular business meeting in April due to April 10th being the County Visual Presentation Program and our club sponsored the program at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. We had 9 members present.

  Lexi Williams represented our club at Maryland Day and is awaiting results.

  Our May meeting was held at The Robin’s nest and members chose to make either a silk flower wall hanging item or an indoor dish garden. These projects will be entered into the fair. All members have completed their sewing projects. Lilly Catlin reported on her recent trip to NY. Rebekah is getting ready for her summer long trip to Japan. Lori Alltop gave a presentation on her sewing project.

- **Health Science (submitted by Tom Hutson)**
  In April, we met at the Extension Office and learned about bones and bone health. Members completed an activity in which they had to engineer an external structure to repair a broken femur bone.

  In May, we visited Choice One Urgent Care in Easton. Members learned about how an urgent care center works and explored the kinds of medical career opportunities that are available in urgent care.

- **Saddle and Paws (submitted by Karla Weland-Cherry and Josh Cherry)**
  March - we met at the Awards Ceremony and congratulated everyone & enjoyed the ice cream ;)

April - we planted catnip & flowers, learned about chicken eggs and played pony Frisbee.

May - we learned about showing chickens, different chicken breeds, and showmanship questions. We then played tag, watched the Avengers movie and ate pizza.

We meet again in June.

- **Shooting Sports Project**
  **Shotgun:** Mr. Eric Silva has become a volunteer attended the instructor training in April. He will work with the Caroline County shotgun club unless we get enough interest to eventually form our own separate Talbot club again. The Caroline club usually shoots the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. at Talbot Rod and Gun Club in Easton.

  **Archery:** Instructors Mr. Joe Opalski and Mr. Sam Durner have planned two sessions scheduled for June 9 and June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. All members are welcome. Register by June 5.

- **New Business**
  - **4-H Membership Drive**
    The State Office would like counties to increase 4-H membership. This summer, please help us promote 4-H to potential new members and volunteers for our clubs. If you know anyone who would like to start a new club, contact Mr. Tom.

- **Preparing for the Talbot County Fair**
  - Entry Form Deadlines
    - Livestock—Friday, June 9
    - Everything Else—Friday, June 16
  - Indoor Entries—Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, July 13 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. (perishable only)
  - 4-H Livestock Entries—Thursday, July 13 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
  - Ambassador Program/Baked Goods Auction—Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m.
  - ***Does anyone want a flyer to attract new buyers to the auction?***
  - New! Pet Show—Thursday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m.
  - Fashion Show Reminder: Turn in outfit narrative form by the day BEFORE the show
  - 4-H Booth Sign-Up Times
    - Thursday, July 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. (note: ambassador prog. at 5:30)
    - Friday, July 14 from 4 to 8 p.m.
    - Saturday, July 15 from noon to 6 p.m.
  - Demonstrations on the Collier Pavilion Stage: okay whenever stage is available

- **Preparing for the Maryland State Fair**
  **Online Entry Deadline:** July 31 at 11:59 p.m. Register EARLY!

- **Upcoming Events: Review of Newsletter Calendar of Events**

- **Mini-Professional Development Topics**
Question: What is your club doing to promote 4-H to the public?

4-H is Open to Everyone!
University of Maryland Extension programs, including 4-H clubs and events, are intended to be welcoming and accessible to ALL Maryland residents. Below is our official AA statement (see statement at end of minutes).

We need to make sure the public is aware of our equal access policy. All flyers, articles, advertisements, radio announcements, and other communications that promote 4-H programs should include the entire equal opportunity statement where possible or at least say “Equal opportunity/access programs.”

Americans with Disabilities Act
Offering inclusive programs means offering reasonable accommodations to youth and adults with disabilities. Individuals needing accommodations must give advance notice of special needs to allow time for arranging accommodations. Reasonable accommodations should be made for physical/mental disabilities, visual impairment, hearing impairment, or other conditions.

When promoting 4-H activities, please try to include the disabilities statement where possible: “If you require assistance to participate in 4-H programs, please contact the Extension Office in advance.”

- Other New Business?
  - Remembering Mr. Herbert Andrew, a long-time 4-H supporter. Mr. Herby has been a long-time supporter of Talbot 4-H and Talbot communities in general. We will all miss him, and we are grateful to him for his many years of service work. The fair gate book will contain a page in memory of Mr. Herby, and we will dedicate the baked goods auction to him this year.

Next 4-H Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 19
Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. (Ambassadors meet from 5 to 6 p.m.)

Other 2017 meetings:
November 14 (Nov. meeting is 1 week earlier to avoid Thanksgiving week)

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