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

September/October 2012

CALENDAR OF 4-H EVENTS

Friday, September 14, 5-7 p.m.
Back to School Night
White Marsh Elementary, Trappe

Would your club like the chance to promote 4-H to White Marsh students and discuss your 4-H projects with them? If so, contact the 4-H Office and we will get you in touch with David Short of the school PTO. The Extension Office will cover the $25 fundraising charge for a table if you want to participate.

Tuesday, September 18, 6-7 p.m.
Talbot 4-H Council Meeting
(U. of MD Extension Office, Easton)

Each 4-H club is asked to send its 4-H Council representative and/or vice-president to this group that provides leadership for the 4-H program. Volunteers, members, and others who are interested may also attend. If you have something to add to the agenda, contact Mr. Tom or Ms. Pat. This month, the Ambassadors will work on more effectively promoting 4-H to the public.

Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. - noon
Bake Sale and 4-H Outreach
Tractor Supply Company, Easton

This year, Talbot 4-H has formed a partnership with Tractor Supply Company on Route 50 in Easton. During the store’s promotional events, 4-H has run educational activities for visitors. If you would like to participate in the September 4-H promotion, call the Extension Office. Please ALSO let us know if you can donate baked goods for us to sell! Proceeds will benefit 4-H programs and scholarships.

Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Trappe-toberFEST
Town of Trappe

Each year, the town of Trappe offers its one-day fall festival. If you would like to be involved in 4-H promotion and educational activities at this fun event for local families, contact the Extension Office.

Sunday, October 7-Saturday, October 13
National 4-H Week

This is a great time for your club to offer a 4-H educational or promotional event. Contact the Extension Office if you need ideas about what you can do at your National 4-H Week event.

Saturday, October 13, 3:45 p.m.-9 p.m.
Talbot 4-H Halloween Happening
Pintail Point, Queenstown

Due to the popularity of the Bay Hundred visit to Pintail Point last year, we decided to hold our Halloween event at Pintail Point where they have lots of fun, ready-made activities. See the information box on the next page for details.
TALBOT COUNTY HALLOWEEN HAPPENING
Sat. October 13  3:45-9:00
Pintail Point, Queenstown

4 p.m. is the last Hay Ride of the day (20 min)
You must arrive by 3:45 to enjoy the hay ride.

30 OR 60 minute Maze Trail
Bring a flashlight to use after dark
Bring a cell phone
“Mile” Markers and Maze Games (no spooks)

Other Activities:
Tile Maze, Corn-Hole Toss, Straw Bale Maze,
Putt-Putt Golf, Face Painting, Decoupage,
Sand & Glo-Paint Art and more
Concession Stands – priced reasonably
Picnic tables on site

Arrive whenever you can! Stay as late as 9 p.m.
Invite friends/new 4-H members
Cost: Under 2 free  3-12, $7  13 up, $9
Note: discount rate if our group is large enough!

Contact the Extension Office to register by Oct. 10!

Friday, November 16-Sunday, November 18
Maryland 4-H Teen & Adult Volunteer Forum, Ocean City
Visit www.maryland4h.org for information (coming soon) about this exciting teen and adult volunteer event and registration forms.

Tuesday, December 4, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
4-H Record Book Workshop and Senior Portfolio Workshop
Extension Office, Easton

Juniors and Intermediates: Do you want to learn how to complete a 4-H record book? Mr. Tom and Ms. Pat will make record books easy to understand. Seniors: Are you ready to transition from record books to portfolios that can help you prepare out-of-state trip interviews, job interviews, and/or college interviews? Ms. Deb Urry will show you how creating portfolios can be a breeze! Contact the Extension Office by November 28 to register.

Do you want to learn more about 4-H?
4-H members, parents, and volunteers can find out about Talbot County 4-H by going online to talbot.umd.edu and about State-Level 4-H programs, policies, and forms by going online to maryland4h.org.

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

If you need assistance to participate in a 4-H program, please contact the Extension Office in advance so we can make arrangements.

Sunday, October 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Harvest Hoedown
Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Easton
Talbot 4-H always participates in this fun annual event for the entire family. If you would like to join Ms. Pat and Mr. Tom as we offer educational activities and promote 4-H, call the 4-H Office.

Sunday, October 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Harvest Festival
Talbot Ag and Education Center, Easton
See the Harvest Festival information later in this newsletter. This is a fun community event that you won’t want to miss!

Saturday, November 3, 2-4 p.m.
First Aid Training for 8 to 18 year olds
Talbot Ag and Education Center, Easton
Demonstrations and hands-on activities
No charge! Join us and learn essential skills.
Call the Extension Office to register by Oct. 31.

Sunday, October 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Harvest Festival
Talbot Ag and Education Center, Easton
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Record Book and Portfolio Information

4-H members: Try to work on your 2012 record book or portfolio throughout the year instead of waiting until Christmas break! To access the record book forms, go online to talbot.umd.edu and click “4-H Youth Development”, then click “Record Book Forms” You can fill in the forms and save them to your computer. Remember that completing a record book helps you develop organizational skills, earn awards, and receive recognition at the annual 4-H Achievement Program.

4-H Seniors: You may continue to fill out record books each year if you choose, but we encourage you to complete a portfolio. Portfolios help senior 4-H members apply for exciting out-of-state trips. In addition, showing your portfolio to employers or college admissions officers might help you get a job, be accepted into college, and earn scholarships. Your portfolio contains a resume summarizing your accomplishments, and it can help you stand out from the crowd. To access information about 4-H senior portfolios, go online to maryland4h.org. Click “Youth and Families” and then click “Awards and Recognition”. All details about the portfolio are found at this website.

Out-of-State Trip Opportunities

Attention senior 4-H members: Did you know that the Maryland 4-H Foundation sponsors a variety of national trips each year for 4-H members? If you are interested in attending one of these trips during the next year, be sure to put together a portfolio and have us forward it to the State 4-H Office on the appropriate date. Note: Resumes, Essays, and Applications for National 4-H Conference are due in October 2012 to the State 4-H Office. National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwanca applications are due in early 2013 to the State 4-H Office.

Get Credit for Service Learning Hours!

Did you know that your 4-H community service work can often qualify as service learning hours for school? Community service work that directly relates to the classes you are taking in school can usually be counted as service learning. Contact the Extension Office if you need help deciding which of your community service projects qualify as service learning. 4-H volunteer Ms. Linda Brown can also help you plan your projects.

Maryland 4-H Foundation News

Did you know? The Maryland 4-H Foundation was founded in 1959 with the purpose of supporting national trips, Maryland state 4-H events, Maryland county grants and programs, awards and scholarships, and program endowments. Some of these Maryland 4-H programs include National 4-H Congress and Conference, Animal Science Judging Trips, the State Diamond Clover Program, and the Berlage Innovative Grants Program.

You can find out more information about 4-H Foundation programs and events online: Go to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com for details. We are also lucky enough to have Ms. Amanda Clougherty, Director of the 4-H Foundation, as a volunteer right here in Talbot County. She is always happy to answer questions about how the Foundation supports 4-H families across the state.
DO YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?
Tell us, and we will remove you from our list.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL IS COMING!
Everyone loves the Harvest Festival! Below is a letter from Ms. Cindy Spies and Ms. Debbie Dudrow requesting 4-H club participation. Consider helping out again this year or, if you are new to 4-H, for the very first time:

Hello, everyone, it is that time for our 5th Annual Harvest Festival to be held at the Talbot Agriculture & Education Center on Sunday, October 21, 2012. 11 am to 5 pm. In order for this to be a successful fundraiser, we need full participation from each member organization, including 4-H clubs. This has grown to be our largest single-day fundraiser and we would like it to continue to grow. We can’t be successful without everyone’s full participation.

We wanted to let each 4-H member know what our plans are and ask for ideas, donations, etc. that club members may have.

As of now, we have planned the following:
- Car/Truck/Tractor Show
- Several Old Time Harvest Demonstrations
- Craft Show
- Hayride/Bathtub rides
- Midway with several types of Games
- Silent Auction
- Pumpkin Painting
- Hank’s famous Pit beef, homemade French-fries, homemade Apple Dumplings, etc.
- Petting Zoo
- Wine Making Contest

We are asking that 4-H clubs be a big part of this event, as all profits directly benefit the Ag Center. Many hands make lighter work for everyone! [Extension Office Note: The Ag. Center gives us a great location to hold 4-H events and the county fair, so we need to help with Ag. Center fundraisers to ensure that our activities have a home!] We have listed above some activities that we have planned so far, but we would love to hear any suggestions or ideas that anyone has for the day. We have some suggestions already of a rock climbing wall, horse & carriage rides, corn hole contest (we have the boards already), or any kind of demonstrations that could go on throughout the day such as a dog agility class. If anyone has any connections to any of those suggestions, your help in arranging and running those activities would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking for silent auction items, and we are asking that 4-H members put together groups of items and not individual items this year (such as Ravens basket, pampered chef, Christmas, Crab feast, etc). If you don’t want to donate items and you want to donate money, we can do the shopping.

It would be great to have participation from every 4-H club during this year’s Harvest Festival.

Thanks so much.
Harvest Festival Committee Chairpersons,
Debbie Dudrow, Cindy Spies

Do You Have an Idea for a 4-H Project Club?
Hello, Talbot County Adults: Do you have a special hobby, skill, or talent? Contact us about sharing your project knowledge with local youth by helping us conduct a series of 6-10 project sessions – a short-term club!

Teens: 4-H State Teen Council Wants You!
State Teen Council is seeking nominations for teens to serve on the 2012-2013 State 4-H Teen Council. The Maryland 4-H Teen Council is a great opportunity for teens all across the state to join together and meet other teen leaders like themselves. The Council meets throughout the year to plan Maryland Day, Teen Focus, and the Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum. There are also great opportunities for teens to learn about youth in governance through programs like 4-H Day
in Annapolis, representing Maryland 4-H at special events, and many other exciting leadership roles.

2012-2013 Teen Council Meeting Dates:
- September 9 - 1:30pm to 3:30 pm, Face-to-Face meeting University of MD College Park State 4-H Office with call-in option
- October 7 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Phone Conference
- November 16 - 18 - Ocean City 4-H Teen and Adult Volunteer Forum actual meeting time TBA
- December 8th and 9th - Teen Council Retreat, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- January 6 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Phone Conference
- February 3 - 1:30pm to 3:30 pm, Face-to-Face meeting University of MD College Park State 4-H Office with call-in option
- March 3 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Phone Conference
- April - Maryland Day – No Meeting
- May - No Meeting
- June 2nd - 1:30pm to 3:30 pm, Face-to-Face meeting University of MD College Park State 4-H Office with call-in option

Animal Programs Update

Ms. Susan Behrens is our County Livestock Coordinator, so if the 4-H Office can’t answer your livestock question she probably can!

Congratulations to ALL our 4-H members who showed animals in the Talbot County Fair. It was fun watching all of you interact with your animals and share your skills with the public!

Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training is essential for ensuring that 4-H project animals are given high quality care. Thanks to all 4-H animal project members for completing this important training! Remember that for most animal species, EVERY 4-H animal project member must complete the training in years when he/she changes from junior to intermediate or intermediate to senior. If you start working with a new animal species next year, you will need to complete the online module that goes with that species.

ALL of the following 4-H members are current in their AHQA training and worked on high quality 4-H animal projects and fair exhibits this year!

Billy Andrew, Julie Andrew
Megan Andrew, Sarah Baynard
Brianna Boyle, Emma Boyle
Jacob Boyle, Josh Cherry
Kate Cherry, Cheyenne Cowell
Sheridan Cowell, Cody Dewitt
Brandon Dudrow, Carlee Eierman
Emmy Foster, Drew Frase
Hannah Harrison, Alex Heinsohn
A.J. Hutchison, Anna Hutchison
Cody Hutchison, Hayden Hutchison
Justin Hutchison, Kara Hutchison
Joy Kolakowski, Megan Kolakowski
Nathan Kolakowski, Halle Lee
Michelle McCulley, Ellie Morris
Catherine Pearson, Sam Pearson
Rosemary Principe, Alex Roe
Allison Roe, Selinde Roosenburg
Jake Schuman, Meredith Strickland
Austin Spies, Henry Spies
Justine Spies, Jacob Van Schaik
Megan Thornton, Megan Watts

Do You Need Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance?

Any 4-H member working on a rabbit or cavy project might want to contact 4-H volunteer Karen Callahan at 410-310-8934. She can help you learn about proper care and showing of your animal.

Congratulations to the Talbot County Fair Indoor Exhibit Champions and Reserve Champions!

Ag. Products
Austin Spies, Ellie Morris, Julianna Burns, Katelynn Cherry, Abbie Heinsohn, Julie Andrew

Fruit and Vegetables
Hannah Seek, Jacob Seek, Rebekah Lankford, Julianna Burns, Alex Heinsohn, Abbie Heinsohn, Justine Spies

Crafts and Hobbies
Eric Milhollan, Laurie Alltop, Brianna Boyle, Karleigh Voshell, Kendall Gant, Emily Lantz
Woodworking
Karli Abbott, Steven Lee, Mitchell Lantz, Alex Heinsohn

Photography
Laurie Alltop, Eric Milhollan, Megan Watts, Sarah Baynard, Catherine Pearson, Kendall Gant

4-H Collections and Promotion
Eric Milhollan, Bradley Duley, Mitchell Lantz, Sam Pearson, Catherine Pearson, Jessica Lantz, Busy Beavers 4-H Club, Chapel District 4-H Club

Record Books
Julie Warner, Rebekah Lankford, Katelynn Cherry, Elizabeth Tefft, Maria McCulley

Food Preservation
Alex Heinsohn, Julianna Burns, Kendall Gant, Ashley Gant

Baked Foods
Amairani Rodriguez, Karli Abbott, Austin Spies, Julianna Burns, Kallie Duley, Sarah Baynard, Megan Kolakowski, Maria McCulley, Emily Graudin

Home Environment
Rebekah Lankford, Karli Abbott, Sarah Baynard, Ashley Gant, Julie Andrew

Clothing
Isabella Fiorenza, Karli Abbott, Elizabeth Tefft, Megan Andrew, Ashley Gant

- Congratulations also to all 4-H members who participated in the Talbot County Fair 4-H Ambassador Program and the Fashion Show!
- Special thanks to everyone who supported the 4-H Program by donating to the baked goods auction!!!

CLOVER FUN DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

4-H member Megan McCulley planned a day program for Clovers this summer, and her sister Maria helped teach the entire day. Children built forts, played fun games, learned about animals, made tie-dyed shirts, and used CDs to create a campfire craft item. THANK YOU, girls. You did a FANTASTIC JOB, and the Clovers (and adults) had tons of fun!

Important 4-H Websites:
Maryland 4-H
maryland4h.org
National 4-H
4-h.org
Talbot County Extension Office/4-H
talbot.umd.edu
University of Maryland Extension
extension.umd.edu
Talbot County Fair
talbotcountyfair.org
Maryland State Fair
marylandstatefair.com
Maryland 4-H Horse
4horse.umd.edu
Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports
md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu

How can we let others know that 4-H helps young people develop life skills?

We can talk to people about 4-H!

Children and teens need safe, constructive things to do in their spare time. The mission of University of Maryland Extension 4-H programs is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as “capable, competent, caring, and contributing individuals.” Staff, volunteers, and teen leaders provide hands-on learning for youth. 4-H is a family experience, and parents and other relatives are encouraged to get involved. Children learn valuable project, life, and leadership skills that help them grow to become productive citizens. 4-H offers something of interest for every child. One of the best parts of the 4-H program is community service. 4-H clubs also perform valuable community service projects!
What have WE done for YOUTH lately?
Do you ever wonder what kinds of projects Ms. Pat and Mr. Tom have been working on to help youth in Talbot County and across Maryland?

Here some examples of our summer 4-H work and programs. As usual, we have been busy!

**Pat Murphy:**
- Recruited new volunteers and supported volunteers and members all summer
- Carried out a large number of educational outreach teaching activities around the county
- Prepared a series of teaching kits and taught volunteers to use the kits with youth of various ages
- Promoted 4-H at several community sites and events
- Planned lessons about many topics including science experiments, cooking, baking, crafts, nutrition and exercise, history, and geography.
- Taught summer classes at four Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers in Talbot County: St. Michaels, Cordova, White Marsh, and Easton
- Taught a series of lessons to youth participating in the Easton Presbyterian Church summer camp
- Co-taught (with Ms. Samantha Pitts of Pickering Creek Audubon Center) a series of lessons at Magnolia Meadows, a community center that reaches youth from low-income families
- Taught programs at a variety of YMCA camps that served youth of varied ages from several local communities

**Tom Hutson:**
- Supported club volunteers and members throughout the summer
- Coordinated Talbot County Fair 4-H activities and worked with volunteers to help youth enter the county and state fairs
- Promoted 4-H, planned county fair educational lessons, and co-taught (with volunteers and 4-H members) activities related to agriculture/nutrition and science.
- Taught science and safety activities for youth in Critchlow Adkins Children’s Centers in St. Michaels and Easton.
- Planned and taught safety activities that helped youth in five Maryland counties learn to correct home hazards
- Co-planned and taught (with Ms. Sharon Pahlman of Caroline 4-H and Talbot 4-H volunteers) a three-day summer program at Memorial Hospital that helped youth explore local health care careers
- Co-planned and led a 4-H Adventures in AGsporation Day based at Thendara 4-H Camp in Hurlock that helped 21 teens learn about agriculture careers and water quality
- Worked with the State 4-H AGsporation Team to update 4-H agricultural science curricula and support statewide educational efforts
- Served as Co-Superintendent of the Maryland State Fair Mechanical Science (woodworking and metalworking) and Environmental Science (ecology and science displays) departments
- Served as Co-Superintendent of the Maryland State Fair Horticulture Contest Vegetables/Herbs and Fruits/Nuts divisions. *(Special thanks to Ms. Linda and Mr. Wesley Brown for preparing the Plants and Flowers division of the contest and contributing vegetable and fruit samples!!!!)*
Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the University of Maryland Extension Office

President – Jessica Lantz  Vice President – Lindsey Graudin
Secretary – Maria McCulley  Historian – Megan McCulley
Fair Board/Ag. Center Representative – Katelynn Cherry

I. Call to Order and Pledges
II. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting
III. Old Business
IV. Reminder: 4-H Council Representatives - Each club is encouraged to send its designated 4-H Council representative to attend the 4-H Council meetings. Council meets in January, March, May, September, and November.

- Food Drive for the Humane Society (ongoing) – Please drop off canned or dry pet food at the Extension Office.
- Service Learning – Many 4-H community service projects can count toward school service learning if you can relate them to your classes at school. Contact Mr. Tom, Ms. Pat, or Ms. Linda Brown if you need help figuring out if your 4-H community service can count as service learning.
- 4-H Clubs are Open to Everyone – Be sure to include our equal opportunity statement on posters, flyers, and press releases as you promote 4-H – see the bottom of this agenda for the statement. To find the statement online, go to talbot.umd.edu, click “4-H”, and click “Promoting 4-H”.
- Aluminum Can Drives – Habitat for Humanity and Chapel District 4-H Club are collecting cans for fundraising purposes. Please save cans for these organizations. Ms. Ann Dorbin has been graciously delivering cans from the Extension Office to the Habitat Office, and Noah Dorbin has been crushing the cans.
- Be Sure You Have Cashed Your Fair Premium Checks! – Fair checks expire after one year! Members with outstanding checks this year include Hannah Harrison, Jessica & Megan Watts.
- Get Some Publicity! The Delmarva Farmer is looking for stories. Please e-mail photos of your project or service work and a short description to: sean@americanfarm.com.
- 2012 Member Reenrollment – Thank you to club leaders who have turned in reenrollment forms and participation fees. It will take us a while to get everyone entered into the computer system.
- Online Record Book Forms – Printable and type-in record book forms are available online at talbot.umd.edu, so please consider switching to the updated/streamlined forms this year if you are still using the old forms.
- Is Anyone in Your Club NOT Receiving the Newsletter and Updates from the 4-H Office? Please let us know.

IV. Club Activity Reports:
Bay Hundred Blue Crabs – The club is working on the LEGO robotics and cake decorating projects this year.
Busy Beavers – Michelle, Maria & Megan McCulley participated in the Regional Communication Contest on March 23.
- The club held project tours on April 6. They began the tours at Darlene Goehringer’s farm the other side of Preston, where they saw chickens, goats, sheep, rabbits and a couple of donkeys being raised as well as a garden and fruit trees. They then proceeded to Anne Altvater’s horse operation this side of Preston, where they were again provided a tour of the operation. Following that, they held their April meeting in the hay storage area and then had an egg hunt on the horse show rink.
- On April 28, 3 Busy Beavers’ adults and two 4-H members and a friend participated in Talbot County 4-H piece of the Oxford Day Parade.
- On May 3, Miss Linda and 2 members helped at the 4-H table at Tractor Supply; promoting 4-H.
- The club met again on May 4 at St. Mark’s Church. Prior to the business meeting, Leader Linda Hynenko conducted three bike riding skills tests in the parking lot. The club voted to donate to the Maryland 4-H Foundation and the Talbot County Fair Fund.

Chapel District – The club has been working on animal project this spring, and members are busy completing their quality assurance training to get ready for the county fair.
Claybusters – The club is continuing to shoot on Sundays. Brandon and Alex participated in the shoot at Schraeder’s on March 31. One new member attended the club meeting.
Green Clover - The April meeting with a trash pickup planned for Trappe got rained out. Jessica led the homemade cat treat and pet food collection for the Humane Society. During the May meeting, the club worked on
demonstrations, and six were given by members in May. Members discussed preparing fair entries and planned an end of school year party. Each child made a page for the club scrapbook.  

**Hoofbeats** – The club will be meeting this Thursday at a farm in Preston, and new members will be in attendance.  

**Health and Wealth Club** – In March, club members visited Robin’s Nest for a tour, planted herb seeds to take home, plus had a cooking session using fresh herbs. In April, they planted flowers donated by Robin’s Nest around the kiosk at the Ag. Center as a service project.  

**Health Science Club** – Club members have recently visited vision clinics. They have also worked on starting exhibits that can be entered in the county fair. During the May meetings, Ms. Lori Lantz will be speaking to club members in Easton and Cambridge about a career as a physical therapist.  

**Saddle and Paws** – On April 6, the rabbit group learned parts of rabbits and the horse group learned horse parts and tack/equipment. On May 4, horse members studies horse breeds, dog members learned how to show a dog, and rabbit members practiced showmanship. Four members attended the Eastern Shore Spring Show and three showed animals.  

**St. Michaels CACC After School** – The club is working on Learning the 4-H Way and growing a pizza garden this year.

V. New Business

- **Talbot County Fair Registration** – 4-H and Open Class fair books will be available this week online at talbotcountyfair.org. The livestock entry deadline is June 8 and the deadline for everything else is June 22.

- **New State Animal Projects Rule** - As usual, 4-H members should fill out identification cards for their horses by June 1. From now on, you need to fill out identification cards for your 4-H rabbits, cavies, and poultry. These cards need to be on file with the 4-H Office by June 1. The cards are extremely important if you plan to show your animals in another county or at the state fair, because we are sometimes asked to prove the entries are actually your animals!

- **4-H Online Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Training** - ALL 4-H members who work on projects related to alpacas, cattle, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are REQUIRED to take this online training. You only need to take the entire training the first year you start an animal project and whenever you change age levels (junior, intermediate, senior). Whenever you begin working with a new species, all you need to do is complete the section that relates to the new species. The link to the online training is: [http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA](http://www.maryland4h.org/AHQA). (See website for deadlines).

- **County Fair Dog Show and Small Pet Show** - Ms. Karla Cherry and Ms. Karen Callahan will be coordinating.

- **Promoting 4-H and Educating the Public at the County Fair** – We always have room for 4-H members to sign up for time slots at the 4-H booth during the fair. There are opportunities for you to help with activities planned by Ms. Pat and Mr. Tom, so do your own demonstration or illustrate talk for fair visitors, or lead educational activities related to one of your 4-H projects. Contact Ms. Pat or Mr. Tom if you are interested in signing up!

- **4-H Project Posters and Displays** – Consider making a poster or display about your 4-H project to enter in the fair. We would also like to feature your project work at the 4-H booth during the fair.

- **Senior Scholarships** – 4-H Seniors preparing to apply for college should check out the Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarships available at mymaryland4hfoundation.com. The deadline is June 1!

- **Schedule of Event Tables and Summer Off-Site Teachings** – Ms. Pat will e-mail the list to all 4-H members and volunteers.

- **Clover and AGsploration Trainings** – This summer, the 4-H Office will be offering some trainings for members and volunteers (Mon or Tues evening) in the soils kitchen to show them how to do the lessons.

**Remaining 4-H Council Meeting Dates for 2012:**
(3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Ambassadors meetings will be from 5-6 p.m.)

**NO July meeting, September 18, November 13 (2nd Tuesday to avoid Thanksgiving week.)**

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