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

April/May 2013

4-H CALENDAR

Monday, April 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
4-H Visual Presentation Night sponsored by Green Clover!
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Easton
4-H members are invited to give demonstrations or illustrated talks related to their projects! Register by April 4. We need your name, age category, and title/topic of talk. Event registration is at 6:15 and the contest begins at 6:30.

Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21 (tentative dates)
Maryland 4-H Engineering Camp
Harford County 4-H Camp, Street, MD
This fourth annual weekend program will focus on a variety of engineering projects for youth ages 11 and up (as of Jan. 1) and explore careers including ag. engineering, environmental engineering, and robotics. Information is available at: http://www.baltimorecounty.umd.edu/4HYouthDevelopment/engineering%20camp/index.cfm.

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.
Organic Farm Tour
Pop’s Old Place Farm in Hurlock
Learn how this 100-year-old farm can continue to produce fresh, healthy food year after year! For more information or to register, contact the Extension Office.

Saturday, April 20 – Sunday, April 21
Horse Judging/Hippology & Horse Bowl
U of MD in College Park
Attention, horse project members: This year the two horse knowledge contests are once again arranged back to back. For more information, go online to www.4hhorse.umd.edu. For those of you who are interested in learning more about the contests, a mini-contest for Talbot County 4-H members is in development! We’ll keep you posted.

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Session for New Animal Project Members
Talbot Ag. & Ed. Center, Easton
Sometimes 4-H members, especially juniors, who are new to animal projects have trouble understanding proper animal care from the online animal husbandry and quality assurance training. If you have tried the online training (see link later in this newsletter) and you still think you need some in-person instruction, please sign up. Parents are welcome to participate. Register by Friday, April 19.
**Saturday, April 27**

**Maryland Day and State Communication Contest**  
U of MD, College Park

Maryland Day is an annual event that lets visitors to the College Park campus explore the University’s many programs and opportunities. It is also the site of the 4-H State Communication Contest. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 10 a.m. If you came in first place at the county public speaking contest, you are eligible to compete in the state contest! (If you place second, you are an alternate and you can be a contest helper.) Information at [www.marylandday.umd.edu](http://www.marylandday.umd.edu). County champions will be receiving a letter from the state office with contest details.

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**Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. - noon**  
**Oxford Day Parade**  
Oxford, MD

Join 4-H members and other community groups as they participate in the Oxford Day parade. Show off your project by carrying posters/displays and introduce other families to 4-H. We’ll give you details on when and where to meet other 4-H members in Oxford so you’ll all walk together. We’ll also help you with props or signs as needed.

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**May 3-5**

**Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training**  
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock

Any adult who would like to become a 4-H shooting instructor can attend this weekend training to become certified. Contact the 4-H Office for registration information. Youth ages 8 and up who want to participate and be “students” for the newly trained instructors are also welcome on Sunday, May 5. Lunch will take place at noon Sunday, and instructors will work with youth during the afternoon. Members, please let the Extension Office know if you are interested in helping so we can register you: We will need your name, phone number, age, and T-shirt size.

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**Saturday, May 11**

**Eastern Shore Spring Show**  
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville

This annual event features shows for a variety of animal species including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and dogs. Registration materials are available online at queenannes.umd.edu, or you can contact the Extension Office for information.

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**Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Out Here with Animals!**  
Tractor Supply Company, Easton

Each May, Tractor Supply Company sponsors a fundraiser for Talbot 4-H by selling paper clovers during from May 8-19. Saturday, May 18 is the most important day because a promotional event held at the store allows Talbot 4-H members to showcase their projects. Animal and non-animal projects are welcome! If your club is interested in participating, contact the Extension Office. *If May 18 doesn’t work for you, 4-H clubs are welcome to set up exhibits at the store anytime from May 8 - 19!*

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**Tuesday, May 21**

**4-H Ambassadors meeting** *(5 p.m.)* and **4-H Council meeting** *(6 p.m.)*  
U of MD Extension, Easton

All clubs are asked to send their designated 4-H Council representatives to attend the bi-monthly 4-H Council meetings that help give direction to the 4-H Program. 4-H members, parents, and volunteers are welcome to attend.

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**May 30 – June 2**

**Race Weekend at Dover Downs**  
Dover, DE

Did you know that you can be part of a NASCAR race weekend AND earn some money for 4-H at the same time? This year, Talbot 4-H has been invited to select one of three dates (May 30, June 1, June 2) and send a delegation of high school teens and adults to run a concession stand and earn money for Talbot 4-H clubs. If your club is interested in participating, contact the Extension Office!!!
June 12 – 14 (tentative dates)

4-H Day Program for Clovers, planned by Megan McCulley!
Talbot Ag. & Education Center, Easton
As part of her Diamond Clover Service Project, Megan is planning to offer three fun-filled days at the Ag. Center for 4-H clovers. More details will be coming. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

July 5 – 6

Overnight Experience for Intermediates, planned by Maria McCulley!
Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Easton
Maria McCulley is also working on her Diamond Clover Service Project. Working with Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Maria is developing an overnight camp-like experience for Talbot 4-H intermediates. More details will be coming. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

Other Events:
• State Swine Skillathon – April 13
• State Wildlife Habitat Contest – May 11 at Patuxent River 4-H Center, Prince George’s Co.
• State Livestock Roundup – July 1-3, Frederick Co.
• State Horse Jamboree – July 12-14 in Carroll Co.
• Relay for Life of Talbot County – Sept. 13 in Easton. If your club would like to form a team and raise money for cancer research as a service project, please contact the Extension Office!

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.

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

DO YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?
If so, please contact the Extension Office and ask us to remove you from our list.

Important 4-H Websites

Maryland 4-H Program Information maryland4h.org
U of MD Extension Talbot County/4-H talbot.umd.edu
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 Horse 4hhorse.umd.edu
Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu
Maryland 4-H Foundation News

Maryland 4-H will be creating a 4-H supplement for the Delmarva Farmer newsletter. It will be written, photographed, and designed by 4-H members as a fundraiser for the 4-H Foundation! Anna Sissom of Queen Anne’s County 4-H will be the editor. The tentative publishing date is October or November. Members, if you are interested in participating in this unique journalism project, contact the Extension Office or Ms. Amanda Clougherty.

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 mymaryland4hfoundation.com or speak to Ms. Amanda Clougherty, Talbot County 4-H Volunteer AND Director of the 4-H Foundation!

Animal Programs Update

Ms. Susan Behrens is our county 4-H livestock expert. If the Extension Office can’t answer your question she probably can!

If you are working on a livestock project this year and you want to enter an animal in fairs or shows, please let Ms. Susan or the Extension Office know as soon as possible so we have a record of member livestock projects.

Do You Need Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance?

If you are working on a rabbit or cavy project this year, you 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.

Animal Identification Cards

All 4-H members who work with horses, rabbits, cavies, and poultry need to fill out ID cards for their animals and give copies to the 4-H Office by June 1. Go online to maryland4h.org and search for <name of your species> id card.

Livestock Registration Forms

All 4-H members who work with livestock need to fill out a livestock registration form and bring it with them to weigh-in day. The form is online at: http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Extension/4H/4HFiles/Livestock%20Registration%20Form.pdf. We will also have forms available on weigh-in day.

ID cards and registration forms are needed to verify that you own your animals. They are very important if you plan to participate in out-of-county shows or the Maryland State Fair.

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4-H Achievement Program Recognizes Members and Volunteers

The 4-H Program held its annual Achievement Program on Friday, March 8 at Easton High School to recognize members, volunteers, and clubs for 2012 accomplishments. The 4-H Ambassadors demonstrated their leadership and public speaking skills as they ran the program and presented awards to their fellow 4-H members. The Ambassadors are: Joshua Cherry, Rebekah Lankford, Julianna Burns, Katelynn Cherry, Kara Hutchison, Mitchell Lantz, Noah Dorbin, Lindsey Graudin, Jessica Lantz, Maria McCulley, and Megan McCulley.

Youth Project Accomplishments

Record keeping is an important life skill. Each year, 4-H members complete record books that document their learning experiences and community service work. Members who were recognized are listed below.

Clovers (ages 5-7): Jason Blades Hrynko, Emma Brown, Joshua Hrynko, Hayden Hutchison, Elise Lankford, Ashton Milhollan, Brian Milhollan, Pippa Milhollan, Madeline Principe, Sophia Principe, Jessica Watts.


Intermediates (ages 11-13): Julianna Burns, Callista Catlin, Katelynn Cherry, Kallie Duley, Alex Heinothn, Kara Hutchison, Mitchell Lantz, Sam Pearson, Selinde Roosenburg, Henry Spies, Elizabeth Tefft, Megan Watts.

Seniors (ages 14-18): Julie Andrew, Megan Andrew, Joy Coleman, Cheyenne Cowell, Noah

“Team Teaching”

Wondering what to do this summer? You and your friend, or you and your parent, can make a Team.

Together you’ll bring fun 4-H activities to a group of kids. Watch their eyes pop open as they bounce a raw egg or handle invisible ice cubes.

Give it a try at the Extension Office.

We'll train and provide all the materials.

Minimal time commitment.

For details call Tom or Pat 410-822-1244.
Dorbin, Brandon Dudrow, Drew Frase, Kendall Gant, JaWann Gibson, Lindsey Graudin, Emily Lantz, Jessica Lantz, Heather Matthews, Maria McCulley, Megan McCulley, Michelle McCulley, Catherine Pearson, Alex Roe, Jake Schuman, Justine Spies, Jacob Van Schaik.

**Diamond Clover Awards**

Members recognized were:

**Level 1** – Amethyst: Karli Abbott, Laurie Alltop, JaWann Gibson, Kristin Lednum, Eric Milhollan

**Level 2** – Aquamarine: Josh Cherry, Cody Dewitt, Bradley Duley, Kara Hutchison, Rebekah Lankford, Austin Rafter

**Level 3** – Ruby: Elizabeth Tefft

**Level 4** – Sapphire: Julianna Burns, Katelynn Cherry, Mitchell Lantz

**Level 5** – This level is recognized at the State Awards Program. Brandon Dudrow, Henry Spies, Maria McCulley, and Megan McCulley received state recognition.

**Level 6** – Diamond Jessica Lantz, Maria McCulley, and Megan McCulley are working on community service projects this year. They will be formally recognized at the State Awards Program upon completion of their projects.

**4-H Family of the Year**

This award is given to a 4-H family whose members demonstrate the true spirit of the 4-H motto “To make the best better.” The award was presented to Karla Wieland-Cherry, David Cherry, Katelynn Cherry, and Joshua Cherry of Trappe. The family members have given their heads, hearts, hands, and health to 4-H.

**Volunteer Awards**

Volunteers are the foundation of the 4-H club program. We recognized the following volunteers this year: Della Andrew, Elizabeth Baer, Susan Behrens, Jacqueline Blake, Linda Brown, Ernest Burns, Bonnie Callahan, Georgine Callahan, Karen Callahan, David Cherry, Pamela Chollet, Amanda Clougherty, Sean Clougherty, Sherry Councell, Katherine Danner, Richard Dixon, Ann Dorbin, Brooke Dudrow, Deborah Dudrow, Richard Dudrow, Janice Duley, Ashlie Elliott, Carol Frampton, John Frampton, Katherine Frase, Alice-Marie Gravely, Elias Griffin, Patricia Harvey, Clem Hathaway, Martin Hembree, Linda Hrynko, Tresa Hutchison, Virginia Kilmon, Camille Kneale, Lori Lantz, Helen Moore, Emma Jean Morgan, James Morris, Jo Anne Roe, Cyndi Slacum, Deborah Urry, Sara Urry, Roxane Watts, Karla Wieland-Cherry, Beverly Wolfe.

**Congratulations to ALL 2013 Public Speaking Contest Participants!** *(Bold text indicates participation in Regional Public Speaking as well.)*

The following members have continued to develop and showcase their public speaking skills at the county and/or regional levels:

**Juniors:** Karli Abbott, Jason Blades Hrynko, Joshua Cherry, Elise Lankford, Sophia Townsend, Lauren Trower

**Intermediates:** Laurie Alltop, Kara Hutchison, Mitchell Lantz, Katelynn Cherry, Rebekah Lankford, Selinde Roosenburg, Lilli Tibbitt, Julie Warner

**Seniors:** Noah Dorbin, Lindsey Graudin, Maria McCulley, Megan McCulley, Michelle McCulley
Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 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

Attendees (from sign-in sheet): Dawn Alltop, Della Andrew, Susan Behrens, Karen Callahan, Katelynn Cherry, Cheyenne Cowell, Ann Dorbin, Noah Dorbin, Bradley Duley, Jan Duley, Kallie Duley, Carol Frampton, Kara Hutchison, Tresa Hutchison, Mitchell Lantz, Karla Wieland-Cherry

I. Call to Order and Pledges

II. Highlights from Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

III. Old Business

• 2013 Member Reenrollment
  Thank you to all club leaders for distributing reenrollment forms to club members. Please continue to collect forms from your club members. Participation fee checks ($10 per child with a $30 limit per family) should be written to “Talbot County EAC” (Extension Advisory Council).

• Achievement Program and Silent Auction
  We are proud of the 4-H Ambassadors for doing a professional job presenting awards at the Achievement Program. In addition, we are grateful to everyone who donated and bought silent auction items in support of 4-H programs.

• 2013 Talbot County Fair Update
  Ms. Karen Callahan talked about this year’s county fair and encouraged 4-H members to attend the Fair Board and Ag. Center meetings. We want to make sure youth have an opportunity to be involved in both committees.

IV. Club Activity Reports

Bay Hundred 4-H Club – In January the club elected officers, and in February the members were presented with pins. In Karen Callahan also did a rabbit presentation. The club project is painting and wiring lamps, and the club plans to make a mosaic for the Ag. Center.

Busy Beavers – We held our February meeting on the 8th at St. Mark's Church. We celebrated our annual club recognition program, and then Michelle McCulley divided the members into four groups and led them in an activity exploring how the Chesapeake Bay can be polluted in various ways from its watershed area. Two members attended the "Be Prepared Workshop" on February 16th at the Talbot County Emergency Services Center.

Since our March meeting fell on the County 4-H Achievement Program date, we met again on February 17th at The Dixon House. We provided a program of short talks on projects, sang some songs, and delivered Valentines the members had made for the residents and some special treats. The club then held their business meeting, and Miss Linda led them an activity on food groups and nutrition.

On Saturday, March 2nd, the club cleaned up the new section of the Spring Hill Cemetery, removing dead or old flowers, wreaths, etc. to the street curb for trash pickup and then held an egg hunt on the back section of the cemetery.

On March 8th, all members along with their families attended the County 4-H Achievement Program.

Chapel District – The February club meeting was held at the Talbot County Historical Society. The club toured the museum and met in the large meeting room. Beth Hansen, curator, discussed with club members ideas about the Cordova exhibit to be displayed in the fall. The club will be assisting the Historical Society with this project.

Members turned in record books and portfolios for the year 2012. Three new members attended the workshop on assembling a record book. On March 8th, members attended the County Achievement Program. Members received pins and awards. The club was also recognized.
The March meeting was at the Talbot Agriculture & Education Center. Members went over first aid facts and learned what items should be in a first aid kit. Members will be making one for the fair.

Several members attended the workshop on raising chickens held at the Ag. Center.

**Claybusters** – The club is continuing to shoot a few Sundays each month. The 18th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament will be held March 30 at Schrader’s. Some members might participate in the State Shooting Sports Fundraiser at Schrader’s in Bridgetown.

**Green Clover** – Members practiced demonstrations for the upcoming demonstration contest that will be held April 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The club will be sponsoring the demonstration contest. Talbot 4-H members who are interested should register with the Extension Office. The club will be doing a bake sale at the Regional Public Speaking Contest this Friday.

**Health and Wealth** – This past Saturday, the club met and had 27 participants. Keith Patrick from Preston did a presentation about working with chickens, and he did a great presentation. Kara and three other members did talks about rabbits, and Libby Baer presented about a worm compost bin you can keep in your kitchen. The club also turned eggs into a decorated craft. The next activity will be a tour of an organic farm in Hurlock.

**Health Science Careers** – In February, members toured the laboratory department at Memorial Hospital and learned about a wide variety of lab careers. In March, Ms. Jeanne Brower, a registered nurse, taught the club about working with senior citizens by leading members through aging simulations to help them empathize.

**Hoofbeats** – In February, the club met at the Extension Office. Members studied the digestive system, learned about its parts, and learned what to feed horses to keep them healthy.

**Saddle and Paws** – During the January meeting, the club discussed the fundraiser and the public speaking contest that was coming up. Members discussed club goals and new projects. In February, the club studied poultry and talked about Hippology. The club would like to host a mini-Hippology contest held at the Ag. Center. In March, the club learned about rabbit health and body parts.

**St. Michaels After School** – Ms. Ashlie Elliott is the Talbot 4-H volunteer leader of this after school club based at St. Michaels Elementary School. She helps children in the St. Michaels area become an active part of the 4-H Program.

v. New Business

**Animal Program Updates**

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• Volunteer Policy Update – From the University of Maryland: Any 4-H volunteer who witnesses child abuse taking place must immediately call 911 and report the incident to get help for the child. Any volunteer who observes or suspects child abuse must contact the Extension Office right away so we can walk you help you file an official report.

• Teen Teaching Opportunities – 4-H is training teens, including the Ambassadors, to lead activities and teach lessons in the community. If you are interested, ask us about getting involved!

• 4-H Council Officer Elections
  - President – will run 4-H Council meetings and may contribute ideas/topics to meeting agendas. (Is also invited to represent 4-H at Ag. Center meetings.) Katelynn Cherry was nominated and elected.
  - Vice President – will help the president with meetings and run meetings when the president is absent. (Is also invited to represent 4-H at Fair Board meetings.) Noah Dorbin was nominated and elected.
  - Secretary* – will contact each club’s 4-H Council representative to remind him or her of upcoming Council meetings; will review important highlights from the minutes of the previous 4-H Council meeting. (*Needs to receive a list of contact information for 4-H Council representatives.) Mitchell Lantz was nominated and elected.
  - Historian – will collect Talbot 4-H news clippings, success stories, photographs, etc. and share them at 4-H Council meetings. Laurie Alltop was nominated and elected.
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