Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
Friday, May 11, 7:05 p.m.
Oriole Park in Baltimore
This is an opportunity to help spotlight Maryland 4-H and watch an exciting Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays game. Order tickets for $15 online by April 20. The fee also pays for a cool T-shirt. Website: mymaryland4hfoundation.com.

Eastern Shore Spring Livestock Show
Saturday, May 12
Queen Anne's County 4-H Park, Centreville
The entry deadline was April 12. If you registered to participate, be sure to mark your calendar!

Adventures in AGspiration – Upper Shore
Thursday, June 21, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
Did you know that agriculture is Maryland’s number one industry? Students of middle school age are invited to participate in this fun day program. Participants will learn about agricultural science careers through hands-on activities, visits with people who work in agriculture, and tours of agriculture facilities. You will have fun, learn new science skills and knowledge, and make new friends! Space is limited. The registration deadline is June 1, 2012.* The $15 fee covers lunch, snacks, field trip transportation, a T-shirt, and a wide variety of learning experiences. Registration materials are available online at maryland4h.org.

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp
June 24-27
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock
Camp is back! This year’s summer camp is for youth ages 8 through 12. Teens can be counselors in training (age 13) or counselors (ages 14-18). See the camp flyer or contact the Extension Office for details.

Adventures in Health Science
Tuesday, June 26 – Thursday, June 28
Memorial Hospital in Easton
For the third year in a row, this 3-day program for youth ages 10 and up offers participants a behind-the-scenes look at a wide variety of hospital departments and health care careers. Registration details will be distributed when the program calendar and presenters have been finalized.

Monday, June 25 – Thursday, June 28
Maryland 4-H State Teen Focus
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Princess Anne
Consider attending this exciting learning experience and social event for Maryland 4-H teens. This year Teen Focus will be held on the Eastern Shore, so
you don’t even have to cross the Bay Bridge to attend! Participants will choose from a wide variety of interactive workshops and activities. Registration information is available online at maryland4h.org, or you can contact the Extension Office.

2011 Talbot County Fair!
Wednesday, July 11-Saturday, July 14
Talbot Agriculture & Education Center
Hiners Lane, Easton

The fair book and registration forms will be available online at www.talbotcountyfair.org. We would like to thank Ms. Linda Brown for coordinating indoor exhibits, Ms. Susan Behrens for coordinating livestock, and all of our other fair volunteers for their contributions to the fair each year.

4-H Night at the Shorebirds
Saturday, July 14, 6:35 p.m.
Shorebirds Stadium, Salisbury
This is your chance to highlight 4-H and see an exciting Shorebirds vs. Crawdads baseball game right here on the Shore. See the flyer for details or contact the Extension Office.

Kids on Campus – 4-H Camp Scrubs
July 16-20, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills
Talbot and Caroline 4-H will be offering five half days of exciting activities that allow youth in grades 5-8 to explore a variety of health care topics and careers. Chesapeake College charges a $109 fee that covers course handouts and materials. Information is online at chesapeake.edu/continuing_ed/kidsoncampus.

Adventures in AGsploration – Lower Shore
Tuesday, July 24
Thendara 4-H Center, Hurlock
See the description under the Upper Shore program listed above.

Maryland State Fair!
Held in Timonium
August 22 – September 3
Information can be found online at marylandstatefair.com.

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.

Record Book and Portfolio Information
Consider working on your 2012 record book or portfolio throughout the year instead of waiting until December! 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 record books helps you develop organizational skills, earn awards, and receive recognition at the annual 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 2011 to the State 4-H Office. National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Virginia 4-H Congress, and Camp Miniwansa applications are due in early 2013 to the State 4-H Office.

**Earn Your 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.

**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.

**Maryland 4-H Foundation News**

Below is a list of exciting upcoming 4-H events sponsored by the Foundation. These events are fun for the public, and they also help the Foundation raise money that supports 4-H programs across the state as well as out-of-state trips. Go to www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com for details.

- 6/4/12 Maryland 4-H Golf Tournament
- 5/11/12 Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards
- 3/31/12 Sporting Clays Tournament

All 4-H Seniors preparing to apply for college should check out the Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarships that are available. The deadline for applying is June 1, so check out the 4-Foundation website if you are interested.

Would you like to learn more about the role of the Maryland 4-H Foundation in promoting youth development? Go online to mymaryland4hfoundation.com or speak to Ms. Amanda Clougherty, Talbot County 4-H Volunteer AND Director of the 4-H Foundation!

**DO YOU NO LONGER WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER?**
Contact the Extension Office and let us know to remove you from our list.

**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 kids by helping us conduct a series of 6-10 project sessions—a short-term club!
The 2012 Talbot County Fair is Coming!

WHO can enter?
Everyone! All Talbot County 4-H and FFA members are eligible to enter indoor exhibit items and animals into the fair's 4-H classes. All other local residents are encouraged to enter exhibits and animals into the fair's open classes.

WHERE is the fair held?
The Talbot County Fair is held at:
Talbot Agriculture & Education Center
10659 Hinlers Lane
Easton, MD 21601

WHEN is the fair?
JULY 11, 12, 13 & 14

WHY should I enter items in the fair?
The Talbot County Fair gives local residents the opportunity to showcase their talents and accomplishments in a wide variety of areas. Participating in the fair is also a lot of FUN!

HOW do I enter items into the fair?
All of the fair information and forms can be found online at: talbotcountyfair.org. 4-H/FFA members should check with their club leaders or the Extension Office (410) 822-1244 if they would like to obtain a copy of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor's guide. Open class participants can request a copy of the open class exhibitor's guide from the fair coordinators: (410) 822-8007. The guides provide detailed instructions about entering items. All the entry forms you need are found at the end of each guide.

WHAT should I enter in the fair?
There are many different types of items that can be entered in the fair!
The major departments include:

- Livestock (cattle, hogs, goats, sheep)
- Small Pets (rabbits, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, dogs, poultry, etc.)
- Agricultural Products (field crops, eggs, honey)
- Vegetables and Fruit
- Crafts and Hobbies
- Needle Work
- Electric and Woodworking
- Photography
- Booths, Collections, and Displays
- 4-H Record Books
- Food Preservation
- Baked Foods
- Home Furnishings
- Child Care
- Clothing
- Flowers and Plants
- 4-H Clover Department
- Fashion

Shows that can be entered include:

- Cavy (guinea pig)
- Rabbit
- Horse
- Livestock
- Fashion Revue
- Small Pets - NEW!
- Dog – NEW!

For registration deadlines, class information, and a fair schedule, go online to talbotcountyfair.org.

DON'T MISS OUT – COME JOIN THE FUN!
Animal Programs Update
Ms. Susan Behrens is our County Livestock Coordinator, so if the 4-H Office can’t answer your question she probably can!

If you are planning to work on a livestock project in 2012 and you want to enter an animal in fairs or shows, please let Ms. Susan or the 4-H Office know as soon as possible so we have a record of which members will be working with animals.

Animal Husbandry and Quality Assurance Program

2012 Requirements:
All 4-H members enrolled in alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbit projects must complete this online training. The training is essential if you want to exhibit your project animals in Maryland 4-H county and state shows!

* There are two major parts to the online program:
  - Part 1 is completed by all livestock project members.
  - Part 2 contains specific information for each animal species you are working with.

* ALL 4-H animal project members working with the species listed above are required to complete the training. After you have completed the training the first time, you need to repeat the training during any year when your age division - juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) - changes. Also, any year that you choose to work with a NEW species you need to go online again and complete the module for the new species you’re working with.

* Members MUST complete the relevant parts of the AH&QA training no later than July 1.

Information to Help You Complete the online training:
- The link to the website to access the AH&QA program will be posted on the Maryland 4-H website between now and July 31 at www.maryland4h.org/ or go directly to www.maryland4h.org/AHQA/.
- When you register for the program, you will be provided a unique password. Write down your password and keep it in a safe place!
- If you need to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, you may return to the program by entering your password.
- Upon completion of the individual species section, you will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for your records. We suggest that you keep the Certificate of Completion with your animal health papers (CVI forms) in case fair/show personnel ask to see it.
- Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and Mr. Tom and Ms. Pat will receive notification that you have completed the training.

Contact Mr. Tom or Ms. Pat if you have problems accessing the online training. If you are new to animal projects and you are still confused after taking the online training, contact Mr. Tom. He can do in-person training for members who need extra help.

Livestock Ownership Deadlines
- Leased animals – must be leased by June 1 (send a copy of the leasing agreement to the 4-H Office)
- Breeding animals, purebred and commercial – must be owned by July 1 (steer ownership date is Jan. 1)

Check all Regulations!
Reminder to all livestock exhibitors, including rabbits, horses, and poultry project members: Don’t forget to have the proper health papers and self-certification forms when you check in at fairs and shows. Current Maryland regulations and health forms are available online at: www.mda.md.us/animal health/.

After your veterinarian completes and signs your animal’s Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
form, he or she will send a copy to the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

*Rabbits and horses don’t need a CVI, but you DO NEED to fill out the self-certification form. Horses and poultry need additional tests, so be sure to check the regulations.*

Remember to complete the animal health self-certification form BEFORE you leave home the morning of an animal show. You are required to look over your animal and sign off on the form to indicate that your animal appears to be healthy. DON’T BRING A SICK ANIMAL TO THE FAIR! We need to avoid spreading diseases to other animals.

**ANIMAL PROJECT ID CARDS**

Each 4-H member who leases or owns a horse or pony and plans to show the animal in 4-H events needs to complete and turn in a Horse and Pony ID Card to the Extension Office each year. The Talbot County Fair Horse Show is an open class event, not a 4-H event. Completing ID cards is essential for members who want to participate in out-of-county 4-H horse shows. Other counties are beginning to disqualify members who do not have horse and pony cards on file with their county 4-H office. The cards can be found online at: maryland4h.org under the Forms link.

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!** 4-H members who participate in rabbit and cavy (guinea pig) projects are ALSO required to complete ID cards for your project animals and submit them to the Extension Office. This is especially important if you want to enter your animals in 4-H fairs and shows.

**Do You Need Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance?**

Any 4-H member working on a rabbit or cavy project in 2012 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.

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**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  
4hhorse.umd.edu

Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports  
md4-hshootingsports.umd.edu

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**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.” Adult volunteers and teen leaders provide ongoing hands-on learning opportunities 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 help to improve the local community by performing a variety of service projects!
HEALTH
HANDS
HEART
HEAD

Must be 13 to 15 years old to apply.
Office at 410-651-1350
Somerset County Extension
Counselor in Training Counselor
Interested in being a Camp Counselor? 

The cost will be $250.00 per child.
Camp will be for youth ages 8 to 12 years old.

Enjoy a variety of camp activities to

Come have fun, make new friends, and build

The camp offers a main dining/activity hall, kitchen,
educational activities, trails, and a large pond for

The goal of camp is to provide

educational and safe experiences while educating

Residential camping

Parents/Guardian Name:

Send with payment:
To register please complete this section, detach L and

pursuit of educational goals.
Somerset County 4-H Fundraiser

Saturday July 14, 2012
6:35pm
Delmarva Shorebirds vs. Hickory Crawdads & Fireworks Show!

6400 Hobbs Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

Come out to the ballpark of the Delmarva Shorebirds and Support Somerset County 4-H!

Somerset County 4-H Delmarva Shorebirds Fundraiser

Number of tickets (adult): ______ x $6.00

Number of tickets (child): ______ x $5.00
(Children 3 and under are Free)

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ______________ Email: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________ City: __________ State: _____ Zip: ______

Send payment to Somerset County Extension, 30730 Park Drive Princess Anne, MD 21853. Checks can
be made payable to Somerset EAC. Proceeds benefit Somerset County 4-H.

Ticket prices do not include food and beverage. Parking is $3.00 per car.
Talbot County 4-H Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the University of Maryland Extension Office

Council Members Present from sign-in sheet: Delia Andrew, Susan Behrens, Linda Brown, Katelynn Cherry, Cheyenne Cowell, Matt Cowell, Noah Dorbin, Carol Frampton, Lindsey Graudin, Maria McCulley, Megan McCulley, Jo Anne Roe, Karla Wieland-Cherry

President – Jessica Lantz
Secretary – Mitchell Lantz
Vice President – Lindsey Graudin
Historian – Michelle McCulley

I. Call to Order and Pledges
II. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting
III. Old Business
   • Food Drive for the Humane Society (ongoing) – Please drop off pet food items 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 bottom of p.2. 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.
   • Be Sure You Have Cashed Your Fair Premium Checks! – Fair checks expire after one year!
   • 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.
   • Achievement Program and Silent Auction – We are grateful to everyone who donated items to be sold at the silent auction, and we are equally grateful to silent auction buyers. The auction raised $378 to benefit Talbot County 4-H. We give special thanks to our 4-H Ambassadors for presenting awards at this year’s program.
   • 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 will be working on the LEGO robotics project this year, and they are looking into doing a cake decorating contest as well.
   Busy Beavers – The club met on February 10th. In addition to their regular business meeting, they held their annual club recognition program in which each member is recognized for the number of years they have been a member of the club. Members participated in a presentation on bicycle helmet safety and concluded with a game of sports charades and song singing. On February 12, the leader and one member visited The Dixon House to deliver homemade Valentines and decorated boxes with gifts inside. Three members participated in the County Communications Contest on February 16th. On March 9th, all club members and 9 family members attended the T.C. 4-H Achievement Program and on March 11th, 5 members and 9 adults helped with the cleanup at Spring Hill Cemetery. Then the club held their March meeting on the 18th at The Dixon House. They began with a program for the residents, where they talked about their 4-H project work and sang some 4-H songs. After the business meeting, they learned about bicycle riding safety rules and began work on their record books.
   Chapel District – At the February meeting, the club studied swine health and facts. Members learned about gelatin as a byproduct of swine and made bird feeders with seeds and gelatin in molds. At the March meeting, the club studied goat and sheep health and facts. Wax is a byproduct of sheep, so each member also made a red candle in a mold. The club continues to recycle cans. Seven families attended the Achievement Program. Allison Roe received state recognition for her Diamond Clover project, and the Schuman Family and Drew Frase were named Family of the Year.
   Claybusters – The club had its first meeting of the year on Feb. 19 and met twice in March. The good news is that there were 3 or 4 new kids attending the meeting! March 31 will be the Sporting Clays fundraiser at Schrader’s in Bridgetown.
   Green Clover – During the February meeting, members worked on public speaking (extemporaneous). Members decided to have a bake sale at the county public speaking contest. In March, they did an aging simulation to develop empathy. They also helped to put together training kits.
for the health educator trainings. The club started the sewing project, and 7 out of 18 projects are already complete! The club will also serve refreshments at the regional public contest.

**Hoofbeats** - The club will start meeting again in May.

**Health and Wealth Club** - The club continues to have great community support. In March, Robin’s Nest gave a tour to club members and led educational herb activities. The club members used herbs to create some new kinds of fruit and vegetable dip.

**Health Science Club** - The Easton and Dorchester clubs met at eye care centers in January/February and learned about eye health and how glasses are made. In March, both clubs learned about the wide variety of nursing specialties that are available.

**Saddle and Paws** - In January, members drew pictures and entered them in the State Horse Art Contest. In February, members worked on speeches for the communication contest. In March, the club worked on quality assurance and told new members about the achievement program.

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

**IV. New Business**

**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.

**Election of 4-H Council Officers for March 2012 – March 2013:**

- President – will run 4-H Council meetings and may contribute ideas/topics to meeting agendas. (Also invited to represent 4-H at monthly Ag. Center meetings.) – Jessica Lantz was elected.
- Vice President – will help president with meetings and run meetings when president is absent. (Also invited to represent 4-H at monthly Fair Board meetings.) – Lindsey Graudin was elected.
- Secretary* – will summarize the minutes of the previous meeting and contact 4-H Council representatives to remind them of each upcoming Council meeting. Maria McCulley was elected.
- Historian - will collect 4-H news clippings and/or success stories and save them/share them with the 4-H Office. – Megan McCulley was elected.
- Fair Board/Ag. Center Representative – a new position was created, and Katelynn Cherry will be the representative.

**Do You Need Rabbit and Cavy Project Guidance?** Contact Ms. Karen Callahan at 410-310-8934.

**New State Rule** - As usual, 4-H members should fill out identification cards for their horses by June 1. This year, you also 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 exhibit 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, you all need to do is complete the section that relates to the new species. The link to the online training is: [http://www.maryland4h.org/AHOA](http://www.maryland4h.org/AHOA). (See website for deadlines). We will also hold an in-person training Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 at the Ag. Center for new livestock project members who take the online training but think they need additional instruction. Register by April 19.

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

**Yard Sale Fundraiser?** - Ms. Karen Callahan wants to know how much interest there is in holding a yard sale fundraiser this spring for Talbot County 4-H. How many clubs would be interested in participating? There are mixed reactions to the idea. There were lots of vendors but few customers last year, and people aren’t sure it was worth the time and effort. Did the yard sale make a lot of money for the fair last year? People suggested having a yard sale somewhere near central Easton to attract more customers.

**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.

May 15, NO July meeting, September 18, November 13 (2nd Tuesday to avoid Thanksgiving week.)

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