FEBRUARY
4  MPT TV Special – QA County Fair Special
5  Officers Training, 4-H Park, 6:30 p.m.
8  PONY EXPRESS QUARTER AUCTION, 4-H Park, Doors open at 3:00 p.m.
11 Dairy Bowl Coaches Meeting, Howard County Fairgrounds
14 VALENTINES DAY
15 Horse Standards Clinic and Testing
17 HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
17 4-H DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

MARCH
3  Public Speaking Results Due to Office
7  County Public Speaking, Chesapeake College
7–9 Tractor Certification, Delaware
8  FARM TO MARKET QUARTER AUCTION, 4-H Park
8  State 4-H Skillathon Contest–Hagerstown
12 Leaders Meeting, 4-H Park, 7:00 p.m.
15 State Horse Bowl Contest, College Park
17 St. Patrick’s Day
23 Achievement Program, 4-H Park, 1:00 p.m.
29 Shooting Sports Sporting Clays
30 State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee – College Park

APRIL
1  APRIL FOOLS DAY
4/5 Lamb Workshop, 4-H Park
11 Eastern Shore Spring Show Entries due
18 HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
20 EASTER
22 Farriery Seminar, College Park
26 Maryland Day/State Public Speaking, College Park

PARK CLEAN UP WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE..MOST LIKELY IN APRIL!!

TUNE YOUR TV TO MPT STATION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH. MPT WILL BE DOING A FARM SERIES IN QA COUNTY. ON TUESDAY THE 4TH IT WILL HIGHLIGHT THE QA COUNTY FAIR AND 4-H’ERS. YOU MIGHT SEE YOUR FACE!!!
INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please remember if schools are closed or called early for inclement weather, all 4-H County functions and other functions at the 4-H Park will also be cancelled. Contact your club leader for your club policy. Remember, if there is an activity scheduled and the weather is questionable, unless you have RSVP’d, we have no way to contact you! Also, if you regularly meet at the 4-H Park and are canceling a meeting (such as holiday time or for inclement weather), please call Rodney the 4-H Park Caretaker at 410-829-6803 and leave a message. The Park Board cannot afford to open and heat the building when it is not in use. Thanks!!

RECORD BOOKS FOR ACHIEVEMENT!

Congratulations to all 164 4-Hers who turned in record books this year! The age division with the most books was a tie between the intermediates and the seniors, each with 51 books, followed by the juniors with 43 and the clovers with 19. Don’t forget to attend the Achievement Program on Sunday, March 23rd beginning at 1:00. You will receive your books and awards at that time.

2014 ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Our Achievement Banquet will be held at the 4-H Park on Sunday, March 23, 2014. The doors will open at 1:00pm for a social hour featuring heavy hors’oeuvres and beverages. There will not be a covered dish dinner or an auction this year. Clubs are not being asked to set up displays either. At 2:00 we will begin the awards by clubs. Food will be available during the entire program. The Spirit, I Dare You and Story wards will be awarded last.

We are asking each club to supply a “finger” dessert of 36 servings. There will be a flat fee charged to each club whether they participate or not. A letter will be sent to each club with more information as the date draws nearer.

Upon arrival, please check in with your club leader. They will be in charge of getting your record books and awards in order.

If you wish to be an emcee, you must contact Ms. Sally by March 8th. You will be required to “audition” and practice scripts beforehand.

Club Leaders— Please RSVP by Friday, March 16th. We need numbers to ensure that we have enough food for everyone!

CLUB FUNDRAISERS!!

Two (2) 4-H Clubs will be sponsoring Quarter Auctions to help raise money for their educational and fun activities. Pony Express 4-H Club will be holding their
auction on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the 4–H Park for more details please contact their leader Mary Meyers at 410–758–1024. Farm to Market 4–H Club will be sponsor their Quarter Auction on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the 4–H Park, for more information contact Jody Story at 410–438–3820.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We will again hold our county contest at Chesapeake College. It will be on Friday March 7th beginning at 7:00pm. That means you need to arrive by 6:45 p.m. to get checked in and prepared to start by 7:00. County winners will advance to the state contest. Leaders, please get your club results to Sue no later than MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014. Regional Contest tentative date is March 21, 2014 in Talbot County.

WELCOME NEW CLUB

The “CLOVER SEEDS” is a group for kids under the age of 8! We have a Clover 4–H Club for kids who are 5–8 as of Jan 1 and a group for kids under 5! We meet the first Monday of the month at the 4–H park in Centreville at 6:30pm. Our group focuses on all of the different aspects of the 4–H program. Please contact Lori O’Connell for more information or to sign up! 13laoc@gmail.com or 410–490–7811

Great American - No BULL Challenge - Bullying Prevention

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is the first, student-led National video contest and Teen Video Awards show dedicated to bullying prevention and promoting empathy, respect, and inclusive communities using the power of music and the magic of filmmaking. This year, the competition includes full length videos of 2 – 5 minutes as well as PSA's of 30 – 60 seconds.

The goal of the NO BULL Challenge is to join America’s students, educators, counselors, organizations, communities, and corporate America together in an effort to enable real change at the student level. Middle and high school students between the ages of 13 – 18 will have 4+ months to create a 2–5 minute video or 30–60 second PSA with a digital responsibility or a bullying prevention theme. Students will submit their video to the NO BULL Challenge no later than April 30, 2014 at 11:59 PM (PST). Check out the Digital Responsibility 411 toolkits available at www.nobullchallenge.org to learn everything you need to know in order to create your video.

Beginning May 5th, 2014, each student will rally their friends, family, educators and community to vote for their video. As a result of the public voting period, nominees will be selected from the top 50 favorite videos by a panel of expert judges. The formal announcement of the NO BULL Nominees will occur on June 6, 2014. All nominees will receive a golden ticket to attend the star-studded NO BULL Teen Video Awards show. At the NO BULL Teen Video Awards show, you’ll get to see amazing artists perform live and meet &
greet with your favorite athletes and celebrities on the red carpet. The NO BULL winning videos will be announced “live” where your video will be introduced to the world. Inspiring America’s teens to speak up and be an Upstander against bullying is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about, and we need you to make it happen!
Download a one page flier and information using this link: http://nobullchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2014-NO-BULL-One-S...
Also visit the campaign homepage and view the winning videos from last year at: http://nobullchallenge.org/ winning-films-2013.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS...

Daisy 4-H Scholarship http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/ under Just For Youth…..2014
Daisy Scholarship NRA Youth Education Summitt

OFFICERS TRAINING RE-SCHEDULED FOR 2/5/14

Officers training will be held at the 4-H Park on Wed. Feb. 5th at 6:30pm. All 4-Hers who did not attend last year for the same office they have this year, MUST attend. President, VP and Sgt. of Arms will be one class. Secretary is another and Treasurer is another. Reporters, Historians and photographers will be together in another class. This last class is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. Remember, it’s mandatory for President, V.P., Secretary and Treasurer. Please RSVP by 2/3/14 to 410-758-0166 (Sue or Sally) and tell us what office you are training for. You may email at srosenbe@umd.edu

Our next meeting will be held at the 4-H Park on March 12th at 7:00 p.m. We will have a speaker who will talk to us about the opportunities for clubs to make money as well as the county portion. A reminder and agenda will be emailed out prior to the meeting. Please plan to attend or send a representative from your club.

ATTENTION SENIORS
TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS……

The following are available local scholarships you can start working on NOW!!

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For more information and application forms contact Sally at 410–758–0116.
TRACTOR, FARM EQUIPMENT SAFETY CLASS FOR YOUTH

If you are between the ages of 14–16 and are interested in attending a 24 hour tractor certification course to become eligible to work with agriculture equipment, please call the 4–H Office and speak with Chris Johnston at 410–758–0166 or email cjohnstn@umd.edu by February 21st!! This event will be a SLEEPOVER EVENT held over the weekend of March 7–9 in Delaware.

ANIMAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Kingstown Farm Home and Garden Center is sponsoring a lamb animal science overnight on Friday & Saturday, April 4 & 5, 2014 at the Queen Anne’s County 4–H Park.

Join us as we have a hands on workshop for show animals with a focus on sheep. Breeders, Extension Educators and Nutritional experts will be on hand to provide useful information on how to select your project and make it a WINNER in the show ring. More information will be available soon.

2014 Animal Science Project Leaders/Volunteers Webinar Series

Sessions will be held each month, January through May, 2014. All sessions will be held 7:00–8:00 pm via the UME Connect system. The dates and topics are as follows:

- February 25 – Topic: Clovers in 4–H Animal Projects – This session will provide an overview of the research behind the 4–H Clovers program, a discussion about national and state guidelines, and an opportunity for sharing tips on conducting successful club Clovers programs in 4–H Animal Sciences. Instructors: Chris Anderson and April Barczewski.
- March 25 – Topic: Managing Liabilities Associated with 4–H Animal Projects and Events – This session will provide an overview of various potential liabilities and risk management considerations and strategies for conducting animal related 4–H events and activities. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Jules Hendrix, and Chris Johnston.
- April 29 – Topic: 4–H Club Activities to Support Animal Projects – This session will provide 4–H Club leaders and volunteers with a variety of hands–on club activities and resources to support 4–H Animal Science Projects. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Sheryl Bennett–Dowdy, and Bonnie Boyden.
- May 27 – Topic: 4–H Club Volunteer Roles to Support Animal Science Projects – This session will provide ideas of different volunteer roles that could be implemented at the club level to support 4–H animal science project work and related events. Instructors: Chris Anderson, Dr. Lisa Dennis, David Gordon, and Ann Sherrard.

Volunteers are requested to visit the AGNR Calendar to register for each session at: http://www.agnr.umd.edu/AGNRCalendar/.

Please contact Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu or 301–314–7187 for more information or if you have questions.
STANDARD REX RABBITS AVAILABLE

A former 4-H member has some show quality Rex Rabbits available. If interested contact Jane Bailey <tinytown@hughes.net>

FREE RABBIT

Daisy is a papered Netherland Dwarf, black silver marten in color, born on June 2, 2009. She is currently an indoor rabbit, but could probably transition to a garage or barn when the weather permits. If you are interested in adopting Daisy, please call the Benton’s at 410-758-4976.

FREE GUINEA PIG

Nemo is a white male pet guinea pig. I’m not sure of his age or pedigree, but he’s a very friendly and charming fellow. My niece and nephew had to give him up and I’ve been keeping him. I really want to find a home for him. If you’re interested, please call Ms. Sally at 410-758-0166.

2014 Winter Webinar Series: Sheep & Goat Health

The topic of the 2014 Winter Webinar Series is Sheep & Goat Health. Five webinars will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings in January and February. All the webinars will begin at 7 p.m. EST and last for approximately one hour. An additional 30 minutes will be allotted for questions. Interaction will be via a chat box. The primary instructor will be Susan Schoenian, University of Maryland Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist.

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The webinars will be conducted via Adobe Connect. Anyone with a connection to the Internet may participate in one or more of the webinars. A high speed internet connection is recommended. While pre-registration is not required, participation is limited to the first 100 people who log onto https://connect-test.moo.umd.edu/sschoen/. This is a new url for University of Maryland webinars, as the Adobe Connect software has been updated.

All webinar participants are asked to subscribe to the University of Maryland webinar listserv. The webinar listserv is used to communicate with webinar participants and notify users of other webinars. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to listserv@listserv.umd.edu. In the body of the message, type subscribe sheepgoatwebinars.

2014 JUNIOR SHEEP & GOAT SKILLATHON

The Junior Sheep & Wool Skillathon, held annually in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, has been changed to the Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon. All skillathon stations will pertain to both sheep and goats; all aspects, including meat, fiber, and dairy production.

Youth should begin making plans to participate in this year’s skillathon. The skillathon will be held Sunday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland.

The Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 3 or 4) from any county, or state may compete. Youth compete according to their age as of January 1st of the current year. Youth ages 8 to 10 compete as juniors; youth ages 11 to 13 compete as intermediates; and youth 14 to 18 compete as seniors. The preregistration deadline for individuals (requested) and teams (required) is April 28. Preregister by sending names, ages, and team affiliations via e-mail to Susan Schoenian at sschoen@umd.edu or via fax at (301) 432-4089. There is no cost to participate in the skillathon, but a small donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch (pizza + sodas). http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html

EASTERN SHORE SPRING SHOW – MAY 10, 2014

The Eastern Shore Spring Show will be here before you know it!!! There are shows for Beef, Dairy Cow, Dairy Goat, Rabbits, Cavies, Sheep, Swine, Dogs and Meat Goats. Entry information can be found at our website http://queenannes.umd.edu or stop by our office to pick up a copy. Entry deadline is APRIL 11, 2014, PLEASE NO FAXED COPIES.

The 2014 Maryland– Delaware Shearing School will be held Friday and Saturday, April 18–19, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ridgely Thompson’s farm at 1942 Uniontown Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

The school is open to anyone in Maryland, Delaware and surrounding states who wants to learn to shear sheep. The New Zealand method of shearing will be taught. Shearing machines will be provided. Blade shearing will not be taught. Instructors are David Greene, Dr. Richard Barczewski, and Aaron Geiman.

The registration fee is $80 per person and includes a copy of ASI’s Sheep Shearing Notebook and an instructional DVD. Pre-registration is required. No registrations will be accepted after April 14. Participation is limited to the first 25. The minimum age is 16.

Checks should be made payable to the Carroll County Extension Advisory Council and mailed to David L. Greene, 2014 White Hall Road, White Hall, MD 21161–9712.

The school is sponsored by University of Maryland and Delaware Extension, the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, and the Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers Association.
INTRODUCTION TO FARRIERY

Through a combination of lectures and demonstration, casual horse enthusiasts and equine professionals alike will gain a better understanding of proper hoof care and management. Lecture topics will address hoof care, anatomy and physiology of the hoof, how hoof health and function is affected by conformation, skills associated with trimming the balanced foot, and when shoes are necessary. The demonstration will take participants through the trimming and shoeing process on live horses with ample time for questions. Anyone is welcome to register; no experience is necessary. To register go online to: https://umeintrotofarriery.evenbrite.com Must be postmarked by March 1, 2014.

HORSEMANSHIP STANDARDS

The Wags and Whinnies 4-H Club is hosting a clinic for levels 1, 2 and 3 knowledge of the Horsemanship Standards at the 4-H Park on Feb. 15th. Testing may be done in the afternoon. For more information, contact Edna Garlic at 410-482-2293.

REMINDER – HORSE AND PONY PROJECT MEMBERS

Don’t forget – Horse and Pony Cards MUST be updated by MAY 1ST; for the Queen Anne’s County Fair; JUNE 1ST for State Fair. You may call the 4-H Office and ask for Ms. Sue, she will update your present cards on file, however, if you are adding a new horse, you must stop by the 4-H Office to fill a new card out.
POSTER CONTEST
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY FAIR – 4–H PARK
CENTREVILLE, MD  21617

Design a poster that promotes the Queen Anne’s County Fair and win a savings bond or cash prize.  THERE WILL BE FOUR AGE DIVISIONS. (ALL AGES AS OF JANUARY 1ST OF CURRENT YEAR)

5–7 years old or 8–10 years old
11–13 years old or 14–18 years old

There will be one winner per division that will receive a $100.00 savings bond.  2nd and 3rd place will receive a check for $10.00.  Ribbons are to be awarded to Honorable Mention entries.  *Grand Champion Poster will be used on Queen Anne’s County Fair Promotional Articles.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS
Poster Board Size – 22” x 28”
DEADLINE: Monday, June 2, 2014, by 4:30 p.m.
Posters to be dropped off at the Queen Anne’s County Extension Office (505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4), Centreville, Md (410) 758-0166
Previous winners are ineligible to enter in the same age division in which they won.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE POSTER:  *(This section is very important)*
Queen Anne’s County Fair
August 11–16, 2014
Queen Anne’s County 4–H Park
Rt. 18
Centreville, MD  21617
Admission: $2.00 per person
Phone: 410-758-0267

For more information and to register on-line visit: www.queenannescofair.com

The remainder of the poster should depict:
“What the Fair Means to You”.

For any drawings: pen and ink, crayon, magic marker or paint may be used.  *Limited to choice of ONLY 3 colors.*  On the back of the poster at the bottom of the right hand corner write your name, parents name, complete address, phone number and age as of January 1, 2014.

*JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL*

All posters (winners and non-winners) will be displayed throughout the County.  Grand Champion Poster will be used on Queen Anne’s County Fair Promotional Articles and displayed at the 2014 Queen Anne’s County Fair.  Award winners will be notified by the first week in July.  Awards will be presented at the Queen Anne’s County Fair and you will be notified by mail.  SPONSORED BY:”BRENT T. CARROLL, CPA”, CENTREVILLE, MARYLAND & QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY ALLSTARS.
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