



# 4-H Talk Newsletter

4-H Talk September-October 2009

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## Cecil County Fair Thank You!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Fair Board Members, 4-H Volunteers, 4-H Members and parents who helped to make this year's Cecil County Fair a big success. Without the help and dedication of committed volunteers, it would be difficult to achieve what we do.

## Susan & Sierra Say Thanks Too!

Susan and Sierra would like to thank all the Clubs and Volunteers that helped in the Home Arts Building with set up, clean up, barn security, etc. during the Cecil County Fair.

## Fair Suggestions

If you have any suggestions on helping to improve the 4-H end of the Fair, please drop April an e-mail at [adhall@umd.edu](mailto:adhall@umd.edu) or call her at 410-996-5280. If it is a Fair issue, you can send your suggestions in writing to the Secretary, Debbie Harris at P. O. Box 84 Childs, MD 21916, send her an e-mail at [generalinfo@cecilcountyfair.org](mailto:generalinfo@cecilcountyfair.org), leave a message at 410-392-3440, or bring the suggestion up at the open Fair Board meeting, which will be held on November 12, 2009 at 7 PM in the Cecil County Commissioners Office.

## County Fair Premiums

Fair premiums checks will have been mailed, if you do not received your fair premium check by October 1, 2009 or have a question about your payment, contact the Fair Secretary, Debbie Harris via e-mail at [generalinfo@cecilcountyfair.org](mailto:generalinfo@cecilcountyfair.org) or give her a call at 410-392-3440. Debbie is a volunteer for the fair and works full time, so please allow her several days to get back to you with an answer.

## Livestock Sale Checks

As a reminder, you must turn in your Thank You Letters to either Tamie Turner or April Hall Barczewski by October 1, 2009, in order to receive your Livestock Sale Checks and to be eligible to sell in 2010. If you need the buyer's name and/or address, you may contact Mrs. Tamie Turner at 410-275-8794 or April at the Extension Office at 410-996-5280.

### **Camp Kudos (A Note from Director Susan)**

From August 10 through 14, over 125 youth campers and counselors attended the Cecil County 4-H Camp at the Rocks in Harford County. Thanks go to the dedicated camp counselors and adults who helped make this event run smoothly and made it a fun-filled week. Also, many thanks go to all the campers as we look forward to having you back at camp next year. Training for camp counselors will begin in January 2010.

### **State Welding Event Results**

On Saturday, August 22, 2009, three Cecil County 4-Hers participated in the State Welding Event at the UA Local 486 Training Facility in Baltimore. The results are as follows:  
Intermediates: Doug Megee 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and James Sprout 3<sup>rd</sup> overall  
Seniors: Sam Zambuto 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Sam is eligible to participate at the National 4-H Welding competition at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

### **National 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Recipient**

Congratulations go to Rachel Ginn who earned a spot on the Maryland 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team.

### **National 4-H Congress Trip Recipient**

Kudos to Ashley Larrimore for earning a trip to Atlanta, Georgia on November 27 – December 1, 2009 where she will represent Cecil County as a delegate to National 4-H Congress. Ashley will be traveling with fellow 4-H teens from across Maryland. 4-H youth from across the United States and Puerto Rico attend National 4-H Congress.

### **Maryland 4-H Teen Council Looking for Representatives**

If you are interested in serving as a Cecil County representative on the State 4-H Teen Council, contact April in the Extension office by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Archery Practices and State Contest**

Archery practices will be held every Thursday evening starting in September at 6:30 PM at the Sanford-Crane Garage, south of Elkton until the State Contest. The State Contest is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009 at Camp Thendara in Hurlock. Youth who participate are eligible to stay overnight the evening before at the camp facility for a reasonable price and participate in the learning session the day before. Contact the Extension Office or Mr. Sanford-Crane at 410-398-5904 for additional information.

### **Poultry and Wildfowl Swap Meet**

Poultry enthusiasts are invited to a poultry and wildfowl swap meet on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 9 AM until 2 PM at Rich Barczewski's, Underwoods Corner Rd, Smyrna, DE. Many species of wild and domestic fowl will be available for sale as well as some additional bird related items. Food will be available. For more information contact Rich Barczewski at 302-659-1211.

### **Horse Learning Sessions**

The September Horse Learning session will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 6 PM in the Extension Office. The focus is Anatomy & Physiology. Beginning in October, Horse Learning sessions will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Extension Office. If you are interested in participating contact Ms. Pattie Metz Diegert at pmetz@zoominternet.net or 410-459-5544.

### **Countywide Horse Meeting**

On September 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil County Extension Office in Elkton, we will be discussing horse issues, planning for the 2010 project year, and discussing horse opportunities. We will be discussing Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Workshops and Horse Rules. Anyone (youth and adults) who is interested in the horse project area is invited to attend.

### **Countywide Livestock Meeting**

On September 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cecil County Extension Office in Elkton, we will be discussing livestock (dairy, goats, beef, sheep & swine) issues, planning for the 2010 project year, and discussing livestock opportunities. We will be discussing Quiz Bowl, Judging, Livestock Workshops and Livestock Rules. Anyone (youth and adults) who is interested in the livestock project area is invited to attend.

### **Youth Goat Skill-a-thon**

There will be a Youth Goat Skillathon on Saturday, October 3, at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center near Boonsboro. The Skillathon will be held in conjunction with the Annual Western Maryland Goat Field Day and Sale. The Goat Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages of 8 and 18. Youth ages 8 to 10 will compete as juniors; youth ages 11 to 13 compete as intermediates; and youth ages 14 to 18 will compete as seniors. Youth will compete according to their 4-H age (as of January 1). For more information or to register youth, contact Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu. Pre-registration for the skillathon is requested by September 26.

### **National 4-H Week Activities**

National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2009 – a chance to show that you are proud to be a 4-H member! This year we encourage 4-H clubs/youth to prepare displays and/or posters to exhibit in schools, libraries, or businesses during National 4-H Week. This is a great way to use your club's banner. Friday, October 9, 2009 has been designated as Cecil County 4-H Spirit Day, when youth and volunteers are encouraged to wear their 4-H t-shirts. This is a great way to show your 4-H spirit by telling others what you do in 4-H and encouraging others to join. Promotional material and 4-H information is available in the Cecil County Extension Office.

### **National Youth Science Day**

On 4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7th, young people across the nation will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today—energy. Youth will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through Biofuel Blast, the National Science Experiment. Developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, the experiment is designed to spark an early interest in the sciences—all part of 4-H's bold goal to engage a million new young people in science, engineering and technology programs by 2013. Please join us on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office to conduct the experiment.

### **Delaware Livestock Exposition**

The 2009 Delaware Livestock Exposition will be held on October 10-11 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, DE. The judges last year (swine: Randy Shipley; goats: Karen Lamb; sheep: Dan Spilde and Cattle: Matt Kleski) gave many compliments on the top quality youth and livestock who exhibited. There are top notch judges booked again for this year and thanks to our gracious supporters, we are still able to offer generous premiums. The exhibitors handbook and entries forms are available from the Cecil County Extension Office and are due postmarked by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party to benefit the Sallie Robertson 4-H Memorial Endowment Fund (which benefits the Maryland 4-H Out-of-State Horse Trips to the Eastern National Roundup and State 4-H Equine Educational programs) will be held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm -5:00pm at Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, MD. This year's event will feature great food, live entertainment and a live and silent auction. Recipients of the Maryland 4-H Foundation's Youth Development Award and Maryland 4-H Horse Program Volunteer of the Year Award will also be recognized. Tickets are available for \$30 per person and \$20 youth 13 and under if form received by September 18<sup>th</sup>. Receive a ticket order form at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/HorsemensParty.html>. They are also looking for silent and live auction items. For more information or contact Debbie Frey at 301-314-7824 or [dfrey@umd.edu](mailto:dfrey@umd.edu) or Kristen Wilson at 301-596-9478 or [kswilson@umd.edu](mailto:kswilson@umd.edu).

### **New 4-H Animal Science Livestock Advisory Round Table**

Hold the Date! The first session of the new Maryland 4-H Livestock Advisory Round Table will be held on Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park. Interested 4-H youth and volunteers are invited to come share and discuss ideas to strengthen Maryland 4-H Animal Science programming in the Livestock Project areas. More information will follow in future Updates.

### **Fair Hill International Festival in the Country Opportunity**

The Cecil County Extension Office will be having a display at Fair Hill International on October 15-18, 2009 at Fair Hill. If your 4-H club would like to do horse activities or demonstrations, please contact April or Amy in the Extension office by October 1, 2009.

### **Hog Fest 2009-All You Can Eat Pork BBQ**

Gavinell Meat Company, Inc. is sponsoring Hog Fest 2009, an All You Can Eat Pork BBQ to be held on October 31, 2009 from 1-5 pm. All the proceeds will benefit Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Barn Fund. Clubs that are interested in helping should contact April in the Extension Office. See attached flyer for more details.

### **Open Fair Board Meeting/Fair Board Opportunities**

The open Fair Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Cecil County Commissioners Office. This is the meeting to attend if you are interested in serving on the Cecil County Fair Board or have information to propose to the Fair Board. The Fair Board also has positions for 4-H youth who are interested in serving on the Cecil County Fair Board. Youth interested must fill out the attached form and return it by October 31, 2009 to Mark Barczewski. For more information contact Mark at 302-743-9950.

### **Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum**

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer and Teen Forum is scheduled for November 20 – 22, 2009 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City. If you would like registration materials and class information check out the Maryland 4-H website at [www.maryland4h.org](http://www.maryland4h.org) or contact the Cecil County Extension Office. Unfortunately, our office will be unable to offer scholarships for this year for participants.

### **Cecil County Annual 4-H Fundraiser**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!!! We will hold our Annual Benefit and Auction to help the Cecil County 4-H Program. There are several events scheduled that day at the Walls Activity Hall at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Area-Cecil County Fairgrounds. Events include the Holiday Craft Workshop in the morning and a Dinner and both a Silent and Live Auction in the evening to raise money for our clubs and county 4-H programs. Clubs can contribute to the auction by getting items donated or creating a gift basket. One half of whatever your items earn at the auction will go to your club and the other half will go to fund Cecil County 4-H programs like Achievement Night. Tickets will go on sale on in mid-September and may be purchased from any Junior Council member or at the Extension Office. The cost of the tickets is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Any questions may be answered by contacting April and Amy at the Extension Office. Please support your local 4-H program!

### **Reenrollments**

Reenrollment time for 2010 project year has arrived! Reenrollments will take place at your club's October or November meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend to help make the process easier. Remember, you must be enrolled in the 4-H project area that specifically relates to the project that you are entering at the county and state fairs. In order to get project information and keep up with all the 4-H news and events, be sure to turn in your 2010 4-H reenrollment/enrollment form by January 4, 2010! If you would like to know when your reenrollment is club reenrollment is scheduled, contact your club leader.



### **4-H Record Books**

Completing a record book is not something most 4-Hers think of as fun, but it can be one of the most important things you do in 4-H. Learning to keep good records of the work you do is something that will help you in school and may lead to a successful career, plus more. Record Books will be due to the Extension Office by January 22, 2010 by 7:00 p.m. Your 4-H record book must be signed by your leader prior to submission of your record book to the county office.

So please make those arrangements well ahead of the due date. Any book submitted without a leader's signature will not be accepted. Record books can be either typed or hand written. Forms are available online at our website, <http://cecil.umd.edu> under the 4-H Youth Development Link or in paper form from the Extension Office. A record book workshop will be offered on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton. Another record book workshop will be offered on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Out of State Trip Opportunities for Members 4-H Ages 14-18**

As Cecil County 4-H teen members, you are eligible to apply for five Out of State 4-H Trips. These trips include the National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Camp Minowanca and Virginia 4-H Conference. National 4-H Congress is a once in a lifetime experience, where youth from all across the nation get together to address the needs and issues of youth, listen to motivational speakers and socialize with fellow 4-Hers. Congress takes place at the end of November. National 4-H Conference is a teen leadership conference where 4-H members develop a vision for the future of 4-H. It is scheduled to take place in early April at the National 4-H Council in Chevy Chase, Maryland. West Virginia Older 4-H Members Conference is a Leadership Development Conference that occurs at the end of June in Jackson's Mill, West Virginia. Camp Minowanca is a leadership conference that occurs during the summer. Virginia 4-H Conference takes place in June in Virginia and is a 4-H leadership development program. Nominees must be 4-H age 14-18. Applicants must be enrolled in 4-H and not older than 4-H age 18 the year the trips take place. Youth interested in applying must do a 4-H resume, essay, fill out an appropriate selection process application, and receive an interview. This year's essay topic is **"What are the three most important life skills you have developed through 4-H involvement and why?"**

Completed applications for National 4-H Conference are due to the Cecil County Extension Office by October 2nd and the interviews will take place on November 10th at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park or November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ocean City. For the other four trips, completed applications, essays and resumes are due to the Cecil County Extension Office by January 4, 2010. Youth who are selected to represent Cecil County must be available for an interview. The closest interview will be held on February 7, 2009 in Centreville, Maryland. Please call the Extension office at 410-996-5280, e-mail April at [adhall@umd.edu](mailto:adhall@umd.edu) or you can access the Cecil County website for the application and additional information, [www.maryland4h.org](http://www.maryland4h.org) under the For Youth and Family link and then the Awards and Recognition link.

### **University of Maryland Extension (UME) Volunteer Training**

April will be conducting three UME Volunteer trainings this Fall. They are:

- Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton from 6:30-8:30 PM

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer please contact Deborah Arnold at the Extension Office at 410-996-5280 to confirm your attendance.

### **Leaders and Volunteers Meeting**

The next Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers meeting take place on September 15, 2009 at the Cecil County Extension Office at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

**Club Highlights**  
**Opportunity to Join Junior Council**

The Cecil County 4-H Junior Council is inviting teen 4-Hers to join their group. They are the countywide teen leadership group that helps teach classes to other 4-Hers including: Officers Training, Winterfest, State Volunteer Forum and Holiday Craft Workshop. In addition, members help prepare and serve the 4-H Benefit Auction Dinner and they participate in countywide events to promote 4-H. Another great opportunity is the out of state 4-H exchange trips that Junior Council does with other 4-H teen programs from around the country. If you are interested in joining come to the next meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Extension Office to learn more.

**REMINDER:** Now that the County Fair is over, 4-Hers are encouraged to work on Record Books now to avoid last minute delays and mishaps. ☺

**4-H Club Meeting Dates**

Rabbit Wranglers -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
 Tailwinds Trotters -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
 Horse Tails -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
 Puddle Jumpers -2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
 Stars & Stripes -2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
 Young Equestrians -2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
 Fair Hill 4-H -3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
 Rolling Hills -4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
 Cowtown -2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
 Kids of the Future -2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

Krazy Kritters -2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
 Junior Council -3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
 Home School Pioneers -3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
 Livestock Club -4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
 Kibbles-N-Kids -2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
 Rising Sun Milk Squirters -2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
 Cecil Sliders -2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Community Service-3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
 Horse Cents -1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
 Calvert Boys and Girls -2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
 Kuntry Kids -3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
 Archery Practice -Weekly Thursday's  
 Tristate Trotters -2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
 4-H Explorers -3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

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**4-H Calendar of Events**

September 2009

- 12 Maryland 4-H Rifle Match, Prince George's Skeet Club
- 12 Poultry and Wildfowl Swap Meeting, Rich Barczewski's, Smyrna, DE, 9 AM-2 PM
- 13 Maryland 4-H Dairy Bowl Buzz Off, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, 1:30 PM
- 13 Maryland 4-H Dressage and Combined Test Show, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster
- 15 Cecil County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers Meeting, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 7 PM
- 20 State 4-H Alumni Event, The Great Frederick Fair, Frederick, 3-6 PM
- 21 Maryland Cooperative Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- 22 Horse Learning Session, Focus: Anatomy & Physiology, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6 PM
- 24 Countywide 4-H Horse Meeting, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 7 PM
- 26 National Hunting and Fishing Day, Schrader's, Bridgetown
- 27 Rumbleway Day on the Farm, Conowingo
- 29 Countywide 4-H Livestock Meeting, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 7 PM
- Every Thursday Archery Practice, Sanford-Cranes, Elkton, 6:30 PM

### October 2009

- 2 DEADLINE: 4-H Senior Essay & Resume due to Cecil County Extension Office for National 4-H Conference consideration
- 3 Youth Goat Skill-a-thon, Washington County Ag Center, Boonsboro
- 4 State 4-H Awards Gala, Riggs Alumni Center, College Park, 4-7 PM
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 7 National 4-H Science Day, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- 10 State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster
- 10 State 4-H Archery Workshop, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
- 10-11 Delaware Livestock Exposition, Harrington
- 11 State 4-H Archery Event, Camp Thendara, Hurlock
- 11 Maryland Horsemen's Party, Ten Oaks Ballroom, Clarksville, 2-5 PM
- 13 Horse Learning Session, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- 15-16 State 4-H Challenge Games In-Service
- 15-18 Fair Hill International, Fair Hill
- 17 Make It With Wool, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster
- 17 State 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology In-Service
- 17 State 4-H Livestock Advisory Meeting, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park, 10 AM-2 PM
- 17 State 4-H Horsemanship Level 4 Examiner's Training, Location TBA
- 22 Maryland Cooperative Extension Volunteer Training, Rising Sun Library, Rising Sun, 6:30 PM
- 31 Hogfest Fundraiser, Galvinell, Conowingo, 1-5 PM (Proceeds Benefit the Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Barn Building Fund)
- 31 State 4-H Horseman's Standards Advisory Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays: Archery Practice, Sanford-Cranes, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- TBA Club Reenrollments

### November 2009

- 3 Maryland Cooperative Extension Volunteer Training, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 4 Cecil County 4-H Record Book Workshop, 6:30-8:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 7 State 4-H Shotgun Match
- 10 State 4-H Conference Interviews, Maryland 4-H Center, Starting after 5 PM, College Park
- 10 Horse Learning Session, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton, 6:30 PM
- 12 Cecil County Fair Open Fair Board Meeting, Cecil Co. Commissioners Office, Elkton, 7 PM
- 14 State 4-H Horsemanship Level 4 Examiner's Training, Paradise Stables,
- 20-22 State 4-H Adult & Teen Forum, Carousel Hotel, Ocean City
- 22 State 4-H Conference Interviews, Carousel Hotel, Ocean City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: Archery Practice, Sanford-Cranes, Elkton
- TBA Club Reenrollments

### December 2009

- 5 Holiday Craft Workshop, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 5 Cecil County 4-H Benefit Auction, Walls Activity Hall, Fair Hill
- 5 State 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting, Maryland 4-H Center, College Park

### January 2010

- 4 DEADLINE: Senior 4-H Essay & Resume due to Cecil County Extension Office for National 4-H Congress, West Virginia Older Members Conference, Camp Miniwanca, & Virginia 4-H Congress consideration
- 7 Cecil County 4-H Record Book Workshop, 6:30-8:30 PM, Cecil County Extension Office, Elkton
- 21-24 Horse World Expo, Timonium
- 22 DEADLINE: All Cecil County 4-H Record Books due to Extension Office by 7 PM

\*\*\*For more information about any event, call or stop by the Cecil County Extension Office.