



Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATOR!!

We are very pleased to welcome Christine Lothen-Kline as our new County Extension Coordinator. Christine will be working very closely with the entire MCE Staff and will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. You will be able to contact Christine at 410-313-1911 or by email at clothenk@umd.edu. Please feel free to meet Christine when visiting our Extension Office.



THANK YOU!!

The Howard County 4-H Staff would like to express our deepest thanks to all 4-H members, parents, volunteers, etc. for a fantastic fair! Many thanks to everyone who lent a helping hand to make the 2008 fair such a success!



Sheryl, Chris, Maria, Meredith and Rick

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Labor Day



FAIR ITEMS!!!!

Any entries that were not picked up during this year's Howard County Fair have been returned to the Extension Office. Please make arrangements to pick up these items as soon as possible.

Any of these remaining fair entries will be disposed of if they are not picked up by December 1st!



BACK TO SCHOOL BEST WISHES!!

To all our 4-H'ers heading back to school, everyone here at Howard County Extension wishes you a successful school year.

4-H ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Mark your calendar!

Friday, October 3, 2008



The Howard County Annual 4-H Achievement Night is scheduled for Friday, October 3 2008. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds Sheep/Goat Building. Light fare will be served during the social hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with the program beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. After the conclusion of the program, there will be a dance and karaoke for 4-H members and their families.

Invitations have been mailed to each 4-H family. RSVP's are due by Friday, September 5th. Only those who RSVP and are in attendance will be presented awards.

We will recognize all 4-H'ers that had a blue award on their 2007 record book (submitted in February 2008). The individual accomplishments of our 4-H'ers in project areas will also be recognized on county, state, and national levels; as well as 2008 judging teams, public speaking, food and nutrition and visual presentation contests, fashion revue, bowl teams and horse programs. Clover record books and graduating clovers will be recognized.

Calling all Seniors! We need narrators for Achievement Night. If interested, please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The 2008 National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 5th -11th. Start planning now by finding a place to display your 4-H promotional material. Clubs need to register with Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at crein@umd.edu. We need to know where your display will be and when it goes up! Start planning now!

Let's break a record and have every 4-H club participate in 2008.

4-H Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m.

MAAFS JUDGING TRAINING AND CONVENTION

This year's Maryland Association of Agriculture Fairs and Shows convention is scheduled for November 7-9, 2008. The convention will be held in Ocean City, MD at the Princess Royale Hotel. The MAAFS is offering judging classes for anyone who may be interested in training to become a judge in agricultural fairs and shows. These classes will be held on Friday, November 7th from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. The cost for this training session is \$20.00 and registration closes October 31st. Please contact Richard Angus at 301-314-7826 or email him at rara@umd.edu.

If you wish to stay at the Princess Royale there is a special MAAFS room rate. For more information please go to the MAAFS website at: www.maafs.com

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS MEETING

The 4-H staff is currently planning a fun evening on Thursday, October 16, 2008 for all Organizational Leaders to gather together for a evening of networking with other leaders. This meeting will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds Dining Hall at 7 p.m. A light dinner will be served. If you are an organizational leader and cannot attend, we ask that you appoint another volunteer from your club to attend. Please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by e-mail at mgordon@umd.edu to register.

CALLING ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Have you thought about becoming a 4-H volunteer? If so, this is the workshop for you! The Howard County 4-H Staff will have a workshop for all interested volunteers on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Ellicott City. Just a reminder-All 4-H volunteers MUST attend a training to become certified MCE volunteers. During this workshop you will receive instruction regarding all the policies and procedures needed to become a certified MCE volunteer. Please be sure to bring three references with their contact information. To register contact 4-H Program Assistant, Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or crein@umd.edu.



VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT ANNUAL REVIEW TIME!!!!

Enrollment and annual review forms will be mailed out at the beginning of October to 2008 MCE 4-H Volunteers. The 2009 forms should be returned to the office by December 1, 2008. Volunteers whose forms are not returned will be placed on inactive status. It is very important that these forms be completed and returned promptly!

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

It is very important that you register at least 2 days prior to any workshop. It is very difficult for the 4-H staff to know the appropriate amount of materials to prepare if we don't know the number of attendees. Our general rule is to cancel a program if there are not at least 5 people registered. Only those registered will be notified if there is a cancellation. We gratefully appreciate your cooperation!

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do you need a Nutrient Management Plan? Our office writes these plans for free! All operations that make or exceed \$2,500 gross annual income OR who have 8 or more animal units (1 animal unit = 1,000 lbs. live weight) must have a current Nutrient Management Plan, as mandated by Maryland law. Contact Krista Mitchell, Nutrient Management Advisor, for more information: 410-313-2709 or kristaw@umd.edu.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS



Reminder

Please cash your premium check from Howard County Fair. It may not be honored at the bank if you hold it longer than 90 days.

MEMBER RE-ENROLLMENT

The member re-enrollment forms will be available at the end of September. Organizational leaders will be notified when they are ready.



RE-DISCOVER 4-H

2008 4-H TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEER FORUM

This year's Volunteer Forum will be held on November 21st -23rd at The Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. More information will be forthcoming!!

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

This year's 4-H T-shirts each of you received at the Fair were sponsored by several businesses and organizations. We ask that you take a moment to thank them for their support of the 4-H program. Perhaps you and your club may want to send a personal thank you note. Below is the list of the sponsors and their respective addresses.

Thank you to all our T-shirt donors for your valued support!

Howard County 4-H All Stars
c/o Ms. Marjie Eyster
18 Grimes Ct.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Barnard Brothers Construction, Inc.
c/o Mr. Garry Barnard
1045 St. Michaels Road
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Phase, Inc.
c/o Mr. Bill Alexander
1604 Backacre Circle
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

L.A. Ennis Trucking
c/o Mr. Larry Ennis
5384 Greenbridge Road
Dayton, MD 21036

Bouma Show Pigs
c/o Mr. John Bouma
13875 Highland Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029

Winkler's Welding and Fabrication
4307 Southwestern Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21229

Heritage Realty and Land Development
PO Box 482 15950 N. Ave.
Lisbon, MD 21765

Town and Country Auto Repair
4105 Ten Oaks Road
Dayton, MD 21036

Johnson Crane Service, Inc.
c/o Robert Johnson
11708 Old Baltimore Pike
Beltsville, MD 20705

Charlies' Bobcat Service, Inc.
13 Energetic Endeavor Dr.
Sykesville, MD 21784

Hidden Dream Farm
The Brigante Family
15200 Old Frederick Rd.
Woodbine, MD 21797

Walnut Springs Nursery
14812 Burntwoods Road
Glenwood, MD 21738

Dr. Byron A. Bonebreak,-DMD
7160 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045

The Lanou Family
2609 Little Vista Terr.
Olney, MD 20832

The Moxley Family
13205 Route 144
West Friendship, MD 21794

Animal Medical Hospital
at Glenwood, Inc.
2465 Route 97, Suite 7
Glenwood, MD 21738

Brighton Stables
5545 Broadwater Lane
Clarksville, MD 21029

The Humphrey Companies
c/o Bethany H. Hooper
7170 Riverwood Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Howard County Professional
Firefighters Local L-2000
5397 Twin Knolls, Suite 16
Columbia, MD 21045

Heritage Realty &
Land Development
15940 North Ave.
Woodbine, MD 21797

Seven Springs Landscaping
2480 Flag Marsh Rd.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Murray Financial Group, Inc.
50 Carroll Creek Way
Suite 240
Frederick, MD 21707

The Pink Cabbage
11707 Frederick Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Horizons 4-H Club
c/o Helen O'Connell
7329 Wye Ave.
Jessup, MD 20794

Howard County 4-H
Beef Club
c/o Jandell Haines
1615 Old Westminster Rd.
Westminster, MD. 21157

Centaur's 4-H Club
c/o Marcie Barnard
4010 Willow Bend Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dayton 4-H Club
c/o Alicia Vanisko
8774 Autumn Hill Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Happy Hounds 4-H Club
c/o Donna McGraw
16400 Old Frederick Rd.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771



RECORD BOOK TRAININGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED!

All of the trainings will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Clovers - October 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Juniors/Intermediate - October 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

1st Year Members (any age) - November 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Call Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or mgordon@umd.edu to register. Only those who register will be notified if the training is cancelled. Also directions and forms will be available on the 4-H website - www.howard4-h.org after September 15, 2008.

CLOVER BOOKS - Clovers have a special Clover Report Form for their record book. All forms are on the web.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE BOOKS - Information on how to do a book, complete the Summary Form and Project Records are on the web.

SENIOR BOOKS - All seniors will have to complete a resume and essay as part of their record book. All information is on the web.

SKILL LEVEL BOOKS - For all projects will be due to your club leader for all age levels, along with your record book and will be reviewed and returned immediately, so you may continue working from them.

SUMMARY REPORT FORM - That goes into the record book is the same for Juniors and Seniors. This form is used to record all years in 4-H. All of your past summary records not on the present form are to be placed in the book so we can see your progress. These will also be available at the workshops.

CMREC OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



The Central Maryland Research and Education Center is holding their annual open house on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Our 4-H Extension Office will have a booth and we are looking for volunteers who would like to take part in that day. We are looking for both clubs and individuals interested in

coming out and giving demonstrations, running craft projects, and help with coverage at the booth. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight your club for possible new members. Any amount of time you could volunteer for would be most appreciated. For more information or to ask questions, please contact Meredith Myers at 410-313-2708 or by email at mmyers1@umd.edu.



DIAMOND CLOVER AWARDS

Are you working toward achieving one of the six levels of the Diamond Clover Award? Do you need to know more about this award? If your answer is yes, go to www.howard4-h.org.

Diamond Clover paperwork for 2008 is due to the Extension Office by September 15th.



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Pssst...There are 341 days left until the 2009 Howard County Fair!!!