



Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER!

We are pleased to welcome Christy Fischer, 4-H Faculty Extension Assistant, to the Howard County Extension Office. Christy will be working closely with the 4-H team to learn about the Howard County 4-H program. We know that our 4-H "family" will give her a warm welcome. She can be reached at 410-313-2708 or fischer1@umd.edu.



4-H PROJECT ADDITIONS, DELETION AND MEMBER ENROLLMENT

All project additions and deletions are due to Chris Rein at the 4-H Office by May 1, 2008 to be eligible for fair participation. All club leaders will have a listing of all projects you are enrolled in at your meeting. Be sure to check, make additions or deletions, and initial to verify the changes. Do not directly call the 4-H office to make changes. It needs to be done at your meeting. All enrollment forms and dues need to be in to Chris Rein by May 1st. Forms received after that date will not be eligible for 4-H fair participation. If you know someone who is planning to join 4-H, they need to attend the April meeting of the club they are interested in. The 4-H office will not enroll someone without them attending a club meeting.

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T-SHIRT DESIGN

Are you creative?
Computer savvy? Then you
may want to read on... The
4-H team is looking for
someone to design the
front of the t-shirt. We
are looking for a black and
white computer generated
design that includes the
official clover. The person
who designs the selected
shirt design will be
awarded \$50. If you have
any questions, please feel
free to contact Sheryl
at 410-313-1912 or
sherylb@umd.edu

4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Howard County 4-H Clubs will recognize their 4-H Volunteers for their years of service on Saturday, April 19th at the **Lisbon Fire Hall**. We are looking for donations of door prizes for the volunteers. If you can provide some type of door prize contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or crein@umd.edu. Donated door prizes will need to be delivered to the 4-H Office on **Thursday, April 17th** or brought to the event on April 19th.



ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR VOLUNTEER DINNER

The 4-H staff needs several 4-H'ers to assist with Volunteer Dinner on Saturday, April 19th. We need greeters, photographers, a 4-H'er to lead the pledges, and 4-H'ers to speak about the importance of our volunteers. All 4-H'ers who participate will have the cost of dinner covered by the 4-H program. If you would like to participate contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by emailing her at mgordon@umd.edu.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

We are still in the process of planning for the 4-H t-shirts, all Howard County 4-Hers receive to wear at the fair. In 2007, several businesses/community organizations generously made contributions to help defray the cost of the shirts. In 2008, our goal is to have enough contributions to cover the entire cost of the shirts. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a sponsorship form. If you know of a business or organization that may be interested, please pass along the letter and form enclosed with this copy of the Cloverleaf. If you need additional forms, they can be found on our website www.howard4-h.org



SHARE YOUR TALENT FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!



We are still in need of 4-H'ers who want to show off their talents for our hard working volunteers. Spots for individuals or groups of 4-H'ers who would like to provide entertainment during this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner are still available. If you have a talent you would like to share for our terrific volunteers, please contact Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or by email at mgordon@umd.edu.

MARYLAND 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Nine(9) college scholarships are awarded to current/former 4-H members who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or in post high school vocational programs in the Fall of 2008.

Students wishing to apply for any one of the scholarships may obtain further information and a Scholarship Form from the State web site <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/4-H> or <http://www.maryland4h.org>

An individual may win one of the listed scholarships:

- WILLIAM & EILEEN KLINGEHOFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- J. O'NEAL & ROSA MOXLEY JOHNSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
- HOWARD WARFIELD CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
- BEATRICE PUE STRECKER PFEFFERKORN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- BARBARA PUE STRECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- LAWSON KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
- BRENDA BOURNE STAIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500
- EDWIN D. & SUSAN C. FRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- RIPPEON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP- \$2500

Scholarships are administered by The Maryland 4-H Foundation.

Complete applications are due in the Howard County Cooperative Extension Office by **April 15th**. You need only one form to be considered for each of the above-listed scholarships

2008 HOWARD COUNTY 4-H CAMP

The Howard County 4-H Camp is just around the corner! Camp will be held from June 22, 2008 - June 28, 2008.

Campers, ages 8 - 13 as of January 1st will be given the opportunity to experience another outstanding week at the Western Maryland 4-H Center. The Center is located in a small town called Swanton, which is in Garrett County. If you have never been to camp, you have missed a week of a lifetime! The camp is located in a wooded mountain area which includes a 25-acre lake. Visualize a large heated recreation hall, kitchen/dining hall, hospital, restrooms and showers surrounded by 12 cabins. 144 campers and teen leaders, along with 18 adult staff, are housed within this facility. The week is jam packed with fun and educational activities. The camp application is available at www.howard4-h.org.



First preference will go to 4-H'ers until April 2nd. After the April 2nd date, non 4-H'ers will be placed into available slots. Registration forms are accepted on a first come first served basis, so you need to get your forms back to us as soon as possible. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!** After the camp registration deadline has passed, additional information will be mailed to all applicants of their acceptance to camp or not.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR CHANGES

The 4-H Livestock events will occur on the first weekend of the State Fair from (August 20th-24th).

The most up to date schedule can be located on the Maryland State Fair website at:

www.marylandstatefair.com.

The Market Swine rate of gain requirement for Maryland State Fair has been lowered to 1.5 pounds/day. If you have any questions, contact Sheryl Burdette at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu



IT'S SHOW TIME!!

Kickoff this year's upcoming livestock show season by taking part in an educational program all about feeding and managing show pigs, lambs, and meat goats. Come to the Carroll County Ag Center on Wednesday, April 2nd from 7:00p.m.-9:30 p.m. and meet with show feed specialist who will bring terrific knowledge and experience for our 4-H'ers to have. For more information please go to our website at www.howard4-h.org.

PIG, LAMB AND GOAT SALE

There will be a pig, lamb and goat sale on Friday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. This event will take place at the Howard County Fairgrounds. For more information, please contact Jimmie Clark at 434-656-9088 or Tim Clark at 434-656-2889.



SHOWCASE OF CHAMPION SALE

Date: March 29th

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Felton, Delaware

Livestock: Goats & Sheep

For more information contact Rob Garey at 302-242-5601.



MARKET PIG SALE

There will be a Market Pig Sale, Saturday, April 19th at the Howard County Fairgrounds



LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

There is only one more scheduled Livestock Quality Assurance class. Please mark Wednesday, **May 28, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. NOW! Remember, in order to be able to show livestock at the County Fair, you **MUST** attend the training **every other year**. If you have questions or are not sure if you need to attend this year, contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu. The class will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds

2008 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM

Market Livestock (beef steers, market lambs, market pigs, and market goats) must gain a certain amount of weight per day to show in market classes at the 2008 Howard County Fair. Weight gain per day is calculated from weigh-in/tag day to weigh-in at the County Fair. There are several weight check days scheduled at the fairgrounds scale for 4-H'ers to check market animals' weight. Dates are listed in the 4-H calendar.

Beef - 2.0 pounds of gain per day

Sheep - .40 pounds of gain per day

Swine - 1.5 pounds of gain per day

Goat - .20 pounds of gain per day

MARKET LIVESTOCK TAG REPLACEMENT

Each year we have market animals that lose their ear tags. This creates a challenge re-tagging the right animals. Animals need to be housed and handled so they do not lose their tags. Replacement tags will cost \$10.00 each this year. Animals will be re-tagged at weight checks and the Saturday of lamb check-in at the fair.

SHEEP & WOOL SKILLATHON

The Sheep and Wool Skillathon will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2008, from 8 a.m.— 12 noon in the Rabbit Building at the Sheep and Wool Festival. A skillathon provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, and care and exhibition of animals into a single activity. A skillathon competition consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge and abilities related to livestock. Station topics may include identification (breeds, parts, diseases, equipment, meat, wool, or feed); evaluation/judging (fleeces, live animals, hay); a problem solving activity; and a written quiz. All of the stations in this contest will pertain to sheep and/or wool. The Sheep & Wool Skillathon is open to any youth between the ages 8 and 18. Individuals and teams (of 4) may compete.

- Classes: Individuals and teams: Juniors: 8-10; Intermediates: 11 - 13; Seniors: 14 - 18
- Awards: Top ten individuals in each age class and top three teams in each age class.

Register by April 20, 2008 Send name(s), address, phone number, and email address to Susan Schoenian, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756, 301-432-2767 or sschoen@umd.edu

TAIL DOCKING POLICY

The 2008 Maryland 4-H Tail Docking Policy remains virtually unchanged from 2007. 4-H lambs should be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal tail fold. The caudal fold is a flap of skin attached to the underside of the tail near the rectum and is clearly visible when the tail is lifted. Lambs docked in this manner will have a minimum tail length of 0.7 inches at the time of show. Purchased lambs (market and breeding) should have a minimum tail length of 1.4 inches at the time of "weaning." This gives a high probability that the lamb's tail will measure at least 0.7 inches at the time of show. 4-H'ers should use the DeTail device to select lambs that have been properly docked.

In 2008, compliance with the Maryland 4-H Tail Docking Policy will be VOLUNTARY. Lamb tails (docks) will not be officially measured at Maryland 4-H activities. No lambs will be disqualified from showing due to tail length, unless the short dock results in a rectal prolapse. The policy will be re-evaluated at the end of 2008. Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapse at a 4-H activity will be ineligible for the activity and sent home by the Extension Educator, Sheep Superintendent, or other appropriately deemed individual. The following will be used as a guideline to determine occurrence of a rectal prolapse:

"A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4 cm (1.6 in.) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing." If a lamb is observed with a rectal prolapse (by one of the above people) and in the future is not observed with a rectal prolapse, it is still classified as having a rectal prolapse. This was the criteria used in the 2003 multi-year study published in the Journal of Animal Science that established a scientific link between tail length and the incidence of rectal prolapses in lambs fed concentrate diets. Questions about Maryland's 2008 4-H Tail Docking Policy should be directed to Susan Schoenian at (301) 432-2767 x343 or sschoen@umd.edu.

LOOKING FOR A DAIRY PROJECT CALF?

Come to the Maryland All-Breed Calf Sale on Saturday, April 12th at the Frederick Fairgrounds. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Dairy Barn and the sale will consist of approximately 30 heads of calves representing all seven dairy breeds. For more information or for a catalog, please contact Mark Valentine at either 240-674-6092 or 301-271-5032. You may also reach him via email at VALAYRS@aol.com.

PIG SALE AND SKILLATHON CONTEST

Come enjoy a day full of events at the Elite East Show at the Frederick Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 12th. There will be a wide variety of pigs with plenty of sizes, breeds, and price levels to choose from. All show pigs have been born between January 1st-March 12th. There will be a judging contest, an Elite Breeders show, a pig sale and a Skill-a-thon. For more information please call 301-663-3113 or go to their website at www.farmerscoop.com.

WILLS FAIR

The R. N. Wills Spring Fair will be held on **Saturday, May 17th**, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Classes will be offered in the areas of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, dog, goat, poultry, and rabbits for 4-H'ers from Central Maryland.

The Wills Fair catalog will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE** on the 4-H web site at: www.howard4-h.org.

Catalogs will not be mailed. Entries are due in the 4-H Office by April 10th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

BEEF FIELD DAY

Beef Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008. This year it is mandatory that all 4-H'ers enrolled in a beef project attend Beef Field Day. Please contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or by email sherylb@umd.edu if you have a conflict.



PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY

Howard County 4-H will once again be holding a Progressive Ag Safety Day. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st at the Howard County Fairgrounds. More information will be in next month's Cloverleaf.



DIAMOND CLOVER

If you are interested in participating in the Diamond Clover Award program, please be sure to check out the information on our website at www.howard4-h.org. Diamond Clover reports will be due by September 15th for 2008.



STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON RESULTS

The State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest was held on Saturday, March 8th. Twelve Howard County 4-Hers participated in the contest and did an excellent job. Howard County participants were: Bryan Bowman, Brittany Bowman, Christine Herriotts, Rachel King, Karen Vanisko, Jason Vanisko, Jennifer Carroll, Austin Carroll, Jacob Carroll, Jonathon Fleming, Jackie Bauer and Danielle Bauer.

Congratulations to Rachel King-6th place junior overall, Jackie Bauer-7th place junior overall and Brittany Bowman-8th place senior overall. Way to go!!

STATE HORSE BOWL CONTEST RESULTS

The 2008 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest was held Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Plant Sciences Building on the University of Maryland - College Park, MD campus. This year's contest brought in a record number of youth and teams with counties from all ends of the state participating. This year's event couldn't have been such a great success without the help of the great volunteers that helped run the contest. Volunteers included on-campus and off-campus educators as well as county volunteers, parents and youth and UMD Students. Congratulations to all Howard County 4-H participants. The results are below:

Junior Team-11th place overall
 Intermediate Team-1st place overall
 Senior Team-2nd place overall
 Cyndy Koster-2nd place intermediate individual
 Camryn Long-3rd intermediate individual
 Meredith Pecukonis-10th place intermediate individual
 Teri Koster-3rd place senior individual
 MacKenzie Barnard-7th place senior individual

A DAY OF RACING AT PIMLICO

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Cooperative Extension invite all Maryland 4-H'ers to come enjoy *A Day of Racing at Pimlico*, Saturday, May 3rd starting at 9:00 am. Go "behind the scenes" and tour the back stretch area and also be able to talk to trainers and jockeys. Come watch the horses gallop in the morning as the get you ready to watch the Kentucky Derby on TV!

Admission for this fun filled day is \$10.00 a person and includes lunch and reserved seating at the track. Pre-registration is required and there must be adult supervision for every five 4-H members. For even more fun, have your 4-H club come too! Space is limited so please register by Friday, April 11th. For more information, please visit our website at www.howard4-h.org.



COMMUNICATION CONTEST RESULTS!!!

The Howard County Communication Contest was held on Saturday, March 1, 2008. All Champions will go to 4-H State Communications Contest on April 26, 2008 at College Park. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

PREPARED SPEECH

Intermediate Champion

Vickie Phillips

Intermediate Reserve Champion

Katie Loveless

Junior Champion

Brian Loveless

Junior Reserve Champion

Will Connor

INTERPRETATIONS

Senior Champion

Hadassah Link

Intermediate Champion

Emmy Schafer

Intermediate Reserve Champion

Janet Link

Junior Champion

Nicole Pysnack

RADIO/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior Champion

Brittany Bowman

Intermediate Champion

Rebecca Connor

Junior Champion

Jason Vanisko

EXTEMPORANEOUS

Senior Champion

Brittany Bowman

Intermediate Champion

Shailin O'Connell

Intermediate Reserve Champion

Karen Vanisko

"GO-FORS" NEEDED!!! CALLING ALL 4-HERS!!!!

"Go-fors" are needed for this years 2008 Fair. The minimum age requirement to be a "go-for" is 12. The training will be held on **July 28th 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**. Pre-registration is required by contacting Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by e-mail at crein@umd.edu. This training will include detailed job duties for each specific location within the building as well as expectations. Assignments and times will be distributed the day of training. You do not have to work the entire day! There is a great deal of help needed and this day would not be successful without the support of our 4-H'ers and Volunteers.



"Go-fors" Needed for:

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 and Thursday, July 31, 2008

3 - 4 "Go-fors" 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 1, 2008

4-5 "Go-fors" 4:00- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 2, 2008

35-40 "Go-Fors" 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

INDOOR BUILDING CO-CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS PLANNING MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The first planning meeting for the 4-H Indoor Exhibit building will be held on **Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds** for all co-chairs and anyone interested in volunteer in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit building.

CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

Co-Chairs are needed for the Howard County Fair in some of the Indoor 4-H Building Departments (Baked Goods, Clothing, Flowers, Fine Arts and Vegetables). If interested, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or by email crein@umd.edu

126 Days.....

Until the Howard County Fair!!



NOON FASHION ZONE & MAKE WITH FABRIC



FASHION REVUE

This years theme for Fashion Revue will be "Premier Fashions". The judging will take place on **June 6th** beginning at 3p.m. and the show will be held on **June 7th** at 7:30 p.m. Both judging and the show will be held at the Glenwood Community Center. Rules, and Entry Forms are up on the web. Entry forms are due on **April 18th** **No Late Entries**. There is plenty of help still needed on the Decorations, Entertainment, Food, and Narration committees. Please call Chris Rein (410) 313-1915 or email Crein@umd.edu for contact information.

MODELING WORKSHOP

Come out on May 3, 2008. from 10 a.m. — 12 noon. Location to be announced shortly. This is a great opportunity to work on your modeling skills before the Fashion Revue Show. We also will have some tips on Accessories and Make-up. Be sure to bring your shoes and any accessories you plan to use for the show. Mark your calendars now!! Please register with Maria Gordon by calling her at 410-313-1906 or email her at mgordon@umd.edu.

COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Once again, the Howard County Fashion Revue will be having a program cover contest and will be recognizing the top 4-H'er at the Revue. Create a design depicting our theme as a program cover. The theme for this years Fashion Revue will be "**PREMIER FASHIONS**". The design can be in color or black and white. The design should be completed on a half sheet of 8 ½" by 11" white paper. All cover designs entered will be on display the night of the show. Covers are due to the 4-H Office **NO LATER** than **April 18th**.

2008 CREATE WITH FABRIC

The Theme this year is "Make it with Denim The Sky is the Limit". Entries must include a brief description and a photograph needs to be submitted with categories 1, 3, and 4. Create with Fabric will be a class in Fashion Revue and the County Fair. Below is a brief description of the four different categories:

- 1- **Re-design** Turn existing garment into a new one: pants to a skirt; embellish a denim shirt, jeans, skirt; re-dye, bleach, stone wash a ready-made garment. Take a picture of the garment before re-designing.
- 2- **Constructed** Construct a garment from yardage. Extra credit to alter the yardage such as dye-dye, resist dye with bleach, or embellish with hand, machine or paint embroidery.
- 3- **Home Furnishing** Use denim scraps from garments and fabric to construct a home furnishing item such as a quilt, wall hanging, etc...
- 4- **Accessories** Use denim scraps, jeans or yardage to create tote bags, purses, belts, scarves and other items.