



Newsletter

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4-H WORKSHOP AND CLASS REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

This has become a serious issue and in order to better serve all our 4-H'ers it is very important to register for all our workshops and classes with Maria Gordon at mgordon@umd.edu or by phone at 410-313-1906. The exact amount of attendees is required to properly prepare for these meetings. **If you do not register for a workshop or class you run the risk of not being admitted into that session.** Only those registered will be notified about any changes or cancellations. When registering, please make sure to provide the attendee's name, a contact phone number and email, and 4-H age level. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

4-H PROJECT ADDITIONS, DELETION AND MEMBER ENROLLMENT

All project additions and deletions are due to Rick Hodiak at the 4-H Office by **Friday, May 1st to be eligible for Fair participation.** All club leaders will have a listing of all projects you are enrolled in at both the March and April meetings. Be sure to check, make additions or deletions, and initial to verify the changes. You can only make changes through your club. **Do not directly call the 4-H office to make changes.** It needs to be done at your meeting or through your organizational leader. All enrollment forms and dues need to be in to Rick Hodiak 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 March or April meeting of the club they are interested in. The 4-H office will not enroll someone without them attending a club meeting. Also, enrollments have to come through the organizational leader.

PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY

Howard County 4-H will once again be holding a Progressive Ag Safety Day. It is scheduled for Monday, June 29th at the Howard County Fairgrounds. More information will be in next month's Cloverleaf.



The Howard County Extension office will be closed on **Friday, April 10th** in following the Howard County Government observance of Good Friday.

4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER



Our *treasured* 4-H volunteers were acknowledged at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday evening, March 21st at the **Lisbon Fire Hall**. A wonderful evening was had by all who were in attendance. Without the dedicated work each and every volunteer does for all the 4-H'ers and the programs, we would not be as successful as we are today. A special thanks to Brittany Bowman, Bryan Bowman, Alexis Winkler, Cecilia Winkler, Christine Herriotts, Courtney Rein, Austin Carroll, Jennifer Carroll, Charlie Cole, Katie Cole, Jonathan Schuster, and Anna Schuster for representing the 4-H program and assisting with the evening.

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 Bennett at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu. Designs are due no later than **Friday, May 1st**.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

We are still in the process of planning for the 4-H t-shirts, all Howard County 4-H'ers receive to wear at the fair. In 2007 and 2008, several businesses/community organizations generously made contributions to help defray the cost of the shirts. In 2009, 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.



CO-CHAIRS NEEDED

Co-Chairs are needed for the Howard County Fair in some of the Indoor 4-H Building Departments. If interested, please contact Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or via email at crein@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 2009. 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/Extension/4H/4HFiles/ScholarshipApp09.doc>

An individual may win one of the listed scholarships:

- WILLIAM & EILEEN KLINGEHOFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- J. O'NEAL & ROSA MOXLEY JOHNSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
- HOWARD WARFIELD CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1000
- BEATRICE PUE STREAKER PFEFFERKORN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$500
- BARBARA PUE STREAKER 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 **Friday, May 1st**. You need only one form to be considered for each of the above-listed scholarships

COMMUNICATION CONTEST RESULTS!!!

The Howard County Communication Contest was held on Saturday, February 28th. All Champions will go on to the 4-H State Communications Contest on Saturday, April 25th in College Park, MD. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CONTESTANTS!!**

PREPARED SPEECH

Junior Champion
Jason Vanisko
Junior Reserve Champion
William Connor
Intermediate Champion
Brian Loveless
Senior Champion
Katie Loveless
Senior Reserve Champion
Vickie Phillips

INTERPRETATIONS

Junior Champion
Caleb Driesman
Intermediate Champion
Janet Link
Intermediate Reserve Champion
Morin French
Senior Champion
Hadassah Link

EXTEMPORANEOUS

Intermediate Champion
Janet Link
Senior Champion
Brittany Bowman
Senior Reserve Champion
Shailin O'Connell

MARYLAND STATE FAIR CHANGES

There has been a change in the Maryland State Fair Schedule for the 2009 Fair. 4-H and Open Beef Cattle will all be shown on the first weekend which is August 27th-30th.

4-H and Open Dairy Cattle will all be shown on Labor Day weekend. For more information check out the Maryland State Fair website at:

www.marylandstatefair.com



DIAMOND CLOVER

If you are 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 Tuesday, September 15th.



MARYLAND 4-H LIVESTOCK ROUND-UP

Have you sent in your registration form for the first Maryland 4-H Livestock Round-Up which is scheduled for **July 6th-8th**? This promises to be a fun-filled event for intermediate and senior age 4-H'ers. Space is limited to the first 80 participants so be sure to get your registration in the mail today. For more information check the website at www.howard4-h.org.

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.

MARKET PIG SALE

There will be a Market Pig Sale, **Saturday, April 18th** at the Howard County Fairgrounds



LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Livestock Quality Assurance class dates have already been selected and are listed below. Please mark the dates on your calendar **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. You **MUST** register at least two days prior to the class and you **MUST** register for the appropriate 4-H age level. Contact Maria Gordon at mgordon@umd.edu or at 410-313-1906 to register. When doing so, please leave the member's name, a contact phone number and email, and age level. All classes will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

First Year and Junior Members - Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

First Year and Junior Members-Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Intermediate and Senior Members—Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

2009 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 2009 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

SHEEP & WOOL SKILLATHON

The Sheep and Wool Skillathon will be held on Sunday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. 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.*

Pre-registration is requested by **Monday, April 27th. Teams must be pre-registered in order to compete.** Name and ages of youth should be sent to Susan Schoenian at the Western Maryland Research & Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Rd., Keedysville, MD 21756 or sschoen@umd.edu. Information about the skillathon and study aids can be found at www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathop/skillathon.html.

TAIL DOCKING POLICY

The 2009 Maryland 4-H Tail Docking Policy remains virtually unchanged from 2008. 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 2009, 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. 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.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING ORIENTATION

If you would like to learn what a judge looks for when they judge livestock, then this is for **YOU!!!** Join us on **Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Dining Hall** at the **Fairgrounds** for our kick-off meeting. You **DO NOT** have to live on a farm or be enrolled in a livestock project to participate. All are welcome! Join us for an exciting summer! Please RSVP for this event by contacting Maria Gordon at 410-313-1906 or mgordon@umd.edu.

DAIRY AND DAIRY GOAT QUALITY ASSURANCE

This year the State 4-H Program is requiring all 4-H members enrolled in a dairy or dairy goat project to attend a Quality Assurance workshop specifically geared toward those projects. Sheryl Bennett is scheduled to teach the workshop at a Howard County 4-H Dairy Club Meeting and at a Howard County 4-H Goat Club Meeting. If you carry this project but are not a member of one of those clubs, please contact Sheryl ASAP at 410-313-1912 or sherylb@umd.edu so arrangements can be made for you to attend a training.

WILLS FAIR

The R. N. Wills Spring Fair will be held on **Saturday, May 16th**, 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 Thursday, April 9th. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

2009 HOWARD COUNTY DOG QUALIFIERS

Information regarding this year's Dog Qualifiers rules, forms, and show flyers will be available on our Howard County MCE website. Go to www.howard4-h.org to see and download all the necessary information.



FASHION REVUE MEETING

There will be a **MANDATORY** Fashion Revue Meeting for all 4-H'ers who will be participating in the event on **Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fair Office at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This meeting will be about committee assignments and responsibilities for all participants. Please contact Maria Gordon at mgordon@umd.edu or 410-313-1906 to register.

COVER DESIGN CONTEST

The Howard County Fashion Revue will be having a program cover Contest. The winner will be recognized and awarded at the Revue. Create a design depicting our theme as a program cover. The theme for this year's Fashion Revue will be **"FASHIONS IN BLOOM"**.

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 **Friday, April 17th.**

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON RESULTS

The State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest was held on Saturday, March 7th. The 17 Howard County 4-H'ers who participated in the contest and did an excellent job! The Howard County 4-H participants were: Bryan Bowman, Christine Herriotts, Rebecca Herriotts, Maggie Goodmuth, Hannah Goodmuth, McKenzie Ridgely, Lauren Bresnock, Frank Brigante, Nicole King, Rachel King, Karen Vanisko, Jason Vanisko, Jennifer Carroll, Austin Carroll, Jacob Carroll, Jackie Bauer, and Danielle Bauer.

Congratulations to: Rachel King-2nd place Junior overall, Jason Vanisko-8th place Junior overall, Nicole King - 12th place Junior overall, Maggie Goodmuth -13th place Junior overall, Rebecca Herriotts -15th Junior overall, Bryan Bowman -5th place Intermediate overall, McKenzie Ridgely -10th place Intermediate over all, Jackie Bauer -20th place Intermediate overall, Hannah Goodmuth-7th place Senior overall and Lauren Bresnock -20th overall. Way to go 4-H'ers!!

STATE HORSE BOWL CONTEST RESULTS

The 2009 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest was held Saturday, March 7th at the Plant Sciences Building on the University of Maryland - College Park, MD campus. **This year's contest was a banner year for our Howard County 4-H'ers!** This great success could not have been done without the amazing help of our outstanding volunteers who helped run the contest. Volunteers included on-campus and off-campus educators as well as county volunteers, parents and youth and UMD students. The results are below.

Congratulations to all Howard County 4-H participants:

Junior Team-1st place overall
 Intermediate Team-1st place overall
 Senior Team- 1st place overall
 Jennifer Strakna - 3rd Junior individual
 Julia Wolfrey - 8th place Junior individual
 Meredith Pecukonis-7th place Intermediate individual
 Victoria Vidi—8th place Intermediate individual
 Teri Koster-1st place Senior individual
 MacKenzie Barnard-7th place senior individual

FASHION REVUE

Judging will take place on **Friday, June 5th at 3 p.m.** and the show will be held **Saturday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Glenwood Community Center. The theme for this year's Fashion Revue will be **"FASHIONS IN BLOOM"**. The rules and entry forms are up on our 4-H web site at www.howard4-h.org. Please read them carefully! Entries are due in the **4-H Office by April 17th. NO LATE ENTRIES.** Forms must be complete and include a narration and swatch of fabric. There is plenty of help still needed on the Decorations, Entertainment, Food, and Narration Committees. Please call Chris Rein at 410-313-1915 or email her at crein@umd.edu for additional information.

Howard County 4-H



The Howard County 4-H program continues to be a strong youth development program that actively involves many youth throughout the county. The Howard County Fair, scheduled for August 8-15, 2009 is an event where Howard County 4-Hers participate in events ranging from showing and selling livestock to entering baked goods to participating in a rocketry contest. The projects 4-Hers enter at the fair are a culmination of many hours of hard work.

In 2009, the 4-H team would like to continue a tradition started in 2006, by providing every Howard County 4-H member with a 4-H shirt especially made for them to wear at the fair. The goal is for every member to wear their shirt at the fair on Sunday, August 9, 2009 and then periodically throughout the week. Fair attendees will easily recognize and identify 4-H members when they see the shirt. It is our hope that through this marketing tool, we can make the general public aware of the 4-H presence and high number of 4-H members in our county.

We are writing to ask your support of this project. It is our goal to have the total cost of the shirts donated so our 4-Hers will not incur a cost for their shirts. As a small token of our appreciation and to recognize our sponsors, all businesses that donate money towards this project will have their business name printed on the back of the shirt. This will be great publicity for your business as well as the 4-H program.

If you are interested in contributing, please detach the form below and return to the Howard County 4-H office

Howard County 4-H T-Shirt Sponsorship Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Levels of Sponsorship

Head: \$250 and up

Heart: Up to \$250

Hands: Up to \$100

Health: Up to \$50

Amount Enclosed: _____

Person, Business or Organization Name to be printed on the shirt:

Please respond no later than May 1, 2009

Please make checks payable to: Howard County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Attention: 4-H T Shirt Sponsorship

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