



## APRIL - MAY 2009



### IS YOUR CLUB DOING ANYTHING FOR OPERATION SMILE? WHAT IS OPERATION SMILE?

This year Anne Arundel County 4-H is doing a county wide community service project. We are collecting new unopened toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss. Everything that is donated will be sent to an organization in the Appalachian Region of America to be distributed to children who would otherwise not be able to afford these basic necessities. This event officially started on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will go through June.

Call Patrick if you have any questions.

### WEIGH IN DATE IS SET

Are you showing a market hog, lamb or goat this year? If so, then you need to make sure you bring your animal to the weigh in and tag day. It will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm at the county fairgrounds. If you do not show up for this, then you cannot show your animal in the 4-H market classes at county or state fair. Please let Patrick know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if you will be bringing animals to this so we have enough tags with us.

### ARE YOU COMING TO AG DAY/MARYLAND DAY?

The University of Maryland's Open House is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty of events for the whole family. 4-H will proudly be displayed in the Ag Day Avenue section outside the Animal Science Building. I hope everyone can make it out for at least part of the day. This event will take place rain or shine.

### 2009 STATE 4-H TEEN FOCUS CONFERENCE – SAVING THE WORLD, ONE 4-H'ER AT A TIME!

The 2009 State Teen Focus, a 4-H Learning and Leadership Conference, will be held on the UMCP campus, Tuesday, June 23 through Thursday, June 25. This year's "super hero" theme reflects the ability that each person has to make a difference in the world and the many ways that 4-H can bring people together to create change. The conference will include a morning of service, motivational speakers, a wide range of seminars and workshops, and time for teens to relax and get to know each other and the many opportunities offered by the University of Maryland campus.

The cost for the three-day program is \$175.00 for 4-H teens and includes housing, all meals, program materials, and recreational activities. The Teen Focus Program has been planned with teens, for teens. An active and enthusiastic Maryland 4-H Teen Council has been meeting with adult advisors to plan this year's conference.

Registration materials will be available on the Maryland 4-H website and can also be requested by contacting Anne Tompkins at the Maryland 4-H Center (Tompkins@umd.edu or 301-314-7831). The registration deadline is Friday, May 22nd.



## **FIRST 4-H LIVESTOCK ROUND UP TO BE HELD**

Maryland 4-H will be hosting a livestock roundup July 5-7<sup>th</sup> at the Frederick County 4-H Camp. This event will give intermediates and seniors an opportunity to learn about sheep, hogs, goats and beef cattle. Registration is open now and is limited to the 80 participants from the whole state. Registration materials are on the Maryland 4-H website. Get your registration in if you are interested.

### **DR. JEFF HOWARD JOINS MARYLAND 4-H**

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Jeff Howard as our new 4-H Assistant Director. Dr. Howard will start on April 1, 2009 and we are very excited to have him join our MCE team. He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position. We are very confident that he will provide excellent leadership for our State 4-H Program.

Dr. Howard holds a BS in Horticulture, a MS in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in child psychology, and a PhD in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in youth leadership. He has worked over twenty years in Extension as a county agent, state specialist and associate professor. For the past four years, Dr. Howard served as an Associate State 4-H Program Director with Texas AgriLife Extension.



### **YOUTH SHEEP & WOOL SKILLATHON**

There will be a Youth Sheep & Wool Skillathon on Sunday, May 3, 2009, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland. Any youth between the ages of 8 and 18 is eligible to compete as an individual and member of a team. Youth compete according to their 4-H ages: juniors, 8-10; intermediates, 11-13; and seniors, 14 to 18. Teams consist of 3 to 4 youth in the same age category from the same club or county.

A skillathon provides youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired from livestock projects, judging, workshops, and exhibition into a single activity. A skillathon consists of a series of stations where youth are tested on their knowledge of livestock. In the Sheep & Wool Skillathon, all stations will pertain to sheep and wool.

Pre-registration is requested by April 27. Teams must be pre-registered in order to compete. Names and ages of youth should be sent to Susan Schoenian at the Western Maryland

Research & Education Center, 18330 Keedysville Road, Keedysville, MD 21756, tel. (301) 432-2767 x343, fax (301) 432-4089, or [sschoen@umd.edu](mailto:sschoen@umd.edu). Information about the skillathon and study aids can be found at [www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/programs/skillathon/skillathon.html)

### **MARYLAND 4-H GALA**

The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that the date has been finalized for the 2009 Maryland 4-H Gala. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the Riggs Alumni Center, University of Maryland, College Park, from 4pm-7pm. We look forward to celebrating with you in 2009!

### **MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION, INC. ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE**

The Maryland 4-H Foundation has a new website... and you can access it by going to <http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com>

### **NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS REUNION**

Help us locate former Maryland Delegates to the National 4-H Congress. We'd like to gather as many former Congress participants together for a fun time to share/ catch up/ celebrate former 4-H experiences. Those of us who have attended agree with the designation of "a ONCE in a lifetime experience". We've had requests for a Reunion. Help us make it happen. If you have names of those who have attended from your county/city please forward them (and contact information if possible) to Sandy Corridon ([corridon@umd.edu](mailto:corridon@umd.edu)) Please Help!



### **CONGRATULATIONS 4-HERS!!**

### **MARYLAND HORSE BOWL & SKILLATHON WERE HELD**

Both the 4-H Horse Bowl and Skillathon contest were held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Anne Arundel County had teams in both events. Anne Arundel County was well represented with the teams doing outstanding. Congratulations to all of the 4-H members who competed in this event.

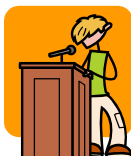
## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking day was held and it was a big hit. 4-Hers from all over the county came to Annapolis High and gave some awesome speeches.

Congratulations to all of our winners who move on to the State Contest on Maryland Day in College Park. The champions are:

### Juniors

Prepared: Alexandra Hatch  
Extemporaneous: Brittany Wilbur  
Radio Spot: Carley Gray  
Interpretations: Xanthia Strohl



### Intermediates

Prepared: Savanna Spirt  
Extemporaneous: Kimberly Zulauf  
Radio Spot: Sabrina Dobbins

### Seniors

Prepared: Leah Berry  
Extemporaneous: Charity Dall  
Radio Spot: Dex Thompson  
Interpretations: Deborah Overstreet

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## DEMONSTRATION DAY WAS A HIT!

The Demonstration Contest was held Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and was outstanding. This year we had the largest contest that we have had in recent years. When the awards were handed out at the end of the night it was standing room only.

Congratulations to everyone who came out and participated. Remember that if you gave a demonstration you can also give it at State Fair! Our Champions and Reserves are:

### Juniors

Champion: Olivia Jerrell  
Reserve: Maura McCabe

### Intermediate

Champion: Cassandra Rose  
Reserve: Olivia Stibolt

### Senior

Champion: Weber Stibolt  
Reserve: Dex Thompson



## CLUB NEWS

### MILLERSVILLE MOVERS ARE ROLLING ALONG IN THE NEW YEAR

"I pledge my health to better living.... The Millersville Movers 4-H Club is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle. The club is a general 4-H club with an emphasis on trying new and exciting activities. We have gone rock climbing, caving, horseback riding and more. Active children become active and healthy adults. Please call Debbe Malin to learn about the adventures we have planned for 2009."

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### KINDER PARK IS KEEPING BUSY

Kinder Farm Park 4-H Livestock Club members participated in the Polar Bear Plunge in January. In total, these members raised over \$1,500 for the Maryland Special Olympics! On February 18<sup>th</sup> a sow at Kinder Farm Park gave birth to a litter of piglets. If you are in the area stop by and see how big they are getting!

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### HARWOOD 4-HERS HELP OUT THE LESS FORTUNATE

On March 8th, 3 members of the Harwood 4-H club, Brittany Faber, Afton Wilson & Grady Wilson prepared and a severed a full meal for the 25 folks currently residing at the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis. 4-H Volunteers, Mary Faber, Donna Phipps & Julie Wilson, supervised the meal preparation and assisted where needed.

The siblings of 4-H members set up the table and chairs, arranged the meal to be served buffet style and assisted in refilling any items when needed. Before the meal Brittany Faber led the group in the invocation, which was well received by the folks in the shelter.

A great time was had by all and was a wonderful opportunity for the 4-hers to give back to their community and help others.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick E. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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