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4-H CLOVER PATCH

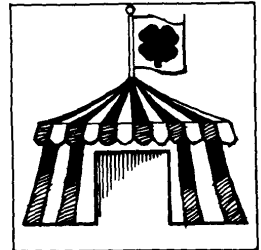


2010 Caroline-Dorchester County Fair Information

Dates for the 2010 Caroline-Dorchester County Fair are Wednesday, August 4 through Sunday, August 8.


Some new events for this year are:

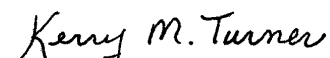
- ◆ A one day horse show combining English and Western classes.
- ◆ An obedience dog show And
- ◆ A special children's day including games, scavenger hunt and much, much more.



The Caroline-Dorchester County Fair board is once again sponsoring their annual Catalog Cover Contest to find artwork to use on the cover of the fair catalogs. Following are the contest rules:

- Open to all Caroline & Dorchester County 4-H members, including Clovers.
- Entry must be hand drawn and the work of the 4-H member.
- Entry must be done in black and white and on 8½ x 11 inch paper (unlined.)
- Entry may not include any copyrighted images or logos.
- Entry MUST include the following:
 - FAIR THEME:** *Caroline-Dorchester County Fair—"Country Fresh Family Fun."*
 - DATES:** *August 4-8, 2010*
 - LOCATION:** *Caroline County 4-H Park, Detour Road, Denton, MD*
- Entry must include on BACK: your name, age, 4-H Club and social security number.
- Winners will receive a \$50 saving bond from the Fair Board.
- Entries are due to the Caroline County Extension office by Wednesday, April 1.


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4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS



COUNTY

Prepared Speech

Intermediate	Shawn McCullough	1st place
Senior	Ashley Brown	3rd place

Radio Spot / PSA

Junior	Isaiah Brinsfield	1st place
Intermediate	Erica Willing	1st place
	Cierra Thompson	1st place

Extemporaneous Speech

Intermediate	Grace Brinsfield	1st place
	Bethany Brinsfield	2nd place
Senior	Moriah Brinsfield	2nd place

Visual Presentation / Project Demonstration

Junior	Drew McCullough	1st place
	Jacob Brown	2nd place
Intermediate	Grace Brinsfield	2nd place

4-H Pledge Recitation

First Time Junior	Jacob Dayton	1st place
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THANK YOU

Caroline / Dorchester County Fair Board

Thanks to the following volunteers for their outstanding leadership as directors of the Caroline/Dorchester County Fair in 2009. They have completed their term of service and we all have benefitted from their efforts.

Cathy Hansen, Kimber Savage, Carl Darling, Beth MacDonald, Rick Kinnamon, Bob Steele and Navonne Owen

Those continuing to serve on the board include: Becky Brown, Charlotte Brown, **Christine English**, **Mary Lou Brown** (chair), Joanne Wooters, Joan Cesarini, Jimmy Smith, David Clark, **Dawn Edgar**, Jan McMichael, **Valerie Brinsfield**, Mark Beaven and Tracy Rorabaugh.

Upcoming Events

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Friday, March 26, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Easton High School
Easton, Maryland

STATE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Saturday, April 24, 2010
University of Maryland Campus
College Park, Maryland



4-H SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 3 2010
Pintail Point—511 Pintail Point Lane
Queenstown, MD 21658

For additional information or to register, contact
Conrad Arnold at 410-228-8800

MARYLAND DAY 2010



MARYLAND DAY AT COLLEGE PARK

Saturday, April 24 2010
University of Maryland Campus
College Park, Maryland

The University of Maryland's popular - and free - open house. All over Maryland's 1250 acre campus, visitors can "Explore Our World" with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. Plan your day at <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/>

MARYLAND 4-H

"TREE-mendously WILD WEEKEND"

(Wildlife & Forestry Contest and Educational Weekend)

April 9 to 11, 2010
Patuxent River 4-H Center
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

For more information and registration materials go to the Maryland 4-H Website www.maryland4h.org.

MECHANICAL SCIENCE DAY

Saturday, June 19, 2010
Queen Anne County 4-H Park
Centreville

For additional information, contact Beth Hill, 4-H
Faculty Extension Assistant at 410-778-1661.

MARYLAND 4-H ENGINEERING CAMP

April 16 thru 18, 2010
Harford County, Rock 4-H Camp
Street, MD 21154



At this camp intermediate and senior 4-H members and adult volunteers will receive a hands on introduction to 4-H engineering projects while meeting other 4-Hers from across the state. Engineering projects that will be highlighted include: large tractor operation, lawn tractor, small engines, welding, bicycle, and electricity/energy. The workshops will include safety training, hands-on experience, and information about regional and state contests.

The cost for the Maryland 4-H Engineering camp is \$115.00 (Registration by March 31) \$135.00 for late registration due by April 12.. Registration materials can be obtained from the Maryland 4-H Website www.maryland4h.org.

For more information please contact Dwayne Murphy at dmurphy2@umd.edu or 410-666-1025.

LOWER SHORE 4-H CAMP

June 21 to 25, 2010
Thendara 4-H Center
Hurlock, MD 21643



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE / SEE ENCLOSED BROCHURE

MARYLAND 4-H TEEN FOCUS

June 22 to 24, 2010
University of Maryland Campus
College Park, Maryland



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

MARYLAND STATE FAIR
August 25 to September 6, 2010
Timonium Fair Grounds
Timonium, Maryland

C L U B N E W S



4-H LUCKY CLOVERS



Members of the Lucky Clovers are excited to see the sun out these days. The winter has been eventful between all the snow and participating in many activities.

All our club members participated in the Winterfare event in February. Gourd bird houses, string art, cooking, stained glass, woodworking, and health jeopardy were just some of the activities the members enjoyed during the day.

New club officers have been elected for the new year. They are as follows:

President - Erica Willing
Vice President - Jacob Dayton
Secretary - Cierra Thompson
Treasurer - Tyler Edgar

Awards night was a wonderful evening for all who attended. We would like to thank Senator Colburn and his wife Alma, for taking time out of their busy schedules to present the kids with citations. Cierra, Erica, Gabrielle, Tyler, and Jacob all received their year pins, Diamond Clover awards and certificates for their participation in various county and state events.

Recently the club had the pleasure of having Troy Hill, of MTS Broadcasting, attend a

meeting. He explained what it takes to do a radio spot (public service announcement). Troy worked with kids to help them get the basic information needed as they made up events they wanted to promote. A BIG THANKS to Troy. It was a fun morning for all.

Cheers to Jacob, Cierra, and Erica for participating in the Public Speaking Contest. Best wishes to Cierra and Erica, as they get ready to participate in the regional and state contests. Way to go!

As spring approaches, the club is working on the first aid project as a group. Plans are in the works to visit the Public Safety complex and to have an EMT/Paramedic go over basic first aid to give the kids a hands on lesson on that everyone should know.

The leaders have many great things planned for the next few months. We hope that the activities planned will help everyone with ideas and projects that can be entered in the County Fair.

The club is still clipping coupons. Over \$50,000 in coupons were sent to a Navy base in Atsugi, Japan during 2009. Club members have decided to adopt a second base to send to this year. Keep clipping gang!

4-H RIFLE CLUB



The 4-H Rifle Club has been practicing with air rifles all winter long.

On Saturday, March 20, several members helped cleanup downed trees and limbs at the Thendara 4-H Center. After working for two hours, members were fitted with .22 rifles and practiced shooting outdoors.

The next rifle club meeting will be March 29th, 6:30 p.m. at the Thendara 4-H Center.

4-H ARCHERY CLUB



The 4-H Archery club gained several new members following the Beginning Archery Classes held this winter. The Archery Club will meet again on April 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Thendara 4-H Center.



4-H LEPRECHAUNS



The Leprechauns and Lucky Clovers recognition banquet was a success. Senator Coulburn came and gave out citations, Conrad came and recognized leaders, Donors and Sponsors were recognized, and all the 4-H'ers were recognized in some area or another. Thank you to all who had a part in making this go so well.

The 4-H Leprechauns and Clover Buddies will be doing a spring flower bulb fund raiser. If you are interested in more information call Bethany Brinsfield at 410-367-3811.

4-H Robotics Update



The world is becoming more technology based by the minute and our youth are gearing up for this in the 4-H program by participating in the 4-H Robotics Program. This innovative program lets youth explore, design, build, and program their very own

robots. These robots come in various shapes and sizes and can perform a number of tasks for kids as young as five. The LEGO WeDO and LEGO Mindstorm robotics are the ones we will feature in the 4-H program.

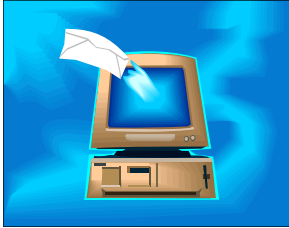
We have submitted our grant application to the state 4-H office and are awaiting final decision on the level of support for our program. I believe that we should do well in this process.

Once we hear more, we will set a training date to train on the Robotics materials. Before that happens, we can now move for-

ward with those of you having an interest in serving as Volunteers in this program. The first step is that I need you to complete your UME (University of Maryland) Volunteer Application to become a 4-H Volunteer in the program. After that, we will schedule a volunteer training session followed by the Robotics Training. By the time we get all of that done, we should be receiving our grant and equipment so that we may begin the program with the youth.

A number of youth and adults have already expressed interest in getting started in 4-H Robotics. If you have interest and have not yet let us know, please do so by contacting **Dorchester County 4-H at 410-228-8800 or email to kerryt@umd.edu**.





4-H BY EMAIL

With so many of us using electronic media for our communications, we will begin to send more and more information through email and less printed material through regular mail.

We are doing a trial run with this edition of the 4-H Clover Patch newsletter. Those who have an email address on file will receive an electronic copy as well as a paper copy. All future issues will be sent by email in a PDF format. Therefore it is important to keep your email address up-to-date with the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Office in Dorchester County. For those without email or internet access, we will continue to send you information by regular mail. This and other communications will also be posted on our UME Dorchester website at <http://dorchester.umd.edu>.

We have some email addresses on file, but to be sure we have everyone's correct email, please send a message to Martha at mcannon@umd.edu.



MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION

Has a new website:

www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com

BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT!

PLEASE VISIT OUR LOCAL WEBSITE

<http://dorchester.umd.edu>

and statewide information can be found at

<http://www.maryland4h.org/>

