The 4-H Mini-Times News Bulletin

A new bi-weekly news bulletin to facilitate better communication between UME Kent 4-H and 4-H families. Comments welcome!

December *** Items in RED are new to the schedule

11-14 4-H Toy Drive Weekend
   Toy Pick-up, Jennifer’s School of Dance, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1:15 pm, KCHS, deliver to KC Comm. Ctr.
   Toy Drive Shopping Trip, Saturday December 12, 3:00 pm at Walmart, Middletown
   Toys Sorted and Organized, Sunday December 13, 3:00 pm, Kent Community Center
   Puck Community Christmas Baskets + Toys, Monday December 14, 8:00 am–2:00 pm, Kent Comm. Ctr. -packing
15 DEADLINE – 4-H State Council Application Deadline - http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-state-council for the application.
19 4-H Holiday Wksp-CANCELLED (did not meet min. registration). Look for Project/Craft Day tent. on Feb. 20th!
24-25 Christmas Holiday – Extension Office Closed
30 4-H Record Book Work Day, 8:30 am – 4 pm, Extension Office

January 2016

1 2016 Theme: “4-H” Another Great Classic”
   News Year’s Day Holiday – Extension Office Closed
   Deadline: Market Dairy and Beef Steer Ownership Deadline  ** Please call 4-H Office with the # of animals
6 Deadline: Senior Portfolios (for Out-of-State Trips) Due to Kent 4-H Office
   4-H ONLINE RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS (Confirmation announcement sent to all 4-H families/volunteers)
   Dairy Bowl Coaches Mtg., 7:30 pm, Howard County or by conference call. Kent coaches can meet & call at E.O.
8 4-H Mini-Times Newsletter, 2016 Issue 1 - mailed
9 Market Beef and Dairy Steer Weigh-in, 11:00 am, Kent Ag Center
12 JLC (Jr. Leadership Council), 7:00 pm, Ext. Office
13 Horse Art Contest Deadline (details will be out soon)
14 Ag Center Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Extension Office
15 DEADLINE: Senior Portfolios for Out-of-State Trips Due to MD State 4-H Office
17 Maryland 4-H State Awards Gala, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, Laurel Racetrack, Laurel, MD
18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ Extension Office Closed
19 DEADLINE: All 4-H Record Books due to Extension Office by 4:30 pm, or between 7-8 pm
   DEADLINE: 4-H Achievement Award Nominations Due to Extension Office
   4-H Toy Drive Wrap-up Meeting & Thank you writing, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Extension Office (RB’s can be submitted to the Extension Office during this time)
21 Ag Center Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Kennedyville United Methodist Church
22 4-H Mini-Times Newsletter, 2016 Issue 2 – mailed
23 4H Online re-enrollment Help Day, 9 am – 12 noon, Extension Office
25 4H Online re-enrollment Help Night, 6:30 – 8 pm, Extension Office
26 4-H Leaders Council, 7:00 pm, Extension Office
29 Record Book Judging, 6:00 pm – until, Ext. Office, pizza provided All Volunteer & Parents Welcome!
30 Record Book Judging, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Extension Office, Snacks provided No Experience Necessary!

*** Note: You must register for almost all 4-H activities. If you want to participate, contact the Extension Office – 410-778-1661

SAYING FAREWELL to Verna Clarkston

An Invitation We invite all community members to join us in wishing Verna well in her future and thank her for 40 years of service. We will host a drop-in Open House on Friday December 18th from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. Please stop by and visit with Verna. She doesn’t want any fuss but would love to visit with all the many farmers, clients, families, 4-H’ers, community members and friends she has made over the years. Thank You Verna!

Animal Science News:

1. MDA is allowing 1 day poultry shows in 2016. This could change with change in A.I. situation.
2. Intra state health papers or CVI’s will only be valid for 90 days in 2016. More to come.
3. If you purchase market animals in 2016 that do not have the US shield tag in place, you may need to get a federal premise ID. Insist that all animals purchased have the USDA tag!
4. New livestock tracking App is available and was developed in Montgomery County MD by 4-H parent and volunteer Tommy Russo and his family. It is called Livestock Weights and can be purchased for $2.99 on the App Store etc. It is good for Apple and Droid devises. You will hear more about it soon but it is great!!! It even backs up to the cloud and you can download a
spreadsheet in Excel to do your record book. Any updates are available for free. Check it out at www.livestockweights.com

Reminder - Deadline for 2016 Ownership of 4-H Market Beef & Dairy Steers is January 1st. Dairy steers must have been born after Dec. 1, 2014 and beef steers after Jan. 1, 2015. The Weighing and Tagging for 2016 steers is Saturday January 9th, 11:00 am at the Kent Ag Center. Please contact the 4-H Office if you plan on having a 2016 Market Steer. (2016 feeder steers must be owned by May 1st will be tagged at the May weigh-in). Questions, contact the 4-H Office.

16th Annual 4-H Toy Drive Update – There were only 4 4-H’ers in the park Saturday but they collected 2 boxes of toys from park visitors and local businesses. We got a box of toys and $40 from the Kent Clover Calf Christmas dinner on Wednesday – Thank you! It looks like we will have about $1600 in funds to shop with on Saturday. Thanks everyone!!!

4-H’er 2016 Re-enrollment: Reminder that 4-H’ers will not be able to re-enroll through 4H Online until AFTER January 6th and reenrollment must be completed by Monday February 1, 2016. Several work days are scheduled if you would like to come to the office to do your re-enrollments (see schedule) or call the office to make sure someone is here to help.

4-H Shooting Sports Clubs Consolidation Meeting – Sunday December 13th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office – all 3 clubs – Clay Crushers, Shore Shots and Junior Rifle have voted to dissolve their clubs and consolidate to 1 Kent County Shooting Sports Club. This meeting will be held for all members, families and volunteers to answer questions and to name the new club. Following this meeting, all clubs will close their treasuries, and reorganize with the new name. The club tentatively will begin February 2016. Club structure, business meetings and officers will be selected. All Shore Shots, Clay Crushers and Jr. Rifle members should attend.

December 4-H Record Book Workday: Wednesday December 30th, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, Extension Office – Come and work on your record book all day or just an hour. Stop by to pick-up RB covers or clippings. A great way to get a lot done on your RB.

4-H Holiday Workshop – Saturday December 19th – Cancelled. Did not meet minimum registration requirement. Look for a 4-H Winter Project and Craft Day tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 20th, 9 am -12 noon at the Extension Office. A detailed schedule will be in the 1st or 2nd January Mini-News.

Next Issue of the 4-H Mini-Times News Bulletin: January 8th, 2016!

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