



4-H News and Views

March 2009



Reading Makes Cents

Washington County 4-H Youth Development and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) at Salem Avenue Elementary and Fountaindale Elementary Schools have been participating in Reading Makes Cents. Reading Makes Cents is a 4-H curriculum comprised of a collection of 53 experiential activities developed around children's literature that has money as a theme. The selected children's literature explores ideas, activities, and strategies

that help children learn how to earn, save, share, and spend

money. Each activity relates to a theme and



Fountaindale Elementary 21st CCLC students with their Piggy Banks to start saving.

highlights a specific financial concept, value, or practice (e.g. saving, spending, sharing, earning, borrowing, lending and managing). Fourth and fifth grade students from the two targeted 21st CCLC After school programs developed an understanding of needs vs. wants, started a savings plan and became more familiar with the history of money during the two week program.

2009 4-H Broiler Chick Project

We will be having the Spring Broiler Project again this year. Broilers are available for purchase by order. 4-H'ers can use the broilers for the Frederick County Broiler show and contest or to raise

for meat. The broilers will be available for pick up at the Washington County Extension Office on March 16, 2009 between 5:00 – 6:00 pm. 4-H'ers interested in the show may contact,

Donielle Axline, at the Frederick County Extension Office, 301-600-1590 for more information.

The deadline for orders and payment is March 9, 2009.

Ag Expo & Fair Weigh-in Dates

First Year Dairy Steers –

April 4, 9:00-11:00 am

Sheep –

May 8, 5:30-7:30 pm

Goats –

May 29, 5:30-7:30 pm

Swine –

June 6, 8:00-11:00 am



Last Chance

Recognition Night:

Reserve your place at the 2009 Recognition Night. You must RSVP by March 10th

Part Time Farm Hand Needed Starting this Summer

Help needed on small dairy goat farm in Keedysville area (chores, muck stalls, feeding and milking). Approximately 6-10 hours a week (Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and some Saturdays). Prefer experience with dairy or small livestock. Salary depends on background/experience. Call 301-432-5591 for details.

4-H Day in Annapolis



4-H member, Seth Marvil shared his Diamond Clover Emergency Preparedness Project. After presentations our delegation took a tour from the Senate building, underground and to the State House. After lunch the we visited the offices of our state delegates

Washington County 4-H members and parents took part in the 6th Annual 4-H Day in Annapolis.

Seventy percent of Maryland Counties were represented in Annapolis on February 16th. Youth began the morning with a group assembly with presentation by Interim 4-H State Program Leader Kendra Wells, Dean &

Director, Agricultural Experiment Station & Maryland Cooperative Extension, Dr. Cheng-I Wei, and a member of the University of Maryland Collegiate 4-H. Kendra Wells emphasized the importance of Citizenship as it is one of the three national 4-H mission mandates. During this time Washington County

including Delegate Donoghue's assistance. Then we had meetings with Senator Munson and Senator Edwards where the youth and adults were able to ask questions and discuss the issues they had on their minds. The youth were able to get a little insight into how our state government works.



Livestock Quality Assurance Training

Every two years youth who participate in animal science projects are required to participate in Livestock Quality Assurance Training to participate in 4-H sponsored events and shows. Many of you will

need the training in 2009 because the last time the majority of youth were trained in 2007. You will also need the training if it is your first year in an animal science project. You may call the Extension Office or send Beth an email to verify if you are in need of this years training. The training this year will be

conducted by State 4-H Animal Science Specialist, Chris Anderson
March 24 at 6:30 pm
 –LifeHouse West
 1028 Salem Ave
 Hagerstown, MD
April 16 at 6:30 pm
 -MCE Washington County Office

You must call to register to reserve your space.

Spring Swine Show

Thank you to the youth, volunteers, parents and community for making another successful Washington County 4-H/FFA Spring Swine Show. This year's show was held on Valentine's Day at Four States Livestock Sales. A special thank you to Barb and Jim Starliper for the use of their facility. There were 14 youth exhibiting their 47 market hogs. Judge Blaine Brown had his work cut out for him in both showmanship and market weight classes. He said that the youth and hogs were both excellent this year. Mr. Brown also judged the show in 2008.

This year's show was not only entertaining but educational. Swine Superintendent, Steve Martin shared interesting swine facts and Spring Swine Show history between classes.

A lot of work goes into preparing for this annual event and would not be possible without the assistance of Swine Club leader Karen Martin, parents, and the youth.

Showmanship

Juniors – Gene Wiles
 Intermediates – Justin Martin
 Seniors- Tim Martin
 Overall Showmanship and Harlan Biggs Award – Tim Martin

Market Classes

Champion Light Weight – Cory DeBaugh
 Reserve Champion Light Weight – Cory DeBaugh
 Champion Medium Weight – Blake Bandeff
 Reserve Champion Medium Weight – Tim Martin

Champion Heavy Weight – Blake Bandeff
 Reserve Champion Heavy Weight – Kandis Stoy
 Champion Pairs – Cory DeBaugh,

GRAND CHAMPION – Blake Bandeff
 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION – Kandis Stoy



Grand Champion Market Swine: Blake Bandeff and Judge Blaine Brown



Washington County Horse Bowl

Here in Washington County there are four clubs that focus on horses: Bits N' Bridles, Saddles N' Spurs, Red Ribbon, and Mason Dixon Horse & Pony. Statistics from the State 4-H Program shows that 1260 youth participate in Horse & Pony projects in Maryland. In second is Swine with 1248. Washington County youth follow the same trends. On Friday, February 13 Washington County horse council held the county horse

bowl competition. According to club leaders LeAnn Johnson and Donna Schmidt, this year competition was close. County Winners will go on to compete at the State Horse Bowl Competition on March 7 at the University of Maryland, Plant Sciences Building in College Park. Teams include:

Juniors

Jacob Leisinger--Team Captain
 Sophia Bartell
 Chole Bellerive
 Ocoee Chapelle
 Dan Selders - Alternate

Intermediates

Mark Johnson-Team Captain
 Kristen Shives
 Mariah Chapelle
 Lilli Sutton
 Catie Sprankle - Alternate
 Megan Leisinger - Alternate

Seniors

Jessie Stein--Team Captain
 Zoe Chapelle
 Edward Holland
 Katie Boring
 Devyn Bellerive - Alternate
 Julia Eckstine - Alternate

1st annual Breyer Model Horse Show

Will be on Sunday, May 31, 2009 from 8:30-12:30...set up from 8:30 - 9:30 and the show will start at 9:30. The event will take place at the

Washington County Agricultural Educational Center multi- purpose building. Event is open to all 4-H youth.

More details will follow in the April Newsletter.



4-H Calendar of Events

Washington County 4-H

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"Making the Best Better"

March

- March 5: County Public Speaking Contest Entry deadline
- March 10: Public Speaking Contest @ Extension Office, 5:00 p.m.
- March 14: 4-H Recognition Night Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 6:00 p.m.
- March 17: Market Sale Committee Meeting @ Extension Office, 7:30 p.m.
- March 24: Livestock Quality Assurance Training @ LifeHouse West, Hagerstown, 6:30 p.m.
- March 28: 4-H Ethics Training @ Extension Office, 10:00 a.m.

April

- April 4: 1st year dairy steer weigh-in @ Washington County Ag. Center 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- April 10: Good Friday Extension Office Closed
- April 16: Livestock Quality Assurance Training @ Extension Office 6:30 p.m.
- April 25: 11th Annual Maryland Day @ University of Maryland, College Park
- April 27: 4-H Ethics Training @ Smithsburg Fire Hall , 7:00 p.m.

May

- May 2-3: Sheep and Wool Festival @ Howard County Fairgrounds
- May 7: 4-H Ethics Training @ St. John's Church , Clear Springs, 7:00 p.m.
- May 8: Sheep weigh-in@ Washington County Ag. Center 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- May 9: Adventures in Ag. Teen Leader Training @ Extension Office, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
- May 27: Adventures in Ag. Teen Leader Training @ Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- May 29: Goat weigh-in@ Washington County Ag. Center, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

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