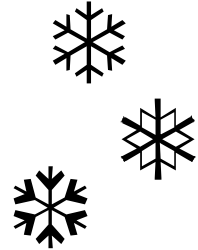




4-H News and Views

January - February, 2007



Sowing the Seeds for Life

The Maryland Cooperative Extension Washington County 4-H Youth Development Program would like to invite you to an evening of TREATS and SWEETS.

This year's county Recognition Night will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 7:00-8:30pm.

Due to the new state health regulations we will **NOT** be having our traditional pot luck dinner. Plan to have a family dinner at home and then join us at the Agricultural Center Multipurpose Building for dessert.

We need to know the approximate number of participants attending from your



club or family. Please call us at 301-791-1404 with your count by February 16th.

We are so proud of all the 4-H members, volunteers, and families for helping each other, your communities, and Washington 4-H Youth Development, sow the seeds for life for today's youth and future generations.

The Awards that YOU Nominate - Nominations due by 2/23

Many outstanding people are part of the Washington County 4-H Program. Think about the individuals you would like to see recognized for their 4-H contributions. Please nominate for any or all of the following awards:

- Hall of Fame - Recognizes a volunteer who has displayed dedication to 4-H at all levels of involvement.

- 4-H Family of the Year - Recognizes an entire family for their active involvement and dedication to 4-H
- Honorary 4-H Member - Recognizes someone who was not a 4-H member as a youth, but who has become involved as an adult and given outstanding leadership

Call us at 301-791-1404 with your nominations or for nomination forms, or go to the website: <http://www.maryland4h.org/Volunteers/Awards.cfm>.

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Educating People to Help Themselves



Mark Johnson holds one of the donation jars made on behalf of the starving horses.

Saddles “n” Spurs Helps Starving Horses

by Mark Johnson

You may have heard about the 74 horses that were starving in Sharpsburg. Several organizations are trying to help these horses. Many people have donated items like lead ropes, halters, and feed buckets. But, it costs lots of money to keep feeding that many horses, so **Saddles ‘n’ Spurs 4-H Club** is trying to help out.

Each of our members is making two donation jars to put in stores around the community. This way,

people can donate their extra change to help buy feed for the horses.

If your 4-H club would like to help out with collecting money for these horses, too, then send it to:

Washington County Humane Society
13011 Maugansville Rd
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Attn: Karen Swain - Horse Rescue



“We invite you to this fun event and see just what we do and see what we have planned for the year. We hope to see you on January 15th.”

Junior Fair Board News

by Carol DeBaugh

The Washington County Junior Fair Board held our monthly meeting in November. We prepared holiday cards for a local nursing home. Our December meeting was a holiday party for the Ag Expo Board members.

In January, we invite any new members and 4-H member that wonders what the Junior Fair Board does to attend an Open House Pizza Party. It will be held on January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the MCE Office. RSVP to 301-824-6159 by 1/12.

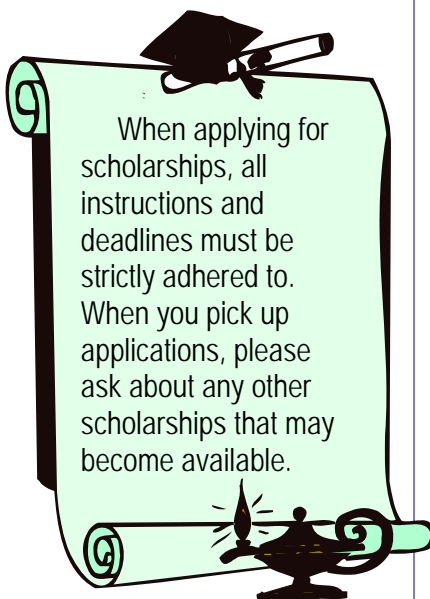
Scholarships

Through the generosity of our partners, there are several scholarships available for eligible 4-Hers to consider applying:

- **The Market Sale Committee and the Dairy Scholarship Committee** are awarding two \$500 scholarships each. Applications are available now, and are due back to the MCE Office no later than February 19th.
- **Washington County Horse Council Equestrian Scholarship.** The Washington County Horse Council is pleased to announce a \$250 scholarship offering for 2007. Contact the MCE Office for scholarship eligibility requirements and application. Completed applications are due to the MCE Office no later than February 1st.
- **The Mildred A. Schmid Scholarship** is awarded to an individual who has done outstanding work in the 4-H dog

project. Individuals not involved in the dog project may also apply and submit a research paper from a suggested list of topics. Completed applications and research paper are due to the MCE Office no later than February 19th.

- **The Maryland 4-H Foundation** has numerous scholarships available to eligible 4-H members. Guidelines and applications are available on the state 4-H website: www.maryland4h.org/scholarships.
- **The Maryland Dairy Shrine Scholarship.** One \$500 scholarship will be offered to a Maryland youth who has been recognized as the Distinguished Junior Member (or equivalent) by their Dairy Breed Organization. Application deadline is January 15, 2007.



When applying for scholarships, all instructions and deadlines must be strictly adhered to. When you pick up applications, please ask about any other scholarships that may become available.

National 4-H Congress

by Seth Marvil

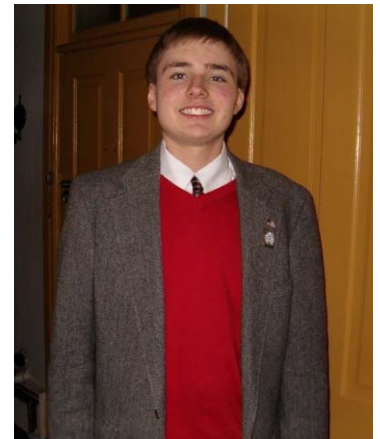
The National Congress is built upon the belief that youth can contribute to the community as much as anybody else can. I, personally had a very good time at the congress. The speakers were exceptional, especially Dan Thuramon and his juggling routine, comparing looking up at your objective to focusing on the space above you to juggle.

The tours to the museum and aquarium were very enjoyable, particularly the blue grass band that played at the museum. I've never heard someone sing in a Donald Duck voice before and make it sound good!

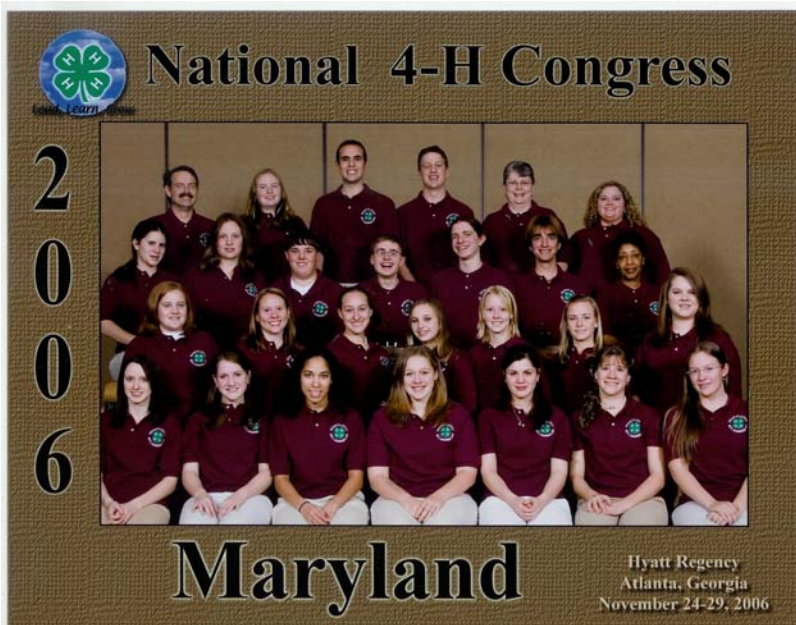
Our group got to eat on the 72nd floor of the hotel, which I really enjoyed. We also

stopped at the Hard Rock Café. The Gala, by far, had the best food overall. They made us sweat a bit before a line of waiters marched out with mixtures of chocolate and cheesecake while a remix of "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" played.

Between the speakers, the service at the hotel, and the overall atmosphere of it all, I'd have to say my favorite part was getting to meet new people, and I plan to keep contact with my new friends. Meeting new people really opens your eyes to how variant the cultures can be. So try out for it! I can promise you'll enjoy yourself while learning a lot about how to help out your community.



Seth, a member of the Sharpsburg 4-H Club, is pictured above at the hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.



Lead , Learn, Grow was the overall theme for the 2006 National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia. Twenty three Maryland youth (*pictured left*) joined other 4-Hers and adults from across the United States for five days of educational and cross cultural experiences. Each day portrayed an individual theme –

lead, learn, grow focusing on creating new friendships, appreciating differences, the four H's head, heart, hands, and health, and having new outlooks and attitudes towards giving.

Upcoming Events - Maryland Horse Program

January 18-21, 2007 - Maryland Horse World Expo, Timonium, MD. The third annual Maryland 4-H Horse Art Contest will be held on January 18th. Youth carrying a 4-H project may submit art, including photography, that illustrates a skill or set of skills they learned through their participation in the Maryland 4-H horse project.

March 10, 2007 - Maryland Horse Bowl, University of Maryland Plant Sciences Bldg.

For details on either event, go to <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities> and follow the links.

All 4-H seniors have the opportunity to submit their portfolio in consideration for the Maryland delegation to the 2007 National 4-H Congress, or other available trips.

If you have any questions or need details, please call Donielle at 301-791-1404.



4-Hers entering the art contest must send or bring their entries to the MCE Office no later than January 2, 2007.

Attention Club Leaders:

Just a reminder -- the following items are due to the 4-H Office on or before February 5, 2007:

- Annual Program Plan
- Financial Sheet
- Club Leadership
- Record Books
- Diamond Clover Award Forms

Re-enrollment packets were due back to the 4-H Office by December 1st. There are still clubs that have not turned in theirs. Please do so as soon as possible.



Washington County 4-H Spring Swine Show

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Show starts at 9:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend to support your fellow 4-H members.

Four States' Livestock Auction

On First Street off Wilson Boulevard in Hagerstown

Club Officers

Were you just elected to serve as a club officer, or are you interested in being a club officer?

Then come to the officer training on **Thursday, February 15, 2007, at the 4-H office from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** You will have the opportunity to meet and work with other 4-Hers in Washington County who hold the same office as you.

The training will include parliamentary procedure (the proper way to run a business meeting), guidelines for writing and keeping secretary minutes and treasurer reports, and suggestions for creating newspaper articles and scrapbooks for your club.

To sign up for this awesome workshop contact the 4-H Office at 301-791-1404 by February 9th, 2007.

Record Book Review

It is that time of the year to review the 4-Hers' record books in Washington County. Keeping accurate records is one of the most valuable skills a young person can learn in 4-H. Compiling a detailed record of what was planned, accomplished and learned in each project is an excellent way to learn record keeping. Helping members understand the value of record keeping and rewarding them for their efforts is very important.

On **Saturday February 24th at 10:00 a.m.**, record books will be evaluated at the 4-H Office. Any club leaders or volunteers interested in evaluating record books are welcome to attend. Record books will not be signed out of the office this year for evaluation purposes. Those interested, please contact the 4-H Office at 301-791-1404 to confirm your participation.

Quality Assurance Trainings

Attention: All Beef, Dairy, Horse, Alpaca, Sheep, Swine, Goat, and Rabbit Exhibitors

All 4-Hers exhibiting beef, dairy, horses, alpacas, sheep, hogs, goats, and rabbits **MUST** attend ONE of the following **MANDATORY** Quality Assurance Trainings to be eligible to PARTICIPATE at the Ag Expo, and to sell a market animal at the Maryland State Fair. **Quality Assurance trainings** are required every two years.

There is a maximum of 30 participants at each training, therefore each 4-Her must call the 4-H Office to register for the training at 301-791-1404.

Date	Time
Friday, January 5, 2007	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday, February 6	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Thursday, March 15	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Saturday, April 21	10:00 – 11:30 am

New Projects for 2007

As you are planning your projects for 2007, there are some new projects to consider adding:

Robotics - Are you ready to explore the world of robots? Members participating in the Robotics Series will design, build and program a robot. An interactive CD is also available.

Bicycle - Feel the world's colors whiz by and the wind in your hair. This popular project has been updated. Through interesting and exciting challenges, learn bike selection, checks, hazards and safety. A Bicycle Repair Clinic CD is available, too.

Afterschool Agriculture - Develop understanding, appreciation and

application of science through a variety of hands-on agriculturally-based activities. Each manual features 40 30-minute activities using such theme-based learning as Fast Food Agriculture, Plant Detectives, Insect Invasion and Farm Physics, to name a few.

Geospatial - Accessed entirely on one CD, explore the world of geospatial science and "go where no 4-Her has gone before." Cover geospatial technology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

Computers - As technology races forward, these manuals have been revised to keep pace, and a new series, *Computer Power Unlimited*, has been developed. These become available in February.

Calling All New Volunteers!!

Have you thought about becoming a 4-H volunteer? If so, this is the workshop for you! Washington County 4-H will have a workshop for all interested volunteers on **Thursday February 22nd, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office.** To register, call at 301-791-1404.

Just a reminder - All 4-H volunteers **MUST** attend a training to become certified MCE volunteers. During the workshop you will receive instruction regarding all the policies and procedures you will need to become a certified MCE volunteer.



4-H Christmas in the Community

- The **Smithsburg/Ringgold Club** was invited to decorate one of the trees that adorn their town square. Hope you had a chance to see it!
- The **Williamsport-Downsville Club** was invited to judge the Christmas lighting contest in Williamsport again this year. The mayor and town council treated them to a pizza party afterward. The club also planned a party for the senior citizens at Park View Knoll.
- The **Sharpsburg Club** went caroling around Sharpsburg and took cookies to senior citizens. They also adopted a family to assist during the holiday season.



Extension Office Closed

New Years Day
Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 15

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 19



Help Support 4-H at the Movies!

You, your family and friends and their family and friends can help support Maryland 4-H by buying tickets to see the new live-action version of *Charlotte's Web* in theaters now.

For every ticket purchased to see this movie through www.fourhcouncil.edu, \$1 will be donated to our state 4-H program.

Remember, you must purchase your tickets to *Charlotte's Web* through the website in order for the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program to receive this donation.



Announcing . . .

4-H Day in Annapolis


Monday, February 19, 2007

Annapolis, Maryland

Are you interested in learning more about Maryland State Government and your role as a citizen and constituent? Then this program is for you!

Come spend the day with other Maryland 4-H'ers and Volunteers as we:

- ★ Tour historic Annapolis, our State Capitol
- ★ Meet with Maryland legislators to share information about Maryland Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program
- ★ Meet new friends
- ★ Learn "How a Bill becomes a Law" in Maryland
- ★ Listen to various government officials describe their role and learn how we as citizens can be involved in government



County 4-H groups will make appointments to meet with their own county delegation members after a brief overview and general program in the morning.



For more information about this unique citizenship opportunity, please contact the Extension Office at 301-791-1404. Transportation will be provided by the Extension Office.



2006 Maryland State Fair

Thank you to all the Washington County 4-H members and volunteers who participated in the State Fair. You all represented our county and 4-H well.

Livestock Participants

Morgan Angle	Scott DeBaugh	Timmy Martin	Macayla Wiles
Sara Angle	McCall Griffith	Brandon Smith	Rachel Wiles
Erin Canfield	Stacey Hann	Morgan Smith	Ryan Wiles
Erin Corbett	Denton Leggett	April Thompson	Tessa Wiles
Kaitlyn Corbett	Spencer Leggett	Megan Thompson	Dani Young
Carol DeBaugh	Justin Martin	Eric Wiles	Leanna Young
Cory DeBaugh			

Dairy Judging

Erin Corbett	Cory DeBaugh	Macayla Wiles
Kaitlyn Corbett	Scott DeBaugh	Rachel Wiles
Carol DeBaugh	Tracey Forsythe	Tessa Wiles

Home Arts Participants

Ben Kelly
 Kristin Kelly
 Aidan McElravy
 Rory McElravy

Booths

Williamsport-Downsville Club
 Sunlight Club

Banners

Dairy Goat Club

Morgan Angle	1 st place Western Grooming & Showmanship – Junior
Sara Angle	1 st place Western Grooming & Showmanship – Intermediate
Erin Corbett	Southdown – Champion Ram
	Other Registered Wool – Grand Champion Ram
Erin Corbett	1 st place Red & White Holsteins Showmanship Junior Ages 8-10
	1 st place Sheep Showmanship Junior Age 9
	1 st place Sheep Showmanship Junior Champion and Reserve
Carol Debaugh	1 st place Holstein Showmanship Junior Ages 9
Cory Debaugh	1 st place Holstein Showmanship Junior Ages 8
Stacey Hann	1 st place Dog Obedience 1 st Year Pre-novice, Senior 14-18
	1 st Dog Fitting & Showmanship 1 st Year Novice – Senior
Justin Martin	1 st place Swine Showmanship Junior, Age 8
Timmy Martin	Yorkshire Reserve Champion Boar
Macayla Wiles	1 st place Jersey Showmanship Junior Ages 8-10
	Senior Reserve Champion – Jersey
	Reserve Grand Champion – Jersey
	Jersey Best Bred & Owned Junior Exhibitor
Tracey Forsythe	Selected to be on State Dairy Judging Team B
Kristin Kelly	Clothing – Junior Grand and Reserve Champions
Williamsport-Downsville Club	Grand Champion Booth

Mark Your Calendars!
 2007 Maryland State Fair
 August 24 - September 3

IMPORTANT CHANGE!

The Directors of the State Fair have changed the weekends of the shows. The 4-H/FFA shows will now be Labor Day weekend and the Open Shows will be the first weekend.



Above, Carol DeBaugh and Cory DeBaugh proudly display their awards for Dairy Showmanship. Below, Stacey Hann puts Daisy through the Obedience course.



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We're on the web:
<http://extension.umd.edu/local/Washington>

Attention All Animal Project Members!

The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Form (CVI) for 2007 has changes. The changes include:

- For Maryland animals, the CVI form must be filled out and completed by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of first exhibition.
- The CVI that is used at subsequent fairs and shows will be evaluated, initialed and dated by 4-Her's legal guardian prior to each event and reviewed by the state vet.
- The Maryland CVI will be valid for 180 days.

The new form will be posted on the MDA website and be available at the 4-H Office as soon as it is finalized. We will keep you posted!



Sincerely,

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