

Kent Clover October 2015

WELCOME TO

KENT COUNTY 4-H



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Dear 4-H'ers, Parents, and Leaders,

There is so much excitement in the air with 4-H! As we lay out plans for a new year in 4-H, we can look back and reflect on our many personal and club accomplishments during the past year. As 4-H members, you have the ability to take advantage of many interesting and unique experiences and opportunities. With these experiences and opportunities, we have all had successes and failures, but most importantly, we have each had many learning experiences that will assist us in our future lives. We congratulate all of our 4-H members for their accomplishments in their respective 4-H projects as well as with their various local, county and state 4-H work. We also salute our club leaders for all their volunteer efforts on behalf of 4-H and in working with their 4-H club members.

Clubs are busily preparing Window Displays and Litter Barrels to place out in our community to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week. This is our chance to promote 4-H and extend a warm welcome to possible new members to join our 4-H Family. Committees from our Leader Association and Junior Council have met and planned our upcoming Achievement Banquet for Sunday, October 18th. We hope to see you all there for an outstanding night of recognition of our 4-H members for all their 4-H work.

There are many 4-H activities and events right around the corner – State 4-H Trail Ride, National 4-H Science Day, Great Pumpkin Day and the Club Officer & Leader Training Workshop. These will be quickly followed by other worthwhile 4-H events and activities. We hope each of you will become more involved in 4-H and decide to participate in one or several of these activities. Please contact the 4-H Office if we can be of any assistance to you with these events.

We are very fortunate in our county and state to have so many great 4-H members who have taken an active role in their projects, 4-H activities, and their communities. We are also blessed with many excellent volunteer leaders who provide support, encouragement and leadership to all of our members.

We wish everyone the best in the upcoming 4-H year. Get involved and invite your friends or family members to get involved in 4-H with you.

Yours in 4-H,

Kristin Cook, Extension Educator, 4-H & Youth Development



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES!

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is **October 4th-10th**. Please be sure to promote 4-H to your family and friends. Invite them to join us and get involved with our 4-H program. It's an experience they will never forget! Suggested National 4-H week activities: Help with your club's Window Display or Litter Barrel, talk about 4-H at a school or community event, hand out 4-H brochures, wear your 4-H shirt to school, or make a poster about National 4-H Week. You can also show your 4-H pride by sharing photos on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtags **#iam4H** and **#4HWeek**.

Here are more resources for general 4-H information & National 4-H Week:

State 4-H	extension.udel.edu
National 4-H	4-h.org
4-H Supply Catalog	4-Hmall.org
Kent County 4-H	extension.udel.edu/4h/kent-county-4-h
FACEBOOK!	Delaware 4-H -- Be sure to like this page!



4-H ENROLLMENT NEW PROCEDURES



4-H Enrollment Email from Doug Crouse, State 4-H Program Leader

Welcome to the unveiling for “4-H Online!” In 2014, the 4-H enrollment system had to migrate to a new platform when the one we were currently using was no longer going to be available. Over the past year, the county 4-H staff has entered all 4-H enrollments into this new system called 4-H Online. For the 2015-16 4-H year, all current 4-H members and leaders, as well as new 4-H members and leaders, now have the ability to enroll themselves in 4-H. As staff, we want to make this a good experience for everyone, and we will make ourselves available to assist you in this process.

Re-enrollment procedure for CURRENT 4-H Members and Leaders:

We strongly encourage everyone to complete their re-enrollment through “4-H Online” by visiting the State 4-H website, <http://extension.udel.edu/4h/>, and clicking the green “4-H Online” button at the bottom of the page.

However, if a member/leader wants to re-enroll using a paper form, the Club Organizational Leader can either print off the re-enrollment form themselves, or they may contact the county office to obtain the individual re-enrollment form. Paper forms must be turned into the 4-H Club Organizational Leader, who will submit the form to the county office for processing.

[We encourage everyone to view the following video that has been developed to help with this re-enrollment process. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGhJvQw1858](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGhJvQw1858)

Enrollment procedure for NEW 4-H members and leaders:

1. The prospective new 4-H member/leader will contact the county office/club leader to ascertain club and project information. This communication is required before the new member/leader processes any new enrollment information online.
2. Once the club has been selected with the assistance of the county office/club leader, the new member or leader can process their enrollment online. This enrollment process can be completed by visiting the State 4-H website at <http://extension.udel.edu/4h/> and clicking on the “4-H Online” button on the bottom of the page.

We look forward to receiving your 4-H enrollments online. Please feel free to contact your county office for any assistance you may need in this process.

Have a great year in Delaware 4-H!

**ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE HELP WITH ONLINE ENROLLMENT MAY COME TO THE 4-H OFFICE
OCTOBER 6TH AND 7TH, WITH EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS.**

PLEASE PHONE JUDY AT 730-4000, OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!

#DECOASTDAY

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2015 Coast Day

39th Annual

DISCOVERIES

on land,
in the air
and at sea.

Sunday, October 4, 2015
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FEATURING:

- research demonstrations & exhibits
- ship tours • marine critter touch tanks
- children's activities • crab cake cook-off
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PLACE:
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 Hugh R. Sharp Campus
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 For more information call 302-831-8083

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Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program

- LEARN ABOUT WATERFOWL AND WETLAND CONSERVATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND NATURE FIELD TRIPS
- CREATE WORKS OF ART THAT CAN COMPETE TO BECOME THE NEXT FEDERAL JUNIOR DUCK STAMP

JDS Club Activities

CLUB MEETINGS

6:30-8:30PM, NCC 4-11 OFFICE

- * 10-29-15
- * 11-19-15
- * 12-3-15
- * 1-7-16
- * 1-28-16
- * 2-25-16

NATURE FIELD TRIP - NCC SCIENCE SATURDAYS

9AM-12NOON, MALLARD LODGE

- * 11 7 15

ART WINTER WORKSHOP

9AM-12NOON, NCC 4-11 OFFICE

- * 2 13 16



PLEASE **RSVP** FOR THE FIRST MEETING TO STARCHER@UDEL.EDU BY OCTOBER 15TH, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT AUTUMN STARCHER (STARCHER@UDEL.EDU)



Are You "Up for the Challenge?"

Are you age 13 or older?
Are you looking for an opportunity this school year to do something fun, improve your skills, and earn a stipend?

If you answered yes, you must attend our training to learn how you can teach "Up for the Challenge", a food and fitness curriculum. You can choose to teach with an adult partner or help at an event.

EFNEP (*Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program*), **SNAP-Ed** and **DE 4-H Healthy Living are partnering to teach our communities Nutrition, Fitness, & Life Skills and we want you!**

Come to this free healthy living training. Learn to empower and teach other youth the importance of fitness and nutrition!

Sessions builds Assets: 7-9, 15-16, 18, 21-22, 26, 28-35, & 37-40

You will learn exciting food and fitness lesson plans, gain great teaching skills, and even earn some extra cash!

Visit our web at <http://extension.udel.edu/kentcounty/im4h/> for future information.



How: Attend Train the Trainer Saturday, October 17, 2015

When: 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Light lunch will be provided.

Where: UD Paradee Center, Kent County Cooperative Extension.

69 Transportation Circle
Dover, DE 19901

To register by phone, call: 302-730-4000 and leave your name, age, phone & email address

Or email: nicknel@udel.edu

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Great Pumpkin Day and Halloween Party - October 25th

Kent County 4-H will hold this popular event at Lake Forest High School in the Exhibit Hall. There will be decorated pumpkins, decorated wreaths, a costume contest, games, activities led by Kent County Junior Council members, refreshments, and so much more! **Please bring your entries beginning at 1:30 pm; entries must be in place by 2:00 pm; judging will begin promptly at 2:15 pm.** Light refreshments will be provided by the Kent County Leaders. Great Pumpkin Day is open to everyone in 4-H. After the contest, it would be a great community service project for clubs to place their pumpkins around the community. We need to share 4-H with our community!!



Categories:

1. Best Painted Pumpkin - Only Paint - NO other materials or accessories!
2. Best Carved Pumpkin - NOT painted; carved at home and brought to contest finished
3. Best 4-H Theme Pumpkin - Using 4-H Theme; can use any material or paint
4. Prettiest Pumpkin
5. Scariest Pumpkin
6. Best Animal Theme
7. Pumpkin People
8. Smallest Pumpkin - Has to be ripe and must be grown by participant
9. Largest Pumpkin (Circumference) Has to be ripe and grown by the participant
10. Other Category - Pumpkin decorated with theme other than listed on categories 1-9
11. Gourds (this is the only category for gourds)
12. Wreath, Swag, or Wall Hanging Category - Decorate with a Halloween holiday theme (any media permitted)

Costume Contest Categories:

Prettiest	Scariest	Animal Theme	Character	Most Original
Themed Group - 2 or more youth, any age, any theme				

Age Categories: 4-H Age as of January 1, 2015

Cloverbud 5-7	Beginner 8-10	Junior 11-13	Senior 14-19
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MORE OCTOBER EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



National 4-H Youth Science Day - Oct. 7th

4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is an exciting, interactive learning experience that engages thousands of youth across the country in conducting the National Science Experiment. The national 4-H NYSD event will take place on October 7, 2015. Oregon State University developed the 2015 National Science Experiment: *Motion Commotion* which explores motion through the relationship of speed and stopping distance. With the help of physicists, engineers and safety analysts, the experiment will create an experience to use science to evaluate stopping times and make connections to the dangers of distractions. We encourage all 4-H clubs to participate in this experiment and be part of this very worthwhile science activity!



Paper Clover Promotion at Tractor Supply - Oct. 7th-18th

National 4-H Council has announced the fall *4-H Paper Clover Campaign* in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). The nationwide, in-store fundraiser will benefit state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a TSC store is located. The *4-H Paper Clover Campaign* will take place Wednesday, Oct. 7th through Sunday, Oct. 18th. Shoppers at the Camden AND Milford TCS stores will have the opportunity to support Kent County 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will help to offset the costs of 4-H curriculum for our 4-H youth. Please be sure to promote this to your families, friends and other individuals and ask them to visit the TSC store in Camden or Milford to help support our County 4-H Program!

Club News DUE Oct. 9th

Please submit news reports on your club activities to be included in the November County Newsletter. Email your reports to Judy Kling at jkling@udel.edu. We want to hear about all the great things your club is doing so please be sure your club is represented.

SAVE THE DATE! Kent County 4-H Achievement Banquet - Oct. 18th

The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Sunday, October 18th in the Exhibit Hall at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. Hold this date and plan to attend. Additional information will be provided to you by your Organizational Leaders. We will again be having a covered dish dinner where families will bring a LARGE covered dish. Meat, drinks, and dessert will be furnished by the Kent County Leaders. Dinner will begin at 3pm with awards at 4pm. Cost will be \$3/person (children 4 and under will be free). Reservations for the banquet are due by October 14th.

NOVEMBER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Office and Leader Training - Nov. 5th

This year we are combining Officers and Leaders for one Training workshop scheduled for **Thursday, November 5th** at the Kent County Extension Office beginning at 6:30pm. All new leaders and new officers, as well as anyone wishing to get a refresher are invited to attend. It should be a fun learning experience for all! Please register by **calling the 4-H Office by November 2nd**. For more information, please contact Kristin at 730-4000.

MORE NOVEMBER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



4-H Exchange Group to Hold Basket Bingo - Nov. 12th

In an effort to raise funds to support their 4-H exchange program, the Kent County 4-H Exchange Group will be holding a Longaberger Basket Bingo event on **Thursday, November 12th** at the Harrington Fire Company. The doors open at 6pm and bingo starts at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be a lot of nice Longaberger Baskets, pottery, and accessories to win so be sure to see any exchange group member or contact the 4-H Office to get your ticket for this event. Spread the word to all your friends and other 4-H families to help support the Kent County 4-H Exchange program.

Club Reporters! Club News for December Newsletter - Due Nov. 13th

Club news reports for the December Newsletter will be due on **November 13th**. You can either drop your news report off at the County Office, fax, or email it to Judy Kling at jl Kling@udel.edu. Be sure your club is represented. Keep the other county clubs updated on the activities of your club.

State Record Books - Members (14 and up)

If you are interested in completing a state record book to be considered for a trip award to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta in November 2016, **please contact the office**. We will be following up with those interested to schedule some information sessions during the year.



Diamond Clover Award - Intent Forms DUE Dec. 1st

Delaware 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Diamond Clover Award program. Delaware 4-H adopted the Diamond Clover Award in 2011 from a program used in Maryland and Nebraska. This award will be the highest level of recognition that a Delaware 4-H member can achieve. It is similar to the Boy Scout Eagle Award or the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Diamond Clover Award consists of six levels, each steadily advancing in intensity and achievement over the last. It is intended to take a 4-H member six years to complete. The nice thing about this award is that many 4-H members are already doing the work, so all you need to do is fill out the forms and submit them. For other 4-H members, this award can provide you with a long-term challenge for your 4-H career. Either way, when you have finished the process you have completed an amazing journey that will benefit you forever. And a Diamond Clover Award will look pretty good on your college application too! To find out more, visit the Diamond Clover site on the State 4-H webpage at: <http://extension.udel.edu/4h/about-delaware-4-h/feature-awards/4-h-diamond-clover/> If you plan to participate in this award program for the 2014-15 4-H year, Level Intent Forms must be submitted by **December 1st**.

National 4-H Congress - Nov 27 - Dec 1

Five youth will be attending the 2015 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA in November. Spring Vasey and Micaela Harvey will represent Kent County. Representatives from Sussex County will be Shawn Mitchell and Laurie Wroten New Castle County representatives will be Alexandra Swan and Rose Reynolds. Be sure to visit with these members when they return to hear about their experiences at this event!



INTERNATIONAL FOODS EVENT & SHARE THE FUN TALENT SHOW - November 8th

The Kent County International Foods Event and Share the Fun Talent Show will be held at the Lake Forest High School on **Sunday, November 8th** beginning at 2:00pm. Any 4-H member may participate in the event by

preparing a food dish from the country of their choice. You can also choose to come dressed in the attire of the country you are representing. *(This is not required and no one is expected to purchase a costume.)* All 4-H members taking a food project should make plans to participate, but this event is open to all 4-H'ers, not just to food project members. This is a great family event and each participant may bring a guest.

In conjunction with this event, the Share the Fun Talent Show will also be held beginning at 3pm. 4-H members may enter this contest as an individual, group or as a 4-H club. Whether you sing, dance, play the piano or musical instrument or perform a skit, any form of talent is acceptable. This is a great way to start preparing a talent presentation for the State Fair 4-H Talent Contest.

If you plan to participate in either of these events, please return the entry forms below. Please include your recipe with the International Foods entry form as instructed below. Both of these contests are fun activities and will not be judged. **SO COME HUNGRY AND ENJOY WATCHING OUR TALENTED 4-H MEMBERS PERFORM!!**

Late participant entries are gladly accepted, but please be aware that recipes received after the deadline may not be in the published cookbook.

NOTE: If members involved in the Talent Show do not sign up for International Foods, but plan to eat at this portion of the event, they MUST bring a food dish to share.

INTERNATIONAL FOODS ENTRY FORM DUE November 2nd

Name _____ Club _____ Age 1/1/2015 _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Type of dish you will prepare (please check one only)

Appetizer/Soup ___ Meat/Main Dish ___ Bread ___ Dessert ___ Fruit/Vegetable ___

Country your dish represents

Please TYPE, SCAN, or COPY your recipe and attach it to this form OR EVEN BETTER email your recipe to: jklking@udel.edu. Please use Microsoft Word or Publisher or PDF format. Please be neat and legible.

Please be sure to put your name on your attached sheet.

Your recipe will be retyped into a recipe book, so you do not need to spend time making it fancy.

SHARE THE FUN TALENT SHOW ENTRY FORM DUE November 2nd

Name _____ Club _____ Age as of 1/1/2015 _____

CHECK ONE - Instrumental ___ Vocal ___ Dance ___ Other _____

CHECK ONE - Solo ___ Duet ___ Trio ___ Group _____

Names of Members _____

Special Needs: (tape, CD player, other) _____

County Trim a Tree Contest - Entries Due Nov. 23rd



This holiday 4-H activity is designed for everyone who participates to have fun and bring happiness to others during the holiday season. As a club, 4-H members use their creative energy to construct handmade decorations for a Christmas Tree. The trees should be placed around the community and remain there during the holiday season. When selecting your location, it is important to choose a location that is open during our office hours (8:30 am-4:30 pm). Trees are judged for neatness and originality and the primary objective is to share some holiday joy with

those who need it most. This is only a club contest, but individuals are encouraged to display their own tree around the community as a service project. Trees should be in place by December 1st. They will be judged sometime during the following 2 weeks. Clubs should complete the entry form attached and return it to the 4-H office by November 23rd for your tree to be included in the judging.

1. All decorations must be handmade, but can include any type of material. This can include decorations made from natural material, cloth, ceramics, etc. Decorations cannot be food items, which spoil easily.
2. Tree designs **MUST HAVE** a **TITLE** visible to judges indicating the tree's theme.
3. Energy efficient electric lights may be used, but they are not necessary.
4. All Clubs will provide their own trees. Tree height must be **over 3 feet**.
5. Clubs should be sure to **identify their 4-H Club name** at the tree display—be proud to promote your 4-H club work!



County Trim a Tree Registration Form

Club Name _____ Leader Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

THEME: Traditional Christmas _____ 4-H Theme _____ Other _____

Tree Location _____

Best time of day to judge _____

Contact person at location _____

Address and Directions _____

PLEASE FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 23rd

**CLUB REPORTERS! PLEASE SEND YOUR REPORTS TO
JLKLING@UDEL.EDU BY THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**



Country Wildcats, Isabel Dypsky, Reporter

Welcome Back Everyone! The 13th of September was our first meeting of the 2015-16 4-H year and we are ready to go. We reviewed our bylaws and made some changes. We also elected our officers for this year and they are Philip as President, Danielle as Vice-President, Emily as Secretary and Isabel as Reporter. Everyone introduced themselves and for returning members we all discussed what we did at the DE State Fair this past summer. We are preparing to work on our Litter Barrel submission for the county contest during National 4-H Week. Looking forward to working on our float entry to the Milford Community Parade in October. It's going to be an exciting 4-H year from receiving new members to many of Community Service events and club projects we will be doing.

Midstate, Jessica Butler, Reporter

Mid-State 4H club met at the beginning of August. We were all glad to be back and discuss the activities over the summer. Some club members attended both the day and week camps and what a great time they had. We reviewed all the activities of the Delaware State Fair. Thanks to the parents that volunteered to drive the tractor/shuttle at the fair. Congratulations to those members who showed their pigs, sheep and goats; it is a lot of work but what a wonderful, fun experience. Our year-end pool party was attended by most of our members. What a great time, thank you to the Carter's for having us to their beautiful home. As we set out to begin our new year our club will be having a monthly craft day. Thanks to Mrs. Sylvester for planning this event. We are also planning a trip to Hersey Park and using some of the proceeds from our annual fundraiser where we do the food booth at the livestock and goat shows. We set off to Hersey Park Sept. 19. We look forward to starting food day with Mrs. Rash and having a fun year filled with 4-H activities.

Peach Blossom, Brenna Geidel, Reporter

The Peach Blossom 4-H Club started the 4-H year with the September meeting. We always choose a theme for our meetings for the year. This year our theme is "endangered species". We did a scavenger hunt to find out all the animals that we will learn about this year; and Garrett Geidel gave a presentation on the blue whale. We all wore blue to the meeting. We had a lot to do at this first meeting! We learned about the different project groups that will be available in our club this year. All of the project group leaders told us what we would do in our projects and when we would meet. We have a lot of project choices, and we have a new project group this year called Healthy Living. In this project we are going to do a lot of activities including hiking, running, cooking, and first aid. It sounds like a lot of fun. The first project of the year is 4-H Week with the litter barrel and the window display contests, so these committees are getting started right away. We are also going to do Coastal Clean Up as a club as our first community service project this year. We have a lot of great ideas! We're going to have an awesome 4-H year!

Houston Cardinals, Shannon O'Hara, Reporter

It's finally the start of a new 4-H year! At our sensational September club meeting, held at the Cederfield Ruritan Building, we discussed upcoming events, including Litter Barrel and Window Display Contests. We added a few new project areas that will be a thrill: Amphibians, Child Development, Sewing and Needlepoint. This year's club officers are Hannah O'Hara; President, Jonathan Herholt; Vice President, Ally Davis; Secretary, Makayla Parson; Treasurer, and Shannon O'Hara; Reporter. At the end of our productive meeting, everyone participated in learning a new camp song and enjoyed a delicious snack!



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service can be recognized for their outstanding community service. The awards program is sponsored by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Applications are solicited each fall through more than 40,000 public and private middle-level and high schools, and through officially-designated local organizations across the country. These organizations include Girl Scout councils, County 4-H Organizations, Campfire USA councils, American Red Cross Chapters, YMCA's, and Volunteer Centers. Local honorees are selected at participating schools and organizations in November, and from these winners, 2 state honorees are chosen in each state, the district of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Ten national honorees are picked by a panel of prominent judges, and announced at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. The application period deadline is November 3rd. Applications are available online at: <http://spirit.prudential.com/>

Delaware Farm Bureau Scholarship

There is a \$2500 scholarship opportunity for 4-H'ers whose family is a member of the Delaware Farm Bureau. This will be awarded to a college bound student who is pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. Deadline is April 2016. For more information, please call the Farm Bureau office at 1-800-273-0012 or 697-3183.



Delaware Farmers Can Plant the Seed to Help Grow Their Local 4-H Clubs

As you know, 4-H clubs provide valuable learning experiences for youth interested in the agriculture industry. Through involvement in 4-H, kids develop the skills to become leaders in their communities. Simply put, today's 4-H members are the future of the industry. Monsanto is providing farmers in Delaware the opportunity to help grow their local 4-H clubs. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities SM, farmers have the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit! We hope that you will consider taking a few minutes to complete the form and choosing 4-H as your non-profit group. It's that easy! Farmers can simply apply online at www.growcommunities.com or call 1.877.267.3332 to apply by phone. No purchase is necessary! Just indicate Kent County 4-H on the form. Please enter now through November 30th. Farmers, age 21 and over, who are actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, cotton, or soybeans, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture are eligible. Winning farmers and recipient organizations will be announced in January. We hope that you will take the time from your busy harvest season to help your local 4-H Clubs with this chance to win \$2,500! If you would like to connect with America's Farmers, visit us on Facebook or @AmericasFarmers on Twitter, and join the #GrowCommunities conversation today!

Delaware State Fair Junior Board Applications are Now Being Accepted

Applications accompanied by two letters of recommendation are being accepted through October 3, 2014 for six open positions on the 12 member DSF Jr. Board. This opportunity is available to youth age 16-21 (as of 10/31/14) and is a two year term. Members are required to contribute a minimum of 30 volunteer hours before and during the Fair. The purpose of the Jr. Board is to develop leadership and interpersonal skills as well as expose youth to the many facets of the Delaware State Fair. A brief interview to take place mid October is required. An application can be obtained from the Delaware State Fair Web site www.delawarestatefair.com (click on INFO, About Us, Jr. Board) or by calling the DSF office at [302-398-3269](tel:302-398-3269).



Delaware 4-H Foundation and United Way

The Delaware 4-H Foundation is not a United Way agency, but is eligible to receive write-in contributions as a non-profit organization. If you and other 4-H friends and supporters would like to designate your United Way contribution to 4-H, please complete the write-in account section of the form with the number **9020 and Delaware 4-H Foundation**. Funds received in this manner become part of the general contributions account and are used where needed. The 4-H Foundation usually receives a list early in the year indicating all money pledged to 4-H. All contributions will be acknowledged by the Delaware 4-H Foundation when United Way notifies us of the pledge. The write-in option is only available through work place giving. We appreciate your continued support of 4-H!



The State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC)

This is an annual fund-raising drive approved by the State of Delaware. Each year state employees raise thousands of dollars through the SECC that benefits many local non-profit charitable organizations. These charities fight disease, make life more meaningful for the young and old, help the impoverished, and train people to become self-sufficient. By promoting and supporting fund raising through the employee focused, cost-efficient SECC, state employees provide the opportunity to improve the quality of life of all Delawareans. This year state employees will again have the option of choosing the Delaware 4-H Foundation, as one of the charities that are eligible as part of this campaign. Many 4-H families contribute through this campaign. The Delaware 4-H Foundation in turn supplies funds to support camp

scholarships, awards in each county, and trips to Club Congress, National 4-H Conference, the National 4-H Engineering Event and more. Consider supporting the program that supports your children.

4-H in REVIEW



2015 County Record Books

As of Sept. 29th we have over 250 Record books submitted. The books are currently in the process of being judged. Members who completed books should be very proud of their efforts and accomplishments. It's a great way to learn how to keep good records of your 4-H project work and activities. Be sure to thank your leaders and parents for their assistance.

Congratulations! Rate of Gain Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following Kent County 4-H members for being named a 2015 Rate of Gain Winner:

Sheep McKenna Breeding, Peach Blossom

Beef Dylan Nickerson, Just Country Kids

Goat Vanessa Gaines, Westville

Swine Rylee Ridgely, New Horizons

This contest was sponsored again this year by the Kent County Farm Bureau. The winners received recognition for their award at the Kent County Farm Bureau dinner. Be sure to take the time to thank the Farm Bureau for their sponsorship of this contest and for their continued support of the Kent County 4-H program. Congratulations to all the winners in this event!



Don't Underestimate the Importance of 4-H Project Leaders

Project Leaders are a very important part of the 4-H Club. They are responsible for helping 4-H members, enrolled in a specific project, gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes by guiding them as they learn in that 4-H project.

A strong 4-H club will have successful project groups. This means its members will be enrolled in project groups; set project goals; work to achieve project goals; share what they have learned through a talk, demonstration or exhibit either within the project group or at a club meeting; and complete record books, which report and evaluate their own progress.

Here are some responsibilities of a Project Leader:

- Introduce the project to all members and parents.
- Help members establish goals and plan for their project work either individually or as a group.
- Conduct regular project meetings and workshops where members can get hands-on experiences. Project meetings should take place on a regular basis, depending on the project and the time of year, meeting frequency may differ.
- Organize guest speakers or events to enhance the project.
- Assist members with exhibits, demonstrations, and other sharing activities.
- Keep members informed of other opportunities related to the project.
- Encourage members to complete their project work as planned.
- Have members keep records of what they accomplished during the year, "things I learned and things I did".
- Provide support and encouragement for members to complete a record book at the end of the project year

**Thank you to all our current project leaders for working hard to enhance the 4-H experience
for our members by providing successful project groups.**

Kent County 2015-2016 4-H Leadership Teams

Kent County 4-H Leaders Association

President	Joanne Carter
Vice Presidents	Kaye Kemp
Secretary	Heather Crouse
Treasurer	Elaine Webb

Kent County Order of Links

President	Jennifer Menard
Vice President	Tammy Geidel
Secretary	Erica Knight
Treasurer	Connie Louder

Kent County 4-H Junior Council

President	Lena Berry
Vice President	Spring Vasey
Secretary	Hannah O'Hara
Treasurer	Kaylee Collison

Trail Trials Training

 Fundraiser for Happy Horses 4-H 

 **October 17, 2015** 
9 AM to 3 PM

Location: Harrington, Delaware

All Day Cost per Horse:

\$10 for 4-H Members and \$15 for non-members

Contact: Mary Bashtarz at mary@engmat.com

Obstacles to include:

bridge, embankment, cowboy curtain, and other mounted and hand-held distractions



Saddle Up With 4-H!!

*Free Friends & Family
Fall Trail Ride*

WHEN: October 11th 2015- Ride off at 10 am
Meet for lunch 11:30 – 12:00 at the pavilion

WHERE: Enjoy riding at Blackbird Forest State Park.

Hot dogs and drinks provided to pre-registered riders. All others should bring a bagged lunch and/or snacks

All riders required to wear ASTM-SEI approved helmets and boots. Equipment should be in good condition. Proof of negative Coggins Test and a certificate of vaccination for Equine Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis(EHV) within the past 180 days are required to participate.

Sponsored by the Delaware 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

To register by October 7th or for more information contact:
Susan Garey trushart@udel.edu or (302)730-4000

This is a public park; riders should adhere to the rules and regulations of Delaware State Parks as well as safety standards provided for 4-H Horse Project members. Mounts, tack, and equipment are not provided by the Delaware 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.

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Youth Voice Youth Choice

Youth Voice Youth Choice is a blog run by the 4-H Healthy Living team, jam packed with useful information, tips, and tricks this blog is truly one of a kind!

Do you want to be a blogger? Do you want to WIN \$25. Submit an article today, and you could win! Topics of your choice about anything 4-H or Healthy living related.

Send all articles to:
colinghw@udel.edu

Questions? Comments? Email address above concerning anything blog related.

For more information please visit: Youthvoiceyouthchoice.wordpress.com

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Kent County 4-H Exchange Group Longaberger Basket Bingo



Thursday, November 12, 2015
Harrington Fire Company
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Bingo Starts at 7:00pm
\$20.00 in Advance
\$25.00 at the Door

**Advance Tickets: 730-4000
or the Paradee Center, Dover**

Special Raffle for Advance Ticket Sales
"Artisan Napkin Basket with Wrought Iron Handles"
Raffles:
"Flameware Bundle 4 Qt. Dutch Oven & Skillet"
and
"12-pc Dinnerware Set"

*Plenty of Door Prizes!
Food will be available throughout the evening.*



National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual **Youth in Action Awards** to be presented at the seventh annual Legacy Awards in Washington, D.C. on April 12, 2016.

As one of the highest honors achieved, the 2016 awards have expanded to honor one remarkable 4-H'er within each pillar area:

Agriculture and Animal Sciences; Citizenship; Healthy Living; and STEM.

As part of this great honor, each of the four Youth in Action Award pillar winners will receive:

- **Scholarship:** A \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.
- **Public Recognition:** An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at Council's Legacy Awards on April 12, 2016.
- **Spokesperson Opportunities:** Serve as the National Youth Spokesperson for their recognized pillar area.
- **County Recognition:** An additional \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the awardees' 4-H County.

In addition, one overall national Youth in Action Award 2016 honoree will be selected from the four pillar winners and will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

All applications must be submitted by 12:00 PM ET on Monday, November 30, 2015

For qualifications, application rules, and information on past honorees, please visit the

[Youth in Action Award website.](#)

Scribbles from Susan Garey, Livestock Agent

Delaware 4-H Members Attend National 4-H Dairy Conference

4-H'er Spring Vasey of the Country Time 4-H Club in Kent County is currently attending the National 4-H Dairy Conference on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wisconsin. While there, Spring is participating in dairy science workshops and field trips along with approximately 200 other dairy project members from across the United States and Canada. Exploration of dairy related careers, dairy production, marketing, genetics and production and processing of dairy products are a few of the subjects they will be exposed to. In addition, she will also have the opportunity to spend a day at the World Dairy Expo. Spring is being chaperoned by 4-H volunteer Jody Vasey of Kent County. Special thanks to the Delaware 4-H Foundation for funding this leadership and dairy science experience for our 4-H members! If you are interested in attending National 4-H Dairy Conference next year and have three years of dairy project experience, applications will be due May 1, 2016.

Saddle up with 4-H!

The annual State 4-H Trail Ride, sponsored by the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, will be held at Blackbird State Forest this year on October 11, 2015 with ride off occurring at 10 am. This is a fun family event with riders of all ages and levels of experiences. There will be some volunteer walkers as well to assist our less experienced riders if needed. If enough riders register, we will offer both a beginner and an advanced trail ride this year. Following the trail ride there will be a picnic in the pavilion beginning at 11:30 am. **ASTM/SEI hard hats are required for all riders.** For more information please see the flyer posted on the State 4-H Animal Science webpage <http://cdn.extension.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/29153235/2015-4-H-Fall-Trail-Ride.pdf>
To RSVP, please contact Susan Garey at (302)730-4000 or truehart@udel.edu no later than October 7th.

Delaware 4-H Horse of the Year- Deadline November 16, 2015

Have you ever wished that you could have a model of your own favorite horse or pony to cherish forever? Here's your chance!

Peter Stone of Stone Model Horses (www.stonehorses.com) has volunteered to create a model horse to honor the great horse or pony selected as Delaware's "4-H Horse of the Year". The winning 4-H member will be announced at the Horse Bowl contest and awarded their horse/pony model horse at the winning member's county achievement banquet in fall of 2016.

Any currently enrolled traditional Delaware 4-H member (Cloverbuds are not eligible), can nominate their beloved horse/pony by completing these steps:

1. Complete the Nomination Form 2016.
2. Provide Four (4) 4x6" full color photos of your horse/pony in natural light (not in the barn): front, back, left side and right side. Attach to the provided page. These photos will not be returned so make sure you have copies.
3. Add an essay of 500 to 1000 words written by the 4-H'er (age of 4-H'er will be considered in writing quality). The award will be chosen based on how well the 4-H member can answer the following topic:

“If Your Horse was a Superhero, Who Would it be and Why?””

Should be a horse or pony you have owned or worked with in some way.

Do NOT include your name or the horse/pony’s registered name in the essay.

c. Use the horse’s unregistered nick name or pet name in the essay.

Not required to own the horse or pony being nominated.

4. The nomination with the essay must be postmarked by November 16, 2015.

Nomination forms and more details are available on the state 4-H animal science webpage

<http://cdn.extension.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/29153235/2016-Horse-of-the-Year-Application.pdf>

Delaware Equine Council Scholarship- \$1000

Eligibility:

Must be a U.S. citizen and a Delaware resident or Delaware Equine Council member. (\$10.00 to become an individual member)

Must be enrolled and in good standing in an agriculture, equine, veterinary or vet tech program in the United States.

Must submit a typewritten 250-word essay :

"How I plan to use this course of study to further the equine or agriculture industry."

Must complete a typed application and include a transcript of a minimum of one full semester's grades from an accredited college or university.

All awards are given without discrimination as to race, sex, or creed.

Application deadline is January 29, 2016. Winners will be awarded in March 2016. To download the

application or for more details please visit: <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.org/ScholarshipPAGE.html>

4-H CALENDAR

OCTOBER

4-10	National 4-H Week		
5	National 4-H Week Entries (Window Display & Litter Barrel) in Place		
6-7	Extended Office Hours for Enrollment (in person) 5:30-7 pm		Kent County 4-H Office
7	National 4-H Youth Science Day		
7-18	Paper Clover Promotion at Tractor Supply Stores		
9	Club News Due for November Kent Clover Newsletter		
10-11	Delaware Livestock Exposition		Delaware State Fairgrounds Blackbird State Forest
11	State 4-H Trail Ride	10:00 am	
14	Achievement Banquet Reservation Forms Due		
18	Achievement Banquet	3:00 pm	Delaware State Fair Exhibit Hall
20	Leaders Meeting	7:00 pm	Kent County Office
25	Great Pumpkin Day	2:00 pm	Lake Forest High School
24	Poultry /Fiber & Needle Arts/ BBQ Projects	10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2pm	Home of Brigid McCrea
26	4-H Exchange Group Meeting	6:00 pm	Kent County Office
26	Junior Council Meeting	7:15 pm	Kent County Office

NOVEMBER

2	International Foods/ Talent Show Entries Due		
5	Leader/Club Officer Training	7:00 pm	Kent County Office
8	International Foods/ Talent Show	2:00 pm	Lake Forest High School
12	4-H Exchange Group Bingo	7:00 pm	Harrington Fire Company
13	Club News Due for December Kent Clover Newsletter		
17	Leader's Meeting	7:00 pm	Kent County Office
19	Link's Meeting	7:-00 pm	TBD
21	Poultry /Fiber & Needle Arts/ BBQ Projects		Home of Brigid McCrea
23	County Trim A Tree Entries Due		
26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed		
27-Dec	1st National 4-H Congress		Atlanta, GA

DECEMBER

1	County Trim A Trees in Place		
6	Holiday Fun Day	2:00 pm	Lake Forest High School
9	Diamond Clover Intent Forms Due		
9	National 4-H Conference Applications Due		
9	Club News Due for January County Newsletter		
11	Teddy Bears Due		
19	Poultry /Fiber & Needle Arts/ BBQ Projects		Home of Brigid McCrea
TBD	Jr Council Meeting		
24-Jan 1	UD Closed		
TBD	Statewide 4-H Holiday Ice Skating Party		



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Delaware 4-H