

Kent Clover

December 2016

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES

December Dates

Dec. 01– National Conference Applications Due

Dec.01– Diamond Clover Intents Due

Dec.03 –Hippology Contest

Dec.05—Trim-A-Tree in place

Dec.07- Public Speaking Training

Dec. 9 -Teddy Bears Due

Dec.11 –Holiday Fun Day

Dec. 20—Junior Council Meeting

Dec. 26-30—Extension Office Closed

Dec. 30—Statewide 4-H Holiday Ice Skating

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

We have several county events coming up in the month of December. 4-H clubs will be busy decorating Christmas trees with handmade ornaments and placing them throughout the county at various locations for our annual County Trim a Tree event. This activity certainly allows the holiday spirit to be spread to so many individuals during this special time of the year as many beautiful decorated trees will be completed by Kent County 4-H clubs. In addition, 4-H members will also collect and donate Teddy Bears for our annual Teddy Bear drive. These bears will certainly help to make a difficult time being experienced by someone in the hospital during the holiday a little better. Clubs will also be very active with additional community service activities throughout this time of the year. We are very fortunate to have so many caring 4-H members and volunteers in our county that continually try to do many activities that help to make a difference in the lives of others.

Upcoming events in December include Holiday Fun Day and the annual 4-H Statewide Skating party. Information about each of these activities can be found in this newsletter and we encourage you to participate in one or all of these events.

As the holiday season fast approaches, we would like to take this time to wish everyone Happy Holidays and thank you for your many efforts and work on behalf of the Kent County 4-H Program. We look forward to seeing you at a future 4-H event!

Yours in 4-H,

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



Statewide 4-H Holiday Ice Skating Party December 30th

The annual statewide 4-H skating event will be held this year on Friday, December 30th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at The Centre Ice Skating Center on the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington. **Cost will be \$4.00 per person, which includes admission and skate rental.** The Centre would like to continue to hold a food drive at this event so all participants are requested to bring in a canned or boxed item of food that can be donated to the local food pantry. All 4-H members are invited, and they may bring a friend who is not a 4-H member, but they are responsible for this friend while at this event



Announcing: [National Youth Summit on Agriculture Science](#)

When: February 2-5, 2017

Where: National 4-H Conference Center

Sponsor: The Delaware 4-H Foundation

The attached application is due to Kristin Cook by Wednesday, December 14, 2016



Announcing: [National Youth Summit on Healthy Living](#)

When: February 17-20, 2017

Where: National 4-H Conference Center

Sponsor: The Delaware 4-H Foundation

The attached application is due to the State Office by Wednesday, December 14, 2016





STATE 4-H CAMPS

State Camp
Scholarship

Applications DUE

January 15, 2017



Thank You to the following

4-H Leaders who recently became Archery Certified:

Wes Johnson—
Hearts 4 Horses

Mike Hall—
Midstate

Richard Spangler—
New Beginnings

Tim Spangler—
New Beginnings

Lee Halloran—
The Mane Squad

Russell Bray—
Woodside Emeralds

Jr. Leader:

Hanna O'Hara—
Houston Cardinals

23rd Annual TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

Bears are due to the 4-H Office by
Dec 9th

Bears are donated to the Home for
the Chronically Ill in Smyrna, De

Please attach a hand-written note
bringing Holiday Cheer



Public Speaking Training

Event: Dec 7

RSVP: Dec 2

cadv@udel.edu

(need 10 youth minimum)

7:00-8:15p.m. at the Kent County 4-H Office

Youth should have an idea of their topic when they arrive.

Public Speaking Entries DUE January 13, 2017.

Find the entry forms [here](#)



Holiday Fun Day – Sunday, December 11th

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Kent County Extension Office
69 Transportation Circle
Dover, DE 19901

Entry set up begins at 1:30 pm to be finished by 2:00 pm

Judging begins at 2:15 pm

Admission: Please bring toiletries for the local homeless shelters

Categories: Individual and Group categories for Gingerbread House only. Individual entries are to be completed by one (1) member only. Group entries must be two (2) or more members in the same age division range. If mixed ages, item will be judged on the oldest member. **MEMBERS ARE LIMITED TO ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY**

Gingerbread House: 1. Decorated house with NO outside scene on exhibit

Any Embellishment that extends beyond the house (except icing, coconut, etc.) used for ground cover is considered an Outside Scene.

2. Decorated House with Outside scene

Base should be no larger than 12 inches X 12 inches for the Gingerbread Houses - NOTE: only edible decorations may be used in the display

Cookies:

1. Drop Cookies – made by dropping spoonful's of dough onto the baking sheet

2. Rolled Cookies – a rolling pin is used to roll out cookie dough

3. Bar cookies – baked in a rectangular or square pan and then cut –usually into rectangular or square serving pieces

Embellished Stocking: 1. Stockings will be judged on age category.

Please bring a decorated stocking to be donated to a local homeless center.

These stockings will be filled with toiletries purchased by the Leader's Association. Please keep in mind when decorating that the stockings will be packed and transported to local shelters.

Wreath:

1. Decorated wreath with a Christmas Holiday Theme (any media permitted)

All Categories (4-H age as of January 1, 2016)

Cloverbuds 5-7 Beginners 8-10 Juniors 11-13 Seniors 14-19



4HOnlineSM
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

On January 3, 2017 all inactive members will be archived and no longer be able to participate in 4-H events.

To re-enroll please go to the following web address :<https://de.4honline.com/>

If you need assistance please contact Caroline Del Vecchio at 730-4000

Achievement Banquet Highlights



To see all the fabulous pictures from the Achievement Banquet visit the [Delaware 4-H Flickr page](#)

Woodside Emeralds Club**Report by Zachary Weeks**

Hello to our fellow 4-Hers! As these fall months pass, the Woodside Emeralds have been working on a variety of projects. One of our 4-H leaders is becoming certified in archery. We are looking forward to a new and interesting project group. We participated in Earth Science Week. A group of us spent the day documenting cloud cover and analyzing soil conditions. Next project of the month was foray into horticulture. We began our fair entries by planting African violets and cactuses for the fair.

The Achievement Banquet brought us our own awards party. We honored our hard working club members at our November meeting. Congratulations to our club member, Rachel, who is now an Emerald Clover. Rachel, good luck with your Diamond Clover Proposal.

In early November, we began our dog project group which led to our adventures into a new community service project. We will be collecting items for the SPCA. Please look for our collection bins and help us give aid the local SPCA. We are continuing our community service efforts with Code Purple. We made scarves and hats for Code Purple's Giving Day and Scarf Hanging Day. We are looking forward to participating in these two events.

We finished off the month at Mrs. Reynolds' house. We have a few club members involved in the Kent County Cookers Club. Our second meeting was delicious! Kudos to all of you fabulous chefs. We are beginning to prepare for the Favorite Foods Contest, so be ready other 4Hers, competition is coming!

Finally, We are looking forward to making ornaments and participating in the Trim-A-Tree contest. Merry Christmas 4-H!

Kent County Jr. Council Report

November 2016

By: Maci Carter

At our meeting this month Ernie Lopez taught us the importance of having a resume and good interview skills. He discussed about the qualities that make you uniquely qualified, and how to set a good example. If you interested in this and would like to learn more, please attend the 4-H Interview Skills Workshop. Join fellow Delaware 4-H teens in learning important skills and techniques preparing you not just for mandatory interviews to National 4-H events, but also scholarship, college and other opportunities that are beneficial to your growth and success. The meeting dates are: Wednesday, November 30th OR Wednesday, December 14th but Thursday, January 5, 2017 is mandatory. All of the meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

Join us at the Kent County Extension Office on December 11th for a day of fun. Bring your best entries for our Gingerbread House, Embellished Stocking, Cookie and Decorated Wreath Contests. Doors open at 1:30 pm for set up and judging begins at 2:15 pm.

Also occurring next month is the Statewide Ice Skating Party. This annual event will be held for this year on Friday, December 30th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at The Centre Ice Skating Center on the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington. Cost will be \$4 a person, which includes admission and skate rental. All participants are requested to bring in a canned food or boxed item of food that can be donated to the local food pantry. All 4-H members are invited, and they may bring a friend who is not a 4-H member, but they are responsible for this friend at the event. This is always a fun social experience and I recommend everyone attends!

There are many important events that are coming up that you should save in your calendar! On January 22nd is the KC Public Speaking Contest. Contestants prepare a speech of any topic they choose, and present it in a limited amount of time at the event. This competition is a great way to improve your public speaking skills! Also, from January 28-29th is State Teen Conference. All 4-Hers from around the state stay together for a weekend and work on team building workshops, and other fun activities.

Coming up on December 12th is the State Teen Council Meeting. Any teen 4-H members want to attend can go, so that they know what events the State 4-H has. Our next Jr. Council meeting is on December 20th at 7pm. We will be having our annual holiday party, so we will watch a movie and have snacks. You can also wear you pajamas if you want! It will be lots of fun, and I hope to everyone 13 years or older there!



Calling ALL
Day
Camp

Counselors

Forms are due

January 15th

to the

Kent County

Extension

Office



Westville 4-H

Hi, it's Emily Ford Westville's club reporter.

We had a busy start to October. Our litter barrel placed 1st and our window display finished 3rd. We are pretty excited about that.

Thanks to all the kids and parents that helped. Special shout out to John and Kim Gaines for putting up with us at your house for a few Sundays and a big Thank You to Kristie Wyatt. Now it's time to start out Trim A Tree and Christmas Float. We have been working on that the past few weeks at you guessed it The Gaines house.

We will be placing our tree at Forrest Avenue Animal Hospital. Come check it out. We are also gearing up for our annual Christmas Party. It's going to be a blast !

Till next time — Emily Ford

Peach Blossom

Leighton Webb, Reporter

Hello from the Peach Blossom 4-H Club of Kent County, Delaware. At our October meeting we had a guest speaker, Samantha Fisher, from McHale Landscape Design talk about her job. We also started our Relay for Life program by collecting spare change. We have started working on our Christmas float for the parade in Harrington and started to clean the trails at Killens Pond. At our November Meeting we had big equipment, a tractor and disk, combine, and a crane, to show the little kids and guest speakers to talk about them. We also made some donations to the Food Bank of Delaware. We will be volunteering at the Food Bank at the end of November. We are also looking forward to our club family night where we celebrate our club members and have dinner and an auction.

Houston Cardinals Monthly Meeting Report

November 1, 2016

Our monthly meeting was called to order on Nov. 1st at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Our Club President welcomed new members, discussed the color of the month and then excused Cloverbuds to their room for craft time.

The Secretary's Report was then given, followed by the Treasurer's report, club news, and a Junior Council Update. Laurie Judd, our club's Co-Leader, gave information on the many Community Service opportunities that are upcoming.

Next was the many project areas that our club is participating in this year. Project leaders gave their reports with dates, times, locations and information on how club members can become more involved in each project area. This was followed by a short question and answer period.

The Trim a Tree theme was determined and information about the location of our tree and its associated Craft Day was then discussed. This was followed by Old Business. Old Business included the announcement of our Window Display receiving 1st place and our Litter Barrel receiving 3rd place in their respective competitions.

New Business report was given by Hannah O'Hara. This included information on the National 4H Conference, Holiday Fun Day, Science Saturdays, Archery Training, Club News Due Dates, Public Speaking competitions and then questions from members were discussed and information was given.

Next up was our Organizational Leader Reports given by Laurie Judd and Diane O'Hara. All the winners of awards at the Achievement Banquet were recognized. The procedures on how to register as a 4H member online were outlined and deadlines for registration were given. Membership books were distributed to new members, information on project areas was updated and snack sign up was requested. A reminder that anytime anyone takes pictures during a 4H event, project area meeting, etc. that they please be emailed to Laurie Judd or Diane O'Hara so that they can be posted on the Shutterfly page as well as on Facebook.

A report from the Cloverbuds, a short craft creation and a question and answer period with new member parents rounded out the meeting. Snack was provided by the Davis and Tranchina families. The meeting was then adjourned for the month.

**DE Military
4-H**

DE Military 4-H members stuffed and sewn over 70 fleece pillows to be given to Military members who are relocating to Delaware this Christmas season.



HEARTS 4 HORSES



CLUB REPORTER: STEPHANIE STRACHAR

Brr.... It's getting chilly outside, but our club is firing up for winter! We have been very busy lately. We have completed our liter barrel and it is sitting in front of the Camden Town Hall. We are working on our tree for the Trim-A-Tree, and the float we have entered in the Harrington Christmas Parade! Make sure you look for us on December 2! We also picked up trash on our Adopt-A-Highway! Our road is Fox Chase Rd in Felton, it was chilly, but we picked up a TON of trash! Thanks to all who came out in the cold, and a special thanks to Mr. Jason who kept a "close eye" on our safety! We have elect-

ed our new officers to lead our club, and they are really excited to lead us into 2017, Congrats to you all! We want to wish all our fellow 4-H'ers and their families a very blessed Thanksgiving from all of us at Hearts 4 Horses!

Razor Steel Robotics

Saturday October 22, FIRST Robotics Competition Team MOE365 from Wilmington and Team 316 LuNaTeCs from Carneys Point, NJ hosted their annual off season competition "Duel on the Delaware" at Salem Community College in Penns Grove, NJ.

4-H teams 4954 Palindrome from Middletown, DE and 5938 Razor Steel Robotics from Dover, DE were two of 34 teams from Maryland to New York who traveled to participate in this annual event. Palindrome finished in ninth place and rookie year Razor Steel finished in 33rd place. However, during playoff selection, seventh seed team captain 1089 Team Mercury selected Razor Steel to be their third alliance partner in what turned out to be a successful strategic decision. The alliance of Team Mercury, Palindrome, and Razor Steel upset the second seed alliance during the quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals.

"Offseason events are the time for the primary drive team members to step back and let other members step into roles they haven't done before. We had all rookies on our drive team today so finishing 33rd out of 34 teams, although disappointing, was expected. Being selected for an alliance was a fortunate turn of events for us. Being on an alliance with our friends in Palindrome made it even better," said Team 5938 Razor Steel founding member Soohan Kim, Dover High School class of 2018.



Midstate 4-H

Mid-State 4H club met at the beginning of September. 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. All of the work is hard but what a wonderful, fun experience.

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 again this year. Thanks to Mrs. Couzens who is our Clover bud leader once again. Mr. Hall is our Archery leader. Thank you for all volunteering your time to our club. We will be meeting this month to work on our window display and litter barrel. We look forward to our next monthly meeting.

Reporter Jessica Butler

Please send all
Club News to
Caroline
Del Vecchio
at
cadv@udel.edu
by
January 20th.





eXtension Free Poultry Medications Webinar– Rule Changes Affecting Small and Backyard Poultry Flocks

Monday December 12, 2016 11:00 am EST

Concerns over the development of antibiotic resistance in human medicine have led to the development of new regulations controlling the use of antibiotics in animal feed. Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) drugs are medically important antibiotics whose use is regulated. New guidelines for these drugs become effective in January 1, 2017. Some of these drugs have been used in poultry medicine.

How will these changes affect small-scale poultry producers? After the end of 2016 a veterinarian prescription will be required to get medicated feed as well as purchase what were over the counter drugs. ***Over the counter drugs now available online or in feed stores will no longer be available without a VFD.*** The VFD must be issued by a licensed veterinarian and there must be a veterinarian-client relationship. Small scale poultry producers need to develop a relationship with a veterinarian so if their birds get sick they can obtain the needed drugs. <https://extension.zoom.us/j/142597111>

Delaware 4-H Horse Bowl- NEW RESOURCES FOR 2017

The Delaware 4-H Horse Bowl will be held on March 11, 2017 at Lake Forest North Elementary. Divisions are available for Ages 9-10, 11-13, and 14-19 as of January 1 of the 2017 4-H year. This year we are switching to using the newly updated 2015 4-H Horse Manuals as resource material. These new versions have the same titles but are the manuals with the blue covers. We are discontinuing use of the old tan cover versions of the 4-H Horse Manuals.

Questions may come from:

4-H Horse Manuals(blue cover 2015 version):

“Giddy Up and Go”, “Head, Heart and Hooves”, “Stable Relationships”,

“Riding the Range,” “Jumping to New Heights,” “Horse Project Helper’s Guide.”

and 4-H Horse curriculum corrections found on-line at

www.n4hccs.org.

In addition to the 4-H Horse Project manuals:

Age 8-10: Your Pony, Your Horse, by Cherry Hill

Age 11-13: Your Horse, a step-by-step guide to horse ownership, by Judy Chapple (and age 8-10 material).

Horses and Horsemanship – by Ray Antoniewicz, National

4-H Council- ***NEW!!***

Age 14 and older: Storey’s Horse-Lover’s Encyclopedia, edited by Deborah Burns (and age 8-10 and 11-13 material).

Horse Science- by Ray Antoniewicz, National 4-H Council-

NEW!!

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 postmark deadline is January 31, 2017. Winners will be awarded in March 4, 2017. To download the application or for more details please visit:

<http://www.delawareequinecouncil.org/ScholarshipPAGE.html>

Delaware Ag Week — January 9-13, 2017

Delaware Ag Week programs, along with an agricultural trade show and exhibits by the First State Antique Tractor Club, are being held January 9-13, 2017 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware. Sessions focused on beef cattle production, small ruminant production, equine management and hay and pasture are among the variety of programs being held.

For the complete schedule of events and individual session schedules please visit <http://sites.udel.edu/delawareagweek/>



Delaware Ag Week Seminar for Beef Cattle Producers
January 9, 2017- 6:00-9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Board Room

6:00-6:30 pm- *Understanding Your Farms Soil Type and Its Impact on Your Pasture*- Phillip Sylvester, Kent County Agricultural Agent, University of Delaware

Break for Light Dinner and Delaware Beef Advisory Board/NCBA Updates- Sponsored by the Delaware Beef Advisory Board

7:00- 7:30 pm- *“Weaning Time Management Strategies”*- Speaker TBA

7:30-7:50 pm- *“Delaware’s Animal Control and Animal Cruelty Laws 101”*-Sherri Warburton, Animal Welfare Officer, Delaware Department of Agriculture

8:00-8:30 pm *“Fly Control Options for Beef Cattle Operations”*- Speaker TBA

8:30- *“iClicker Beef Cattle Producers Needs Assessment”*- Susan Garey and Dan Severson, University of Delaware

8:45- *Questions, Evaluations and Adjourn*

Please RSVP to by January 4th to truehart@udel.edu or (302)730-4000 if you plan on attending so we can make the necessary arrangements for food and materials.

Delaware Ag Week Seminar for Small Ruminant Producers
January 10, 2017- 6:00-9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Board Room

6:00- *Welcome and Announcements*

6:05- 6:20 pm- *“Introduction and Future Prospective of DSU’s Small Ruminant Program”*- Dr. Kwame Matthews, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Small Ruminant Specialist, Delaware State University

6:20- 7:00 pm- *“Traceability and the National Scrapie Eradication Program”*- Dr. Alan Huddleston, VMD, Associate Team Lead USDA, APHIS, VS, SHCE, Sheep & Goat Health

7:00- 7:20 pm- *Break for Dinner- “Delaware’s Animal Control and Animal Cruelty Laws 101”*-Sherri Warburton, Animal Welfare Officer, Delaware Department of Agriculture

7:30- 8:30 pm *“Increasing the Lifetime Productivity of the Ewe and Doe”* Dr. Marlon Knights Ph.D., Associate Professor of Reproductive Physiology, West Virginia State University

8:45- *Questions, Evaluations and Adjourn*

Please RSVP to truehart@udel.edu or (302)730-4000 by January 6th if you plan on attending so we can make the necessary arrangements for food and materials.

Delaware Ag Week Equine Pasture Program
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 6:00-9:00pm Exhibit Hall

6:00 pm- *Welcome and Announcements*

6:05 pm- *“Understanding Your Farms Soil Type and Its Impact on Your Pasture”*
Phillip Sylvester, Kent County Agricultural Agent, University of Delaware

6:30 pm- *“Managing the Risk of Laminitis in Horses on Pasture”*
Dr. Sarah Ralston, VMD, PhD, DACVN, Professor and Fulbright Scholar, Department of Animal Science, Rutgers University

7: 15 p.m. *Break*

7: 30 p.m. *Safety Strategies: Around the Barn and with Horses*
Jessica Flores, Senior Agent Associate Agriculture, University of Maryland

7: 45 pm- *“Global Worming- How to Prevent De-Wormer Meltdown in the 21st Century”*
Dr. Rose D. Nolen-Walston, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

8:15 pm- *“Farm and Manure Management: Tips to Protect the Environment”*
Susan Garey, Extension Agent Animal Science and Sydney Riggi, Extension Agent Nutrient Management, University of Delaware

8:40 pm- *Adjourn*