



The Maryland Trail

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Dear Maryland 4-H All Stars,

I'm not sure what season we've had since June. Is there a season called "Monsoon"? It certainly was not a typical Maryland summer and fall. And now we are in the midst of ice age temperatures. I know all our All Stars were busy through the summer and fall helping at their local events and offering leadership and guidance to our 4-H youth.

We held our 2018 annual conference on June 22nd. We inducted 22 candidates from the following counties: Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's and Washington. I know these new All Stars are hard workers who are dedicated to 4-H.

As we enter the spring it is time to start thinking about scouting new All Star candidates as the scouting process begins in early January. Service should be the greatest consideration when considering potential members. Attend your county meetings and have input into this process. Our 4-H programs are very diverse so the more participation in discussing and selecting potential candidates the better the selection process will be.

Our Semi-annual conference this year is in the Central shore District. Date and details and registration form are enclosed in this newsletter. We hope to see many attendees. Our Annual Conference will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds again in 2019, registration form enclosed in this newsletter. Also in 2019, West Virginia will host the Interstate Conference. This will be West Virginia All Star's 100th anniversary. If you have never attended an interstate conference this will certainly be a celebration to attend. Details on all conferences will be available early in 2019.

I'd also like to take a moment to remember our deceased All Stars, Tom Weant and Frank Feezer., both from Carroll County, and Geraldine Riha Houck from Anne Arundel County.

Yours in Service,

Cindy Bell

Big Chief



2018 MARYLAND 4H ALL STAR
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
June 23, 2018



2018 MD 4H ALL STARS: *Carroll Co:* Erica McAndrew, Cindy Speak, Payton Steele, Tessie Weant, *Frederick Co.:* Tabitha Gregory, Ashley McAfee, *Garrett Co:* Sam Wright, *Harford Co:* Isabella Grifasi, Matt Bauer, Jennifer Nance, Emmy Dallam, *Howard Co:* Faith Wobbeking, Mark Grutzmacher, Stephanie Welsh, Amy Brueckmann, *Kent Co:* Baxter Nickerson, *St. Mary's Co:* Barbara Dobbins, Brianna McKenna, *Queens Anne's Co.* Mekenna Richardson, Hanna Story, Michael Lee *Washington Co.:* Bethany Doppel

DISTRICT REPORTS FROM OCT 2018 EXECUTIVE MEETING.

WESTERN DISTRICT: All three counties survived the busy-ness of the fairs and rodeos, and are busy doing fall chores and projects in preparation for the winter.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: **Harford County**—Hosted an All Star picnic in August at the 4H camp. All Stars assisted in being superintendents, judges, and helping at the Indoor Entry Day at the Harford County Farm Fair in July. All stars are getting ready to judge record books. **Carroll County**—Most All Stars were very involved with county fair serving as superintendents, judges and club leaders. There was large involvement with various aspects of MD State Fair as well. All Stars are serving as volunteers for the Ag Center's Corn Maze. Several All Stars are involved with planning and execution of a senior portfolio workshop to be held in November complete with resume writing and mock interviews.

CENTRAL DISTRICT **Howard County** 4H All Stars held their annual picnic at Popular Springs UMC with a good group in attendance. All Stars were very active at our county fair and serve in a variety of positions. We also gave out 5 scholarships at the county fair. Plans are being made for our Basket, Bags and Bucks Bingo on March 22, 2019. **Frederick Co.** 4H All Stars worked very diligently at the Great Frederick Fair with cake auction, in the animal barns, the poultry/rabbit building and the 4H/FFA craft building, 5200 school children were bussed to the fairgrounds on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of fair week. All Stars serve behind the scenes all year round. Our semi annual meeting is being planned at a restaurant for breakfast on Sat. Jan 26, 2019.

UPPER SHORE: **Queen Anne's Co.** had a very successful Fair. Our cake auction was the best on record. We have put what was not paid to the 4H'34s in our Scholarship fund. We again sponsored the county 4H Week window Display. Eight clubs participated and posters, tri-fold and 3D exhibits were displayed throughout the county. Service to our 4H program is #1 in our commitments. **Cecil County** won 1st place with our booth at the Fair and raised \$310 with our 50/50 raffle. We gave away \$500 in scholarship money. We have a Quarter Auction fundraiser coming up in November and in December we take part in the annual 4H Auction, which is our biggest fundraiser.

CENTRAL SHORE: **Dorchester Co.** County All Stars helped with indoor exhibits and livestock shows during the 4H Fair held in August. **Caroline Co.** All Stars were very busy during the 4H Fair held in August. All Stars chair many departments throughout the event, livestock shows, auctions and indoor exhibits. They held a regular meeting to discuss County business in October. **Talbot Co.** All Stars were seen chairing many events throughout the Talbot County Fair. They also helped at 4H Day sponsored by Tractor Supply in Easton. A regular meeting will be held in November where a new chairman will be selected. Raymond Harrison III is stepping down as the current chairman. No candidates for All Stars in 2018 from any of the counties.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: **Anne Arundel:** Our group awarded five \$100 camp scholarships in August and four \$500 academic scholarships in September. Our 4H food booth at the County Fair was very successful despite Hurricane Florence looming over us. We were able to award shares of \$143 to each 4H Club who helped us run the booth. All Stars helped at the county fair, chairing the Swine, Sheep and Dairy Depts., the Archery contest, Ice Cream Social Cake and Silent Action. We ran the food booth at the Antique Tractor Pull in October. We will be making some improvements to our booth and then closing it down for the winter. In the next few months we will be looking for candidates for induction into the All Stars. **Calvert:** Calvert Co All Stars have been very low key this year. Several of us did assist in various ways at the county fair. We also sponsored a young person in the Fair Queen contest and gave a monetary donation for Youth Day.

We have no further plans for the rest of the year. **St Mary's:** We had 75 kids attend our annual Home & Farm Safety Day that we co-hosted with our county's young farmer group in July. The kids learned gun, PTO, grain bin, tractor, fire, lawn mower, ATV, sun and skin safety. The also I earned about soil, how to have healthy diet and that exercising can be fun and good for your body. We were excited to be able to offer the safety day, including a t-shirt, lunch, snacks and Kona Ice, for free due to many generous sponsors! The kids also had fun participating in Farmer Olympics and getting hosed off by the fire truck! Several of our group also helped with our county's first week long 4-H Day Camp in 18 years! There were around 35 kids that attended in July and they learned things like sewing, ceramics, cake decorating, robotics, aerospace/rocketry, archery, air soft rifle and team work. They tried out the 4-H blender bike, played 8 square, 4 square, kick ball, participated in skits, made new friends and crafts and made memories that will last a lifetime! We had several members help at the county fair in September. They helped set up pens, waterers, the 4-H exhibit building and livestock picture area. During the Fair, promoted 4-H and help to organize the livestock shows. They also helped clean up after the Fair. We had a few animals from the livestock auction donated back to our group. We will donate this money to be used at our county 4H achievement banquet in March. We are gearing up for a holiday Craft workshop that we will help with for all county 4Hers, where the kids will make things that they can give as Christmas presents. We will also be judging record books and helping with the county officers training again shortly.



I'm sure many of you are aware that 2018 was a year without a 4H Interstate Conference. In its place, a cruise was offered. We only had one All Star who signed up to go on the Alaskan Cruise. Cindy Bell (Big Chief) sailed through the Inside Passage visiting the ports of Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, and ending in Anchorage. She shared this beautiful photograph of a glacier with us. When you see her next, ask her about her adventures!

Harford's Most Beautiful Person Award for 2018



Elke Neuburger, center, the 2018 Harford's Most Beautiful Person is pictured with Amber Shrodes, Director of Community Services, left, and Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive, right)

Each year, the Harford County Department of Community Services' Volunteer Harford Office searches for unsung heroes in our community; someone who selflessly assists those around them and has enriched the lives of Harford County citizens through acts of kindness and concern. In 2018, over 22 volunteers were nominated for this award. This year Elke Neuburger was the best of the best in Harford County for her volunteer service to our community.

Elke has spent a lifetime volunteering in the Harford County community. Her work with the Harford County 4-H Program has spanned over 48 years and has impacted hundreds of youth each year. Through 4-H, Elke has served as a club leader, was a volunteer member and treasurer for the Board of Directors of the Harford County 4-H Camp, and is a Maryland 4-H All Star.

Additionally Elke is a founding member of the Harford County Farm Fair Board of Directors where she has coordinated the 4-H part of the Fair since 1987. Prior to the Farm Fair, Elke was the co-coordinator of the 4-H Fair at the 4-H Camp and served as the treasurer of the 4-H Livestock Auction.

Elke was an active member of PTAs in the Jarrettsville area. Also she volunteers with the Jarrettsville Lions Club and is a leader in her synagogue.

Elke continues to touch the lives of youth and others with her unwavering commitment to the Harford County community and 4-h in particular.



Maryland 4-H All Star 2018 Annual Conference Registration

WHEN: Saturday June 22, 2019

WHERE: Howard County Fairgrounds
2210 Fairgrounds Rd.
West Friendship MD 21794
410-442-1022

SCHEDULE : 8-9:00 am

- Executive committee mtg
- 9-9:30am
- Registration (Dining Hall)
- 9:30-10:15
- Orientation for new All Stars
- District meetings
- 10:15-10:45
- Informal initiation
- (Dining Hall)
- 10:45-11:15
- Formal initiation
- 11:30-12:30
- Lunch
- 12:30 Departure & cleanup

DIRECTIONS:

From Baltimore: Take I-695 to Interstate 70 West Rt 32 exit. Turn left (south) to Rt 144. Turn right (west) to Fairgrounds Rd. Turn right and enter fairgrounds. Registration is in the Dining Hall.

From the West: Take Interstate 70 east to Rt 32 Sykesville exit. Turn right (south) onto Rt 32 and go to Rt 144. Turn right (west) and go to Fairgrounds Rd. Turn right into the fairgrounds. Registration in the Dining Hall.

From the South: Take 97 North to Route 32 West. Turn left (west) onto Rt 144. Go to Fairgrounds Rd and turn right. Registration is in the Dining Hall.

Interested in staying overnight?
 Turf Valley Resort
 2700 Turf Valley Rd., Ellicott City MD 21042
 410-465-1500 www.turfvalley.com
 Hampton Inn Columbia
 8880 Columbia 100 Parkway Columbia MD 21045
 410-997-8555 www.hamptoninncolumbiamd.com

NAME _____ COUNTY _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

I will have the following guests attending:

NAME _____ Current All Star? _____

NAME _____ Current All Star? _____

Early Registration before May 20th \$25 per person. After May 20th \$30 per person.

Mail Registration to:

Debbie Ross 10335 Champions Way Laurel MD 20723

Please mail your registration & fees no later than June 10th.

Maryland 4H All Stars
2019 Semi Annual Conference
April 13, 2019

Talbot County Agriculture and Education Center
Donald "Tinner" Spies Building
10659 Hiners Lane, Easton MD 21601

Schedule

8:30-9:45 am	Registration/Pastries, Juice and Coffee
9:00-10:00 am	Executive Meeting
10:00-12:00 am	First General Meeting
Noon—1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-1:30 pm	Second General Meeting
1:30-2:00 pm	Silent Auction

DIRECTIONS:

Traveling East: Crossing the Bay Bridge - Stay on Rt 50 East. After the 60 mile marker, watch For Hiners Lane. Turn left onto Hiners Lane and the Talbot Ag Center will be on the right.

Traveling West: Travel west on Rt 50. Continue of Rt 50 the 61 mile marker. Turn right onto Hiners Lane. The Talbot Ag Center will be on the right

Maryland 4H All Stars

2019 Semi Annual Conference Registration

Return this portion by March 29th to: Susan Behrens, 11130 Cordova Rd., Cordova MD 21625

Cost per Person: \$25.00 for lunch and Facility.

Make checks payable to Talbot County All Stars.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE/EMAIL _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

Maryland Chapter of 4-H Club All Stars

8020 Greenmead Drive

College Park MD 20740

Return Service Requested

We welcome your news from the 4-H All Star County Chapters. Send information and/or pictures to: dcraumer@comcast.net for publication in the TRAIL.. Also we are still interested in receiving the All Star Histories!

Maryland 4H All Stars on the Web

Please visit our new 4-H All Star webpage.

www.maryland4hallstars.com

Cindy Bell has done a beautiful job putting this together!



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Other All Star news. Have news you'd like to post? Send to: amysnap70@gmail.com