



# Cloverleaf Chronicle December 2025



Happy Holidays! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! We encourage you to submit pictures and articles highlighting your activities, ideas, and outstanding accomplishments! To be included in our next issue, please email all submissions no later than 1/5/26 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



Congratulations to the Maryland 4-H 2025 Livestock Skillathon Team! Harford County 4-Hers Jaime-lyn Widman, April Troyer and Mackenzie Gill all competed in the National Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. The team placed 3rd in Quality Assurance, 8th in Identification and 10th Overall! Great Job!!



# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



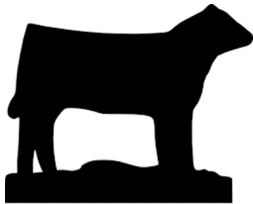
Just in time for the Holidays! Harford County 4-H T-shirts are on sale for \$7 each! Sizes are limited, please contact the 4-H Office for more information! Maryland 4-H oval magnets are also available for \$5!



The FINAL Record Book Workshop will be held on 1/7/26, 7 pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to Marylisa, [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) if you plan to attend. All forms are available on our website, <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/>. Record Books are due on February 2, 2026.



4-H Online is currently closed for enrollment and will reopen on January 14, 2026. Please be sure to re-enroll once you receive your invitation in January to receive important updates and information.



Market and Dairy steer paperwork and payment is due to our office by 1/5/26. If you plan to show beef or dairy steers next year and are not currently enrolled in those specific projects, please call our office to be added to the mailing list! Steer Weigh In and Tagging will be held on January 10, 2026.



**National  
Leadership Trips**

Applications are now being accepted for senior 4-H members to serve as Maryland 4-H Delegates for upcoming Leadership Conferences. Applications will be accepted through 1/21/26. For more information, visit the Maryland 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/>.



Save the Date! Winter Workshop will be held on 2/14/26! Registration will be shared soon!



**Congratulations to our first place photographers!! Please be sure to stop by the 4-H Office and pick up your prize!**

**Eleanor Bedsaul**

**Kimberly Gonzalez-Ramirez**

**Ellie Cochran**

**Bryn Welch**

**Sydney Cattell**

**Lucy Sherrier**

**Lily Wilson**

**Leah Welch**

**Jacob Maccarelli**

**Cole Blevins**



**To view all of the outstanding entries, please visit our YouTube channel, [https://youtu.be/lkSnS9X\\_8KE](https://youtu.be/lkSnS9X_8KE)**

## **Reminders for 2026!**

- **4-H Online will reopen on January 14, 2026 for families to re-enroll. If you do not see your club listed, PLEASE wait to re-enroll and contact our office.**
- **Record Books are required if you plan to participate in the Fair. First year 4-Hers and graduating seniors are not required to complete a record book. All books must be returned to our office by 4:30 pm on 2/2/26.**
- **Being a member in good standing is a requirement to participate in the Harford County Farm Fair. Please be sure you are making every effort to be an active member in your club and attending at least 75% of the meetings.**
- **The deadline to add projects to your profile is May 1, 2026. If at all possible, please add projects ahead of this date so you are sure to receive all project communications.**





**Thank You** to the following clubs for participating in the 2025 Military Mail Program!

Black Horse

Livestock

Paws and Claws

Trailblazers

Cloverettes and Friends

Blue Ribbon

Pioneers





# Winter Workshop Instructor Form



Save the Date!! Winter Workshop is scheduled for February 14, 2026! We are looking for instructors to share their talents with our 4-H youth! **If you are interested in teaching a class or assisting, please return this form to our office no later than 12/30/25!** Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers are also welcome to teach a class if interested!

**Instructor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of your class:**

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**Please forward a list of needed materials for our office to purchase or please return receipts for reimbursement.**

**THANK YOU!!**

# Attention Animal Exhibitors!

This year we will once again be requiring each exhibitor to attend **ONE MANDATORY ANIMAL EXHIBITOR MEETING** in 2026. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions and learn about rule changes for the upcoming Harford County Farm Fair. Superintendents will be present as their calendars permit. Please use this form to **select the date** you wish to attend: <https://forms.gle/xvaJgdu67d1Dpa3f7>



## Livestock 101 Information Session



Are you new to exhibiting livestock? Are you thinking of showing a new species or simply have questions? Join us for an informal discussion all about showing livestock at the Harford County Farm Fair and beyond!

- Learn about important dates, deadlines and required documents
  - Tips on how to obtain a buyer for your animal
- What to keep in your tack box and other helpful information

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7 pm

Extension Office

RSVP to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) by 1/9/26.



Join us to learn about dogs and test your knowledge through visual diagrams, equipment, hands-on activities, and quizzes.

## DOG SKILLATHON PRACTICE

Starts Jan 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm  
at Harford County Extension Office

Practice Dates Wed 1/14, Tues 1/20, Tues 1/27,  
Tues 2/3, Mon 2/9 and Tues 2/17

Topics:

- Breed Identification
- Care and Behavior
- Equipment Identification
- Nutrition and Feeds Identification
- Health and Diseases
- Insects and Parasites
- Anatomy and Physiology

**QUESTIONS? KBTAYLOR@UMD.EDU**

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Harford County office at 410-638-3255 two weeks in advance.

Good Luck to those participating in the Maryland State 4-H Dog Bowl Contest this Sunday! We will be sure to share results when 4-H Online reopens in January!



## It's Paper Clover Time!

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025**

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.







# *4-H Fashion*

## *Revue*

### UPDATES



#### 2026 Fashion Revue – **NEW FOR 2026!!**

1. Allow two (2) Ready to Wear outfits, with one of those two entries being in a new class called “Off the Rack Challenge” – where contestants must complete total outfit look (clothing and accessories) under \$50.
2. Crocheted or knitted wearable items may be included within the appropriate class category (e.g. Shawl as Outerwear).

**Mark your calendars for the Fashion Revue Planning Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7pm at the Extension Office**

We will be planning the theme, decorations, reviewing forms and discussing future Fashion Revue plans!

#### **Off the Rack Challenge**

Participants demonstrate good consumer science by shopping for an entire outfit for a total cost NOT to exceed \$50.00 – excluding tax. “Outfit” includes visible modeling outfit, hosiery, shoes, and all accessories (jewelry, hair, purses/bag, etc.)

Participants will be judged on consumer decision (value vs. cost), appropriate for intended use, understanding of fabric/garment care, as well as usual Fashion Revue specifics (overall fashion look, fit, appearance, modeling).

Purchases must be completed in the past year, receipts required. Handwritten receipts from yard sales are acceptable.



# Harford County 4-H All Stars



## \$\$\$ Learn By Doing Grant \$\$\$

The Harford County 4-H All Stars will again be sponsoring their “Learn By Doing” grant for 4-H’ers to apply for financial support to start or expand a 4-H project. A total of \$300 is available for direct project use. Grant application link will be in January Cloverleaf Chronicle.

## Upcoming All Star Meetings

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Extension Office

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Extension Office

- We are starting the Scouting process for new candidates, potential new member names can be submitted to Janine Ortt at [jcnortt@gmail.com](mailto:jcnortt@gmail.com).
- The Maryland 4-H All Stars have added a self-nomination option! The application will be open from Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025. All submissions will be forwarded to the 4-H office or active local All Star Chapter for review. More information and the application are available here, <https://tinyurl.com/MD4HAllStarsSelfNomForm>

*Thank you again to all the All Stars who provided their time, talents and treasures at the recent Silent Auction to support the Camp’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Some photos to share are at the end of the chronicle.*



# 2026 Harford County 4-H Calendar of Events



*All dates are tentative and subject to change! Please note, most events require registration to attend.*

**Activities are added throughout the year so be sure to check out our monthly newsletter for new additions!**

## **January 2026**

- 5- Leaders ' and Volunteers' Association Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 5- Market Beef and Dairy Steer payment and paperwork due
- 7- Record Book Workshop/Check In 7 pm Extension Office
- 10 – Weigh In & Tagging of Beef Steers/Dairy Steers 10 am-12 pm
- 12- Camp Counselor Kick Off Meeting, 6 pm Extension Office
- 13- Livestock Information Series, Session #1, 7 pm Extension Office
- 14, 20, 27- Dog Skillathon Practice, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 17- Snow Date for Beef and Dairy Steer Weigh In
- 22- Babysitters Series, Session #1, 7 pm, Extension Office
- 24- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (DCO)
- 28- 4-H Marketplace Planning Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office

## **February 2026**

- 2-Record Books are DUE!
- 3, 9, 17- Dog Skillathon Practice, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 4- Public Speaking Workshop 7 pm Extension Office
- 5,12,19,26 – Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 12- Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting (exhibitors required to attend one meeting) 7 pm Extension Office
- 14- Winter Workshop Extension Office Time TBD
- 18- Babysitter's Series Session #1, 7 pm Extension Office
- 25- Fashion Revue Planning Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 27- Meal Appeal Registration Due



### **March 2026**

- 4– Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting, (exhibitors required to attend one meeting) 7 pm Extension Office
- 5, 12 – Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 7– Winter Workshop, Snow Date
- 11– Livestock Information Session #2, 7 pm Extension Office
- 14– Meal Appeal, 9 am DCO
- 18– Babysitter’s Series #2, 7 pm, Extension Office
- 21– Officers Training, 10 am-12 pm, Extension Office
- 23– Marketplace Planning Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office
- 29– Public Speaking Contest, 1 pm, Extension Office

### **April 2026**

- 15- Babysitter’s Series #3, 7 pm, Extension Office
- 24– Achievement Night, DCO, 7 pm
- 27– Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting (exhibitors required to attend one meeting) 7 pm Extension Office

### **May 2026**

- 1– Livestock Registration, ID Cards, Lease Paperwork DUE! Last Day to Enroll and/or Add Projects!**
- 5-6 Weigh In Time TBD
- 12- Prepare for the Fair 7 pm Extension Office
- 20- Babysitter’s Series Presentations 7 pm Extension Office

### **June 2026**

- 1- Leaders’ and Volunteers’ Association Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office
- 3– Marketplace Planning Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office
- Livestock Fitting Workshops TBD
- 20- Marketplace Vendor Forms Due
- 20– Online Fair Entries Due
- 29-July 3- 4-H Camp, Harford County 4-H Camp (registration fee required)

### **July 2026**

18-26 Harford County Farm Fair, livestock to enter fairgrounds on 7/17

### **August 2026**

27-30 State Fair

### **September 2026**

3-7 State Fair

10-13- State Fair Indoor Release

TBD - Kickball Tournament at Camp 2-5 pm, registration required

24– Portfolio Workshop, 7 pm Extension Office

28- 4-H Marketplace Debrief Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office

### **October 2026**

5– 4-H Town Hall/Leaders’ Association Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office

7- Veterinary Science Series, Session #1 7 pm Extension Office

14 Record Book Workshop 7 pm, Extension Office

### **November 2026**

4- Veterinary Science Series Session #2 7 pm Extension Office

5– Record Book Workshop, 7 pm Extension Office

7– Demonstration Day, 1 pm Extension Office

TBD Volunteer and Teen Forum

### **December 2026**

2- Veterinary Science Series #3, 7 pm Extension Office

3– Easy Gifts Workshop, 7 pm Extension Office

7—Leaders and Volunteers Association Meeting 7 pm Extension Office

11– Camp Counselor Applications Due



# Club Notes



Black Horse has been busy the last month. Some members got together and did a road clean up for our adopt a road, and several members helped at home making decorations for the Deck the Stalls event and everybody came together to decorate our stall. We were able to use our decorations for the upcoming holiday parades we look forward to every year! Merry Christmas from Black Horse! ~submitted by Savannah Hutchins, Reporter







# Club Notes



The Churchville Champions sold wreaths, bird feeders, soaps, and other homemade items at the Bel Air Holiday Market.

Charlotte Rothwell participated in the 4-H Veterinary Science Series. The three class series introduced 4-Hers to terminology, disease transmission, first aid techniques, and animal dissections.

*~Submitted by Charlotte Rothwell, Churchville Champions*



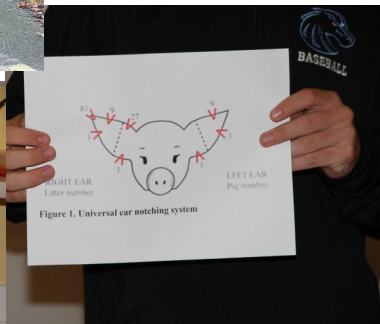
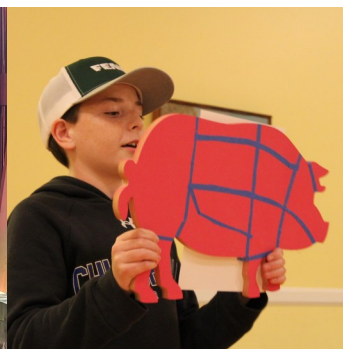




# Club Notes



The Cloverettes and Friends Club have been busy this fall, hiking, demonstrations, & community service! In October, Austin Scarborough gave a demonstration on "Identifying Pigs" and then gave members the opportunity to apply what they learned through an activity sheet with images of pigs' ears with different notches. Levi Scarborough gave a demonstration on "The Different Cuts of Meat of a Pig" and quizzed members afterwards. Carmen Scarborough gave a demonstration on "How to Show a Pig" and a second demonstration, "Obedience Class with her Dog, Alex". Luke Maccarelli gave a demonstration on "Dog Tricks for Amateurs". The club also went hiking at Jerusalem Mills, filled 5 boxes for the Good Samaritan Operation Christmas Project & tied blankets! In November, Riley Stewart gave a demonstration on "Mandala Dotting" with all members designing their own ornament using the techniques and tools provided by Riley. Levi Scarborough did a demonstration on "How to Draw a Sphere" with all members following Levi's directions to create a sphere. ~ Photography by Riley Stewart & Mary Maccarelli







# Club Notes



In November, the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club enjoyed pizza at Pizza Hut then participated in a grocery store challenge at Redner's. Food they purchased was donated to the Teen Council's food drive, Mason Dixon Community Services, and their Holiday Adopted Family. ~submitted by Jane Burgess, Club Leader





# Club Notes

On Saturday, September 27, 2025 the Harford Stockyards Archery team participated in the 2025 Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports State Archery Match at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, MD. It brought together talented young archers from across the state to showcase their skills and sportsmanship. It was an inspiring day filled with friendly competition, encouragement and pride in Maryland's youth marksmen. Harford Stockyards archery team placed as follows:

## **Compound Overall Junior Division**

Beau Buchannon placed 5<sup>th</sup>  
Rory Nelson placed 6<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas Smith placed 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Compound Overall Intermediate Division**

Wyatt Nelson placed 8<sup>th</sup>  
Coraline Patterson placed 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ken Wood placed 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Recurve Overall Senior Division**

Khan Seren placed 1<sup>st</sup>

**Congratulations to all!** ~submitted by Taylor Edwards







# Club Notes



The Rabbit Breeders club made ornaments for their tree at the Deck the Stalls event and learned about the National ARBA convention in Indianapolis that a couple members attended. Also thank you Rick and Jackie Cessana for helping these 4-hers with their projects and donating rabbits to the group. ~Submitted by Sonya Gallion







# Club Notes



For their November Meeting, the Trailblazers club packed bags with essential supplies for the homeless in Baltimore. They also made Christmas cards for our soldiers through the military mail program and had two presentations: one on the creation of a shirt, and the other on the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention. Everyone had a great time and we succeeded in making lots of homeless bags and Christmas cards. ~submitted by Laura Grace Muir







The collage consists of 12 individual photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion, showing various students participating in a 4-H presentation. Each photo features a student or students standing behind a table, with a white banner in the background that reads 'Harford County' and displays the 4-H logo. The presentations cover different topics related to animal husbandry and farm management.

- Top Left:** A student in a green shirt stands behind a table, with another student in a blue shirt standing nearby. A screen in the background displays 'HEALTH MAINTENANCE' with a list of bullet points.
- Top Middle:** A student in a red and white polka-dot shirt stands behind a table, holding a yellow card. A screen in the background displays 'HEALTH MAINTENANCE' with a list of bullet points.
- Top Right:** A student in a blue hoodie stands behind a table, with a rooster visible in the background. A screen in the background displays 'What do I do before the show?' with a list of bullet points.
- Middle Left:** A student in a blue shirt stands behind a table, with a rooster visible in the background. A screen in the background displays 'Feeding Your Market Lamb' with a list of bullet points.
- Middle Middle:** A student in a grey shirt stands behind a table, holding a red card. A screen in the background displays 'GOAT ESSENTIALS' with a list of bullet points.
- Middle Right:** Two students, one in a white shirt and one in a black and white shirt, stand behind a table, holding papers. A screen in the background displays a photo of a goat.
- Bottom Left:** A student in a brown shirt stands behind a table, with a rooster visible in the background. A screen in the background displays 'Feeding Your Market Lamb' with a list of bullet points.
- Bottom Middle:** A student in a grey shirt stands behind a table, with a rooster visible in the background. A screen in the background displays a photo of a goat.
- Bottom Right:** A student in a yellow shirt stands behind a table, with a rooster visible in the background. A screen in the background displays a photo of a goat.



# *Picture Pages*

In November, the 4-H Teen Council practiced making crafts for our Easy Gifts Workshop (see next page!), made a wreath for Deck the Stalls and sorted the donations for the Community Service Challenge.







# Picture Pages



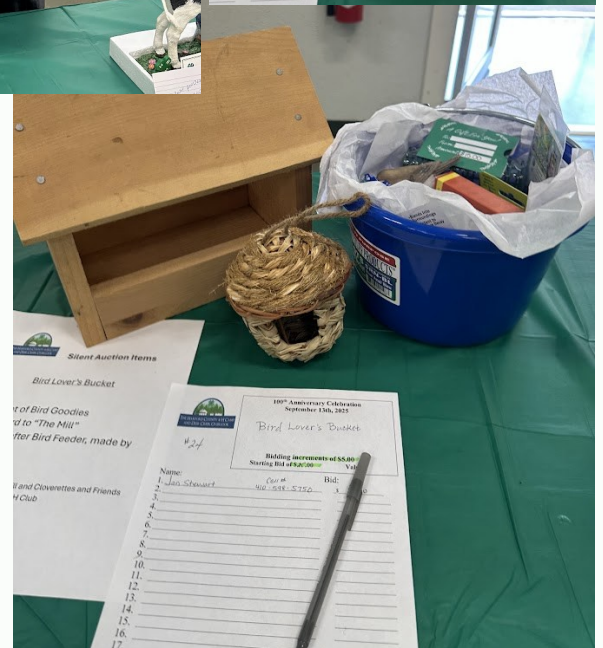
Special thanks to our Teen Council members Sophia Holloway, Brogan Thompson, Reese McNutt, Emily Troyer, Lia Gervasi, Jaime Lyn Widman and Laura Grace Muir for leading the crafts and activities for our Easy Gifts Workshop!





# Picture Pages

4-H All Stars Silent Auction items shared to benefit the 4-H Camp's 100th Anniversary. ~pictures submitted by Janine Ortt







# Picture Pages



The Veterinary Science series closed with an informative discussion with Dr. Jennifer Trout followed by a dissection to learn the systems of the body.



# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  Vet Science Series #3 7 pm EO	<b>2</b>  Submissions for the Cloverleaf Chronicle	<b>3</b>  Easy Gifts Workshop 6:30 pm EO	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  Dog Bowl Contest	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Camp Counselor Applications Due!	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  Hanukkah Begins	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Hanukkah Ends	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Christmas Eve	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Winter Workshop Instructor Forms DUE!	<b>31</b> 			



# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Steer Tagging Paperwork and Payment DUE!! Leaders Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  FINAL Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Steer Weigh In and Tagging 10 am- 12 pm
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Livestock 101 7 pm EO  All Stars 7 pm EO	<b>14</b>  4-H Online Opens for Enrollment	<b>15</b>  4-H Teen Council Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Snow Date for Steer Weigh In and Tagging
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Office Closed	<b>20</b>  Dog Skillathon Practice Begins 6:30 pm EO	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Volunteer Appreciation Brunch DCO
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  4-H Marketplace Vendor Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Winter Workshop Registration DUE!	<b>31</b>



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(410-638-3255) two weeks prior to the event.**

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