



Cloverleaf Chronicle



November 2025



Happy November! 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 **12/2/25** to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.



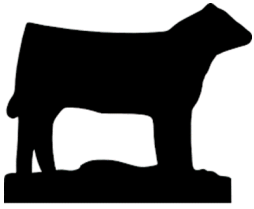
Congratulations to Laura Grace Muir and Naomi Dove!

Great job representing Maryland at the National Junior Horticulture Contest!

See more pictures on page 20!



UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



Beef and Dairy Steer registration paperwork will be mailed this week to all 4-Hers currently enrolled in the project. If you are showing a steer for the first time, please email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu to receive the paperwork. Please note, all steers must weigh a minimum of 1150 pounds to be eligible to sell. All forms and payment is due to our office by 1/5/26. Steer Weigh in and Tagging is MANDATORY and will be held on 1/10/26 from 10 am-12 pm, inclement weather date will be 1/17.



It is not too early to plan your dish for **Meal Appeal!** The contest will be held on March 14th at DCO. Once your club registers to participate, we will share the mystery list! Contact Karen for the registration form: kbtaylor@umd.edu.



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!



4-H Online will close for maintenance on Monday, November 24, 2025 and is scheduled to reopen on January 14, 2026. Families and volunteers will receive an email once the system is open and accepting enrollments for 2026.



The final Record Book Workshop will be held on January 7, 2026, 7 pm at the Extension Office. Bring your book and I will gladly review it prior to the due date! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu by 1/5/26. Record Books are due to our office by 2/3/26! All forms are available on our website, <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/>





Easy Gifts Workshop

The Harford County Teen Council will be hosting our annual Easy Gifts Workshop! Join us to make four gifts to give away or keep! Gift wrap, trims, cookies and cocoa will be provided. This activity is open to youth ages 8-13. You do not need to be in 4-H to participate so bring a friend!

When: December 3, 2025, 6:30-8:30 pm

Harford County Extension Office

RSVP using this link:

<https://forms.gle/3mTW4A2ZDqPYWvJz8>

Please note, the fee to participate will be \$15 per child to cover the cost of materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu.

The 4-H Livestock Club will once again sponsor the postage for **Military Mail**! If your club would like to participate, please drop all cards off to the 4-H Office by 12/1. No glitter/metallic decorations or envelopes. Please add a line of encouragement or thanks in each card, first name only and no identifying information, please.





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:

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

THANK YOU!!



4-H Teen Council Community Service Challenge

The Harford County 4-H Teen Council challenges your club to help fill the shelves at the Harford Family House and Welcome One Shelter! World Homelessness Day (10/10) falls during National 4-H Week and we couldn't think of a better way to use our hands for larger service! The items below are the most sought after for the shelter residents. We challenge you to participate, collect as many items as you can and return them to our office on or before 12/5. All participating clubs, no matter how many items are collected, will be added to a drawing for a club treat!

Black Horse and Trailblazers: Non-Perishable Dinner Items for the Food Pantry- spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, baked beans, stuffing mix, canned meat, etc.

Blue Ribbon and Paws and Claws: Non-Perishable Breakfast and Lunch Items- pop tarts, cereal, applesauce or fruit cups, granola bars, etc.

Cloverettes & Friends and Clover Community: Meal Service Items- 10" paper plates, paper bowls, plastic cups, plastic cutlery

Dog Club and Hand Me Down Clovers: Chapstick, handwarmers, deodorant, body wash, body lotion

Harford Stockyards, Harford Robotics and Pioneers: Paper towels, napkins, Ziploc bags, toilet paper

Churchville Champions, Harford Youth Shooters, Horse Power: Hats, gloves and socks

Livestock, Udder Chaos and Rabbit Breeders: Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap

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The Harford County Farm Fair is preparing for their annual “Deck the Stalls” event scheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 12-8 pm.

Local craft vendors, food trucks, live animals, tractor hayrides, a special visitor and more will be onsite for this one day event!

4-H Clubs are encouraged to donate decorated trees, wreaths, and/or gingerbread houses for the Silent Auction. All proceeds will benefit the Harford County Farm Fair!

For more information, visit their website, farmfair.org or fill out this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel8likgiFn0qJDIBGCHIDM3CZa6tBIVy0MwA1DI-MoalbQaiw/viewform>



FALL

4-H Cloverbud Activities

Sept 12th - Making Healthy Food Choices & a Snack

Oct 17th - Fall Leaf Fun



**Nov 13th - A Long Winter's Nap -
Learn about Hibernation**



6:30 - 7:30pm

Ages: 5-7 yrs, 4-H Clovers & Bring a friend!

Location: Harford County Extension Office



Register for one or more activity

<https://bit.ly/3SKGRTx>

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



To register, use this link: <https://bit.ly/3SKGRTx>



Culinary Classes



Prepare a healthy snack and practice culinary skills, such as proper knife skills, measuring, and using a cutting board. Also, identify and use basic equipment used in food preparation.

4-H members
ages 8 - 14 years



<http://bit.ly/3TskDGk>

★ September 23rd
★ October 22nd
★ November 19th

**HARFORD COUNTY AG
CENTER**

6:30 PM

**COST: \$3.00 PER PERSON, PER CLASS,
PAY AT THE DOOR**

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UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION



**Beyond
Ready**



Starts Oct 21st at 6:30pm at
Harford County Extension Office

DOG BOWL STUDY

*Join us to learn about dogs! No Dog, No Problem!
No previous knowledge is needed, just a good
attitude and a desire to learn!*

Week 1	Oct 21 st	Characteristics of a Dog & Breeds
Week 2	Oct 28 th	Anatomy, Physiology & Reproduction
Week 3	Nov 4 th	Nutrition
Week 4	Nov 11 th	Health & Diseases
Week 5	Nov 18 th	Obedience & Rally
Week 6	Nov 25 th	Conformation and Grooming
Week 7	Dec 2 nd	Trivia
	Dec 7 th	Dog Bowl Contest at UMD 12 pm

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KAREN KBTAYLOR@UMD.EDU

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*If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Harford County 4-H
Office at 410-638-3255, two weeks prior to event date.*



Want to be a Summer Camp Counselor?



JOINING OUR TEAM AS A
YOUTH COUNSELOR FOR
HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP
IS A GREAT WAY TO GAIN
LEADERSHIP SKILLS, GAIN
COMMUNITY SERVICE, MAKE
NEW FRIENDS AND MENTOR
YOUTH AS YOU HELP
CAMPERS MAKE MEMORIES
THEY WILL REMEMBER
FOREVER!

HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP

CAMP DATES

June 29 - July 3, 2026

**Counselor Training starts
January 2026**

Age requirement:
Counselor in Training (CIT) and
Counselors 14-18 yrs

Questions? 410-638-3255

Applications Due
12/12/2025

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/>

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Seeking 4-H Camp Volunteers



Resolve to making a lasting impact in our community by volunteering at the Harford County 4-H Camp!

Our 2026 camp will be held June 29 - July 3, 2026, and we need dedicated adult volunteers to help make this camp a success.

Adult volunteers are crucial to providing a safe, memorable experience for our campers. We can only accommodate youth campers based on the number of adult volunteers onsite during the daytime and overnight! Join us for a summer of fun, growth, and community impact.

Requirements

- Must be 21+ yrs old
- Complete 4-H Online enrollment & CJIS background check
- Attend Camp Volunteer Training



For more information contact Karen Taylor
410-638-3255 or kbtaylor@umd.edu

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State 4-H Opportunities



Applications for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program will be accepted in 4-H Online now through November 16, 2025. Senior age 4-H members may apply. The guidelines for the 2025 Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program, a submission help sheet, and the essay scoresheet can be found on the Maryland 4-H website at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> under the Animal Science Resources / Animal Science Project Records heading. **If you plan to enter, PLEASE contact our office for the MD State 4-H Summary Record.**



APPLICATION **National 4-H Conference**

Applications are now being accepted for senior 4-Hers to serve as Maryland 4-H Delegates to the 2026 National 4-H Conference which will be held on April 10-15, 2026 in Arlington, VA. To be considered, please submit your 4-H portfolio through 4-H Online by 11/15. The Essay topic for this delegation is *“When faced with the potential of limited funding, how would you advocate to your community the value of funding the 4-H and Youth Development program?”*

State 4-H Opportunities



APPLICATION

Maryland 4-H State Council

The Maryland 4-H State Council is now accepting 2026 General Membership applications.

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier teen leadership opportunity in the Maryland 4-H program. It is comprised of active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high-level leadership skills and representing their local 4-H program. State Council members have opportunities to learn from each other, volunteers, and faculty/staff outside of their club and the local 4-H Program.

The State Council is led by a youth officer team and faculty/staff advisors. State Council members serve for the full 4-H (calendar) year.

You can learn more about the 4-H State Council on the Maryland 4-H website.

Eligibility

4-H members who will be ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2026, may apply to serve on the Maryland 4-H State Council.

How to Apply

4-H members who are interested in serving on the 4-H State Council are strongly encouraged to contact their local 4-H office before applying. Your 4-H county/city program may have additional requirements for applicants, and they may be able to help you with your application.

Applications for the Maryland 4-H State Council are accepted through 4-H Online. To apply, log in to 4-H Online family profile and click on the Events tab. You will see the 4-H State Council Application portal on the Events page. You may also click on this link: <https://2026SCApplication.4honline.com> for direct access to the application portal.

4-H members who apply to serve on the 4-H State Council must submit a cover letter, 4-H resume, and photo. You will upload these items to your application in 4-H Online, in addition to answering a few questions.

All applications must be submitted in 4-H Online by 11:59 pm on November 15, 2025. Your 4-H Educator must review and approve your application before forwarding it to the State 4-H Office for consideration. Contact your local 4-H office or visit the Maryland 4-H website for more information about the 4-H State Council application process.

State 4-H Opportunities

4-H Virtual Global Food Champion Club: Tackling Today's Largest Issues in Food Security

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the needs of this world and wondered what you can do to learn more and help be a part of the solution?

Then we invite you to join our **4-H Global Food Champions Club** to explore issues related to global food security (gender, nutrition, agriculture, etc), learn practical steps you can take to help, and get involved with a community of others who care. This virtual club is for 4-H youth in Maryland grades 9-12. We'll meet via Zoom on **Nov 17, Dec 1, and Dec 15 from 6:30–7:30 PM**, with an **optional in-person retreat on Dec 22**.

This club is not only a chance to connect with other teens passionate about solving real-world problems, but it is also a chance to strengthen your resume, earn cash prizes, gain access to exclusive internships around the world, and even compete for a trip to the [Global Youth Institute in Iowa](#). As this club wraps up, 4-H Educators will even help you write a "global challenge paper" - a paper that focuses in on one of the issues that matters most to you and outlines some of your ideas/solutions to solving that issue around the world. Once complete, the paper will serve as your **FREE** entry ticket to the Maryland Youth Institute on **April 25th, 2025**.

The [Maryland Youth Institute](#), held every spring at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's main campus, is an all-day **FREE** event where teens present their global challenge research papers, meet with food security experts, and participate in a hunger-related service project together. Outstanding participants may earn cash prizes, recognition as Borlaug Scholars, and opportunities to attend the Global Youth Institute.

During both the virtual club meetings and the in-person institute event, you'll gain skills in research, presentation, and critical thinking, while learning how to make a real impact on food security. We hope you will join us! **Register to join the club here:** [Sign Up for the Virtual 4-H Club](#). If you have any questions, please contact Frederick County 4-H Educator Ms. Anna Glenn (amglenn@umd.edu).



Register today to become a

Global Food Champion

Grades 9-12 Mondays 6:30 pm
Virtual Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15
& Bonus Dec 22- In-Person Writing Retreat

- Learn how to **get involved** in global food issues
- Strengthen your **resume**
- Meet others who are passionate about helping
- Hone your **research skills**
- Chance to **earn a trip** to Global Youth Institute
- Opportunity to **earn cash prize and scholarships**

Don't Miss It!

REGISTER NOW for the virtual workshops
so that you have a better shot of participating in the

Maryland Youth Institute
May 1, 2026 10am-3pm
UMES Campus, Princess Anne, MD
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

QR code for registration

WORLD FOOD PRIZE FOUNDATION

State 4-H Opportunities



2025 VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

VIRTUAL
LEARNING FOR
VOLUNTEERS

REGISTER NOW

tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025

READY, SET GOAL! JUMPSTART
YOUR 4-H YEAR!

Wednesday, November 19th from 6:30-8:00 PM



Volunteer with 4-H

This session is designed to be interactive, energizing and practical - giving 4-H volunteers tools and ideas to help youth set meaningful goals and help guide their efforts effectively for the year.

Hosted By The North East Region Volunteerism Team

It's Paper Clover Time!



Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

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





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Club Notes
















The Hand Me Down Clovers met in October and collected food items for a family in need. Photographer Nicole Schantz taught members tips and tricks of photography and members participated in a fun scavenger hunt! ~Submitted by Ashlynn Tognocchi, pictures submitted by Club Leader Heather Tognocchi



4-H FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

CHECK THE BOX WHEN YOU COMPLETE A TASK!

<input type="checkbox"/> A park Bench 	<input type="checkbox"/> A cup 
<input type="checkbox"/> Moss 	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses 
<input type="checkbox"/> Selfie 	<input type="checkbox"/> Up close face profile 
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/Rocks 	<input type="checkbox"/> Falling Leaves 
<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn 	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Reflection 
<input type="checkbox"/> Close up Flower/Bush 	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal 
<input type="checkbox"/> Use your imagination, something close with Bokeh behind.	<input type="checkbox"/> Road Sign with Building behind 

Hand Me down Clovers

How many items were you able to complete?



Club Notes

In October, the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club members had fun painting pumpkins. Christopher Ortt instructed members on assembling birthday bags which were donated to Mason Dixon Community Services. ~submitted by Jane Burgess, Club Leader





Club Notes



Congratulations to our newly elected club officers:

President: Wyatt Auer

Vice- President: Luke Pace

Treasurer: Savannah Auer

Secretary: Tanner Berg

Historian: Savannah Miller

~Submitted by Charlotte Rothwell, Churchville Champions



Club Notes

The members of the Rabbit Club dressed their bunnies for Halloween! ~submitted by Sonya Gallion



Picture Pages

Pictures from the National Junior Horticulture Contest. ~submitted by Laura Grace Muir



Picture Pages



Pictured Above: Clover Fall Leaf Fun shared by Sonya Gallion.



Left: Thank you to Ashley Kirk for helping with the Harford County Farm Fair 4-H Trunk or Treat!

Below: Special thanks to Dr. Andrew Holloway, Dr. Kim Holloway and their daughter Senior 4-Her, Sophia Holloway for sharing their knowledge at the Vet Science Series in October!



November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Fashion Revue Workshop 9- 11:30 am E0
2	3	4  Photography Contest Entry Deadline	5	6  Teen Leader- ship Council Meeting 7 pm	7	8  Demonstration Day Registration Required
9	10	11  Office Closed	12	13  Clover Workshop 6:30 pm E0	14	15 <div>Volunteer and Teen Forum</div>
16 <div>Ocean City, MD</div>	17	18	19  Cooking Class 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24  4-H Online Closed for Maintenance	25	26	27  Office Closed	28	29
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December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Vet Science Series #3 7 pm E0	2  Submissions for the Cloverleaf Chronicle	3  Easy Gifts Workshop 6:30 pm E0	4	5	6
7  Dog Bowl Contest	8	9	10	11	12  Camp Counselor Applications Due!	13
14  Hanukkah Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22  Hanukkah Ends	23	24  Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27
28	29	30  Winter Workshop Instructor Forms DUE!	31 			

January 2026

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



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To Make the Best
BETTER