



Cloverleaf Chronicle



September 2025



Happy September! 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 10/5/25 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



The Harford County 4-H Horticulture contestants had an outstanding day with four of our Senior 4-H'ers securing a spot on the state team! All four girls will go on to compete at the national contest which will be held in Towson, MD. Everyone did a fantastic job earning top scores in all age divisions! Great job!! *Submitted by Joyce Browning, picture submitted by Jennifer Leeds*

At the Maryland State Fair, Emily Troyer, Bella Smithson, Colt Harward and Ella Deford competed in the state Livestock Judging competition. They all did great and brought home 1st place swine judging team, 2nd place cattle judging team, 2nd place reasons team, and 3rd place overall senior team. Individually they all did great as well, all placing in the top 20, Emily 6th, Ella 9th, Bella 14th and Colt 17th. Additionally Bella Smithson will go on and compete for the state B team in October at Keystone International Livestock Expo. Great Job guys! *Submitted by Coach Jodi Troyer*





UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



We're hiring! The **Harford County Nutrient Management Advisor** position is now accepting applications. Apply online by 9/26 using this link: <https://go.umd.edu/JR102354>.



Attention Livestock Sale Exhibitors! Please remember to send your buyer thank you letters ASAP! Please snap a picture and send it to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu no later than 9/30. If you are unsure of your buyer's address, please reach out to Marylisa.



Attention Club Leaders! Annual Financial Summary and Property Inventory Club Paperwork is **due to our office by 9/15!** 990N filings are also due, please be sure to print the filing AFTER it is accepted!



Mark your calendar to join us for **Demonstration Day** scheduled for 11/8 from 12-4 pm at the Extension Office. Please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAC29ABFBC61-58547987-demonstration>



Attention 2025 4-H Marketplace Vendors! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a **debrief meeting** on 9/29 at 7 pm. Bring your great ideas and suggestions for improvement! If you did not participate this year but would like to learn more, feel free to join us!



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.





100TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

LIVE MUSIC

SEPT 13TH
2025

**GATES OPEN
AT 11AM**

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
BEER GARDEN
PETTING ZOO
BOUNCE HOUSE
CRAFT VENDORS

\$25



THE HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP
AND DEER CREEK OVERLOOK

Tickets & Sponsorships Available
www.DeerCreekOverlook.com/100years



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>



4-H Record Book & Portfolio Workshop



Join us for a Record Book and Portfolio Workshop for new members or 4-H'ers seeking a refresher!

Record Books will be required to participate in the 2026 Fair.

We will be covering step by step instructions on how to complete a Record Book and reviewing the Portfolio process!

We hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, September 24th at 7 pm

Where: The Harford County Extension Office

Please specify record book or portfolio when you RSVP to Marylisa at mschaede@umd.edu or call the office, 410-638-3255.

Hope to see you there!!

Dairy Workshop

Open to ~~ALL~~ ages

Note: any ~~Clover~~ or participant ~~under 12~~ must be accompanied by an adult
Parents this is a great opportunity for you!

When:

Saturday September 27, 2025
12-3pm

Where:

4231 Federal Hill Rd
Street, MD 21154

Topics to Include:

-  How to get involved
-  Intro to animal responsibility
-  Showing/fairs
-  Dairy opportunities

*Come learn how to get involved
in the dairy cattle community*



Sign up:

[4h Dairy Workshop: Dairy Workshop](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFA729A5F8C70-57727193-dairy)

Everyone is invited to join! To
register use this link: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0F48AFA729A5F8C70-
57727193-dairy](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AFA729A5F8C70-57727193-dairy)



4-H Town Hall and Leaders Association Meeting



**Bring your great ideas and join us on Monday,
October 6th, 7 pm at the Extension Office.**

All are welcome to attend!

**If you are unable to attend, but would like to
provide ideas and/or feedback, please
complete the following survey: [https://
forms.gle/CWQAU9V8Ji7m7dKo6](https://forms.gle/CWQAU9V8Ji7m7dKo6)**

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Marylisa,
mschaede@umd.edu.**



National 4-H Week October 5-11

Sunday, October 5, 2025

- ***Share your favorite 4-H picture/memory on Social Media!***

Monday, October 6, 2025

- ***Participate in the 4-H Office Window Decorating Contest to spread the word about 4-H!***

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

- ***Thank your Club Leader or a Volunteer who helped you with your 4-H career!***

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

- ***4-H Alumni Shout Out! Post your favorite throwback!***

Thursday, October 9, 2025

- ***Invite a Friend to a Club meeting or encourage someone to become a 4-H Volunteer!***

Friday, October 10, 2025

- ***Wear Your 4-H T Shirt!***

Saturday, October 11, 2025

- ***Community Service Day! Encourage your 4-Hers pledge their hands to greater service by giving back to their community today!***

4-H Week Window Decorating Contest



Help us spread the word about 4-H by decorating the windows in the Solarium at the Ag Center!

Contest Rules: Clubs will be assigned a portion of the large windows found in the Solarium to decorate using the 2025 theme “Beyond Ready.” Clubs may use pictures, paper cut outs, and any other decorations that can be adhered to the window using tape. No glue, spray adhesives, or window paint will be permitted. All items must be removable leaving no marks or damage to the glass.

Interested clubs can sign up using this form, or by emailing or calling the 4-H office before 9/30. Windows should be decorated on or before 10/6 and decorations must be removed no later than 10/30. Clubs are welcome to decorate at 6 pm on 10/6 before the 4-H Town Hall. Windows will be judged based on creativity and use of the theme. Judging will take place on 10/8 and the top two scoring clubs will receive an icebreaker game ball, cookies and hot cocoa for an upcoming club meeting! Good luck!!

Club Name: _____

Leader's Name: _____

Will you be decorating your window on 10/6? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I will need to arrange for another time.



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**

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this activity, please contact our office at 410-638-3255, two weeks before activity.

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

Virtual Photography Contest



Get your cameras ready! We invite all of our 4-H youth to participate in our Virtual 4-H Fall Photography Contest! A prize will be awarded to the first place entry for each age group (Clover, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and category (listed below). Pictures must be uploaded and received by 11/4/25 for judging.

One entry per category, per 4-Her, please!

Categories: Nature, Animals, & People

All entries will be featured on our social media and in the December newsletter.

Please send your pictures along with your name, age and category with a brief description to Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu.

LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES



Livestock Judging Interest Meeting

A couple weeks ago at the Maryland state fair, four Harford county senior 4-H'ers tried their hand at livestock judging, and they loved it! It has been a while since Harford county has had a judging team and we are going to try and bring it back. So, we will be offering a Livestock Judging Interest Meeting for the whole county. If anyone has any interest, or just wants to see what's involved, please come out and join us. We will be meeting at the Harford county Extension Office on October 24 at 7pm. Please call Jodi Troyer at 410-459-2048 with any questions.



It's **Livestock and Dairy Skillathon** practice time! We will be having our first meeting soon, please check out our facebook page for details and more information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4902473169821691/>

Please call Jodi Troyer (410-459-2048) or Tracy Brooks (410-937-0575) with any questions.

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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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Harford County 4-H All Stars



- We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 4-H Camp's 100th Anniversary. All Stars will be running the Silent Auction tables - come bid on a piece of history, camp and fair memories.
- Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 22, 7pm at the Extension Office. We are starting the Scouting process for new candidates and should have the format from State 4-H All Stars for a self-nomination tool. Potential new member names can be submitted to Janine Ortt at jcnortt@gmail.com.
- The 'Learn By Doing' Grant will open after the first of the year. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to apply for financial assistance for a new project or to expand an existing one. More details as we get closer to the New Year.

4-H Fashion Revue

SHOPPING IN STYLE CLINIC



A Fashion Revue Clinic will be held Saturday, November 1st, 9-11:30am at the Extension Office.

No sewing experience needed, as we are looking to increase this event to non-sewers with more emphasis on your shopping and budget skills.

This event is geared Clovers to Seniors and will have 3 mini workshops:

- * Grooming (hair, skin and nail care)
- * Modeling (poise, answering judges questions)
- * Shopping & Consumerism (know your wardrobe, find your clothing style, being a smart shopper)

Please RSVP by 10/29/25 to Janine Ortt, jcnortt@gmail.com



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



We are excited to announce the registration for the 2025 Volunteer and Teen Forum has opened. This year, the Volunteer and Teen Forum will be held from Friday, November 14, through Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Holiday Inn on 65th St. in Ocean City, MD. Log on to [4-H Online](#) to register!

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has opened the Recycling Sculpture Competition to Senior 4-H Members this year. For more detailed information, visit <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/Pages/recycled-sculpture.aspx>. The confirmation date is October 6, 2025, and the entry form date is November 3, 2025.

Please share the attached flyer and information with your senior members. If they have any questions, the local contact is Kimberly Madigan, who can be reached at 301-334-7492.



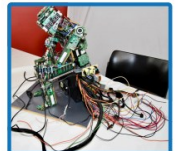
RETHINK RECYCLING SCULPTURE CONTEST

11/21/25

Baltimore, MD

Open to all Maryland High
School Students and Senior
4-H'ers

For more information please contact:
christy.bujnovszky@maryland.gov



Registration for [International Observe the Moon Night](#) 2025 is now open! You can participate from wherever you are: [Attend](#) or [host](#) a virtual or in-person event in your community, or [observe](#) with your family, friends, neighbors, or on your own. NASA invites you and your networks to register to add your event (or yourself!) to NASA's global map of lunar observers.



Club Notes



In July, the club weeded the flowerbeds in front of the Indoor 4H building and put down fresh mulch to make it look pretty for the Farm Fair. ~submitted by Club Leader, Kristin Grabowski





Club Notes



Blackhorse members have been busy at the Maryland State Fair, from showing cows, pigs, goats, and lambs, competing in Dairy and Livestock judging, to dipping Ice cream at the Dairy Bar, it has been a successful end of the summer! ~Submitted by Club Reporter Savannah Hutchins





Club Notes




Black Horse, continued.



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2	3	4 <div>Maryland State Fair</div>	5	6
7 <div>Maryland State Fair</div>	8	9	10	11  Fall Photography Contest Begins!	12  6:30 pm Clover Cooking Class EO	13  4-H Camp 100th Anniversary!
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  Kickball Tournament 2 pm DCO	22	23  4-H Cooking Class 6 pm	24  Record Book & Portfolio Workshop 7 pm	25	26	27
28	29  Marketplace Follow Up Meeting 7 pm	30  Vet Science Series #1 7 pm EO				

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
National 4-H Week						
	4-H Town Hall and Leaders Association Meeting 7 pm EO	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION		Beyond Ready		
12	13	14	15	16	17  Clover Fall Leaf Fun 6:30 pm EO	18
19	20	21  Dog Bowl Practice 6:30 pm EO	22  4-H Cooking Class 6:30 pm All Stars Meeting 7 pm EO	23 	24  Livestock Judging Interest Meeting 7 pm EO	25
26	27  Diamond Clover Workshop 7 pm EO	28  Dog Bowl Practice 6:30 pm EO	29	30  Vet Science Series #2 7 pm EO	31	



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