

CLOVERLEAF CHRONICLE

February 2026

Happy February! 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 3/5/26 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.



A Rainy Day to Weigh!

Thank you to all of our Volunteers, Superintendents, families and 4-Hers for braving the rainy day to tag and weigh steers!



Upcoming Activities at a Glance

Horse Bowl Practice begins
2/5 [RSVP here](#)

Mandatory Animal Exhibitor
Meeting 2/12 [RSVP here](#)

Babysitter's Series begins 2/18
[RSVP here](#)

Fashion Revue Planning
Meeting 2/25

Horse Interest Meeting 2/25

Individual and Team Meal
Appeal Registration due 2/27



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Important Reminders



4-H Online is OPEN for enrollment, <https://v2.4honline.com>. 4-Hers must be enrolled by 5/1, but we strongly encourage families to enroll ASAP so they do not miss any communications from our office. Returning 4-H Volunteers must be enrolled by 3/1. If you have any questions, please contact our office.



Looking for a community service project to beat the winter blues? We will be collecting hand drawn pictures and notes of encouragement to share with local Assisted Living and Rehabilitation centers to bring cheer to their senior residents through 2/27! Please do not include any identifying information.



Just a reminder. Individual and Team Meal Appeal registration must be returned by 2/27 if you plan to participate! Forms along with other information, can be found on our [website](#). The contest will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 8 am-12 pm at the 4-H Camp.



Mark your calendars! The 2026 Harford County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, March 29th from 1-4 pm at the Extension Office. Forms along with other information, can be found on our [website](#).



Harford County 4-H Camp Registration is OPEN! Camp will be held June 29-July 3, 2026. Once again, we will be using Eventbrite for registration. The link will be shared through 4-H Online on Monday, 2/9.



Attention all Club Officers! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for Officers Training on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10 am-12 pm. This event will be hosted by the 4-H Teen Council members. Please RSVP using this [link](#). New and returning officers are encouraged to attend!

ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

Each month, this new section will highlight all things related to animal projects!



All livestock, dairy, rabbit and poultry exhibitors will be **required** to attend one mandatory meeting to review new state 4-H rules in the Animal Science Code of Ethics. This will also be a great opportunity to meet your Superintendents and ask questions! Please use this [form](#) to select the date you wish to attend.

Upcoming Deadlines

Dog Skillathon Contest
Registration due 2/11

Horse Bowl Registration due
2/18.

Livestock Skillathon
Registration due 2/18.

Horse/Pony and Dog ID
Cards due by 5/1.

Animal Lease Agreements
due 6/1.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and plan to join the Horse Interest Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

New to Livestock? Join us for an interactive discussion on Tuesday, February 10, 7 pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to [Marylisa](#) if you plan to attend.

Do you have livestock or poultry on your property? Do you have a Premise ID? The process is simple and free! Please use this [link](#) to complete the application.



Upcoming Events



Interested in Fashion Revue? Join us for a planning meeting scheduled for February 25, 2026, 7 pm at the Extension Office. We will be selecting a theme, reviewing form updates and discussing a new category. New for 2026: "Off the Rack Challenge"- total outfit purchase for \$50 or less, show off your purchase power and thrifting skills!

The Learn By Doing Grant is now open using the Google Forms link below. Applications are due March 6, 2026 and awarded at Achievement Night.

Description and criteria for the Grant as follows:

The "Learn By Doing" grant is to provide funds to help an active Harford County 4-H Club member to start a new project or expand an existing one (e.g. purchase of a special tool for woodworking or sewing; contribute to supplies for animal care, etc.). The Harford County All Stars want to assist 4-H'ers to grow in their skills and scope of projects with both financial support and guidance of a mentor as able.

Criteria:

There is no limit to the number of years a 4-H'er may apply.

1. 4-H'er must have completed one (1) full year of 4-H work (Clover Member years may not be used).
2. 4-H'er must be a member in good standing in a Harford County 4-H Club.
3. 4-H'er must be enrolled in the project for which the funds are to be used.
4. Funds must be used within 6 months of receiving the award.

Please complete this [form](#) to apply.



Attention All Star Members! Upcoming meetings will be held on February 24th and March 11th 7pm at the Extension Office. Registration forms for the Semi-Annual Conference State All Star Meeting can be found on the Maryland 4-H All Stars website.



Thank you to all of our 4-Hers who turned in Record Books for 2026! Record Books are required to participate in the county fair. Mark your calendars to attend Achievement Night scheduled for April 24, 2026, 7 pm at the 4-H Camp.



Would you like to recognize an amazing 4-H Volunteer? Please take a moment to complete this [form](#) to nominate a deserving volunteer! Nomination forms are due by 4/10.



Community Service Opportunity

The Harford County 4-H Teen Council is asking clubs to collect non-perishable food items for the HOPE Center through 3/20!

The HOPE Center provides meals and snacks to students in need working with Harford County Public Schools. On average, they distribute 600 bags each week! Let's help them stock their shelves before Spring Break!

Participation is OPTIONAL but all donations are APPRECIATED!



ITEMS NEEDED:

- **Microwaveable Meals (like macaroni and cheese)**
- **Juice boxes**
- **Shelf Stable Fruit Cups**
- **Single Serve/Individually Wrapped Items (such as Granola Bars/Cereal Cups/ Snack Crackers/ Fruit Snacks)**
- **Canned Meats (Chicken/Tuna)**
- **Canned Soups/Canned Pasta Meals**
- **Boxed Meals (Hamburger Helper/Pasta Meals)**

CLUB NOTES



**The Harford County Rabbit Breeders club met in January to vote on their officers!
Submitted by Sonya Gallion**



**In January, the Blue Ribbon Club elected new officers for 2026. President: Jason Widman
Vice President: Adrianna Leeds
Secretary : Arielle Leeds
Treasurer: Ruthanne Yetter
Reporter/Historian/Recreation Leader: Sydney Cattell**
For her community service project, Sydney Cattell organized a collection of pet supplies and delivered them to Defenders of Animal Rights pet shelter in Phoenix, MD. submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess



Save the Date!

If you have any questions about the events listed below, please reach out to the 4-H Office!
Registration links for February events can be found on page one.

February 2026

- 2/7 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 10:30 am-12 pm DCO
- 2/9 Record Book Judging, 6-8 pm Extension Office
- 2/9 Eventbrite Link opens for 4-H Camp Registration
- 2/10 Livestock 101, 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/12 Horse Bowl Practice Begins, *RSVP required*, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 2/12 Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting, *RSVP required*, 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/14 Winter Workshop, *Registration Required*, Extension Office
- 2/15 Maryland State 4-H Achievement Event State Fairgrounds, *Registration Required*
- 2/16 Presidents' Day Office Closed
- 2/17 Livestock Judging Practice 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/18 Babysitter's Series Begins, *RSVP required*, 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/19 Horse Bowl Practice, *RSVP required*, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 2/24 All Stars Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/25 Horse Interest Meeting, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 2/25 Fashion Revue Planning Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office
- 2/26 Horse Bowl Practice, *RSVP required*, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 2/27 Meal Appeal (Individual and Team) Registration Due
- 2/27 Sunshine to Seniors DUE!

March 2026

- 3/2 Volunteers and Leaders' Association Meeting 6 pm Dinner Provided
- 3/5 4-H 101 *RSVP required*, 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/5 Horse Bowl Practice, *RSVP required*, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 3/7 Winter Workshop Inclement Weather Date
- 3/7 MD 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest
- 3/10 Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting #2, *RSVP required*, 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/11 All Stars Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/12 Horse Bowl Practice, *RSVP required*, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 3/14 Meal Appeal Contest, 8 am DCO Registration Required
- 3/14 MD State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
- 3/18 Babysitter's Series Session #2, *RSVP required*, 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/19 Teen Council Meeting, 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/20 Public Speaking Contest Registration Due
- 3/21 Officers Training 10 am-12 pm Extension Office, *registration required*
- 3/21 MD State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contest
- 3/23 4-H Marketplace Vendor Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/29 Harford County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 1 pm Extension Office

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If you require special assistance to participate, please call the Extension Office (410-638-3255) two weeks prior to the event.

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