

CLOVERLEAF CHRONICLE

March 2026

Happy Spring! 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 4/5/26 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.



Cheers to our 4-H Volunteers!
Special thanks to Karen for providing a fabulous appreciation brunch for our 4-H Volunteers! Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying delicious food and playing fun games!



Upcoming Activities at a Glance

Mandatory Animal Exhibitor Meeting 4/27 [RSVP here](#)

HOPE Center food collection drive ends 3/20

Officers Training 3/21 [RSVP here](#)

Public Speaking Contest Registration due by 3/20 forms can be found [here](#).

4-H Marketplace Planning Meeting March 23, 2026 7 pm [RSVP here](#)



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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.



We are looking to highlight our seniors in our May edition! Please send your good luck wishes to Marylisa no later than 5/5.



Would you like to learn more about the horse project and what programs are offered? Join us for a Horse Project 101 scheduled for April 8, 2026, 7 pm at the Extension Office. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Karen.



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. We are once again using Eventbrite here are the links: [Day Camp](#) or [Residential Camp](#). Registration is due no later than 5/1.



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!



Looking for a community service project? The camp is in need of a Spring Spruce Up! Branches and twigs are covering the pathways to the dorm . If you would like to lend a hand, contact Marta 410-838-5464.

ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

The Eastern Shore Spring Show will be held on May 9, 2026 in Queen Anne's County. Entries must be submitted by 4/12 and payment to the Extension Office is due by 4/15.

Click on the links below to register for each species:

[Beef](#)

[Dairy](#)

[Dairy Goat](#)

[Dairy Steer](#)

[Meat Goats](#)

[Rabbits](#)

[Sheep](#)

[Swine](#)



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 Events

Market sheep, swine and goat registration forms will be mailed out the week of 3/16! Be sure you are enrolled in your animal projects to receive the mailing. Forms and payment are due 5/1.

Mark your calendars! Spring Weighing and Tagging for market sheep, swine and goats will be held on May 5th and 6th from 5-7 pm at the Equestrian Center.

Just a reminder, **your swine must have an 840 tag and/or sheep and goats must have scrapie tags in their ear to cross the scale** at Weighing and Tagging! If you do not have this tag, please contact the office ASAP.

Upcoming Deadlines

Market sheep, swine and goat registration due 5/1.

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

Animal Lease Agreements due 6/1.

AH&QA Online Training website opens on 4/15 and must be completed by 7/15.

CVI's (certificate of Veterinary Inspection) are good for 60 days and will be required for horses.



Upcoming Events



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.

The Harford County 4-H All Stars will be holding their annual Flower Power Fundraiser now through 5/15. These funds are used to support the “Learn by Doing” Grant, record book awards and refreshments for Achievement Night. To purchase flowers please visit this link: [Harford County 4-H All Stars Flower Power Fundraiser](#).



Attention All Star Members! Our next meeting will be held on 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.



Save the Date! We will be recognizing our 4-Hers who completed a record book, clover book or portfolio as well those who have completed in a bowl, skillathon or judging team or have been selected to attend a trip! Our 2026 Achievement Night will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026 7 pm at the 4-H Camp. Invitations will be mailed soon!



4-H Essay Contest-The Power of Pollen

Question:

How is pollen important to bees? Has pollen been changing in plants and in our landscapes? If so, are those changes affecting bees? When do you observe the most and least pollen in your colonies and how does that impact their temperament and productivity?

Essay Requirement:

Typewritten or computer-generated on singlesided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face. Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in "sources" or "bibliography."

DUE to Amanda Wahle by 4/17/2026 Only one essay per state will forwarded to national contest.



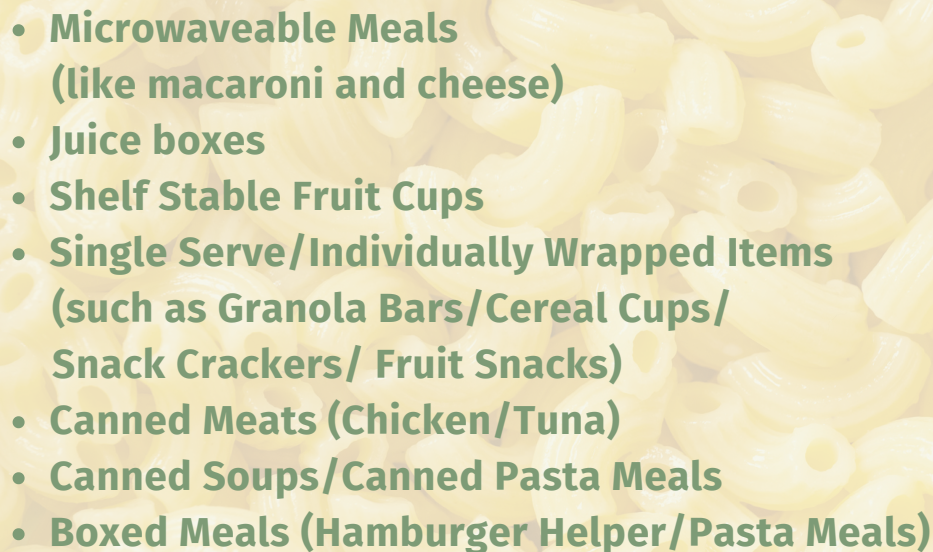
Community Service Opportunity

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:

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- **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)**



Clubs willing to fill Easter eggs for the Camp Fundraiser can stop by our office to pick up eggs! Please use wrapped candies only and return the filled eggs no later than 3/23.

Featured 4-Hers!

Congratulations to all of our 4-Hers recognized at the Maryland State 4-H Achievement Event!

Congratulations to our Harford County 4-Hers Emily Troyer, Jaime-lyn Widman and Mackenzie Gill. They travelled to Louisville as part of the State Livestock Skillathon Team!
Great job!



Congratulations to 4-H Alumni of the Year Award Winner, Joyce Browning!
Joyce has been an asset to our program for many years serving as the leader of the the Green Thumb 4-H club as well as our Horticulture Team Coach.

Featured 4-Hers!



Congratulations to our Harford County Dog Skllathon participants!

Juniors:

1st: Adrianna (with a perfect score of 400!)

2nd: Max

7th: Dorothy

Intermediate:

1st: Arielle

2nd: Sydney

4th: Kim

Seniors:

1st: Lia

4th: Cannon

CLUB NOTES

At our last meeting we made cards for the Sending Sunshine to Seniors Opportunity. These are some pictures from when we made them. We also elected new officers and took a picture. Arielle is our President, Cannon is our Vice President, Emmalyn is our Secretary, Kimberly is our Treasurer, Lucy and Rowan are our reporters, Jamie is the Snack Coordinator, Adeline is the recreation leader. ~submitted by Paws and Claws Club Reporter Lucu Sherrier



In February, the Hand Me Down Clovers club kicked off our year by electing new officers for our club, and then we planned out our 2026 monthly club meetings and activities. Our club welcomed two new members this month. We are excited for what 2026 has in store for our club. Our club collected non-perishable food items for the 4-H Teen Council. ~submitted by Club Historian, Gaige Schantz



CLUB NOTES

The Rabbit Breeder's 4-H Club made cards for Sunshine for Seniors! ~submitted by Sonya Gallion

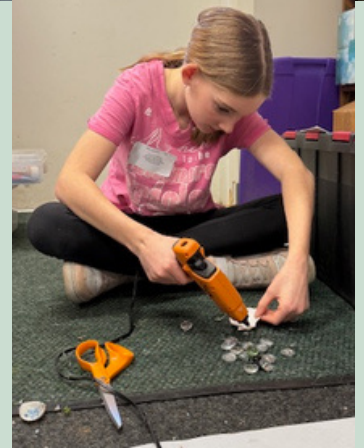


In February, the Livestock Club elected new officers and collected items for the HOPE Center. ~submitted by Club Leader Patty Myers



WINTER WORKSHOP

Thanks to all of our Instructors for helping make this event possible!!



Save the Date!

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

March 2026

- 3/11 All Stars Meeting 7 pm Extension Office
- 3/12 Horse Bowl Practice, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- 3/14 Meal Appeal Contest, 8 am DCO Registration Required
- 3/14 MD State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest-Good Luck to our HC 4-Hers!
- 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 details can be found here.
- 3/21 Officers Training 10 am-12 pm Extension Office, RSVP here.
- 3/21 MD State 4-H Dairy Skillathon Contest- good Luck to our HC 4-Hers!
- 3/23 4-H Marketplace Vendor Meeting 7 pm Extension Office RSVP to Marylisa
- 3/29 Harford County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 1 pm Extension Office

April 2026

- 4/8 Horse 101, 7 pm Extension Office RSVP to Karen.
- 4/11 Dairy Bowl, Registration Required, Carroll County 4-H Office
- 4/15 Babysitter's Series Session #3, RSVP required, 7 pm Extension Office
- 4/18 Horse Communication Contest, registration required
- 4/25 AG-Stravaganza and 4-H Open House 10 am-3 pm Extension Office
- 4/27 Final Mandatory Livestock Meeting, RSVP here. 7 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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