



Happy New Year! 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 2/5/24 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.

4-H Fall Reading Contest!

We encouraged our 4-Hers to read to their furry friends and take time to “paws” with a good book!



4-Hers Lucy and Jaxon, both won awards for participating in the Reading Contest. They are pictured above with their adorable dog!



UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



May your New Year bring new opportunities to try something new, learn a new skill, or challenge yourself to begin a new adventure! Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy 2024! ~Marylisa Schaedel



Just a reminder, if HCPS is closed due to inclement weather, 4-H meetings and events are also cancelled! If the event happens to be on a weekend, please check your email for updates.



Steer Weighing and Tagging will be held on Saturday, January 13th from 10 am– 12 pm at the Equestrian Center with an inclement weather reschedule date of Sunday, January 14th (same times).



We encourage all families and volunteers to offer their feedback by taking a very brief survey using this link: <https://forms.gle/DDb2fJtfMqro4o1B6>. The survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and will offer some insight for 2024! If you have great ideas to improve upon an existing program or ideas for a new venture, please let us know!



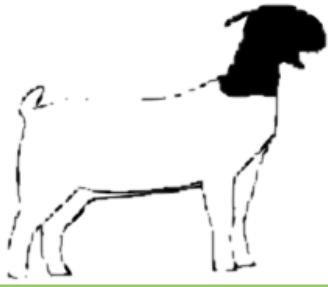
Record Book changes are complete! Visit our website to find the new, streamlined Summary Record and Title Page. 2023 forms are still acceptable if you keep them saved on your home computer! Also, be sure to check out our new e-Record Book category for Intermediates! This option will allow our 4-Hers aged 11-13 to express their creative side by turning their record book into a slideshow or video presentation. Again, this is strictly optional! Traditional Record Books will **always** be accepted for all age groups! To read the new guidelines and to check out the forms, visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Record Books will be due on 2/5/24. Historian Books will also be collected at this time to follow the calendar year. Interested clubs can leave books for judging on or before 2/5/24. If you have questions regarding the Historian Books, please contact Lynne DiBastiani ldibasti@umd.edu.



We are looking for Record Book Judges! If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Taylor kbtaylor@umd.edu. We will be hosting a **Judging Pizza Lunch on Friday, 2/9 from 12-4 pm** for judges to work on the books at the Extension Office. Anyone who would like to judge from home, books can be signed out on Tuesday, 2/20 at 7 pm.





4-H Livestock 101 for New & Returning Exhibitors

Thursday, January 18, 2024

7 pm at the Extension Office

Join us for an interactive discussion about what is needed to prepare for the Fair; what to bring to the Fair and how to write a buyer letter! Bring your questions!

Please RSVP to Marylisa at mschaede@umd.edu or call the office, 410-638-3255.

Looking Ahead.....

Feed and Nutrition with Guest Speaker Karen Holloway

Thursday, February 22, 2024 7 pm at the Extension Office

Meet Your Livestock Superintendents

March 21, 2024 7 pm at the Extension Office

Dairy Information Night to be announced soon!



SAVE THE DATE!!

OFFICERS TRAINING

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

11 AM – 1 PM

We encourage all new officers to attend!

Pizza will be served

**Please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu or call the office
410-638-3255**



4-H Fashion Revue Interest Meeting



Fashion Revue teaches youth skills to present themselves in a professional manner by providing an opportunity for youth to model the outfit constructed in the 4-H sewing project, ready to wear outfit or a recycled/reconstructed garment.



Please join us for an open discussion regarding the Fashion Revue program! This meeting is open to all, past participants and those who are interested in learning more!

Thursday, February 8, 2024
7 pm at the Extension Office



Key topics will include:

- ◆ Sewing Workshops (Instructors needed!)
- ◆ Additional Classes for greater participation
 - ◆ Fashion Revue Workshop Ideas
 - ◆ Change of Date and Location

We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu if you plan to attend.

4-H Public Speaking



Interested in Public Speaking?

Join us for an interactive workshop with Senior 4-H members Brady Larkin and Ashley Kirk!

When: Thursday, March 7, 2024

7 pm

Extension Office

Public speaking is a life skill for all ages! If you would like to join, please RSVP to Marylisa, mschaede@umd.edu or call 410-638-3255

Save the Date! The Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, 3/23/24, 1 pm at the Extension Office.



Save the Date!
Winter Workshop will be held on March 2, 2024! Forms will be mailed in mid-January and due with payment by 2/16/24!

If you are interested in being an Instructor, please contact Marylisa before 1/12/24!



Calling All 4-H Horse & Pony Enthusiasts!

Save the Dates

April 28th – Educational Hands-on Horse Seminar @ the Harford County Equestrian Center. 8:30am-4:00pm. You do not need to bring a horse! Registration opens March 1st.

May 19th – Trail ride at Fair Hill @ 11am. Meet at Appleton Road lot. Registration opens April 8th.

July 8th – Horse Clinic at Molly Hill Farm. Horse Standards level testing, Fun Riding Activities, & more. Registration opens May 1st.

Preparing for Horse Standards Level Testing

Are you ready for your Horse Standards Level testing? If you are interested in preparing, please indicate your availability and levels using Google Form link by April 1st
<https://forms.gle/zN2wbxPh553DvHvY9>

Questions? Please contact Karen, kbtaylor@umd.edu



Harford County

4-H All Stars



Greetings from the 4-H All Stars!

The Harford County 4-H All Stars continue to grow and shine in their commitment to the 4-H program.

All Stars are invited to attend the following upcoming Business Meetings:

- January 17th, Snow Date January 24th
- February 13th, Snow Date February 20th
- May 14th

January and February meetings will focus on the process to bring in new All Stars candidates from our county (identifying, presenting Scouting Report, voting). We will also review current business, collect \$5 voluntary dues and make a 2024 plan for both 4-H volunteer involvement and social activities for the remainder of the year.

Meetings will start at 7pm, Small Conference Room of the Extension Office, 3525 Conowingo Road.

Due by January 16th: Please forward me the name(s) of persons you think qualify as a Harford County 4-H All Star following these qualifications (excerpts from Constitution of the Maryland 4-H All Stars). There are four categories after the general qualifications.

“Person of sterling character, maintain high ideals and ethics; loyal, resourceful, responsible with the understanding of others; a record of leadership and service; sincere interest in support of 4-H; and applies the motto “I serve”.

1. Regular: 4-Her for at least 2 years and 15 years old before January 1 of their candidacy;
2. Honorary: given at least 7 years of service to 4-H on a county, state, regional or national level and was a non-4-H member as a youth;
3. Associate: spouses of Regular or Honorary 4-H All Stars
4. Extension Agent: Maryland 4-H and Youth agents who do not hold either a Regular or Honorary membership.

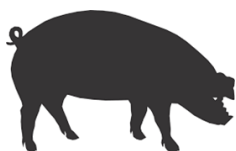
Email List: I keep working to improve the group list. Please feel free to forward this email and/or let me know so I can include them for future communications.

Please contact me with any questions.

Yours in Service,

Janine Ortt

jcnortt@gmail.com



ATTENTION ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS!

Please join us in welcoming our new 4-H Swine Show Superintendents, Kimmi Doran and Abbie Patrick! Please see the note below regarding new classes and changes to the Swine Show.

Dear 2024 Harford County Swine Exhibitors,

We wanted to introduce ourselves as the new swine superintendents and go over a few rule changes by both the state and the Harford County Swine Show.

Some changes to the rules are below but please make sure to read the 2024 catalog when it is released.

All hogs must be born on or after January 1st of 2024. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All hogs must be brought to the May weigh in and **MUST HAVE** an RFID tag **IN** the ear or you will be sent home.

At any point throughout the year your hog loses a tag please contact us immediately so we can get the issues resolved.

Showmanship- if it is the exhibitors first year they are allowed and encouraged to show in both the novice division and their age division.

Hog weights are remaining the same (235-300 with 1% allowance on each side)

NEW DIVISION- we will be introducing a Purebred division this year!

All purebreds will show in weight divisions together until we can build a purebred program and then we will be adding breed divisions in upcoming years.

Your purebred hogs **MUST** be owned by May 1st and registered with the breed association and in the exhibitor's name by July 1st, 2024.

Purebred hogs **MUST** also have a matching ear notch to their registration papers.

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in showing the hog in the crossbred division.

We will also be having the below presentations throughout the week for exhibitors to learn before the show:

Pork Meat Science 101- Drew Cashman and Sam Davis

Showmanship Clinic- April Troyer

Hog Nutrition and Feeding- Nathan and Karen Holloway

We look forward to working with you and your families this year! If you have any questions, you can reach us below:

Kimmi Doran

kdoran@gmail.com

Abbie Patrick

abbieannpatrick@gmail.com

Thank you!

State 4-H Opportunities



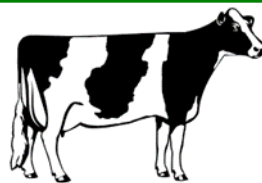
Maryland 4-H is seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. From mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. For more information contact Carrie Wivell at cwivell@umd.edu.



Looking for Host Families

Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own home? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12-17 years old and show them the American Culture. We need 14 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change your and your children's cultural awareness for the better! If you are interested, please submit an application <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Y. Cho at jcho8@umd.edu.



2024 Dairy Advisory Webinar– Friday, January 12, 2024, 7 pm to register, please use this link: <https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcodu2urDgiGdBbSEiOUHeAXAwaV0IZJVRU>

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! SAVE THE DATE!!

Please join us for a Harford County 4-H



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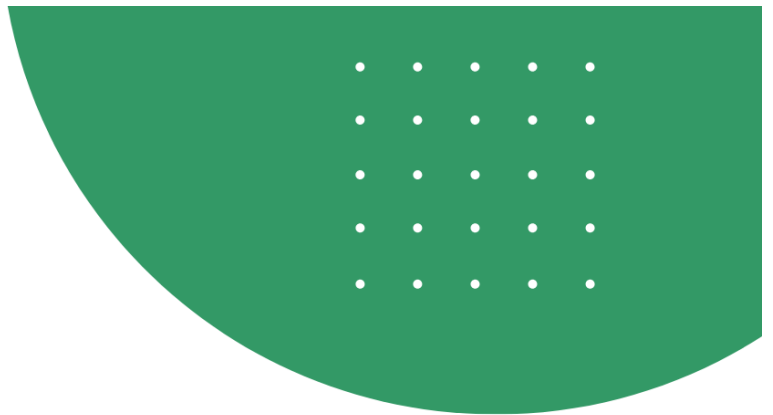


Saturday, January 27 at
12:00

Harford County Ag Center



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ATTENTION FORMER 4-H MEMBERS

Are you a Maryland 4-H alumni member? We are asking that you please take a moment to complete a short survey about how being a 4-H member affected you. Your input is greatly appreciated. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes for you to complete. Participants will be asked a screening question to confirm eligibility. More information about the research study including the consent to participate and survey link can be found at:

<https://go.umd.edu/4halumnisurvey> or swipe the QR code below.



Thank you for your time.

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Quantities are Limited! Order your Shirts Today!!

4- H T-Shirt Order Form

We are pleased to share our winning design featured below! Thanks to all who entered into our contest! Shirts will be available for purchase for \$15 each (2XL and 3XL, \$17 each). Mail or bring orders and payment to the Harford County 4-H Office 3525 Conowingo Rd. Suite 600, Street, MD 21154. Checks should be made payable to Harford County EAC.

All proceeds will benefit the Harford County 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Association.



Congratulations to Emily Troyer, a member of the Black Horse 4-H Club for creating the winning design (left). The design will be screen printed on to a kelly green cotton blend t shirt. Emily did a great job highlighting many popular 4-H projects! She will receive a free shirt for winning the contest! This shirt design is sure to appeal to many of our 4-Hers. Time is limited to order!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Indicate size and quantity:

___ Youth Small

___ Youth Medium

___ Adult Small

___ Adult Medium

___ Adult Large

___ Adult XL

___ Adult 2XL (+\$2)

___ Adult 3XL (+\$2)

Total Shirts Ordered: _____

Amount of Payment Enclosed: _____ Check Cash

Shirts can be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8 am—4:30 pm.

WANTED!!

Do you have a sewing machine taking up space in your attic or garage that you do not have any use for? Please consider donating your working sewing machine to the Harford County 4-H Program! We are looking to begin a sewing machine sign out program to promote sewing and Fashion Revue!



Looking Ahead...



Mark your Calendars!!

2023-24 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!

- January 13, 2024 Steer Weigh In (Snow Date January 14, 2024)
- January 18, 2024 Livestock 101 for new Exhibitors
- January 27, 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 12 pm
- February 3, 2024 Camp In Service Howard County Fairgrounds
- February 5, 2024 Record Books and Historian Books are DUE!
- February 7, 2024 Marketplace/ Entrepreneurship Workshop 7 pm Extension Office
- February 10, 2024 Meal Appeal 8 am– 1pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- March 2, 2024 Winter Workshop at the Extension Office
- March 16, 2024 Officers Training at the Extension Office
- March 23, 2024 Public Speaking Contest
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- May 4, 2024 Spring Clover Workshop at the Extension Office
- Intermediate Camp: June 17-21, Clover Camp: June 23-25, Junior Camp: 23-28

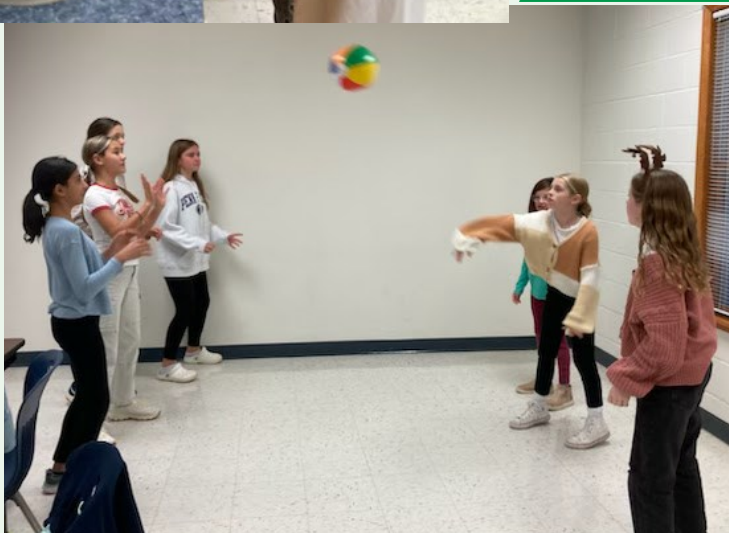
Looking WAY ahead.....July 20-27, 2024 Harford County Farm Fair



Club Notes



For their December meeting, the Clover Community Club had a Christmas party. They played games, ate yummy snacks, and made gnome ornaments. ~Submitted by Laura Grace Muir





Club Notes



The 4-H Dog Club members delivered gifts and Christmas dinner to an adopted family. We adopt a family every year during the Christmas season. ~Submitted by Kelly Fodel





Club Notes



In November, Cloverettes and Friends collected and packaged care packages for service members and tied fleece blankets to be given to hospital patients or those in need. In December, Cloverettes and Friends and the Blue Ribbon clubs sang Christmas Carols at Hart Heritage. ~Submitted by Mary Maccarelli





Club Notes



The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club had a busy December. Members joined the Cloverettes and Friends for caroling at Hart Heritage then celebrated Christmas together with their annual pot luck family dinner. The members had fun playing games, sock exchange, and wrapping presents for their adopted family. ~Submitted by Jane Burgess





Club Notes



In December, the Trailblazers met for our monthly meeting at the extension office. They had a Christmas show and tell, bringing in their favorite ornament or sharing a favorite Christmas memory or tradition. Afterwards, they made gingerbread houses with graham crackers, icing, and various candies. ~Submitted by Ashley Citro



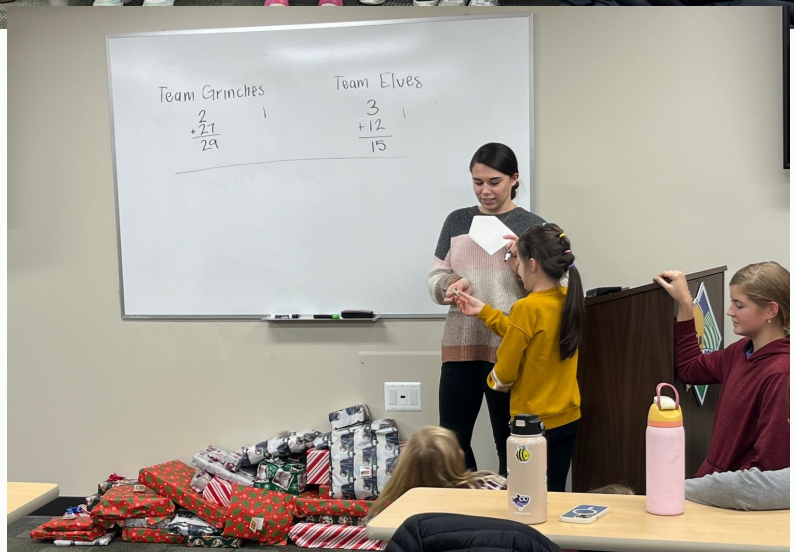
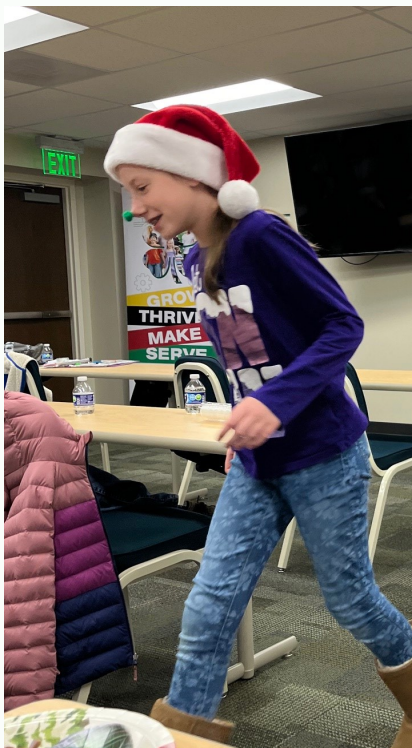


Club Notes



In December, the Livestock Club wrapped gifts for their adopted family, enjoyed pizza and played games.

~Submitted by Marylisa Schaedel



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	3	4  Teen Council Meeting 7 pm EO Steer Paperwork and Payment DUE!	5  Enrollment Opens for 2024!	6
7	8  Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO	9  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	10  Camp Board Meeting 6pm DCO	11	12  Winter Workshop Instructor Forms DUE	13  Steer Weigh In and Tagging Equestrian Center
14  Snow Date for Steer Weigh In and Tagging	15  Office Closed Sr Portfolios Due for Out of State Trips	16  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	17  All Stars Meeting 7 pm EO	18  Livestock 101 7 pm EO	19	20
21	22	23  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	24	25	26	27  Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
28	29	30  Horse Bowl Practice 6:30 EO	31			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5  Record Books DUE!! Submissions to Cloverleaf Due	6	7  Marketplace/ Entrepreneurship Workshop 7 pm EO	8  Fashion Revue Interest Meeting 7 pm EO	9  Record Book Judging and Pizza 12-4 pm EO	10  Meal Appeal DCO 8 am
11	12	13  All Stars Meeting 7 pm EO	14 	15	16	17
18	19  Office Closed	20  Record Book Judges Workshop 7 pm EO	21	22  Livestock Feeding and Nutrition 7 pm EO	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



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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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