



# Cloverleaf Chronicle August 2021

The 2021 Farm Fair was a success! Congratulations to all of our 4-H Exhibitors and a huge THANK YOU to our judges, superintendents and volunteers! Just a reminder, this publication is a forum for you, our 4-Hers, Clubs, and Volunteers! As we return to in person programming, don't forget 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 9/5/21 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



For a schedule of events, please visit: <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/uploads/files/2021%20Open%204H%20Fair%20Schedule.pdf>

4-H Online registration for the 4-H contests/events at the Maryland State Fair will be **EXTENDED to Tuesday, August 10, 2021**. 4-H members who wish to participate in the contests/events listed below must submit their entries through 4-H Online ( <https://v2.4honline.com/>) by **11:59 pm** on that date. This includes any registrations that have been sent back by 4-H Educators for correction.

The State Fair events that **must** register through 4-H Online are:

- 4-H Club Booth & Banner Exhibits
- 4-H Presents!
- 4-H Top Chef!
- 4-H Fashion Revue
- 4-H Horticultural Communications Event
- 4-H Horticultural Judging Contest
- 4-H Bicycle Safety Event
- 4-H Electricity/Energy Event
- 4-H Small Engine Event
- 4-H Tractor Operator Event
- 4-H Robotics Challenge
- 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Contest
- 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
- 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 4-H Poultry & Egg Contest
- 4-H Rabbit Judging Contest
- 4-H Dog Show

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.



We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all of our Fair Superintendents, Volunteers, and Judges! We are encouraging all of our 4-Hers to thank their superintendents for all of their hard work at the Harford County Farm Fair! Every department has an important role to play in making the Fair a success each year! The Outdoor Superintendents truly went above and beyond this year—taking care of everything from setting up the shows, coordinating the arrival of animals, securing the grounds each evening and even removing all of the trash each day! If you would like to write a thank you note to your superintendent, please refer to the Fair catalog (<https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-06/2021%204H%20Fair%20Catalog.pdf>) for their name which is listed with **each department** from Foods to Livestock to Archery and everything in between! We will be glad to collect the thank you notes at the office and distribute them to the Superintendents!

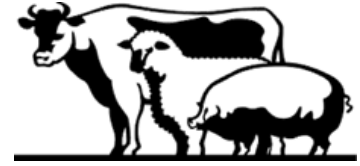


Did you know all of the events during the Farm Fair were posted to the Farm Fair website? Check out the pictures, videos, the recording of the livestock sale, plus informational pieces by our Master Gardeners and Joyce Browning! Special thanks to our 4-Hers who contributed videos about 4-H and their projects: Kylan Keehan, Grace Maccarelli, Adeline Skidmore, Isabelle, Charlotte and Mabel Smithson! Visit <https://farmfair.org/>

# Harford County 4-H Opportunities



## Dairy Bowl and Livestock Skillathon Information Meeting



Are you interested in learning more about Livestock and Dairy animals? **Join us for a Dairy Bowl and Livestock Skillathon Information Meeting on Friday, September 24th, 7 pm at the Extension Office!** We are looking for 4-Hers ages 8-18 to form Dairy Bowl and Livestock Skillathon Teams to compete at the State Contest! If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Tracy Brooks at [tlbrooks28@gmail.com](mailto:tlbrooks28@gmail.com) or Carrie Patrick at [carrie78patrick@gmail.com](mailto:carrie78patrick@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!



## STEM OPPORTUNITY!!

### *Harford County Environmental Wellness Watershed Education Series*

The Harford County Extension Office is very excited to offer this STEM series focusing on Watershed Wellness to our 4-Hers! In collaboration with our Family and Consumer Science Coordinator: Jennifer Dixon-Cravens, our Master Gardener Coordinator: Joyce Browning, UMD Sea Grant Extension Educator: Kelsey Brooks and our County 4-H Educators we have created an 8 session series to educate youth about Watershed Wellness and the importance of Environmental Health! Some of the topics covered will be how to test water quality, learning about invasive plants, planting and learning about native plants, how to create a rain garden, and the effects of pollution on the watershed..just to name a few! This will be a hands—on series, so be prepared to be outside and to get your hands dirty! Classes will begin in September at the Extension Office, typically in the evenings beginning at 7 pm. Spaces will be limited for this series so please RSVP by 9/8/21. To RSVP or if you would like more information, please email Marylisa at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).





# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



Volunteer Background Check Policy update: Most of our volunteers will receive an invitation from Sterling Volunteers to complete the online check and the cost will be \$15 every three years. The process is quick and easy, however, if you do have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. New volunteers were contacted first and returning volunteers will be contacted based on your last name, alphabetically beginning in April. **Currently, we are up to the letter “Q”. If you are a returning volunteer and your last name begins with A-Q and you have not received an invitation, please let us know as soon as possible.**

If you plan to chaperone or work with Camp, you will need to be fingerprinted and will not need to complete the online check. Instead you will be contacted by the State 4-H Office and given a code to use at your fingerprinting appointment. We realize this is a big change for all but rest assured it is being implemented not only for the safety of our 4-Hers but for our volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your continued commitment to our 4-H Program!

Conditions are improving and Covid 19 Restrictions are being relaxed! We are no longer requiring our volunteers to complete the Return to In Person Training to hold in person meetings or events. In person post activity reports are **not required unless there is an incident to report**, however, the updated Attendance form is still required. Outdoor events have no size restrictions but masks are strongly encouraged for any individuals that are unvaccinated. Indoor events must comply with local HCPS directives on social distancing and/or masking requirements. If you have any questions regarding the new baseline conditions, please contact the office!





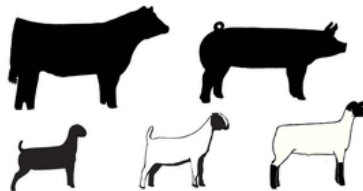


## Horse Happenings



Horse enthusiasts including Clovers are invited to come to an Educational Fox Hunting presentation and hound demonstration. It is scheduled for this Sunday, August 8 from 4-4:45. It will be at the Equestrian Center, 608 N Tollgate Rd, Bel Air, MD 21014 and is no cost. It is presented by Hunt Master Jim Price of Carrollton Hounds. You can also get a peek at what the Harford County Horse Clinic is all about that is held August 8-11. RSVPs requested to Lisa Fulco at [lafulco1@yahoo.com](mailto:lafulco1@yahoo.com) but walk-ins are welcome. A Zoom option is available if interested.

Save the Date! The Harford County 4-H Pleasure Poker Run and Trail Ride has been tentatively scheduled for 9/25/21 from 9:30 am-2 pm at Sweet Air Park 2840 Dalton Bevard Road Baldwin, MD. Stay tuned for more details!



Just a friendly reminder to all of our 4-H Exhibitors who sold Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, or Decorated Cakes at the Livestock Sale to write your thank you notes to your buyer(s) by 9/1/21! Please send a picture to the 4-H Office before you send your cards!

# State 4-H Opportunities!



The 2021 4-H STEM Challenge is now available! This edition, Galactic Quest focuses on mysteries and adventures of space exploration! Each kit contains 4 exciting activities that can be completed all at once or individually. For more information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/>.

Save the Date! Teen and Adult Leadership Summit 10/16 at the Carroll County Extension Office. Topics of interest include Taming Paperwork, Organizational Strategies, How to Start and Use Parent Committees and Positive Youth Development! Registration will be through 4-H Online. Details will be forthcoming!



## *Leadership Opportunities*



MD 4-H Senior Portfolio Process for National 4-H Conference will be open from 9/15-10/15. For more information, please visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>

Registration details will be coming soon!

The MD 4-H State Council General Membership Application process will be open 9/15-11/15. For information, resources and the promotional video, visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>

## *Diamond Clover Award Information*



Are you new to the 4-H program or have wondered what the Diamond Clover Award Program is all about? Many of our 4-Hers are unaware that they are eligible to receive this award by completing a plan and report! The Diamond Clover Award Program encourages 4-H youth through projects and activities to acquire skills related to leadership, community service, civic engagement and advocacy. The award consists of six levels that require a 4-Her to plan and fulfill a range of age appropriate goals with volunteers and community members. Interested? Here is the link to the FAQ sheet: <https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/2021-04/Maryland%204-H%20Diamond%20Clover%20Award%20Program%20Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf> To view all levels of the Diamond Program Award, visit <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>. The Level Six Diamond Clover Proposals will need to be reviewed and approved by the County 4-H Agent before it can be submitted to the State Office. All Diamond Clover proposals are due by September 30th.



## SAVE THE DATE!

National 4-H Week is October 3-9, 2021!

Don't forget to wear your 4-H T-shirt!!

*A Special Message from Cloverettes and Friends  
4-H Club:*

Attention 4-H Families,

I am sorry to inform you that we lost both Charles and Donna Burman a few months ago. This dedicated couple was actively involved in the 4-H Program for over 40 years. I am helping the Cloverettes and Friends 4-H Club solicit donations to purchase a bench in their memory. A memorial plaque will be adhered to the bench signifying it is in their memory from the Cloverettes and "MANY" Friends! Elke will be providing information on the previously purchased fairground benches. A permanent location will be determined at either the Fairgrounds or the Extension Office. Cash or checks may be directed to Ruth Ann Robinson or Jan Stewart. Please make checks payable to the Cloverettes and Friends 4-H Club. We appreciate your memorial support for all that this couple provided for the Harford County 4-H.

From: Ruth Ann Robinson (former Leader of Cloverettes and Friends) and the members and leaders of the Cloverettes and Friends 4-H Club.

Checks can be mailed to Jan Stewart (leader of Cloverettes and Friends) 1529 Ridge Road, Whiteford, MD 21160



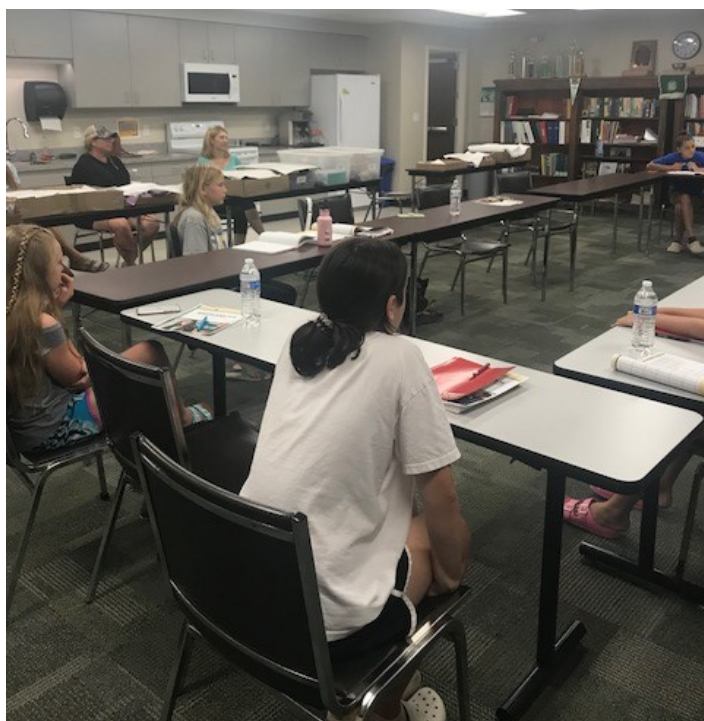


# Club Notes



As a new monthly feature, we will be including pictures and reports from our 4-H Clubs to highlight an activity, event, or a 4-Her! If you would like your club featured in our September edition, please submit your information by 9/5/21 to Marylisa at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

**We recently held an Officers Training for our two newly established Clubs, Clover Community Club and Super Clover Kids which will now be a club of Clovers and 4-H age members! Great job to all who attended!**



*New Officers participating in the "mock meeting" to learn how to conduct a 4-H business meeting.*





# Intermediate 4-H Camp!





# 4-H Farm Fair 2021



















# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Horse Clinic						
Equine Standards Testing 12-3:45 pm		MD State Fair Contests/Events Entry Deadline				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				MD State Fair		
29	30	31				
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			MD State Fair			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MD State Fair			Deadline to RSVP for Watershed Wellness Series			
	Labor Day- Office Closed					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Portfolio Process begins for Nat'l Conference  Applications begin for MD 4-H State Council Membership		National 4-H STEM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Summit					Livestock Skillathon/ Dairy Bowl Info Night 7pm	Tentative Date for 4-H Pleasure Poker Run & Trail Ride 9:30am- 2pm
26	27	28	29	30		
				Diamond Clover Proposals Due		