



Cloverleaf Chronicle ❄️❄️❄️ January 2022



Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy 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 2/6/22 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.

4-H Winter Workshop January 29, 2022

Beat the Winter Blahs! Join us for a fun day of learning a craft, new skill, or learn about a 4-H project! **Please note the change of location!** To create a more Covid-friendly atmosphere, **we will be using the multiple conference rooms and work rooms within the Extension Office** (3525 Conowingo Rd Street MD 21154) to encourage social distancing and allow for frequent cleaning. You do not need to be in 4-H to attend, so bring a friend! Each person can choose four activities from the thirteen classes being offered! Registration is due by 1/21/22 and the cost is \$20 per person, lunch will be provided from Chick-fil-A. Registration forms and class selections can be found on our webpage: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

We hope to see you there!



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UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



On January 4, 2022, County Executive Barry Glassman released a statement requiring all visitors to wear masks when entering a County Building. Since the Extension Office is housed in a county owned building, masks will now be required upon entry. We will continue to comply with University of Maryland policy which states that all County 4-H Programs must follow the guidelines of their local County School District. At this time, **masks will be required for all indoor 4-H meetings which correlates to HCPS policy.** Please continue to use the updated attendance form. Remember to follow proper hand hygiene, social distancing, and cleaning procedures. Thank you for your cooperation!



Just a reminder, Harford County 4-H follows HCPS policy for inclement weather closures and delays. If you have a meeting or an event on a day that HCPS is closed, the event or meeting will be canceled! Call the office if you have any questions regarding this policy.



Mark your calendars!! The Harford County Farm Fair dates will be July 20-30, 2022. The Livestock Shows will be held July 20- 22. The Fair will be open to the public during the shows and parking will be allowed on the grounds. The Livestock Sale will be held on Saturday, July 23rd. For a complete list of all contests, shows, and entries, please see page 20.



The Youth Mental Health First Aid Course has been rescheduled for Saturday February 5, 2022 from 8 am to 5 pm. Please contact Dwayne Murphy dmurphy2@umd.edu if you would like to attend.



Record Books will not be required to participate in the 2022 Harford County 4-H Farm Fair. If any 4-Her would like to complete a record book for 2021 and turn it in for judging, we will be collecting books now through February 7th. Record book forms can be found here under the events tab: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education>



Steer Tagging and Weigh In will be held on **1/15/22** with a snow date of 1/22/22. Tagging Registration and payment was due to the Extension Office by 1/3/22.





2022 Enrollment will be opening soon for 4-Hers and Volunteers! Be sure to complete your enrollment by March 1st! If you need assistance, contact the office 410-638-3255.



SAVE THE DATE!

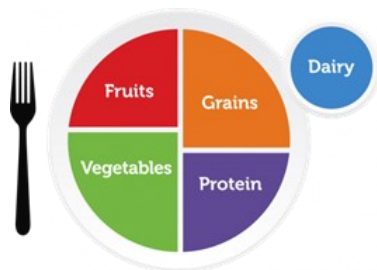


Officers Training will be held on two dates in 2022! We encourage all clubs to share this information with new and returning Officers!

Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 12 at 1:30 pm

Both trainings will be held at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to (mschaede@umd.edu) or call 410-638-3255 Be sure to include your position to ensure we have enough materials for all attendees.



Start planning your Menu! Meal Appeal will be held on April 30th at DCO Building(4-H Camp). For more information, please visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>. Click on Events to find the rules, hints, and table setting information!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

2022 Camp Dates:

Junior Camp-June 23-28

Clover Camp-June 29-July 1

Intermediate Camp-July 7-12



4-H Gingerbread House & Decorated Cookie Photo Contest



Ava's Gingerbread House: ***"Most Colorful!"***



Erin's Gingerbread House: ***"Over the Rainbow!"***



Nate's Gingerbread Barn: ***"Most Farm Friendly!"***



Emiliana and Adelaide's Gingerbread Nativity:
"Most Seasonally Spiritual!"



Samantha's Gingerbread House: ***"Belongs at the North Pole!"***

Congratulations to all of our participants! The creativity is amazing! Each participant will receive a prize to encourage them to continue baking and creating! Great Job! Prizes will be distributed to your Club Leaders.

4-H Reading Award Recipients



Congratulations to our Reading Contest
Participants!

Senior 4-Her— Hope Mullins

Intermediate 4-Hers— Mia Cochran, Ellie
Cochran, Ava Hughes, and Jaime-lyn Widman
Junior 4-Hers— Roger Cochran, Erin Lyons and
Adeline Skidmore

Prizes will be distributed to Club Leaders or call the
Extension Office to make pick up arrangements!



Aerospace/Rocketry Workshop

Friday, January 21 6:30-8:30 pm

If you are interested in rockets and space exploration, this workshop is for you! Come build a model rocket and learn about the basic forces at work during flight. Each participant will be provided with a model rocket kit for beginner to intermediate skill levels. Rockets will be built on January 21st and launched at the end of Winter Workshop (1/29) weather permitting. \$5.00 per participant (covers model rocket kit). To register, call 410-638-3255 by 1/14/22. Class size limited to 15, open to ages 5-18. (Clover members will need a parent to assist).

Computer Science and Coding Classes

Do you like telling stories? Would you like to create your own computer animated story? Come and learn how to use Scratch computer programming to create your own stories. This course is designed for those who are just getting started in coding to learn the basics using easy to use block coding. The course will run for 9 weeks with 5 in-person lessons and 4 virtual meetings. Class size will be limited to 14 participants. Please call 410-638-3255 to register by 1/20/22.

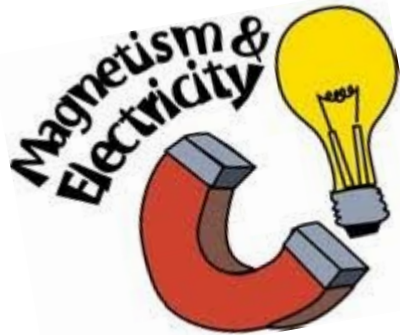
In-person lessons will be held from 7 – 8:30 at the Harford County 4-H office on:

1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22

Virtual meetings will be held from 7 – 8 on:

2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15





4-H School's Out Fun Day



Theme: Fun with Energy / Magnets

When: Monday, January 17, 2022

Hours: 8 am - 4 pm

Who: Youth ages 8 - 12

What: A day filled with fun, hands-on science and engineering activities focused on energy, electricity, and magnetism led by Harford County 4-H educators

Where: Harford County Extension Office

3525 Conowingo Rd

Street, MD 21154

Lunch is included

To register contact the Harford County 4-H office at 410-638-3255. Space is limited to the first 15 registered participants.



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact your local University of Maryland Extension Office.

Do you want to Build a Snowman?



Photo Credit Betty Crocker

Clovers and Juniors are invited to join us to make this fun, edible craft! Each participant will make a snowman cookie to take home and learn some basic baking skills and kitchen safety techniques! The class size is limited to 10 participants so be sure to RSVP to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu if you would like to attend. The cookie recipe will be provided to all to potentially use as a Fair entry for this year!

When: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:30 pm

Where: The Extension Office

**RSVP by 1/21/22 mschaede@umd.edu or
call 410-638-3255**

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4-H Volunteer Q&A



Have you wondered how to become a 4-H Volunteer? Are you new to volunteering and have questions about volunteer roles, responsibilities or how to share your skills and talents with the 4-H program? Bring your questions and join us for a Q&A session offered for all prospective, new, and returning 4-H Volunteers!

When: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7 pm

Where: The Harford County Extension Office

RSVP to Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu by 1/19/22 to ensure we have enough materials for all attendees.

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DAIRY FUN DAY

Saturday, February 12, 2022

9:30-11:30 AM

To be held virtually on Zoom

Come learn about, practice and try your hand at:

- Dairy Skillathon
- Dairy Quiz Bowl
- Dairy Educational Experience

In order to participate, you will need access to a computer and a cell phone/tablet, each device will need Internet connection.

Register at: <https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrd-uhrij0rGtEEIvr7eGXp8TziYHE4jgRy>

Registration deadline: February 9, 2022

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the zoom.

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Horse Happenings



Calling All Horse Enthusiasts! Below are MANY announcements from the State 4-H Program regarding upcoming equine events!

A note from Coach Lisa Fulco- Harford County is seeking horse bowl member interest. Practices are being held virtually at this time, Mondays 7-8 pm with the option to join more advanced practices with Baltimore County. All youth are asked to get their own resources for studying with limited resources available from the Extension Office. **Volunteers are needed to assist with coaching horse bowl, horse judging and hippology.**

As an additional incentive, for any Harford County 4-Her presenting a Horse Communication demonstration, the Leaders Association will award \$10 to each Junior-Senior youth participating. Senior youth winning top prizes in all contests have the opportunity to compete at Eastern National Horse Round Up in Louisville, KY in November 2022. Questions? Interested in helping? Contact Lisa Fulco lifulco1@yahoo.com



2022 Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party

The Maryland 4-H Horsemen's Party will be going VIRTUAL again for 2022! Mark your calendars and plan to join us virtually on **February 28, 2022**.

Nominations are now being accepted for three Maryland 4-H Horse Program Awards which recognize supporters of the program. Nominations will be accepted **now through January 14, 2022!** The nomination form and list of previous award winners can be found on our webpage: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

Please email completed nomination forms to Becca at regunder@umd.edu by **January 14, 2022**.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in the planning and facilitating of the 2022 Virtual Horsemen's Party. Contact Becca at regunder@umd.edu if you are interested in lending a hand to help make the 2022 virtual version of the party a big success!



Horse Happenings, continued



2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

4-H Horse Bowl provides an opportunity for two teams of three to four players to face off in front of a panel of judges and the moderator who asks questions during the matches. Each match consists of One-on-One questions which are limited to one player from each team to answer, and Open questions which may be answered by all players of each team. Players must be quick on the buzzer to earn the chance to answer the questions. Correct answers score points for the team.

The 2022 Horse Bowl Contest will be held over **TWO dates: March 5-6, 2022** and will be conducted using the online platform called QuizBowl Pro in combination with Zoom. The contest will feature Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions. Seniors who compete in the Horse Bowl Contest in March will be invited to a separate Senior Invitational Buzz-Off that will be used to determine the 2022 Maryland 4-H State Horse Bowl Team. The date of the Senior Invitational Buzz-Off and additional details about the Horse Bowl Contest and the Senior Invitational Buzz-Off will be announced soon. Questions are due to Becca at regunder@umd.edu no later than February 4, 2022 and registration for the event will be due by February 11, 2022. Interested members should contact Lisa Fulco lafulco1@yahoo.com right away as many teams have already begun holding practices to prepare for the upcoming contest.

Coaches Virtual Instruction Sharing Session

Virtual contests and virtual team practices...team coaches will want to join the Coaches Virtual Instruction Sharing Session to be held on **January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm**. This virtual sharing session will provide an opportunity to share, ask questions, and discuss virtual coaching techniques; the session will include an opportunity to try QuizBowl Pro first-hand, and an opportunity to see how other virtual platforms like Kahoot!, Quizlet, and Jeopardy Online can be used for team practices. Please email Becca at regunder@umd.edu if you would like to participate in this session.

2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest

The Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their public speaking skills and knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. For this contest, members will submit a recording of their speech or demonstration for judges to evaluate. Three categories are offered for this contest including: 1) Individual Presentation, 2) Team Presentation, and 3) Individual Public Speech. Awards are offered in three age divisions: 1) Junior (ages 8-10), 2) Intermediate (ages 11-13), and 3) Senior (ages 14-18).

The 2022 Horse Communications Contest will again be held virtually. Registration for the contest will be open from April 4-18th. Members must submit their recorded presentations between those dates. Contest rules will soon be posted at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>



Horse Happenings, continued



2022 Maryland 4-H Hippology Contest

The Maryland 4-H Hippology Contest tests the 4Her's intimate knowledge of horses and horse related items. At the junior and intermediate level, there are three parts to the contest: a written exam, identification stations, and judging classes. The senior level has four parts to the contest, as it also includes a set of projected slides in order to match the national program.

The Hippology contest will be completed during the Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Contest on **June 11, 2022** to be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration for this event will be due May 2, 2022. Contests rules will soon be posted at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The Maryland 4-H State Horse Judging Contest tests the 4-Her's knowledge of horse conformation and way of going. The contest has a mixture of halter and under saddle (or in harness) classes with 4 horses to judge in each class. After placing the classes and enjoying a short lunch, contestants are required to defend their placings for classes by giving "oral reasons" to the judges.

The 2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on **June 11, 2022** at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration for the event is due May 2, 2022. Contests rules will soon be posted at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

2022 Virtual Equine Art and Photography Contest

Previously associated with the Horse Jamboree and the Horse World Expo, the primary objective of the Maryland State 4-H Horse Virtual Art and Photography Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their artistic ability and highlight their equine-related subject matter in a virtual setting.

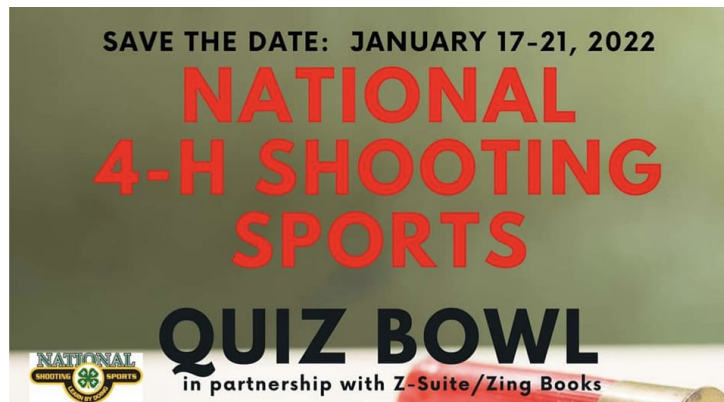
The 2022 Virtual Equine Art and Photography Contest will be held **July 1-18, 2022**. Contest rules will soon be posted at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program>

Volunteers Needed for Contest Committees

We are seeking individuals to serve on the 2022 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl, Communications, Hippology, and Horse Judging Contest Committees. It takes many hands to conduct each contest. Committee members will assist with the contest planning and development, provide virtual and/or in-person support on the day of the event, and more! Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Interested individuals should contact Becca at regunder@umd.edu.

Contact Becca at regunder@umd.edu or Chris at canders2@umd.edu if you have any questions!

State 4-H Opportunities!



New opportunity for our shooting sports participants! Check the National Website for additional details. The study guide is posted. It can be found at <https://4-hshootingsports.org/events/>. Registration is \$10 per participant. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H.

Save the Date!

MD State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on 4/23/22 at the Carroll County Extension Office.



Supporting our Kentucky 4-H Families Across the Country Impacted by Tornadoes

Many have asked how we can support our 4-H families impacted by the tornadoes. Kentucky 4-H has compiled a "Wish List" from Amazon of items that are needed now (and for the foreseeable future) and that will be shipped directly to 4-H camp. Feel free to share with your 4-H families.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QSWQ784UNLSR?ref=wl_share.



Congratulations to Harford County Gala Award Recipients: **Angelyn Wiggins** for achieving Level 5 Emerald Clover and as a member of the 2021 MD 4-H Horse Bowl Team; **Lisa Fulco**, 2021 MD Horse Bowl Coach/Chaperone; and **Angelique Livezey**, 2021 MD 4-H Poultry Judging Team Coach/ Chaperone. This year's theme is *Building on the Best*. While we greatly value the opportunity to come together in person for this wonderful event, this year we will continue to offer this as a virtual event. Please join us on Friday, January 28th, 2022 at 6:00pm! The gala will be broadcast on the Maryland 4-H Foundation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Maryland4HFoundation) and the Maryland 4-H YouTube Channel (<https://go.umd.edu/MD4HYouTube>).



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 February edition, please submit your information by 2/6/22 to Marylisa at mschaede@umd.edu.

The Harford Stockyards 4-H Club participated in Craft Fairs. The first was held at Pylesville HomePlace Poultry on 11/27/21 on a very cold and windy day! The next was held at the Bel Air Moose Lodge on 12/4/21. The money was raised to help our adopted family for the holidays. We are looking forward to next year!

*Pictures and write-up provided by Debbie Heston,
Club Leader*





Club Notes



The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met at Beth-el Church on 12/12/21. Club members wrapped presents for their adopted family and had a cookie exchange. Club members exchanged stockings stuffed with a gift card and candy. Wendy Baldwin donated a handmade crochet blanket to our adopted family.

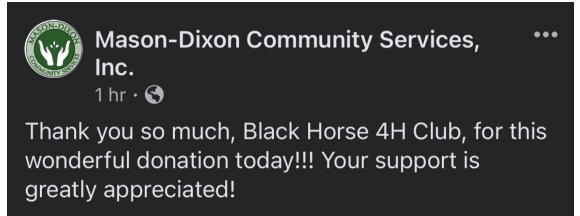
Pictures and write up submitted by Jane Burgess, Club Leader



Club Notes

The Black Horse 4-H Club was busy in December! We were in two Tractor Parades and we took 1st Place in the Highland Parade. We also collected 45 pounds of canned goods and toiletries for Mason Dixon Community Services.

Pictures and Write Up Submitted by Jennifer Greene



The Harford County 4-H Livestock Skillathon and Dairy Bowl Team have been hard at work studying and practicing for the upcoming State 4-H Competitions. If you would like to join, please contact Tracy Brooks tlbrooks28@gmail.com for details!



4-Hers observe a hands-on veterinary lesson from Muddy Creek Vet.



2022 Harford County Farm Fair 4-H Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20	STEER WEIGH-IN—7:00-8:00 AM POULTRY SHOW --- 9:00 AM---- BARNYARD PAVILION BEEF SHOW, STEER SHOW, SHOWMANSHIP—1:00 PM LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
THURSDAY, JULY	MARKET GOAT, SHEEP, & GOATS WEIGH-IN—7:00-9:00AM ARRIVAL OF DAIRY CATTLE—7:00-9:00AM DAIRY GOAT SHOW---9:00AM---BARNYARD PAVILION SHEEP SHOW -12:00 - LIVESTOCK SHOW RING FOLLOWED BY MARKET GOAT SHOW---LIVESTOCK SHOW RING DAIRY SHOW—3:00PM---BARNYARD PAVILION DECORATED CAKES ENTERED & JUDGED— 6:00PM-8:00PM-
FRIDAY, JULY 22	SWINE WEIGH-IN—7:00-9:00AM RABBIT SHOW-10:00AM----- BARNYARD PAVILION SWINE SHOW—12:00PM---LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
SATURDAY, JULY 23	HORSE SHOW CHECK-IN ---8:00-8:30 AM---HORSE RING HORSE SHOW—9:00AM ---HORSE RING BUYERS DINNER—1:00PM LIVESTOCK SALE & CAKE AUCTION—3:00PM
SUNDAY, JULY 24	INDOOR EXHIBITS ENTERED 2:00- 5:00PM
MONDAY, JULY 25	3:00-ARCHERY SHOW—RING 3 4:00—CAT SHOW---LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
TUESDAY, JULY 26	3:00—SMALL TRACTOR CONTEST—LIVESTOCK SHOW RING 5:00—BICYCLE RODEO—LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27	4:00—DOG SHOW—LIVESTOCK SHOW RING
THURSDAY, JULY 28	3:00 SMALL PET SHOW-LIVESTOCK SHOW RING 7:00PM—FASHION REVUE—MAIN PAVILION
FRIDAY, JULY 29	10:00-12:00—INDOOR EXHIBITS RELEASED-

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  Market Steer Paperwork Due	4	5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle due TODAY!	6  Horse Council Meeting 7 pm EO	7  Gingerbread/Decorated Cookie Photos Due!	8
9	10 Leaders Association Meeting 7 pm EO	11	12	13	14	15  Steer Tagging/Weigh In Equestrian Center 10 am-12pm
16	17 Schools Out Fun Day 8-4 	18	19  Camp Board Meeting 7 pm DCO	20  New Volunteer Q&A Session 7pm EO	21  Aerospace/Rocketry Workshop 6:30 pm EO	22  Snow Date for Steer Tagging/Weigh In
23	24	25  Computer Science/Coding Class 7 pm EO	26	27	28  Virtual 4-H Gala 6 pm	29  Winter Workshop EO
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February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Computer Science/ Coding Class 7 pm VIRTUAL	2	3  Officers Training 6:30 pm EO Horse Council Meeting 7 pm EO	4	5  Youth Mental Health First Aid
6  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle due TODAY!	7  Thumbprint Art 6:30 pm EO	8  Computer Science/ Coding Class 7 pm EO	9	10	11	12  Officers Training 1:30 pm EO
13	14  Valentine's Day	15  Computer Science/ Coding Class 7 pm VIRTUAL	16  Camp Board Meeting 7 pm DCO	17  Livestock Info Session #1 7 pm EO	18	19  Snow Date for Winter Workshop EO
20	21  Office Closed	22  Computer Science/ Coding Class 7 pm EO	23	24	25	26
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