



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 2/5/23 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.



On Saturday, January 7th we held our Volunteer Appreciation Tea, to honor our wonderful 4-H Volunteers! The Cloverettes and Friends 4-H Club along with many past and current volunteers, held a dedication ceremony honoring the life and service of 4-H Volunteers, Donna and Charles Burman. The club raised funds to have a bench personalized in their honor. (For more pictures see page 17)



UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



Happy New Year!

2023

I hope you have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We now look forward to a busy year of 4-H activities! In the coming weeks, you should receive a survey asking for your input regarding upcoming programs and community needs. Please be sure to share your opinions and suggestions to help improve our 4-H program! New for 2023, I will be adding an activity our 4-Hers can try at home. Be sure to check it out on page 10!

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy 2023!! ~ Marylisa Schaedel



Just a reminder, Record Books will be required to participate in the Farm Fair for 2023! If you need a refresher or are new to 4-H, the final workshop will be held on **January 11, 2023**. Record Books must be turned in to our office by February 6, 2023 to be eligible to participate in the 2023 Farm Fair.



Looking for Record Book forms, project records and rules? Visit our website, <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities> and click on the events tab. Scroll down to find the Record Book tab. Just a reminder, first year 4-Hers and graduating seniors are not required to turn in a record book. If you carry an animal or livestock project, you must complete a record for your animal. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the 4-H office 410-638-3255 or email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu.



Beef Tagging and Weighing will be held on Saturday, January 14th from 10 am-12 pm. In the event of inclement weather, tagging and weighing will be held on January 21 from 10 am-12 pm.



Good luck to our 4-Hers who are currently preparing for Bowls and Skillathons! The Livestock Skillathon will be held on 3/4/23. The Horse Bowl Contest will be held on 3/11/23. The Dairy Skillathon Contest will be held on 3/25 and the Dairy Bowl Contest will take place on 4/22/23!



We are looking for adult volunteers to judge Record Books! If you are new to judging, we will be holding a Record Book Judging Workshop and Distribution Night on **February 13, 2023**, 7 pm at the Extension Office. Interested? Please call the office 410-638-3255 or email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu.



Meal Appeal ~ February 18, 2023 at DCO



If your club is interested in participating, it is not too late to sign up for Meal Appeal! Call the office or email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu for the *mystery ingredient list!*

New for this year, Individuals are also welcome to participate! 4-Hers can give a individual cooking demonstration, or enter a nutritional poster or a health lunch box!

Entry forms, rules and tips can be found on our website:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Mark your Calendars! The Harford County Farm Fair will take place July 22-29, 2023. The theme will be an Old Time Agricultural Fair featuring 4-H, FFA, animal shows, 4-H and community exhibits as well as many agricultural events. The fair will be open to the public and parking will be permitted on the grounds. The schedule will be announced at a later date.



Camp Dates for 2023

Please note these dates are TENTATIVE and SUBJECT to CHANGE!

INTERMEDIATE CAMP: June 26-30, 2023

COMBINED CLOVER/JUNIOR CAMP*: July 10-13, 2023

***Clovers will be a day program only, Juniors will have the option to stay overnight or attend the day program only.**



Camp Counselor Applications and Information

Camp Counselor Applications, including two recommendation forms, will be due to our office by 2/1/2023.

Forms can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Questions? Contact the office 410-638-3255

Stay Tuned! Training Dates will be posted soon!



Horse Happenings



HELP WANTED!!

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with or coaching Harford County's 2023 Horse Bowl Team!! Practices typically begin in January to prepare for the Spring Contest. Please contact Lisa Fulco, lifulco1@yahoo.com for details.



Virtual Winter Photography Contest



Get your cameras ready! We invite all of our 4-H youth to participate in our Virtual Winter Photography Contest! A prize will be awarded to the first place entry for each age group (Clover, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and category (listed below). Pictures must be uploaded and received by 1/23/23 for judging. Winning photos will be announced in the February newsletter! One entry per category, per 4-Her, please!

Categories: Nature, Animals, & People

All entries will be featured on our social media and in the February newsletter.

Please send your pictures along with your name, age and category with a brief description to Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu.



The University of Maryland 4-H Program Assistant position for Harford County is open and accepting applications now through January 20, 2023. If you are interested in applying, please visit this website: <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/103185>.

Instructors Needed! Senior 4-Hers welcome!!

Winter Workshop

Saturday, March 4, 2023



Volunteer Instructor Registration Form

Please submit this form by January 20, 2023

Instructor Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a 4-Her? ___yes ___no

Address: _____

Class: _____

Brief Description of Your Class:

Supplies needed for participants:

We will provide class totals 10 days in advance of this event. You may purchase supplies and be reimbursed (less sales tax) or provide a list for our office to pre-order your class supplies.

Please return this form by January 20, 2023 to mschaede@umd.edu or mail to 3525 Conowingo Rd, Street, Suite 600, MD 21154.

THANK YOU!!

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WHOO's in Your Backyard????

**Change of Date due to
Owl Pellet Shortage!!**



Join us for a fun and informative lesson about owls from Harford County Bird Club member, Mary Murray. Each 4-Her will be given the opportunity to dissect a safe to touch, sterile owl pellet. This is a fun activity for all ages! Space will be limited to 15 participants so be sure to sign up today! It's sure to be a HOOT!!

NEW DATE!!

When: January 18, 2023 7 pm

Where: The Extension Office

RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu by 1/10/23 if you plan to attend.



**THE HARFORD
BIRD CLUB**
A CHAPTER OF THE MARYLAND
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4-H Camp Volunteer Open House

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

6-8 pm DCO

(Deer Creek Overlook 6 Cherry Hill Rd. Street, MD 21154)

Join us if you would like to volunteer at Camp, learn more about Camp or learn more about being a 4-H Volunteer!

We hope to see you there!



4-H Online Enrollment Party!



Would you like help navigating our online enrollment system? Do you live in an area with limited internet access? If you would like assistance with your 2023 4-H Online enrollment please join us!

When: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Time: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Where: The Extension Office

3525 Conowingo Road, Street, MD 21154

Please RSVP if you plan to attend to Marylisa mschaede@dumd.edu or call 410-638-3255.

State 4-H Opportunities



Mark your calendar for the new Maryland 4-H ACTS! 4-H ACTS will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 in Annapolis at the Historic Inns of Annapolis. Maryland 4-H ACTS will provide an opportunity for youth to travel to the state capitol, learn about civics, engage with legislators, and tell their 4-H stories. The event will also celebrate and inspire youth to be engaged in civics and service.

Registration will open in early January 2023 in 4-HOnline. Here is the planned agenda for the day at our State's Capitol:

Tentative Agenda:

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Morning Assembly at Historic Inns of Annapolis: Governor Calvert House

- Welcome & Kickoff
- Making the Most of Your Visit - Advice from a Legislator
- Understanding the Legislative Process & Gaining Insight to Your Role
- Combining Civics & Service to Build Thriving Youth

12:00 p.m. Lunch in Annapolis - on your own

1:00 p.m. Afternoon in Annapolis

- Guided Tour of State House (1:30 p.m., limited to 60 people)
- Making Connections - Meetings with your Legislators
- Scavenger Hunt - (in and around) State House Annapolis

4:00 p.m. 4-H Showcase Social - Telling Your 4-H Story (poster session)

5:00 p.m. Adjournment

8:00 p.m. Evening (optional)

- Observing the Legislature in Action - General Assembly Session

For more information about Maryland 4-H ACTS visit the Maryland 4-H website at: [Civic Engagement & Social Justice | University of Maryland Extension](#).



The National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl is coming very soon. Event dates are January 16 to 20. Registration link is now open:

<https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-study-materials/>



The portfolio deadline for National Leadership trips and National 4-H Conference will be on the same date beginning in 2023! Seniors age 14-18 as of January 1st the year the trip takes place are eligible to submit an application and portfolio packet through 4-H Online. If you plan to submit your portfolio please plan to review your packet with Marylisa Schaedel prior to uploading in 4-H Online. **The submission deadline will be 1/15/23.** Visit the MD State 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership> or contact our office, 410-638-3255 for details.



Try Something New!

This is a new feature for our newsletter! Here's an opportunity to try something new! If you try it, send us a picture and we will include it in our next newsletter.

If you have an idea, send it in! We welcome ideas from parents, 4-Hers and volunteers!



Don't forget your feathered friends this winter! Here is an easy recipe for birdseed cookies!

1 1/4 cups of birdseed

1 packet of unflavored gelatin

1 tablespoon of corn syrup

1/4 cup boiling water and 1/4 cup cold water

parchment paper and baking sheet

cookie cutters or mason jar lids

drinking straw

twine for hanging

*****Please note this activity requires the addition of boiling water. Please ask an adult for permission and assistance before making birdseed cookies!***

Step 1: In a large bowl, sprinkle the unflavored gelatin over the cold water. Next, carefully add the boiling water and stir until it is completely dissolved.

Step 2: Next add your corn syrup and stir. Once all of your wet ingredients are incorporated, add the birdseed and stir until the seed is coated. Place in the refrigerator for 10-15 minutes.

Step 3: Line your baking sheet with parchment paper. Lay your cookie cutters or jar lids on top of the parchment and fill with the bird seed mixture. Press well to ensure no gaps are present. Cut your drinking straw into 2 inch pieces and add to the center of each mold for the twine. Place in the refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight.

Step 4: Press the birdseed cookies out of the molds. Add twine and hang outside for the birds to enjoy!

Featured 4-Her!

Lindsey Larkin, of the Trailblazers Club has enjoyed participating in 4-H on the county, state, and national levels. She loved working on her county projects, leading as Maryland 4-H State Council President, and attending national leadership trips. She had the opportunity to attend National 4-H Congress in 2018, then returned the next year to help lead and plan 4-H Congress as a National Youth Design Team Member. This last November, Lindsey was invited to attend the first ever National 4-H Congress Design Team Reunion, where she met with design team members from past years. This was her final year in 4-H and she is beyond grateful to all of the amazing 4-H volunteers who helped her along the way. ~ Submitted by Julie Larkin, Mother and Club Leader



Above and Right: Pictures with Governor Hogan at the MD State Fair 2021.

Lindsay pictured above at the National 4-H Congress Design Team Reunion in Atlanta, GA.



Pictured above, the 2019 Design Team.



Past Design Team members pictured below in group picture.





Club Notes



The Paws and Claws 4-H Club collected gifts for a family in need and a senior citizen. The club wrapped packages together.

~Submitted by Lisa Andrews, Club Leader





Club Notes



Old Line was nominated and chosen to go to Honor Row at the Ravens game on Dec. 4th. These kids are the best and do so much for the community. ~Submitted by Club Leader Carrie Patrick



Club Notes

The Livestock Club made care packages for the residents of Jacob's Well Assisted Living. Club members brought socks, puzzle books, lotion, candy and other items. ~Submitted by Marylisa Schaedel, Club Leader



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Club Notes

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met on Sunday, December 11th for their annual Christmas party. Events included a pot luck supper, dessert contest and wrapping presents that the club purchased for their adopted family. Paige Baldwin taught the club members how to make giant snowflakes. ~Submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess





Club Notes



We celebrated our Christmas party at the Brooks' farm in December. We had a short club meeting where we took nominations for new club officers. Then we ate pizza and had a gift exchange. There were also a lot of desserts. It was very fun! At the January meeting we took final nominations for officers. The nominees each gave a speech and we all voted. The new officers were announced and will be installed at the upcoming Achievement Night. ~Submitted by Samuel Wilson, Black Horse 4-H Club Reporter



Burman Bench Dedication and 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Tea



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Office Closed New Year's Day (observed)	3	4  Market Steer Paperwork Due	5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle due TODAY!	6	7  Volunteer Tea and Bench Dedication EO 1-3 pm
8	9  Leaders Assoc Meeting 7pm EO	10	11  Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	12	13	14  Steer Tag- ging/Weigh In Equestrian Center
15	16  Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	17	18  Owl Pellet Dissection EO 7 pm  Camp Board Meeting 7 pm DCO	19	20  Instructor Forms due for Winter Workshop!	21  Snow Date for Steer Tagging/Weigh In
22	23  Photos Due for Virtual Photography Contest	24	25  Camp Volunteer Open House DCO 6-8 pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Officers Training 6:30 pm EO Camp Counselor Applications Due	2	3	4  Enrollment Open House 10 am- 1 pm EO
5  Submissions Due for the Cloverleaf Chronicle!	6  Record Books Due!!	7  Public Speaking Workshop 6 pm EO	8	9	10	11
12	13  Record Book Judges Workshop 7 pm EO	14	15  QPR Training for Volunteers and 4-Hers 14 and up 5:30 pm EO	16  Rabbit Club Interest Meeting 7 pm EO	17	18  Meal Appeal 9 am DCO
19	20  Office Closed Presidents Day	21	22	23	24	25
26  Officers Training 2:30 pm EO	27	28				



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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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