



Cloverleaf Chronicle February 2023



Happy February! 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 3/5/23 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.



A Chilly Day to Weigh!



On January 14th a few snowflakes floated by as 4-Hers unloaded their steers for weighing and tagging! Thanks to our superintendents, volunteers, families and 4-Hers for helping!



UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



4-H programs are in full swing this February! We are looking forward to hosting our annual Meal Appeal contest on Saturday, February 18, 2023, 9 am at Deer Creek Overlook. All are welcome to attend and cheer on the teams and individuals! Good luck to all of our participants! We are always on the lookout for new volunteers for 4-H clubs, programming, camp and other activities! If you are interested in becoming a certified UME 4-H Volunteer, please email mschaede@umd.edu and I will be happy to help you get started!

~Marylisa Schaedel



4-H Online is open for Enrollment! Please use this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/> to enroll. If you are a returning Volunteer and are unsure about your Volunteer Type and/or Role, please email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu for the information. 4-H Enrollment must be completed by 5/1 to participate in the Farm Fair or State Fair. Projects can also be added through 5/1/23 by contacting Lynne DiBastiani ldibasti@umd.edu. Questions? Feel free to call the office, 410-638-3255.



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.



Good luck to our 4-Hers who are currently preparing for Bowls and Skillathons! The Dog Skillathon will be held on 2/25/23. 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!



Winter Workshop Registration is OPEN! Space is limited! Sign up today and bring a friend! You do not have to participate in 4-H to attend this event. The cost is \$20 per child and registration forms including class selection can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>.



We are looking for judges for our upcoming 4-H Public Speaking Contest! The contest will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Extension Office. Judges will need to arrive at 5:30 pm and speeches will begin at 6:00 pm. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu.





Save the Date!



4-H Achievement Night

Sunday, May 7, 2023

2 pm

Deer Creek Overlook

(6 Cherry Hill Rd. Street, MD 21154)

Join us! We look forward to recognizing our 4-Hers hard work with an Awards Ceremony. Light refreshments will be provided.



The Harford County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 6 pm. All 4-Hers are invited to participate or cheer on the contestants! Contest Registration forms can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>. ***New for this year:*** the Maryland State 4-H has added two new categories to the Public Speaking Contest-Demonstration and Presentation. All details regarding the new additions can be found our website. If you have any questions regarding any of the categories, please call our office, 410-638-3255. Contest registration is due by March 27, 2023!



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.



OFFICERS TRAINING



Learn how to manage a meeting, understand the roles of each office and polish up your knowledge of Roberts Rules!

If you have been elected to an office for the 2023 year, please make every effort to attend one session!

Sunday, February 26, 2023 2:30 pm

or

Thursday, March 16, 2023 6:30 pm

Harford County Extension Office

Please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu



Are you new to the 4-H Program? Would you like to learn more about 4-H? Join us for an interactive discussion about the nuts and bolts of the 4-H Program! We will review the enrollment process, the calendar year, explain what is required of a 4-Her and review all opportunities at the County and State level. Bring your questions! We hope to see you there!



When: Monday, March 13, 2023 7 pm

Where: Harford County Extension Office

(3525 Conowingo Rd Street, MD 21154)

RSVP to Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu by 3/12/22.



SAVE THE DATE!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Livestock Information Sessions!

Meet your Superintendents! 3/7/23

Livestock Feeding and Nutrition 3/23/23

with Guest Speaker Karen Holloway

4-H Livestock 101 for New Exhibitors 4/20/23

All Information Sessions will be held at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu if you plan to attend!



Horse Happenings



We are pleased to have worked out our Annual Harford County 4-H Horse Activities 2023 Calendar (confirmed dates are pending- stay tuned). To be successful, we would like to ask for committed volunteers. We are talking about committees for the 4-H Horse Council and will be requesting commitment from volunteers for the following committees:

- Spring Paper Chase
- Trail Ride (Recreational 4-H Only)-Potential Spring, Summer and/or Fall Trail ride in locations such as Susquehanna State Park, Gunpowder and Fair Hill
- Horse Bowl/Horse Judging/Hippology-- County-wide Contest promotion
- Horse Clinic- Overall
- Obstacle Course and/or Cross-country obstacles
- Horsemanship Contest (identifying horse related items to be set up the whole time during clinic)
- Guest horsemanship activity/demonstrations: such as jousting, vaulting, ground work, driving
- Horse Clinic
- Clover Activities

The next 4-H Horse Council meeting, which includes a Zoom option, will be Thursday, February 16, 7:00 pm.

If you would like the zoom link, please contact Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu.



Virtual Winter Photography Contest



Congratulations to all of our Participants! Our first place winners are:

Brady Larkin, Senior Nature

Claire Minde, Senior Animals

Emily Troyer, Senior People

Sadie Moldenhauer, Intermediate Nature

Georgia Clisham, Intermediate Animals

Nathanael Muir, Junior Nature

Charlotte Rothwell, Junior Animals and People

To view all of the entries, visit our Harford County UME YouTube Channel:

<https://youtu.be/wJHf1FBpJhs>



4-H SUNRISE TOURS AT PIMLICO!!!

Save the Date! We are pleased to announce that Wednesday, May 17th is 4-H Day at Pimlico! Tours will begin at 6:00 a.m.

Stay Tuned! Registration information will be forthcoming!



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 10-14, 2023

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

Harford County 4-H

Teen Leadership Council



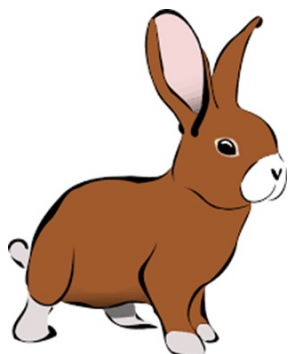
We are excited to introduce a **NEW** opportunity for our teen 4-Hers. This year, we will begin a new council focusing on **Teen Leadership**. The council members may be self nominated, or nominated by their 4-H Club Leaders. The council will meet quarterly to plan community service and outreach activities as well as promote 4-H at community events. They will also assist with planning of 4-H events and activities as well as make suggestions for new opportunities! We hope to have a teen representative from each club participate in this new venture!

Self and Leader nominations are due to our office no later than 4/3/23.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Teen Leadership please email Marylisa Schaedel mschaede@umd.edu.



4-H Rabbit Club Interest Meeting



Would you like to learn more about rabbits? Interested in showing rabbits at the Fair? Join the leaders, Rich Goles and Tiffany Fitzpatrick on to learn more!

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7 pm at the Extension Office

RSVP by calling 410-638-3255



QPR

QUESTION PERSUADE REFER

GATEKEEPER TRAINING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

FREE TRAINING for teens age 14 and over presented
by Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Harford County Agricultural Center

3525 Conowingo Rd., Ste 700, Street, MD 21154

Pizza Included

Register at www.harfordcountymd.gov/odcp

Questions? Contact Sandi at smgallion@harfordcountymd.gov or 410.638.3333



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Harford County Executive
JOSEPH SLIWKA
Director, Community Services



Office of Drug Control Policy
Harford County Department of Community Services
www.harfordcountymd.gov/services 410.638.3333

Join us for QPR Training, open to adults and 4-Hers age 14 and up. Pizza will be provided for attendees. To register, use the link: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/449/Office-of-Drug-Control-Policy>.

New Opportunity!



Applications are now open for the Joint Science and Technology Institute (JSTI) summer programs!

For high school students, JSTI is a two-week introductory research experience. The middle school JSTI program lasts one week. The goal of JSTI is to provide students and teachers with an opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, team building, and research projects mentored by professional researchers while also gaining exposure to various STEM careers. Currently, the JSTI East High School Teacher Program is on hold.

There are JSTI opportunities in two locations: New Mexico (JSTI West) and Maryland (JSTI East). Eligibility for each program is different. Please visit <https://orise.ornl.gov/jstieast/> and <https://orise.ornl.gov/jstiwest/> to see all eligibility criteria.

To apply to a 2023 JSTI summer program, please visit the links below:

JSTI West – June 10-23, 2023, for high school students from across the United States.*

Link for high school students: <https://www.zintellect.com/Opportunity/Details/JSTI-HS-2023>

JSTI East – July 15-28, 2023, for high school students from across the United States and Do-DEA schools overseas.*

Link for high school students: <https://www.zintellect.com/Opportunity/Details/JSTI-HS-2023>

JSTI East - MS – July 22-28, 2023, for middle school students from across the United States.*

Link for middle school students: <https://www.zintellect.com/Opportunity/Details/JSTI-East-MS-2023>

**Eligibility restrictions apply.*

****Questions regarding JSTI East, please contact us at JSTIEast@ornl.gov.**

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****Applications close March 31, 2023****

State 4-H Opportunities

Registration Closes
2/10!!



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](#).

Congratulations to Harford County Award Recipients!



BE EPIC!

You are cordially
invited to the
Maryland 4-H Awards Gala
February 19, 2023
▶ **Broadcasted f**
At 6 pm

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MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEERS

CELEBRATING THE HEART OF 4-H
Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards
JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 19, 2023
▶ **BROADCASTED AT 7:30 PM**

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION | MARYLAND 4-H FOUNDATION

Tune in to cheer on 4-Hers and Volunteers from across the state! The virtual Awards Gala & Volunteer Celebration videos will be broadcast on Sunday, February 19th. This year we will have **TWO** video celebrations.

The first video, themed “Be EPIC!”, will recognize Maryland 4-H youth. It will be broadcast at 6:00pm. The second video is themed “Maryland 4-H Volunteers: Celebrating the Heart of Maryland 4-H” and will highlight the 2022 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award Recipients. It will be at 7:30pm. Both videos 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>).



SAVE THE DATES!

Career AGsperience Program
Come AGsperience Your Future with Us!
Unlock the Mysteries and Learn the Untold Secrets of Preparing for a Successful Career.

Explore:
Career Planning, Resume Development
Internship Acquisition, Interviewing Skills
Business Etiquette, Agriculture Related Careers and Beyond

Open to any youth between 13-18 years old!
Information gained will be great for any career/college choice, not just AG related!

FREE PROGRAM

In-Person Program
February 25th - Howard County Fairgrounds, 9:30am
Register by February 10th at:
<https://forms.gle/fakCmBiQLGiLq8Lz7>

Career AGsperience Workshop

University of Maryland Extension-4-H is going to offer the Career AGsperience program this winter. An in-person session will be offered on Saturday, February 25th from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship. A flyer is attached.

The Career AGsperience program is open to any youth ages 13-18 years old and the deadline for registering is February 10th for the in-person session. The link for registering is: <https://forms.gle/fakCmBiQLGiLq8Lz7>

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!

Considering it feels like Spring in the Winter, get outside while the weather is warm and try to find the items on this Scavenger Hunt!



Tuft of grass



Robin



Flower Buds
peeking out
of the soil



Squirrel



Rock



Evergreen Branch



Tree Bark



Clouds

Featured 4-Her!

Maddie Greene and her show steer were featured this morning on WJZ weather segment in the out for a walk forecast! ~submitted by Jenn Greene

**CBS BALTIMORE**

Live TV

WJZ FIRST ALERT WEATHER
OUT FOR A WALK FORECAST

**Maddie & Jamal**

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WJZ AT 9

9AM		35°
11AM		40°
1PM		42°
3PM		42°
5PM		41°



Meteorologist Meg McNamara has your Friday morning forecast

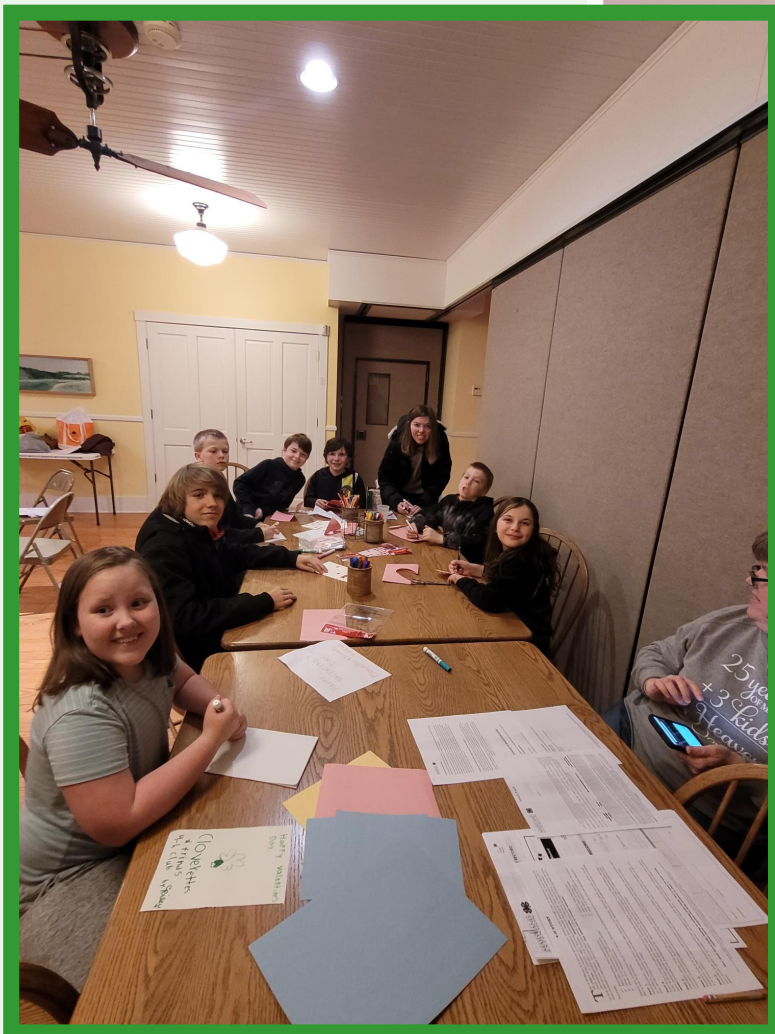
Meteorologist Meg McNamara has your Friday morning



Club Notes



At the January meeting of the Cloverettes and Friends, the club members made bird feeder ornaments and Valentine's Day cards for the residents at Hart Heritage. ~Submitted by Mary Maccarelli





Club Notes



The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met on Sunday, January 15th at Bethel Church. Club Leader Janine Ortt taught members how to properly set the table and Club Leader Jane Burgess taught members how to make homemade hot chocolate mix. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 12th at 3pm at Bethel Church, new members welcome. ~Submitted by Jane Burgess





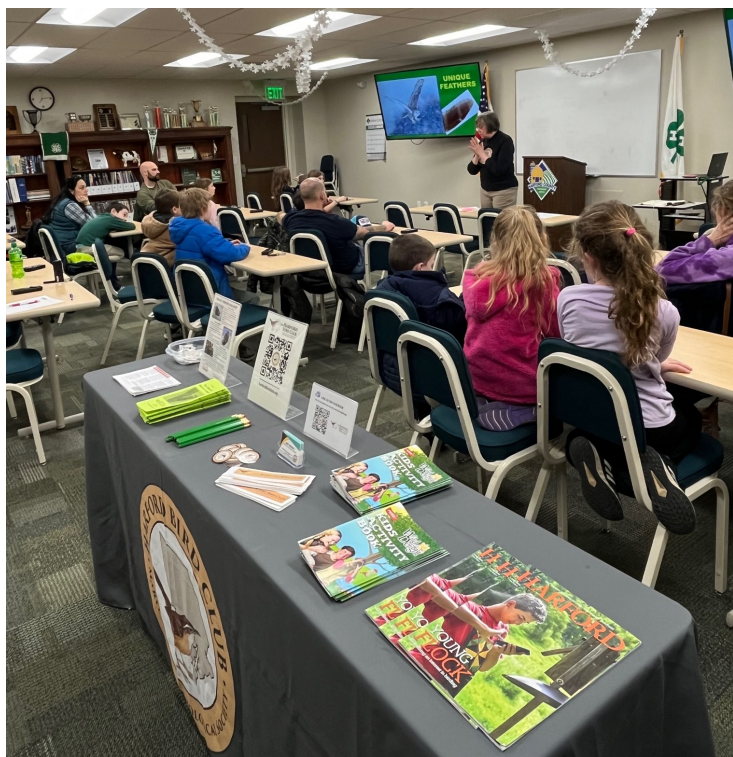
Club Notes



The Super Clover Kids Club met in January to plan for the year, hand in record books, and reelect officers. Bristol Ehrhardt, one of the club reporters, created a member sign-up for future demonstrations and took notes at the meeting. Ashlynn Tognocchi and Tessa Eagan collected money at the meeting to donate to the DCO. Also, in late December some club members had a fun morning bowling at Forest Hill Lanes! ~Some photos taken and submitted by Aubrey Tognocchi, club reporter



On January 18th Mary and Greg Murray taught a lesson all about owls and allowed our 4-Hers to dissect owl pellets!



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				

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Yearly Plan and Officer List DUE!	2	3	4  Winter Workshop EO *Registration Required
5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle due TODAY!	6  Leaders Association Meeting	7 Meet your Superintendents 7pm EO 	8	9	10	11
12	13  4-H 101 7 pm EO	14	15  Camp Board Meeting 7 pm DCO	16  Officers Training 6:30 pm EO	17 	18
19	20	21	22	23  Livestock Feeding and Nutrition Session 7 pm EO	24	25
26	27  Clover/Jr. Craft Session 7 pm EO	28	29	30	31  Public Speaking Contest EO 6 pm	



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.

**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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