



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



Congratulations to the participants of the Public Speaking Contest (pictured above) and the Dairy Skillaton (pictured below)!



UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



March was a busy month for our 4-Hers! Congratulations to our Public Speaking Contest participants and the Dairy Skillathon participants! Your hard work definitely paid off! Our office is growing! Please check out page 3 to meet our new employees! ~Marylisa Schaedel



4-H Online is open for Enrollment! Please use this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/> to enroll. **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.



Achievement Day invitations were mailed out this week! We hope to see you on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The ceremony will begin at 2 pm at Deer Creek Overlook. Sweet treats will be served courtesy of the Harford County 4-H All Stars!



Market Sheep, Swine, and Goat as well as Commercial Breeding Animals and Dairy Steer Registration paperwork and tag payment is due to the office by May 1, 2023. Tags are \$2 each. **Late entries will be assessed a \$20 per head late fee.** If you did not receive the paperwork by mail the form can be found here: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>.



Good Luck Wishes to Grads! Leaders, parents and 4-H members are invited to salute graduating senior 4-Hers by sending a write up of good wishes for your graduates to be posted on our social media platforms and our newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your graduates! Please share this information with your club members and send your write up and pictures to mschaede@umd.edu. Please be sure to ask permission to use pictures and names of your graduate before submitting!



Archery is a sport that can be enjoyed by all! The discipline builds confidence and self esteem. Harford County 4-H offers an accessible archery class for archers of all abilities! This class is offered at the Farm Fair as the Phoenix Group. These individuals will need to practice and log 10 hours of instruction given by a 4-H certified Archery Instructor. Fair participation will be based upon individual ability. If you have questions about this program, please reach out to our office for contact and club information!





Please stop by and say hello to our new employees!



*Meet our new 4-H Program Assistant,
Karen Taylor!*

I reside in Street, MD with my husband on a 10-acre hobby farm where we raise horses and vegetables. In my free time I enjoy trail riding and foxhunting.

I became involved with 4-H with my daughter when she joined the Easy Riders and the Dog Club. Along with 4-H, I have been a longtime volunteer with another youth organization, The United States Pony Club. At the local level in the US Pony Club I have been a local leader, treasurer, and instructor with Elkridge Harford Hunt Pony Club and I have served at the regional level as treasurer and horse management coordinator/instructor for the Maryland region.

I am looking forward to meeting our 4-H youth, parents, and volunteers and working with the 4-H program here in Harford County.

*Welcome Scott Satchell, our
new Area Extension Director!*

Scott Satchell is the new Area Extension Director for the Northern Maryland Cluster (Baltimore, Carroll and Harford Counties). Before joining the University, Scott was an Assistant Director with the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. He has 22 years of administrative and management experience with for-profits, non-profits, and government. He is excited to join University of Maryland Extension in Harford County.





Congratulations to our Public Speaking Contest Participants! **Prepared Speech:** *Lauren Kirk*, Junior Champion; *Victor Sulzbach*, Reserve Champion; *Charlotte Smithson*, Intermediate Champion; *Harper Rutledge*, Reserve Champion; *Isabella Holmes*, Participation; *Hope Mullins*, Senior Champion. **Extemporaneous Speech:** *Dylan Burnett*, Jr. Champion; *Arielle Leeds*, Reserve Champion; *Ashley Kirk*, Intermediate Champion; *Christopher Ortt*, Senior Champion; *Brady Larkin*, Reserve Champion; *Andrew Fulco*, Participation. **Radio Spot:** *Dylan Burnett*, Junior Champion; *Lia Gervasi*, Intermediate Champion; *Brady Larkin*, Senior Champion. **Interpretations:** *Brady Larkin*, Senior Champion. **Visual Presentation:** *Mabel Smithson*, Junior Champion; *Arielle Leeds*, Reserve Champion; *Elena Kirk*, Participation; *Isabella Smithson*, Intermediate Champion; *Elisabeth Holmes*, Senior Champion. **Demonstration:** *Lia Gervasi*, Intermediate Champion. **4-H Pledge:** *Beatrice DiAngelo*, Junior Champion. **Clover Book:** *Adrianna Leeds*, Clover Award. More pictures can be found on page 18! Our champions are eligible to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest in College Park on April 29, 2023.



Attention all Intermediate and Senior 4-Hers! The Farm Fair is looking for youth to help run the Kidway this year! The Fair will be open most days from 4-8 pm, July 22-29. If you are interested in helping, please let us know by calling the office or email [Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



GOOD LUCK TO THE HARFORD COUNTY DAIRY BOWL PARTICIPANTS!

We know you will do a “MOO”-velous job representing Harford County!!

Mark your calendars!
Tractor Supply's annual
Paper Clover Fundraiser
will be held April 26-May
5! If your club is inter-
ested in spreading the
word about 4-H by
hosting a table at a local
store, contact the store
manager to schedule a
time!



Be on the lookout for a new way to register for 4-H events, classes and workshops! Starting on March 20th, our office will begin using **GOOGLE FORMS** to track RSVP's to upcoming free events! This process will help us accurately count participants as well as prepare supplies for each event. The form is short and can be completed in less than 5 minutes! We appreciate your help with this new process! If you have any issues accessing the form, please contact our office, 410-638-3255.

Community Service Opportunity!

Kids Feeding Kids

Is your 4-H club looking for a community service project? The Hope Center of Maryland, a not-for-profit food bank located in Churchville, has two opportunities available. The Hope Center's goal is to ensure that all people in Harford County have enough food in their household. This is accomplished by collecting food, fresh produce and non-food necessities such as paper goods, cleaning and laundry supplies, then distributing to 16 community food giveaway providers, 3 fixed-income senior living communities, and 3 after school children programs. Below are two ways your club can help The Hope Center accomplish its mission.

Food Drive

Your club can hold a food drive to help feed Harford County children. Harford County has 10 schools where more than 60% of the families are low-income. Presently, The Hope Center assists one these schools by providing extra food to these children to take home with them on weekends and holidays. The Center has plans to expand this program to more of these schools within the next year. Your food drive will help with this program.

Donate surplus produce

Do the members of your club grow vegetables at home, and end of up with tons of tomatoes and zillions of zucchini? Last year The Hope Center received 38,000 pounds of surplus fresh produce from area farmers and home gardeners like you! The Hope Center provided hundreds of families and seniors with fresh produce through these donations. Your club members can team up to make donations during the growing season.

If your club is interested in either of these opportunities, contact Robert Meza to make arrangements, by emailing him at robert@thehopecenterofmd.com or call 443.787.9290.

For more information about The Hope Center of Maryland, go to www.thehopecenterofmd.com

Attention All Livestock Exhibitors!

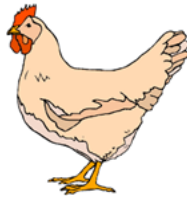
This year all livestock exhibitors will be required to attend a mandatory meeting and sign the new Harford County Livestock Exhibitor Rules. You are only required to attend **ONE** meeting.

Our final Livestock Exhibitor Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023, 7 pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by email or call the office. **If you attended one of the previous sessions, you do not need to need to attend on 6/5!**

This will be the last session offered to accommodate those who are away at college or have not been able to attend a previous session. If you have any questions, please call the office or email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu.



Poultry 101



Bring your questions and join us on April 12, 2023, 7 pm at the Extension Office.

Discussion will include poultry categories, Fair information, rules for testing in order to exhibit birds, documentation and biosecurity rules for exhibitors!

To attend, please register using the following link: <https://forms.gle/bLkwnfMi6nEtWpic6> or call the office 410-638-3255.



SAVE THE DATE!



Mark your calendars for our final Livestock Information Session!

4-H Livestock 101 for New and Returning Exhibitors

4/20/23 7 pm at the Extension Office.

Please RSVP by calling the office (410-638-3255) or email Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu

We will cover all of the requirements for the Fair, how to write a Buyers letter and what to include in your tack box! Be sure to bring your questions and we hope to see you there!



Horse Happenings



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!



Dog Obedience, Rally and Showmanship will begin on Monday, May 1st at the 4-H Camp. The fee is \$25.00. For more information and to register, contact Debbie Flock, debfflock@aol.com.

Dog Agility classes will begin the first week of May at Jill Blackburn's farm in Darlington. The fee is \$25.00. For more information and to register, please contact Jill at jillblckbrn@gmail.com.

A current Rabies Vaccination certificate is required for each dog to participate in the classes.



Are you new to 4-H and need guidance from an older, experienced 4-Her? Are you an intermediate or senior 4-Her willing to mentor a new or younger 4-Her with a project? We will be including a new **Help Wanted** section in our monthly newsletter! This feature will be much like old fashioned want ads, either looking for help with a skill or project, or someone offering their expertise with a skill or project! If you are interested in learning something new or helping a younger 4-H learn, submit your request to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu by 5/5/22!



Camp Dates for 2023

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.**

Registration forms can be found online: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education>

and must be turned in by 5/1!



Are you a 4-H Camp Alum aged 18 +? Are you interested in helping with the Camping Program as an adult volunteer to teach a class or stay overnight? Do you have great ideas for activities for our campers? If so, contact Marylisa at mschaede@umd.edu for details regarding UME 4-H Volunteer enrollment and upcoming planning meetings!



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4-H Explores Careers
MARYLAND ZOO

Teens! Are you curious about
a career in a zoo?

This whole day event will feature workshops led by professionals that have careers in animal care and conservation. Each session will feature a career overview followed by related hands on activities.

Choose Workshops to attend like:

Animal Behavior Specialist	Horticulturist	Water Quality Technician
Zoo Educator	Zookeeper	Veterinary Technician

We will also have many exciting 4-H activities next door at the Liberty Pavilion in Druid Hill park. Be sure to stop by!



Space is limited! Act fast!
There are only 50
Career Day Zoo
tickets available.

NO Walk-Ups or Drop-offs

Ticket Info:
4-H youth members ages 12-18 pay the reduced rate of \$18pp. (plus Eventbrite fee). 4-H family members who want to visit the zoo only, pay the group discounted rate of \$18pp. (plus Eventbrite fee). [Register here.](#)

Youth currently not in 4-H are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$48pp. (plus Eventbrite fee). Family members who want to visit the zoo only pay the group discounted rate of \$18pp. [Register here.](#)

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Date: May 13, 2023

Time: 10:00 am-3:30 pm

Location: Maryland Zoo
1 Safari Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

The 4-H Experience
Druid Hill Park
Liberty Pavilion

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact us one week in advance at 410-687-8093.

For more info on this event please contact:
Vernelle Mitchell-Hawkins
vmh@umd.edu



Space is limited so register today! 4-Hers can use this link to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-4-h-explores-careers-the-zoo-tickets-600780880787>

Youth currently not enrolled in 4-H can register using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maryland-4-h-careers-the-zoo-tickets-609792976207> Questions? Contact Vernelle Mitchell-Hawkins vmh@umd.edu.

The Jim Claxton Memorial Scholarship



Turfgrass Producers of Maryland, Inc.
"Save the Bay – Sod Today"

Administered by the Turfgrass Producers of Maryland

The Jim Claxton Scholarship Fund was initiated in 2011 in order to honor Jim and his contributions to the Mid-Atlantic turfgrass industry, while financially supporting students in pursuit of a college degree.

Jim worked as a salesman for Newsom Seed from the early 1990's until shortly before his passing in 2013. He made great contributions to turfgrass-related businesses during this period, especially businesses directly involved in turf production.

The Jim Claxton Scholarship Fund allows for an award to be issued to a winning applicant prior to the Fall college semester in the amount of \$500.00. If the Scholarship Fund allows, additional applicants may be awarded. Previous winners of the Jim Claxton Scholarship may re-apply. Preference may be given to students enrolled in a turfgrass related field or with experience in turfgrass production.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a current high school senior, or enrolled in a two or four-year college/university program. Proof of enrollment may be requested by the Scholarship Committee after application submittal.
- Applicant should reside in the Mid-Atlantic area or be enrolled in a college/university in the Mid-Atlantic area. Preference may be awarded to students residing or attending school in Maryland or one of its adjoining states.
- Applicant should have earned a high school or college level GPA of at least 2.50.
- General application, current transcript, one-page essay, and up to two letters of recommendation must be submitted by mail or email by 5/31/23.

Essay Prompt: Please submit a one-page essay outlining your career objectives in your chosen field, and your connection to the turfgrass industry.

Application Checklist (online application available at <https://tinyurl.com/mem5fk9c>)

- General Application Form (Page 2)
- Resume
- One-Page Essay (prompt outlined above)
- Transcript
- Up to two letters of recommendation (1 letter is required)

Sending Your Application: We are accepting applications by mail or email.

To email, send your application and all accompanying documents to sara@newsomseed.com by **4:00PM on 5/31/23.**

To mail your application & documents, send to:

Turfgrass Producers of Maryland
P.O. Box 389
St. Michaels, MD 21663

All applications MUST be received or postmarked no later than May 31, 2023.

Interested applicants need to complete the application which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/mem5fk9c>. Applications need to be returned to sara@newsomseed.com by 4:00 pm on 5/31/23.



Club Notes



At the Paws and Claws March meeting we had special visitors from Global Pets. They had reptiles, a tarantula, and a parrot named Rocky. We learned the parrot's beak is strong enough to break bones! Club member Levi Ward brought in his Madagascar hissing cockroaches and answered many questions about them. ~submitted by Rowan Ward, Paws and Claws 4-H Club Reporter





Club Notes



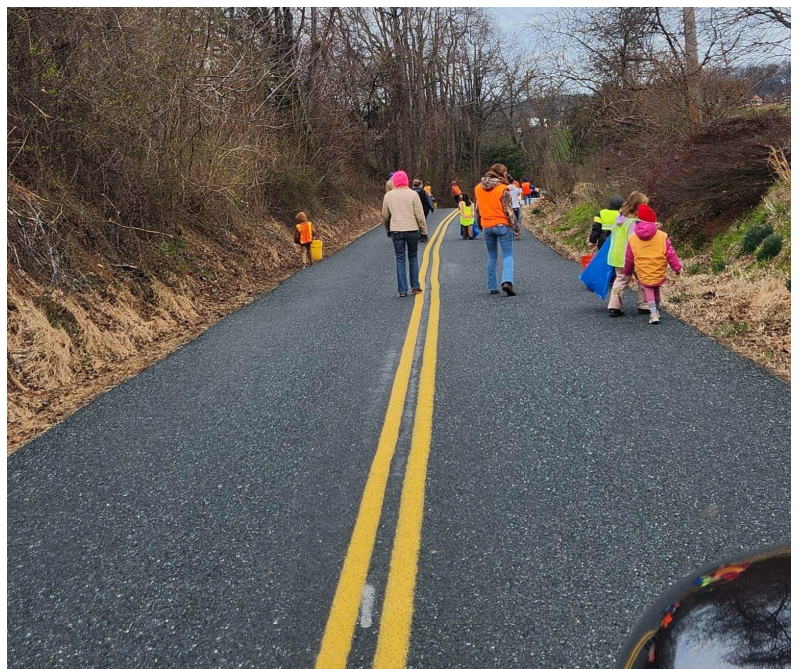
The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club met on March 12th at Bethel Church. Our focus this month was on horticulture. The members played a game matching fruits and vegetables with their seeds. They planted seeds in recycled milk jugs. They also stuffed Easter eggs with candy for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at DCO. New members always welcome. ~submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess



Club Notes

Black Horse 4-H club spent some time at their monthly membership meeting stuffing Easter eggs for the 4H camp's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. They also enjoyed a demonstration by the Black Horse meal appeal team that won 2nd place in last month's competition. On March 12th the club did their quarterly road cleanup on Harford Creamery Road.

~Submitted by Ellie Sommerfeld, Reporter





Club Notes



The Sharp Shooters Archery Activity Club met for the first time on March 31 to practice! ~Pictures submitted by Club Leader Michele Magness





Club Notes



Lia Gervasi participated in the MD 4-H Dog Skillathon contest and placed 3rd for Intermediate. Both Kate and Lia attended the ACTS event in Annapolis in February. They took a state house tour and met Dr. Nia Fields, MD 4-H Program Leader. Lia also participated in Meal Appeal as the only individual demonstration entry. She did a great job making sugar cookie bars! ~Submitted by Diana Gervasi and Debbie Flock, 4-H Dog Club



Featured 4-Her!

Brady Larkin attended the 4-H ACTS program in Annapolis with a delegation of 4-Hers from across the state where he learned about civic engagement and service learning while listening to senators and delegates. He was given the opportunity to present his 4-H journey and service experiences at a meet and greet ice cream social with various delegates and senators. He also learned what it is like to be a state senator from presentations by Senator Michael McKay and Senator Charles Sydnor.



4-H Picture Pages



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This month our Clovers and Juniors learned how to make Grass Heads! They did a great job! Pictured below are Lily's cat and horse growing lots of "hair"!



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  Teen Leadership Council Applications DUE	4	5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!	6	7	8
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16 Weekend	17	18	19  Camp Board Meeting 6 pm DCO	20  Livestock 101 EO 7 pm	21	22  4-H Gourd Day Registration Required
23	24	25	26  Teen Council Meeting 6 pm EO	27	28	29  Maryland Day
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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Leaders Association Meeting 7 pm EVERYTHING IS DUE!!	2	3  Clover/Jr Barnyard Cupcakes Workshop 7 pm EO	4	5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle due TODAY!	6
7  Achievement Day 2 pm DCO	8	9 10 Weigh In Swine, Sheep and Goat s Harford Co. Fairgrounds 6-8 pm		11	12	13  MD 4-H Day at the Zoo (registration required)
14  Mothers Day	15	16	17  Camp Board Meeting 6 pm DCO	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29  Office Closed	30	31			



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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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