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## **Trailblazers 4-H Club News**

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#### **Trailblazers 4-H Club Celebrates Agriculture, Leadership, and Learning with Summer Farm Tours and Community Events**

June 2025 – Oakland, MD — The Trailblazers 4-H Club continues to embrace hands-on learning and youth leadership with a busy start to the summer. This month, club members participated in educational farm tours, important fair preparations, and exciting community activities that highlight the value of agriculture and teamwork.

One of the highlights of the month was the Trailblazer Farm Tour Series, where members and families traveled to multiple local farms to learn about each other's agricultural projects. Stops included the farms of the Rinker, Sines, Hughes and Hayhurst families, as well as a visit to Devler's Ice Cream. Each member had the opportunity to showcase their animals, chores, and responsibilities, promoting a deeper understanding of the hard work involved in raising livestock and managing a farm.

"This experience really brought our group together," one parent noted. "Each child learned something new and felt proud to share their daily work."

The group also discussed upcoming events and fair requirements during their June meeting:

- Quality Assurance training must be completed by July 1 for livestock exhibitors.  
Members still needing to complete it include McKenzie Endvick, Olivia Hayhurst, Dani Hughes, and Cais Sines.
- Online entry for 4-H livestock exhibits is mandatory and opens soon. The deadline is July 14.

- Livestock participants were reminded to submit market animal pictures by July 15, work on buyer letters, and schedule vet visits or complete self-certifications.
- Camper reservations for the fair were due June 18.

To raise funds for upcoming programs, the group is selling Fair Fun Fundraising Calendars. This calendar fundraiser has become a successful tradition in recent years, with each calendar sold representing one chance to win a prize.

Members also celebrated the success of the recent Dairy Queen Spirit Night, which raised money through sales and donations, and discussed the ongoing Cow Patty Bingo fundraiser, with tickets available for both Monday and Friday night games to benefit the GCLA scholarship fund.

The club continues to plan community outreach events, including a petting zoo at Crellin Senior Center on Thursday, June 26 at noon, and will hold their next meeting as a family fun night at Herrington Manor on July 15 at 6:00 PM, featuring swimming, kayaking, and fishing.

As summer rolls on, the Trailblazers 4-H Club remains committed to cultivating responsibility, education, and fun for its members, one farm and event at a time. If interested in joining 4H, call the Maryland Extension Office.



