



CARROLL COUNTY 4-H TRIBUNE - OCTOBER 2026

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK/PROMOTIONAL CONTEST

Show your 4-H pride throughout National 4-H Week! Watch our Facebook Page with more information! National 4-H Week will be held October 4 - 10, 2026!

4-H Clubs... don't forget about the National 4-H Week Promotional Contest held during National 4-H Week. If your club is interested in promoting 4-H through a window display, table top or bulletin board display, please let us know! You just need to find a local business/location that will let the club set up a display! Make sure to complete the link below, so we know where displays can be found for judging! This does count as a fair contest for your club for the 2027 year! All displays must be up by Monday, October 5th for judging to take place!

To register your club promotional display, please complete the information found at: <https://forms.gle/E5FMTNgDCWNca4vq5>

CLOVER HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tricks and Treats are in store for the 2026 Clover Halloween Party! Fun games, crafts and some trick or treating are all planned for our clover members! Everyone is encouraged to wear their Halloween costume. You're welcome to bring a friend with you too! The Clover Halloween party will be hosted by the 4-H Ambassador Team and held on **Friday, October 23rd, 6pm at the Extension Office.**

Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/utfWQ625qTPwnmea7>

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H SHIRTS!

We're excited to kick off our 1st Carroll County 4-H Shirt Fundraiser! There are lots of fun options to choose from to represent the Carroll County 4-H Program! Funds raised from shirt sales will help support the general 4-H program through county-wide activities! The shirt fundraiser will be open between October 23rd - November 12th and the website to order shirts will open on October 23rd. Take a look at the flyer at the end of the Tribune for the AMAZING designs you can select from! You may just need 1 in every design! These will make great gifts as we come up on the holidays too! To visit the website starting on October 23rd, go to bonfire.com/store/carroll-county-4-h/

CLAY HANDBUILDING: CREATE YOUR OWN WIND CHIME!

Get ready to get your hands messy and your creativity flowing! In this two-part series (8 years old and older), you'll learn how to build, design, and decorate your very own clay wind chime using kiln-fired clay. In the first session, you'll learn fun handbuilding techniques like pinch pots and slab work to shape your wind chime. Then, in the second session, you'll add your own personal style with colorful ceramic glazes. Your finished wind chime will be fired in a kiln and ready for pick-up about one week after the second class. Participants must attend both classes to complete their project. Come and create something unique that you can hang up and enjoy at home!

This is a two-part series held on October 7th from 5:30pm - 8pm and October 14th from 6pm - 8pm. Registration is now open for **Clay Handbuilding: Create Your Own Wind Chime** at <https://forms.gle/21AhZq1JoLkgCzBw5>

CHEF ACADEMY

Chef Academy promises to be a fun night(s) of learning the basics of cooking skills! 4-H members 8 years old and older will be able to participate in the new program focusing on learning different skills in the kitchen! You can participate in just 1 or multiple Chef Academy workshops offered this fall.

Chef Academy - Crockpot Meals Workshop will be held on **Friday, October 16th from 6pm at the Extension Office**. The cost is \$40 cash/check or \$41.63 for online payment and includes all ingredients. Crockpot Meals is FULL. Email Jennie (jchameli@umd.edu) to be added to the waiting list.

Chef Academy - Homemade Pizza will be held on **Friday, October 30th, 6pm at the Extension Office (may need to move location due to office renovation.)** Cost for workshop is \$25 cash/check or \$26.06 for online payment. Workshop includes all materials and each 4-Her will be making their own pizza, from homemade dough to adding their favorite toppings! They will even go home with dough to host pizza night for the family! Register at: <https://forms.gle/wMA7gXYiyn5Xj6bE9>

Chef Academy - Quick Breads will be held on **Friday, November 6th, 6pm at the Extension Office (may need to move location due to office renovation.)** Cost for workshop is \$30 cash/check or \$31.21 for online payment. Workshop includes all materials and each 4-Her will make 4 different types of breads. Due to the limited oven space at the office, 4-Hers will need to take their bread dough home to finish baking. Register at: <https://forms.gle/fdvVEBi7z6ogJmSHA>

Hold the following dates with registration to follow in the next Tribune for the remaining Chef Academy Classes:

November 20th - Homemade Pasta

December 11th - Holiday Desserts



AMBASSADOR SERVICE PROJECTS

The 4-H Ambassador Team is kicking off the **2nd Annual Soda Can Tabs Service Project** for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Any type of aluminum tab will work from soup cans to pet food cans. Tabs can be dropped off anytime from now until the end of the year at the Extension Office. The hope is that we will be able to deliver the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and provide families a 4-H experience while there. Be on the lookout for collection boxes at different 4-H events. Anyone is able to collect and donate, so think of places you might be able to put a collection box!

Also, don't miss out on the Ambassador's **3rd Annual Canned Food Drive!** The team is now collecting any type of non-perishable food through the end of the year! Food items will be donated to local food banks in the county. The club that donates the most non-perishable items will win the 1st spot in the 2027 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Parade, right behind the Ambassador Team!

NATIONAL 4-H TRIPS!

Calling all Senior 4-H members! Here are some great opportunities for you to apply for National 4-H Leadership Trips for 2027! This opportunity to apply is for the following trips in 2027:

National 4-H Conference (held in Washington D.C in April), National 4-H Congress (held in Atlanta, GA in November), Camp Miniwanca (held in Michigan in June), Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia 4-H Camp (both in June). These trips all focus on building leadership and lend more to the service side of the 4-H program.

There are specific guidelines for completing the following items such as how many pages each can be, type of font to use, spacing, etc. Please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) for specific guidelines and think about signing up for the portfolio workshop!

If interested in applying, here's what you need to do:

1. Complete your 4-H Resume which is comprised of showcasing your leadership, citizenship and life skills.
2. Complete the 2027 Essay Question which is, "How can advances in technology/artificial intelligence impact the future of the 4-H program in a positive way?"
3. Submit all requirements through 4-H Online by **November 15, 2026 (for National 4-H Conference consideration)** and **January 29, 2027 (consideration for remaining trips)**.

SENIOR PORTFOLIO WORKSHOP

Are you a senior in high school and thinking about applying for all of those scholarship opportunities next year? How about a 4-H member between the ages of 13-18 for 2027 that wants to apply for the senior ambassador team? If you can answer "YES" to either of the above questions, than make plans to join us on **Wednesday, October 14th, 6pm at the Extension Office. We will provide pizza for dinner too!** This is a great opportunity to start putting together your 4-H resume for scholarships and the senior ambassador team. Just bring a laptop with your or we can provide one if needed. We will work through your 4-H, school and other activities to help you build a 4-H resume to help you apply for scholarships or ambassadors!

Registration can be completed at: <https://forms.gle/Jq4QDRiDkZf2JeY38>



MD 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RECORD AWARD

Attention Senior 4-H Members! This is a FANTASTIC opportunity for you! The Maryland 4-H Program has an Animal Science Record Award winner for the state! We have LOTS of senior 4-H members participating in: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Dogs, Horse and Pony, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine and Veterinary Science that qualify for this award! All you need to include is a 4-H Resume, Project Record and a Project Essay. The entry system will open on October 1st in 4-H Online. All submissions must be in by November 16th! If you are interested in this opportunity and have more questions, reach out to Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and she is more than happy to help you! More information can also be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/>

PROJECT RECORDS DUE

Projects records will be due to the Extension Office on Monday, November 30th. Check with your club leader to see when your records are due to them. RECORDS WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB LEADER! If you participated in/exhibited in the following at the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, you MUST turn in a completed project record to be eligible for the 2027 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair: ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK, RABBIT, POULTRY, HORSE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GARDEN. See the attached Tips for Project Records for 2026 for additional information.

Note—Records that are submitted and are identical from the same households will be returned to 4-Hers to re-do. Remember, that each project area (art, crafts, foods, woodworking, etc.) are considered separate projects and will not be accepted if turned in on the same project record form.

Please follow this link to the Carroll County Extension website for the correct project records: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

PROJECT RECORD - COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT REMINDER

All project records that are completed will be held to meeting all standards, including the communication section. Remember that 4-Hers must present a speech or demonstration to 3 or more people not related to them to meet this requirement. This is a speech or demonstration the youth has given, not something they attended. The speech and/or demonstration MUST be related to the project. You cannot use a speech about Crafts for your Market Beef project record. You also cannot use a Market Beef demonstration for your Market Swine project record. Your communication MUST BE RELATED TO YOUR PROJECT AREA! You MUST also include all information on when you gave the speech/demonstration, including a TITLE (don't write FAIR), location, and type of communication. Don't forget that participating in programs such as skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.



PROJECT RECORD JUDGING

Each year, we spend the first Saturday in December reviewing 4-H project records, which is no easy task with over 700 records typically to review. Each record is reviewed by 2 judges to ensure 4-H members have met the minimum requirements on their records. We are always looking for assistance from 4-H volunteers, parents and 4-H alumni who'd like to come and spend part of their day with us! **Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 5th starting at 9am at the Extension Office.** We will teach you what to look for that morning and you can spend the next few hours reviewing records and learning LOTS from our 4-H members and their projects!

UME 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a certified University of Maryland Extension - 4-H Volunteer? Reach out to Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) if you are interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer and she will send you the step-by-step directions on how to become a UME 4-H Volunteer! You can complete all the steps of the training from the comfort of your home!

FAIR VOLUNTEER SURVEY

The fair wants to hear from you! Ryan Schooley is the new Vice Chair of the fair has put together a short survey as she is looking at the future of the fair and her focus is strengthening the volunteer involvement. She plans to strengthen the fair team by adding new faces, retaining previous volunteers and revamping the fair's approach on volunteerism. Ryan hopes you will take the time as alumni, volunteers, parents and community members to take this quick survey to help her assess needs in the fair community. Your time is appreciated and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ryan.

Survey link -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8BeySGU2Dby67AtmAGvmoYYfk9exPtT1z44FoLuqdZqCFEA/viewform>

Carroll County 4-H How to become a UME 4-H Volunteer?



Email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) with your interest in becoming a UME 4-H volunteer.

1

You will receive an email detailing each step in the UME 4-H volunteer process.

2

Complete your NEW VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT in 4-H Online (this includes providing 3 references)

3

Watch the 4-H volunteer On-boarding video and call the Extension Office for your interview.

4

Complete the required CJIS background check, which comes from Sterling Volunteers through email.

5

Once Steps 1-5 are complete you will receive 2 Adobe Sign forms for signature. Once you've signed, you will be approved as a UME 4-H Volunteer!

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4-H/FFA Alumni Survey

[Share responder link](#)



FAIR REMINDERS

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on October 28th.

2027 Fair Dates— July 30 - August 7, 2027

Too many ribbons? Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings. We cannot accept State Fair ribbons.

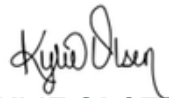
DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4—10	National 4-H Week
October 7	Clay Handbuilding Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm (Part 1)
October 12	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Columbus Day
October 14	Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm Clay Handbuilding Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm (Part 2)
October 16	Chef Academy (Crockpot Meals), CC Extension Office, 6pm
October 22	Annual 4-H Club Leaders Meeting, 7pm
October 23	Clover Halloween Party, CC Extension Office, 6pm 4-H Shirt Fundraiser Kick-Off!
October 25	Trunk or Treat, CC Ag Center, 2pm
October 30	Chef Academy (Homemade Pizza), CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 6	Chef Academy (Quick Breads), CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 11	CC Extension Office CLOSED for Veteran's Day
November 20	Chef Academy (Homemade Pasta), CC Extension Office, 6pm
Nov. 26-27	CC Extension Closed for Thanksgiving
November 30	Project Records DUE to Extension Office
December 4	4-H Warehouse Sale, CC Extension Office (more info to come)
December 5	Project Record Judging, CC Extension Office, 9am
December 11	Chef Academy (Desserts), CC Extension Office, 6pm

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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the Tribune online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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