



Cloverleaf Chronicle February 2025



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 3/5/25 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.

We celebrated our hard working 4-H Volunteers on January 25th! Special thanks to Karen Taylor for planning a great event and preparing all of the delicious food! See page 19 for more pictures!

Thank You 4-H Volunteers!





UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



4-H Online is now OPEN! To enroll, please use this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Clubs and projects can be added through 5/1. Please note, Activity clubs will open 2 weeks before their first meeting date.



Inclement Weather Policy Reminder: If HCPS is closed or school is dismissed early, all 4-H Events are CANCELLED!



Winter Workshop Registration is OPEN! Forms can be found on our website, <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/> and must be returned to our office with payment by 2/20.



Save the Date! If you completed a Record Book or Portfolio, you will receive an invitation to attend the Harford County 4-H Achievement Night on Friday, April 4, 2025 , 7 pm at Deer Creek Overlook.



4-H Camp Registration is OPEN! Campers ages 8-13 are welcome to register now through May 1st using our Eventbrite links:

Residential Camp:

<https://4-HSummerResidentialCamp.eventbrite.com>

Day Camp:

<https://4-HSummerDayCamp.eventbrite.com>





The newly established Harford Youth Shooters 4-H Club will hold an interest meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 7 pm at the Extension Office. To participate you must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2025 and enrolled in the Shooting Sports project. Space will be limited. If you plan to attend please RSVP to the 4-H office, 410-638-3255. Space will be limited!



Fashion Revue Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7 pm at the Extension Office

We will be planning the theme, decorations, reviewing forms, dates and talking about future Fashion Revue plans!

Learning games and prizes included!!

Hope to see you there!



*****Rescheduled due to Snow!!!*****

*****New Date Below!! *****

Livestock Feeding and Nutrition

With Guest Speaker Karen Holloway

Thursday, February 27, 2025

7 pm at the Extension Office

Join us to learn all about feeding to maximize the growth potential of your livestock animal! Bring your questions!

Please RSVP to Marylisa at mschaede@umd.edu or call the office, 410-638-3255 by 2/26/25.

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Did you ever want to learn the basic knowledge of horses, equipment and safety even if you don't own a horse?

Drop-in Any Class

Time: 6:30pm

**Location:
Harford County Extension
Office
3525 Conowingo Road
Street, MD 21154**

**Questions?
kbtaylor@umd.edu
410-638-3255**

Feb 20, 2025

Grooming
Horse Behavior
Safety around horses

April 3, 2025

Western & English tack
Bits
Training aids

March 6, 2025

Parts of the horse
Blemishes
Unsoundness
Gaits

April 17, 2025

Realities of owning a
horse
Careers
Equine, pasture & housing
management

March 19, 2025

Nutrition
Teeth
Digestive system
Parasites
Basic health



Program funded by the
Maryland Horse Industry Board Grant

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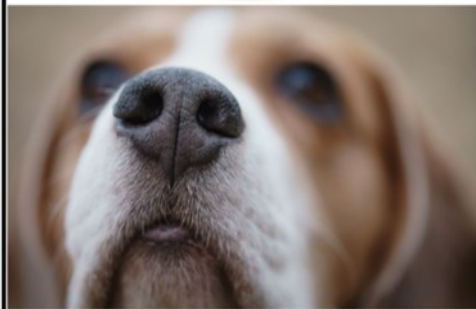
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in activity, please contact Karen Taylor 410-638-3255 one week in advance of activity date.

EQUINE Fun Facts

Instead of measuring from the ground to the top of a horse's head, we measure to the top of its wither. The wither is a curved bone between the base of the neck and beginning of the back.

Dog Trivia

Dogs' noses can sense heat and thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.



Good Luck

to our 4-Hers participating
in the MD State 4-H Dog
Skillathon Contest!!

OFFICERS TRAINING



SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025



11 AM– 1 PM

Harford County Extension Office

New and Returning Officers are encouraged to attend!

Officer roles will be reviewed and we will practice parliamentary procedure.

Pizza will be served!

Please RSVP to Marylisa using this google form:

<https://forms.gle/JZBWQEEj6TwCW9nSA>

or call the office 410-638-3255 by 3/27/25.

If you require special assistance, please contact our office 2 weeks prior to the event.



Interested in Public Speaking?

Join us for an interactive workshop with members of our 4-H Teen Council!

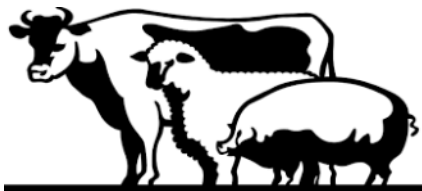
When: Monday, March 10, 2025

7 pm

Extension Office

Public speaking is a life skill for all ages! If you would like to join, please RSVP to Marylisa, mschaede@umd.edu or call 410-638-3255 by 3/7/25

Save the Date! The Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, 3/30/25, 1 pm at the Extension Office.



Livestock Information Series Save the Dates!!



Best Practice for Keeping your Livestock Healthy: March 11, 2025 7 pm

Meet Your Superintendents and Buyer Letter Review: April 8, 2025 7 pm

*All sessions will be held at the Harford County Extension Office
please RSVP to mschaede@umd.edu*


www.DeerCreekOverlook.com





THE HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP
AND DEER CREEK OVERLOOK

Deer Creek Overlook & 4-H Camp

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

 March 23rd, 2025

 10:00am

 Deer Creek Overlook & 4-H Camp

JOIN US FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Welcome To All 4-H Members, Family, Parents,
Community Kids Needing Community Service Hours
And More!

Bring your rake, wear your outdoor gloves and boots and be ready to
work!

We will be raking leaves, attending to flower beds and cleaning the
camp!

Lunch and Snacks will be provided.

There will be an added "bonus"
announced during Spring Clean Up
Day for those that volunteer!



Sign Up Today



www.DeerCreekOverlook.com

THE HARFORD COUNTY 4-H CAMP
AND DEER CREEK OVERLOOK

Please plan to join us! Please sign up using their website, www.deercreekeverlook.com. For those
attending there will be a surprise "thank you" given on the 23rd for a summer event!

Upcoming Camp Board Meetings: February 19, 2024 and March 19, 2025 both begin at 6 pm. All are
welcome to attend!



The Harford County 4-H Sock Store is OPEN! Perfect gifts for Easter Baskets or just because! Order now through April 4th. All proceeds benefit the Harford County 4-H Program!

Store link: <https://www.bloomforgoodonlinestore.com/shop/?campaignid=10323>

State 4-H Opportunities



2025 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest - Registration Open!

The 2025 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon will be held Saturday, March 1st, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. This is a contest in which individuals compete. There are NO team entries. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant. 4-H members wishing to participate should contact their county/city 4-H office, as there may be workshops and resources available locally.

Official registration for the contest must be submitted via the 4-H Online registration system by **February 19th, 2025**. There is no limit to the number of individuals that each UME unit may register for this contest. Individuals participating in the statewide contest must be enrolled as a Maryland 4-H member for 2025 in 4-H Online by **February 19th, 2025**.

Contest rules are available on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science webpage at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/>

Official registration for the contest must be submitted via the 4-H Online registration system by **February 19th, 2025**. 4-H Online managers must designate youth as team members or individual contestants before approval. Each UME unit may register 1 team per age division, and up to 8 youth per age division (4 designated team members and 4 individual contestants or 5 designated team members and 3 individual contestants). Youth members may “play up” the next older age division, but may not “play down” to the younger age division. If a youth member “plays up” to be a member of an older team, they will also compete for individual awards in that older age division for this contest only- this does not affect participation in any other State contests. Individuals participating in the statewide contest must be enrolled as a Maryland 4-H member for 2025 in 4-H Online by **February 19th, 2025**.

Contest rules are available on the Maryland 4-H Horse Program webpage at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/4-h-horse-program/>



Save the Date! Details coming soon!!

State 4-H Opportunities



Fundamentals of Sheep Production

A free event for sheep producers of all ages and experience levels. Learn the basics of raising sheep, including health, nutrition, facilities, and fencing. Network with fellow producers and join breakout sessions for 4-Hers and adults after lunch.

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Agriculture & Food Systems



MARYLAND
Sheep Breeders
ASSOCIATION



Frederick County Sheep
Breeders Association

Event Details:



March 29, 2025
10:00 am - 3:15 pm



Check in : 9:45 am



Free to attend
Lunch provided



Frederick Co. Fairgrounds
797 E Patrick Street
Building 7
Frederick, MD 21701



Registration information:
go.umd.edu/sheepbasics

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity or have food allergies , please contact Dr. Brittany Fletcher, 2 weeks prior to event at (301) 226-7576.

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State 4-H Opportunities



2025 Maryland 4-H Achievement Event

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Maryland State Fair
Horse Sales Pavilion
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093

2:00 pm Social Hour & Light Refreshments
3:00 pm Awards Ceremony
\$15 per person / Ages 7 & Under free
Awardees free
Donations Welcome

RSVP by February 5, 2025

Online: <https://go.umd.edu/4Hawards2025>



Attire is business professional

For more information, contact Lauren Mohler,
Lmohler@umd.edu or 301-314-7835

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Honorees:

2024 Maryland 4-H Volunteer
Award Recipients

Diamond Clover Level 6
Awardees

2024 National Leadership Trip &
Conference Delegations

2024 National 4-H Project-
Based Trips

2023-2024 Maryland 4-H
Foundation Scholarship
Recipients

College of AGNR/Maryland
4-H Foundation Matching
Scholarship Recipients

Animal Science Project &
Record Award Winners

Congratulations
to our Harford
County Award
Recipients!!



2025 VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

VIRTUAL
LEARNING FOR
VOLUNTEERS

REGISTER NOW

tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025

BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR SUCCESS

Wednesday, February 19th from 6:30-8:00 PM



Hosted By The North East Region Volunteerism Team

While it may seem challenging to navigate the organization and feel connected to the broader 4-H community, you have the power to make a difference. Join us to learn how dedicated 4-H volunteers have faced these challenges head-on through uplifting social gatherings, informal mentoring, and strong community connections. Enhance your leadership skills by building meaningful connections that inspire and empower.

Building Connections for Success
Registration link: tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025

Meal Appeal Contest



Saturday, March 22, 2025
Starts 8:00 Am

- **Club Teams**
- **Individual Demonstrations**

REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

**Registration
Due
February 28th**



<https://bit.ly/3UOBI3W>

**4H Camp at Deer Creek Overlook
8 Cherry Hill Road
Street, MD 21154**

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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact the office 410-638-3255, two weeks in advance.





Harford County 4-H All Stars



\$\$\$ "Learn By Doing Grant" \$\$\$

The Harford County 4-H All Stars 'Learn By Doing' Grant is open for 4-H'ers to apply for financial support to start or expand a 4-H project. A total of \$300 is available to be awarded to 4-H youth annually for direct project use. Specific requirements are on the form. Applications are due by March 15, 2025 and will be announced at 4-H Achievement Night. Questions?? - please email Janine Ortt at jcnortt@gmail.com.

To apply, complete the google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rmxoezvjNe93ojs0Lsqt1P1SWuGgACbM6pA9Pxxv1uSE/viewform?edit_requested=true

Fundraiser The All Stars are sponsoring a fundraiser through FlowerPower through May 3, 2025. Flowers for planting can be purchased online and sent directly to your mailing address.

Proceeds go to supporting the Learn By Doing Grant, Record Book story prizes, Achievement Night refreshments, etc.

Thank you for any support.

HarfordCounty4HAllStars.fpfundraising.com

Upcoming All Stars Meetings:

Wednesday, February 26th, 7pm at the Extension Office. Presentation of Scouting reports to vote on candidates for induction to the All Stars.

Tuesday, May 13th, 7pm Extension Office



Club Notes



In January, the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club made bird seed ornaments and held election of new officers. President Jaime Widman shared her experiences at National Poultry Judging contest and taught members how to take care of a newborn lamb and goat. ~Submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess

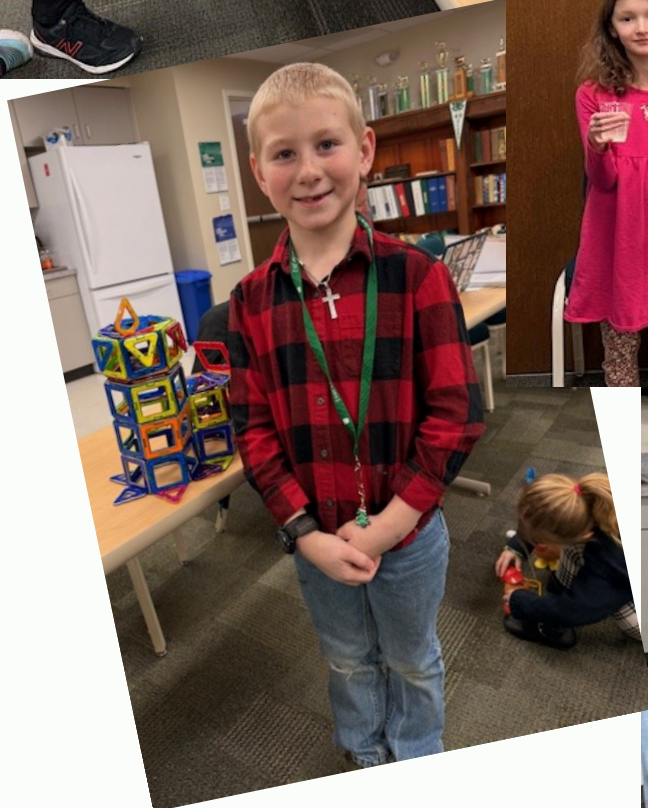




Club Notes



The Trailblazers 4-H Club participated in STEAM DAY 2025 activities for their January meeting. They learned about science display boards and the titles for each section of the boards. They also discussed ways to make their boards interesting and appealing. Additionally, several 4-Hers conducted experiments and showed off a variety of art and science projects. Steam Day 2025 concluded by creating a structure using a variety of materials. ~Submitted by Club Leader Julie Larkin



Club Notes

In November, the Trailblazer's 4-H Club collected supplies and created bags full of toiletries, first aid, winter weather gear and snack items for the homeless. This is their second year participating in this activity. ~Submitted by Club Leader, Julie Larkin





Club Notes



Blackhorse 4-H club has been doing lots of fun activities, they enjoyed their snow days! The Skillathon group had learning sessions with Ms. Karen Holloway, and Godfrey's Butcher shop. And we finished the month with our club achievement night where lots of awards were given. ~Submitted by Julie Troyer, Reporter






**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**



February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  Record Books DUE!!	4	5  Dog Skillathon Practice 6:30 EO	6  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 EO	7	8
9	10  Leaders Association Meeting 7pm EO	11	12	13	14 	15
16 	17  President's Day Office Closed	18	19  Dog Skillathon Practice 6:30 EO	20  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 EO	21	22  Dog Skillathon Fun Day UMCP
23	24	25  Fashion Revue Meeting 7 pm Youth Shooters Meeting 7 pm	26  Babysitters Series #2 7 pm EO All Stars 7 pm EO 	27  Livestock Session #2 7pm EO	28  Meal Appeal DUE!!	

Reminder: Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle are due on 2/5/25!

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 	7	8  Winter Workshop
9	10  Public Speaking Workshop 7 pm	11  Livestock Session #2 7 pm EO	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 pm	20	21	22  Meal Appeal DCO
23	24  Marketplace Planning Meeting 7 pm	25	26  Babysitters Series 7 pm All Stars 7 pm 	27	28	29  Officers Training
30  Public Speaking Contest 1 pm	31					



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