



# Cloverleaf Chronicle February 2024



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 3/5/24 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

*To thank our amazing volunteers, we hosted a "Nacho Average Volunteer" Appreciation Luncheon! Special thanks to Karen for preparing lots of delicious dishes and a fun day! See more pictures on page 17 & 18.*



**A cold day to weigh!**  
**Thanks to our superintendents, volunteers, families, and 4-Hers for helping at Steer Weigh In and Tagging! See more pictures on pages 19-20.**



# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



*As winter comes to a close, now is the time to begin planning for your project work! If you have an idea for a workshop, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please let us know! ~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 Karen, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu) for the information. Volunteers need to be enrolled by 3/1. 4-H Enrollment must be completed by 5/1 to participate in the Farm Fair or State Fair. Projects can also be added through 5/1/24 by contacting Lynne, [ldibasti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibasti@umd.edu). Questions? Feel free to call the office, 410-638-3255.



Record Books have been turned in and are being prepared for judging! Thanks to all of our 4-Hers for their hard work! **Just a reminder, Record Books are required to exhibit at the Harford County Farm Fair!**

We are in need of Record Book Judges! If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu). Anyone who would like to judge from home, books can be signed out on Tuesday, 2/20 at 7 pm.



This year, 4-H Camp will be offered for **ONE WEEK ONLY**, June 17-21. This information was shared with all of our families through 4-H Online in January. This week will be open for all ages 5-13 to attend. Clovers (5-7) will be allowed to attend the day program only. We will be offering both Residential and Day Camp to all ages 8-13. **This year, we will be using Eventbrite to sign up for camp! The links can be found on our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities> and will be active on 2/12!** Paper forms will still be required and they will be shared with families once their online registration is received.

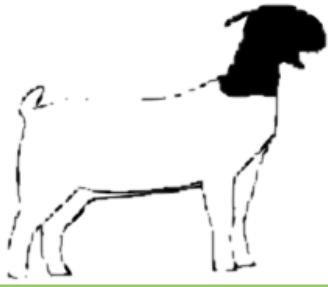


We are looking for judges for our upcoming 4-H Public Speaking Contest! The contest will be held on Friday, March 23, 2024 at the Extension Office. Judges will need to arrive at 12:30 pm and speeches will begin at 1:00 pm. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



Good luck to all of our 4-Hers who are currently preparing to participate in the upcoming MD State 4-H Bowl and Skillathon events!





## 4-H LIVESTOCK SERIES

**Feed and Nutrition**

*with Guest Speaker Karen Holloway*

Thursday, February 22, 2024 7 pm at the Extension Office

*Meet Your Livestock Superintendents*

March 21, 2024 7 pm at the Extension Office

Dairy Information Night to be announced soon!

Please RSVP to Marylisa at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call the office, 410-638-3255.

## OFFICERS TRAINING

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**

**11 AM – 1 PM**



**We encourage all new officers to attend!**

*Pizza will be served*

**Please RSVP to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call  
the office 410-638-3255 by 3/13/24**

# 4-H Public Speaking



## Interested in Public Speaking?

Join us for an interactive workshop with Senior 4-H members Brady Larkin and Ashley Kirk!

When: Thursday, March 7, 2024

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](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) or call 410-638-3255

***Save the Date! The Public Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, 3/23/24, 1 pm at the Extension Office.***



*Save the Date!*  
*Winter Workshop will be held on March 2, 2024!*  
*Forms are due with payment by 2/16/24!*



## **Calling All 4-H Horse & Pony Enthusiasts!**

### **Save the Dates**

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Educational Hands-on Horse Seminar @ the Harford County Equestrian Center. 8:30am-4:00pm. You do not need to bring a horse! Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Trail ride at Fair Hill @ 11am. Meet at Appleton Road lot. Registration opens April 8<sup>th</sup>.

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Horse Clinic at Molly Hill Farm. Horse Standards level testing, Fun Riding Activities, & more. Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Preparing for Horse Standards Level Testing**

Are you ready for your Horse Standards Level testing? If you are interested in preparing, please indicate your availability and levels using Google Form link by April 1<sup>st</sup>  
<https://forms.gle/zN2wbxPh553DvHvY9>

Questions? Please contact Karen, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)

# Harford County 4-H

## Teen Leadership Council



Are you interested in joining our 4-H Teen Leadership Council? 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!

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

Application forms have been shared with your Club Leader or if you plan to self nominate, please email Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) for an application.



# 4-H 101

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!

Monday, March 25, 2024 7pm

Extension Office

RSVP by 3/22 to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)

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# Cooking Classes

Learn many skills that every  
good cook needs

Join Us for a two part series  
4-H Cooking 101

Thursday, February 29th - Keeping You &  
the Kitchen Safe

Wednesday, March 20th - Tools of the

Trade Harford County Ag Center

6:30-8:30pm

RSVP [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)



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Please RSVP to Karen Taylor, [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu) or call the office if you plan to attend!



# Harford County 4-H All Stars



Greetings from the 4-H All Stars!

The Harford County 4-H All Stars continue to grow and shine in their commitment to the 4-H program.

All Stars are invited to attend the following upcoming Business Meetings:

- February 13th, Snow Date February 20th
- May 14th

The February meeting will focus on the process to bring in new All Star candidates from our county (identifying, presenting Scouting Report, voting). We will also review current business, collect \$5 voluntary dues and make a 2024 plan for both 4-H volunteer involvement and social activities for the remainder of the year.

Meetings will start at 7pm, Small Conference Room of the Extension Office, 3525 Conowingo Road.

Email List: I keep working to improve the group list. Please feel free to forward this email and/or let me know so I can include them for future communications.

Please contact me with any questions.

Yours in Service,

Janine Ortt

[icnortt@gmail.com](mailto:icnortt@gmail.com)



# State 4-H Opportunities



## 2024 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Registration is Open

The 2024 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Contest rules: Contest rules are available on the Maryland 4-H website at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> (under Animal Science Events and Animal Science Resources sections).

Eligibility/fees: The Livestock Skillathon is a contest in which individuals compete. There are NO team entries. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant. There is no limit to the number of individuals that each UME unit may enter in this contest.

Registration: Registration for the contest is submitted via the 4-H Online registration system. **All youth participants and youth/adult coaches must be registered in 4HOnline by February 21, 2024.**



2024 Dairy Skillathon Contest Registration - Open Soon!

The 2024 Maryland 4-H State Dairy Skillathon event will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Carroll County Extension Office. Registration check-in starts at 9:30am, and the contest begins at 10:00am. This is a contest in which individuals compete. There will be NO team entries. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant. 4-H members wishing to participate should contact their county/city 4-H office. Official registration for the contest is submitted via the 4-H Online registration system and is due by March 10, 2024 (Registration will open February 9, 2024). 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 2024 in 4-H Online by March 10, 2024.

# State 4-H Opportunities



It's Back!! – The 2024 Maryland 4-H Sporting Clays Fundraiser!!

As a kick-off to the 2024 Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Year, the shooting sports program invites you to join us for the 2024 Maryland 4-H Sporting Clays Fundraiser!

## Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Location: Schrader's Outdoors

16090 Oakland Road Henderson, MD 21640 <http://schradersoutdoors.com>

Registration begins at 9:00 am. Shooter pre-registration is not required. (Registration can be done in advance by mail, online: <https://www.jotform.com/build/240250943950050> or in person on the day of the event.)

Shoot Begins: 9:30 am

Last Shooter: 1:00 pm

Lunch: We will have a food truck available on the grounds from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: \$50 per shooter

As part of the fundraiser, attendees are welcome to track their own scores but we will not have an official awards ceremony or give out any prizes.

Gun Raffle: Beretta A 300 camo 12 gauge.

\$5 for one ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online: <https://www.jotform.com/build/240250943950050> or in person on the day of the event.

For event information, Rebecca Bittner at 301-314-7145, [regunder@umd.edu](mailto:regunder@umd.edu)

Please reach out with any questions!

We look forward to a great event! See you there!

# State 4-H Opportunities



## 2024 Maryland 4-H Dog Skillathon Contest: Registration Closes

February 15, 2024

The 2024 Maryland 4-H State Dog Skillathon event will be held on Saturday, February 24th at the University of Maryland Animal Science Building in College Park, MD. This is a contest in which individuals compete. There will be NO team entries. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant.

## 2024 Maryland 4-H Horse Bowl Contest Registration - Now OPEN!

- Date: March 9, 2024
- Start Time: Registration begins at 9:00 am, and the contest begins at 10:00 am
- Location: Plant Sciences building, room 1140, Regents Drive, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Registration Closes: February 19, 2024

### Eligibility:

Youth contestants and teen or adult coaches must have an approved enrollment in 4-H Online for the 2024 4-H program year. Youth Contestants must not have previously competed in the Horse Bowl contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (Louisville, KY) or Western National 4-H Horse Roundup.

Complete information and rules can be found on the Maryland 4-H website.

Registration for this event is through 4-H Online. To access the registration log in to your 4-H Online

family profile, click on the Events tab. You can find an Event Registration "how to" guide on the Maryland 4-H website. All event registrations must be submitted by 11:59 pm on February 19, 2024.

Registrations will be verified and approved by local 4-H Educators and the State 4-H Event Manager.

Contact your local 4-H office or visit the Maryland 4-H website for more information.

Horse Bowl Questions - DUE Feb. 12!:

This is a friendly reminder that horse bowl questions are due by February 12, 2024!! Questions should be emailed to Becca at [regunder@umd.edu](mailto:regunder@umd.edu).





You are cordially invited to the  
**2024 Maryland 4-H  
Achievement Event**  
Sunday, February 18, 2024

Maryland State Fair  
Horse Sales Pavilion

2:00 pm Social Hour & Light Refreshments  
3:00 pm Awards Ceremony



*Congratulations to our Harford County 4-H Members who will  
be recognized at the 2024 MD 4-H Achievement Event!*

**ANDREW FULCO**

**GRACE MACCARELLI**

**MAGGIE LAYMAN**

**ELISABETH HOLMES**

**MADISON KINGSLEY**

**BRADY LARKIN**

**JAMES ORTT**

# WANTED!!

**Do you have a sewing machine taking up space in your attic or garage that you do not have any use for? Please consider donating your working sewing machine to the Harford County 4-H Program! We are looking to begin a sewing machine sign out program to promote sewing and Fashion Revue!**



## Looking Ahead...



Mark your Calendars!!

***2024 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!***

- February 10, 2024 Meal Appeal 8 am– 1pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- February 22, 2024 Livestock Feeding and Nutrition, 7 pm Extension Office
- February 29, 2024 Kitchen Safety Workshop 6:30 pm Extension Office
- March 2, 2024 Winter Workshop at the Extension Office, registration required
- March 7, 2024 Public Speaking Workshop Extension Office, 7 pm
- March 11, 2024 Marketplace/Entrepreneurship Workshop, 7 pm
- March 16, 2024 Officers Training at the Extension Office
- March 20, 2024 Kitchen Tools Workshop, 6:30 pm Extension Office
- March 21, 2024 Meet Your Livestock Superintendents, 7 pm Extension Office
- March 23, 2024 Public Speaking Contest , 1 pm Extension Office
- March 25, 2024 4-H 101 for New Families, 7 pm Extension Office
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- April 20, 2024 Earth Day Event at the Ag Center
- April 27, 2024 Maryland Day -College Park
- April 28, 2024 Hands On Horse Seminar at the Equestrian Center
- May 4, 2024 Spring Clover Workshop at the Extension Office
- 4-H Camp: June 17-21, ages 5-13 (Clovers Day camp only)
- Harford County Farm Fair June 17-21, 2024



# Club Notes



The Blackhorse 4-H Club has been busy this month. We have been practicing for meal appeal, our skillathon met with Karen Holloway to learn about feed and hay, and we had our club Achievement night and inducted new officers for the 2024 year.





# Club Notes



The newly established Harford County 4-H Rabbit Breeders Club met in January! If you are interested in learning more about this club, reach out to the 4-H office for contact information! ~Photo submitted by Sonya Gallion





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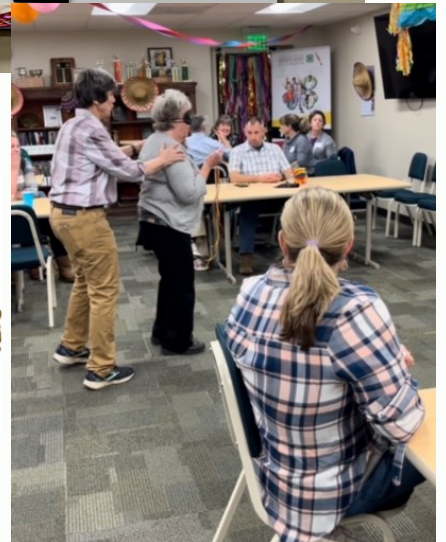
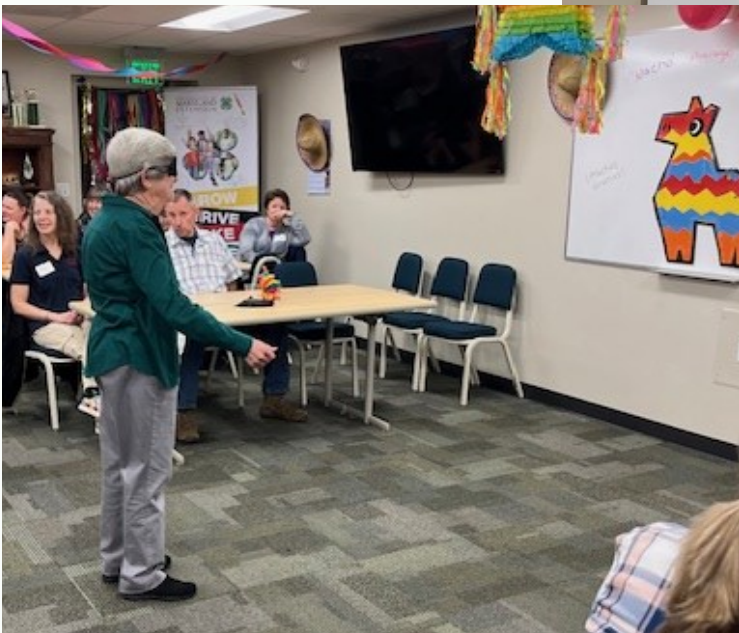
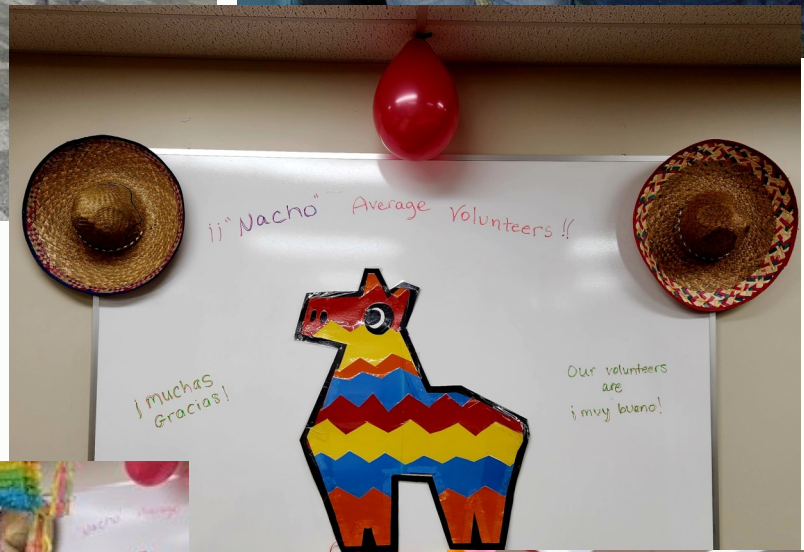
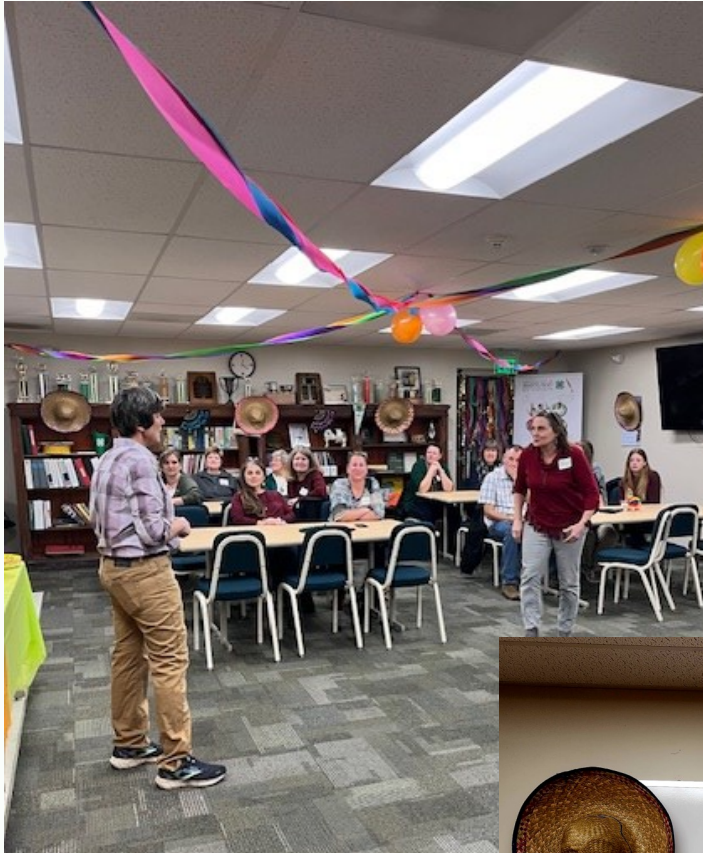
For their November and January meetings, the Clover Community Club did service projects. In November, they helped Christ Our King Church pack boxes of food that would be delivered to families for thanksgiving. In January, they packed bagged lunches for the Hope Center to distribute to school children for the weekends. ~Submitted by Laura Grace Muir, Reporter







# Picture Pages





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## STEER WEIGH IN AND TAGGING





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# February 2024

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |  |   |   | 1  | 2   | 3  |
| 4   | 5<br><br><b>Record Books DUE!!</b><br>Submissions to Cloverleaf Due | 6   | 7<br><br><b>Marketplace/ Entrepreneurship Workshop 7 pm EO</b> | 8<br><br><b>Fashion Revue Interest Meeting 7 pm EO</b>     | 9<br><br><b>Record Book Judging and Pizza 12-4 pm EO</b> | 10<br><br><b>Meal Appeal DCO 8 am</b> |
| 11  | 12   | 13<br><br><b>All Stars Meeting 7 pm EO</b>           | 14<br>   | 15   | 16  | 17   |
| 18<br> | 19<br><br><b>Office Closed</b>                                    | 20<br><br><b>Record Book Judges Workshop 7 pm EO</b> | 21  | 22<br><br><b>Livestock Feeding and Nutrition 7 pm EO</b> | 23  | 24   |
| 25  | 26   | 27  | 28  | 29<br><br><b>Kitchen Safety Workshop 6:30 EO</b>         |   |  |

# March 2024

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----|---|
|   |   |   |  |  | 1   | 2 <br>Winter Workshop EO                 |
| 3   | 4 <br>Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO             | 5 <br>Submissions to Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE! | 6  | 7 <br>Public Speaking Workshop 7 pm EO     | 8   | 9   |
| 10  | 11 <br>Marketplace/Entrepreneurship Workshop 7 pm EO | 12  | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16 <br>Officers Training EO 11am- 1 pm |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20 <br>Kitchen Tools Workshop 6:30 EO | 21 <br>Meet Your Superintendents 7 pm EO | 22  | 23 <br>Public Speaking Contest 1 pm EO |
| 24  | 25 <br>4-H 101 7 pm EO                               | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29  | 30  |
| 31 <br>Happy Easter! |   |   |  |  |     |   |



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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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