



Cloverleaf Chronicle March 2025



Happy March! 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 4/5/25 to Marylisa Schaedel at mschaede@umd.edu.

Congratulations to our Harford County 4-Hers!

Great job at the Livestock and Dog Skillathon Contests!! Special thanks to our Coaches and Volunteers!



Pictured above, Harford County 4-Hers who participated in the Maryland State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest.



Harford County 4-Hers who participated in the Maryland State 4-H Dog Skillathon, pictured right. More pictures on page 20!





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.



The Harford County Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025, 1 pm at the Extension Office. Please register by 3/21. Rules and registration forms can be found on our website, <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities/>



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>



Market Swine, Sheep and Goat registration paperwork as well as commercial breeding sheep and goat registration paperwork will be mailed at the end of March and must be returned to our office with payment by 5/1.



Harford County 4-H Volunteer Award nominations will be accepted through 3/30! If you would like to nominate one or more of our very deserving volunteers, please complete this form, <https://forms.gle/WnCsVC3B26k7jP8C7>, no later than 3/30!



Save the Date!! Our 2025 Hands On Goat Fitting Workshop will be held on Sunday, 6/1 at the Equestrian Center. Fees, times and other details to be determined!



EQUINE Fun Facts

Adult horses have at least 36 teeth - 12 front teeth (incisors) & 24 cheek teeth (molars). Male horses usually have four extra teeth, called "tushes".

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The Horseless Horse Program

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

Feb 20, 2025

Grooming
Horse Behavior
Safety around horses

March 6, 2025

Parts of the horse
Blemishes
Unsoundness
Gaits

March 19, 2025

Nutrition
Teeth
Digestive system
Parasites
Basic health

April 3, 2025

Western & English tack
Bits
Training aids

April 17, 2025

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

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



Program funded by the
Maryland Horse Industry Board Grant

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Dog Trivia

Guarding the entrance to the tomb of King Tutankhamen, is a statue of a dog exactly like the Ibizan Hound of today.



Congratulations

Harford County Dog Skillathon Competitors

Adrianna Leeds - Junior took 1st place!

Intermediates made a very strong presence!

Competition date:
February 22, 2025

Arielle Leeds - 2nd
Lia Gervasi - 3th
Cannon Lacy - 4th
Kimberly Gonzalez-Ramirez - 5th





WESTERN AND ENGLISH RIDING CLINIC

April 18, 2025

9:30 am English and 1:00 pm Western

Harford County Equestrian Center

\$60 per lesson or \$100 for both lessons per youth

Registration & Payment due 4/11/25 Coggins required

Any questions contact Karen Taylor kbtaylor@umd.edu

4-H members, ages 8-18 yrs as of 1/1/25

Ride in both lessons or one



- 2-1/2 hrs. lesson at 9:30 am
English Instructor: Rusty Hess <https://bit.ly/4biPz3J>
- 2-1/2 hrs. lesson at 1:00 pm
Western instructor: Star Horsemanship with Tina Marie

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact Harford County 4-H Office at 410-638-3255

4-H Q&A

Are you new or relatively new to the 4-H program and curious about contests, out of state trips and other opportunities? Do you have questions about project work, record books and how all of the elements fit together! Bring your questions!

April 16, 2025

7 pm at the Extension Office

RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu



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.



Please Note :Our 3/11 Session has been cancelled and will be rescheduled! Stay tuned for details!

Save the Date!
Meet your Livestock Superintendents
April 8, 2025
7 pm at the Extension Office
Please RSVP to Marylisa mschaede@umd.edu



The Eastern Shore Spring Show will be held on May 10, 2025. Youth from Harford County are welcome to join and show their livestock. All entries must be submitted online using the links below. The deadline to submit entries and submit associated entry fees is 4/11. Entry fees must be turned in to the Harford County Extension Office by 4/11. Checks should be made payable to ESSS. Here is the catalog for more information: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:bb035671-d396-47fa-926c-f69b995d8c2f>.

2025 Eastern Shore 4-H/FFA Spring Show Entry Form Links:

Beef: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSBeef2025>

Cavy: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSCavy2025>

Dairy: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSDairy2025>

Dairy Goat: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSDairyGoat2025>

Dairy Steer: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSDairySteer2025>

Meat Goat: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSMeatGoat2025>

Rabbit: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSRabbit2025>

Sheep: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSSheep2025>

Swine: <https://go.umd.edu/ESSSSwine2025>


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



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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!



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



Our 4-H Essay Topic this year is

The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: Why youth is important in beekeeping? How can 4-H members make a difference? How can more young people involved in beekeeping? What are your future plans as a beekeeper? What is a major contribution a young beekeeper has brought to the Industry?

Eligibility: The 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second, or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2025; however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Essays entered must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

Competition Rules & Essay Requirements: Any 4-H Club member interested in writing an essay should contact Amanda Wahle, 4-H Youth Development Specialist at awahle@umd.edu for competition details. Essays should be submitted directly to the state office (Amanda Wahle) by email no later than April 18th to be considered for National Judging. A state-level committee will review all entries and pick one to submit on behalf of the state.

Failure to meet any one of the essay requirements will result in disqualification.

Essay Requirements for National Judging: Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face. Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement. All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography."

Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer, including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

Awards: Three cash prizes will be awarded in the 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The author of the highest-scoring essay will win first prize. The author of the second-highest-scoring essay will win second prize. The author of the third-highest-scoring essay will win the third prize.

First Prize: \$750

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prize: \$250

The three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

State 4-H Opportunities



Save the Date! Details coming soon!!

Scholarship Opportunities!

Maryland Sheep Breeders Scholarship Opportunity

The Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, in conjunction with the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to a student who has been accepted or is in the process of applying for continuing education at a college or university, technical school, or vocational school. All academic majors will be considered, but priority will be given to agricultural or agriculture related majors (such as food science, veterinarian, ag. teaching, etc.). Preference will be given to those applicants who are members or whose families are members of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Payment will be made upon the provision of school acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance. The application window will be open from November 1 – April 15. Applications are available on the MSBA website @ <https://marylandsheepbreeders.org/>

Maryland State Grange Scholarship Opportunities

The Maryland State Grange offers two scholarship opportunities annually:

1. Agricultural Scholarship - For students pursuing an agriculturally related field of study.
2. The Patrons' Promise: Deaf Scholars Award - For students studying fields related to deaf studies, American Sign Language (ASL), or other related areas.

The 2025 application can be found here: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:b9e34068-33be-488d-bf59-346e6f132f81>

The due date is April 25, 2025.

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Opportunities

The 2025 MAEF Scholarships are now open. These scholarships support students who have completed two years of college, and the Ron Seibel Scholarship gives priority to students entering/studying at the IAA. The applications are now open with a closing date of March 25, 2025. Here is the link to the MAEF scholarship applications: <https://maefonline.com/home/student-center/scholarships/>

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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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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Mark your calendars! The Chesapeake Dock Dogs are extending an invitation to our Harford County 4-Hers to join their Student Handler Day! Questions? Reach out to Rachael, CDDboard@chesapeakedockdogs.org.

CHESAPEAKE DOCKDOGS

STUDENT HANDLER OPEN HOUSE

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 10TH

TIME: 9:00AM – 1:00PM

COST: FREE TO KIDS AGED 7-18

LOCATION: ALPHA ACRES DOCK

DIVING (ADDRESS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON
REGISTRATION.)

If you are 7-18 years old, have a dog that loves to swim, and are interested in having fun with your dog, join us for a fun day at the pool to learn how to Dock Dive! We will have experienced members of our club there to help you learn the ropes and join in the fun. Please join us for a fun kick-off to summer! Email us to sign up today! Parental consent forms required.

Rachael Clatworthy President

CDDBoard@ChesapeakeDockdogs.Org



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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 Meeting:

Tuesday, May 13th, 7pm Extension Office



Club Notes



In February the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club made Valentines for the residents at College Manor Assisted Living. Two members gave oral presentations. Douglas Smith talked about Archery and Arielle Leeds talked about Beekeeping. *Submitted by Club Leader Jane Burgess*





Club Notes



The Rabbit Breeders Club met on February 20, 2025. ~Pictures submitted by Sonya Gallion

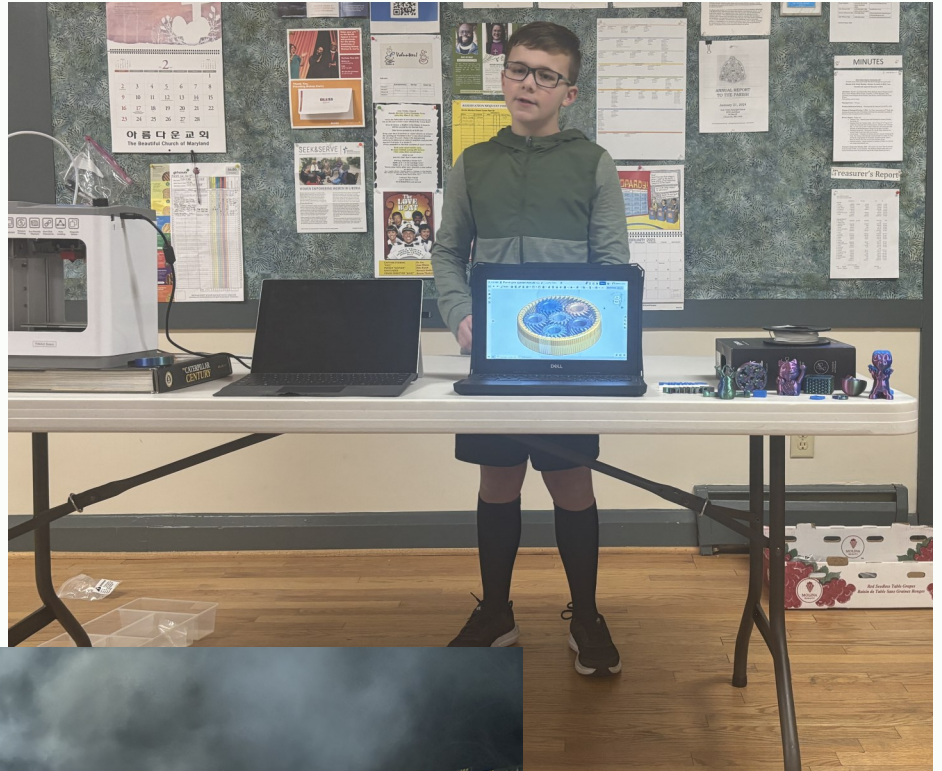




Club Notes



Nate Lyons of the Churchville Champions presented a demonstration on 3D printing. The club went snow tubing for their Winter Activity. ~Submitted by Charlotte Rothwell





Club Notes



Many Blackhorse 4-H club kids have been busy practicing for last week's Livestock skillathon competition, congratulations to everyone for a job well done! At our March meeting we stuffed Easter eggs for the egg hunt at Deer Creek Overlook. We have also begun our Meal Appeal practices and the livestock projects are getting underway, Come on Spring!!!~Submitted by Savannah Hutchins

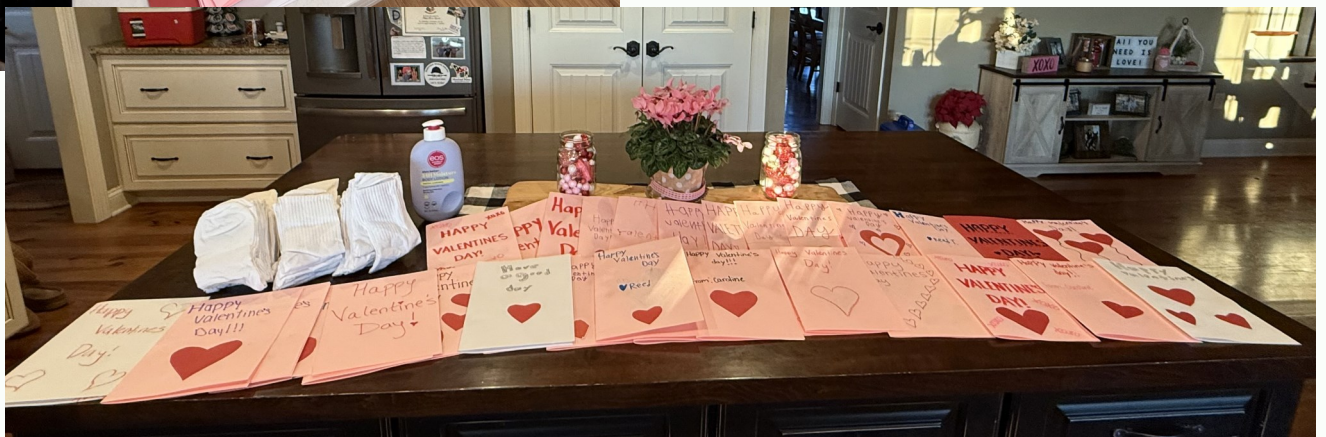
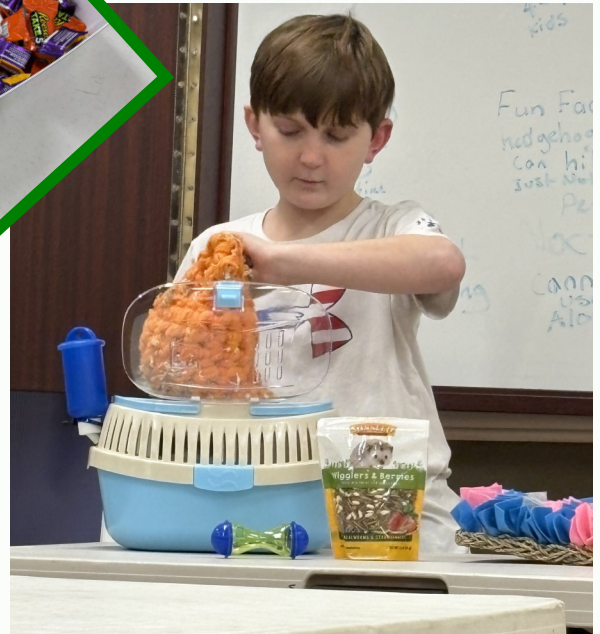
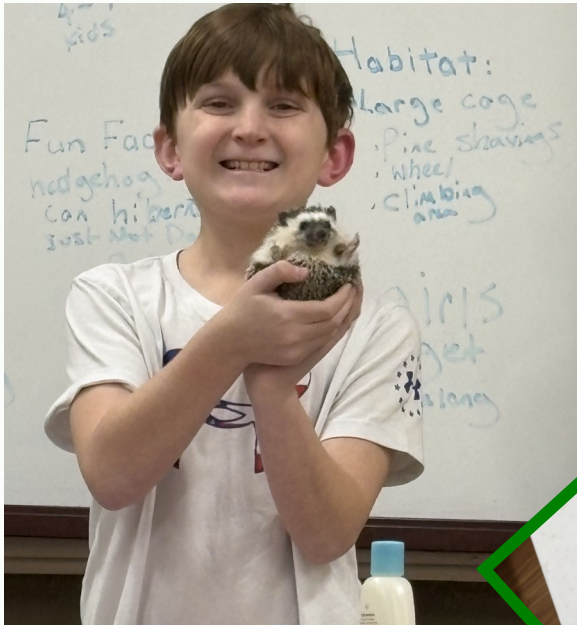




Club Notes



The Hand Me Down Clovers made 34 cards and donated socks and lotion to Hart Heritage in Street for Valentine's Day. Michael Joy gave a great demonstration about his hedgehog Willow. We made a delicious candy salad and everyone enjoyed it while we planned out our year. ~Ashlynn Tognocchi Club Historian





Club Notes

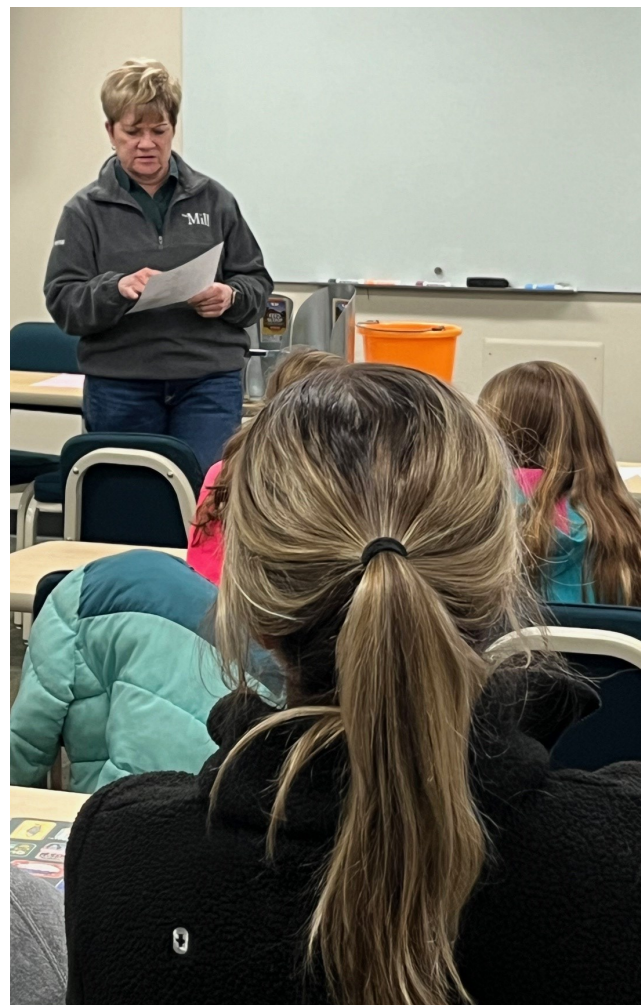


The Sunny Day 4-H Club installed and decorated a Little Library at Harford Family House. The members did a great job painting the library!





Picture Pages



Special Thanks to Karen Holloway for educating our 4-Hers about feeding livestock! (above)












Dog Skillathon pictures below.



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 pm EO	7	8  Winter Workshop
9	10  Public Speaking Workshop 7 pm	11	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					

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 pm EO	4  Achievement Night DCO 7 pm	5  Submissions to the Cloverleaf Chronicle DUE!!
6	7  Leaders Association Meeting 7 pm EO	8  Meet your Livestock Superintendents 7 pm EO	9	10	11	12
13	14  Babysitter's Series Celebration 7 pm EO	15	16  4-H Q&A Session 7 pm EO	17  Horseless Horse Program 6:30 pm EO	18  Western Horse Clinic	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
						
27	28	29	30			
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