



# Cloverleaf Chronicle October 2023



**Happy Fall!** 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 11/5/23 to Marylisa Schaedel at [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

## RESCHEDULED FOR 10/14!

Due to the rainy forecast, we have decided to reschedule the 4-H Fall Fest. Please join us RAIN or SHINE Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12-3 pm at the Ag Center for our 4-H Fall Fest!

This is a **FREE** event open to all, so bring a friend! We will have games, crafts, a barnyard, challenges for children and families!



**New Date!!**

## 4-H FALL FEST

Join us for a day of family fun and learn about 4-H!

Saturday, October 14, 2023

12-3 pm on the grounds of the Harford County Ag Center  
3525 Conowingo Road Street, MD 21154

Free event! All are welcome!

*This event will be hosted by the Harford County 4-H Teen Council*

**Games!**

**Treats and Cider**

**Crafts!**

**Barnyard!**

*All activities are free, minimal charge for refreshments. Proceeds will benefit various Harford County community service projects!*

**Children's Costume Contest!**  
**2:00 PM**

**4-H Marketplace**



# UPDATES FROM THE 4-H OFFICE



*Happy Fall! Now is the time to consider working on your record book or portfolio! Be sure to sign up for our Demonstration Day if you are trying to complete a project before the end of the year!*  
~Marylisa Schaedel



**The Harford County Livestock and Dairy Skillathon practices will begin on 11/3 at 6 pm!** Their Kick Off meeting will be a Livestock/Dairy Demonstration Night for participants to complete a demonstration for their project work! If you are interested in participating, please contact Tracy Brooks, [tbrooks28@gmail.com](mailto:tbrooks28@gmail.com).



Record Book changes are complete! Visit our website to find the new, streamlined Summary Record and Title Page. 2023 forms are still acceptable if you keep them saved on your home computer! Also, be sure to check out our new e-Record Book category for Intermediates! This option will allow our 4-Hers aged 11-13 to express their creative side by turning their record book into a slideshow or video presentation. Again, this is strictly optional! Traditional Record Books will **always** be accepted for all age groups! To read the new guidelines and to check out the forms, visit our website: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

Record Books will be due on 2/5/24. We will be holding a Record Book Workshop on 11/1/23 at 7 pm for anyone new or needing a refresher! Historian Books will also be collected at this time to follow the calendar year. Interested clubs can leave books for judging on or before 2/5/24. If you have questions regarding the Historian Books, please contact Lynne DiBastiani [ldibas-ti@umd.edu](mailto:ldibas-ti@umd.edu).



**Save the Date!** We will be hosting our Clover Craft Workshop on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Extension Office. Registration forms were mailed to all Clovers and are due back to our office by 10/14. This event is open to all, so feel free to bring a friend! The registration form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.



Our Fall Reading Contest will begin on 9/12/23! This year our theme is **Read "fur" Fun!** Studies show how reading aloud builds vocabulary, reduces stress and strengthens fluency, so we encourage you to snuggle up with your favorite pet or farm animal and start reading! Full details and the reading log can be found on page 10 and 11. Be sure to snap a picture of reading to your favorite animal and send it our way before the contest ends! Questions? Please reach out to Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).



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



Looking to hear what you are interested in learning! To help with the 4-H Horse Program activity planning, click on the Signup Genius link below to share your input. You do not have to be currently enrolled in the Horse project or own a horse to participate in our educational series or contests such as Horse Bowl!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AEAC22A1FBCE9-44956970-horse#/>

You are welcome to send me an email ([kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu)) or call the office 410-638-3255 to add suggestions. ~Karen Taylor, 4-H Program Assistant



4 Sessions Left! Join Us!



## Equine Educational Series

### Topics:

9/12—Colors, Markings & Breeds  
9/26—Parts of the Horse  
10/10—Western & English Tack, Bits & Care  
10/24—Hay, Grain & Feed Stuff  
11/7—Equine Pedicure  
11/21—Which Way Do I Ride?

***Join Us! For Fun, Interactive and Educational Sessions***

***Attend All or As Many Sessions Fit in Your Schedule***

**Dates: Sept 12, 26, Oct 10, 24, Nov 7 & 21**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Location: Harford County Ag Center**

To register use the Google Form link, Email Karen at [kbtaylor@umd.edu](mailto:kbtaylor@umd.edu) or Call the office 410-638-3255

<https://forms.gle/6Q3FGMHBwfH2bsRP6>



# 4-H Demonstration Day

## Saturday, November 18, 2023



Are you working to complete a project for your Record Book but cannot fit in a demonstration at the Club level before Record Books are due? Here is your opportunity to complete the requirements for your project work and gain valuable practice presenting in front of a group of your fellow 4-Hers and their families! No prizes will be awarded, however all presenters will be given a small participation prize and a comment card.

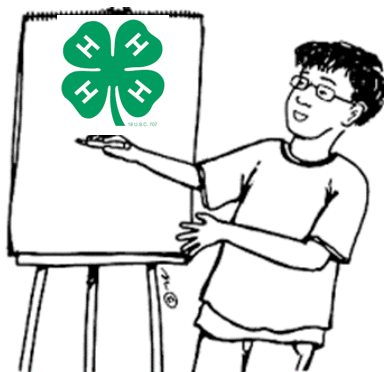
**4-H Demonstration Definition: a presentation or speech which demonstrates mastery of knowledge in a specific project area.**

If you would like to participate, please use the sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAAAC29ABFBC61-4hdemonstration>

The schedule will reflect 30 minute sessions from 1 pm-4 pm. This should give ample time for set up and clean up. If you require use of the screens in the large conference room, please add a note to your sign up so we are sure to accommodate your presentation.

Questions? Call the office 410-638-3255 or email Marylisa [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)

*If you require any special assistance, please contact our office 2 weeks in advance.*



# HELP WANTED!!

- ◆ **Camp Clean Up Saturday, November 18, 2023 10 am at the 4-H Camp**
- ◆ **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!!

***2023-24 Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change!***

- October 14, 2023 4-H Fall Fest at the Grove
- October 16, 2023 Camp Counselor Applications posted to our website
- October 28, 2023 Clover Craft Workshop at the Extension Office
- November 3-5 Volunteer and Teen Forum Ocean City, MD (Register using 4-H Online)
- November 8, 2023 Exploring New Projects Workshop at the Extension Office 7 pm
- November 18, 2023 Demonstration Day at the Extension Office, 1 pm
- December 15 Camp Counselor Applications Due
- January 5, 2024 Meal Appeal Registration Due (Clubs and Individuals)
- February 5, 2024 Record Books and Historian Books are DUE!
- February 10, 2024 Meal Appeal 8 am– 1pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- March 2, 2024 Winter Workshop at the Extension Office
- April 14, 2024 Achievement Day 2 pm DCO (4-H Camp)
- Intermediate Camp: June 17-21, Clover Camp: June 23-25, Junior Camp: 23-28

Looking *WAY* ahead.....July 20-27, 2024 Harford County Farm Fair

# State 4-H Opportunities



**Good Luck to our Harford County 4-Hers participating in the State Archery Contest on 10/14!**

Tractor Supply's Paper Clover Campaign October 4-15!  
Please be sure to patronize this generous 4-H sponsor! If your club would like to spread the word about 4-H by setting up a display at a local store, please contact the store manager or our office!



The 2024 MD 4-H State Council Membership Application Submission Portal is now OPEN in 4-H Online. 4-H Members age 13-18 as of January 1, 2023 may apply. The application includes a resume, cover letter and current photo which are submitted through 4-H Online under Event Registration. For more information, visit the MD State 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>. Applications will be accepted through 11/17/23.

## The portfolio deadline for National 4-H Conference is now open!

Seniors age 14-18 as of January 1st the year the trip takes place are eligible to submit an application and portfolio packet through 4-H Online on or before **November 14, 2023**. If you plan to submit your portfolio please plan to review your packet with Marylisa Schaedel prior to uploading in 4-H Online. Visit the MD State 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership> or contact our office, 410-638-3255 for details.



# State 4-H Opportunities



MD 4-H State Senior Animal Science Project and Record Awards Program is currently accepting entries now through October 31, 2023. For more details, please visit the Maryland State 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> and scroll down to the **Animal Science Project Records** section.

## 2023 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl Contest to be held December 3, 2023

The 2023 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the Animal Science Bldg.

on the UMD campus in College Park. The contest will feature Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age divisions. Registration for the event will open soon in 4-H Online and will be due by November 15, 2023.

The rules and regulations for the 2023 contest are posted on the Maryland 4-H webpage at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences>. Click on the

Animal Science Resources Link and scroll to Competitive Events: Judging / Bowls / Skillathons / Hippology Contests. Contact Ashley Travis at [ashley90@umd.edu](mailto:ashley90@umd.edu) or Chris Anderson at [canders2@umd.edu](mailto:canders2@umd.edu) if you have questions.



## 2023 Horse Bowl Clinic

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2023 Horse Bowl Clinic will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Animal Science Bldg. on the UMD campus in College Park. This clinic will provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, volunteers, and UME faculty/staff to acquire skills and knowledge about the different aspects of Horse Bowl. Youth participants will play each other in a “mock contest” format and will learn about scoring, rules, and the type of questions to study for and expect in a real contest! Adult participants will learn tips and breakdowns of learning to teach, how to set up a successful practice schedule and more! Cost is \$10.00 which includes light refreshments and materials.

Registration for the event will open soon!



**Quantities are Limited! Order your Shirts Today!!**

### 4- H T-Shirt Order Form

We are pleased to share our winning design featured below! Thanks to all who entered into our contest! Shirts will be available for purchase for \$15 each (2XL and 3XL, \$17 each). Mail or bring orders and payment to the Harford County 4-H Office 3525 Conowingo Rd. Suite 600, Street, MD 21154. Checks should be made payable to Harford County EAC.

***All proceeds will benefit the Harford County 4-H Leaders and Volunteer Association.***



***Congratulations to Emily Troyer***, a member of the Black Horse 4-H Club for creating the winning design (left). The design will be screen printed on to a kelly green cotton blend t shirt. Emily did a great job highlighting many popular 4-H projects! She will receive a free shirt for winning the contest! This shirt design is sure to appeal to many of our 4-Hers. Time is limited to order!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Indicate size and quantity:

\_\_\_ Youth Small

\_\_\_ Youth Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_ Adult Medium

\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_ Adult XL

\_\_\_ Adult 2XL (+\$2)

\_\_\_ Adult 3XL (+\$2)

Total Shirts Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  Check  Cash

**Shirts can be picked up at the Extension Office, M-F 8 am—4:30 pm.**



# 4-H Clover Craft Workshop



We are excited to be offering our 2nd Annual Clover Craft Workshop! This event will be open to Clover 4-Hers ages 5-7. Clover participants will rotate through four craft classes taught by adult volunteers and 4-H members. You do not have to be in 4-H to attend. This event is open to all youth of Harford County ages 5-7, so bring a friend! Questions? Call the 4-H Office at 410-638-3255 or email Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu).

**When:** Saturday, October 28, 2023 10 am-1:30 pm

**Where:** The Harford County Extension Office

3525 Conowingo Road, Street, MD 21154

To participate you must return this form with payment of \$20 per child by 10/13. The fee will cover craft materials and lunch provided by Chick-fil-A. Checks can be made payable to the Harford County EAC. No refunds will be issued after 10/13. Please be advised that PEANUT BUTTER sandwiches and snacks will be offered. Check in will begin at 9:45 am. You must check in before attending a class. Classes will begin at 10:15 am and lunch will be served at 11:45 am.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age (as of 1/1/23):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clover 4-Her Y/N if yes, 4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your lunch choice:**  PB&J Uncrustable  Chicken Nuggets (8)  Chicken Sandwich

**\*All lunches will be served with chips, a cookie or sweet treat, and your choice of bottled water or juice box**

**Please drop off or mail to the Extension Office: 3525 Conowingo Rd. Suite 600 Street, MD 21154**

**Parents must sign:** I understand that children are permitted in the building only while attending sessions. If my child is registered for less than a full schedule, I agree to make appropriate transportation arrangements for the designated times. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP BY 1:30 pm.** I hereby release the Extension staff and volunteers of the University of Maryland Extension, and the County EAC from all liabilities associated with this activity.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you require special assistance, please contact the 4-H office 2 weeks prior to the event—410-638-3255

# 2023 4-H Fall Reading Contest

“Paws” for a Good Book and Read to your favorite animal friend “fur” Fun!



This Fall, we are encouraging all of our 4-Hers to read with their favorite pet or farm animal! Be sure to snap a picture and send it in with your reading log! To participate, keep the log of what books you have read on the provided form. Once you have reached your goal, stop by the 4-H Office for a special prize! The Reading Contest will run through December 21st. If you plan to participate, please RSVP by calling the 4-H office or email Marylisa Schaedel [mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu) to ensure we have enough prizes!

## Contest Rules:



**Clovers (age 5-8) Read or read together with an adult 10 books**

**Juniors (age 8-10) Read 10 books**

**Intermediates (age 11-13) Read 5 age appropriate books**

**Seniors (14-18) Read 2 Chapter books**



*If you require special assistance to participate, please call the Extension Office (410-638-3255).*

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## 4-H Fall Reading Contest

Log

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



### Reading Contest Rules:

1. Please select books that are age appropriate. For example, Seniors are expected to read chapter books, Clovers, Juniors; short stories, and Intermediates; short stories or beginner chapter books. All selections should be grade level, appropriate length books, approved by a parent or guardian.
2. Please record the date you completed each book.
3. Once you have finished, please contact the 4-H Office to arrange a date and time to collect your prize!

Book Title	Date Completed
1	
2	Sr.
3	
4	
5	Int.
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	Jr./Clover



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# **HALLOWEEN**

# **CRAFT**

# **NIGHT**



**Join us to create a spooky lantern  
or a fall votive-your choice!**

**When: Monday, October 23, 2023  
7:00 pm**

**Where: Harford County Extension  
Office**

**RSVP by 10/20 to Marylisa  
[mschaede@umd.edu](mailto:mschaede@umd.edu)**





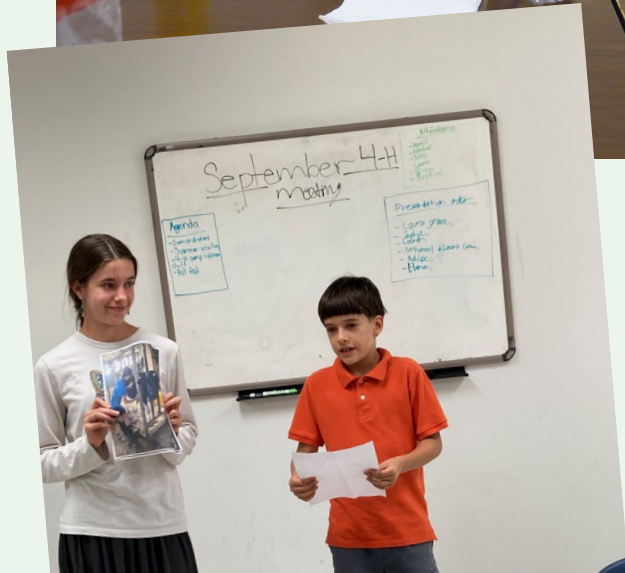


# Club Notes



The September meeting of the Clover Community Club was a "Demonstration Day." The presentations were on how to cook french toast, how to make applesauce, how to bake cookies, how to rid plants of three common indoor pests naturally, and the reason that dairy cattle are fitted the way they are.

*Laura Grace Muir, Club Reporter*







# Club Notes

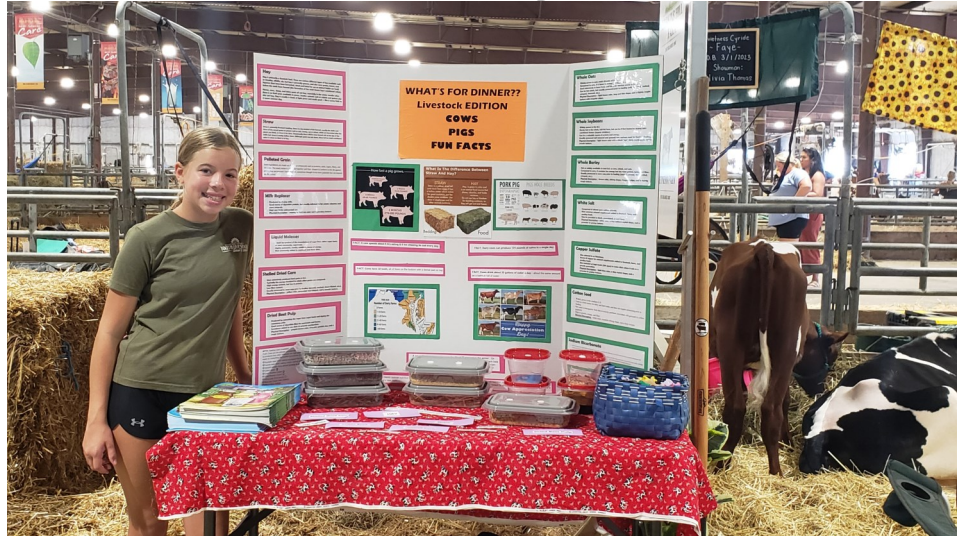


Black Horse 4-H club had their first in person meeting since the beginning of Summer at the Clisham's. Everyone in the club finally got to rest after a long hot summer of fairs. Some members helped with the Sunflowers in Jarrettsville as well. *Submitted by Ellie Sommerfeld, Reporter*





# 4-7 Picture Pages



**Maryland  
State Fair  
2023**



# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National 4-H Week 10/1-7						
		 Camp Planning/ Recap 7 pm EO				
8	 Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	 Horsing Around EO 7pm	11	12	13	 4-H Fall Fest 12-3 pm Ag Center
15	 Camp Counselor Forms posted to our website! Due 12/15/23!	17	 Camp Board Meeting 6 pm DCO	19	 Trunk or Treat DCO 5-7 pm Teen Club at DCO 7-10 pm (admission \$10 pp)	21
22	 Halloween Craft Night! EO 7 pm	 Horsing Around 7 pm EO	25	26	27	 Clover Workshop EO 10 am
29	30	 Happy Halloween!				



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  Record Book Workshop 7 pm EO	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Volunteer and Teen Forum  Livestock/Dairy Skillathon Practice begin	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Ocean City, MD	<b>6</b>  Leaders' Association Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>7</b>  Horsing Around EO 7pm	<b>8</b>  Exploring New Projects EO 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Veteran's Day (observed) Office Closed	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  4-H Town Hall Meeting 7 pm EO	<b>14</b>  4-H 101 EO 7 pm	<b>15</b>  Camp Board Meeting DCO 6 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Camp Clean Up 10 am
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Horsing Around EO 7pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Birdseed Ornament Workshop EO 7 pm		



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*To Make the Best*  
**BETTER**