

# The Cloverleaf

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## February 2012



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

As you know, the 4-H program offers youth, volunteers and families numerous benefits and we are committed to continuing a top quality program. The 4-H program is like a large family and we know that through difficult times we all can count on each other. With the current economic situation, we are finding that as a staff, our responsibilities and our time commitments to the program have increased. Therefore, we are finding that our "home and family" time is even more precious. Although, we often respond to emails or phone calls at night or on weekends we are moving toward limiting those communications to our working hours. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding!

### 4-H DAY IN ANNAPOLIS

Come spend this President's Day, **Monday, February 20th** with other Maryland 4-H'ers and volunteers as we tour our State Capitol. This annual event has you meeting with Maryland legislators who will share information about how a bill becomes law in Maryland while meeting new friends. Also, listen as various government officials describe their role and also how we as citizens can become more involved in our state government. If interested in learning more about Maryland and our state government, and your role as a citizen of Maryland, then this program is for YOU! We will need an adult volunteer to chaperone for this event or it can not take place. If you would like to attend this tour, please contact Amy Brueckmann at [amyb@umd.edu](mailto:amyb@umd.edu) or 410-313-1906 no later than **Friday, February 3rd**.



## T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Have you seen the last few designs our t-shirt winner created? Would you like to be one of them? Then you may want to read on. The 4-H team is looking for someone to design the front of the t-shirt. We are looking for a black and white computer generated design that includes the official clover. The person who designs the selected shirt design will be awarded \$50. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheryl at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu). All t-shirt designs are due no later than **Friday, April 27th**.

## HOWARD COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

Back another year by popular demand!! We are in the process of planning for the 2012 4-H t-shirts all Howard County 4-H'ers receive to wear at the Howard County Fair. In the back of this month's Cloverleaf, please find the sponsorship form. If you know of a business, and or organization that may be interested, please pass along the letter and form enclosed. 4-H Clubs can be sponsors too!! Additional forms can be found on our website [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org). We are anticipating great success so all our 4-H'ers have a t-shirt at no cost!

## HOWARD COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR 2012 BASKET BINGO



The Howard County 4-H All Stars are currently planning the 2012 Basket Bingo Fundraiser. It is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department Activities Building. 4-H All Stars sponsor many 4-H awards and activities throughout our county. Please help to support this great organization. If you would like to make a donation for the fundraiser or would like tickets, please contact Marjie Eyler 301-829-1449 or Martin Hamilton at 443-472-8276. Look for the 4-H All Star Basket Bingo Flyer in the back of this month's Cloverleaf.

## SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED



There have been many changes in our staffing responsibilities, therefore, we are looking to make some changes to our programming.

We are interested in having some of our volunteers become coordinators or co-coordinators of several special events held throughout the year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the events listed below, please contact Sheryl at [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu) or Chris at [crein@umd.edu](mailto:crein@umd.edu). Training and information will be provided. Thanks for your support!

- ~Officer Training
- ~Livestock Marketing Workshop
- ~Thank You Note Workshop
- ~Market Swine Workshop
- ~Consumer Savvy
- ~Record Book Training
- ~Achievement Night Special Awards

## 2012 COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

To prepare for the **2012 Communications Contest**, Howard County 4-H will be hosting a series of workshops conducted by UME volunteer Joan Bosmans. These sessions will be held at our Extension office on **February 4th and March 3rd from 9:00a.m - 12:00p.m. The Contest will be held on March 10, 2012.** This is an excellent opportunity, whether a 4-H'er carries a public speaking project or not, to receive valuable tips, and advice to enhance public speaking abilities and presentation. The categories for the Communications Contest are: Extemporaneous, Prepared, Radio Spot, and Interpretations. Champions will have the opportunity to move on to the State competition. Please register with Amy Brueckmann at [amymb@umd.edu](mailto:amymb@umd.edu) or 410-313-2707. When registering, please provide your name, your age, the name of your club, a contact phone number, and email.



## UME 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING DATES

UME Volunteer Training is available once a month this spring. This class will provide participants basic information on the University of Maryland Extension 4-H Youth Development program. It will cover UME policies and procedures and detail the process to becoming an appointed UME 4-H Volunteer. The course will be taught via Webinar. Participants will need access to a computer with internet connection as well as telephone. The sessions will not be recorded. However, **before taking the class you must contact Chris Rein at the Howard County office at 410-313-1915 or email [Crein@umd.edu](mailto:Crein@umd.edu) for UME Volunteer paperwork that must be completed before attending the training.**

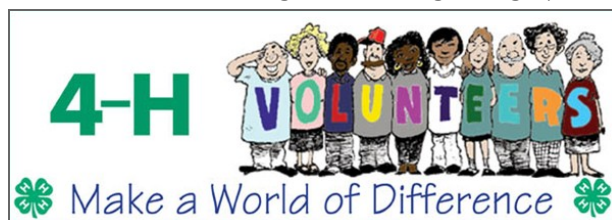
Go to this site to register: <http://www.agnr.umd.edu/Seminars/Description.cfm?ID=127>

February 28th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 March 6th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 April 19th 6:00pm – 8:30 pm  
 May 15th 6:00pm – 8:30 pm

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## 4-H VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

Howard County 4-H Clubs will recognize their 4-H Volunteers for their years of dedicated service on **Saturday, May 5th** at the Lisbon Fire Hall. We are looking for clubs to consider making monetary donations to cover the expenses for this program. Our budget has decreased, therefore, we are relying on donations to help recognize these hard working and dedicated volunteers. Please discuss this with your club! Club leaders will be receiving a letter regarding specifics regarding this request.



## OFFICER TRAINING FOLLOW-UP

Holding an office in your 4-H club is a privilege and a great leadership opportunity. If you are a 2012 club officer you should be proud of yourself for being elected into an office and for furthering your leadership development. In January, the annual Officer Training Workshop was held with great attendance. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for teaching at this valuable workshop: Carla Robinson, Darlene Bouma, Marian Iannuzzi, and Amy Brueckmann. If you are a club officer and were not able to attend, a follow-up packet has been mailed to you. Included in the packet is an assignment to assist you with having a better understanding of your officer role. Please remember the assignments need to be returned to the office by February 1st.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

When schools are closed **ALL** 4-H programs are canceled. This includes closing early due to inclement weather. If the snow emergency plan goes into effect after the regular school day, then activities are cancelled.

### SNOW



### EMERGENCY PLAN

If a Snow Emergency Plan for Howard County is in effect at 7:00 a.m. on either Saturday or Sunday, **ALL** programs and activities, 4-H, school and community, will be canceled. Should the Plan go into effect after 7:00 a.m., programs in progress may be completed at the discretion of the activity leader.

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## UME CLOSED....

In observance of Presidents Day, the Howard County UME Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th.



## QUALITY ASSURANCE

All animal science quality assurance trainings will be completed online for 2012. The online Quality Assurance program will be available online after March 1st.

Please read the following information very carefully:

Anyone enrolled in the following projects must complete online Quality Assurance training: alpaca, beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.

If you completed online Quality Assurance training last year please read the following bullet points:

- If you have not added any new animal projects and have not changed an age level (Junior to Intermediate or Intermediate to Senior), then you do not need to do anything this year.
- If you have a new animal project this year, then you must complete the introductory section as well as the specie specific section of the online Quality Assurance training.
- If you changed age levels this year, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all animal sections related to your projects.
- If this is your first year in 4-H, then you are required to complete the introductory section and all sections related to your projects.

## MD 4-H HIPPOLOGY CLINIC

The **MD 4-H Hippology Clinic** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10, 2012** at the Carroll County Extension Office in Westminster, MD. The objective of the Maryland 4-H Hippology Clinic is to provide an opportunity for Maryland 4-H youth, UME volunteers, and UME Educators to acquire skills and knowledge about horses and the hippology contest. Participants will hear talks from industry professionals with special breakout sessions for junior, intermediate, senior, and volunteer/coach tracks. All attendees will participate in a mock contest in the afternoon with a review session following. Participants will learn valuable information to make them better horsemen and prepare them for the 4-H State Hippology Contest. This clinic can also serve as a good educational event to help 4-H member learn the information needed to pass Horsemanship Standards Tests. Adults interested in coaching hippology teams are encouraged to enroll in the volunteer/coach track.

Registration for the one-day clinic is \$25.00, which includes lunch. Registration paperwork is attached and is due by Wednesday, February 29, 2012. Registrations submitted after the due date will be charged an additional \$10. Pre-registration is required. Enrollment may be limited to 80 individuals.

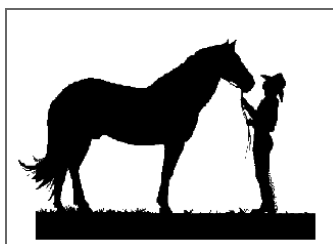
Additional information can be found on our website at <http://www.4horse.umd.edu/activities/hippologyclinic.html>

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## ATTENTION ALL 4-H HORSE LOVERS

In collaboration with the Frederick County 4-H Program, several new opportunities are being offered for those interested in learning more about horses. For more information please contact Frederick County 4-H at 301-600-1589 or Kathy Axline at [kathyaxline@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyaxline@yahoo.com).

Date	Event	Place	Time
March 24th	Tack Swap Therapeutic Riding	Frederick County Fairgrounds	
April 7th	Showmanship Clinic English and Western	Frederick County Fairgrounds	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 30th	Equitation Clinic English and Western	Frederick County Fairgrounds	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 28th	Trail Clinic	Saddleview in Urbana, MD	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## 2012 MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE-OF-GAIN PROGRAM

Market Livestock (beef steers, market lambs, market pigs, and market goats) must gain a certain amount of weight per day to show in market classes at the 2012 Howard County Fair. Weight gain per day is calculated from weigh-in/tag day to weigh-in at the County Fair. There are several weight check days scheduled at the fairgrounds scale for 4-H'ers to check market animals' weight. Dates are listed in the 4-H calendar.

Beef - 2.0 pounds of gain per day  
 Sheep - .40 pounds of gain per day  
 Swine - 1.5 pounds of gain per day  
 Goat - .20 pounds of gain per day

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## CANINE OBEDIENCE AND FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

The Happy Hounds Club is beginning registrations for the 2012 Canine Obedience and Fitting and Showing classes. These sessions will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in the Sheep and Goat Building.

*Classes are mandatory every other year for dog and handler to show at the Howard County Fair or State Fair.*

These 8 week classes will start Thursday, March 15th and will end on Thursday, May 10th (3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/10)

**Attendance in at least 5 classes needed to complete the course, if the course is not completed you cannot show at the county or state fair.**

Interested 4-H members may contact Carolyn Derrenbacher at (443) 535-0128.

Registration forms are available on the 4-H web site at: [www.howard4-h.org](http://www.howard4-h.org). Space is limited so send in your registration forms as soon as possible.

• **Beginner Classes:** For anyone who has not taken beginner obedience classes.

(Experience of the dog is not the determining factor, we teach handler's how to train their dogs.) These classes will run from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. The Beginner Fitting and Showing Classes will run from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. You may choose to take either class or both.

• **Advanced Classes:** For any handlers who have had beginner obedience classes.

(Experience of the dog is not the determining factor, we teach Handler's how to train their dogs.) Advanced Fitting and Showing Classes will run 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Advanced Obedience Classes will run from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. You may choose to take either class or both.

Classes are free for all Happy Hound members if you have been a member for three months prior to April 1st. Non-members may take one or both classes offered for \$25.00. Space is limited!! All forms are due by **Tuesday, March 6th. Dogs must be at least 6 months old and completed their puppy vaccinations to participate.**

## DOG IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The Dog Identification Card is available online at the 4-H website. This form **MUST** be mailed in with your registration form. Lease agreement forms should be turned in with registration also.

## BEEF FIELD DAY

Mark your calendar now!

The Howard County 4-H Beef Field Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th**. It will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It is mandatory that all Junior, Intermediate and First Year 4-H'ers carrying a beef project attend and exhibit one animal at this event. If you have a conflict, please contact Sheryl ASAP at 410-313-1912 or [sherylb@umd.edu](mailto:sherylb@umd.edu).

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## LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON PRACTICES

Whether you carry a livestock project or not, *Live-stock Skillathon* is a great way to work with other 4-H'ers and learn information about livestock.

Practices will be held in the Dining Hall at the Howard County Fairgrounds. **The 2012 practices have begun and are scheduled for every Wednesday evening at starting at 6:30 p.m. through February 29th.** All 4-H'ers who wish to further the experience, are invited to compete at the state contest on **Saturday, March 3rd**. You are welcome to attend practices even if you do not wish to compete at the state contest.



# Basket Bingo



**To benefit the Howard County 4-H All Stars**

**Friday, March 23, 2012**

**Location:**

**Mt. Airy Fireman's Activity Building  
Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**Ticket prices: \$18 in advance  
\$20 at the door**

**For Tickets Call:  
Marjie at 301-829-1449  
Martin at 443-472-8276**

*Please notify us if you have special needs, when ordering tickets,  
so we can do our best to accommodate you.*

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# Howard County 4-H



The Howard County 4-H program continues to be a strong youth development program that actively involves many youth throughout the county. The 2012 Howard County Fair, scheduled for Saturday, August 4th-11th, is an event where Howard County 4-Hers participate in events ranging from showing and selling livestock to entering baked goods to participating in a rocketry contest. The projects 4-Hers enter at the fair are a culmination of many hours of hard work.

In 2012, the 4-H team would like to continue a tradition started in 2006, by providing every Howard County 4-H member with a 4-H shirt especially made for them to wear at the fair. The goal is for every member to wear their shirt at the Fair on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and then periodically throughout the week. Fair attendees will easily recognize and identify 4-H members when they see the shirt. It is our hope that through this marketing tool, we can make the general public aware of the 4-H presence and high number of 4-H members in our county.

We are writing to ask your support of this project. It is our goal to have the total cost of the shirts donated so our 4-Hers will not incur a cost for their shirts. As a small token of our appreciation and to recognize our sponsors, all businesses that donate money towards this project will have their business name printed on the back of the shirt. This will be great publicity for your business as well as the 4-H program.

If you are interested in contributing, please detach the form below and return to the Howard County 4-H office.

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## Howard County 4-H T-Shirt Sponsorship Form

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

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

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### Levels of Sponsorship

**Head:** \$250 and up

**Heart:** Up to \$250

**Hands:** Up to \$100

**Health:** Up to \$50

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print below the Person, Business or Organization Name to be printed on the t-shirt:

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**Please respond no later than May 1, 2012**

Please make checks payable to:

Howard County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Attention: 4-H T Shirt Sponsorship

3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 240

Ellicott City, MD 21043



## Happy Hounds 4-H Club Canine Class Registration 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog(s) Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Dog(s) Age \_\_\_\_\_

Check Classes you plan to attend:

- Beginner Obedience
- Beginner Fitting & Showmanship
- Advanced Obedience
- Advanced Fitting & Showmanship

Enclosed:

This form completely filled out

Dog Identification Card

Rabies Vaccination Record

Vaccination Record – if bringing dog under 1yr old

County Dog License

Check for \$25(Made out to **Happy Hounds 4-H Club**) if not a Happy Hounds member for 3 months prior to start of classes.

Mail to: Alexa Kinloch  
14792 Carriage Mill Dr  
Woodbine, MD 21797

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