



CLOVER CREWS NEWS

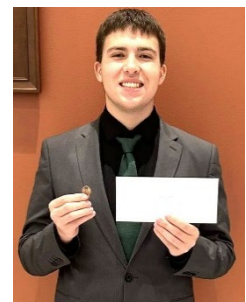
January 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and is ready to get back into the swing of things. We have a busy spring coming up with lots of fun meetings, workshops, community service projects, and other activities. If you have not re-enrolled in ZSuites please do so ASAP. This is a must if you would like to participate in different activities. We have a few changes in the office so be kind if it takes a little longer for information to get out. Mrs. Angie Freeland took a job with the state 4-H office as the leader of the state 4-H officers. We are looking to hire a new Family and Consumer Science agent.

Congratulations:

- Anna Kate, Abi Webb, Payeton Bagley, and Brody Cupples – They attended the National Food Challenge Competition in Dallas the first of October. This was an earned trip after winning the state competition in August. The team placed 3rd overall in the Nation. We are very proud of them and how hard they have worked to accomplish this goal. The team will now compete in the Mid-South competition in Memphis in February. Then, again, at the National Food Challenge competition in Louisville next fall.
- Brody Cupples – Brody competed at the National Egg Competition in Louisville in November. He placed 8th and we sure are proud of him and how well he did.
- Guy Cooper Kroll – Guy Cooper also competed at Louisville in November showing his pig and placed 5th in his class. This is a great accomplishment on a national level.
- Asher Howard – Asher applied and was selected as one of this year's youth to attend the Call Tour. Asher had to apply, take a test and go through an interview before he was selected. Way to go Asher, you will have a great time and learn a lot.
- Anna Kate McKinnon – Anna Kate applied for the National ACE event. She had to apply and go through the interview process before being selected. She will also attend a number of two-day training sessions before traveling internationally on a nine-day trip this summer. We cannot wait to hear about her trip.



Howard County Christmas Parade

Thank you to everyone that helped with the float for the Christmas parade. It looked great and all the youth had a great time riding in this year's parade.



Record Books

It is everyone's favorite time of year. Get those record books filled out and turned in. This year is a little different. Ages 8 and up are now found in ZSuites. You will complete this year's record book on-line. Cloverbuds are still paper and can be found on the 4-H page. If you need help getting started with a record book, please let Mrs. Samantha know. Record books are due January 29, 2026. These are a great way to keep up with all the activities you have participated in during the year. When you are a senior 4-H member and your record book is chosen, you win a paid trip to Atlanta for National 4-H Congress. If you are not sure what a record book is, or if you should fill one out, call the office and they can help you.

January 4-H Club Meetings

January 20th – Cloverbud Club Meeting – This is for youth ages 5-8. It is at the EH House at 4:00. Youth will be learning about healthy snack options and making a delicious snack.

January 22nd – Livestock Club Meeting - This is for youth of all ages that are interested in livestock. It is at the EH House at 4:30. You do not have to show livestock to be a part of this club. This month youth are going to learn about selecting livestock. Sometimes you need your animal to be more than just a cute one!!!!

January 26th – Nature Seekers Club Meeting – This is for youth of all ages. It is at the EH House at 3:30. Preparing for springtime, youth will be learning about birds. This is going to be a lot of fun, and you are not going to want to miss out.

January 29th – Community Club Meeting – This is for youth of all ages. It is at the EH House at 4:00. Youth will be participating in a fun community service project this month. It is a great way for youth to learn the importance of giving back to a community.

No 4-H Barbecue Bowl!

Howard County 4-H will not be having the 4-H BBQ Bowl this year. We have other options we are working on to take the place of this fundraiser for the 4-H Foundation. More information will be available soon.

Bread and Cookie Workshop

Monday, February 9, 2026, will be our annual bread and cookie workshop at 3:30 at the EH House. This workshop is for youth ages 5-19. Cost of the workshop is \$12 per person. Space is limited so be sure to call the office if you plan to attend. Youth will make different types of quick bread and cookies to prepare for the upcoming bread and cookie contest. This workshop is always a lot of fun. Call the office to RSVP.

Bread and Cookie Contest

This contest is super fun and will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the EH House. All items must be dropped off before 5:00. Youth that attend the bread and cookie workshop will be given all needed information for the contest. All other 4-H members that are registered in ZSuites, will receive their information in the mail. This contest is for young people ages 5-19. Call the office at 870-845-7517 to register.

Sewing Workshop

Mrs. Samantha is going to start her monthly sewing workshops in February. In the month of February, it will be Monday, February 23, 2026, at the EH House starting at 10:00 until 3:00. Youth will need to bring something to work on for this month. Call the office if you plan on attending.

Howard County 4-H Banquet

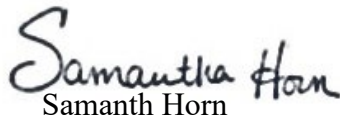
This year, the Howard County 4-H Banquet will be a little different. Details will be out soon but for now be sure to mark March 14, 2026, on your calendar for the banquet. We are excited about the changes being made and hope that everyone will be as excited as we are.

Howard County 4-H Facebook Page

If you are not a member of this page, please go and like it on Facebook. This is the best way to keep up with changes and updates. We will post everything here. There will be a calendar of events that are planned coming out soon on the Facebook page.

All dates are subject to change.

Sincerely,


Samanth Horn

County Extension Agent – 4-H/Staff Chair

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