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ALLEGANY COUNTY
OCTOBER 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- **October 1** - 4-H Club Financial Packets Due
- **October 1 to 7** - National 4-H Week

November

- **November 1** - Diamond Clover Level 5 Due
- **November 11** - Veteran's Day, UME Closed
- **November 23-24** - Thanksgiving break, UME Closed

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 1 TO 7, 2023

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your club and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. Here are a few ideas on how to celebrate:

- ◆ Wear your 4-H gear to work or school.
- ◆ Invite a friend to your October club meeting.
- ◆ Decorate a bulletin board at school or local library.
- ◆ Bake cookies as a club and deliver to police and first responders.
- ◆ Make a poster to display at your club's meeting location.
- ◆ Have a 4-H scavenger hunt within your community.
- ◆ Plan a walk with your family, friends, or club members for [Walk Maryland Day, October 4](#).
- ◆ Participate in the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign - see below.
- ◆ Send any club activities to Toni, tonir@umd.edu, so we can share on social media and our next newsletter.

4-H & TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN OCTOBER 4 TO 15

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign.

The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.



To participate in this event, call the LaVale store manager at (301) 729-8525.

MARYLAND 4-H STATE COUNCIL

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier leadership opportunity in Maryland. It comprises active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high-level leadership skills and representing their county 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers, and faculty/staff outside of their club and county.

Applications to join the 2023 Maryland 4-H State Council will be accepted from **September 15 to November 15, 2023**. All 4-H members age 13-18 are eligible and encouraged to apply and will need to go through the 4-H Online Event registration.

Allegany County 4-Hers Lydia Vassiliadi, Jake Nowaczyk, and Jude Gibson-Thoele are serving on State Council this year. More general information can be found [here](#). If you'd like even more information, please contact Jessica, jmellon2@umd.edu, or a state council member.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE



National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. Conference is held at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD from in late March-early April each year.

Submit your Senior 4-H Portfolio for consideration through [4-H Online](#) (Event Registration). Additional information about this event can be found on the National 4-H Conference [webpage](#).

4-H DIAMOND CLOVER LEVELS

Level 5 - If you have completed Level 5 for 2023, please submit your form to the 4-H office by **November 1**. This will allow time for your name to be submitted for the 2024 4-H Gala.

Levels 1 to 4 - Submit these forms with your record book by **February 1, 2024**.



2023 MARYLAND 4-H DOG BOWL CONTEST

The 2023 Maryland 4-H Dog Bowl will be held on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** 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 or Chris Anderson at canders2@umd.edu if you have questions.



4-H Virtual Pumpkin Contest

Allegany County 4-H Youth (ages 5 to 18 as of January 1, 2023) may submit one pumpkin using one of the following decorating techniques.

- Painted
- Carved
- Mixed Media - Other materials (paper, yarn, glitter, flowers, etc.)

Entries must be submitted by **October 20, 2023** to jparrish@umd.edu. Include your name, 4-H age, and primary 4-H club in the email.

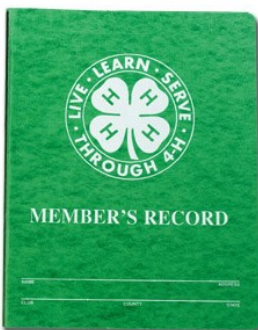
All entries will be posted on our Facebook page, receive a certificate, and names will be entered into a drawing for a 4-H gift bag.

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Record Book Assistance



As you complete your record book for 2023, please feel free to contact our office if you need assistance.

You can also schedule a time to get assistance in person at our office. This is for individual members or families. Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

For a complete guide and forms go to <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>

Record books are due February 1, 2024.

To meet fair eligibility to show livestock: members must submit a complete record book with a completed project sheet for each project exhibited at the previous year's fair to show at the upcoming fair.

Do you know a current 4-H Volunteer that stands out while making a difference in our community?

The nomination process closes on Oct. 15th.

Online nomination portal:
https://bit.ly/4hvolunteer_nomination



The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards are designed to honor and recognize the support and dedication of individuals who are Certified UME 4-H Volunteers that help youth learn, grow and thrive through 4-H programming.

Take a moment TODAY and say “thank you” by nominating an outstanding 4-H Volunteer!



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VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK RENEWALS

For volunteers initially screened in 2021:

The notification to renew your background check will come from Sterling Volunteers. Their email address is “theadvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com”. The background check should be completed within 30 days of invitation to avoid separation and dismissal and assure your 2024 enrollment is approved by the March 1 target deadline.

As a current volunteer you will need to complete the background check process this fall. Notification of the need for renewal will be sent according to the following schedule:

- September - volunteers initially screened in January – April of 2021
- October – volunteers initially screened in May – August of 2021
- November – volunteers initially screened in September – December of 2021

**Congratulations to these
4-Hers who competed at
the Maryland State Fair!**



**Adalyn Mallow
Amelia Goetz
Bryliee Miller
Camden Riddle
Charlie O'Boyle
Daniel Olenick
Dominick Scott
Edward Buser
Elijah Toner
Evan Ritter**

**Grace Liller
Kacey Warnick
Kalen Hawkins
Landyn Allen
Makenzie Friend
Max Linn
Natalie Moore
Sophia Aydelotte
Waylon Vanmeter
Zefora Marquina**



**Save the Date!
Allegany County Fair
July 12 to July 20, 2024**



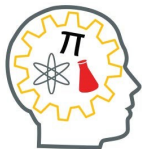
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Hansen Buser
- ★ Baylee Korns
- ★ Layne McCusker
- ★ Emma Perrin
- ★ Thomas Ricker
- ★ Ruby Rosenzweig
- ★ Jack Rowe
- ★ Adam Ryan
- ★ Sunnie Stonestreet
- ★ Malia Strawderman
- ★ Cooper Tanner
- ★ Waylon VanMeter

WESTERN MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

October 21, 2023
1:00-4:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of STEM exploration. Free family-oriented event for all ages. See our 4-H Robotics Teams and all things STEM in Western Maryland. From Astronomy to Chemistry to Engineering to Computer Science, it will be there!



MARYLAND
STEM
FESTIVAL

Frostburg State University
Compton Building & Gira Center (CCIT)
101 Braddock Road
Frostburg, Maryland 21532

marylandstemfestival.org

FROSTBURG
STATE UNIVERSITY

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Beef Tagging & Weigh-In
November 19, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



It will be held at Cessna Farm in Clearville, PA.

More information will be shared in the November Newsletter.

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