



UPCOMING EVENTS January

- 4-H Enrollment Opens (will be announced)
- January 1 - UME Office Closed
- January 16 - UME Office Closed

February

- February 1 - Record books & club forms due
- February 7 - 4-H Open House
- February 18 - 4-H Awards Gala

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4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE FEBRUARY 1

4-H record books for 2023 are due to the 4-H office by February 1, 2024. Diamond Clover Levels 1 to 4 are also due at this time.

RECORD BOOKS, AWARDS, AND FAIR ELIGIBILITY

- To receive a ribbon and certificate/seal - Members must complete a record book with at least one completed project record inside.
- To receive project pins - Projects must be complete and inside a complete record book.
- 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 2023 Allegany County Fair to show at the 2024 Allegany County Fair.

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

You may use a 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder for your record book cover. You may also purchase and use the traditional 4-H record book cover as shown to the right. They are available at our office for \$3.00.



If you need assistance, please contact our office.
Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

CLUB FORMS DUE FEBRUARY 1

The following items are due to the 4-H Office by **February 1** to remain in compliance with Maryland 4-H requirements:

- Program Plan for 2023
- Officer Roster for 2023

REMINDER

Forms are located at <https://go.umd.edu/410du2R> or email jparrish@umd.edu.



Happy New Year!

NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICERS

For your new officers in 2024, you might want to check out the "Clubs, Groups, Chartering, and Financial Resources" section of the volunteer section of the Maryland 4-H website - <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/volunteers>

There are links to resources to help support clubs, club members, and youth officers. If you would like to have any of these materials printed for your members or officers, email jparrish@umd.edu.

Once your new officers are elected, be sure to get a photo to share in an upcoming 4-H newsletter.

2024 4-H ENROLLMENT

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in January 2024. Watch for an email announcement for the opening date.

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need to use Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



- Enrollments for current members are due by February 1, 2024.
- Enrollments for new members are due by June 1, 2024 to be eligible to participate in the county and state fairs.
- Enrollments for returning volunteers must be completed by March 1.

As a reminder, projects and volunteer types & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again. Volunteers, check your volunteer type in 2023 so you will know what to select in 2024. Most volunteers are Activity Leaders or Organization Leaders. If you are unsure, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

If you have any issues re-enrolling, please contact our office. Do not create a new family profile.

The **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations, MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures** and **Photo/Media Release** are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

Enrollment fee - Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family with more than three children). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll.

Book to Document 100 Years of the Allegany County Fairgrounds

To commemorate the 100 years since the Allegany County Fairgrounds threw open its gates, the Cumberland Times-News and Allegany Magazine are assembling a photographic history into a book. Photos taken by the Times-News, the fairgrounds staff and the community are being carefully chosen to chronicle events. From horse racing to stock cars, from concerts to all the county fairs, the book will offer the fairgrounds' experience in an anticipated 142 pages of both picture and prose.



The fairgrounds' first event, the Cumberland Fair, commenced on Oct. 9, 1924, at the 100-acre site located at Potomac Park. Residents will have an opportunity to have the memories and photos of families included.

If you will bring your pictures, both color and black and white, to the fairgrounds' Multipurpose Building on **January 10 or 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, the pictures will be scanned for evaluation and inclusion. Make sure you have captions or identifications as to what the pictures show, whom they show — if family or friends — and when the picture was taken.

If you are unable to submit them at the fairgrounds, you may bring them to the UME Allegany Office beginning January 2. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also email them to jparrish@umd.edu.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 31

Recycle your Christmas tree and other fresh holiday greenery into free mulch!

How to Recycle:

1. Remove all objects from the tree including tinsel, lights, garland and ornaments.
2. No flocked trees.

Seasonal Christmas Tree Drop-off Sites:

- Mulch & Yard Trim Recycling Site - PPG Road, Cumberland
- M.V. Smith Refuse Site - 10111 M.V. Smith Road
- Lions Field LaVale - 1111 Braddock Road
- Lonaconing Little League Ballfield - Railroad Street
- Mt Savage Community Park - Lower Bank Street
- Oldtown Refuse Site - 20124 Oldtown Rd SE
- Westernport Town Garage - Chestnut Street



For hours of operation call 301-777-5933 or visit <https://alleganygov.org/286/Recycling-Solid-Waste>

Holiday Happenings

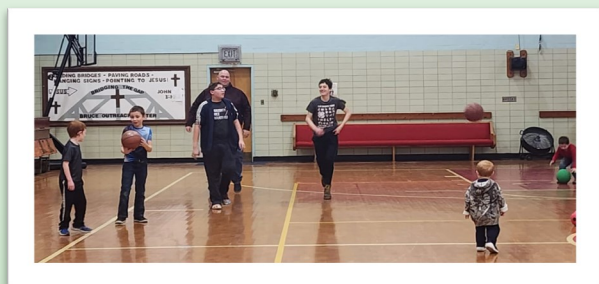
Bishop Walsh 4-H Club

Bishop Walsh 4-H Club members celebrated all things ginger at their recent meeting. Members tasted ginger in many forms (root, powder, candied, jam, and picked), ate gingerbread cookies, and built life-sized cardboard gingerbread houses. Members also practiced public speaking by sharing a picture about ways their families celebrate the holidays.



High Rock 4-H Club

The club had a wonderful time at their annual Christmas party! Thank you to Bruce Outreach Center for hosting the High Rock 4-H Club!



MARYLAND 4-H NEWS



SAVE THE DATE - Maryland 4-H State Achievement Program (Awards Gala)

The Maryland 4-H State Achievement Program will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in the Horse Sales Pavilion. More details to come!

This event is sponsored by the Maryland 4-H Foundation and includes a series of awards recognizing youth, volunteers and other supporters of the statewide 4-H program.

Inbound Opportunities!

Do you know any families wanting to experience the world all in the comfort of their own home? We are seeking families to open their homes and hearts to a Japanese delegate between 12 and 17 years old and show them the American culture. We need 14 families to host a Japanese Delegate this summer from mid-July through mid-August. The program is open to any family with a child 9-18 years old. No special trips or accommodations are required; simply let a delegate change your and your children's cultural awareness for the better! If you are interested, please apply here <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

For more information on both Inbound and Outbound Opportunities, please contact Joseph Y. Cho at jcho8@umd.edu.

MAKE YOUR OWN NEW YEAR'S NOISEMAKER

You will need:

- ★ Two 10cm/4in paper plates per noisemaker
- ★ One drinking straw or jumbo craft stick per noisemaker
- ★ Paint pens or markers
- ★ Curling ribbon
- ★ Dried beans – any variety of small beans
- ★ Hot glue gun & glue sticks

Instructions:

1. Decorate the back of two paper plates with the paint or marker pens in your choice of design, one for the front of the noisemaker and one for the back.
2. Use hot glue to glue the drinking straw or craft stick to the inside of the back paper plate as shown. If using a straw, flatten the portion that will be glued to the plate to make assembly easier – also be sure to attach the straw about halfway up into the plate for stability.
3. Place a small amount of dried beans onto the plate.
4. Run an even bead of hot glue all the way around the outside ring of the plate and carefully place the front plate on top. Press down gently until set.
5. Add curling ribbon where the plate and handle meet to finish the look.



NEW YEAR'S NOISEMAKERS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| ★ Daniel Cohen-Inbar | ★ Madison Garlitz | ★ Owen Mohler | ★ Lydia Vassiliadi |
| ★ Mason Davidson | ★ Isaiah Gaughan | ★ Ariel Norris | ★ Kolton Whorton |
| ★ Harrison Dellinger | ★ Cameron Johnson | ★ Sophia Poling | ★ Levi Whorton |
| ★ Lily Dennis | ★ Megan Lawton | ★ Lillie Ruby | ★ Paul Willison |
| ★ Keith Fairgrieve, Jr. | ★ Maverik McCusker | ★ Anthony Simon | |



BAD WEATHER POLICY

If there is no school or early dismissal from school in Allegany County due to inclement weather, all county-sponsored 4-H events that day/evening will be cancelled.

Contact your club leader to determine if club activities are cancelled.



Save the Date!

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

LaVale Library

We are excited to be hosting a 4-H Open House (*Thanks for Poppin' In*) to showcase our wonderful 4-H community.

More info will be coming soon.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact your local University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320.