



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- **February 1** - Record books & club forms due
- **February 7** - 4-H Open House
- **February 18** - 4-H Awards Gala
- **February 24** - 4-H State Dog Skillathon

March

- **March 8** - County 4-H Public Speaking
- **March 29** - UME Office Closed, Good Friday

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2024 4-H ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

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.



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

Returning Volunteers:

Please be sure to complete any training as required when you re-enroll. You can view your training status in your family profile next to your name. It will show Trainings Complete or Continue Trainings.

4-H

Volunteer - Awaiting Review

Volunteer Application Submitted
Screening Submitted
Trainings Complete

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[Continue Trainings](#)

4-H Online automatically records completion of the training requirement. Once you watch the video all the way through, the system will recognize and record that step of the enrollment process as completed. No further action is necessary. You do not need to go to an external link.

Your enrollment cannot be approved until training is complete.

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 above. 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 2024
- Officer Roster for 2024
- 2023 Secretary Book



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

2024 MARYLAND 4-H STATE DOG SKILLATHON



The 2024 Maryland 4-H State Dog Skillathon event will be held on **Saturday, February 24, at the University of Maryland Animal Science Building in College Park, MD.** This is a contest in which individuals compete. There will be NO team entries. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each contestant. 4-H members wishing to participate should contact their county/city 4-H office.

Official registration for the contest must be submitted via the 4-H Online registration system by February 15, 2024 (Registration will open soon). Contest rules are available on the Maryland 4-H Animal Science webpage at: <https://go.umd.edu/AnimalScience>

POP INTO 4-H

2024 4-H OPEN HOUSE

- Explore 4-H opportunities
- Connect with new friends
- Find out how to volunteer
- Experience 4-H activities
...and more!

Wednesday, February 7th
6 PM - 7:30 PM

@ LaVale Library (Meeting Rooms)

815 National Hwy, La Vale, MD 21502

Make plans to attend now!



University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact our office at 301-724-3320 by January 24, 2024.



2024 Maryland 4-H Achievement Event

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Maryland State Fair
Horse Sales Pavilion
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093

2:00 pm Social Hour & Light Refreshments

3:00 pm Awards Ceremony

\$15 per person / Ages 7 & Under free

Awardees free

Donations Welcome

RSVP by February 5, 2024

Online: <https://go.umd.edu/4Hawards2024>



Attire is business professional

For more information, contact Lauren Mohler,
Lmohler@umd.edu or 301-405-2833

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Honorees:

2023 Maryland 4-H Volunteer Award
Recipients

Diamond Clover Level 6 Awardees

2023 National Leadership Trip &
Conference Delegations

2023 National 4-H Project-Based Trips

2023-2024 Maryland 4-H Foundation
Scholarship Recipients

College of AGNR/Maryland 4-H
Foundation Matching Scholarship
Recipients

Animal Science Project & Record
Award Winners



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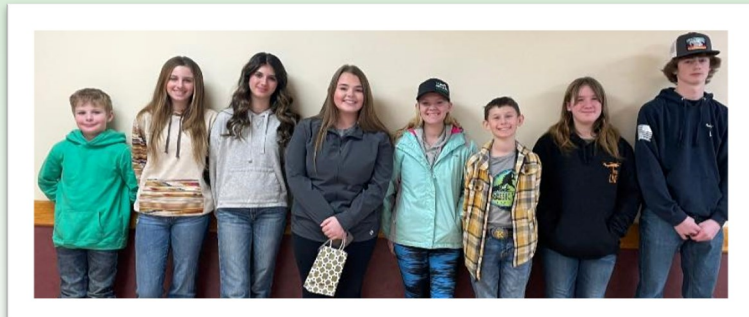
4-H Happenings

NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICERS



The Frostburg Rise & Shine 4-H Club officers are:

- ★ Natalie Moore, Secretary
- ★ Ripken Roque, President
- ★ Caleb Miller, Vice President
- ★ Sterling Stewart, Treasurer



The 4-H Livestock Club officers are:

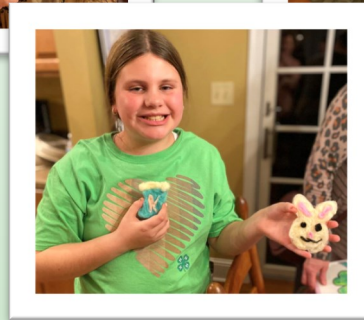
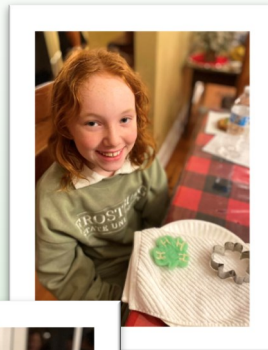
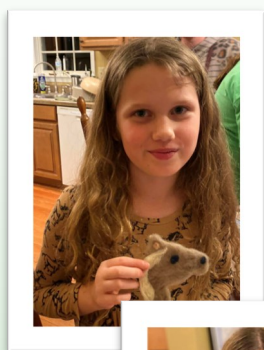
- ★ Kip Stiles, Activity Committee
- ★ Baylee Korn, Media/Photographer
- ★ Tori Adams, Treasurer
- ★ Brienne Willison, President/Activity Committee
- ★ Bailey Thompson, Secretary
- ★ Kaleb Thompson, Activity Committee
- ★ Bailey Stonestreet, Activity Committee
- ★ Hunter Raines, Vice President
- ★ Lettie Rinehart, Media/Photographer (absent)



Members of the Bishop Walsh 4-H Robotics Learning Team recently participated at the REACT qualifier at Allegany College of Maryland to celebrate and showcase the completion of their FIRST LEGO League Explore season.

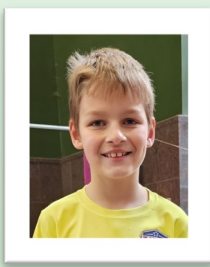
JUST HOOFIN' IT 4-H CLUB

At their January meeting, members learned how to do needle felting. Thanks Malia for teaching the craft.



FIRST IN 2024!

Great job, Ethan Smith for being the first member to enroll in 2024. Ethan received a 4-H backpack for his timeliness.



4-H COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Allegany County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 6:30pm. at the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

Speech Categories for Clovers (no judging):

- 4-H Pledge
- Show & Tell (5 minutes or less)

Speech Categories for all other 4-H Members (judged):

- 30-second Radio Spot
- Prepared Speech
- Extemporaneous
- Interpretation (Dramatic, Poetry, or Humorous)
- Demonstration
- Visual Presentation



The judged categories have specific time limits and are judged according to 4-H age divisions: Junior (age 8 to 10); Intermediate (age 11 to 13); and Senior (age 14 to 18). Members can participate in more than one category.

Nervous when speaking in public? Try a radio spot...you are behind a curtain/wall so you are heard but not seen.

For complete rules and to register, call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu by March 7. Youth who received Champion placing for their age division at their 2024 local public speaking contest are eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the University of Maryland on April 27.

BACKYARD FARMING ZOOM SESSIONS FLOCK FRIDAYS

These sessions will be held on Fridays at noon EST and will last approximately one hour. If you do not have internet access, contact Maegan Perdue at 443-523-4389 or mperdue@umd.edu for call-in options.

- Keeping Your Flock Healthy - February 2, 2024
- Mixing and Making Your Own Feed - February 9, 2024
- Pasture Poultry Basics - February 16, 2024
- Small Flock Economics - February 23, 2024



Registration is required. You may register at <https://go.umd.edu/chickenfeed>.

If you need reasonable accommodations, please email Maegan two weeks prior to the session.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

★ Olivia Appel	★ Michael Hall	★ Charles O'Boyle	★ Bailey Thompson
★ Trent Cessna	★ Ryan Hurst	★ Daniel Olenick	★ Kalli Trub
★ Cooper Cessna	★ Minh LE	★ Sydnee Parks	★ Kacey Warnick
★ Madelyn Ditto	★ Alexis McDowell	★ Kolten Rice	★ Gabrielle Waybright
★ Aiden Edwards	★ Lincoln McKay	★ Jack Seifarth	★ Phinley Wiley
★ Laura Felton	★ Charles McMillan	★ Kylie Self	
★ Jude Gibson-Thoele	★ Leeland Moyer	★ Ava Strawderman	

Valentine's Day Cereal Treats

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup peanut butter or almond butter
- 5 cups oat cereal (example: Cheerios)
- 3 TBL Butter
- 1/2 of a 10oz bag of mini marshmallows and 1/2 c marshmallows to set aside

Topping:

- 2 TBL white chocolate chips
- Valentine's sprinkles

Instructions:

1. Heat butter in a small saucepan on medium heat until melted.
2. Add the nut butter to the melted butter. Add 1/2 bag marshmallows and stir constantly until melted.
3. Turn off the heat.
4. Add the cereal and remaining marshmallows.
5. Stir until well blended.
6. Use a cookie scoop to place on wax paper or roll into ball by hand.



Topping:

1. Place white chocolate chips in a plastic zip top bag, but leave it open. Microwave for 30 seconds, knead, and return to microwave for 15-second intervals, kneading each time.
2. When completely melted, seal the bag and snip one corner.
3. Drizzle melted chocolate on a few treats at a time and cover with sprinkles. Repeat and melt chocolate again if needed.
4. Store in an air-tight container.

Adapted from <https://gymcraftlaundry.com/>

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