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ALLEGANY COUNTY
MAY 2024




HELP GROW STRONG LEADERS



PAPER CLOVER IS BACK! APRIL 24 – MAY 5

FUNDS SUPPORT 4-H CAMP, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.



4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our newsletters, social media, and more.
Send photos with a brief description to jparrish@umd.edu

Upcoming Events

May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 1 - Livestock Registrations due• May 5 - MD Sheep & Wool Festival• May 27 - UME Closed, Memorial Day• May 29 - Feeder Steer/State Fair tagging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 1 - Poultry/Rabbit Registrations due• June 3 - MD Forestry series begins• June 17-18 - MD Youth Power• June 19 - UME Closed, Juneteenth

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4-H Cupcake Wars

Calling all bakers!

Between May 1 and May 15, 2024 submit a photo of your uniquely-decorated cupcake to Toni at tonir@umd.edu.

Rules:

- Be a registered Allegany Co. 4-H member (ages 5 to 18).
- Bake and decorate the cupcake yourself.
- One entry per person.
- Submit your photo by 4 pm on May 15.



One winner from each age group will receive a baking-themed prize. Winners will be announced Monday, May 20 on our Facebook page and in an email announcement.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact your local University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320 by May 1, 2024.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show

Saturday, May 11, 2024
Garrett County Fairgrounds
McHenry, MD

Entry Deadline ~ Friday, May 3, 2024

For registrations forms email jparrish@umd.edu

If you need special assistance to participate in the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show, please contact the office at 301-334-6960 or email lashby@umd.edu by May 1, 2024.



MARYLAND 4-H FORESTRY EXPLORATION SERIES

Explore the state's forests and discover the wonders of these natural resources. This statewide program will meet virtually and in person to provide hands-on experiences for participants, ages 8-13, to explore the forest and its inhabitants. **Virtual state-wide meetings will take place online via Zoom from 4:00 – 5:30 pm on June 3, June 10, and June 17, 2024.**

Registration for this event is through 4-H Online. To access the registration log in to your 4-H Online family profile and click on the Events tab. You can find an Event Registration “how to” guide on the [Maryland 4-H website](#).

Livestock News & Updates

FEEDER STEERS/STATE FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK TAGGING

A second tagging will be held **May 29, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. Only these animals will be tagged:

- Feeder Steers
- State Fair Entries

Registration is required by May 27. Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu with the number and type of animals you plan to have tagged.

Registration forms from this tagging are due June 1.

LIVESTOCK REGISTRATIONS FORMS

Livestock registration forms (tagged April 20) are due May 1:

- ◆ County Bred Entry Forms
- ◆ Bred & Owned Entry Forms
- ◆ Breeding Animals and Registered Animals
- ◆ Horse and Horse Lease (if applicable)

Livestock registration forms are due June 1

- ◆ Feeder Steers tagged on **May 29**
- ◆ State Fair Entries - Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Swine
- ◆ Rabbit - Tattoo identification required
- ◆ Poultry - Band identification required (Market bands will be available from the 4-H Office.)

Registration Forms can be found here
<https://go.umd.edu/410du2R>
No Exceptions to Deadlines



4-H and FFA
Animal Husbandry and
Quality Assurance Program



All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting animals are required to complete the online training program once for each age division (as of January 1 of the current year): Juniors (ages 8-10); Intermediates (ages 11-13); Seniors and FFA members (ages 14-18).

OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division.

New members and members changing age divisions will receive notification from our office. If you are unsure of your QA status, you may email jparrish@umd.edu or call 301-724-3320.

Quality Assurance must be completed by **July 1, 2024** to show any animals at the 2024 Allegany County Fair. **The system is closed at this time. Once the system opens, the link will be shared.**



Climate Change and the Effect on Environment and People



Age: 14 to 18 years old (age during the program delivery)

Location: Horn Point Laboratory (Dorchester County)

Date: June 17 to June 18, 2024

Description: The mission of the Maryland Youth Power is to bring an engaged group of youth to deliberate about an important current issue and discuss an action plan to implement within local communities. Typically held every other year, previous events have focused on global issues having local



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impact such as food access and security and water quality.

The 2024 event will host a variety of interactive activities and tours around subject areas of STEM, environmental science, food security, and social justice. Through engaging dialogue with

issue experts and peers, hands-on activities and field trips, youth participants will

1. frame the issue of climate change and its effect on the environment and social justice,
2. discover the effect of climate change and its impact on environment and social justice, and
3. develop action plans to address ways to increase awareness and resolve the issues in their local communities.

Program Goals: The goals of Youth Power are

1. to provide a quality, accessible educational experience for youth ages 14 to 18 and
2. to provide youth with unique educational, recreational, and social experiences in an environment that fosters independence, accountability, and time management.

To register for this event go to:

<https://2024-md-youthpower.4honline.com>

You do not need to be in 4-H to register.

For more information contact: Joseph Y. Cho, jcho8@umd.edu, 301-315-0850

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COMING JUNE: 2024 STEM CHALLENGE; *FOOD FOR THOUGHT*

It's almost here! The 4-H 2024 STEM Challenge, *Food for Thought*, was developed by 4-H educators from LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension, and University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Food for Thought, perfect for youth ages 8–14, is a collection of three engaging activities that equip kids with fundamental knowledge of factors that contribute to food security, how people are impacted both globally and locally, and how youth can personally contribute to creating a more food secure community.

The three activities are:

- **Food Fighters** — a collaborative board game where players earn tokens to build up their town's food security while learning about the food supply chain.
- **Chew on This** — an entrepreneurial challenge that tasks teens with creating uses for food production waste to enhance food security.
- **Know to Grow** — an engineering challenge with youth designing a greenhouse to overcome difficult growing environments contributing to the food supply.

Learn more about this upcoming STEM Challenge during our **live informational webinar on Wednesday, May 22, at 3:00 PM ET.**

Register here →



BEGINNER'S ASL CLASS

May 1 to June 26 at LaVale Library
Every other Wednesday* from 4 PM to 6 PM

Dive into the world of sign language with our Beginners ASL Class starting May 1st at LaVale Library!

Whether you're new to American Sign Language or looking to brush up your skills, this class is perfect for you. Join us and learn the basics of communication through ASL in a fun and supportive environment! Registration Required: bit.ly/LVLibASL.

SPRING TAGGING

One step closer to fair!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came out on a Saturday morning to assist with tagging livestock.



4-H Achievement Bingo



Juniors



Outstanding 4-Her - Ripken Roque
 Best First-Time Book - Natalie Moore
 Outstanding Senior - Maria Eckard
 Outstanding Intermediate - Anthony Simon
 Outstanding Junior - Jacob Ritchie



Intermediates



1st-year Volunteers



Seniors



5-year Volunteers



Diamond Clover Recipients



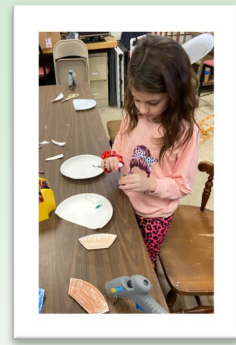
30-year Volunteer

4-H Happenings

HIGH ROCK 4-H CLUB

At their April meeting, members worked on rabbit showmanship and tattooing rabbits.

Younger members did a craft activity.



FROSTBURG RISE & SHINE CLUB

After a quick business meeting in April, the club took a tour of Main Street in Frostburg.

They visited Main Street Books, the Palace Theatre and The Pursuit.



GEORGE'S CREEK ELEMENTARY

George's Creek Elementary 4-H Club planted trees, learned about layers of soil by making an edible dirt cup, filled and hid geocache and picked up trash around Lonaconing at their April meeting.

JUST HOOFIN' IT 4-H CLUB

In April, the club visited the Mexico Farms Equestrian Center.

They toured the barn, learned about grooming and ground classes. They also spent time labeling the parts of the horse.



OUTDOOR FUN!

Bishop Walsh Elementary 4-H Club enjoyed a group ride on the C & O Canal during their April meeting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| ★ Lyncoln Carter | ★ Maddison Hawkins | Spencer Leasure |
| ★ Maria Eckard | ★ Keegan Hawkins | Cameron Miller |
| ★ Makenzie Friend | ★ Eloise Hensley | Scarlett Rinehart |
| ★ Mitchell Garlitz | ★ Ezra Knippenberg | Jacob Ritchie |
| ★ Braeden Hamilton | ★ Sylvy Koch | |

IMPORTANT FAIR UPDATES

Market Chickens:

- All market chickens (carcasses) must weigh at least 5 pounds each. Any carcass under that weight will not be judged or sold.
- Wednesday, July 10 between 8 and 9 a.m. - Take market chickens to Smith's to be processed.

Indoor Exhibit Entry:

- Exhibit Entry will take place on **Saturday, July 13 from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.**
- 4-H/FFA pre-registered entries may begin entry at 10:00 a.m.

4-H Indoor Exhibits * New Classes:

- Lego or 3D Model (Arts & Crafts)
- Animal Accessories (Home Environment)
- Animal Treats (Foods/Nutrition)
- All baked goods will require a list of ingredients instead of a recipe.



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