



### Livestock Registrations Due

The following 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 provided by the 4-H Office.)



### FAIR INDOOR ENTRY UPDATES

#### 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)

#### Baked Goods Change:

- All baked goods will require a list of ingredients instead of a recipe.

### Upcoming Events

#### June

- **June 1** - Poultry/Rabbit Registrations due
- **June 1** - 4-H Scholarship forms due
- **June 17-18** - MD Youth Power
- **June 19** - UME Closed, Juneteenth

#### July

- **July 1** - Deadline for AQHA
- **July 4** - UME Office Closed, 4th of July
- **July 12 to 12** - Allegany County Fair
- **July 20** - Livestock Sale

# Livestock News & Updates

## Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance

All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting animals are required to complete the AHQA 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.

Quality Assurance must be completed by **July 1, 2024**, to show any animals at the 2024 Allegany County Fair. The system is now open. Go to <https://ahqa.umd.edu/>.

- Returning members - If you cannot remember your passcode, please contact the office. Do not create a new account.
- New members - Click on Register New User (top left) to begin.

Notifications will be sent to those changing age divisions and new members. If you are unsure of your QA status or need assistance, please email Jody at [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.

## IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK FAIR UPDATES

### **New Ag Expo Rule - Barn Setup and Cleanup:**

"All livestock exhibitors are expected to participate in setup and cleanup of the livestock barn. Dates and times will be provided. Any livestock exhibitor who fails to participate in such will forfeit up to forty percent (40%) of their livestock sales proceeds to the Allegany County Ag Expo, Inc. Any exhibitor who requests a waiver or exception must do so in writing at least thirty (30) days before livestock move-in, and the decision of such shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Ag Expo, Inc. "

### **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.

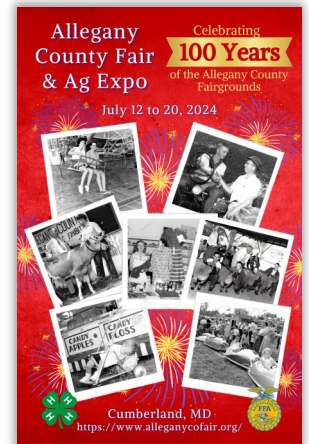


# GET READY FOR FAIR!

Watch for a special edition newsletter for fair near the end of June. It will have more detailed information about livestock, exhibits, and more. Until then, below are a few tidbits.

## FAIR BOOK

The fair book will be available soon. Each 4-H family will be permitted only one copy (if needed). Once it is available, the book and the entry form can be found at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/allegany-county/4-h-youth-education> Go to 4-H Events and Opportunities.



## FAIR REGISTRATIONS

To save time during exhibit entry, please pre-register. Pre-entry forms are due by **July 10, 2024**. 4-H families may drop them off at our office or email them to [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). If after hours, you may put them in our locked mail box.

## BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is "**Find Your Spark in 4-H.**" Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club's name and call the 4-H office to reserve space. If you need instructions, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu). Complete rules are found in the fair book on pages 90 and 91.

## FAIR BADGES AND PARKING PASSES



Fair badges will only be given to registered 4-H members exhibiting livestock, siblings of the exhibitors (under age 18), 4-H volunteers, and parents/guardians of the exhibitors. Club leaders will be contacted to collect the list of names for their club. If you are not affiliated with a livestock club, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) for passes.

Parking passes - Each 4-H family with livestock exhibitors will receive 2 parking passes. When badges and passes are available, an announcement will be made.

Fair badges and parking passes are also available to anyone wishing to help with indoor exhibits. Email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320 for more information.

## CAMPERS AT FAIR

Camper space is available for families with livestock exhibits. To reserve a camper space during fair, call Bill McKenzie at 301-338-3393 or [wfmckenzie@frontier.com](mailto:wfmckenzie@frontier.com). The fee will be \$75.00.

## GUIDE TO SHOWING ANIMALS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Are you showing animals at the Allegany County Fair? Please review our **4-H Family Guide to Animal Exhibits at the Fair**. Go to <https://bit.ly/3WypBSL>.

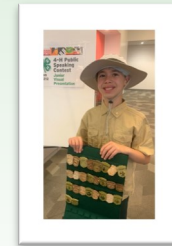
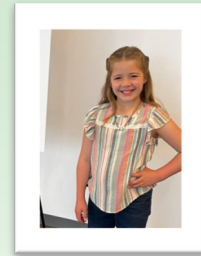


# 4-H Happenings

## MARYLAND 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Congratulations to Olivia Leonard for receiving 1st place in Intermediate Prepared Speech!

Lettie Rinehart, Edward Buser and Cooper Tanner, also proudly represented our county at the Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest.



## OWNING A HORSE FOR A NIGHT

Members of the Just Hoofin' It club visited Four Seasons Ranch. They demonstrated safety and hard-work ethic while learning to lead horses, clean stalls, and feed.



## WMD 4-H/FFA DISTRICT SHOW

Congratulations to all of the Allegany County 4-H members who participated. The show was held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds on May 11.



## 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](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)



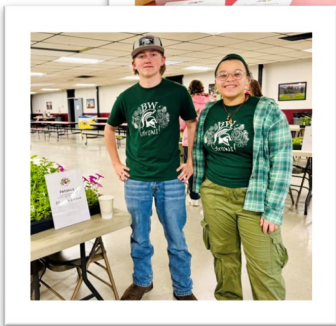
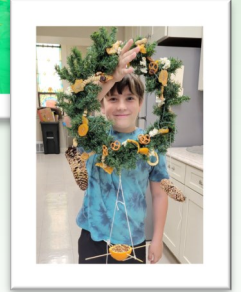


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## BIRD WATCHERS

Frostburg Rise & Shine 4-H Club - After our regular monthly business meeting our club welcomed guests from the Frostburg Robotics Club to complete a service project. Several members are in both clubs!

The theme of the Maryland Lego robotics competition this year is "The Bird Watchers". In addition to the robotics competition, the club is required to complete a service project related to the theme. The club decided to create all-natural bird feeders and donate them to local nursing homes.



## BW GROWS! PLANT SALE

Congratulations to the BW Grows! members of Bishop Walsh 4-H Club on their successful plant sale!

Members also enjoyed a recent field trip to the National Botanical Garden.

## TREE PLANTING

Members of George's Creek 4-H Club celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day at their April meetings.

They learned about layers of soil by making an edible dirt cup, filled and hid their geocache, picked up trash around Lonaconing, and planted 25 trees!





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| ★ Declan Andrews | ★ Silas Jordi     | ★ Julius Little  | ★ Brady Roque  |
| ★ James Burkett  | ★ Jin Hyung Kang  | ★ Athena Manherz | ★ Shane Yonker |
| ★ Cathy Cessna   | ★ Jonah Knight    | ★ Jake Nowaczyk  | ★ Sophia Zhang |
| ★ Brenan DeShong | ★ Noah Lang       | ★ Haylee Raines  | ★ Nolan Zhang  |
| ★ Elijah Jordi   | ★ Berkley Leasure | ★ Lawson Ritchie |                |

## Fair Book Online!

The 2024 Allegany County Fair Book is now available online.

The book is available here - <https://bit.ly/2024FairBook>  
The entry form is available here - <https://bit.ly/2024-entryform>

An announcement will be made when the printed copies arrive.

All exhibitors must submit an entry form.  
If you are showing livestock, but no indoor exhibits,  
write *Livestock Only* on the form and submit as indicated.



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