



ALLEGANY COUNTY WELCOMES NEW 4-H EDUCATOR!

We are excited to announce the addition of Michelle Harman to the Allegany County UME 4-H Team, as a 4-H Educator. Michelle began her career in Extension in 2018 as a Program Assistant in Garrett County. During her time there, she focused on animal science and youth leadership. She spent 2023 working for West Virginia University Extension as a State Program Specialist in 4-H Volunteer Support, Club Management, and Special Interest Programs. She also served as the State Military Liaison for the 4-H Military Partnership.



She brings experience in working with and developing volunteers, expanding knowledge in the areas of animal science, and offering opportunities for youth leadership. Michelle has been active on a national level, working with the 4-H Military Partnership Leadership Academy and the North East Speak Up Fest Committee. Michelle earned a Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Management Studies from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

FAIR INDOOR EXHIBIT ENTRY FOR 4-H/FFA MEMBERS

Saturday*, July 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Exhibits may be entered.
***Please note this is a new day for indoor entries.**

Note: Open Class entries will be accepted beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

July

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

August

- Maryland State Fair
 - August 22 to 25
 - August 29 to September 2
 - September 5 to 8

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 or email jparrish@umd.edu to reserve space. Complete rules are found in the fair book or at: <https://bit.ly/2024FairBook>

HELP NEEDED DURING FAIR WEEK

We need 4-H youth and adult volunteers for the following:



- **Enter Exhibits Saturday, July 13 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - NEW DAY**
 - ◆ Adult volunteers are needed to work the exhibit entry tables.
 - ◆ Teen members/adult volunteers are needed to take in and arrange exhibits.
 - ◆ Youth members are needed to act as runners between the office and exhibit tables.
- **Indoor Exhibit Judging** will take place on **Sunday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m.** Help is needed to assist the judges and place ribbons on items. - **NEW DAY**
- **Building watchers** are appreciated for the 4-H exhibit area **Wednesday, July 17 through Friday, July 19 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Call the office or see Jody during exhibit entry to schedule a time for individuals, clubs, or families to oversee the 4-H area.
 - ◆ To do: Check flowers for water, pick up trash, etc.
 - ◆ Badges and parking passes (for the entire week) will be available for indoor volunteers, if requested.
- **Take out exhibits** and pick up premium checks on **Sunday, July 21 from 1:00 to 3:00pm.** Help is always appreciated to take down the 4-H exhibits beginning at 11:00 a.m. ???

To assist with any of the above, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

AG EXPO BAKED GOODS AUCTION

All baked goods entered in fair will be auctioned on **Monday, July 15, 6:00 p.m.** in the Exhibit Hall. Proceeds benefit the Allegany County Ag Expo Scholarship Fund.

If you enter baked goods and have extras to donate to the sale, it is greatly appreciated. Please put the donated goods in a separate container and give them to Sara Barnard during exhibit entry.

ROBOTICS QUALIFIER AT THE FAIR TUESDAY, JULY 16

We are looking forward to welcoming our 4-H robotics teams for an exciting day of robotics fun on Tuesday the 16th. Be sure to invite your friends and families to the exciting robot rounds that begin at 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Building.

4-H CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

Open to 4-H members age 8 to 18 (4-H age) & FFA Members

SKILLATHONS

- **Rabbit** - Tuesday, July 16 following the rabbit show. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Add **Class 4370** to your entry form.
- **Poultry** - Thursday, July 18 following the poultry show. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Add **Class 4371** to your entry form.

LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 9:00 A.M.

The contest will consist of judging classes and educational discussion following. To participate, report to the barn by 9:30 a.m. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. **Class: 4355**

BICYCLE CONTEST WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 AT 1:00 P.M.

Participants need to bring their own bicycle and helmet Meet at the 4-H table in the Exhibit Hall by 12:45 p.m. For more information go to **Page 94** of the fair book. **Class #4365.**

HORTICULTURE CONTEST THURSDAY, JULY 18 AT 1:00 P.M.

The contest will be held in the Exhibit Hall following the exhibitor picnic. Information can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Add **Class 4395** to your entry form.

TRACTOR CONTEST FRIDAY, JULY 19, 9:00 A.M.

The contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. Details can be found on **Page 93** of the fair book. Be sure to add **Class 4360** to your entry form. There will be an activity for Clovers (ages 5 to 7).

4-H PRESENTS! FRIDAY, JULY 19 AT 2:00 P.M.

4-H Presents! will be held in the exhibit hall at **2:00 p.m.** 4-H members ages 8 to 18 can participate and Clovers age 5 to 7 may recite the 4-H Pledge or do Show & Tell.

Please call the office to register or sign up during exhibit entry on Saturday, July 13. **Add class Class 4398** to your entry form. Rules are available in the fair book on **Page 95.**

<https://www.alleganycofair.org/>

MARKET CHICKENS

Exhibitors must complete a special carcass show form for their market pen of two birds and drop it off with the market birds at Smiths Custom Meats in Hyndman PA on

Wednesday, July 10 between 8 and 9 a.m.
All market chickens (carcasses) must weigh at least 5 pounds each. Any carcass under that weight will not be judged or sold. Results will be shared during the Breeding Poultry Show.

Smiths will bring the carcasses vacuumed sealed and frozen to the Livestock Sale Saturday morning. Please tell potential buyers to bring a cooler with them that day.

4-H ANIMAL ARRIVAL AT FAIR

Friday, July 12, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
(No horses on Friday)

Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

When you arrive at the fairgrounds, stop at the check-in tent. Each exhibitor will receive a packet. Give to us at check-in:

- Copy of Health Paper/CVI
- Self Certification Forms
- Horse Coggins Results

BARN MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 12:00 P.M.

A meeting will be held to briefly review expectations during fair week. 4-H Barn Coordinators, 4-H Educator, and the Ag Expo President will be present to answer questions.

Meet at the bleachers in the barn at the show ring. Farm Credit employees will be there to give out the T-shirts.

EXHIBITOR PICNIC

A picnic for 4-H exhibitors/families will be held in the exhibit hall **Thursday July 18, at 12:00 p.m.**

Please wear your Farm Credit shirts and meet in the barn as we are going to take a group picture and then go the exhibit hall for lunch.

PHOTOS FOR BUYERS' POSTERS

Don't forget to bring your photos for the buyers' posters. A guide on taking your photos is available [here](#) or email tonir@umd.edu.

Posters will be provided and available in the 4-H area indoor. There will be a table with printed posters, double stick tape and markers.

Please complete your posters by **Sunday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.**

LIVESTOCK SALE

Saturday, July 20 at 9:00 a.m.

The sale will be held at 9:00 a.m. The flier, "Why buy 4-H raised animals?" is available to share with your buyers. Email tonir@umd.edu for the file or copies.

4-H/FFA SHOW & SALE ATTIRE

Rules:

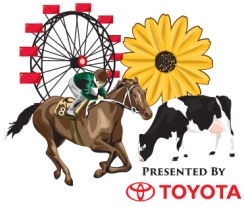
1. No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
2. Hats shall **NOT** be worn in the show ring **OR** during the sale.
3. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece due to safety reasons.
4. The following show attire is required for all shows and the livestock sale.

4-H:

- Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry:
Tan, green, or black slacks/skirt; white or tan collared shirt, with green or black tie.
- Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle:
White slacks/skirt, white collared shirt with green, or black tie.
- Horses:
 - Appropriate riding clothes and head gear.

FFA:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt with official FFA tie or FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.



The MARYLAND STATE FAIR

The Maryland State Fair will again span three exciting weekends in 2024 - 8/22 to 8/25; 8/29 to 9/2; 9/5 to 9/8. The 2024 Maryland State Fair schedule and the 4-H/FFA Department information are available online at <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/> .

The **Maryland State Fair Blue Ribbon Entry System** is open and will be used to enter the Division shows and exhibits listed below. **Deadline to enter is July 15th.**

- Divisions A-J (All animal exhibits except Dogs)
- Divisions L-S (All indoor exhibits except Club Booths and Banners)
- Some Division T exhibits (4-H Promotional Posters and 4-H Promotional Graphic Art Design)
- Some Division X events (Costume Animal Parade, 4-H Photo Challenge, and 4-H/FFA Shepherd's Lead).

4-H Online is also open for 4-H exhibitors to enter the 4-H Dog Show and the 4-H Competitive Events listed below. The 4-H Online link is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. The deadline for 4-H Online entries is **July 31st.**

- Division K (4-H Dog Show)
- Some Division T exhibits (4-H Club Booth & Banner Exhibits)
- Some Division X events (State 4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H Presents!, 4-H Top Chef!, and 4-H Horticultural Communications Contest)
- Division U (4-H/FFA Dairy Judging Contest, 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 4-H Dairy Goat Judging & Skills Event, 4-H/FFA Poultry & Egg Judging Contest, 4-H Rabbit Judging Contest, and 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest)
- Division W (4-H Robotics Challenge)
- Division V (4-H/FFA Tractor Operator Safety Event, 4-H Bicycle Safety Event, 4-H Small Engine Event, and 4-H Lawn Tractor Event)

DIAMOND CLOVER LEVEL 6 COMPLETED!

Lawson Ritchie, High Rock 4-H Club member, recently completed Level 6 of the Diamond Clover Program. The award program engages 4-H youth in various projects and activities that will enable them to acquire leadership, community service, civic engagement and advocacy skills.

Lawson's project focused on making a lasting impact in his community by fighting food insecurity. Through this project, Lawson has practiced skills in planning, budgeting, craftsmanship and public speaking. As the culmination of the project, Lawson's fully stocked, hand-crafted Little Free Pantry was recently installed at the Rawlings Volunteer Fire Department, 18900 Volunteer Drive.

Food and hygiene supplies are free to those in need. For questions and donations, contact jritchie_2008@yahoo.com or the Rawlings VFD at 301-729-8229 or through Facebook.

Pictured, from left, are Shawn Dicken, Tiffany King, Wes Foor, Lawson Ritchie, Melissa Gilbert and Jessica Ritchie.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| ★ Dusty Berg | ★ Lillie Humbertson | ★ Caleb Miller |
| ★ Ethan Brubaker | ★ Silas Jefts | ★ Olivia Robertson |
| ★ Sophia Garcia | ★ Aria Lewis | ★ Gavin Rotruck |
| ★ Ceasar Harper | ★ Max Linn | ★ Liberty Shambaugh |
| ★ Cassandra Hein | ★ Zefora Marquina | ★ Cameron Strawderman |
| ★ Jonaysia Houser | | |

NEW 4-H FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1

Don't forget that you need to close out your Treasurer Book for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

990 Filing (ePostcard) - Clubs are required to file for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on or before **September 15, 2024**. Clubs can start filing as soon as July 1, 2024. The filing for most clubs is done by the 4-H Office. If you are unsure if you need to file, email jparrish@umd.edu.

Club Financial Packets due **October 1**. The following items for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 are due to our office: Treasure Book, Club Annual Financial Summary Report, Club Inventory Report, and Proof of 990 filing.




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

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