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One Commerce Drive
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4-H/FFA BEEF REGISTRATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1

The following forms are due December 1 for all beef tagged on November 23, 2024.

- ◆ Livestock Registration Form
- ◆ County Bred Form (if applicable)
- ◆ Bred and Owned Form (if applicable)



Livestock Registration forms must include the RFID tag number for each animal.

MARYLAND 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT UPDATES WEBINAR FOR VOLUNTEERS

Hold the Date: The 4-H Animal Science Project Updates Webinar for Volunteers will be held on **Tuesday, December 10, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom**. This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program events and policy changes/updates for 2025. Register here <https://forms.gle/Pgk9rrCe7DZbu6fW7>.

There are a variety of events and activities related to the 4-H Animal Science projects.

You can find this and other animal science information on the Maryland 4-H website <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences/>



CHANGE IN FALL PAPER CLOVER DATES CONTINUES THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover campaign will run from **November 29th to December 15th**, we are thrilled that TSC is hosting this event during the season of giving.

Clubs are welcome to participate at the LaVale Tractor Supply. Call the store at 301-729-8525 to schedule a time.



CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CENTRE




**21st Annual
Storybook
Holiday**

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024

FROSTBURG
STATE UNIVERSITY

Frostburg Storybook Holiday is back again! We even welcome Grinches to join us! It's a day so packed with holiday cheer, your heart will grow three sizes this year!

The schedule of events can be found at <https://www.frostburgcity.org/.../frostburg-storybook...>
To register for the parade, just click on the following link. <https://bit.ly/FbgXmasParade24>

To register and "Run Your Bells Off For Autism", click on the following link. <https://bit.ly/RunYourBellsOff2024>



DECEMBER 14 • 4-9PM

Cumberland
Winter Festival & Market

REDISCOVER CUMBERLAND HISTORIC CITY CENTER
IN DOWNTOWN CUMBERLAND

Activities include: LIVE MUSIC, REINDEER GAMES FOR ALL AGES, MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT FOR 21, BIKE DECORATING CONTEST, PHOTO STATION, KIDS' ARTS & CRAFTS, ARTISAN & RETAIL BOOTHS, FIRE PITS FOR SMORE MAKING.



The Winter Festival & Market is BACK in Historic Downtown Cumberland! Join us at Historic City Center for live music, kids' games and arts & crafts, retail artisan booths, photos with Santa, a bicycle decorating contest, fire pits to roast marshmallows and more!

For more information, email melinda.kelleher@cumberlandmd.gov

Food Drive for Local Pantry

4-H member Lawson Ritchie is collecting nonperishable items for the Rawlings Community Pantry. Through his Diamond Clover Level 6 project, Lawson made this pantry possible.

You can drop items at the UME Office Monday to Friday.

Suggested Items:

- Canned goods: vegetables, fruit, soup, etc.
- Dried goods: pasta, pancake mix, beans, etc.



Donate by December 10

QUICK & EASY REINDEER PIZZA QUESADILLAS

Ingredients*

- 2 whole meal tortilla wraps
- 1 Tbs red pesto
- Handful grated cheese
- ¼ red pepper
- ¼ green pepper

To decorate (optional):

- 3 cherry tomatoes
- 6 black olives
- 12 plain pretzels



Method:

1. Prepare your fillings – grate the cheese, de-seed and chop the peppers.
2. Lay a tortilla wrap in a frying pan. Spread the pesto all over the tortilla, leaving a small gap around the edge.
3. Sprinkle the grated cheese over the top of the pesto.
4. Scatter over the chopped peppers or other fillings** of your choice.
5. Place the second tortilla on top to form a sandwich with the fillings in the middle.
6. Dry-fry the tortilla for a couple of minutes until the base is golden. Once the base is cooked, pop a plate on top of the pan and flip the pan over, then carefully slide the quesadilla back into the pan to cook on the other side. Cook for a few minutes more until the cheese is melted and the quesadilla cooked through.
7. Slide the quesadilla out of the pan and onto a chopping board and cut it into 6 wedges. Place on the plate or platter that you'll be serving it up on.
8. Slice the cherry tomatoes in half, and add one half to the tip of each quesadilla wedge for the reindeer noses.
9. Cut the olives into rings, then add two rings to each quesadilla wedge for the reindeer eyes.
10. Place 2 pretzels on each quesadilla wedge for the reindeer antlers.

*Other Filling Options: Chopped veggies – red onion, spring onion, spinach, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, sweetcorn, peas, cooked broccoli, finely chopped cooked potato, sweet potato or squash. Cooked meat – ham, chorizo, pepperoni, shredded chicken, turkey, bacon or sausage.

<https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/>

4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE FEBRUARY 1

It is never too earlier to start wrapping up your 2024 record book. 4-H record books for 2024 are due to the 4-H office by **February 1, 2024**. Diamond Clover Levels 1 to 4 are also due at this time.

- 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 2024 Allegany County Fair to show at the 2025 Allegany County Fair.

If you need assistance, please contact our 4-H staff at 301-724-3320 or jparrish@umd.edu.



For a complete guide and forms go to <https://go.umd.edu/AC-forms>. It is recommended that you use a 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder for your record book. Traditional 4-H record book covers are available at the office for \$3.50 each, but not required.

4-H DIAMOND CLOVER LEVELS

Levels 1 to 4 - If you have completed these levels in 2024, they are due to our office by **February 1** (with record books).

Level 5 - If you have completed Level 5 for 2024, please submit your form to the 4-H office by **November 1**. This will allow time for your name to be submitted for the 2025 4-H Gala.

Level 6 - The Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Learning Project enables a 4-H member to demonstrate life skills including leadership, planning, and organization as they complete a major community service project. If you would like to start a Level 6 project, email Michelle, mharman2@umd.edu for guidance.



For more information, please visit the Maryland 4-H website, <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H EVENTS

Scholarships for Allegany County 4-H members and volunteers are available for 4-H local, regional, state, national and other events and camps. Such 4-H opportunities may include State Council, Volunteer/Teen Forum, State/National contests, 4-H camps, and more.

Applications are due two weeks before the registration deadline for the event. Applicants may not apply for more than two scholarships within a calendar year.

Complete guidelines and an application are available by calling 301-724-330, by email at jparrish@umd.edu, or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>.

2025 4-H ENROLLMENT

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in January 2025. 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. Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

- Current Members - Enrollments are due by February 1, 2025.
- New Livestock Members - Enrollments are due by April 1 to show animals at the fair.
- New Members - Enrollments are due by June 1, 2025 to be eligible to participate in the county and state fairs.
- Volunteers - Enrollments for returning volunteers must be completed by March 1.

It is important to enroll as soon as you can, so you will continue to receive the newsletter, email updates and other important announcements.

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 2024 so you will know what to select in 2024. 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, Photo/Media Release, and Maryland 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics (livestock projects) 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.



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.

4-H, Friends, & Flannel Open House

We would like to take a moment to thank our volunteers, families, and 4-H members who participated in our 4-H, Friends, & Flannel event on November 18th. It was a great evening of fun, snacks, learning, and connecting with the community. We had so much fun watching everyone going from table to table, talking, laughing, and engaging with each other. We could not have had such a successful event without you. From educational activities to animals to meet, from fun group pictures to door prizes drawings...and who can forget the s'mores and trail mix. Thank you for your help and dedication to our community and 4-H program.



Upcoming Events

December

- 12/1 - Beef registrations due (tagged on 11/23)
- 12/10 - Animal Sciences Update
- 12/12 - Santa Letters due
- 12/25 - Christmas Day, UME Closed

January

- 4-H Enrollment opens
- 1/1 - New Year's Day - UME Closed
- 1/16 - MLK, Jr. Holiday - UME Closed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Edward Buser
- ★ Jaxon Carter
- ★ Ethan Chambers
- ★ Bar Cohen-Inbar
- ★ Sara Gaughan
- ★ Cormia Greise
- ★ WanTing Hao

- ★ Charles Helms
- ★ Briella Hillebrecht
- ★ Todd Houser
- ★ Rowen Jordi
- ★ Bailey Junkins
- ★ Adalynn Mallow
- ★ Baiya Myers

- ★ Colin Nie
- ★ Evan Ritter
- ★ Ripken Roque
- ★ John Schmidt
- ★ Michael Twigg
- ★ Rachel Wharton
- ★ Carelle Zalzal

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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