

## Event Calendar

- **March 1** - MD 4-H Livestock Skillathon
- **March 8** - SeaPerch Training
- **March 28** - County Public Speaking
- **March 29** - Sheep Production Workshop
- **April 1** - Enrollments due for new livestock members.
- **April 22** - 4-H Achievement Bingo
- **April 26** - Maryland Day at UMD

## Allegany County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

**Friday, March 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Allegany County Fairgrounds**



### Speech Categories for Clovers (no judging):

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

### Speech Categories\* for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors (judged):

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

\*Members can participate in more than one category.



### For complete rules, go to

<https://go.umd.edu/AC4-Hpsrules>

### To register, go to

<https://go.umd.edu/AC4-Hpsreg>

If you need additional information, email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu) or call 301-724-3320.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact our office at 301-724-3320 by March 14.



# BUILD WORKSHOP



Questions?  
email [jmellon2@umd.edu](mailto:jmellon2@umd.edu)

**Benefits:**

- Professional Development Hours
- FREE ROV kits
- Join SeaPerch Community
- Free resources for implementation

9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
March 8, 2025  
Western Maryland Works  
37 Lane Ave  
La Vale, MD 21502



[REGISTER NOW](#)

## 4-H Achievement Bingo

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Allegany County Fairgrounds

4-H families are invited to an evening of 4-H bingo, celebrating our 4-H members and volunteers. Record book and volunteer awards will be presented, and door prizes will be given for each bingo round.  
Details coming soon.


# MARYLAND DAY



Saturday, April 26, 2025 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
University of Maryland ~ College Park, MD

Enjoy a day of learning and discovery at the University of Maryland's springtime open house. Join us for interactive demonstrations, performances and workshops showcasing science and tech, the arts, sports, agriculture and more! Free parking & admission!

Sign up for updates here <https://cloud.email.umd.edu/MarylandDayOptin>



# Animal Science News

## FUNDAMENTALS OF SHEEP PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

Date: March 29, 10:00 am. To 3:15 p.m.

Location: Frederick County Fairgrounds

Free & Lunch Provided



Audience: This is an event for all ages and has specific programming at the end of the day to target our adult producers and 4-H exhibitors. Registration for the event can be found at: <https://go.umd.edu/sheepbasics>.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES ABOUT HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

There have been confirmed cases in Montgomery (1/30) and Worcester (2/2) Counties. You may view the press releases on the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) at

<https://news.maryland.gov/mda/category/press-release/>



- Visit the [Maryland Department of Agriculture Animal Health Program](#) webpage for more information and current news.
- Visit the [UME Poultry Team's HPAI webpage](#) for helpful information and resources at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/animal-science/maryland-poultry/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-hpai/>

## 4-H/FFA Spring Tagging

Tagging will be held Saturday, May 3 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.

Only these animals will be tagged:

- Market - Lambs, Goats, Swine, Feeder Calves
- Breeding - Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats
- State Fair Entries

Registration forms from this tagging are due May 5.

Details coming soon. This is the only spring tagging.

## HAVE YOU ENROLLED FOR 2025?

4-H Online is now open for enrollment. It is important to enroll as soon as you can, so you will continue to receive the newsletter, email updates and other important announcements.

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 families** - If you have any issues re-enrolling, please contact our office. Do not create a new family profile.

**New families** - If you need guidance to enroll, please email [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu)

## 2025 MARYLAND 4-H STATE ACHIEVEMENT EVENT



Allegheny County member, Lawson Ritchie was recognized for completing his Diamond Clover Level 6 project at the 2025 Maryland 4-H Achievement Event. Lawson created a self-serve pantry for the Rawlings community that accepts nonperishable items.

Learn more about the Diamond Clover Awards go to <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/>



Congratulations to Lydia Vassiliadi for receiving the J. O'Neal & Rosa Moxley Johnston Memorial Scholarship (Awarded to an individual enrolled to attend the University of Maryland, College Park .)

For more information on Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships go to <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-H EVENTS

Scholarships for Allegheny 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 301-724-3320, by email at [jparrish@umd.edu](mailto:jparrish@umd.edu), or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleghenyCounty4-H>.

# WESTERN MARYLAND 4-H/FFA DISTRICT SHOW MAY 10, 2025

Join us for the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show on May 10, 2025, at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD! This event is a highlight for Maryland 4-H and FFA members, featuring competition and valuable hands-on experience to utilize in the showing.

Stay tuned for the show book and registration details—we can't wait to see you there!



Frostburg State University will host the 2025 STEM Summit on campus June 17-20.

Students from Allegany, Garrett, Mineral, Bedford and Somerset Counties who will enter grades 9-11 in fall 2025 can be nominated by their school's STEM teachers for the opportunity to attend.

Read more here: <https://www.frostburg.edu/news/2025/02/2025-stem-summit.php>

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or 2 for \$5.00



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Peighton Bradley
- ★ Michael Caporale
- ★ Heath Currie
- ★ Bryce Edwards
- ★ Makenna Garlitz

- ★ Catherine Kaylor
- ★ Emily Kaylor
- ★ Nila Navarrete
- ★ Olivia Piroch
- ★ Holdyn Raines

- ★ Hunter Raines
- ★ Navya Rathod
- ★ Jolene Shafer
- ★ Colin Vogtman
- ★ Olivia Wigfield

## Save the Date!

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Achievement Bingo**

April 22, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Fairgrounds

**4-HFFA Livestock  
Spring Tagging**

May 3, 2025  
8 am to 12 pm  
Fairgrounds

**Allegany County Fair  
& Ag Expo**

July 11 to 19, 2025  
Fairgrounds

## 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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