

UNIVERSITY OF
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EXTENSION
ALLEGANY COUNTY
AUGUST 2025



Event Calendar

- **August 21 to 24** - First weekend of MD State Fair
- **August 28 to Sept 1** - Second weekend of MD State Fair
- **September 4 to 7** - Final weekend of MD State Fair
- **September 1** - 4-H Club Financial Packets due



2025 Allegany County Fair

Congratulations to all of the 4-H youth who participated in the 2025 Allegany County Fair & Ag Expo. What an amazing week! We want to thank all of the incredible people who made this a successful fair season. None of this would be possible without the volunteers who work year-round with the youth to ensure that they have exhibits for the barn and the indoor building, the 4-H members who spend hours preparing for the fair, and the families who give up their time and energy to spend a week making memories. We are beyond grateful for all of our volunteers who help tirelessly during fair week and year round. Through the support of our volunteers, we were able to showcase new avenues of engagement for our youth from our Clover Fun Show to SeaPerch.

I would like to give a special thank you to the barn coordinators, they gave me invaluable support and guidance throughout the fair again this year. Fair is an annual event that we truly could not handle without the community support that we receive each and every year. Thank you for supporting our youth. Time to start planning for 2026! ~ *Michelle Harman, 4-H Educator*



The Maryland State Fair will again span three exciting weekends in 2025 - 8/21 to 8/24; 8/28 to 9/1; 9/4 to 9/7. The 2025 Maryland State Fair schedule and the 4-H/FFA Department information are available online at <https://marylandstatefair.com/4hffa/>.

Membership cards are available for registered members and certified 4-H volunteers. Contact the office at 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu for information.

NEW 4-H FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1

Don't forget that you need to close out your Treasurer Book for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

- Club Financial Packets due **September 1**. The following items for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 are due to our office:

- Treasure Book
- Club Annual Financial Summary Report
- Club Inventory Report
- Proof of 990 filing (ePostcard)* - Clubs are required to file for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 on or before **September 1, 2025**. Clubs can start filing as soon as July 1, 2025.

The filing for most clubs is done by the 4-H Office and a copy will be emailed to the club leader by 9/1. If you are unsure if you need to file, email jparrish@umd.edu.



THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H DONORS AT FAIR

Our donors always appreciate a personal thank you from 4-H youth. If you benefitted from any of the donations below, please take time to send a thank you.

T-shirts

Farm Credit
13195 Garrett Hwy
Oakland, MD 21550

Shavings and Buckets

Tractor Supply, Inc.
12101 Winchester Rd SW, Ste 2B
LaVale, MD 21502

Grandstand Passes

Beechwood Coal, LLC
Ritchie Trucking & Excavating
19709 Winners View Terrace
Frostburg, MD 21532

Ride Passes

Contact the 4-H office for the name/address of the sponsors. 301-7254-3320 or jparrish@umd.edu

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MAKE OUR FAIR POSSIBLE

- Allegany County Government
- Kevin Kamauf, Fairgrounds Manager, and his staff
- Allegany County Ag Expo
- Maryland Ag Fair Board

Also a big thank you to all the 4-H volunteers and families who assisted with preparations, entry, judging, and all our many contests and events throughout the week.

We truly appreciate what you do!



ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR

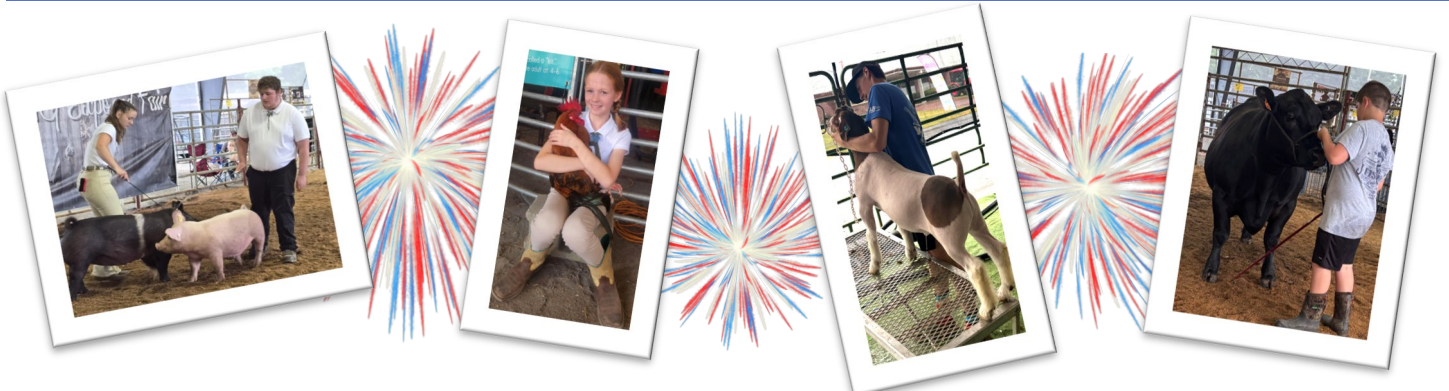
4-H SHOWCASE

Congratulations to the 4-H/FFA members who had their indoor exhibit chosen by the judges for Showcase.

- Adelyn Toey
- Aubrey Leith
- Emberleigh Wiley
- Everett Williamson
- Fynnlea O'Rourke
- Hunter Raines
- Kalli Trub
- Lawson Ritchie
- Lettie Rinehart
- Olivia Leonard
- Savannah Kimble
- Sylvy Koch



4-H PRESENTS PHOTOS COURTESY OF STEVE BITTNER



Robotics & SeaPerch

Skillathons



Clover Fun Show





MARYLAND 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Maryland 4-H Volunteer Awards celebrate the incredible dedication of our Certified UME 4-H Volunteers. These individuals are the backbone of our program, helping youth learn, grow, and thrive through 4-H. Awards are open to everyone!

You don't have to be a certified volunteer to nominate! We have two special awards that allow for group nominations and recognize non-volunteers:

- Friend of 4-H Award
- Partner in 4-H Award

Nomination Period: July 1st - October 15th

Make sure to submit your nominations during the official submission window: July 1st through October 15th each year. Only complete nominations submitted within this timeframe will be considered.

How to Nominate:

1. Fill out the award nomination form thoroughly, providing accurate information for the specific award.
2. Upload all required supporting documentation. Please note: A letter of support is required for both the Family of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Awards.
3. Submit your completed nomination and remember to download a copy for your records.
4. [The link to the nomination form.](#)

Important Note: Volunteer of the Year Awards can only be submitted by Extension Educators. Incomplete nomination packages will not be judged.

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State 4-H Volunteer Awards include:

Mylo Downey 4-H Leadership Award
W. Sherrard Wilson 4-H Service Award
Dorothy Emerson 4-H Citizenship Award
Honorary 4-H Member Award
4-H Alumni Plaque Award
Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame Award
4-H Family of the Year Award
Maryland Friend of 4-H Award
Maryland Partner in 4-H Award
Dick Angus Spirit of 4-H Award



Educator Only Nominations include:

Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year
Maryland 4-H Volunteer of the Year



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- ★ Aubree Brode
- ★ David DiNola
- ★ Carson Hamelin
- ★ Oliver Harrah
- ★ Owen Hensley
- ★ Gage Higson
- ★ Paisley Kirby

- ★ Carmine Lawton
- ★ Olivia Leonard
- ★ Natalie Moore
- ★ Garrett Morton
- ★ Fynnlea O'Rourke
- ★ Jacob Ruby
- ★ Lee Scarlett

- ★ Madison Smith
- ★ Willow Stahlman
- ★ Sterling Stewart
- ★ Bailey Stonestreet
- ★ Kaleb Thompson
- ★ Adelyn Toey
- ★ Emberleigh Wiley

Save the Date!

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4-H Club Treasurer Packets

September 1 - Due to our office.

2025 Volunteer & Teen Forum

November 14 to 16
Ocean City, MD

4-H Photos Wanted

Send us your 4-H photos for our newsletters, social media, and more.

Send photos with a brief description to
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