



Allegany County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Friday, March 13, 2026, 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 a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact your University of Maryland Extension Office at 301-724-3320.

Event Calendar

March

- 8 - Small Engines Workshop
- 13 - County Public Speaking Contest

April

- 14 - 4-H Achievement Bingo
- 25 - MD Day; 4-H State Public Speaking Contest



Small Engines Workshop

March 8, 2026, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Constitution Park Community Room



Calling All 4-H Members!

Are you ready to dive into the world of small engines? Join us for an exciting workshop where you'll learn the basics of engine mechanics and maintenance!

Register Now!

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot today! <https://go.umd.edu/4-hsmallengine>
Don't miss this opportunity to fuel your passion for mechanics!

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Workshop Highlights:

- Parts & Tool Identification: Get hands-on experience identifying engine parts and tools.
- Maintenance Skills: Learn essential maintenance techniques to keep engines running smoothly.
- Engine Types: Discover the differences between 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines.

Who Should Attend?

This workshop is perfect for beginners who want to gain valuable skills and knowledge in small engine mechanics. This workshop is open to all 4-H members.

Why Attend?

- Gain practical skills and knowledge.
- Enhance your problem-solving abilities.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

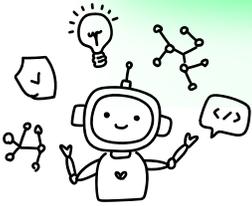
911 Center Visit

Members of the Bishop Walsh 4-H Club recently visited the Allegany County Joint Communications Center. During their visit they toured the 911 center, met dispatchers, learned about CPR, and learned how and when to call 911.



2026 High Rock 4-H Club Officers

- President:** Lawson Ritchie
Vice President: Madison Garlitz
Secretary: Jake Ritchie
Treasurer: MaKenna Garlitz (not pictured)
Historian: Addy Beal
Reporter: Savannah Kimble



Exciting 4-H Robotics Opportunities!

4-H Robotics Interest Meeting
Wednesday, March 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Washington Middle School

Come learn about the following:

- **4-H LEGO Challenge:** Get ready for the 4-H LEGO Challenge, launching on March 1st! Form your team, practice this spring, and compete on a 4' x 4' board at the county fair in July. It's a creative twist on the FLL experience!
- **4-H REACT FTC Team:** Although in the off-season, the REACT FTC Team is actively building skills every Thursday at Western Maryland Works. They showcased their robot at an FLL tournament, offering hands-on learning on a 12' x 12' field. More information below.
- **Sea Perch ROV:** Dive into underwater robotics with the Sea Perch ROV program! Assemble remote-operated vehicles using PVC pipes and learn soldering. Teams may compete at a mini event at the county fair in July.
- **SAM ROV:** Explore simpler underwater robotics with the SAM ROV program. No soldering required! Teams may form this spring and aim for a state competition at the University of Maryland in August.

Join us and explore the exciting world of robotics!



FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Team

Are you looking for your next big challenge in robotics? Last year, REACT launched our first FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team, and we are looking for new members to join the squad! If you're 7th Grade and up or are ready to move past the LEGOs and into metal, motors, and code, this is your chance.

By joining us during the off-season, you'll get a head start on the technical skills needed to dominate the competition. Instead of juggling learning and building during our competitive season (August–February), we're using this time to focus on:

- Engineering & Mechanical Assembly
- Computer-Aided Design (CAD)
- 3D Printing & Custom Part Fabrication
- Java Programming

Join us now and by the start of the season you'll be ready to win!

The Details:

- **Where:** Western Maryland Works
- **When:** Thursdays, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Who:** Ideally 7th Grade and up!

We can't wait to see you there—get ready to have some fun and build something incredible! For more information contact Jessica at jmellon2@umd.edu.



Livestock News

4-H/FFA Spring Tagging

Tagging will be held Saturday, May 2 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 4.

Details coming soon. This is the only spring tagging.

Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show May 9, 2026

Join us for the Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show on May 9, 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 hope to see you there!

Maryland Department of Agriculture 2026 Animal Health Requirements for Fairs & Shows

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our fairs and shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland fairs and shows.

The 2026 requirements are also posted on the Maryland Department of Agriculture website on the Animal Health Programs/Fair and Show Requirements page at <https://mda.maryland.gov/AnimalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>

4-H Diamond Clover Levels

The Diamond Clover Award Program engages 4-H youth in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire skills related to leadership, community service, civic engagement and advocacy. The award consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and accomplish a broad range of age-appropriate goals with supportive volunteers and community members. The Diamond Clover Project is one-way 4-H youth can make a lasting difference in their community.

- Levels 1 to 5 - If you have completed these levels in 2025, they are due to our office by February 1 (with record books).
- 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 301-724-3320, by email at jparrish@umd.edu, or online at (under 4-H Forms) <https://go.umd.edu/AlleganyCounty4-H>.



4-H Archery

Cumberland Bow Club - Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Join the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club for archery. Open to all Allegany County registered 4-H members. For details call Sara at 301-707-1740.

Happy Birthday!

Sawyer Aydelotte
Peighton Bradley
Michael Caporale
Heath Currie
Hudson Currie
Bryce Edwards
Elly Fazenbaker
Makenna Garlitz
Case Hartsock

Cora Karpa
Catherine Kaylor
Emily Kaylor
Samuel Kellermeyer
Rylee McManaway
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