UPCOMING EVENTS

June:
- 29 to July 3 — 4-H Camp Algawa

July:
- 4 — UME Closed
- 12 to 19 — County Fair:
  ◊ 13 — Exhibit Entry, Horse and Poultry Shows
  ◊ 14 — Swine Show
  ◊ 15 — Rabbit and Beef Shows
  ◊ 16 — 4-H Presents at Fair and Sheep Show
  ◊ 17 — Goat Show
  ◊ 19 — 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at Fair
  ◊ 20 — Exhibit pick up
- 31 — State Fair entries due

August:
- 20 to September 1 — Maryland State Fair
- 23 — State Engineering Contests at State Fair
- 3 — State Judging Contests at State Fair

GET READY FOR FAIR

Fair set up — Set up will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8. 4-H staff will be there at 2:00 to begin work in the Exhibit Hall. We need help in the building setting up tables, risers, etc. Assistance is also needed to work with the Master Gardeners to clean the flower beds located at the Exhibit Hall. Bring a covered dish for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Ag Expo will provide chicken and 4-H will provide the drinks. Badges and car passes will be available.

FAIR REGISTRATIONS

To save time during exhibit entry, please pre-register. Pre-entry forms are due to Ruth Lafferty by July 9, 2014. They must be sent to: Ruth Ann Lafferty, 14207 Hazen Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502. You may also take them to the Ag Expo office at the fairgrounds. Do not bring fair entry forms to the 4-H office.

There are changes, deletions and additions in some of the classes so be sure to review the fair book thoroughly. The fair book is available at:

http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms under the Allegany County Fair heading.

BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is “Exploring Our Future with 4-H.” Please be sure to submit an indoor entry form in the club’s name and call the 4-H office to reserve space. Complete rules are found in the fair book or at:

http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms
HELP DURING FAIR WEEK

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

Enter Exhibits Sunday, July 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for 4-H/FFA members only. General public begins at 12:00. Volunteers are needed to help take in and arrange exhibits.

Indoor Exhibit Judging will take place on Monday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. Help will be needed to place ribbons on items. There will be a covered dish lunch for judges and volunteers following judging.

Building watchers are needed for the 4-H exhibit area Monday through Saturday during fair week. Call the office to schedule a time for individuals, clubs, or families to oversee the 4-H area. The area needs covered each day when the building is open to the public. 4-H members, this is a great opportunity to talk to fair patrons about your exhibits. Call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu to schedule a time slot.

Take out exhibits and pick up premium checks on Sunday, July 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Help is always appreciated to take down the exhibits beginning at 12:00 p.m. These are great opportunities to earn community service hours!

4-H PRESENTS! - WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

4-H Presents! is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. 4-H members ages 8 to 18 can participate by doing a visual demonstration, a speech or a musical talent.

Please call the office to register by July 11 and be sure to add Class #4385 to your indoor entry form. Rules are available at the UME Office or online at: http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

COSTUME ANIMAL CONTEST—THURSDAY, JULY 17

The contest will be held Thursday at 4:00 p.m.. To participate, you and your animal can dress up in costume. Just write a short story about your outfit and give it to Ruth Ann Lafferty with your Ag Expo registration. Use Class #0006 on your entry form.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SALE—SATURDAY, JULY 19, 5:00 P.M.

The Allegany County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale is held each year on Saturday night during the Allegany County Fair and Agricultural Expo in the show ring. Sale includes rabbits, chickens, goats, swine, sheep, and beef. For information on the sale, contact Danielle Stonestreet at 301-478-3031 or d-stonestreet@hotmail.com. Support your local youth and fill your freezer with top quality meat!

4-H FUN & GAMES—SATURDAY, JULY 19, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Join us for some fun to wind down fair week. There will be a variety of games ending in a water battle. All 4-H/FFA members and families are welcome to attend at the horse area below the barn. If you are available to help, email Lacie at lashby@umd.edu as soon as possible.
All adults at some time in their youth had some individual or an event that perked their interested and influenced them to pursue a career in a chosen field. It may have been a teacher in school who conducted a lab experiment that led a student to be interested in medicine or science. Perhaps it was an airline pilot who was a friend of their parents who sparked an interest in aviation, or a veterinarian who saved the life of a child’s pet that created an interest in animal agriculture.

Often it is not possible to recall any one person or single event that leads to the development of an interest in a particular field—but always that person is held in high esteem and the event is positive.

Young people are naturally idealistic and look for role models who reflect their own ideas. It behooves adults to consider their conduct at all times—you may affect the direction of someone’s life without even being aware you are a role model.

Every profession, sport or other activity has individuals who excel and are looked up to as leaders in their chosen field. These are people who have the dedication to devote the required time at task to make the most of their natural talents, developing the skills necessary to allow them to reach the top of their profession. These individuals are today’s heroes.

Our 4-H/FFA livestock shows are no exception. There are individuals in the industry that excel at different levels of competition from the smallest county fair to larger major shows. Who is to say that someone who shows only at county fairs will serve as a role model less than someone who shows at major shows? All can have a positive effect on the lifetime interested of the people whose lives they touch.

*Adapted from the National Livestock Exhibitors magazine, January/February 2014 issue.*
The cattle barn isn’t all that big.

The boy is sitting on his showbox next to his heifer. She’s not all that big, but he only weighs 50 pounds if he has a couple of rocks in the pockets of his worn jeans.

When it comes time to lead her to the wash rack, he gets pushed around. He’s doing well, but his dad is injured and he just hasn’t been able to help the boy like he wishes he could have.

So it doesn’t take long. Before the boy, or his parents, knows what is happening an older 4-Her jumps up to help him rinse. Later on, an older boy offers to help. And then two girls wonder if they can help him practice showmanship.

And so it goes. The older kids help him and he learns.

Not too far away, a little girl stands on the fence looking down at her pig.

“She was afraid of them at first,” her mom says. But now, she’s clearly comfortable. An older girl at least 10 years older leans down and says something to her. The younger girl hops down and picks up a hose and quickly cools her pig down from the stifling heat. It’s obvious the older girl has been the younger one’s guide—teaching her what to do but letting her become comfortable with what was once a scary proposition.

It happens time and time again. Not only in this barn, in this county, at this county fair, but all over the country in other barns, at other fairs.

It happens in the kitchen, when one 4-Her shows another how to smooth the buttercream just right to get the even look she wants. It happens on the shooting range, when a teenager holds a shotgun showing the younger boy how to aim quickly.

It’s yet another example of what is so right about the 4-H program. Young people take on the role of teachers to younger members. They become leaders, without even knowing it is happening. They remember being there—not knowing how to keep their pig from bolting out of the gate—and so they share what they have learned.

It’s a legacy. The responsibility of that legacy is passed down every year with no formal ceremony or fanfare. The 4-Hers who have the honor today didn’t ask for it. They simply knew that someone once helped them and that’s what you do. It’s what is right.

The 4-H program teaches service and kindness, but it isn’t done by command. That service is taught through example. Young members watch, they learn and then, all too soon, they are the ones setting the examples.

Those older 4-H members become role models. They are the “good kids” parents of young children feel happy their child can emulate. And perhaps that’s the best thing to watch: a younger child watching an older one doing what is right—not because it means they will win an award, but because they have learned kindness and leadership by example. Some day, when those older 4-Hers become parents themselves, only then will they appreciate how important their acts were.

And the mom of the boy who received all of the help with his heifer? She will be eternally grateful for the kindness of those young people. It means more than they will ever know.

Date: 7/29/2013
MARYLAND 4-H AEROSPACE CHALLENGE

Sunday, July 20, 2 pm-6:30 pm
4-H Activities Hall and Outer Parking Lot
Howard County Fairgrounds

Competition open to all Maryland 4-H juniors, intermediates, and seniors. It is NOT required that you carry the 4-H aerospace project.

The seniors’ rocket build will have fresh, new challenges this year to test the engineering know-how of our teens. Seniors will compete on a two-person team, but are not required to register with a teammate. Individual seniors will be paired with another senior 4-Her upon arrival.

How can you prepare? A workshop will be held Sunday, July 13, 2 pm-6:30 pm at the same location. Workshop sponsored by the Flying Tigers 4-H Aerospace Club, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, Horizons 4-H Club, and the Montgomery County Extension Office.

For more information, e-mail Rachel Harris at rkharris59@gmail.com.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR

AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 1

The Maryland State Fair offers opportunities for people of all ages to enter their most prized items, whatever they may be. There are two main areas (4-H and Open Class) in which to enter in the Maryland State Fair.

The schedule of events and 4-H classes can be found on the Competition page at:
http://www.marylandstatefair.com/index.cfm?page=competition

4-H Online Entry (Closes 7/31):
https://fairs.centergy.com/msf4h/default.asp

Fair Schedule:
STEM Festival

The A*STAR Robotics 4-H Club recently represented Allegany County 4-H at the Western Maryland STEM Festival held at Frostburg State University. The club offered a hands-on activity with the Lego WeDo robots.

STATE PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Dillon Young for receiving Champion for his radio spot at the Maryland 4-H Communication Contest. Also participating in the state contest were: Tabitha Baker, Andrew Young, and Olivia Young.

FAIR BOOK CONTEST

At the June Allegany County Ag Expo board meeting, Ashley Winters was awarded for the top entry in the annual fair book design contest. With assistance from 4-H and Ag Expo, the contest is sponsored by Ron and Ann’s Tax Service in memory of Ron Hare, who was a longtime supporter of 4-H and the Allegany County Fair. Second place was awarded to Anna Mudge and third place to Elizabeth Mudge.

IMPORTANT CLUB REMINDER

Treasurer's Books with your Annual Financial Report and Club Inventory Report for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 are due to this office by September 1, 2014.
WEDNESDAYS WITH US!

Check out the upcoming events at your local library at 2:00 p.m.:

**July 2**
- Frostburg—Minute to Win It!
- George’s Creek—Appalachian Music
- LaVale—Minute to Win It!
- South Cumberland—Mad Science
- Washington Street—Mandy the Clown
- Westernport—All Aboard an Ambulance

**July 9**
- Frostburg—Pirates Ahoy
- George’s Creek—Board Game Bonanza
- LaVale—The Butterfly Guy
- South Cumberland—Appalachian Music
- Washington Street—Minute to Win It!
- Westernport—Christmas in July

Events continue through August 6, 2014. For more information call 301-777-1200 or visit: http://alleganycountylibrary.info/

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2014 ARTS BUS LADY SUMMER TOUR

The Arts Bus program is a unique program of the Allegany Arts Council that brings traveling art experiences to children throughout Allegany County. With financial support from Aircon Engineering, and assistance from the Center for Career and Technical Education, the Arts Bus has been transformed from a surplus county transit vehicle into a colorful "art-mobile" that travels throughout the community to provide fun and interactive art experiences for a variety of audiences. The Arts Bus is a regular guest at the Board of Education’s After School Program, Friends Aware, and at various community events throughout the County. The bus is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant and members of the Allegany Arts Council.

**2014 Arts Bus Lady Summer Tour Schedule:**
- Wednesday, July 30: Washington Street Library (1:30PM-3:30PM)
- Saturday, August 23: New Annual Dandy Bicycle Parade (9-11AM)

For more information, please contact the Allegany Arts Council at 301-777-ARTS (2787).

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2014 KIDS’ FREE SUMMER MOVIES SERIES

Every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. the Country Club Mall Cinemas are showing kids’ movies for free!


For groups of 25 or more, call (301) 729-4215 for assistance.
**CRAFT CORNER**

**PATRIOTIC WINDSOCK**

You will need:
- 1-inch wide red ribbon
- 1-inch wide white ribbon
- 18-ounce blue plastic cup
- Star stickers
- String
- Tape

Instructions:
1. Poke a small hole in the top of the cup. Cut a piece of string about two feet long and poke both ends of the string through the hole towards the inside of the cup. Place your hand inside the cup and pull the string ends almost all the way through. Tie the two ends together to make a big knot. Pull the string back out of the cup. The knot should keep the string from coming all the way through.
2. Stick star stickers all over the outside of the cup.
3. To finish cut red and white ribbon into three feet pieces and tape them alternately to the inside of the cup.

Source: [http://www.daniellesplace.com](http://www.daniellesplace.com)

**BROWNIES & BERRIES PIZZA**

Ingredients:
- 1 box (1 lb 2.4 oz) brownie mix
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup apple jelly

Preparation:
1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Grease bottom only of 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray or shortening.
2. Make batter as directed on brownie mix box. Spread in pan.
3. Bake 26 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely, about 1 hour.
4. In small bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Carefully spread mixture evenly over brownie base. Arrange berries over cream cheese mixture. Stir jelly until smooth; brush over berries. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until chilled. Cut into wedges. Store covered in refrigerator.

Source: [http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes](http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes)
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<td>1—ALL—Livestock Registrations, County Bred Entry Cards, Bred &amp; Owned Entry Cards, Horse, Chicken, Rabbit Registrations, Breeding/Performance Leases—for all animals exhibiting at fair—both breeding and market!</td>
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**Dates and Times Subject to Change**
Don’t forget to “like” Allegany County 4-H on facebook to receive the latest news and updates.

To receive your newsletter by email, send a note to: jparrish@umd.edu