**Western MD 4-H/FFA District Show**

The Western MD 4-H/FFA District Livestock Show will be held on Saturday May 17, 2014 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The district show has classes for beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, and rabbits. For a copy of the show book with details of the show and registration forms, please contact Jody or Lacie or visit: http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/animal-science

Registrations are due May 9, 2014.

**Fair Book Available Online**

The Allegany County Fair Book is now posted on our website at http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms under the Allegany County Fair heading about half way down.

Its never too early to start preparing items to enter in the fair! There are a few new indoor classes this year for 4-H, so be sure to read the book thoroughly.

**Fair Book Design Contest**

Congratulations Ashley Winters! Her design was chosen for the cover of the 2014 Fair Book. Receiving second place was Anna Mudge and third place went to Elizabeth Mudge. Additional entries were submitted by Jeremiah Mudge and Lydia Mudge. Everyone did a great job!

**Egg Hunt**

A great big thank you to everyone that helped at the Cumberland Easter Egg Hunt!
## 4-H Record Books

Kudos to the following members for submitting record books for the 2013 4-H year:

- Wisha Ahern
- Brody Anderson
- Jessica Appel
- Jasmine Baker
- Tabitha Baker
- Bo Berg
- Felicia Blubaugh
- Alexis Book
- Emily Book
- Rebekah Book
- Robert Bower
- William Bower
- Amanda Carney
- Caleb Carney
- David Cessna
- Dylan Cessna
- Tiffany Cooper
- Hanna Corey
- Makayla Donahoe
- Carl Eckard
- Makenna Farris
- Danielle Flinn
- Zach Flinn
- Clayton Headley
- Audrey Houser
- Eden Houser
- Isaac Houser
- Alicia Jackson
- Brenna Jackson
- Tyler Jackson
- Kayla Kimmell
- Michael Knight
- Garrett Kniseley
- Shayla Lewis
- Isabella Martin
- Rebecca Mason
- Malakia May
- Quincy May
- Kara McCusker
- Kolby McCusker
- Emily McKenzie
- Madalyn Miller
- Anna Mudge
- Elizabeth Mudge
- Jeremiah Mudge
- Lydia Mudge
- Michael Mudge
- Ben Northcraft
- William O’Boyle
- Jayla Parker
- Kelsey Price
- Sierra Price
- Ashley Ravenscroft
- Brianna Ravenscroft
- Alan Robey, Jr.
- Wyatt Robosson
- Joe Rose
- Tony Russell
- Chase Scarlett
- Drew Scarlett
- Garrett Slider
- Johnna Slider
- Cassidy Stickel
- Jennifer Stonestreet
- Hailey Ternent
- Brianna Westfall
- Cheyenne Willison
- Logal Wolfe
- Olivia Young
- Holden Cessna
- Kylee Cessna
- Zane Cessna
- Ashley Parker
- Sarah Parker
- Eric Stevens
- Dusty Berg
- Emma Dudley
- Maria Eckard
- Sara Gaughn
- Charles O’Boyle
Achievement Dinner Awards

Outstanding 4-H’ers:
★ Juniors: Brenna Jackson and Carl Eckard
★ Intermediates: Alicia Jackson and Tyler Jackson
★ Seniors: Olivia Young and Isaac Houser
★ Best First-Time Record Book: Bo Berg
★ Best Overall Record Book: Makayla Donahoe

Club with the most outstanding record books:
★ A*STAR Robotics Club

Diamond Clover Awards

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Outstanding 4-H’ers with Commissioner Bill Valentine

Diamond Clover recipients
4-H Day at Orioles Park

Make Plans to Attend Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards on **Sunday June 29, 2014**. Baltimore Orioles vs. Tampa Bay Rays 1:35pm start. $5 of each ticket sold is donated back to the Maryland 4-H Foundation!

Purchase tickets online at: [http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h](http://www.orioles.com/tix/maryland4h)

Camp Algawa

It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Camp. This year's Camp Algawa will be **June 29 to July 3** at the Western Maryland 4-H Education Center in Garrett County. Exciting things are being planned for the week, including classes in marksmanship, environmental studies, canoeing, archery, and crafts, recreation, campfires, food, fun and new friends.

Registration forms available at: [http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/camping](http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/camping)

For scholarship information (Allegany County 4-H members), email japarrish@umd.edu.

Maryland State 4-H Scholarships

Each year Maryland education scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university, or post high school vocational program in the fall of the year in which they apply.

To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, a completed application must be received at the Maryland 4-H Office on or before June 1, 2014.

No applications will be accepted by fax. Check them out! [http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships](http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships)
ANIMAL SCIENCE

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The site is now open to certify exhibits for the 2014 fair/show season. If you are new to the system, be sure to create an account. If you are a returning user, you will need your login and password from last year.

You only need to take the quality assurance training once per age division, instead of every other year. So each time you enter a new age division you will need to take QA or if you choose to show a new species since last time you completed it, you will also need to return to the online system and complete the section on that new species.

All members needing QA must complete it online by July 1 to exhibit at the Allegany County Fair. If you do not have internet access, you can visit a local library or the Extension Office. Call 301-724-3320 for more details.

The website is: http://www.maryland4h.org/ahqa/

STATE LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON RESULTS

Allegany County had 16 members compete in the state livestock skillathon contest. Placing in the top 20 of their age division were Carl Eckard (Int.—6th); Brody Anderson (Int.—18th); Maria Eckard (Jr.—3rd).

Other participants were: Juniors—CJ Humbertson, Madalyn Miller, Kara McCuster, Jennifer Ternet, Zach Flinn, Rachel Dudek, Charlie O’Boyle; Intermediates—Emily McKenzie, Makayla Donahoe, Hailey Ternet, Kolby McCuster, William O’Boyle; Seniors—Danielle Flinn.

Congratulations to all our state contest participants!!!
The following members participated in the contest held March 7: Olivia Young*, Dillon Young*, Emma Dudley, Andrew Young*, Tiffany Cooper, Tabitha Baker*. *Received Champion status and will represent Allegany County at the Maryland 4-H Communications Contest at the University of Maryland.

On March 11, the A*STAR Robotics Club assisted with this event. The club had Lego robot stations and Chick-fil-A gave out Lego mini figures. Everyone had a great time because Chick-Fil-A + Legos + robots = serious fun!!

On Saturday, March 1, 4-H families volunteered at the Country Club Mall for the School Readiness Fair. Some 4-H members dressed in various costumes and entertained visitors. Others worked stations which included face painting, balloon animals and crafts. Hundreds of youth and adults were in attendance.
Check out the upcoming event at your local library at 2:00 p.m.:

**June 18:**
* Frostburg—Savenger Hunt
* George’s Creek—Water Games
* LaVale—Appalachian Music
* South Cumberland—Lego Mania
* Washington Street—Playdough Palooza
* Westernport—Miniature Horses

**June 25:**
* Frostburg—Board Games Bonanza
* George’s Creek—Cupcake Creations
* LaVale—Mandy the Clown
* South Cumberland—Bubbleology
* Washington Street—Appalachian Music
* Westernport—Tia Jauna and Balloons 101

Also pick up a reading log at your library for the summer reading club.

For more information call 301-777-1200.

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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:**

- Thursday, April 10: South Cumberland Library’s Story Time (9:30AM-12:30PM)
- Friday, April 25: Country Club Mall (5PM-8PM)
- Saturday, April 26: YMCA Healthy Kids Day (8:30AM-12:30PM)
- Thursday, May 15: South Cumberland Library’s Story Time (9:30AM-12:30PM)
- Saturday, May 17: LaVale Library (11AM-1PM)
- Wednesday, May 21: George’s Creek Library (6PM-8PM)
- Saturday, June 7: Virginia Ave Street Fair (10AM-3PM)
- Saturday, June 7: Frostburg Arts Walk (4PM-9PM)
- Saturday, June 14: Heritage Days 2014 (10AM-6PM)
- Sunday, June 15: Heritage Days 2014 (11AM-5PM)
- Saturday, June 21: Frostburg Library (11AM-1PM)
- Friday, June 27: Westernport Library (1PM-4PM)
- Saturday, June 28: Oldtown Summer Fest (11AM-3PM)
- Sunday, June 29: Coney Sunday in the Park (NOON-6:30PM)
- 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).
LEMON MELON SMOOTHIE

Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 cups diced honeydew melon
- 1/2 cup nonfat lemon yogurt
- 1 cup frozen green grapes
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- Fresh lemon juice to taste (optional)

Preparation:
Combine the honeydew melon and lemon yogurt in a blender. Add the grapes and mint. Blend until smooth. Taste and add lemon juice if you like.

Source: www.smoothieweb.com

BEADED WIND CHIME

You will need:
- Paper cup
- Pipe cleaner
- Strings
- Big beads
- Small bells
- Metal shank button or metal washer
- Drinking straws
- Poster paint or acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Hole punch

Instructions:
1. Trim a paper cup to a height of approximately 2 to 3 inches.
2. Punch 4 evenly-spaced holes around the cup's mouth.
3. Paint the paper cup with poster paint and make your own designs. Use acrylic paint if the surface of your paper cup is glossy or waxy.
4. Cut 4 equal lengths of string approximately 12 inches long. Cut a 5th string that is 2 inches longer.
5. Tie a small bell at the end of 4 of the strings. Set the 5th string aside for the pendulum.
6. Cut drinking straws into ¾ to 1-inch long pieces.
7. String beads and drinking straws through each of the 4 strings. Leave an allowance of 1.5 to 2 inches at the top of each string.
8. Attach the beaded strings around the painted paper cup by securing the top end of each string around the punched-out holes.
9. To make the pendulum, trim a pipe cleaner to around 6 inches and make a loop on one end.
10. Tie one end of the 5th string through the loop on the pipe cleaner.
11. Attach a metal shank button or metal washer on the other end of the string.
12. Punch a small hole at the center of the paper cup base.
13. Attach the pendulum to the wind chimes by inserting the end of the pipe cleaner through the hole at the center of the paper cup. Pull all the way through, the loop on the pipe cleaner serves as a stopper.
14. Check if the metal button or washer is at the same level as the bells.
15. Loop the pipe cleaner on top to make the wind chimes' handle.
16. Hang the wind chimes where it can catch a soft breeze.

Source: http://www.firstpalette.com
### 2014 4-H Calendar

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<td>7—Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>24—Record Book workshop, 6:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Enrollment for new 4-H year begins.</td>
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<td>25 to Jan. 1—UME Office Closed for winter break</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