FAIR WRAP UP

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2015 Allegany County Fair! Also thank you to everyone who helped with set up before the fair, during fair, and clean up when it was over. Your help is truly appreciated. It was a great week and we hope to see everyone next year.

Thank You Notes

If you received any of the special fair awards, don’t forget to send thank you notes to the sponsors. It is important to acknowledge their generosity.

NEW 4-H YEAR

Recruiting for 2016 begins this fall. Leaders will be contacted when club packets are available. If you need enrollment forms for new members before you get your packet or if you have any questions about enrollments, please feel free to call the office at 301-724-3320.

★Change Beginning This Year★

November 15 - Due to County/City Offices from Clubs:

- 4-H Club/Group Annual Financial Summary Report
- 4-H Club/Group Property Inventory Report
- 4-H Club/Group Treasurer books for county review
- Proof of 990 filing
  - Clubs MUST submit verification of filing.
  - Keep a copy of verification of filing in 4-H club/group treasurer book.
  - All Clubs/Groups must file, even if they do not handle money

(Above items are for reporting July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)
2015 4-H Showcase
Sponsored by Western MD Outdoor Power

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for having their indoor entries chosen for 4-H Showcase at the fair:

★ Jessica Appel
★ Holden Cessna
★ Carl Eckard
★ Maria Eckard
★ Mckensie Headley
★ Eden Houser
★ Kolby McCusker
★ Anna Mudge
★ Kelsey Price
★ Johnna Slider
★ Sadie Strawderman
★ Vincent Taylor

4-H Presents!

4-H Presents! was held Thursday evening during fair week. Participants gave demonstrations and shared their musical talents. Special thank you to Felicia Blubaugh for hosting the event.

Booths and Banners

★ Champion Booth—Mt. View 4-H Club
★ Reserve Booth—Busy Bees 4-H Club
★ Champion Banner—Mt. View 4-H Club

4-H Door Prize

Congratulations to Rob Custer for winning the back-to-school gift bag.

Charlie O’Boyle, William O’Boyle, Brenna Jackson, Carl Eckard, Maria Eckard and Tyler Jackson
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WHO EARNED SPECIAL AWARDS!

Horse
Grand Champion Horse Grooming & Showman: Kelsey Price
Reserve Champion Horse Grooming & Showman: Lexi Book
Novice Champion Horse Grooming & Showman: Caydence Pennington

Sheep
Grand Champion Sheep Showman: Danielle Flinn
Reserve Champion Sheep Showman: Kylee Cessna
Grand Champion Breeding Sheep: Danielle FLinn
Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep: Zach Flinn
Grand Champion Market Lamb/County Bred Champion: Holden Cessna
Reserve Champion Market Lamb: Cassidy Stickel
Bred & Owned Champion Market Lamb: Danielle Flinn

Beef Cattle
Grand Champion Beef Showman: Kara McCusker
Reserve Champion Beef Showman: David Cessna
Grand Champion Breeding Beef: Kolby McCusker
Reserve Champion Breeding Beef: Kara McCusker
Grand Champion Market Steer/ Bred & Owned Champion: Kylee Cessna
Reserve Champion Market Steer/County Bred Champion: Ben Northcraft
Grand Champion Feeder Steer: Makayla Donahoe
Reserve Champion Feeder Steer/ Bred & Owned Champion/County Bred Champion: Brody Anderson

Dairy Goats
Grand Champion Dairy Goat Showman: Kelsey Price
Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman: Olivia Young
Grand Champion Breeding Dairy Goat: Kelsey Price
Reserve Champion Breeding Dairy Goat: Olivia Young

Market Chickens
Grand Champion Market Chickens: Michael Knight
Reserve Champion Market Chickens: Nathaniel Kovach

Market Rabbits
Grand Champion Market Rabbits: Isaac Houser
Reserve Champion Market Rabbits: Isaac Houser
Grand Champion Rabbit Showman: Felicia Blubaugh
Reserve Champion Rabbit Showman: Isaac Houser

Swine
Grand Champion Swine Showman: Hailey Ternet
Reserve Champion Swine Showman: Clayton Headley
Grand Champion Market Hog & County Bred Champion /Bred & Owned Champion: Brody Anderson
Reserve Champion Market Hog: Kara McCusker

Meat Goats
Grand Champion Meat Goat Showman: Brody Anderson
Reserve Champion Meat Goat Showman: Carl Eckard
Grand Champion Market Goat: Bailey Thompson
Reserve Champion Market Goat: Christian Humbertson
County Bred Champion: Danielle Flinn
Bred & Owned Champion: Danielle Flinn
Grand Champion Breeding Meat Goat: Carl Eckard
At National 4-H Conference, teen delegates take the lead by serving on consulting groups to make recommendations for future directions for 4-H. Teens serve on one of the operations committees to help conduct the events and functions of the Conference. Activities include a visit to Capitol Hill and a meeting with your Senator or Representative. This trip takes place in late March or early April at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase.

Application is available at: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/ youth-families/awards-recognition

Applications are due to Lacie by October 9.

**MARYLAND 4-H IN ACTION**

This is an opportunity for 4-Hers to showcase Maryland 4-H through their own eyes. The supplement will be written, edited, and designed by 4-H youth interested in media and writing under the guidance of Maryland 4-H and Delmarva Farmer staff. A share of the advertising sales will go toward the Maryland 4-H Foundation.

All articles must be emailed to Sean Clougherty at sean@americanfarm.com by September 21, 2015.

Still have questions? Contact Amanda Clougherty at akbrown@umd.edu or 301-314-7835.

### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

#### OCTOBER 4 TO 10, 2015

Here are a few ideas on how to celebrate:

- Create a media event by inviting local clubs, schools, etc. to wear green and form a giant clover photo.
- Have a reception at the courthouse, downtown, or at the mall. Serve limeade!
- Distribute green bottles of bubbles. Invite everyone to have a green bubble-blowing party and 4-H Week reception.
- Have a green balloon day. Give away 4-H balloons.
- Have an ice cream social with 4-H'ers, local officials, and volunteers. Showcase youth projects and exhibits.
- Have a 4-H scavenger hunt. Advertise a list of items (a real four-leaf clover, a 4-H enrollment card, the autograph of a 4-H volunteer, the autograph of a 4-H donor, a snapshot of a 4-H'er, etc.) The first person to bring all the correct items receives a nice donated prize.

**Paper Clovers at Tractor Supply**

$913,553 was raised during the Spring 2015 Paper Clover Fundraiser, our best event ever!

Mark your calendars now for the Fall 2015 Paper Clover Fundraiser coming October 7-18, 2015.

During the semi-annual event, we invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating $1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live.

**Tractor Supply Clover Match Game**

Check out the game at: http://www.tractorsupply.com/content_landing-page_4H

Match all the 4-H project categories. The highest scorer each month wins a $10 TSC gift card. Registration is required.
Record Books

Record books are due February 1 to the 4-H Office.

Your record book must contain the following items to be considered complete:
1. Sturdy Cover - A 4-H record book cover, other notebook or report cover with fasteners. Please put your name on the front of the book.
2. Title page – Name, recent photo, 4-H age and club name(s).
3. Table of Contents – List items in your book.
4. Maryland 4-H Summary Record - Submit only one for the current year.
5. 4-H Story - Include information about your year in 4-H such as projects and activities.
6. 4-H Project Record - Complete one for each project area. If a 4-H project workbook was used, put it behind that project sheet.

Awards and Fair Eligibility:

- To receive a ribbon and certificate/seal: members must complete a record book with at least one completed project record inside.
- To receive project pins: projects must be complete and inside a complete record book.

To meet fair eligibility to show livestock: members must submit a complete record book with a completed project sheet for each project exhibited at the 2015 fair to show at the 2016 fair. (See note below.)

For a Record Book Guide which gives the order of the record book and what not to put in your record book, email jparrish@umd.edu or visit: https://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

Note: In hopes of improving the quality of livestock project records, Allegany County 4-H required only a project record (with the full record book being optional) for a trial period of three years. Due to lack of significant improvement, we will be returning to the requirement of a full 4-H record book to exhibit at the 2016 Allegany County Fair.
Do you love science and fun science activities? 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world's largest youth-led science experiment. On October 7, 2015, millions of young people will take part in this year's NYSD experiment, Motion Commotion, to learn about physics, speed and safety!

The 2015 National Youth Science Day Experiment, Motion Commotion, empowers youth to explore the physics of motion and distracted driving. Developed by Oregon State University Cooperative Extension, this exciting activity will combine a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demonstration in a simulated activity that investigates the physical and human factors of motion. 4-H provides everything you need to make your 4-H NYSD event a success. It's easy to make learning science fun!

- Register your 4-H NYSD event at: [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/)
- Download the experiment guides at [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experimentsprojects/motion-commotion/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experimentsprojects/motion-commotion/)

State Event Possibilities
Maryland 4-H has many competitive events. Check them out and let Lacie know if you would be interested.

Animal Science Events
- Dairy Bowl
- Dairy Judging
- Dog Bowl
- Dairy Goat Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Judging
- Horse Communication
- Horse Bowl
- Egg Preparation
- Poultry & Egg Judging
- Avian Bowl
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skillathon
- Rabbit Judging

Engineering Events
- Bicycle Safety
- Lawn Tractor
- Tractor Operator Safety
- Small Engine
- Electric
- Computer
- Robotics

Other Events
- Horticulture Judging
- Fashion Revue
- 4-H Presents!
- Public Speaking

Diamond Clover Awards

There are six levels of the Diamond Clover Awards. The goal of the program is to encourage youth to continue to grow and accept new challenges as they gain more experience in the 4-H program. Each level requires a slightly higher level of participation. The expectations for each level give members a guide to assist them in planning their activities for the year. Once they master the new level, they are recognized for their achievements by receiving a Diamond Clover pin.

The final level, Diamond Clover 6, is the highest award a 4-H'er in Maryland can receive. It requires that the youth be active in their county 4-H program and also that they plan and conduct a significant community service project. **For More Information:** A summary of the requirement for each level is available on the State 4-H website at: [http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition](http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition)

Level 6 applications are due each year by August 31 to be approved before starting your project. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 301-724-3320.
Submit your photos and articles to jparrish@umd.edu by the following dates:
February 18; April 18; June 18; August 18; October 18; December 18.

GETTING ACTIVE WITH 4-H!
The Mt. View 4-H members and volunteers participated in a bike ride from Trimble Road, Mt. Savage to Canal Place, Cumberland.

CORN PLAY AREA
The corn play area located in the exhibit hall had many visitors during fair week. Thank you to Cessna Sawmill and Southern States for donating the supplies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Members of the Paws N Pals 4-H Club recently volunteered to provide children's games and activities at Family Festival Day at Salem Youth Home in Grantsville, Maryland.
MASON JAR LID PUMPKIN

Supplies:
- 24 mason jar lids.
- Burlap
- Twine or some string to tie the lids together
- Spray paint—orange and green
- Scissors
- Cinnamon sticks for the stem

Instructions:
1. Spread mason jar rings out on newspaper or cardboard and spray paint orange. Allow to dry.
2. String mason jar rings on piece of twine or string.
3. Bring ends of twine together and tie together in a tight knot so that rings make a pumpkin ring. Cut excess twine.
4. Cut out burlap leaves.
5. Spray paint leaves. Allow to dry.
6. Put cinnamon sticks into center of pumpkin ring to make stem. You may need to break the cinnamon sticks in half so they are not too long.
7. Place the leaves where you’d like on your pumpkin.

Great idea for a holiday or recycled craft for fair!
### 2015 4-H Calendar

**January**
- **1 to 2**—UME Office Closed
- **10**—Resumes for national trips due to Lacie.
- **15**—Resumes for national trips to State 4-H Office.
- **16 to 18**—World Horse Expo
- **19**—UME Office Closed
- **TBA**—County Livestock Skillathon Contest

**February**
- **1**—Due to 4-H Office: Record Books & Project Records, Enrollment Forms, Secretary Books
- **TBA**—Livestock Skillathon Practice, 6:30 p.m.

**March**
- **2**—Officer Training, 6:30 p.m.
- **7**—State Livestock Skillathon
- **8**—4-H Skate
- **13**—County Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m.

**April**
- **3**—Easter Egg Hunt, UME Closed
- **11 to 16**—National 4-H Conference
- **25**—Spring livestock tagging, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **25**—Maryland Day, State Public Speaking
- **26**—Achievement Dinner, 3:00 p.m.
- **30**—New UME Volunteer Training, 6:00 p.m.

**May**
- **1**—ALL Livestock Registrations, County Bred Entry Cards, Bred & Owned Entry Cards, Horse, Chicken, Rabbit Registrations, Breeding/Performance Leases—for all animals exhibiting at fair—both breeding and market!
- **2**—State 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Contest
- **2 to 3**—MD Sheep & Wool Festival
- **16**—4-H/FFA District Livestock Show, Garrett County
- **25**—Memorial Day, UME Closed

**June**
- **1**—County scholarship applications due to 4-H Office.
- **22**—Record Book workshop, 6:30 p.m.

**July**
- **July 1**—QA and Horse Standards must be completed.
- **3**—UME Closed
- **6 to 10**—4-H Camp Algawa
- **14**—Fair set up & picnic
- **19 to 25**—Allegany County Fair
- **22**—4-H Presents at Fair
- **25**—4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at Fair
- **31**—State Fair entries due

**August**
- **28 to Sept. 7**—Maryland State Fair
- **29**—Livestock judging contest at State Fair
- **30**—Robotics challenge at State Fair
- **31**—Diamond Clover Level 6 proposal due to UME Office.

**September**
- **1**—Enrollment for new 4-H year begins.
- **5**—State Rifle Match
- **5**—State Judging Contests at State Fair
- **7**—Labor Day, UME Office Closed

**October**
- **4 to 10**—National 4-H Week
- **7 to 18**—TSC paper clover sales
- **10**—National Trip applications to Lacie.
- **15**—National Trip applications to State Office
- **19**—Record Book Workshop

**November**
- **9**—New Volunteer Training
- **11**—Veterans’ Day, UME Office closed
- **20 to 22**—MD 4-H Volunteer Forum
- **21**—County steer tagging, 8-10 a.m.
- **26 to 27**—UME Office closed for Thanksgiving

**December**
- **1**—Market Steer registrations, County Bred Entry Cards, Bred & Owned Entry Cards due to 4-H Office.
- **24 to Jan. 1**—UME Office Closed for winter break

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