UPCOMING EVENTS

**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
- 23—4-H Presents at Fair
- 25—4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at Fair
- 31—State Fair entries due

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GET READY FOR FAIR

**Fair set up** – Set up will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. 4-H staff will be there by 2:00 to begin work in the Exhibit Hall. We need help in the building setting up tables, risers, painting (wear old clothes), 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. Early registrations will be entered in a prize drawing. Pre-entry forms are due by **July 15, 2015**. 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.** The entry form is available at: [http://www.alleganycofair.org/tickets/indoor-exhibit-entry-form/](http://www.alleganycofair.org/tickets/indoor-exhibit-entry-form/)

There are changes, deletions and additions in some of the classes so be sure to review the fair book thoroughly. Classes for 4-H indoor and livestock are available at: [http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms](http://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms)

BOOTHS AND BANNERS

Each club may enter one booth and one banner. You may enter in either open-theme or annual-theme, which is “Reaching Beyond the Stars with 4-H/FFA.” 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://extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms](http://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 19 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 20 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 when the building is open to the public (2 to 10 p.m.). Call the office or see Jody during exhibit entry to schedule a time for individuals, clubs, or families to oversee the 4-H area. This includes watering the flowers, picking up trash, etc. Those who volunteer will have their name submitted into a door prize drawing.
  - New in the 4-H area of the building this year is a corn play area similar to the photo shown.
  - 4-H members, this is also a great opportunity to talk to fair patrons about your exhibits, which will give you a communication for your project record.
  - Badges and parking passes will be available for indoor volunteers.

- **Youth Day**—4-H youth volunteers are needed for tours of the barn during Youth Day on Friday, July 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- **Take out exhibits** and pick up premium checks on **Sunday, July 26 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! To assist with any of the above, please call 301-724-3320 or email jparrish@umd.edu.

NEW TO THE FAIR THIS YEAR!

Allegany County 4-H will be sponsoring a daily fair Instagram challenge. Keep an eye out for the challenges on Facebook, at the fair, and in the newspaper.

Be sure to follow Allegany County 4-H on Facebook @University of Maryland Extension-Allegany County 4-H and Instagram @alleganycounty4h.
**Livestock at Fair**

- **Animal Arrival**
  All animals may be brought into the fairgrounds on:
  - Friday, July 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, July 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
  - Animals cannot be brought in Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. due to the arrival of derby cars. (per Fairgrounds Manager)

- **Market Animal Weigh-in**
  Will begin Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

- **Barn meeting**
  Will be held Sunday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m.

- **Chickens/Rabbits**
  Must be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday no exceptions. Check-in is Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

- **Animal Clipping**
  Animals may be clipped at the fair this year. Please clean up the area when done.

- **Campers**
  Fees will be collected on Tuesday, July 14 during fair cleanup. Call by June 30 to reserve camper space, 304-492-5696. Deadlines must be met to camp at fair.

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**Fair Events**

**4-H Presents! & Fashion Revue**

**Thursday, July 23**

*4-H Presents!* will be held in the exhibit hall at 6:00 p.m. 4-H members ages 8 to 18 can participate by doing a visual demonstration, a speech or a musical talent.

Fashion Revue will also be held during that time. Email lashby@umd.edu for details.

Please call the office to register by **July 17** and be sure to add the class for *4-H Presents!* 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](http://www.extension.umd.edu/allegany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms)

**Animal Costume Contest—Thursday, July 23**

The contest will be held Thursday at 4:00 p.m. To participate, you and your animal can dress up in costume. Write a short story about your outfit and give it to Ruth Ann Lafferty with your Ag Expo registration. Be sure to include the appropriate class on your entry form.

**4-H/FFA Livestock Sale**

**Saturday, July 25, 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, email acae.livestocksale@gmail.com Support your local youth and fill your freezer with top quality meat!

**4-H Fun & Games**

**Saturday, July 25, 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 with preparation and planning, email Lacie at lashby@umd.edu.
**WEDNESDAYS WITH US!**

Our popular Wednesdays with Us! summer events series is back! Every Wednesday at every branch at 2:00pm we have special programs happening. This year we have a full schedule of amazing events planned including a Visit from a Mad Scientist!, Night Sounds with Kevin Dodge, A Celebration of Appalachian Music, a Magic Shows with Louis Paul, Mandi the Clown and much, much more!

For more information, visit: http://home.alleganycountylibrary.info/contentpages.asp?loc=130

**SUMMER READING CLUB**

Summer Reading Club promotes reading through fun themes, events, prizes and activities. All returned reading logs are entered into the sweepstakes for prizes.

For a log and more information, visit: http://home.alleganycountylibrary.info/contentpages.asp?loc=131 or call 301-777-1200.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT FAIR**

University of Maryland Extension-Allegany County’s 4-H educators and clubs will be providing daily activities for youth at the Allegany County Fair starting on Monday, July 20 and running through Saturday, July 25. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in the daily events.

- Each afternoon at 3:00 p.m., there will be a story time in the new corn play area, located in the back of the exhibition building. Each day’s story time will have a unique theme of the day selected by the reader.
- Each evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m., different activities will be held in the 4-H area of the exhibition building, unless otherwise noted.
- On Monday, youth can play giant JENGA, giant Kerplunk, ladder bean bag toss, and a giant memory match game with members from the 4-H Paws N Pals Club. The games will be held outside the exhibition building.
- On Tuesday, 4-H staff will have LEGO robots for youth to build and program.
- Wednesday the 4-H table will be set up for making mini catapults.
- On Thursday, kids can watch 4-H members present speeches and talents during 4-H Presents! in the Exhibit Hall.
- Friday’s activity is constructing mini-parachutes.
- On Saturday, youth can stop by the 4-H table to make straw rockets.

In addition to a daily story time and activity, youth will also be able to stop by to play in a new corn play area. Kids can play with tractors and toys in the 8’ x 8’ corn pit and parents can rest on the surrounding straw bales. Materials for the 8’ x 8’ corn pit were donated by Southern States of Cumberland and the Cessna Sawmill.

Another new addition to the fair will be a makerspace provided by Allegany County 4-H. Makerspaces are creative, DIY spaces where kids can gather for hands-on learning through building things. Daily challenges and materials will be provided for anyone who wishes to stop by and tinker for a bit. Look for the corn pit and makerspace in the back of the 4-H exhibition area.

All Maryland 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to complete the 4-H and FFA Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program to be eligible to exhibit their project animals in 2015 Maryland County 4-H and State 4-H Shows. The AH&QA program has been revised for 2015 in partnership with West Virginia University and will also be completed by West Virginia 4-H and FFA members this year. 4-H'ers are required to complete the online training program when they reach each 4-H age division (Juniors (ages 8-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), Seniors (ages 14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year OR when as Intermediate and Senior 4-H members, they choose to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division.

Members may go directly to the AH&QA program at http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/. The program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer.

There are two levels to the program: one level is for Junior members and a second level is for Intermediate and Senior members. Members will be automatically taken to the appropriate level according to the birthdate entered on the registration screen. When members register for the program, they will be provided a unique Passcode. Members should write their Passcode down and keep it in a safe place! If a member needs to stop the AH&QA training in the middle of the program, he or she may return to the program where they left off by entering their Passcode on the Welcome screen of the program. ALL members completing the program in 2015 (or any portion of the program) must register and a NEW PASSCODE will be assigned. Passcodes from prior years are no longer valid. A member must be LOGGED IN for the system to track their progress and record their completion of the program. There is a note at the top of the screen indicating the member’s status. When logged in, the message will read “Logged in: [Member’s Name]”. If the member is not logged in correctly, the message will not identify them by name it will identify them as a “Guest”. Progress will NOT be recorded as a “Guest”.

Upon completion of the program, members will have an opportunity to print a Certificate of Completion for their records. Each member’s progress will be kept in a statewide database and their County 4-H staff will receive notification that they have completed the AH&QA training.

Members MUST complete the AH&QA training no later than July 1, 2015.

HORSES

Horse Standards – This must be completed by all horse exhibitors (who have not completed previously) by July 1, 2015. There are Knowledge Levels and Riding Levels.

- Knowledge levels are required for all horse exhibitors. These exams can be taken at our office Monday – Friday, 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. Please call or email to schedule the tests. A study guide can be found here: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/maryland-4-h-horsemanship-standards-0 under Study Materials.

- Riding levels are required for all horse exhibitors who plan to participate in riding classes.

Coggins Test – This will be checked by the superintendent before horses are unloaded at fair.
It’s not too early to get your Maryland State Fair entries in! Don’t wait until the last minute—entries close July 31 at 11:59pm and must be completed online. No entries will be accepted after this date. Go to the Maryland State Fair 4-H website to register. http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h

Registration is located at the bottom of the website. You will need to create a new username and password for 2015.

**Science Display Boards: What You Need to Know!**

Thinking about entering a Scientific Educational Display in the Environmental Science Division at the State Fair? Follow these guidelines for a Champion display! Exhibits should consist of one of the following: demonstration of a scientific idea, performance of an experiment, or presentation of a research topic.

Display format should follow these guidelines:

- **Experiment-Based Displays**
  - Title
  - Problem Statement (state as a question such as “What is the effect of ____ on ____?”)
  - Hypothesis (if applicable)
  - Data Analysis (consider using tables or graphs to summarize data)
  - Conclusion (don’t say you have “proven” something; instead say the data supports or contradicts the hypothesis)
  - List of References

- **Information-Based Displays**
  - Title
  - Statement of Importance (why is this topic important or of interest to people?)
  - Main topic headings and supporting facts (bulleted lists recommended)
  - Visual Aids such as charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. (they add interest and help convey information)
  - List of References

Questions? Refer to the Environmental Science Division Book on the Maryland State Fair website.
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.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Members of the Paws N Pals 4-H Club recently provided games at the annual Relay for Life event at Canal Place. Kids and families enjoyed giant JENGA, giant Kerplunk, ladder bean bag toss, and a memory match game.

**FAIR BOOK DESIGN CONTEST**

At the May Allegany County Ag Expo board meeting, the top three entries of the fair book design contest were recognized. 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. Darrah Speis received first place for her entry which will be the cover of the 2015 Allegany County Fair book. Phoebe Shuttleworth received second, and Anna Mudge received third. Pictured: Phoebe Shuttleworth, Anna Mudge, Darrah Speis. Back row: Eddie Ott, Vice President; Ken Stevens, Treasurer; Bill McKenzie, President.
Cover toilet paper rolls with duct tape - your choice of color/pattern.

Add a strip of red tape to the top.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have at least 6 rolls covered.

Add numbers if you want to add a point system.

Make a ball out of tape. Continue covering your ball until the bowling ball is the size you want.

Now have fun bowling.

For a traditional game of bowling, make 10 pins.

You can find score sheets here: http://www.bowling-tips.org/bowling-score-sheets.php
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• 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. |
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| September  | • Enrollment for new 4-H year begins.  
• 1—Treasurer’s Books with your Annual Financial Report and Club Inventory Report for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 are due to this office by September 1, 2015.  
• 7—Labor Day, UME Office Closed  
• 5—State Rifle Match  
• 5—State Judging Contests at State Fair |
| October    | • 4 to 10—National 4-H Week  
• 4 to 10—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—Maryland 4-H Volunteer Forum  
• 21—County steer tagging, 8-10 a.m.  
• 26 to 27—UME Office closed for Thanksgiving  
• 27—Dec.1—National 4-H Congress |
| 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 |
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