Western MD 4-H/FFA District Show

The Western MD 4-H/FFA District Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 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 8, 2015.

Alleghany County Scholarships

Applications for the 2015/2016 academic year are now being accepted. 4-H members planning to continue their education after high school and returning students are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at the UME Office, by emailing jparrish@umd.edu, or at: http://extension.umd.edu/alleghany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms

Deadline is June 1, 2015—No exceptions.

Fair Book Design Contest

Congratulations Darrah Speis! Her design was chosen for the cover of the 2015 Fair Book. Receiving second place was Phoebe Shuttleworth and third place went to Anna Mudge. Additional entries were submitted by Elizabeth Mudge, Jeremiah Mudge and Lydia Mudge. Everyone did a great job!

The 4-H portion of the fair book is available at: http://extension.umd.edu/alleghany-county/4-h-youth/4-h-forms
4-H RECORD BOOKS

Kudos to the following members for submitting record books for the 2014 4-H year:

**Juniors:**
- Jasmine Baker
- Bo Berg
- Dylan Cessna
- Alexis Dom
- Maria Eckard
- Zachary Flinn
- Eden Houser
- Christian Humbertson
- Brenna Jackson
- Reed Jackson
- Isabella Martin
- Kara McCusker
- Madalyn Miller
- Benjamin Northcraft
- Charles O’Boyle
- Cassidy Stickel
- Lindsey Ternent
- Brienne Willison

**Seniors:**
- Wisha Ahern
- Jessica Apple
- Tabitha Baker
- Felicia Blubaugh
- Rebekah Book
- David Cessna
- Tiffany Cooper
- Danielle Flinn
- Clayton Headley
- Isaac Houser
- Alicia Jackson
- Kayla Kimmell
- Malakia May
- Anna Mudge
- Elizabeth Mudge
- Michael Mudge
- Sierra Price
- Ashley Ravenscroft
- Darrah Speis
- Cheyenne Willison
- Bailey Wratcshford
- Olivia Young

**Clover Books:**
- Dusty Berg
- Savannah Kimble
- Colton Scarlett

**Project Records:**
- Alexis Book
- Cathy Cessna
- Holden Cessna
- Kylee Cessna
- Lucas Cessna
- Zane Cessna
- Erika Fairgrieve
- Garrett Kniseley
- Andrew Paxton
- Alan Robey, Jr.
4-H VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The follow volunteers were recognized during the 4-H Achievement Dinner:

1 Year of Service:
Susan Cessna
William Jackson
Kevin Kniseley
Jennifer Northcraft
Shawn Northcraft

5 Years of Service:
Jody Bucy
Melissa Anderson
Troy Anderson
Melissa Imes
Emily Jackson

10 Years of Service:
Michelle Baker
Pamela Frye
Carol Manger
Rhonda Mudge

15 Years of Service:
Barb Scarlett

Alumni of the Year:
Eddie Ott

Outstanding 4-H’ers:
★ Juniors: Maria Eckard and Zach Flinn
★ Intermediates: Kelsey Price and Kolby McCusker
★ Seniors: Alicia Jackson and David Cessna
★ Best First-Time Record Book: C.J. Humbertson
★ Best Overall Record Book: Olivia Young

Club with the most outstanding record books:
★ A*STAR 4-H Club

Diamond Clover Awards:
Level 1—Amethyst
♦ Maria Eckard
♦ Reed Jackson
♦ Charles O’Boyle
♦ William O’Boyle

Level 3—Ruby
♦ Carl Eckard
♦ Brenna Jackson
♦ Emily McKenzie

Level 5—Emerald
♦ Tyler Jackson
♦ Darrah Speis
♦ Olivia Young
**Maryland 4-H Day at Orioles Park**

Make Plans to Attend Maryland 4-H Day at Camden Yards on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Baltimore Orioles vs. Cleveland 1:35pm start. $5 of each ticket sold will benefit Maryland 4-H! 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 July 6 to 10 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 jparrish@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, 2015.

No applications will be accepted by fax. Check them out! [http://www.maryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships](http://www.maryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships)
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.**
PUBLIC SPEAKING

The following champions of the county contest were eligible to participate in the Maryland 4-H Communications Contest in College Park: Dillon Young, Maria Eckard, Tabitha Baker, Olivia Young*, and Carl Eckard.

*Olivia received reserve champion for her prepared speech at the state contest.

AGSPLORATION

Members of the Allegany County 4-H Livestock Club learned about biosecurity at their monthly club meeting. The activity is from AGsploration: The Science of Maryland Agriculture which is a statewide curriculum. For more information, visit: http://extension.umd.edu/agsploration

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to members of the following clubs for assisting with the egg hunt this year: A*STAR, Busy Bees, Hare Raisers.

2015 4-H Livestock Club Officers

Brienne Willison - Secretary
Kylee Cessna - Treasure
Alan Robey, Jr. - President
Lucas Cessna - Vice President
FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT THE LIBRARY!
Stop by any branch of the Allegany County Library System on Saturday, May 2 and receive a free comic book! All comic books are courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors. Contact the library for details.

Computer Classes

South Cumberland Computer Class - Beginning Keyboarding
Tuesday, May 05—2:00 PM
South Cumberland Library at Meeting Room

This course is an adult computer class for beginners. Laptops will be provided and registration is required.

Frostburg Tablet Class - iPad Basics
Thursday, May 07—6:30 PM
Frostburg Library at Meeting Room

We will be discussing the very basics of navigating iPads, including such beginner-level functions as how to turn the iPad on and off, adjust the volume, change basic settings, and more! We provide the iPads for patrons to use.

George's Creek Computer Class - Intro to Microsoft Word 2010
Thursday, May 07—6:30 PM
George's Creek Library at Teen Room

A computer class to learn the basics of Microsoft's word processing program.

School Readiness Fair

Thank you to our 4-H members who helped at the Celebrate School Readiness with Dr. Seuss event at the Country Club Mall.
**YOGURT POPSICLES**

6 ounces frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed  
2 cups vanilla yogurt  
12 (3 oz. size) paper cups  
12 wooden sticks

1. Mix yogurt and thawed orange juice until smooth.  
2. Place paper cups on a baking sheet or plate.  
3. Divide the yogurt-juice mixture evenly among the 12 paper cups.  
4. Cover the cups with a sheet of aluminum foil.  
5. Insert stick for each popsicle by making a slit in the foil over the center of each cup.  
6. Freeze popsicles until firm.  
7. When ready to serve run a little warm water over the outside of the paper cup to loosen the popsicle.

Source: ESBA Cookbook
# 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
- **2-7**—4-H Overnight Camp
- **28 to Sept. 7**—Maryland State Fair
- **28**—State Engineering Contests at State Fair
- **30**—Diamond Clover Level 6 proposal due to UME Office.

## 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

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Dates and Times Subject to Change
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