

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION Garrett County

September 2023 Newsletter

Local Youth Participate in MD State Fair

We are thrilled to report that 24 youth represented Garrett County at the Maryland State Fair exhibiting sheep, swine, goat, rabbits, and home art exhibits as well as participating in the 4-H/FFA Tractor Operators Safety, Bicycle, Lawn and Garden, Fashion Revue and the 4-H Robotics Challenge events.



Chloe Campbell
Rebekah Campbell
Leah Fratz
Brady Garlitz
Autumn Custer
Lea Custer
Dustin DeBerry
Lane Fitzwater

Jakob Fullerton
Malea Fullerton
Galloway Goodwin
Jeremy Gordon
Kolten Heinrich
Laura Huelskamp
Cassidy Ashby
Bristal Ketterman

Colton Tasker
LilyAnn Zimmerman
Preston Miller
Revie Miller
Lane Miller
Richard Deatelhauser
Kolten Mason (FFA)
Jacob Wilt (FFA)

STEM Class Being Offered

Karen Wood, 4-H Educator, will be offering 4-H STEM programs monthly throughout the school year on 1/2 days at the Extension Office. This class will be held on Wednesday, September 20th from 2-3 pm. Youth participants will make their very own solar bug, and learn about circuitry, and renewable energy to bring their bug to life with the power of the sun! Call the office today to register.

SEP

SOLAR BUGS

Wednesday, September 20th (school 1/2 day)
2-3 pm
Garrett County 4-H Office Meeting Room

All materials provided
Space is limited
Sign up today by calling
301-334-6960

Garrett County 4-H
STEM CORNER
Karen's Picks

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Maryland Secretary of AG Visits GC Fair

We had a surprise guest stop by our 4-H Indoor Exhibit building this year at the Garrett County Fair. Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Kevin Atticks, visited with 4-H Educator, Lacie Ashby, and learned about the vast array of project work exhibited in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Building. Lacie explained the variety of projects, both by our members, and by our clubs throughout the county, and discussed current and new interest areas of our 4-Hers.



1st Annual Tomato Festival

August 18th was a beautiful day to celebrate the vegetable that is grown most often in backyard gardens and loved by so many people because of its versatility in a wide variety of foods.

34 entries were made by 20 different people in the judging contest and more than 85 samples of heirloom tomatoes were given out at the educational booth as part of the Deep Creek Farmers Market.

A big thank you to everyone that participated! A great kickoff to the annual tradition!

First, Second, and Third prizes- including honey, the new Ball preservation book, and ribbons were awarded for the following categories:

Best Tasting

1st: Evie Artice with Mountain Manor Farm
2nd: Kathleen O'Connor
3rd: Steve Hensel

Ugliest

1st: Turkey Foot Farm -Whitney Graham/Ian Cheek
2nd: Tim McMahon
3rd: Jessica Mellon

Cherry

1st: Nancy Bowling
2nd: Kathy O'Connor
3rd: DeWayne Bailey

Largest

1st: Allison Boyd with Honey Moon Farm
2nd: Turkey Foot Farm- Whitney Graham/Ian Cheek
3rd: Karen Engel



Tomato Recipes:

https://www.myplate.gov/myplate-kitchen/recipes?search=tomatoes&items_per_page=20&sort_bef_combine=search_api_relevance_DESC&f%5B0%5D%3Dprogram%3A128

Master Gardener Basic Training Set for October

We are excited to offer another Master Gardener Basic Training opportunity for Fall 2023. Now is the perfect time to take a few days to reflect on what went wrong and what went right in your garden this growing season. As the seasons change, it is also a great time to spend some time learning and getting inspired for next years garden! Sign up today!



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MASTER GARDENER

BASIC TRAINING COURSE



Want to Learn more about the science behind gardening? Soil sampling? Native Plants? Pollinators? Food gardening? & Much More.

Email abachtel@umd.edu or call at 301-334-6960 for a complete syllabus of topics covered in this training, which also serves as the first step to becoming a certified MD Master Gardener!

October - 5, 6, 19, 20 & 23
9:30AM - 4PM

Location:
University of Maryland Extension Office Mt. Lake Park, MD



Cost: \$150 which includes handbook, all materials, & required background check- Must sign up by Sept. 21st

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Seed Saving Course Offered at Garrett College



Ashley Bachtel-Bodkins, Master Gardener Coordinator, will be offering a course at Garrett College called Seed Saving: Planning for Next Years Garden.

This session will cover some of the basic principles of what seeds can be saved from your garden, both vegetable and flower. Learn the best strategies for some common plants and how long the seeds will be viable. This is a great fall activity and can help preserve heirloom plant traits and help you save money on next years garden. To register for the course click [HERE](#).

Are You Certified for Water-Wise?

Water-Wise certification is a great way to bring positive attention to your landscape and encourage neighbors to adopt best management landscaping practices to build healthy ecosystems. Call 301-334-6960 today with any questions or to sign up!

Are You Water-Wise



Voluntary program that allows property owners to be recognized for implementing best management practices in their lawns and gardens. Landowners can help reduce pesticides, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat, and much more! Check the yardstick and see if your property measures up to 36 inches! Once certified, you will receive a small aluminum sign to display.
<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/home-gardening>

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Back to School Tips for Parents



The return to school at the end of summer can be a big adjustment for students, parents, and teachers alike. Creating a plan and establishing a routine can help make this transition easier for the entire family. Consider these tips when planning your back to school routine

[Click Here for Tips](#)

Online Class Offered to Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan

MDA and the University of Maryland Extension will be offering an ONLINE Farmer Training and Certification (FTC) workshop for farmers who want to become certified to write their own nutrient



commercial fertilizer and/or manure. A reliable internet connection and email address are required. To learn more go to https://mda.maryland.gov/.../FTC-Online_Ancmt_fall_2023.pdf

Farewell to Jill Hauser



Please join us in offering our thanks to Jill Hauser who served as our Nutrient Management Advisor from 2011 until August 31, 2023. In those 12 years, she planned over 116,000 acres in Garrett County for 65-70 farmers each year. We appreciate her dedication and years of service to the agricultural producers of Garrett County. The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland Extension are making plans for how the nutrient management program will evolve given recent changes to the program. Stay tuned for more information.

Advice on Reducing Credit Card Debt

Dr. Jesse Ketterman, Extension Educator, discusses balance transfers and his advice for reducing credit card debt with WalletHub. View his article below in the "Ask the Experts" section.



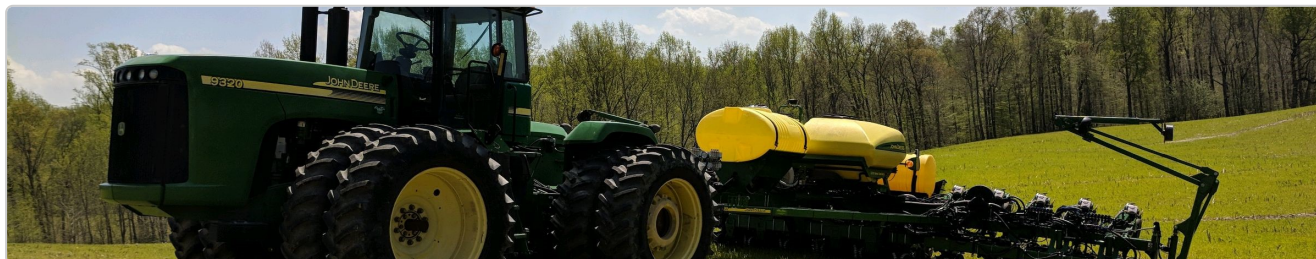
What Is a Balance Transfer & How Does It Work?

A balance transfer is a transaction that enables you to move existing debt to a new credit card. The purpose of a balance transfer is to get a lower interest rate and pay off what you owe much faster. Just keep in mind that most credit cards charge a 3% balance transfer fee.

wallethub.com

Funding Help to Assist with the Expansion of Livestock Processing Capacity in MD

The Maryland Livestock Processing Loan Fund has been established by MARBIDCO, as a complement to USDA's Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program opportunity, to assist with the expansion of livestock processing capacity in Maryland. This program offers loans to eligible applicants to help start-up or expand small- and medium-sized USDA-inspected facilities in Maryland to increase the processing of meat, poultry and the invasive blue catfish. (Large meat and poultry processing companies are not eligible to participate in this program.) Click on article below and to download application.



Maryland Resource-Based Industry Financing Fund

MARBICO helps Maryland small and family-owned farms, forestry and seafood businesses through targeted financial services including accessing capital and credit, business planning and other services. Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program is one option for the land preservation program.

marbidco.org

Summer Edition of AGNR Momentum

Check out what is happening around the state. Highlighted articles include preventing a poultry pandemic, elevating Maryland wine and the Montgomery County Agricultural Preserve, connecting Marylanders online, and offering UMD students new classes and experiences on campus and abroad.



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Do You Qualify For a FREE Chromebook?

Garrett County government in partnership with the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County will be giving away one free Chromebook per household address that meets the program's income guidelines. For details, application, and upcoming distribution events, visit:

www.garrettcounty.org/broadband/devices or call 301-914-1543.



COMPUTERS FOR THE PEOPLE BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



Free Water Testing Project Looking for Homeowner Participants

The School of Public Health is conducting a drinking water quality testing project. The project will provide free test strip kits to 250 households either on private wells or public water supply. The SPH team will follow up on 50 of those homeowners and provide expanded lab testing for bacteria, metals, PFAS and other contaminants. Click on article below to learn more and to register.



SCHOOL OF

Maryland Safe Drinking WATER Study

The overarching goal of the Maryland Safe Drinking WATER (Water Analysis and Testing for Education and Outreach Study) is to characterize the drinking water quality of both public drinking water systems and private wells in Maryland's underserved communities using a combination of citizen science, field-based research, and laboratory analyses.

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UME Garrett Position Is Now Open

JOIN OUR TEAM




Business Services Specialist

This position is located off-campus at the Garrett County Extension Office in Mt. Lake Park, MD. The Business Services Specialist will provide fiscal, operational and administrative support to ensure smooth and efficient operations of the UME-Garrett Office and the Maryland 4-H Environmental Education and Camping Center.

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