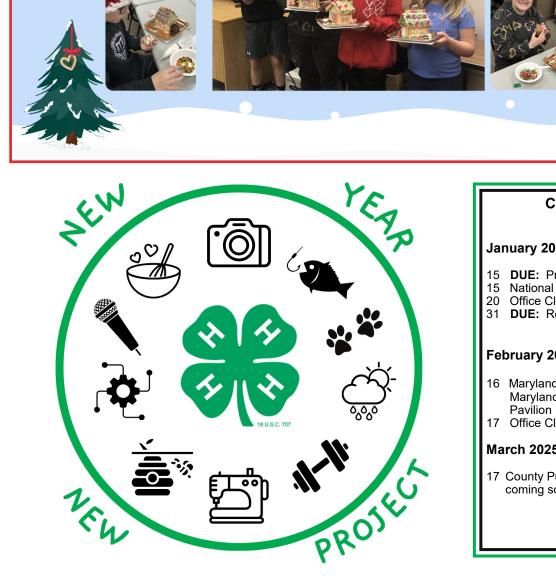
UNIVERSITY OF **4-H** EXTENSION January 2025 Volume 20 Partyline **Issue 1 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CLASS** Garrell County



Calendar of Events

January 2025

- 15 **DUE:** President's Service Learning Forms
- 15 National Leadership Trip Applications
- 20 Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day
- 31 **DUE:** Record Books, Livestock Contracts

February 2025

- 16 Maryland 4-H State Achievement Program Maryland State Fair-Horse Sales
- 17 Office Closed-President's Day

March 2025

17 County Public Speaking Contest-details coming soon

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Maryland 4-H State Achievement Program



Join the Maryland 4-H Foundation for this year's Achievement Program on Sunday, February 16th at the Maryland State Fair -Horse Sales Pavilion. More details coming soon!

This event is sponsored by the Maryland 4-H Foundation and includes a series of awards recognizing youth, volunteers and other supporters of the statewide 4-H program.







Festival of Trees Benefits GC Dove Center

The recent participation of Garrett County 4-H clubs in the 17th annual Festival of Trees was evidence to their creativity and community spirit. This event, which supports the Dove Center, showcased the artistic talents of 4-H members through their unique wreaths and decorated trees. Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club took home the first-place award in the youth table top tree category, while the Trailblazers 4-H Club secured the second-place position. Additionally, the Avilton 4-H Club was recognized with a second-place finish for their youth tall tree, and Ryan's Glade 4-H Club earned a second place for their wreath. Country Explorers entered a youth tall tree as well. These achievements highlight the clubs' commitment to giving back to the community. Congratulations to all the participating clubs for their hard work and for promoting the values of 4-H through such a meaningful event!



2025 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning **January 2025**. Watch for an email announcement for opening date of enrollment along with details. Enrollment will be due by **February 1, 2025** for any youth signing up for a market animal project As a reminder, projects and volunteer type & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again.



Internet Connection

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need internet access and a valid email address. The enrollment must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

Enrollment Fee

Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family beyond three). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll. After payment has been received, each family will receive two emails; first notification that enrollment has been received and second notification that the enrollment has been approved at the county 4-H office.

Livestock Contracts

Livestock Contracts need to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project. This is a paper form (**yellow**) and is not part of the online enrollment. Be sure to complete this form if there is any chance you may bring a market animal to the fair. The contracts are available from the club leaders or contacting the 4-H office. They are due to the Garrett 4-H Office by January 31, 2025.



A Note from the Garrett County Fair

We are already busy preparing for the 2025 Garrett County Fair and looking forward to another great fair. Please note one update below for the 2025 Garrett County Fair related to 4-H and FFA livestock exhibits.

Classes are open to those currently enrolled in Garrett County 4-H or FFA clubs and are in good standing. Members of 4-H and FFA may only exhibit livestock projects in one county's 4-H/FFA program (s) in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Garrett County Fair.

Completing 2024 Enrollment Year





Record Books – Youth who **tagged** a project animal at the Garrett County Fair in 2024 must also turn in their record book by **January 31**, **2025**. Please check with your club leader about turning in record books. Leaders may collect the record books or ask that you drop them off at the 4-H office. Our staff will be available to meet leaders or families to assist everyone in meeting the due date. Forms and directions are available at https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms/



President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award Record – Service hours should include efforts to help others and improve the community. You can be participating on behalf of a community, religious and/ or youth organization. It can be an individual effort or with a group such as school-based service-learning projects. This could include club projects, community events, fair activities, and 4-H Camp services. Hours must be completed during the 2024 calendar year. You may list these service activities in your record book on the summary sheet. This form is available at https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms/ and should be submitted to our office by January 15, 2025.

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