

4-H Partyline



ACHIEVEMENT EVENT CELEBRATES 4-H YOUTH



The Maryland 4-H Achievement Event was held on February 16th at the Maryland State Fair, Horse Sales Pavilion. The event celebrated and highlighted the wonderful stories and achievements of 4-H youth and volunteers.

Dustin Keller was awarded the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship, and Laura Huelskamp was awarded the Fine Arts & 4-H Scholarship.

CONGRATULATIONS!



*National Volunteer Week
April 20-26, 2025*

Calendar of Events

April 2025

- 6 Achievement Program 2-4 pm @ Ag Heritage Hall
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- 24 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign Begins through May 5
- 26 Maryland 4-H Public Speaking Contest, University of Maryland

May 2025

- 3/4 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival/Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon
- 9 Spring Weigh-In noon-8 pm-Online Registration Required
- 10 Western MD District Show starting at 9:00 am

June 2025

- 4 Broiler Show @Garrett County Extension/6:00 pm
- 22-26 4-H Camp Algawa

Spring Weigh-In

The weigh-in for all market sheep, swine, and goats will be held on May 9th. Animals will be tagged and weighed. All market swine are required to have a USDA Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tag. If you have questions about the RFID tags, please call MDA at (410) 841-5700. MDA Health Forms, also known as Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) forms are required for all exhibited animals.

Contact your veterinarian to make arrangements for getting health forms completed for all animals that **will be weighed in or shown** at the District Show. There will not be a veterinarian doing health checks at weigh-in, you must contact your vet 4 weeks ahead to complete health checks and health papers. Weigh-in weights will be the beginning weight that will be used in the rate of gain calculations. All Garrett County youth participating in the Western Maryland District Show must weigh their animals on Friday evening. Packets were mailed to members with market livestock projects. **If you are planning on showing a commercial heifer, lamb, or goat, please contact the office to get a commercial animal registration card.** Commercial (not registered) breeding animals are required to be tagged at Spring Weigh-in unless the animal already has a tag from a previous year. Please contact the UME office if you need a card for a commercial breeding animal.

Registration link: <https://go.umd.edu/2025SpringWeighIn>. Registration deadline is May 2, 2025.



Western Maryland District Show

The Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show is one of the four regional Spring Livestock Shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members. Although this show is judged, it is designed as a learning experience. The District Show is scheduled for May 10, 2025 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds.

Registration details to show are on the last page of the show booklet included in packets mailed out earlier in March. This separate registration is due by May 2, 2025 to UME Allegany Co Office. The show booklet can also be found on our website at <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events/>

Livestock Entries for State Fair

If you are planning to take a market animal to the State Fair, the animal must be tagged at the May 9th weigh-in. Contact the UME Office at 301 334-6960 to obtain your State Fair Animal ID card to bring with your animal to weigh-in. Animals must be registered using the online state fair entry form. The guidelines and the 2025 Online Entry Systems are available at <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h>. Notice that the deadline for State Fair entries is July 15, 2025.

Garrett County Fair Sets Farm Queen Program

The Garrett County Fair Board Directors have set the following deadline for the 2025 Farm Queen/Princess Program:

For More Details Visit:
<https://garrettcountyfair.org/farm-queen/>

- Princess Applications Due ~ June 7, 2025
- Princess Interviews (In-Person) ~ Morning of June 21, 2025 (applicants will be notified with an appointment time)
- Farm Queen Applications Due ~ July 6, 2025
- Dinner & Rehearsal (Mandatory Attendance) ~ July 21, 2025

Questions????
Lisa Brenneman ~ 301-616-1010
Kay Steyer ~ 301-334-2900
April Savage ~ 301-351-6090

Floral Design Class Offered

Join us at Fun with 4-H to experience floral design. We will learn about a variety of flowers and the elements of design that make each arrangement unique. As part of our afternoon, you will have the opportunity to create an artificial arrangement that you can take home, and hopefully proudly enter in the fair. Contact our office to register as space is limited.

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FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

Garrett County
FUN WITH 4-H

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH (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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Garrett County 4-H Public Speaking Results



The Garrett County Public Speaking Contest showcased young talent ages 8 to 18 in various categories on March 17th at the Extension Office.

Participants competed in six categories: Radio Spot, Prepared, Interpretation, Extemporaneous, Demonstration, and Visual Presentations. In Radio Spot, speakers delivered 30-second promotions for 4-H. The Prepared category featured 3 to 6-minute speeches on any topic. Extemporaneous speakers had 15-30 minutes to prepare a speech. The Interpretation contestant delivered engaging dramatic performances, while Demonstration participants provided step-by-step guides lasting 3-15 minutes.

Visual presentations combined speeches with props to enhance their impact. A Clover member also contributed with a show and tell, making the event both educational and entertaining.

Youth who received Champion placing for their age division at our local public speaking contest are eligible to participate at the Maryland State 4-H Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the University of Maryland in College Park.

2025 Public Speaking Results

Radio Spot

Intermediate Champion-Julia Ramsey

Interpretation

Senior Champion-Elisa Frazee

Extemporaneous

Senior Champion-Dustin DeBerry

Demonstration

Intermediate Champion-Brenton Gnegy

Senior Champion-Dustin DeBerry

Prepared

Intermediate Champion-Kylie Bates

Intermediate Reserve Champion-Julia Ramsey
3rd Place-Sophie Shannon

Senior Champion-Brady Garlitz

Senior Reserve Champion-Derek Cosner

Visual Presentation

Junior Champion-Amelia Teets

Junior Reserve Champion-Wade Yost

Intermediate Champion-Samantha German
Intermediate Reserve Champion-Ava Cosner

Senior Champion-Elisa Frazee

Clover Show & Tell

Heidi Yost

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Dairy Princess

PROGRAM

Discover the magic of meeting people, traveling and promoting dairy products and the dairy farming community as part of our Regional Dairy Promotion Team!

- Dairy Misses are 9-15 years old
- Dairy Princesses are 16-22 years old
- Both must have a connection to the dairy industry!

REGISTER NOW FOR ONE OF OUR ZOOM INFO SESSIONS



April 1st, 3rd
or 7th
@ 6:30 p.m.



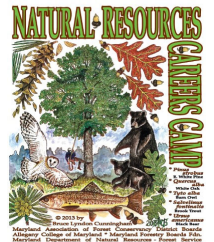
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JOIN OUR Team!



Natural Resources Careers Camp ~ July 20, 2025-July 26, 2025

Join high school students from across Maryland at this week-long camp in Garrett County to explore careers and college studies in natural resources. This partnership with Allegany College of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources-Forest Service offers high school students a co-educational opportunity to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources.



For more information: <https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/programs/students-educators/nrcc/>



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