

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

April 2025 Newsletter

4-H Youth Receive Scholarships



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!



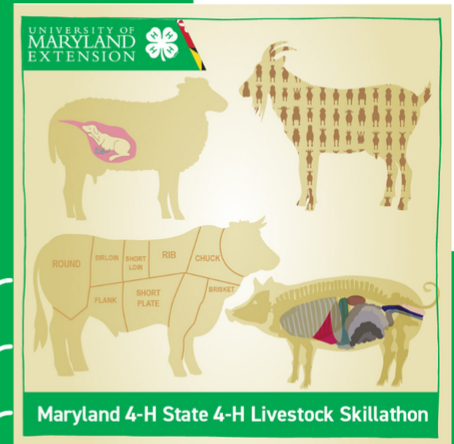
Ramsey Participates In State Event

Garrett County 4-H is proud of Julia Ramsey, an intermediate member of the Grantsville 4-H Club, for participating in the Maryland 4-H State Livestock Skillathon Contest on March 1st.

This contest tests your knowledge in animal science as it pertains to livestock. The competition is open to all 4-H youth ages 8-18.



JULIA RAMSEY



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.

Thank you to each of our members for participating and our judges Janet Tichnell and Marvin Beckman.



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
32d 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

4-H 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.

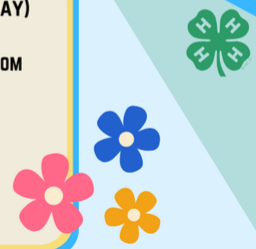


FLORAL DESIGN CLASS

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.

Master Gardener Basic Training Offered

It's time for another round of Master Gardener Basic Training! Here is your opportunity to get certified as a Maryland Master Gardener and take advantage of many wonderful opportunities to give back through community and volunteer service in Garrett County by teaching others about

gardening! There is a required background check that must be completed as part of the application. Call 301-334-6960 to register or email abachtel@umd.edu.



To register: Call 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu

Master Gardener Basic Training 2025

Dates
May 12 through May 16
9:30am - 4:00pm - daily
Apply before April 10, 2025

Training held at Garrett College- CEWD Room 103 in McHenry, MD

Training Topics Include

- Soil Science
- Botany
- Ecology
- Insects
- Plant Diseases
- Native Plants
- Vegetable Gardening
- Increasing Biodiversity
- Much More

Master Gardener Requirements

- Virtual background check during application
- Complete 40 Hours of Basic Training & 40 Hours of Volunteer Service to get certified

\$190 /Person

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A reduction in fees is available by request and is approved based on availability, eligibility, and financial need.

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Garden Goods Exchange

Do you have left over plastic trays, cell packs, and pots that you will not be using in 2025 for gardening? Consider donating them so that they can be used by others. Visit our tables and exchange garden goods, grab some free seeds, talk about upcoming gardening classes, events, and workshops during the Anything Goes Market at Mt. Fresh Farmers Market that is sponsored by the Civic Club of Oakland on April 26th 9am-1pm.



Sponsored by
Oakland Civic Club &
Garret County Master Gardeners

Garden Goods Give & Take

April 26th
9am to 1pm

Seeds, Garden Tools, Extra Plastic
Containers, Take out Containers,
Clean Milk Jugs --

Bring anything that you no longer use!
Come look through our free seeds and
see what others are donating! Learn
about upcoming free classes, visit
demonstrations, and ask your
gardening questions!

*Mt. Fresh Farmers Market -
Oakland Town Parking Lot/Pavillion
Anything Goes Market*

Call or email with questions- abachtel@umd.edu or 301-334-6960

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Free Gardening Classes

Here is your chance to attend any of the Ruth Enlow Library branches and learn more about gardening topics for free in 2025! Learn some new ideas and get inspired for a great growing season!

Contact corresponding library branch to register.

Free Gardening Classes



Ruth Enlow Libraries

Accident
Classes @ 5:30pm
301-746-8792

April 30 - Vegetable Gardening 101 - On a Budget
May 7 - Weed Free Vegetable Gardening
June 11 - Perennial Food Crops & Easy Small Fruits
July 16 - Starting a Kitchen Herb Garden
August 6 - Starting a Pollinator Garden

March 20 - Perennial Food Crops & Easy Small Fruits
April 17 - Vegetable Gardening 101 - On a Budget
May 8 - Make a Pizza Garden- Student Discovery Series
June 12 - Starting a Kitchen Herb Garden
July 10 - Vegetable Garden Maintenance- Water, Insects, & More
August 14 - Pollinator Gardens & Native Plants
September 15 - Become Water-Wise in your Landscape @ 6pm

Friendsville

Classes @ 4:30pm
unless noted
301-746-5663

March 19 - Winter Sowing with Recycled Materials
April 23 - Small Fruits for the Home Garden
May 14 - Vegetable Gardening 101 - On a Budget
June 18 - Perennial Food Crops- Asparagus, Rhubarb, Horseradish
July 9 - Pollinator Gardens
September 17 - Perennial Herbs for Your Garden

Grantsville
Classes @ 11:00 am
301-895-5298

Seed to Supper Series-
Please see Separate Flyer



Kitzmilller
301-334-8091



Oakland
Classes @ 6:00pm
unless noted
301-334-3996

March 14 - Winter Sowing with Recycled Materials @ 2pm
April 14 - Vegetable Gardening 101 - On a Budget
May 12 - Weed Free Vegetable Gardening
June 9 - How to grow a Blue Ribbon Pumpkin/Winter Squash
July 14 - Starting a Kitchen Herb Garden
September 29 - Become Water-Wise in Your Landscape- Voluntary Certification Program



Contact Corresponding
Library Branch to Register!



Kid Activities Available
When Families Attend



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Nutrient Management Update



Nutrient management planning is in full swing as farmers plan their 2025 crops and nutrient applications.

Maryland law requires all farmers grossing at least \$2,500 a year or livestock producers with 8,000 pounds or more of live animal weight to follow nutrient management plans when fertilizing crops and managing animal manure.

Farmers are required to have an updated nutrient management plan before applying nutrients to their soil.

2025 Nutrient Management Plans have been written for 92 producers on 12,669 acres in Garrett County so far.

If you have questions about nutrient management or are in need of a nutrient management plan for your operation email or call Andrea at auphold@umd.edu or 301-334-6960

Local Workshops Held

Recently, Maryland Department of Agriculture and Freedom AG and Energy recently partnered with University of Maryland Extension to deliver local farmers three workshops which provided an overview regarding pesticide record keeping and storage, productive crops, soil health, nitrogen management, pest management, produce safety to name just a few topics. Farmers were able to obtain Private Applicator Pesticide and Nutrient Applicator Vouchers and Consultant recertification credits for attending.



**HAY & PASTURE
CONFERENCE**



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Agriculture & Food Systems



**WESTERN MD AGRONOMY
MEETING**

Ketterman Discusses Financial Exploitation



Dr. Jesse Ketterman hosted the Allegany Garrett Elder Services (AGES) monthly meeting. The meeting serves as an opportunity for individuals / businesses to come together to discuss resources for the senior population. Jennifer Hare of Pharmacare coordinates the monthly meetings. Dr. Ketterman provides programming for seniors on financial exploitation. The senior population loses more money to financial exploitation than any other age group.

2025 Empowering Health Virtual Conference

Join this free virtual conference to learn more about emerging health technologies and discover how they can be used to improve health, reduce disparities, and empower communities. Register [HERE](#).

2025 EMPOWERING HEALTH

ADVANCING ACCESS, INCLUSION, & INTEGRITY
THROUGH EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

A FREE, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 2, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The University of Maryland Extension (UME) Marylanders Online invites you to explore the innovative tools and technologies that are shaping the future of health. Learn about emerging health technologies and discover how they can be leveraged to improve health, reduce disparities, and empower communities.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Digital Literacy and Health Misinformation: Verifying and Sharing Reliable Information
- AI & the Future of Healthcare
- AI, Accessibility, and Bias: Ensuring Fairness in Health Technology
- Best Practices for Reaching Diverse Populations
- Interactive Panel and Q&A: Exploring Key Issues in Health & Technology
- Keynote Presentation from a Special Guest

REGISTER BY APRIL 27TH!

<https://go.umd.edu/HealthTech25Register>

For a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Marylanders Online by April 1st



MarylandersOnline.umd.edu
Toll-Free Number 1-866-206-8467

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Stop The Scam!

Do you know how to recognize and avoid most common scams? There are two virtual opportunities to help protect yourself and loved ones from scams. Register [HERE](#).

FREE



STOP THE SCAM!

Identifying and Avoiding Common Scams

Do you know how to recognize and avoid today's most common scams? Learn about phone, text, and email phishing scams and how to avoid them. Get practical strategies and essential resources to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND!

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TUESDAY
MAY 6, 2025

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TIME
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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TUESDAY
MAY 13, 2025

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TIME
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

REGISTER NOW! [HTTPS://STOPTHESCAM2025.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://stopthescam2025.eventbrite.com)



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Update AG Client Contact Information



Agriculture & Food Systems

Are you receiving our monthly AG Newsletter? If not, please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

Keeping Connected

We are here to serve you in person, by phone, email, or by Zoom. If you have questions, contact one of our experts to provide solutions.



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