

# 4-H Partyline

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## 4-H Achievement Program

The annual 4-H Achievement Program was held on April 6th at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The program is held annually to recognize the successful completion of projects by 4-H youth and a celebration of the work of volunteer leaders. There were 266 record books that were completed by members for 2024. In addition to project awards, youth are recognized for service hours earned and received special awards for achievement.

Special thanks is extended to Garrett County Commissioner, Larry Tichnell; Garrett County Farm Queen, Haley Klotz; Stage Helpers, Cassidy Ashby & Julia Ramsey; Emcee's, Jasmine & Jacob Ramsey; photographers, Lakin & Sheri Hershman; Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club, and Garrett County Fair Board Coordinators, Mike Kepple and Chip Miller for their help at our program.

Pictured below are some of the award winners.



## Calendar of Events

### May 2025

- 1 Make-up Meeting Opportunities (see page 2)
- 2 **Entry Deadline:** Spring Weigh In & District Show
- 9 Spring Weigh-In-Noon - 8 pm
- 10 Western Maryland District Show starting at 9:00 am
- 10 Make-up Meeting Opportunities (see page 2)

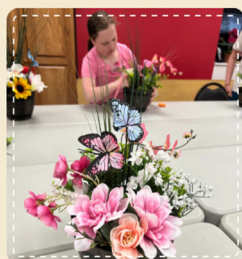
### June 2025

- 1 **DUE:** Horse ID Cards, Dog ID Cards & Breeding Animal Leases
- 2 **DUE:** Broiler Show Records to 4-H Office by noon
- 4 Broiler Show-4-H Office @ 6:00 pm
- 10 Maryland 4-H Hippology & Horse Judging Contest-Howard County Fairgrounds
- 15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application
- 22-26 4-H Camp ALGAWA

### July 2025

- 1 **DUE:** Quality Assurance Training (see Page 2)
- 7 Poultry Testing
- 10 4-H Engineering Events-GEARS
- 23 Make-up Meeting Opportunity (see page 2)
- 28 **DUE:** Sweet Rewards Essay

July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Garrett County Agriculture Fair



## Floral Design Class

University programs, activities, and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, religion, protected veteran status, genetic information, personal appearance, or any other legally protected class.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact us at least two weeks prior to the event at 301-334-6960.

## GCLA Update

The Garrett County Livestock Association allows a member to attend two make-up meetings. There are four opportunities that can count as a make-up meeting, three of which are upcoming:

1. Attendance to help set up for Spring Weigh-In and District Show~May, 1st @ 6 pm at GC Fairgrounds
2. Showing a market animal at the Garrett County District Livestock Show~May 10th
3. Fair clean-up and preparation~July 23, 2025 @ 1 pm at GC Fairgrounds

**Poultry Exhibitors—Testing Date:** All poultry, both in state and out of state poultry, must be tested for Avian Influenza within **30 days** prior to entry or originate from a NPIP Avian Influenza Clean or Monitored flock (or 21 days for out of state birds). Avian Influenza testing will require 15 birds or all birds in the flock if fewer than 15 birds from the exhibitors flock. Those individuals planning to bring poultry to the Garrett County Agriculture Fair are reminded that all poultry for exhibition must meet the Maryland Department of Agriculture requirements. To assist with this process, arrangements will be made for the testing to be done on **July 7th from 4:00pm—7:00 pm at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in the rabbit barn**. Cost for the testing is \$25.00 per flock to be paid at the time of the testing.

Information needed:

1. Source of birds-hatchery, raised or other.
  2. The age of the birds.
  3. The number of birds in your flock.
- Leg bands will be affixed upon testing. Please call 301 334-6960 to register for the testing by **June 30, 2025**.

## 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 also 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**.

**Animal Leasing:** Any member wanting to lease an animal for a 4-H project this year, please contact Lacie Ashby at 301-334-6960 or by email at [lashby@umd.edu](mailto:lashby@umd.edu). Leases are due June 1st to the Garrett County 4-H Office.

## 2025 Maryland Animal Health Fair and Show Requirements

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA), Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows.

For up to date information visit <https://bit.ly/3RLIM9K>

**~Avian Influenza Update~**The MDA has suspended all poultry exhibitions prior to June 1, 2025, due to an outbreak of avian influenza. A decision will be made on June 1, 2025 regarding poultry exhibitions for the remainder of the show season.



## Animal Quality Assurance Coming Soon

All 4-H members enrolled in alpacas, beef, dairy, goats, horse and pony, llamas, poultry, sheep, swine and rabbits are required to have completed the on-line training prior to July 1st to be eligible to exhibit their project animals at the 2025 Garrett County Agriculture Fair or the Maryland State Fair.

The 2025 program must be completed using Firefox, Chrome or Safari web browsers. The program is not supported by Internet Explorer. The program contains two levels, a Junior-aged Level and an Intermediate/Senior-aged Level. The program automatically directs members to the correct level based on their birthdate.

4-Hers are required to complete the on-line training program:

- If this is their first year as a 4-H member
- When they reach each 4-H age division (juniors (8-10), intermediates (11-13), seniors (14-18) – all as of January 1 of the current year)
- When an Intermediate or Senior 4-H member chooses to show a new species since last completing the program within their age division - they must return to the program and complete it for the new species area (The Junior program does not have species specific sections like the Intermediate/Senior program does). Passcodes issued in 2018-2024 should still be viable for returning members. Passcodes may be retrieved by clicking on the "Forgot Your Passcode" link on the AH&QA homepage. Members may access the AH&QA program at: <https://ahqa.umd.edu/> A guidebook has been created for more help. You can view it on our website at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events> under the Weigh-In/Shows/Fairs tab. **We will notify you by email once the program is open.**

## Horse and Dog ID Cards

Horse & dog ID cards can be obtained from the 4-H office or can be found on the state website under the animal science resource tab at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/animal-sciences> and are due to the 4-H Office by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships for Academic Year 2025-2026

The Maryland 4-H Foundation offers 4-H members the opportunity to apply for academic scholarships. Each year scholarships are awarded to current Maryland 4-H members or alumni who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university or post-secondary technical training program for the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming academic year. The Maryland 4-H Foundation awards an average of \$50,000 in scholarships annually.

The Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application for academic year 2025-2026 is open!

For more information including a complete list of scholarships, eligibility requirements, the application and instructions, visit: <http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>. To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, a completed application must be submitted online before **June 15, 2025**.



## Garrett County 4-H All-Stars Financial Assistance



The primary purpose of the Garrett County 4-H All-Star Financial Assistance program is to provide supplemental funds to assist youth and volunteers of the Garrett County 4-H Program in attending State and National 4-H events as well as Diamond Clover Level 6 projects and 4-H Camp Algawa youth counselor scholarships. You'll need to apply before the event to be eligible. For further details, visit our website at:

<https://bit.ly/GC4HAllStarsAssistance>



### Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign April 18th-May 5th, 2025

National 4-H Council announced the launch of the Spring 2025 4-H Paper Clover Campaign in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). Shoppers will have the opportunity to support the Maryland 4-H Program by choosing to donate at the checkout while at the store. The success of these campaigns has impacted many youth with opportunities to attend 4-H camp or leadership events. **Consider donating today!**



### Horse Clinic Offered

The Garrett Hoof Prints 4-H Club is excited to invite you to their Open Spring Clinic on June 8, 2025, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Meadow Lake Stables, located at 2332 Herrington Manor Road, Oakland, MD. This event welcomes all horse enthusiasts to join in a day of learning and fun! Participants will have the opportunity to engage in various activities, including Western Horsemanship, Showmanship, English Jumping, and Dressage. Bring your own horse! Lunch will be provided. Price is by donation.

To ensure adequate arrangements for trailer parking and meals, please RSVP to Shanna Holliday-Preston at 301-616-6207.

## Spring Afterschool Enrichment

Partners After School participants engaged in a strawberry planting project, where each of them planted a potted strawberry to care for indoors while Garrett County waits for the ground to warm. They intend to move these plants outdoors in June when summer arrives. Under the guidance of 4-H Educator Karen Wood, they discovered the significance of proper soil, sunlight, and watering techniques, making the experience both educational and enjoyable. To celebrate the planting season, they also made delicious strawberry parfaits.



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