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4-H MEMBERS ATTEND MARYLAND 4-H STATE SKILLATHON

Each year, 4-H members select projects in areas that they wish to learn more about. For those members interested in animal science topics, the 4-H program offers educational events such as skillathons that provide an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their knowledge.

The Livestock Skillathon provides a framework for youth to learn about livestock management, breeds, anatomy, judging meat, hay quality, feeds and equipment. Recently, two senior level members and one junior level member traveled to the Maryland State contest held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on March 2, 2024.

Dustin DeBerry brought home an impressive 9th place award at the Maryland State Contest and received an invitation to participate in an additional Skillathon Event to qualify for the Maryland 4-H State Skillathon Team that will compete at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest in Louisville, KY in November 2024. Other members participating were Jasmine and Julia Ramsey.



Calendar of Events

April 2024

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

May 2024

- 6/7 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival/Junior Sheep & Goat Skillathon
- 10 Spring Weigh-In noon-8 pm-Online Registration Required
- 11 Western MD District Show starting at 9:00 am

June 2024

- 5 Broiler Show @Garrett County Extension/6:00 pm
- 23-27 4-H Camp Algawa

National Volunteer Week
April 21-27, 2024

Spring Weigh-In

The weigh-in for all market sheep, swine, and goats will be held on May 10th. 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://bit.ly/2024SpringWeighIn> Registration deadline is May 3, 2024.



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 11, 2024 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds.

Registration details to show are on the last page of the show booklet included in packets mailed out on March 15th. This separate registration is due by May 3, 2024. If you should need assistance with registering, contact the UME office.

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 10th 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 2024 Online Entry Systems are available at <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h>. Notice that the deadline for State Fair entries is July 15, 2024.

Garrett County Fair Sets Farm Queen Program

The Garrett County Fair Board Directors have set the following deadline for the 2024 Farm Queen Program:

- Princess Applications Due ~ June 8, 2024
- Princess Interviews (In-Person) ~ Morning of June 22, 2024
- Farm Queen Applications Due ~ July 6, 2024
- Dinner & Rehearsal (Mandatory Attendance) ~ July 15, 2024

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

Questions????
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Incredible Egg Program Class Offered

What makes an egg incredible? Come explore with us the parts of an egg, purposes of an egg, the strength of an egg, and cook your own egg! Contact our office to register as space is limited.

INCREDIBLE EGG PROGRAM

Wednesday, 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

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Garrett County 4-H Public Speaking Results



This month, instead of braving bad weather, members braved one of people's biggest fears, public speaking. And they did fantastic! Eleven members delivered 16 speeches including:

- Demonstrations and visual presentations to share their skills related to making cookies and chemo port pillows to their knowledge of tractors and rabbits.
- Others advertised 4-H through our Radio Spot category.
- Prepared speeches educated the audience on the history of the telegraph, impacts of the pandemic on agriculture, swine production, importance of agriculture on our food supply, health benefits of being outside, and the wide world of 4-H beyond just animal projects.

- Some members chose an extemporaneous speech, where they randomly selected a surprise question and prepared their speech at the event. These members quickly formulated and delivered informative extemporaneous speeches on 4-H memories to share with grandchildren some day and how friendly competition in 4-H can help members grow and improve.

Champions of each age division and category are now eligible to move forward to the state 4-H communications contest in April, held at Maryland Day, at the University of Maryland campus.

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

2024 Public Speaking Results

Radio Spot

Junior Champion-Brenton Gnegy
Junior Reserve Champion-Julia Ramsey
Senior Champion-Jasmine Ramsey

Interpretation

Senior Champion-Elisa Frazee

Visual Presentation

Junior Champion-Wade Yost

Prepared

Junior Champion-Julia Ramsey

Intermediate Champion-Kylie Bates

Senior Champion-Leah Fratz
Senior Reserve Champion-Dustin DeBerry
3rd-Molly Magruder
Participation-Jasmine Ramsey

Extemporaneous

Senior Champion-Dustin DeBerry
Senior Reserve Champion-Connor Clary

Demonstration

Junior Champion-Cassidy Ashby
Junior Reserve Champion-Brenton Gnegy

Senior Champion-Elisa Frazee



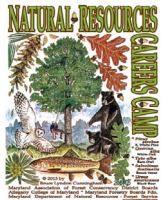
Calendar Contest

Dare you an aspiring k-12 artist? The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation encourages you to enter their calendar contest! Get those creative juices flowing and design a landscape picture, 8.5" by 11", highlighting Maryland Agriculture. They will select their favorite designs to be featured in their 2024 MAEF calendar. Winners are also awarded \$50! Use the link below for more information and to submit your artwork. Click here for more details: <https://maefonline.com/.../elementary-education-test/...>

Natural Resources Careers Camp ~ July 21, 2024-July 27, 2024

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/>



2022/2023 Maryland Dairy Princess
Katie Jones

MARYLAND
Dairy Princess
PROGRAM



Maryland Dairy Princesses travel the state promoting the dairy industry and the healthfulness of milk and dairy products. They visit stores, malls, fairs, schools, festivals and more! Each spring, the association looks for young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21 who are Maryland residents with ties to the dairy industry to serve as princesses. Girls between 9 and 15 are also welcome to assist with dairy promotions as a Dairy Miss.

For more information, contact our county coordinator, Heidi Qualls, at 301-616-2310 by April 15, 2024.

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\$4 for 4-H

April 4th go to go.umd.edu/4for4-H to donate

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