4-H Partyline







Calendar of Events

March, 2025

- 1 Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon, Montgomery County
- 8 Horse Bowl Contest-UMD College Park
- 15 Rabbit Workshop-See Insert for details
- 17 County Public Speaking Event
- 20 4-H Leader Meeting via Zoom

April, 2025

- 6 Achievement Program 2:00 pm 4:00 pm —Ag Heritage
- 26 Maryland 4-H State Public Speaking Contest, College Park

May, 2025

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



REGISTRATION DETAILS WILL BE MAILED SOON!

Record Book Update



A project record for each market animal <u>tagged</u> must be completed and submitted to be eligible to sell a market animal the next year. 4-H Records are due January 31st to the UME Garrett Office. FFA members submit records to Agricultural Education Instructors by their deadlines. All market records will be reviewed for accuracy by the Garrett County Livestock Association.

Maryland 4-H Scholarships

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 application for the 2024-25 Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships will soon. Applications will be due by June 15, 2024. Visit https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships for all the guidelines.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

The Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival will be held May 3 & 4, 2025 at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. The Festival is sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc. Its is organized and conducted by volunteers from the sheep breeding and fiber arts communities with the purpose of educating the public about sheep and wool. For more details visit: https://sheepandwool.org/



Avian Influenza Resources



The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has confirmed the presence of avian influenza in a backyard flock in Montgomery County, MD. This underscores the need to monitor flocks and practice biosecurity. For further details, and resources from MDA, please visit their website below. Additional resources are also available from the University of Maryland Extensions' Poultry Team website with signs, symptoms, and how to keep your flock safe.

MDA - https://news.maryland.gov/mda/press-release/2025/01/30/preliminary-testing-confirms-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-in-a-montgomery-county-backyard-flock/

UME Poultry Team - https://extension.umd.edu/programs/agriculture-food-systems/program-areas/animal-science/maryland-poultry/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-hpai/

March Fun with 4-H

March's Fun with 4-H will offer an introduction to the captivating art of stop motion! 4-H Educator, Karen Wood will guide youth throughout the process, assisting them in creating their very own stop motion videos. This class guarantees to be a fantastic experience! Get excited—it's time to begin animating! Sign up today!





The Achievement Program celebrates the success of 4-H members, as reported in their record books for 2024. Volunteers are recognized for reaching milestones in their years of support to the 4-H program. 2024 was a great year for 4-H, we have a lot to celebrate! The event will be held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in the Ag Heritage Hall building on Sunday, April 6, 2025 starting at 2:00 pm.

All Clubs:

Each Club is asked to bring one door prize

Special Assignments:

- ⇒ **Pledges**: Please contact Roberta if your club would like to lead the pledges
- ⇒ **Door Prize Coordinator**: Please contact Roberta if you would like to be our Door Prize Coordinator
- ⇒ Clean-up: All Clubs
- ⇒ NEW-we are looking for Senior Age Youth to Emcee-Contact Lacie

Reminder: The Achievement Program will start at 2:00 pm. Snacks & water will be provided.

2:00 pm – Welcome, Pledges, Introduction of Guests, and Special Award presentations.

Club Awards - Order will be determined by a random drawing. Each club will receive: Project awards to members and Leader Years of Service Awards will be distributed backstage. Organizational Leaders should be prepared to introduce any other people on stage with your club, such as: other leaders not receiving certificates, other Clovers, or new members. This will get everyone smoothly to the other side of the stage.

As each club is exiting the stage, a ticket will be drawn for a door prize to be given away. This will allow time for the next club to assemble on the stage.

Special Awards

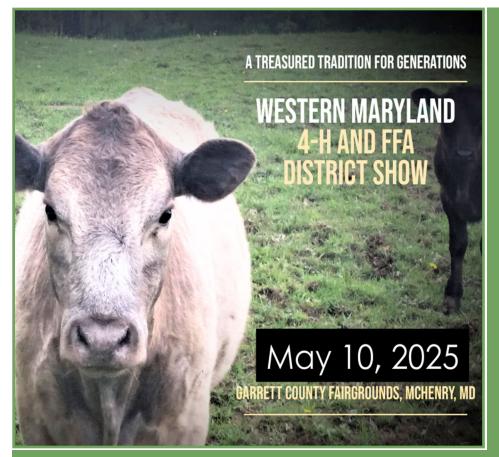
Closing - To show respect for all participants, please plan to stay for the entire presentation.

Clean-up





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