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Maryland State Fair

Twenty-four local youth represented Garrett County well at the Maryland State Fair exhibiting sheep, swine, goat, rabbits, and home art exhibits as well as participating in the 4-H/FFA Tractor Operators Safety, bicycle, lawn and garden, Fashion Revue and the 4-H Robotics Challenge events. Congratulations!



Maryland State Fair Participants

Chloe Campbell
Rebekah Campbell
Leah Fratz
Brady Garlitz
Autumn Custer
Lea Custer
Dustin DeBerry
Lane Fitzwater

Jakob Fullerton
Malea Fullerton
Galloway Goodwin
Jeremy Gordon
Kolten Heinrich
Laura Huelskamp
Cassidy Ashby
Bristol Ketterman

Colton Tasker
LilyAnn Zimmerman
Preston Miller
Revie Miller
Lane Miller
Richard Deatelhauser
Kolten Mason (FFA)
Jacob Wilt (FFA)

Calendar of Events

October 2023

1-7 National 4-H Week
15 **DUE:** Senior 4-H Portfolios
21 AG Bash Fundraiser-12:00 noon-4:00 pm-Ag Heritage Building
22 GCLA Annual Picnic starting at 1:00 pm-Ag Heritage Building

November 2023

4 Beef Fall Weigh-In at GC Fairgrounds 8:00am-2:00pm
15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H State Council applications
28 Club Leader Meeting via ZOOM @ 6:30 pm

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Volunteer Background Check Renewal Update

In 2021, UME initiated a new volunteer background check policy in order to provide for the safety and well-being of University of Maryland Extension (UME) volunteers and constituents (e.g., staff members, program participants, and the community) as well as to protect UME's assets and reputation as a service provider. The policy requires that volunteers be background-checked every 3 years.

The calendar year 2024 would be the first recertification period for individuals who completed their background check in 2021. In order to align the background check process with the annual re-enrollment process through 4-H Online, we will begin the volunteer background check renewal process this fall. This should allow for a smooth re-enrollment process and reduce the chance of gaps in protection or appointments. Current volunteers that were screened in 2021, you will need to complete the background check process this fall. We will provide notification of the need for renewal according to the following schedule:

- September-Volunteers initially screened in January-April of 2021
- October-Volunteers initially screened in May-August of 2021
- November-Volunteers initially screened in September-December of 2021

The notification to renew your background check will come from Sterling Volunteers the first week of the month that you are due for the renewal. Their email address is "theadvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com". The background check should be completed within **30 days** of invitation to avoid separation and dismissal by the Maryland 4-H State Office and ensure your 2024 enrollment is approved by the March 1 target deadline.



4-H & Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign October 4-15

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to help create Opportunity4All and raise more than \$14 million through the Paper Clover campaign. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 81,500 youth by providing them with the tools and resources they need to move forward and reach their full potential.

100 percent of funds raised through the bi-annual Paper Clover campaign directly benefits 4-H youth. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

Leadership Opportunities



National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Citizenship, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, their nation and their world. The conference is held at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD from late March-early April each year. For additional information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/> State Deadline is October 15th.

National 4-H Leadership Trips: State Deadline is January 15th.

2023 Senior Essay Question: Describe the benefit of participating in 4-H to an elected official and why they should support the 4-H Program.



National 4-H Congress is a five-day event that engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants not only have the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, they also have the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States. Congress is held in Atlanta, GA. For additional information visit: <http://national4-hcongress.com/>



West Virginia Older 4-H Members Conference: The West Virginia Older Members Conference's mission is to develop leadership among older 4-H members by giving them an opportunity to participate in discussion of timely issues and problems, and teach new skills which can be used in their local clubs and communities. A commitment to serve as an at large delegate to Maryland 4-H State Council for a year following the trip is encouraged. This trip takes place in mid-June, normally the third week of June at West Virginia University, Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp. For additional information visit: <https://extension.wvu.edu/youth-family/4h/camps/older-members-conference>



Camp Miniwanca: Camp Miniwanca is a leadership development camp that offers a week-long program aimed at developing character, leadership skills, personal and group effectiveness, and nurturing balance within your life. This trip takes place in June in Shelby, Michigan. Youth interested in attending Miniwanca are required to apply for the "I Dare You Award." For additional information visit: <https://ayf.com/camps/miniwanca/national-leadership-conference/>



Virginia 4-H Congress: The Virginia 4-H Congress' mission is to provide competitive and non-competitive educational experiences to Virginia teens and the adults who work with them, helping them to develop life skills and leadership abilities to become contributing citizens in their communities. A commitment to serve as an at-large delegate to Maryland 4-H State Council for a year following the trip is encouraged. This trip takes place in June on the campus of Virginia Tech. For additional information visit: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/state-congress.html>

Livestock Information

Ag Bash - Fundraiser

The Ag Bash is planned for October 21, 2023 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Ag Heritage Building at the fairgrounds. Tickets are available from any Livestock Association member. Any 4-H member that sells an Ag Bash ticket will receive free admission to the Bash. There will be an opportunity for high school youth to earn service learning hours by helping with the Ag Bash. Please return any sold Ag Bash tickets and money as soon as possible to the 4-H office or Livestock Association.

Annual Picnic & Meeting

The annual picnic and meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 starting at 1:00 pm at the Ag Heritage Hall building at the fairgrounds. The Association will provide meat, potatoes, green beans, rolls, drinks and tableware. Individuals attending are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Remember that attendance at this meeting can be counted as a make-up meeting for 4-H members who may have missed club meetings.

Election of officers and directors will be held at the October 22nd meeting. Elections will be held for the offices of President and Secretary along with two board members for 2023. To be eligible to run for any Livestock Association position a person must have been a paid member of the Association in both 2022 and 2023. Any eligible member that would like to be added to the ballot, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Mark Gallucci [301-616-6883](tel:301-616-6883), Ryan VanNosdeln [240-321-5650](tel:240-321-5650), Dana Mason [301-616-5517](tel:301-616-5517) or Sandy Harvey [301-501-2968](tel:301-501-2968).

Association Dues

2024 Association dues of 25 cents are automatically collected from the check of any 4-H and FFA youth who exhibited and sold a market animal at the 2023 Garrett County Fair. Dues for other youth (18 years of age or younger) are 25 cents. Adult dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$30 for ten years. 2024 dues may be paid between August 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024. Dues should be mailed to: Garrett County Livestock Association, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Suite A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550.

Club Meeting Attendance Waiver

The requirement for club meeting attendance for eligibility to sell a market animal at the 2024 Garrett County fair will be in effect for the coming year. For many years, the 4-H program and the Garrett County Livestock Association have outlined the expectations for young people who wish to earn the privilege of selling an animal at the fair. The livestock sale is extremely successful and offers members a chance to receive more money for their projects than would commonly be available in the regular market. Because of this advantage, we feel that it is important for members to demonstrate responsibility and show effort in their participation.

The two expectations that are required:

1. Completion of a record book with summaries for any animal that was **tagged** at the fall and/or spring weigh-ins.
2. Satisfactory club attendance: 4-H clubs holding 8 meetings or less, a member may miss only one meeting. 4-H clubs holding 9 or more meetings, a member may miss two meetings. FFA members must attend 75% of the meetings held.

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:

1. Attendance at the fall GCLA meeting and picnic, held on October 22nd.
2. Attendance to help set up for Spring Weigh-in and District Show, held in early May, actual date and time will be communicated to all clubs.
3. Showing a market animal at the Western MD District Livestock Show
4. Fair clean-up and preparation (date to be announced)

Attendance for youth who sold an animal at the 2023 fair begins with the next meeting after the fair and continues until August 2024. Attendance for new youth who did not sell an animal begins in January 2024 when they enroll in a market livestock project.

Beef Fall Weigh-In

Members planning to sell a steer at the 2024 Garrett County Fair or Maryland State Fair must bring their steer to the fall weigh-in event.

Reminder: We will only be having one weigh-in day.

Date: Saturday, November 4th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Location: Garrett County Fairgrounds

****Families will be provided a registration link to select a weigh-in time to avoid long waiting lines.**

In case of bad weather, cancellation announcements will be made on radio stations, WFRB and WKHJ. If the weigh-in needs to be rescheduled, the make-up date will be **Saturday, November 11th**.

At the weigh in: your animal will be weighed and tagged.

The Livestock Association will provide triangle nine immunizations, if needed. The Garrett County Livestock Association representatives who will be conducting the weigh-in understand that you have not had a lot of time to work with your animal. To have the weighing and tagging go as smoothly as possible please abide by the following guidelines:

There will be Livestock Association helpers at the scales who will help assist with your animal but your animal should be wearing a halter (this does not mean it is expected to be halter broken, the halter will be used for restraining purposes). Please try to work with your animal enough that it is comfortable with you and controllable. **Fall Weigh-In is a mandatory event for all youth with the market steer project.** Please share this information with anyone who may be planning to have a steer for the first time in 2024.

Livestock Registration Forms will be mailed out to all members that had a 2023 steer early September. Additional forms can be obtained from the 4-H Office. The registration link will be provided with the forms.

Any questions can be directed to the Livestock Association (301) 746-7141 or the UME Garrett Office (301) 334-6960.

County Bred Animals

The county bred card must be completed including the signature of the breeder. Please have the card completed when you arrive for weigh-in and tagging. Market Animals that are bred by a full-time County resident and born in Garrett County are eligible for competition in the County Bred program.

Animals purchased at the stockyard may be eligible for the county bred program if they were bred and born in Garrett County. The stockyard staff can provide you with the name and contact information to help you determine eligibility. Animals purchased from a producer outside of the county by a Garrett County resident and resold to a Garrett County 4-H or FFA member are not eligible for county bred program because they were not born in Garrett County.

Animals not declared as county bred at the time of tagging will not be eligible for the county bred program at the 2024 Garrett County Fair.

**** RFID Tag Requirement for 2024 Market Steers****

All swine and cattle including steers must have a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag. Steers should be tagged by the producer. If the steer that you purchased does not have an RFID tag, you may obtain one through a veterinarian. All steers **will need** an RFID tag prior to the November 4th weigh-in. RFID tags **will not** be supplied at weigh-in.

Producers needing RFID tags will need their premise identification number and can call (410-841-5810) and purchase through a USDA approved manufacturer. Detailed information can be found at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/SA_Traceability

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October in Maryland becomes WALKTOBER, a month where UME, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and other partnering agencies promote and host events and webinars spotlighting Maryland's official exercise--**walking**--as a component of well-being for people throughout the state. Walktober encourages residents of Maryland to increase physical activity in a fun, community-oriented way while creating awareness for pedestrian safety.

Walktober events include four "Walkinars" - online webinars about pedestrian-related topics in Maryland - and the official WalkMaryland! Day, October 4th. 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate as a group during WalkMaryland! Day. Share your walk with us on our Facebook page.

For more information, visit:

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/walktober>

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