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July 2023 Newsletter

Join Us At The Fair

It's that time of year again! The Garrett County Agriculture Fair will be held from July 29 to August 5, 2023, at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD! Enjoy 4-H showmanship, concessions, exhibits, rides, concerts, and so much more! This is where we shine. We'll see you there!



GARRETT COUNTY 4-H

Come See Us Shine!

SATURDAY JULY 29

10AM-4PM Entering ALL 4-H Indoor Exhibits & Rabbits

SUNDAY JULY 30

9AM-4PM Market Animal Weigh-In
1PM 4-H Indoor Exhibit Judging

MONDAY JULY 31

9AM Rabbit Show
12PM Livestock Skillathon
4PM Sheep Showmanship
5PM Horsemanship Contest
6PM 4-H Fashion Revue
7PM Market Lamb Show

TUESDAY AUGUST 1

1PM Breeding Goat Show
2:30PM 4-H Robotics Challenge
4PM Goat Showmanship
5PM Robotics Demonstrations
7PM Market Goat Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2

9AM Dairy Show
11:45AM Horse Showmanship
12:30PM Horse Show
3:30PM Swine Showmanship
7PM Market Swine Show

THURSDAY AUGUST 3

9AM Dairy Breeding Goat Show
1PM Beef Breeding Show
2PM Beef Showmanship
6:30PM Market Beef Show

FRIDAY AUGUST 4

8AM Master Showman Competition
9AM 4-H Engineering Events
2PM Lead Contest
5PM 4-H Engineering Awards
6PM Costume Animal Parade

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

2PM Youth Awards Program
3PM 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

11-1PM Indoor Exhibits will be released



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Gardening Q & A's

It's gardening season, and our weather has certainly been interesting so far this growing season. If you have garden related questions, here is your chance to get them answered. Each week there will be seasonally appropriate activities at the demonstration garden site- some examples will include suckering tomato plants and starting a compost bin. Look for updates on [social media](#) each week.

Gardening Questions?



**Bring your questions, plant samples,
and photos to these free sessions.**

**Mountain Fresh Farmers Market
S. 1st Street, Oakland, MD. 10am -1pm
On these Wednesdays**

June 28	July 12	July 26
August 9	August 23	



**McHenry UM Church -Community
Garden, 477 Mosser Rd, McHenry, MD.
2pm -4pm. On these Fridays**

June 30	July 14	July 28
August 11	August 18	August 25
September 1	September 15	



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Rain Barrel Giveaway

Are you interested in learning about the benefits of capturing rainwater and the important role that rain barrels can play in mitigating stormwater runoff? If so, please get on our list today! Some restrictions apply for this rare opportunity for 50 homes to receive a rain barrel. All barrels are sponsored by [Deep Creek Watershed Foundation](#).



Want a Free Rain Barrel?

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Rain is a blessing when it falls gently on parched fields, turning the earth green, causing the birds to sing.

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The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is sponsoring a free rain barrel distribution in August 2023 for Garrett County residents. In order to qualify, you must participate in a 30 minute educational class about rain barrel installation, care, and benefits to the environment and local watersheds, which is facilitated by University of Maryland Extension.

Call 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu to receive the specific date and time for this exciting event!



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Select The Right Ground Cover

It's prime time to be adding plants and working in our landscapes. Don't introduce these invasive plants into your garden this season.



Select Ground Covers for your Landscape Carefully

Plants that are used as ground cover can provide great services throughout the landscape as they can fill in areas that might otherwise be left bare or covered in mulch. Ground covers can be used to help reduce maintenance chores by preserving moisture and preventing weeds.

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Summer BBQ Safety



Summertime is approaching, the school season is ending, and it is time to prepare for the fun! Days out on the beach, swimming in a lake, whatever activity that's fun in the sun, it is time to have a good time and relax. When going on any trip this summer, there is one necessity that you always have to consider: what are you going to have to eat? While we love the summer for the sunny

days and warm weather, bacteria actually love these kinds of days as well. That is why more people get sick from spoiled food in the summer months. On top of this fact, people are cooking in settings away from a typical kitchen, which can mean a lot more room for something to go wrong with the meal. Click [HERE](#) for a few things to consider when handling food while outdoors.

Listening Sessions Offered for Farmer and Ranch Families



Are you a farmer or rancher? The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and members of the Cooperative Extension System want your input on the financial needs and priorities of farm and ranch families. Better understanding the experiences of farm and ranch families will help both the CFPB and Cooperative Extension work on behalf of consumers in farming and ranching

communities.

About the CFPB and Cooperative Extension

- The CFPB is a federal agency dedicated to making sure people are treated fairly by banks, lenders, and other financial institutions. Learn more at consumerfinance.gov.
- The Cooperative Extension System is operated through the nation's land grant universities. It empowers farmers, ranchers, and communities of all sizes to meet the challenges they face, including by protecting their money and accessing financial products and services they need. Learn more at extension.org.

Two listening sessions are available. Choose the one that works best for you:

- Wednesday, August 9, 6:30-8:00 pm Eastern / 5:30-7:30 pm Central. This session is timed to work well for people in the Eastern and Central time zones, but participants from any time zone may join. This session will use a virtual whiteboard technology, so a computer and internet access are required.
- Thursday, August 10, 8:30-10:00 pm Eastern / 6:30-8:00 pm Mountain / 5:30- 7:00 pm Pacific. This session is timed to work well for people in the Mountain and Pacific time zones, but participants from any time zone may join. This session will be on Zoom and participants will be able to join by phone. Internet access is not required.

[Click here](#) to register today! The deadline for registration is Thursday, July 13.

Mental Health First Aid Classes Available

Faculty and staff at Garrett College participated in a Mental Health First Aid class. Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. The workshop is available to organizations by contacting jketterm@umd.edu.



Changes to the Nutrient Management Program



On June 1, our office was made aware that MDA has made the decision to cut funding to the UMD Nutrient Management program. As of August 31, our Nutrient Management Advisor, Jill Hauser will no longer be writing nutrient management plans for clients on behalf of UMD.

MDA is developing a cost-share program that will provide partial funding to all eligible farmers in Maryland to help offset the cost of privatized plan writing. We will continue to assist producers to the best of our ability.

The MDA press release can be found [here](#), along with a [FAQ document](#).

Keeping Connected

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

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