

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION Garrett County

June 2023 Newsletter

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. Willie Lantz, AgFS Educator, will be announcing upcoming meetings with producers to discuss next steps.

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

2023 Broiler Show Results

Placement	Junior Results	Intermediate Results	Senior Results
1st Place	Wade Yost	Rebekah Campbell	Molly Magruder
2nd Place	Rachel Campbell	Ava Cosner	Dayton Custer
3rd Place	Brenton Gnegy	Derek Cosner	Hunter Collins

23 4-H members recently completed their 2023 Broiler Project with the Broiler Show on June 5. Members were given 10 Cornish Cross peeps donated by Bruceton AG Service in Grantsville, MD. The members then raised the peeps for 8 weeks to a market size. At the end of the 8 weeks, the youth submitted a report showing the feed conversion, mortality rate, and profit/loss from their

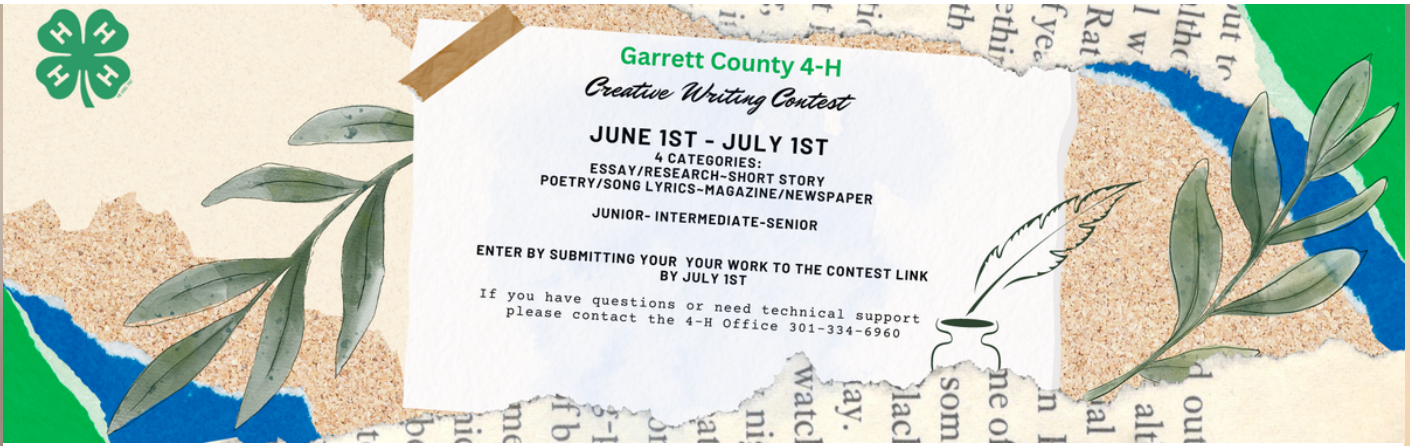
project. They included pictures and a story where they explained what they learned from their project. The members are then allowed to sell the broilers for meat or keep them for their families.

The Broiler Project is a wonderful, short term learning experience for 4-H youth and their families. We greatly appreciate the support of Bruceton AG Service for the donation of the broiler peeps to the youth members.



Results are shown above for each 4-H age division. Others participating were: Weston Bolyard, Raylin Broadwater, Cheyenne McClean, Evan Rowe, Jake Sanders, Carlton Sisler, Brayden Sisler, Hunter Wolford, Kylie Bates, Luke Bolyard, Owen Bolyard, Lea Custer, Owen Rowe and Hunter Collins. Grand Champion was Wade Yost while Rebekah Campbell was awarded Reserve Grand Champion.

Creative Writing Contest



Garrett County 4-H will be holding a Creative Writing Contest to run from June 1 - July 1, 2023.

There are 4 categories to choose from which include:

- Essay/Research
- Short Story
- Poetry/Song Lyrics
- Magazine/Newspaper.

Results and awards will be revealed on July 31st during the fair and will be displayed during fair week in the 4-H Building. See attached rules. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at the 4-H Office at 301-334-6960.

Upload your entries here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenv5pwhC3r57JAACGD0UX7cE13hSynwawVaNk2BPxwNFebYQ/viewform?usp=pp_u

Creative Writing Contest Rules

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4-H STEM in the Classroom

4-H was able to provide STEM in the classroom to Swan Meadow School's middle school students. Karen Wood, Garrett County 4-H STEM Educator and Hannah Frazee, 4-H AmeriCorps Volunteer brought fun and entertaining programs monthly to the middle school students. The youth participated in the following activities this year.

- 4-H STEM Challenge achieving neutral buoyancy of a submarine submerged
- Circuitry to learn about electricity making a simple and parallel circuit
- Snow Globe Science with a lesson on viscosity and pine identification
- Reverse Painting using critical thinking skills using layers in reverse
- Earthquake Challenge with a lesson on geography and an engineering challenge
- Edison Robots where students created their own challenges using concepts of obstacle detection and artificial intelligence
- 3D Design with a lesson the on the invasive pest Spotted Lanternfly.



Swan Meadow



Circuitry

4-H STEM IN THE CLASSROOM



**3D Design
Spotted Lanternfly**



Reverse Painting



Earthquake Challenge



Edison Robots

Successful Spring Weigh-In & Western MD District Show

Livestock projects continue to be popular in Garrett County 4-H. In fact, we have the largest number of youth participants among all counties in the state. This year was no exception with record-breaking numbers attending the spring weigh-in and tagging event on May 12 which included the following:



- Beef-107
- Goats-54
- Sheep-85
- Swine-160

On Saturday, May 13, the 4-H District Livestock Show was held at the fairgrounds. 4-H members from Garrett, Allegany and Washington Counties are eligible for the show. This event serves as a "practice show" giving young people an opportunity to learn more about showmanship and practice working with their animals.

2023 Garrett County Agricultural 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!

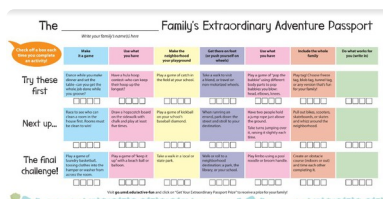


2023-Fair-Book

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Join the Bland Family on a Fun Adventure!



Maryland SNAP-Ed has released its new storybook, *The Secret to an Extraordinary Day*. In Garrett County, 580 copies will be distributed through our partnering elementary schools and Head Starts. Everyone can join in the fun by accessing *The Secret to an Extraordinary Day* through the [book webpage](#).

On the book webpage, you can download the [Extraordinary Adventure Passport](#), challenging you to complete fun, easy physical activities. Social media posts on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) will help you along the way, sharing physical activity resources throughout the state of Maryland, reminders to complete the passport challenges, and tips for helping your family get moving.

What are you waiting for? [Read the book](#), and we hope you have an Extraordinary Day!

The Secret to An Extraordinary Day!



Ask a Master Gardener Clinic

Join Master Gardeners at their garden plot at the McHenry United Methodist Community Garden and they will help you answer your gardening, plant and insect questions. They will have demonstrations and tours of the garden plot as well. No need to sign up, just show up! If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Bodkins, Master Gardener Coordinator at 301-334-6960.



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Garden Clinic - Q. & A.

Master Gardeners will answer gardening questions and have demonstrations and tours of their garden plot from 2-5pm @ the McHenry United Methodist Community Garden. Bring photos, insects, or plant samples.

June- 2nd, 16th, 30th

July- 14th, 28th

August- 11th, 18th, 25th

September- 1st, 15th



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact University of Maryland Extension @ 301-334-6960.

Invasive Shrubs to Avoid



Invasive Shrubs With Red Berries to Avoid

Blooming flowers, emerging leaves, sprouting seedlings, and peeping frogs are just a few of the signs that encompass the magic of the spring season for me. As nature goes through the motions and awakens, I hope you have found some time to get outside and enjoy the wonderful gift of the changing seasons.

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Tech Extension Educator Joins Staff



Shelita Jackson joins University of Maryland Extension as Tech Extension Educator for the Western Maryland Cluster serving Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties.

Shelita has a very diverse background in administration, customer service, human resources and management. She has a strong desire to open the door to technology, by enhancing the digital literacy skills of all Marylanders. She will also be providing assistance in signing up for government resources which provide devices or broadband access where available (either free or at a discount). Shelita has a B.S. in Business Administration and a M.S. in Management with a Specialization in Human Resources.

Join us in welcoming Shelita. She can be reached at 301-791-1304.

Farm and Food Workers Relief Program



Farm workers and meat packers may be eligible to claim a \$600 payment for their work during the [COVID-19](#) pandemic.

This \$600 payment is being administered by the Pasa Sustainable Agriculture non-profit, which is working with the U.S. [Department of Agriculture](#) to distribute these payments through the [Farm and Food Workers Relief Program](#). In total, eligible farm workers in 13 states, including Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New

Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia, along with the District of Columbia, can [claim this payment](#).

Applications for this payment opened on March 1, and will remain open until the funds for this payment are depleted.

To be eligible for this payment, a claimant must provide photo identification and proof they were employed as either a farm worker or meatpacking worker in the United States between January 27, 2020, and April 11, 2023. For additional information or to apply go to the PASA website at <https://farmworkers.com/>

Local Students Learn the Concepts of Money



Dr. Jesse Ketterman visited the 5th grade at Beall Elementary School where he introduced students to the *My Money Five* <https://www.mymoney.gov/mymoneyfive>. Concepts include earn, save, protect, borrow, and spend.


The highlight was playing *The Allowance Game* by Lakeshore Learning. Students compete with one another to see who can earn the most money. The game allows students to understand the earning and spending concepts of the My Money Five.

Dr. Ketterman uses gaming with youth to provide an opportunity to learn in a fun way. He will be visiting Rt. 40 Elementary School this summer to share this program with students.



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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