# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

# **June 2025 Newsletter**

# Pollinator Picnic For Grownups

Help us kick off pollinator week and celebrate with a picnic at New Germany State Park. See the below flyer for details.



# Vegetable Garden Apprentice Program

Here is your chance to learn hands-on how to grow more of your own vegetables!

Growing your own vegetables is a rewarding journey that promotes self-sufficiency. Guided by a Master Gardener Mentor, you'll learn vital gardening skills, from seed selection to soil health and harvesting. With all materials provided, this program supports both novices and experienced gardeners in achieving sustainable living and enjoying fresh produce from your backyard.

To apply, contact Ashley Bodkins, Master Gardener Coordinator at 301-334-6960.



# Master Gardener Basic Training Wrap Up

Master Gardener Basic Training wrapped up on May 16th after a weeklong training with 5 participants. These folks learned more about soil science, botany, plant pathology, entomology, and ecology— along with several Master Gardeners sharing their passion on a wide variety of topics! If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener a Fall hybrid class will be offered in Garrett County and it's not too early to sign up! More details to follow.



# Strawberries--- DNA and Planting @ Accident Elementary

Master Gardeners visited Accident Elementary for Camp Read-A Lot and provided a hands-on activity to isolate strawberry DNA and let families plant a strawberry to take home. More than 200 people came out to enjoy the evening and learn more and promote reading!



# Friend Or Foe Display @ Native Plant Festival

Master Gardeners were able to provide education and outreach at the 10th Annual Native Plant Festival at New Germany State Park on May 10th.



# Master Gardener Minute

The Master Gardener Minute was recently hosted by our program assistant, Cambria Snyder, who shared information about tissue culture. Every Monday on the Allegany County Facebook page



(reshared to Garrett County Master Gardener page) catch a one minute video to learn more about some topic related to gardening education.

More on tissue culture here:

https://homegarden.cahnr.uconn.edu/.../02/01/tissue-culture/

View the entire clip by clicking below.

### **Master Gardener Minute**

# Maryland Naturalist Program To Be Offered

Applications are open for the next Master Naturalist program at Deep Creek Lake State Park. The next program is slated for September 10 – November 12th .

According to Program Coordinator Ranger Cricket Smith, Maryland Master Naturalists are interested, ecologically aware people who have successfully completed a fun but rigorous natural history training program, and who "pay it forward" with volunteer work annually. They participate in community science efforts, teach classes, lead field trips, and continue to learn and share their enthusiasm for Maryland's natural areas and the life forms that occupy them.

Classes are held on Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at the Discovery Center. Cost is \$250. Once accepted into the Master Naturalist volunteer training program, individuals receive 52 hours of classroom instruction and 8 hours of hands-on experience outdoors.

After this initial training, participants provide a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service to Deep Creek Lake State Park in the first year to receive Master Naturalist certification. The 2024 Master Naturalist class was the program's largest ever in Western Maryland. The program is similar to the Master Gardener program.

The program is run in partnership with the University of Maryland Extension and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, please contact Cricket Smith at 301-387-5563.



Building a stronger community in the natural world, together.

### TO BECOME A MASTER NATURALIST

- Complete 52 hrs of class/field study
- Enjoy 8 hrs in the field with a naturalist
- · Pass a final exam
- Give back by volunteering 40 hrs to Deep Creek or Sang Run State Parks
- Course fee: \$250





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### **COURSE DETAILS:**

September 10 - November 12 Wednesdays 9 AM- 3:30 PM Discovery Center 969 State Park Rd, Swanton MD 21561

### **TOPICS COVERED:**

Ornithology, Botany, Reptiles and Amphibians, Bears and Mammals, Freshwater Ecosystems, Fungi, and MORE!

### PROGRAM FACILITATOR

### **Ranger Cricket Smith**

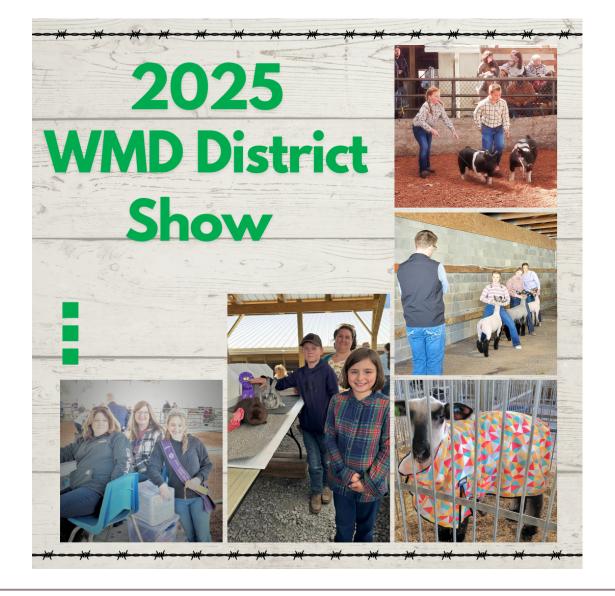
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# Spring Weigh-In & Western MD District Show

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 9th which included the following market animals:

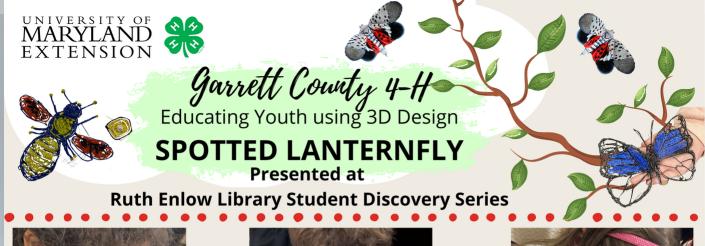
- Goats-62
- Sheep-81
- Swine-172

On Saturday, May 10, 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.



# Educating Youth On The Spotted Lanternfly

Garrett County 4-H had fun educating youth about the Spotted Lanternfly at the Ruth Enlow Library Student Discovery Series in Oakland and Grantsville. 4-H STEM Educator, Karen Wood discussed how to identify these invasive pests and what to do when you find them. The youth were encouraged to become citizen scientists reporting all sightings they may encounter. Additionally, the youth were able to create a 3D model of their own invented insect combining art and design with technology using 3Doodler Pens. To report a sighting visit <a href="mailto:mda.maryland.gov/spottedlanternfly">mda.maryland.gov/spottedlanternfly</a>.





# 2025 Garrett County Agricultural Fair

It's that time of year again! The Garrett County Agriculture Fair will be held from July 26 to August 2, 2025, 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!

### **SATURDAY JULY 26**

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

### **SUNDAY JULY 27**

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

### **MONDAY JULY 28**

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

### **TUESDAY JULY 29**

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

### **WEDNESDAY JULY 30**

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

### **THURSDAY JULY 31**

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

### **FRIDAY AUGUST 1**

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

### **SATURDAY AUGUST 2**

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

### **SUNDAY AUGUST 3**

11-1PM Indoor Exhibits will be released



## **2025 Garrett County Agriculture Fair**

# Ketterman Offers Information at GC Benefit & Health Fair



Dr. Jesse Ketterman, Extension Educator along with Roberta Cvetnick, Program Management Specialist, recently attended the annual Garrett County Benefit & Health Fair to provide educational material from University of Maryland Extension focusing on financial wellness. 240 Garrett County employees benefited from various vendors during this event.

# Flood Recovery Resources

During this time of recovery from the flash flooding and Governor Wes Moore declaring a State of Emergency in Western Maryland due to the historic flooding in our area, please check out these resources from EDEN - Extension Disaster Education

Network: <a href="https://extensiondisaster.net/.../naturally.../flood/...">https://extensiondisaster.net/.../naturally.../flood/...</a> .



### Additional flood recovery resources:

- Extension Disaster Education Network Flood Resources
- Cleaning Up After a Flood (University of Minnesota Extension)
- Food Safety After A Flood (Kansas State Research and Extension)
- <u>Extension and Mental Health Resiliency During Times of Disaster and Recovery: A Seven-Part</u>
   <u>Series</u> PDF Download from EDEN (Extension Disaster Education Network Flood Resources)

If you have more questions and would like more information, please contact our local extension office at 301-334-6960

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Are you receiving our monthly AG Newsletter? If not, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

# **Keeping Connected**

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