

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

## Garrett County

### July 2025 Newsletter

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## UMD Welcomes New Dean of the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources



The University of Maryland has named Wendy Powers as dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, effective July 1, 2025. Dr. Powers will build on the college's more than 150-year history to advance its strategic commitments to serve the public good, steward a healthy planet, feed and nourish communities and build a sustainable tomorrow, serving the state of Maryland and beyond.

[Click below to read the full press release.](#)

**University of Maryland Press Release**

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## Mousch Joins UME as Snap-Ed Project Leader

Hi, I'm Kenzi Mousch! I was born and raised in Garrett County MD and am very excited to serve as the Project Leader for SNAP-Ed! Recently, I served as an Assistant Director of Strength and

Conditioning / Fitness Center at Frostburg State University. During my time at FSU I was in charge of programming and implementing year long training programs for specific teams and athletes on campus. Creating healthy habits and making healthy choices is something I have strived to do throughout my life. I am a nature lover and love to participate in any and all activities that keep me moving and get me outside. My hobbies range from boating or swimming in the summer to snow skiing all over the world in the winter and everything in between! My husband, Joe and I both love to travel and stay active, however one of our favorite things to do is go on walks or hikes with our pup Clyde!



I am eager to help others and am looking forward to educating our local youth and families on nutritious and active lifestyles! I am also very excited to return back and look forward to serving our state and my hometown community!

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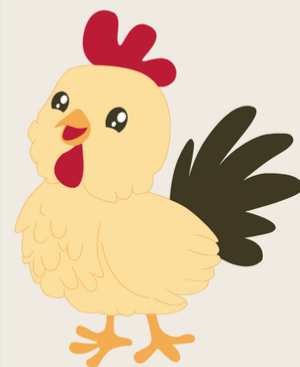
## 2025 4-H Broiler Show Results

Members of the Garrett County 4-H completed their 2025 Broiler Project with the Broiler Show on June 4th. Members are given 10 Cornish Cross peeps donated by Bruceton AG Service in Grantsville, MD. The members then raise the peeps for 8 weeks to a market size. At the end of the eight weeks, the youth turn in a report showing the feed conversion, mortality rate, and profit/loss from their project. They include pictures and a story where they tell 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. For 2025, we had 15 youth participate.



Placement	Junior Results	Intermediate Results	Senior Results
1st Place	Camber Rizer	Kylie Bates	Kenzie Pysell
2nd Place	Wade Yost	Marshall Green	Kaden Green
3rd Place	Kendall Wolford	Brenton Gnegy	Molly Magruder



## 4-H Beginner Robotics Class Offered

Did you know that students who have hands-on experiences in science are 2x more likely to engage in science class? Join us for an engaging hands-on program where you can explore the world of Lego robotics. Participants will have the opportunity to build, test and design a Lego robot using block coding base on Scratch. All ages welcome. Call the office to register at 301-334-6960.



## Maryland 4-H All Stars Induction



The Maryland 4-H All Stars, an esteemed group within the 4-H youth development program, celebrated the induction of four new members at their Annual Conference on June 7, 2025, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This year's honorees from Garrett County were Linda Ashby, Roberta Cvetnick, and Leigh and Laura

Huelscamp. They were recognized for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the 4-H community. Their induction is a testament to their dedication to fostering positive youth development and community involvement, aligning with the core values of the 4-H program. The event not only highlighted the achievements of these individuals but also reinforced the importance of leadership and service, which are central to the 4-H mission.

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# Master Gardener Spotlight~Barb Davis

Barb actively volunteers her time and energy to the Master Gardener program. She displays her love and passion for plants through the community. Barb states that she has learned so much about gardening through her time as a Master Gardener. We are so grateful to have wonderful volunteers like Barb to make this program a success!

Interested in learning more and making an impactful difference in your community? Reach out to Ashley by dialing 301-334-6960 or email [abachtel@umd.edu](mailto:abachtel@umd.edu) on becoming a Master Gardener!

**Member Spotlight**

**BARB DAVIS**

**Why I chose to become a master gardener :**

"To connect with others who share similar gardening and horticultural interests."

**My most memorable experience as a master gardener so far:**

"Being part of an annual tomato festival."

**The impact being a Master Gardener has had on me:**

"I Have enjoyed watching our local MG program effectively reach out to the community."

**Completed the Master Gardener basic training in:**  
2022

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## Garden Item Donation Request

Here is a great way to give back in the community. Help us create a greenscape area for residents at Oakland Nursing and Rehab!



## Donate Garden Items to Brighten Lives!

University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners are partnering with Oakland Nursing and Rehab in Oakland to revamp, expand, and create gardens throughout the facility. Your support through donations can help make this project a success! Every contribution you make will help us reach our project goals of adding planters, a sensory garden, and a beautiful space to relax and enjoy nature!

### Donation Requests

- Extra Large Planters/Containers (20-24") - Quantity 10 (gently used if in good shape)
- Watering Hoses (Enough for 250 Feet) & 2 Watering Cans (2 gallon sized)
- Potting Soil (15 bags of 2 cu.foot) and Raised Bed Soil (20 bags of 2 cu.foot)
- Mulch (20 Bags)
- Lumber for Raised Beds - ~ \$350
- Items for Color, Interest, and Sound: Bird Houses, Wind Chimes, Bird Feeders, Shepherds Crooks, Garden Flags, Trellis/Lattice, Sturdy Benches/Chairs, Select Perennials & Annuals.



Questions or to Donate contact Master Gardener Angie Nolte [ganolte@inawhirl.com](mailto:ganolte@inawhirl.com)  
or Oakland Nursing and Rehab- Teresa Helbig [Teresa.helbig@fundtrc.com](mailto:Teresa.helbig@fundtrc.com)

Please donate by:  
**June 30, 2025**

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## Free Seeds For Your Home Garden

**Seed Library**

Announcing the new seed library at the University of Maryland Extension Office in Garrett County!

**Free seeds for your home garden!**

Come browse the selection of seeds during regular office hours - M-F, 8am to 4:30pm. Special appointments by request.

First come, first serve availability. Be a mindful gardener & only take seeds of what you intend to grow. New seeds added periodically. Check back often.

Interested in donating to the seed library? Contact Ashley at [abachtel@umd.edu](mailto:abachtel@umd.edu) or by dialing 301-334-6960

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Thanks to support from ENRSG Program Leader, Bill Hubbard with University of Maryland Extension, we have been able to begin a free seed library with a small selection of free seeds to help encourage gardening in Garrett County and make a small step in removing any barriers that people may face when beginning a vegetable garden. We have a mix of herb, vegetable, and flower seeds that you may come and choose from! This is a project that will continue to grow as new varieties will be added periodically. Please remember to take only the seeds that you can plant this year. The seed library is located at the Extension Office and can be visited anytime without an appointment during normal business hours. If you have seeds that you would like to donate or have any questions, please call 301-334-6960 or email [abachtel@umd.edu](mailto:abachtel@umd.edu)

# Borrow Gardening Tools



University of Maryland Extension, ENR-SG Program Leader Bill Hubbard provided funding so that gardening tools could be made available to community members through the Accident Library check out system.

Get the checkout details:

- Borrow up to two tools at a time
- One week checkout period
- No automatic renewals

- Place holds through our online catalog at [www.relib.net](http://www.relib.net) or by contacting the Accident Library
- Tools may ONLY be picked up from and returned to the Accident Library.
- Tools must be cleaned before returning.
- Please do not attempt to return gardening tools through the book drop!

**Borrow Garden Tools  
from the Accident Library!**

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**OUR LIBRARY**  
is more than just  
books on a shelf

Did you know  
that you can  
now check out  
gardening  
tools from the  
Accident  
Library?!

THE RUTH ENLOW LIBRARY OF GARRETT COUNTY + WESTERN MARYLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

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## Caterpillars Reach Outbreak Levels in Tri-County



The Maryland Department of Agriculture has announced populations of spring hardwood defoliating caterpillars have reached outbreak levels in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties, causing widespread leaf damage to hardwood trees, especially oaks. While trees are not dead, over the next few weeks affected trees will take a similar appearance to that of trees in the

winter. Areas in which defoliation will be most visible include near Grantsville and along the ridgetop of Meadow Mountain from Deep Creek Lake to Keyser's Ridge, extending north into Pennsylvania. For more information, read the press release below.



**Looper Complex Outbreak Press Release 2025.pdf**

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148.2 KB

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## Annual Tomato Festival

Get ready to celebrate the 3rd Annual Tomato Festival, an event for all tomato enthusiasts! While we will be sharing more details shortly, we encourage you to mark your calendars and save the date.



**TOMATO FESTIVAL**  
**August 22, 2025**

**Location: Deep Creek Farmers Market from 3-5pm**

Accepting entries from 2-4 pm for the judging contest in Room 111 of the CEWD Building at Garrett College.

Bring a tomato to enter in the contest, taste different varieties, workshops to learn more about gardening, and choose new recipes! Free & fun for everyone!

**CONTEST CATEGORIES:**

<b>Largest</b> Size & Weight	<b>Ugliest</b> misshapen	<b>Best</b> Tasting	<b>Cherry/ Grape/Pear</b> (10)	<b>Paste/Plum/ Roma</b> (3)
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**Prizes and ribbons awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners!**

Tomatoes must be grown by participants. Unripe tomatoes may be entered in Largest and Ugliest categories.

Tomatoes entered will not be returned. Open to anyone in tri-state area. Additional restrictions may apply. If you know tomato variety, please bring that information when you register your entries. 10 fruits needed for the cherry category, 3 fruits for the paste, just 1 for the other categories.

Judging starts at 4:00pm. Winners announced at 5pm. One entry per category. Tomatoes used for crowd tasting are not those entered into contest.

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## Outdoor Learning Activity~Pruning



Join Ashley Bodkins and Liz McDowell from the Maryland Native Plant Society at the New Germany State Park on July 17, 2025 beginning at 10:00 am as they provide basic skills and information needed for pruning in your home landscape. Click the link below for more details on this outdoor learning activity.



### The How-Tos of Pruning Woody Plants (Thursday)

We're protecting Maryland's native plants and habitats through conservation, education, advocacy, and service activities.

[mdflora.org](https://mdflora.org)

# 52 Ways To Hazard-Proof Your Finances Toolkit



Whether directly affected or not, the recent flood damage in our county might have you thinking more about severe weather events and the cascading financial impact they can have on households. This helpful resource is for individuals and families that can guide you through the steps to move forward and become even more prepared and resilient to future severe weather events. [52 Ways to Hazard-Proof Your Finances](#) was written collaboratively by Jenny Abel, Sara Croymans, Carrie Grishaber, Laura Hendrix, Portia

Johnson, Elizabeth Kiss, Lorna Saboe-Wounded Head, Kelly Sipple, Christopher T. Sneed, and Erica Tobe.

Feel free to contact our FCS Educator, Jesse Kettermann, at [jketterm@umd.edu](mailto:jketterm@umd.edu) or by phone at 301-724-3320, for more resources related to financial health and free community classes to improve economic and health insurance literacy.

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## Financial Workshop Training Available

Dr. Kettermann along with other members of the Financial Wellness Team offer professional development workshops in the community. The Your Money Your Goals training provides several tools that human service providers can use with the clients they serve. Social Work CEUs are available with this training. The team also leads a volunteer training with the Master Money Mentors program. The multi-workshop training provides individuals with financial information and tools for those that work with and assist others with their finances. To schedule a workshop with your organization contact Dr. Kettermann at [jketterm@umd.edu](mailto:jketterm@umd.edu).



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## Update AG Client Contact Information



Are you receiving our monthly AG Newsletter? If not, please [click here](#) to update your contact information and to stay updated on everything agriculture-related in Garrett County and the tri-state area.

# Keeping Connected

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



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