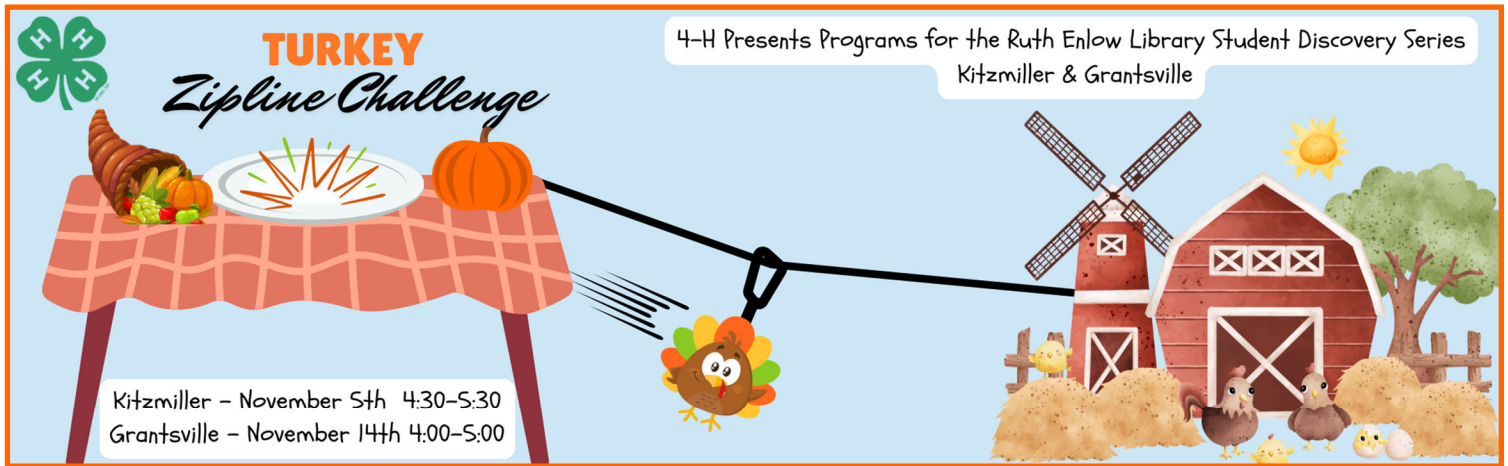


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Speed Into STEM: Turkey Zipline Challenge

Karen Wood will present an engaging fall science activity to the Ruth Enlow Libraries in Kitzmiller and Grantsville for the Student Discovery Series where participants will design and construct a zipline and carrier that will successfully transport a toy turkey from the Thanksgiving dinner table back to the farm. Youth will explore the engineering design process while learning concepts such as friction, balance and momentum. Registration is required by contacting Diane at the Kitzmiller Branch at 301-334-8091 or Ryan at the Grantsville Branch at 301-895-5298.



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 will be held in Arlington, VA, April 10-15, 2026. For additional information visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/>

National 4-H Leadership Trips: 4-H Online deadline is November 15th.



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 4, 2025 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 5, 2025 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 5th meeting. Elections will be held for the offices of President and Secretary along with two board members for 2025. To be eligible to run for any Livestock Association position a person must have been a paid member of the Association in both 2024 and 2025. Any eligible member that would like to be added to the ballot, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Andrew Harvey [802-359-3832](tel:802-359-3832), Sandy Harvey [301-501-2968](tel:301-501-2968), Chaz Stoner [301-616-7735](tel:301-616-7735) or Crystal DeBerry [301-268-5402](tel:301-268-5402).

Association Dues

2026 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 2025 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. 2026 dues may be paid between August 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026. Dues should be mailed to: Garrett County Livestock Association, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Suite A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550.

Club Meeting Attendance

The requirement for club meeting attendance for eligibility to sell a market animal at the 2026 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 5th.
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 2025 fair begins with the next meeting after the fair and continues until August 2026. Attendance for new youth who did not sell an animal begins in January 2026 when they enroll in a market livestock project.

Club Meeting Attendance Waiver

Requests from older youth for a club meeting attendance waiver must be received by the GCLA by October 1st. If a situation changes after that date, the member should submit the waiver request as soon as possible (prior to missing meetings). Attendance Waiver due date: October 1st. For eligibility guidelines and request form, please contact Jackie Wright at 240-321-0553.

Beef Steer Fall Weigh-In

Members planning to sell a steer at the 2026 Garrett County Fair must bring their steer to the fall weigh-in event.

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

Date: Saturday, November 1st 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 8th**.

At the weigh in: your steer 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 2026.

Livestock Registration Forms will be mailed out to all members that had a 2025 steer early September. Additional forms can be obtained from the 4-H Office. The registration link will be provided with the forms. Please refer to the Guidebook for 4-H/FFA Market Animals at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events/>

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 2026 Garrett County Fair.

****RFID Tag Requirement for 2026 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 1st 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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