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The 4-H team was recently invited to spotlight 4-H in this month's window display at the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County, centered around the National 4-H theme, "Beyond Ready." The theme "Beyond Ready" emphasizes the readiness of youth to take on future challenges, develop leadership skills, and contribute positively to society. This display not only celebrates the accomplishments of 4-H members but also inspires others to embrace the values of learning, leadership, and service.



Community Service



Community service is a cornerstone of 4-H programs, reflecting their commitment to civic responsibility and compassion. By engaging in various community service projects, 4-H members learn the value of giving back and gain firsthand experience in addressing local needs. Through these activities, 4-H youth will develop essential life skills, including leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. This emphasis on community service helps prepare young individuals to become proactive and responsible citizens, ready to make a positive impact in the world.



**What can you do for
your community?**

Calendar of Events

November 2025

- 1 Beef Fall Weigh In at GC Fairgrounds 8 am– 2 pm
- 10 Club Leader Meeting @ 6:30 pm via ZOOM
- 11 Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
- 15 National Trip Applications Due
- 15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H State Council Applications
- 27-28 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving
- 28 National 4-H Congress

December 2025

- 25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas Holiday

January 2026

- ** 4-H Online Enrollment Opens-TBD
- 1 Extension Office Closed/New Year's Holiday
- 19 Extension Office Closed/MLK Day
- 23 County Public Speaking Event~Garrett College



Beef Fall Weigh-In~November 1, 2025 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Members will need to sign up for a time slot to bring their market steers to the fall tagging and weigh-in. There will be one-time slot per member.

Please register here: <https://go.umd.edu/2025BeefWeighIn>

Please keep in mind that these appointments are a guideline only. We will be working with live animals and as such the times may not be exact. We ask for your patience and cooperation.

When you arrive at the weigh-in, please have your registration card completed front and back, to take with your animal to the scales. Remember to turn the card in to the 4-H staff prior to leaving the fairgrounds because we use the information on each card to develop our database for the final 4-H livestock sale.

If you have any questions during the day of the weigh-in, please contact Roberta Cvetnick at 301-616-0084.

Garrett County Livestock Association Dues

Adult dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$30.00 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 Highway, Suite A, Mt Lake Park, MD 21550.

4-H Horse Bowl

4-H clubs are preparing for the 2026 4-H Horse Bowl competition, scheduled for March 2026 in College Park. Horse Bowl is a double-elimination quiz competition that covers all aspects of horses and horsemanship. Any 4-H member in the county can participate and will be on the junior, intermediate or senior team, based on the member's age on January 1, 2026. Interested persons should contact our office at 301-334-6960.

4-H Club Leaders Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held by Zoom on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. Organizational leaders from each club are encouraged to participate. The agenda for the meeting will include an update on volunteer status for each club, planning for re-enrollment for 2026, and steps to close out the 2025 year. Please call the office to register.



New Updates For 2026

IMPORTANT

The GCLA Livestock Sale will begin at 10:00 AM in 2026; on Saturday August 1st, 2026. All animals must remain on the fair grounds until 11:00pm Saturday night, following fair and carnival closure.

Exhibitors planning to bring meat rabbits (pen of three) or broiler chickens (pen of two) to the fair will be required to complete a livestock card by June 1 to the UME 4-H Office to be eligible for the livestock sale at the fair.

Livestock Exhibition/Sale Eligibility: To be eligible to exhibit and/or sell a species of animal (the "Animal") at the Garrett County Agricultural Fair, the person seeking to exhibit and/or sell (the "Exhibitor") must meet the following criteria:

- The Exhibitor and the Animal must reside in Garrett County or within ten air miles of the Garrett County border.
- If the Exhibitor and/or the Animal do not reside in Garrett County or within ten air miles of the Garrett County border, the Exhibitor may apply to the Garrett County Fair Board Livestock Advisory Committee for a special exemption to the rule above.

2026 4-H Enrollment

~Dates for 4-H Enrollment

Families may enroll with Maryland 4-H Online beginning in **January 2026**. Watch for email announcement for opening date of enrollment along with details. Enrollment will be due by **January 31, 2026**. As a reminder, projects and volunteer type & roles will not roll over into next year. You will need to select your projects and volunteer information again.



~Internet Connection

To enroll in Maryland 4-H Online, you need internet access and a valid email address. The enrollment must be completed using Firefox, Chrome, or Safari web browsers. 4-H Online enrollment is not supported by Internet Explorer.

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

The **Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations**, **MD 4-H Disciplinary Policy & Procedures** and **Photo/Media Release** are part of the online enrollment process and will be signed electronically.

~Enrollment Fee

Maryland 4-H has an annual \$10.00 enrollment fee per 4-H member (No fee is collected for volunteers and any children in a family beyond three). Families will pay the enrollment fee online by credit card at the time they enroll. After payment has been received, each family will receive two emails; first notification that enrollment has been received and second notification that the enrollment has been approved at the county 4-H office.

~Livestock Contracts Important

Livestock Contracts (orange form) - needs to be filled out by any 4-Hers who may consider taking a market animal project in 2026. This is a paper form (orange form) and is not part of the online enrollment. Be sure to complete this form if there is any chance you may bring a market animal to the fair. The contracts are available from the club leaders and FFA advisors or by contacting the 4-H office. They are due to the Garrett County 4-H Office by **January 31, 2026**.



Completing 2025 Enrollment Year



Record Books – members complete your books and turn them in to the club leader so they can be reviewed to make sure everything is complete, and the leaders can bring them in to our Office by **January 31, 2026**.

Forms and directions are available at :

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms>.

If you need assistance or have questions regarding your record book, please feel free to contact the 4-H office.

President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award ➡ Commissioner's 4-H Volunteer Service Award



For many years, 4-H members have submitted a record of their volunteer hours annually for recognition under the President's 4-H Volunteer Service Award. On a national scale, the program is currently on hold, with no certificates being issued. However, we understand it is still tremendously important for our 4-H members' volunteer work to be recognized! Therefore, the award will be transitioned to a *Commissioner's 4-H Volunteer Service Award*. The Garrett County Commissioners are very excited to help continue this opportunity and recognize the significant contributions our 4-H members make to the community. We will keep the same application, standards, and requirements for age groups for Bronze, Silver, and Gold. We are grateful to the Garrett County Commissioners for assisting with this program and look forward to seeing all your volunteer work! Hours must be completed during the 2025 calendar year.

The form for recording hours is available at:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms> and should be submitted to our office by **January 15, 2026**.



It's Paper Clover Time!

Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.



TSC Paper Clover Campaign to Begin November 28th

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover campaign will run from November and December this year, officially launching on Black Friday! **Running from November 28th to December 14th**, we are thrilled that TSC is hosting this event during the season of giving. We can't wait to see how much **we raise for 4-H Camp and Leadership Scholarships!**

What is a Skillathon and Bowl Contest?

A skillathon is a friendly contest to test your knowledge about a topic through a variety of stations and tests. Maryland 4-H offers a variety of skillathon events as state contest opportunities.

Dog Skillathon- February
Dairy Skillathon- February
Livestock Skillathon - March
Goat, Sheep & Wool Skillathon - May

A bowl contest is another friendly contest that tests your knowledge, but done more in a quiz bowl format, where teams have to answer quickly and correctly. Maryland 4-H offers a variety of bowl contests too.

Horse Bowl - March
Dairy Bowl - April

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, or would like more information on the contest, please reach out to Lacie.



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