

# 4-H Partyline



4-H is a feeling.



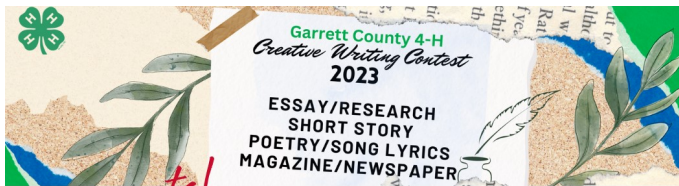
## National 4-H Week~October 1-7, 2023

More than a feeling, 4-H provides empowering experiences that create confidence and foster a sense of real belonging for kids everywhere. 4-H creates real opportunity for kids across the country, creating a space for learning, connecting, and belonging.

### Turn a spark into a fire at 4-H.



This year's National 4-H Week theme is **I ❤️ 4-H**. Garrett County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to develop creative ways to promote 4-H during this week. Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/4HGarrettCoMD> for daily postings.



*Congrats!*

**Essay/Research**

Brady Garlitz  
Ava Cosner  
Bristol Ketterman  
Samantha Mager  
Elisa Frazee

**Magazine/Newspaper**

Derek Cosner  
Elisa Frazee

**Poetry/Song Lyrics**

Samantha Mager  
Elisa Frazee

**Short Story**

Cassidy Ashby  
Elisa Frazee  
Samantha Mager

*Special Thank You*

**Creative Writing Contest Coordinator**  
Hannah Frazee

**Judges**

Jenny Hickman and Harry Spiker



Pictured: Hannah Frazee, Creative Writing Coordinator

### Calendar of Events

**September, 2023**

- 1 **DUE:** Fiscal Year 2023 End of Year Club Documents
- 30 **DUE:** Diamond Clover Levels 1-5
- 30 **DUE:** Diamond Clover Level 6 Proposals for 2023

**October, 2023**

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 15 **DUE:** Senior 4-H Portfolios
- 21 AG Bash Fundraiser-12:00 noon-4:00pm--Ag Heritage Building
- 22 GCLA Annual Picnic starting at 1:00 pm --Ag Heritage Building

**November, 2023**

- 4 Beef Fall Weigh-In at GC Fairgrounds 8am - 1pm
- 4-5 Volunteer Teen Forum
- 15 **DUE:** Maryland 4-H State Council Application
- 28 Club Leader Meeting via Zoom @ 6:30 pm-see article

### Creative Writing Contest Participants



This year the following 4-H members participated in the Maryland State Fair. **Congratulations to all!**

**Robotics Engineering Challenge:** Dustin DeBerry, Revie Miller, Kolton Heinrich, Galloway Goodwin

**Engineering Events:** Lane, Preston & Revie Miller

**Home Arts:** Laura Huelskamp

**Fashion Revue:** Laura Huelskamp, Cassidy Ashby

**Farm Tractor Contest:** Richard Deatelhauser, Kolton Mason (FFA), Preston Miller (FFA), Jacob Wilt (FFA)

**Swine:** Jakob & Malea Fullerton, Brady Garlitz, Keeley Garlitz

**Sheep:** Chloe & Rebekah Campbell, Lea & Autumn Custer, Leah Fratz, Lily Zimmerman, Colton Tasker

**Goat:** Lane Fitzwater

**Rabbits:** Jeremy Gordon, Bristol Ketterman

## 4-H Club Leaders Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held by Zoom on Tuesday, November 28th 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 2024, steps to close out the 2023 year. Please call the office to register.

## Maryland 4-H State Council

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier leadership opportunity in Maryland. It comprises active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high-level leadership skills and representing their county 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers, and faculty/staff outside of their club and county. The State Council is led by a youth officer team and faculty/staff advisors. Maryland 4-H State Council Membership Applications open September 15 and close November 15.

For more information, and resources visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership>

## Maryland 4-H Senior Portfolio

This program is used by the State 4-H program to select delegates to represent Maryland at the five National 4-H Leadership Opportunities supported by the Maryland 4-H Program and the Maryland 4-H Foundation. The portfolio consists of a resume and essay. To be considered for one of the five leadership trips, it must be accompanied by a National 4-H Leadership Opportunity application and applicants must be interviewed. Maryland 4-H Senior Portfolio and Applications for National 4-H Conference trip opens September 15 and closes October 15.


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## Diamond Clover Award Summaries Due ~ September 30th

This award is designed to encourage 4-H members ages 8 to 18 to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable them to acquire the skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing members of society. Diamond Clover Award Forms for Levels 1-5 are due September 30th. These forms must be verified and signed by your club leader and submitted to the UME Garrett 4-H office. Level 6 plans are due September 30th for completion the following year.

Please visit <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/garrett-county-4-h-forms> for complete details.





# VOLUNTEER AND TEEN FORUM

Light your Spark

**November 4-5, 2023**  
 The Holiday Inn on 65th Street in Ocean City  
**Who:** 4-H members age 13-18,  
 4-H volunteers and professionals  
**Why:** To support networking, connections  
 and learning for teen and adult leaders

**Registration Checklist**  
 Early Bird Registration Deadline: September 15, 2023 (11:59 pm EST) Registration Deadline (After 9/15/23):  
 October 1, 2023 (11:59pm EST) Registration Fees vary, please see Full Registration Information

Registration is OPEN for the 2023 Volunteer Teen Forum scheduled for November 4-5 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Ocean City! All 4-H Volunteers, Professionals and Teens (ages 13-18) are encouraged to attend this event as it has been designed just for you!

The Forum includes:

- 16 engaging volunteer and teen workshops on Saturday focused on Thriving, Connections, STEM and Service
- Clover, junior and intermediate youth classes full of hands-on and fun learning activities on Saturday, for parents who wish to bring their kids (parent/guardian must be registered to attend the Forum). Space is limited to 10 per age group.
- Volunteer and teen connections and energizers on Saturday and Sunday
- Fun activities for all on Saturday night

This is a great way to meet fellow 4-H peers and learn in a fun and engaging environment!

Review the registration packet for full details at <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/volunteers>



## Ag Bash - Fundraiser

The Ag Bash is planned for October 21, 2023 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 22, 2023 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 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Elections will be held for the offices of President and Secretary along with two board members for 2023. To be eligible to run for any Livestock Association position a person must have been a paid member of the Association in both 2022 and 2023. Any eligible member that would like to be added to the ballot, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Mark Gallucci [301-616-6883](tel:301-616-6883), Ryan VanNosdeln [240-321-5650](tel:240-321-5650), Dana Mason [301-616-5517](tel:301-616-5517) or Sandy Harvey [301-501-2968](tel:301-501-2968).

## Association Dues

2024 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 2023 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. 2024 dues may be paid between August 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024. Dues should be mailed to: Garrett County Livestock Association, 1916 Maryland Hwy, Suite A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550.

## Club Meeting Attendance Waiver

The requirement for club meeting attendance for eligibility to sell a market animal at the 2024 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.
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 2023 fair begins with the next meeting after the fair and continues until August 2024. Attendance for new youth who did not sell an animal begins in January 2024 when they enroll in a market livestock project.

## Beef Fall Weigh-In

Members planning to sell a steer at the 2024 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>**.

At the weigh in: your animal 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 2024.

Livestock Registration Forms will be mailed out to all members that had a 2023 steer early September. Additional forms can be obtained from the 4-H Office. The registration link will be provided with the forms.

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 2024 Garrett County Fair.

## \*\*\*\* RFID Tag Requirement for 2024 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/SA_Traceability)



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# THANK YOU

FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST  
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF  
THE LIVESTOCK ANIMAL FROM THE  
GARRETT COUNTY FAIR

First United Bank & Trust purchased Skyler Tasker's market beef weighing 1055 #.  
Thanks again for your support of the Garrett County 4-H youth!

4-H - To Make The Best Better!

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**4-H Calendar**  
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