# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

GARRETT COUNTY =

### **JUNE 2021**



#### **WELCOME!**

Our office is open to the public from 8 am to 4:30 pm. We are also available by phone, email, or Zoom. As always, we are here to answer any questions you might have related to agricultural production, nutrient management, home horticulture, food safety, nutrition, financial management, and 4-H youth development.

THEY'RE BACK! HELLO, BROOD X!

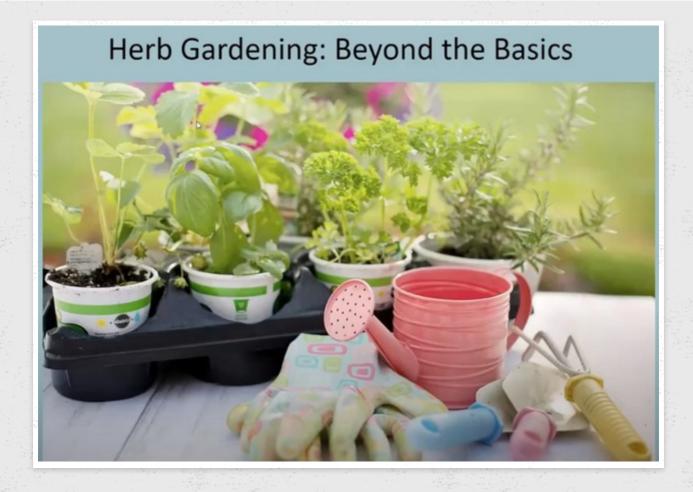


Some folks are excited and some are dreading it, but like it or not, Brood X is here in Maryland. The 17-year periodical cicadas in Brood X will begin to emerge in Garrett County in early June when the soil 8" below the surface reaches 64 degrees Fahrenheit. You can look under your trees and see if you see any of the small holes they have made in preparation to emerge.

The UMD Department of Entomology Cicada Crew: <a href="https://cicadacrewumd.weebly.com/">https://cicadacrewumd.weebly.com/</a> has excellent videos, fun cicada accessories, and answers to common questions about these fascinating insects! Also, you can check out our Home & Garden Information Center website for more information: <a href="https://extension.umd.edu/resource/cicadas">https://extension.umd.edu/resource/cicadas</a> or our very own Stanton Gill who has written a great article: <a href="https://extension.umd.edu/resource/periodical-cicadas-brood-x">https://extension.umd.edu/resource/periodical-cicadas-brood-x</a>. As always, feel free to contact our Master Gardener Coordinator, Ashley Bodkins with questions via phone at 301-334-6960 or email at <a href="mailto:abachtel@umd.edu">abachtel@umd.edu</a>.

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#### SPRING GARDENING SERIES CONCLUDES



Although our Spring Gardening Series has concluded all of the classes included in the series are available on our UME Western Cluster YouTube channel. Stay tuned for future educational classes. Click on the picture above to view the entire series.

#### THOSE PESKY WEEDS!





Weeds are a challenge, even in a...

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In the bottom two middle squares of my raised bed garden, the spinach and leaf lettuce is growing from last month, but now it appears like there are some unwanted plants as well — weeds! In just a few short weeks, our garden has been overtaken by weeds. The weed seeds came from the topsoil...

## 4-H COMMITMENT MOVES FORWARD FOR THE GARRETT COUNTY FAIR

For the summer of 2021, 4-H Program Director, Nia Fields has renewed the commitment of 4-H to support county fairs. She recognizes the important role they play in offering unique youth development opportunities. During fair week youth have many ways to showcase their 4-H project work. Market livestock continues to be the most popular 4-H project in the county. 180 youth are scheduled to show their animals at the fair this summer. Young people also have an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge about the care and breeding of rabbits, poultry, ponies, and horses.

The 4-H building at the fair houses all the indoor fair exhibits. You will see creative examples of items such as Lego buildings, jewelry, welding projects, photo stories, garden displays, quilts, flower arrangements, crafts, art work, and decorated cakes.

Throughout the week, and at various locations around the fairgrounds, members will give talks that outline interesting facts and stories about their projects for the year. Fun contests are scheduled including a costume animal parade, tractor driving, robotics challenges, fashion revue, and a livestock skillathon.

Two new activities planned for this year at the fair are a talent show and public speaking contest.

**4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE** 



4-Hers were encouraged to get outdoors and take pictures of Spring Bloomin'. Garrett County is beautiful in the Spring which is evidenced by the photos taken above by 4-Her's.

LOW COST ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER



Dr. Jesse M. Ketterman, Jr., Extension Educator shares ideas on how to do fun summer activities cheap (or free) that won't break your wallet or savings account.

Read the complete blog post HERE

## PARTNERING WITH LOCAL PANTRIES TO EXPAND HEALTHY FOOD PLANNING



Healthy Food Access Faculty Assistants Mandy Hawkins and Shirley Guinn are busy meeting with pantry staff and volunteers across the region to conduct "SNAP-Ed Bundling Training". "Bundling" involves packaging a variety of foods with corresponding recipes in one convenient grab-and-go kit that introduces clients to new ways of using low-cost staples in a wide variety of healthy meals.

For more information about "Bundling", visit the <u>Eat Smart website</u>.

## MARYLAND ROTA ON CHANGING FAMILIAL AND COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADDICTION



Beginning June 1, 2021, Maryland ROTA is offering this series of presentations that seek to address the stigma around substance use and raise awareness about public health approaches to the opioid overdose crisis in Maryland.

For more information, visit Maryland ROTA Upcoming Events.



#### **KEEPING CONNECTED**

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

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