

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION

GARRETT COUNTY

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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.

4-H CAMP ALGAWA RESUMES

2021
Camp Algawa
June 28 - July 1



After a one-year closure due to COVID 19, 4-H Camp Algawa was able to resume this year. 96 youth along with adult staff attended. Following current CDC guidelines, campers enjoyed swimming, canoeing, fishing, marksmanship, field games, crafts, archery, and field games to name a few activities. Some traditions were not included due to required social distancing but lots of fun and friendships continued.

**WESTERN MD HEALTH ROCKS! TEAM
REALLY ROCKS!**



Wow! Our Western MD Health Rocks! team has been selected to receive the Epsilon Sigma Phi Northeast Region Distinguished Team Award! Lacie Ashby, Michelle Harman, Ashley Travis, and Ann Sherrard will be honored during the 2021 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference, October 25-28, 2021, in Savannah, GA. An honor WELL DESERVED! You girls ROCK!

HEALTH ROCKS! WRAPS UP SCHOOL YEAR WITH OAKLAND PARTNERS AFTER SCHOOL



On June 16th, Michelle met with Oakland Partners After School for the Health Rocks! end of the year wrap up. The youth enjoyed making fruit smoothies with the 4-H Blender Bike. They got to experience the unpleasant effects of the impairment doodles and saw how difficult that

impairment can make some of the most mundane tasks. They also got to make suet-style bird feeders. This was all in addition to a lesson on advertising techniques and how to not be influenced by slick marketing tactics. The youth enjoyed the time spent at Glades Town Park.

JOIN US AT THE 64TH ANNUAL GC AGRICULTURE FAIR

4-Her's are preparing their entries to exhibit at the GC Agriculture Fair scheduled for July 31st-August 7th.

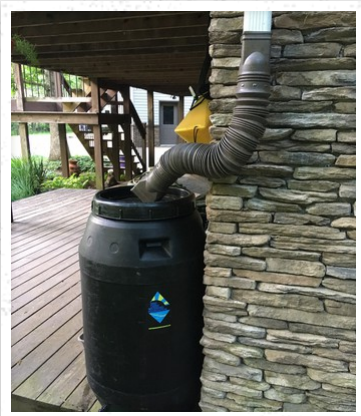
Along with our partners, Garrett County Livestock Association (GCLA) and the Garrett County Fair Board we are working closely so our 4-Her's can showcase not only their livestock animals but indoor exhibits that include, flowers, photography, woodworking, food preservation, and baked goods to name a few.



NEW THIS YEAR~4-H members will be able to enter the 4-Her's Got Talent Showcase as well as the 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

Join us for a fun-filled week and support our local 4-H/FFA members. To see the daily schedule of events visit: <https://garrettcountyfair.org/schedule-of-events/>

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE STORMWATER RUNOFF



University of Maryland Extension Garrett County organized a rain barrel distribution event in May. This free event was made possible because of the financial contribution from the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation, which secured a Keep Maryland Beautiful grant from the

Department of Natural Resources. This grant allowed the purchase of 40 rain barrels and downspout diverters, which were all purchased from a company in Illinois, called Upcycle Products that focus on recycling all materials. The barrels were used for olive oil at one point and the downspout diverters were created from parts of a vinyl fence post. The Foundation also provided manpower and support in countless ways. Before folks could sign up for their free rain barrel, a virtual class was required. There were 60 people that watched the class live and another 79 that have viewed the archived presentation on our [YouTube channel](#). The goal of the program is to help capture stormwater runoff. If you would be interested in receiving a rain barrel in the future, please let us know so that we can work on planning another distribution!

VIRTUAL BRUNCH AND LEARN- BUFFER STRIP, SHORELINE EROSION, AND DOCK DO'S AND DON'TS



The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is sponsoring a virtual Brunch and Learn talk on July 27th @ 10 am. Mr. Eric Null, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Manager of Deep Creek Lake Natural Resource Management Area will be discussing shoreline erosion control strategies and best management practices for the buffer strip. He will also be highlighting practices that can or cannot be done around boat docks in Deep Creek Lake. A discussion outlining Lake Management Office questions will also be held. This session is being facilitated by University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County.

This is a free session, but registration is required.

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/9tJltfuqvqTwrG9WtbdUVEF2ix6Dpvvg58t9l>

MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING ANNOUNCED



UME Master Gardener Fall 2021 Basic Training

Virtual classes Wednesdays 6 - 9 pm
September 1 - November 17, 2021

In Garrett County five in person classes will be held in addition to the online sessions listed below. Cost is \$150 and includes cost of required handbook.

Email abachtel@umd.edu for an application and additional details!

Sep 1 | Ecology

Sep 8 | Botany

Sep 15 | Integrated Pest Management & Pesticide Safety

Sep 22 | Entomology & Spotted Lanternfly

Sep 29 | Soils

Oct 6 | Plant Nutrition & Pruning

Oct 13 | Plant Pathology & Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Oct 20 | Woody & Herbaceous Plants

Oct 27 | Bay-Wise & Conservation Landscaping

Nov 3 | Native & Invasive Plants

Nov 10 | Turf & Turf Alternatives

Nov 17 | Vegetable & Small Fruit Gardening

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The UME Master Gardener Program is proud to offer a multi-county hybrid in-person/online Basic Training program this fall beginning in September 2021. You can apply now!

Virtual classes will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, September 1 through November 17, 2021, which will cover the mandatory subjects. In Garrett County, an additional five in-person activities will be held on selected other dates during the training period.

Participating counties include Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Lower Eastern Shore, Queen Anne's, Prince George's, Talbot, and Washington counties.

The fee to enroll in a Master Gardener Basic Training course differs by county and ranges from \$150.00 to \$300.00. In Garrett County, the fee is \$150 and covers the cost of the mandatory Master Gardener Handbook and additional supplies for the training. Scholarships may be available to offset the fee in select locations.

Contact Ashley Bodkins in Garrett County by calling 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu to get additional details or an application.

NEW BEEF WEBINARS CONTINUE

A promotional graphic for the Maryland Beef Webinar Series. The background is a photograph of a herd of black beef cattle in a grassy field with trees in the background. Overlaid on the image is a blue hexagonal box containing a list of topics. Text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts. The University of Maryland Extension and AgFS logos are in the bottom left, and a registration link is in a white box at the bottom center.

Maryland Beef Webinar Series

Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30-8:30 pm

Topics:

- **July 1:** Managing Heat Stress in Cattle
- **August 5:** Pasture Management for the Fall Season
- **September 2:** Weaning Beef Calves: Reducing Stress and Building Immunity
- **October 7:** Limit-Feeding Cattle
- **November 4:** Cattle Nutrition 101
- **December 2:** Winter Herd Management Strategies

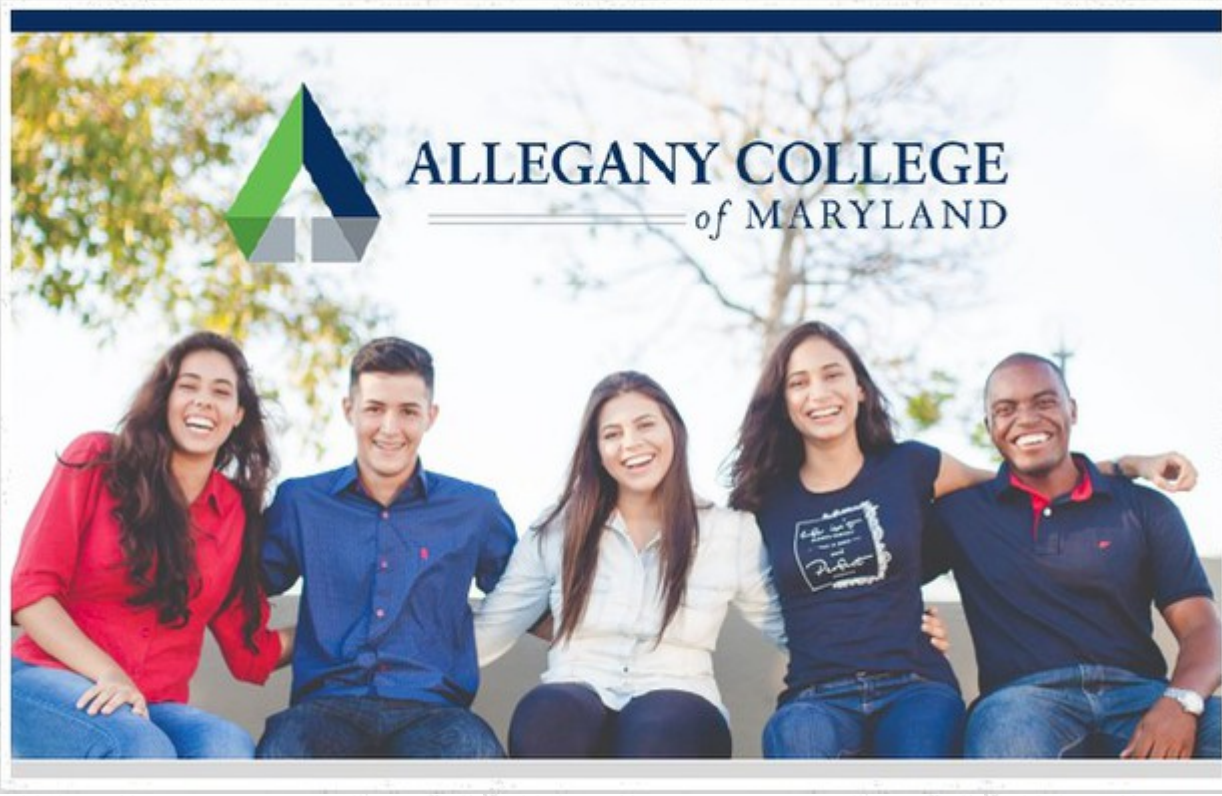
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AgFS
Agriculture & Food Systems

Registration:
go.umd.edu/2021-beef-webinars

The University of Maryland Extension will be hosting a beef cattle webinar series beginning in July and conclude in December. During each session, learn about timely topics related to raising beef cattle in our region. These sessions will be held the first Thursday of the month from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Each event is free, but registration is required. To register visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/maryland-beef-webinar-series>.

MARYLAND ROTA PARTNERS WITH ACM AND AHEC WEST TO OFFER NEW PROGRAM



Dr. Stephanie Hutter-Thomas will be facilitating a month-long training curriculum in partnership with AHEC West and Allegany College of Maryland for people in recovery from substance use disorder pursuing certification in Maryland. The curriculum includes a total of 48.5 CEU's approved by the Maryland Addiction & Behavioral -Health Professionals Certification Board (MABPCB). Training topics include Mental Health First Aid, Social Determinants of Health, Stages of Change, Recovery Coach Academy, and Guide to Harm Reduction. Upon completion, all participants will have met all Maryland training requirements needed to apply for the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) examination. For more information, contact Dr. Hutter-Thomas at 301-724-3320 or shuttert@umd.edu.



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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