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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.

RECORD BREAKING LIVESTOCK SALE AT GARRETT COUNTY FAIR



Local and surrounding community buyers bid on 319 animals garnishing \$587,837.00 at the Garrett County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale on August 7, 2021. This was a record sale year! We thank all the buyers, bidders, and volunteers for such an amazing sale. We also want to thank the Garrett County Fair Board and the Garrett County Livestock Association for their continued support.

SARA HUELSKAMP RECOGNIZED AS FIRST TECH CHALLENGE DEAN'S LIST WINNER



Sara Huelskamp, a member of the Bittinger 4-H Club, has been named a FIRST Tech Challenge Dean's List winner and is one of only 10 students in the country selected to receive this honor. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" and the organization sponsors robotics team competitions across the world.

Sara has been a member of the 4-H sponsored First Tech Challenge robotics team for many years. Sara and her team and mentors support other robotics activities such as developing the annual 4-H Robotics Challenge, helping at robotics qualifying events in neighboring states, and assisting at STEM outreach events. She was selected as an EngineerGirl Ambassador by the National Academy of Engineering and developed an educational program, Engineered 2 Learn, which provides a platform to expose youth to engineering.

More information can be found at: https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc/deans-list

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND HOME AND GARDEN INFORMATION CENTER HIGHLIGHTS SERVICES





The University of Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information Center and Master Gardener Program work together to provide you with up-to-date, science-based information and answers to your yard and garden questions.

<u>extension.umd.edu/hgic</u>

NEW 2021 Website design

Enhanced features | Better search functionality | Mobile-friendly | Larger images | Updated content



Online resource for yard and garden info tailored to Maryland

Find problem-solving information and gardening info by topics such as:

- · Fruits, herbs, vegetables
- · Indoor and outdoor insects, pollinators
- · Lawns, landscaping, weeds
- · Native plants, invasive species
- Trees and shrubs



Ask Extension Online Service

Anybody can send in their yard and garden questions to be answered by our Certified Professional Horticulturists and UME specialists for free online.

Follow us online

Follow our blog, email newsletter, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for timely information delivered right to you.



MARYLAND GROWS

http://marylandgrows.umd.edu















As part of our continued efforts to boost awareness of the information and services we offer to Maryland homeowners and gardeners, we at the UMD Extension Home and Garden Information Center want to share this quick summary of what we do and the latest news about our operation. Visit the new Home and Garden website at:

https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/home-and-garden-information-center

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ANNOUNCES
WATER-WISE, A CONSERVATION
LANDSCAPING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
FOR GARRETT COUNTY HOMEOWNERS



Water-Wise is a voluntary conservation landscape certification program that allows property owners to be recognized for implementing best management practices in their lawns and gardens. Landowners can gain "credit" toward their certification by reducing pesticides use, adding rain barrels, rain gardens, creating wildlife habitat, and much more! Check out the yardstick and see if your property measures up. You just need 36 inches to become certified. Once certified, you will receive a small aluminum sign to display. The first step is to fill out the application and either mail it to 1916 Maryland Hwy, Ste A, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550 or email it to abachtel@umd.edu. Garrett County Master Gardeners will be visiting your site to complete the certification process. This program mimics the popular and successful BayWise Program.

To learn all the details and to fill out your applications visit: https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/home-gardening

PEST ALERT- FALL ARMYWORMS IN SOUTHERN GARRETT COUNTY









University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County received a phone call from a farmer in Southern Garrett County reporting severe damage to an established Orchardgrass field. Scouting revealed a large infestation of ArmyWorms.

This field was harvested in early August, followed by a manure application, which seems to be where the most damage is being seen.

Please scout your fields and call the Extension office at 301-334-6960 or email wlantz@umd.edu with questions or to report additional populations in our area.

Additional information can be found here:

https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farming/management-of-fall-armyworm-in-pastures-and-hayfields/

FINANCIAL WELLNESS TEAM OFFERS NEW YOUR MONEY, YOUR CHOICE WEBINAR

Your Money, Your Goals

A Financial Empowerment Toolkit for Human Services Providers

September 20 & 21, 2021

Virtual Training Opportunity
Click Here to Register
https://go.umd.edu/YMYG2021
9AM - 12PM
THIS IS A FREE WORKSHOP

Help your customers

- Develop strategies to reduce debt
- Track and manage income and spending
- Set and achieve goals to save money
- Understand and improve credit scores
- Avoid scams
- Find money services that work for them

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For more information, contact Dr. Jesse Ketterman at 301-724-3320 or email jketterm@umd.edu



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University of Maryland Extension and University of Delaware Cooperative Extension have teamed up to offer this free virtual training opportunity for Human Services providers across the region.

The Your Money, Your Goals program gives Human Services workers the tools they need to help their clients eliminate debt, improve their credit, and develop a savings plan that allows them to weather financial crises.

Registration link:

https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctcOyupj0rEtG5od1emcQsJ5yHYeqmhPog

For more information, contact Dr. Jesse Ketterman at 301-724-3320 or jketterm@umd.edu.

MEDICARE WORKSHOPS BEING OFFERED



Medicare Enrollment - What do I ...

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Knowing your health insurance options as you enter your senior years will make you a smart health care consumer. Identify smart actions that will help you become a Smart User of Health Insurance. Dr. Jesse Ketterman, Jr., Extension Educator for University of Maryland, and his colleagues from the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension will offer workshops on October 25, 2021, and November 8, 2021. To register for either workshop, click on the date.



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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