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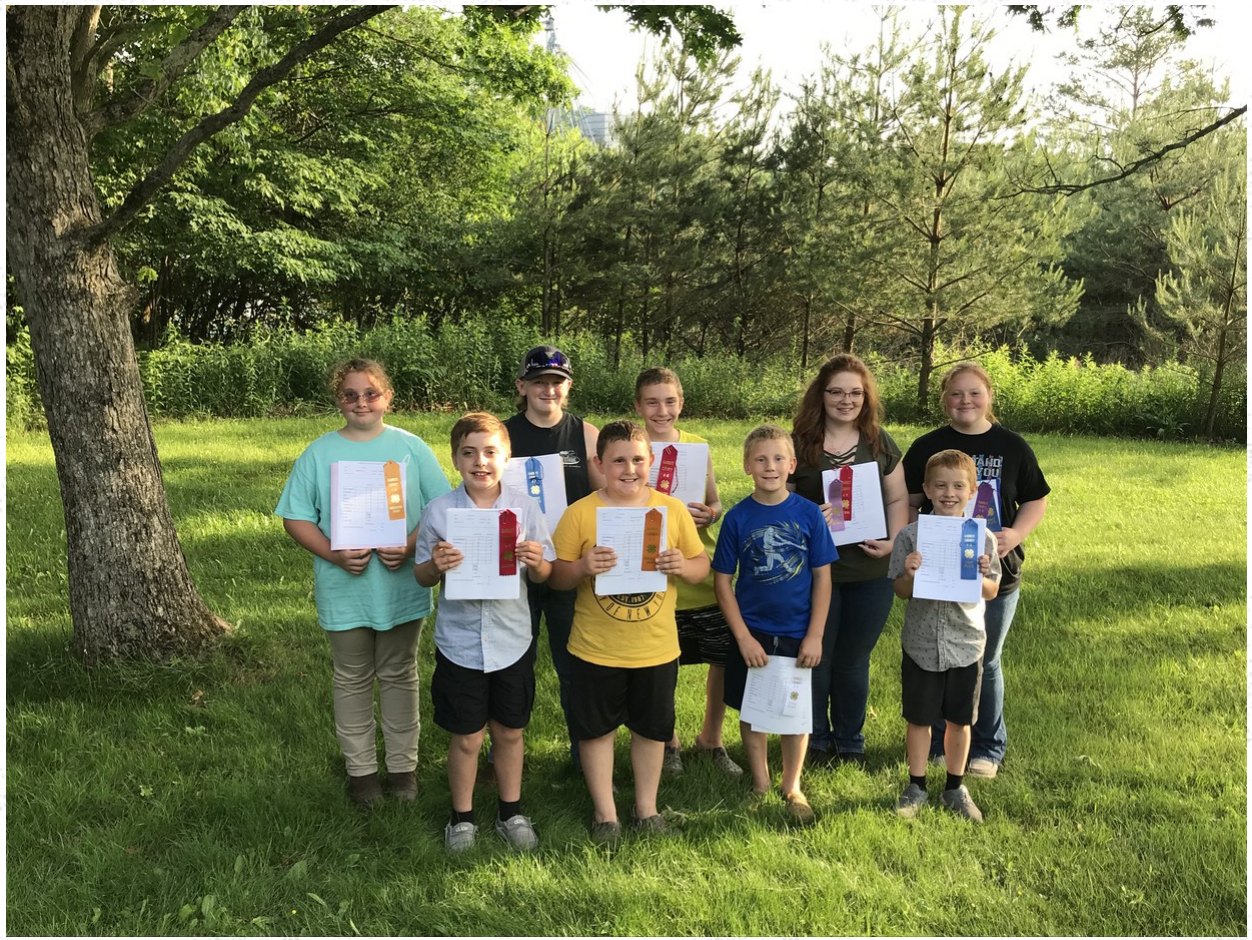
GARRETT COUNTY

JULY 2022



The University of Maryland Extension (UME) Garrett office is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. 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 BROILER PROGRAM TEACHES YOUTH VITAL SKILLS



Junior Results	Placement	Intermediate Results	Placement
Evan Rowe	1st Place	Brent Friend	1st Place
Owen Rowe	2nd Place	Luke Bolyard	2nd Place
Weston Bolyard	3rd Place	Senior Results	Placement
Owen Bolyard	Participation	Molly Magruder	1st Place
Cheyenne McClean	Participation	Madilynn Magruder	2nd Place



Nine Garrett County youth participated in the annual 4-H/FFA Broiler Show at the University of Maryland Extension Garrett office on Monday, June 13, 2022. Southern States Oakland Cooperative, Inc. donated the chicks to the participants, who raised them for eight weeks. The dressed bird samples were judged on several factors, including feed-to-meat conversion ratios, weight, and appearance. Participants had to present two dressed bird samples and turn in a record sheet and project story to complete the project. The judge for the event was Jill Hauser .

"THE BEST WEEK OF SUMMER"



For many local youth "the best week of summer" is the 4-H Camp week. This year 128 youth were joined by 24 adult volunteers at the Maryland 4-H Environmental Education Center near Bittinger.

The camp is a leadership development program with campers returning each year and assuming more responsibility. Campers enjoy boating, shooting sports, crafts, nature hiking, and sports. Each year, the group completes a service project to improve the facility. 2022 brought great cool weather and lots of new friendships.

GARRETT COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR



GARRETT COUNTY 4-H

Come See Us Shine!

SATURDAY JULY 30

10AM-4PM Entering ALL 4-H Indoor Exhibits & Rabbits

SUNDAY JULY 31

9AM-4PM Market Animal Weigh-In
1PM 4-H Indoor Exhibit Judging

MONDAY AUGUST 1

9AM Rabbit Show
12PM Livestock Skillathon
3PM Livestock Skillathon Awards
4PM Sheep Showmanship
5PM Horsemanship Contest
6PM 4-H Fashion Revue
7PM Market Lamb Show

TUESDAY AUGUST 2

1PM Breeding Goat Show
2:30PM 4-H Robotics Challenge
4PM Goat Showmanship
5PM Robotics Demonstrations
7PM Market Goat Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3

9AM Dairy Show
11:45AM Horse Showmanship
12:30PM Horse Show
3:30PM Swine Showmanship
7PM Market Swine Show

THURSDAY AUGUST 4

9AM Dairy Breeding Goat Show
1PM Beef Breeding Show
2PM Beef Showmanship
6:30PM Market Beef Show

FRIDAY AUGUST 5

8AM Master Showman Competition
9AM 4-H Engineering Events
2PM Lead Contest
5PM 4-H Engineering Awards
6PM Costume Animal Parade
7PM 4-Her's Got Talent

SATURDAY AUGUST 6

2PM Youth Awards Program
3PM 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

SUNDAY AUGUST 7

11-1PM Indoor Exhibits will be released



2022 Garrett County Agriculture Fair

It's that time of year again! The Garrett County Agriculture Fair will be held from July 30 to August 6, 2022, at the Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD! Enjoy 4-H showmanship, concessions, exhibits, rides, concerts, and so much more! This is where we shine. We'll see you there!

**FRIENDSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL +
COMMUNITY + UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
EXTENSION = TOMATOES ARE GROWING!!**



As part of one of our collaborative community initiatives, Friendsville Elementary School students cared for their own tomato plants during the school year in their school greenhouse...Then it was time to take the tomato plants home! Students and families were invited to the Tomato Take-Home Night. Kristin Spiker, UME SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator, prepared the [Parts of the Plant Salad recipe](#) with students and their families. To the amazement of some adults, the students overwhelmingly gave a "thumbs up" to the recipe and were happy to get seconds, thirds, and fourths! SNAP-Ed supports local partners, like Friendsville Elementary School, to encourage policies, practices, or environments that facilitate healthy eating and physical activity by participants.

During another segment of the program, Ashley Bodkins, UME Master Gardener Coordinator and Home Horticulture Agent demonstrated and explained how to properly plant and care for container gardens. Two containers were planted and given away to participants that attended. Many participants stated that they already had their gardens planted and were eager to begin getting rewarded with vegetables for their hard work!

ART IN THE SCHOOLYARD AT ACCIDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



On June 9th, Garrett County Master Gardeners provided materials for families at Accident Elementary Art in the Schoolyard event. 40 families decorated clay containers to turn into a toad house in their own home landscape. Everyone left with some sunflowers to plant as well. Participants also had a chance to enter a free raffle to win a cold frame that was donated by Master Gardener Jo Ann Kociolek.

WATER-WISE IN GARRETT COUNTY OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY



The first landscape in Garrett County has been certified as Water-Wise, an exclusive program of University of Maryland Extension, which highlights properties that are installing best management practices to promote water conservation, native plants, stormwater management, and much more! Richard (Dick) and Betsy Potts are a great garden match for the first certification in Garrett County, as Betsy is a co-Vice President of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club and Dick is a Garrett County Master Gardener. Their garden is located on Lake Shore Drive and highlights many native plants, as well as tiered beds, and stunning containers.

The program is based on the popular [Bay-Wise Conservation Landscape Program](#).

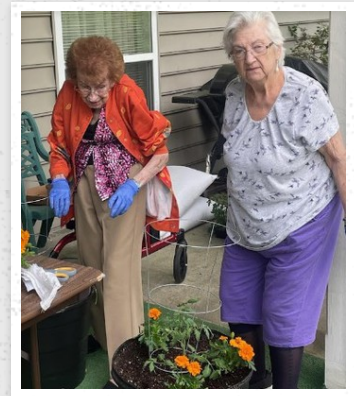
The goal of Water-Wise is to encourage homeowners to implement and maintain conservation landscaping in their lawn and gardens. In order to qualify for this designation, interested landowners need to complete an electronic [application](#), go through the [yardstick](#) and get at least 36 inches or points. The yardstick outlines many possible actions that homeowners are completing in their yard. Once the homeowner has done both of those actions, a Master Gardener will come out to the home and go through the yardstick and check off the 36" and award a small, blue metal sign to display in their yard. Once more people are certified, a county map will be created to show where landscapes are located.

Water-wise was created in early 2019 and Master Gardeners were trained then; however, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the actual roll-out to the public has been slower than anticipated. The program was created in partnership with the following: Garrett County Watershed Coordinator,

several DNR Representatives, University of Maryland Extension Faculty, University of Maryland Master Gardener Program Volunteers, Garrett College, Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Western Mountains Chapter of Maryland Native Plant Society. We also had several funding partners: Garrett County Government, Deep Creek Watershed Foundation, University of Maryland Extension.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to have a yardstick printed and mailed to you, please call Ashley Bodkins at 301-334-6960 or email abachtel@umd.edu.

COMMUNITY ACTION GARDENING PROJECT



In June, University of Maryland Extension Garrett County Master Gardeners partnered with Community Action Garrett Neighbors Coordinator, Neil Bender to provide a program on container gardening to 56 residents at 6 different facilities in the Oakland area.

Each participant received a large (13 gallon) container, soil, vegetable plants, and seeds all free of charge. They also were given a gift certificate to Pleasant Valley Greenhouse to purchase additional gardening supplies. The goal of the program was to provide a planter for the decks/porches that would provide fresh vegetables for the growing season. Everyone that participated was very excited!

Master Gardeners provided information on proper planting techniques and care tips as the containers grow. The soil was mixed with water on-site and participants were encouraged to customize their seed and plant selections for what they wanted to grow and eat!

WHY IS THIS PLANT SICK?



Does your Viburnum look sick? If so, there is a new invasive insect pest called a viburnum leaf beetle and it is wreaking havoc. This damage was done by the larva at the beginning of June.

Find out more information here: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/viburnum-leaf-beetle>

TRACTOR SAFETY & OPERATION TRAINING



The University of Maryland Extension will be offering a National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) training this summer. Dates and times will be set once interested individuals contact the Extension Office.

In 1968, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was amended by the Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture, establishing the age of employment in agriculture as 16 years of age or 14 years of age with special training. Part of the hazardous operations includes operating a farm tractor over 20 horsepower. The NSTMOP training would qualify youth ages 14 & 15 to operate equipment on farms owned and operated by someone other than their legal guardians. The training combines classroom instruction and the operation of tractors and farm machinery.

Anyone 13 years and older (adults are welcome) would be eligible to attend the training. If interested, please call our office at 301-334-6960 for additional information.

PASTURE WALK AT SINES FAMILY FARM



Join University of Maryland Extension, NRCS, and the Sines family for an educational field day at Sines Family Farm in Friendsville, MD on Thursday, August 25, 2022. The Sines raise registered angus cattle and will discuss grazing management and strategies they use to get the most out of their pasture.

This event will be held on Sines Family Farm, 2336 Friendsville-Addison Road, Friendsville, MD 21531. The event is free and open to the public but registration is required.

To register, visit our [EVENTBRITE](#) page. For more information, contact UME Ag Educator Jeff Semler at 301-791-1304 or jsemler@umd.edu.

FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP WITH DR. JESSE KETTERMAN



Dr. Jesse Kettermann will offer a free retirement planning workshop on July 19, 2022, from 5:30 to 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the South Cumberland Library. Topics covered will include estimating expenses, preparing for unexpected costs, evaluating risk tolerance, and determining what factors to consider when estate planning.

This workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Kettermann at 301-724-3320 or jketterm@umd.edu.

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OUR COLLEGE ADDRESSES GLOBAL GRAND CHALLENGES



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