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GARRETT COUNTY

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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.

BEST WISHES, ANN!

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**HAPPY
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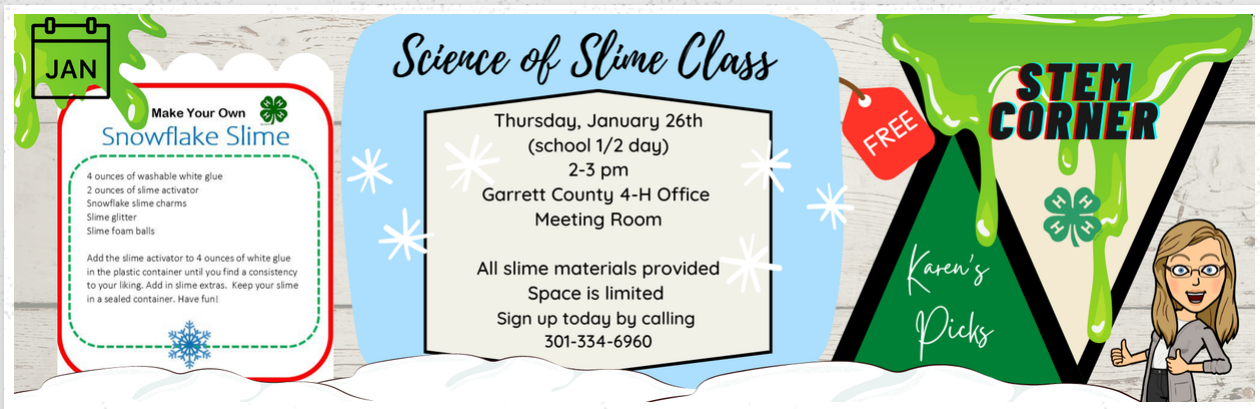
Ann Sherrard, 4-H Extension Educator



Since 1972, Ann has been involved with the Garrett County 4-H program. First as a teen leader, college intern, a member of the Extension Advisory Committee, a parent volunteer, and most recently serving as the 4-H Educator for the past 22 years. She is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement and spending time on the farm with her husband, Steve, who retired at the end of December as well.

All of us here will miss Ann and will never forget her contributions to 4-H. Please join us in wishing Ann all the best in her retirement.

SLIME CLASS BEING OFFERED



Join Karen Wood for a slime party and learn the scientific concepts when we mix up three batches of oozing slime. We will learn about polymers, viscosity, and non-newtonian fluids during this fun, hands-on learning adventure. This event is free and youth will take home their homemade slime in a leak-proof container. Leave the mess to us!

The class will be on Thursday, January 26th from 2-3 pm at the Extension Office. All materials will be provided.

Call the office at 301-334-6960 to register. Space is limited. Sign up today!

SHOWING APPRECIATION



University of Maryland Extension Faculty and Staff invited Master Gardeners from Garrett and Allegany County to celebrate their contributions to the mission of UME and the Master Gardener program on Dec. 7th with a luncheon and yule log craft. It's a great time of year to show appreciation for our volunteers and all the hours that they contribute in both volunteer service and educational time learning so that the knowledge shared is accurate.

RESIDENTS CREATE HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES



In December, University of Maryland Extension Garrett County Master Gardeners partnered for the third time in 2022 with Community Action Garrett Neighbors Coordinator, Neil Bender to provide a program to let residents create their very own unique evergreen centerpiece

decorations at 6 different facilities in the Oakland area. Thirty-four participants put together raw natural materials like pine cones, evergreen cuttings, and artificial decorations so that they would have something special to display during holiday festivities.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?



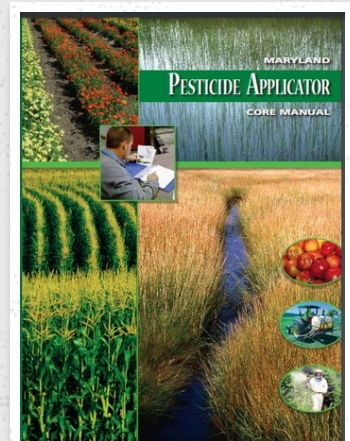
"What's for dinner?" This is a common question we might hear often, and we don't always have the answer or a plan. Having a meal plan can make things easier when life gets busy. A meal plan also supports healthy choices because it allows time to prepare and consider a balanced diet. One of the ways to make meal planning simple is to have a fully stocked pantry. Click [HERE](#) for some common pantry items to consider from the Maryland SNAP-Ed program.

PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TEST TRAINING

Farmers that apply restricted-use pesticides are required to have a Maryland Private Applicators License. The Private Applicator License allows farmers to apply restricted-use pesticides to the property they own or manage for farming. To obtain a Private Applicator License, farmers must pass the Private Pesticide Applicator Maryland exam and apply for the license.

Training will be held on January 30th from 6:30-9:30 pm at the University of Maryland Extension Garrett County office. Study materials are available online (free) at

<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/MD%20Core%20Manual.pdf> or the study



material is available at the office (cost \$16.00). The test will be given by MDA in Garrett County later in the winter or early spring.

Please contact the office at 301-334-6960, if you plan to attend the training or would like study materials.

WESTERN MD HAY & PASTURE CONFERENCE JANUARY 18, 2023



The Western Maryland Hay and Pasture Conference will be held on January 18, 2023, at Garrett College in the GIEC Building, Room 111. The location of the conference is 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD 21541. Note the location change from previous years. The conference will begin at 9:00 am with registration starting at 8:30 am. The conference will conclude at 3:00 pm. There will be speakers to tackle the latest challenges in forage production.

The registration fee, including lunch, is \$20.00 if you register by Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Registration after that date will be \$25.00.

You can register and pay online [HERE](#) or by calling the UME - Garrett office at 301-334-6960.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this event or a special diet to participate in this event, please contact our office at 301-334-6960.

ARE YOU MONEY SMART?



In January and February, Dr. Ketterman visits county after-school programs to engage in conversations with students grades 2nd-5th about money. Using the Money Smart curriculum by the FDIC, students learn basic financial concepts such as the difference between wants and needs. The curriculum is available [here](#). If you would like a program facilitated for your young audience contact Dr. Ketterman at jketterm@umd.edu.

UME WESTERN CLUSTER YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know University of Maryland Extension Western Cluster has its own YouTube channel? Extension educators in Garrett, Allegany, and Washington counties have responded to the needs of our communities by creating and sharing educational videos on topics like gardening, composting, making healthy snacks at home with your children, and teaching young people how to make a winter snow globe to name a few. Click the image to check out our channel or search for "University of Maryland Extension Western Cluster" in the YouTube search bar.



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