Achievement Night Program
Thank you for joining us at the annual 4-H Achievement Night Program. Approximately 200 members & their families attended the event. This was a great evening to celebrate another year of 4-H and to highlight all the great work of the youth and leaders. I hope you had an enjoyable evening.

Maryland 4-H Scholarships
Eligible Maryland 4-H students can apply for a Maryland 4-H Foundation scholarship. Each applicant may only receive one (1) scholarship per year for two (2) years before becoming ineligible to apply.
To be considered for any of the Maryland 4-H Foundation Scholarships, a completed application must be received at the Maryland 4-H Office on or before June 1, 2017. No applications will be accepted by fax. Sorry, no exceptions.
For information on Maryland 4-H scholarships, visit:
http://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships

MD 4-H Aerospace Workshop & Challenge
The Maryland 4-H Aerospace Program provides youth with the opportunity to test their engineering skills and strengthen their aerospace knowledge. This program consists of regional qualifiers, an aerospace workshop and the State 4-H Aerospace Challenge. Youth do not have to carry an aerospace or rocketry project to participate. All 4-H youth are eligible and encouraged to participate in one of the qualifying events. These events will determine the 12 4-H youth in each age category who will participate in the MD 4-H Aerospace Challenge on Saturday, July 23 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. The aerospace workshop will be held on Saturday, July 16 at the Howard County Fairgrounds and will provide knowledge and teach skills beneficial for anyone facing the Challenge the following week. The western region qualifier will be on Saturday, June 3 from 1:00-4:00, at the Washington County Extension Office. Contact the 4-H office for more information.

Calendar of Events
May
5 DUE: Animal Health Field Form
5 DUE: Registration for Western MD District Show via 4-H Online
DUE: Camp Algawa Registration
12 Spring Weigh-In 3pm-8pm
13 Spring Weigh-In 7am-9am
13 Western MD District Show starting at 9am
June
1 DUE: Horse ID Cards, Dog ID Cards & Breeding Animal Leases
3 4-H Aerospace Qualifier Event
16 DUE: Broiler Show Records to 4-H Office
19 Broiler Show at 4-H Office starting at 6:30 p.m.
22 Animal Health Check (Southern End)
23 Animal Health Check (Northern End)
20-24 Maryland 4-H Congress (See page 3 for details)
25-29 Camp Algawa

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture, and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression. If you have a financial/disability need that requires special assistance for participation in any of the programs, please contact the office at 301 334-6960.
Miss Maryland Agriculture Program

The Miss Maryland Agriculture Program has been a part of the Maryland State Fair since the 1930’s. Eligible participants include ladies between the ages of 16 and 19 who are either Garrett County Farm Bureau members or whose parents are members in good standing.

During the State Fair, contestants participate in a two-day contest consisting of professional interviews, round table discussions and our on-stage contest. Contestants are provided with scholarships and a variety of opportunities in agriculture education, career preparation and public relations to enhance their agricultural, professional and personal lives.

The local Garrett County Farm Bureau Contest will be held at the Western Maryland 4-H Camp on Thursday, May 7th. More details and the Miss Maryland Agriculture 2017 Application is online at http://mdfarmbureau.com/about/miss-maryland-agriculture/. Please email any questions or the completed application to alantz.4h@gmail.com or mail to Arlene Lantz, 4771 Gorman Road, Oakland, MD 21550 by May 5, 2017.

Spring Weigh-In

The weigh-in for all market sheep, swine, and goats will be held on May 12th & May 13th. Animals will be tagged, weighed and given a health check. Swine and commercial beef heifers (market steers are exempt) that require RFID tags this year at Spring weigh in, the exhibitor will need to bring $3.50 for the tag. We can only accept exact cash amount or check made payable to Garrett County EAC. Ideally, the producer should have already tagged your animal with the RFID tag prior to selling the animal. If there are still questions about the RFID tags please call MDA at (410) 841-5700. Weigh-in weights will be the beginning weight that will be used in the rate of gain calculations. All Garrett County youth participating in Western Maryland District Show must weigh their animals on Friday evening. Packets were mailed to members with market livestock projects. Please contact the 4-H office if you should need a packet.

Western Maryland District Show

The Western Maryland 4-H/FFA District Show is one of the four regional Spring Livestock Shows for Maryland 4-H and FFA members. Although this show is judged, it is designed as a learning experience. District Show is scheduled for May 13, 2017 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. Entry deadline is May 05, 2017 via 4-H Online. If you should need assistance with registering, contact the 4-H office.

Livestock Entries for State Fair

If you are planning to take an animal to the State Fair you must participate in May 12 & May 13 weigh in and complete the online state fair entry form. Contact the 4-H Office at 301 334-6960 to obtain your State Fair Animal ID card to bring with your animal to weigh-in. The guidelines and the 2017 Online Entry Systems are available at http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/4-h. State Fair livestock shows have been reorganized due to the changes in Maryland school schedules for most of the state. Please check the on-line schedule of livestock shows for revised dates and rules.

ID Cards & Animal Leases

Horse & dog ID cards & animal leases can be found on our website at http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/animal-science and are due to the 4-H Office by June 1st.

Animal Quality Assurance Website Now Open!

http://www.agnr.umd.edu/ahqa/
Maryland 4-H Congress ~ June 20-24, 2017

Maryland 4-H Congress is the state's premier teen leadership opportunity. Held at University of Maryland, "M4HC" gives 4-Hers ages 13-18 the opportunity to explore career opportunities in a variety of areas and to experience life on a college campus. Youth attending Maryland 4-H Congress live in campus residence halls and eat in dining halls, enjoy campus recreational activities, and attend workshops and tours in campus classrooms, labs, and facilities. Participants have the chance to meet and make friends with fellow 4-Hers from across the state, discover career opportunities, perform community service, and learn skills that help them prepare for college and the workforce.

4-Hers attending Maryland 4-H Congress choose a “career track” consisting of workshops, tours, and activities hosted/supported by one or more of the University of Maryland’s colleges or schools. Tracks for 2017 are:

- Agriculture & Animal Science
- Agronomy & Plant Science
- Creative & Fine Arts
- Communications & Journalism
- Engineering
- Healthy Living

In addition to the career tracks, all Congress Delegates will learn about the college admissions process and the UMD campus and will participate in a group service project to benefit the community or a partner organization. Delegates will also enjoy a Welcome Barbecue hosted by campus student groups, Olympic-style Clover Games, student recreation facilities, a Celebration Dinner and Delegate talent show, and a bus trip to a Baltimore Orioles baseball game!

For more information and details regarding registration visit http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-4-h-congress

Garrett County Fair Farm Queen & Court

- Farm Queen Court Applications – June 10, 2017
- Farm Queen Candidate Application Deadline – July 7,2017
- Farm Queen Court Interviews – June 24, 2017
- Farm Queen and Court dinner and program rehearsal – July 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Mandatory attendance
- Applications are available on the Garrett County Fair website at www.garrettcountryfair.org

Questions can be directed to: Terri Rodeheaver at 240-979-7382, Lisa Brenneman at 301-616-1010 or Kay Steyer at 301-334-2900.
Natural Resources Careers Camp
Join students from across the state for seven days of intense instruction and fun at the Hickory Environmental Education Center on July 23 - July 29, 2017. The conference provides a real opportunity for students interested in a career in Natural Resources to learn from industry professionals and develop contacts that could lead to future employment and a career in natural resources. Complete the application form downloaded from the State of Maryland DNR website http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/index.cfm

Junior Hunter Field Day
Bring your child to experience the fun of the great outdoors and learn how to become involved in the management of our natural resources! Junior Hunter Field Day will be held on Saturday May 20, 2017 at Midland Sportmans Club from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Lunch provided free of charge. This event is open to the first 100 applicants (ages 8-16) only! Registration Opening Soon - Visit http://dnr2.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/Education/JrHunterFieldDays.aspx for the form and additional information.

4-H Calendar
The 4-H Calendar of events can be found at http://extension.umd.edu/garrett-county/4-h-youth/4-h-calendar