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A Carroll County 4-H Newsletter

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## 2026 \*NEW\* ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

There will be a **NEW DEADLINE** in 2026 to complete your 4-H enrollment for fair eligibility. **ALL** returning 4-H and Clover Members **MUST** be enrolled by **March 1, 2026** to be eligible to participate at the **2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair**. **First Year 4-H and Clover Members must be enrolled by May 1, 2026 for fair eligibility.** This means that if you are currently a 4-H or Clover member in 2025, **YOU MUST** be enrolled by **March 1, 2026** to participate in the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. This change is being made to ensure **ALL** of our members are enrolled in a timely manner when participating in **ALL** 4-H activities.

**ALL** 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will need to enroll for the 2026 4-H year. You will log into 4-H ([v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)) to complete your 2025 enrollment. Please note that **EVERYONE** (4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERS AND UME VOLUNTEERS) will need to log into their family accounts that you have already created and re-enroll each person listed on your account. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT – LOG IN USING YOUR EMAIL AND PASSWORD.** If you have forgotten your password, there is an option to restore your password.

**ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND CLOVERS MUST PAY THEIR \$10 STATE PARTICIPATION FEE THROUGH 4-H ONLINE.** UME Volunteers do not pay a participation fee! The insurance fee that 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers pay will still be paid through your 4-H Club.





## January 4-H Project Night—Wooden Snowman

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Carroll County 4-Hers are invited to participate in our January project night to create their own rustic, wooden snowman! Participants will paint and decorate their own large wooden snowman. We will be meeting in Room A/B of the **Extension Office at 6pm on Friday, January 9, 2026**. This workshop is open to all 4-Hers 8 years and older. However, if the child is 8-10 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult.

The \$20 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.

Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/1dHadgcAWqsCrVdu8>

## 4-H Sewing Project Day—Apron

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Carroll County 4-Hers are welcome to join us for a **Sewing Project Day on January 19 from 9am - 3pm at the Extension Office**. Participants will be sewing an apron from start to finish as well as have the option to add their own personal flair using our Cricut machines and ironing on their own decals. There is a \$30 participation fee for this workshop to cover all materials needed for this class. This includes fabric and patterns. This workshop is open to 4-Hers ages 8-18. Participants will need to provide their own lunch.

The \$30 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.

Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/RnJe7a7mr3EPsNeJ8>

## January Clover Night—Sewing

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Clover Age 4-Hers (5-7 years old) are invited to join members of the Ambassador Team to make an Easy Microwaveable Rice Bag. Participants must be enrolled members of the Carroll County 4-H Program and must be between the ages of 5-7 years old. This class will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026 at 6pm at the Extension Office. Class fee is \$5 and will be collected at the door. A parent must stay with their clover member during the program.

Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/qERhPdYx7D45LAFb7>

## February Project Night—Jewelry

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Carroll County 4-Hers are invited to participate in our February project night to create their necklace and bracelet set. Participants will be stringing their own beads and learning how to add a clasp. We will be meeting in Room A/B of the **Extension Office at 6pm on Friday, February 13, 2026**. This workshop is open to all 4-Hers 8 years and older. However, if the child is 8-10 years old, they must be accompanied by an adult.

The \$25 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.

Registration can be completed at <https://forms.gle/hcoYteHGBNoweTvC9>

# February Clover Night—Crafts

Clover Age 4-Hers (5-7 years old) are invited to join members of the Ambassador Team to make an age appropriate clover craft. Participants must be enrolled members of the Carroll County 4-H Program and must be between the ages of 5-7 years old. This class will be held on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6pm at the Extension Office. Class fee is \$5 and will be collected at the door. A parent must stay with their clover member during the program.

Register for the program at <https://forms.gle/ShKPxutgGAbc7mYYA>

## 4-H Game Day Apps Workshop

Are your 4-Hers excited for the Super Bowl? Let's get them involved in the Big Game Day food prep! They are invited to the Extension Office Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 1:00pm to participate in this workshop where we will be making a **charcuterie board, a football shaped cheese ball with a veggie tray, and make and bake French Dip sliders**. All supplies will be included including a wooden charcuterie tray. There is a \$40 participant fee for this workshop.

The \$40 fee must be paid prior to the program. Once you register, an invoice will be sent to you for payment. Checks can be made payable to CCEAB. **If your invoice is not paid by one week prior to this event, your registration will be canceled as there is a great deal of perishable food purchasing for this event.** If registering more than 1 youth, please fill out a separate registration form for each youth.

Register for the program at <https://forms.gle/Dts6WUWANiZ7S6Pp9>

## Demonstration Day

It's time to start thinking about Demonstration Day 2024. This event will be held on **Saturday, February 21, 2026** at the Extension Office. All registrants will receive an **email shortly after registration closes to sign up for a presentation slot**. The contest will start at 9:00 a.m. and time frames will be available through the morning, as needed, based on the expected number of participants. The registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Start thinking about that demonstration you've been wanting to do. This is a great opportunity to compete at the county level while fulfilling a requirement for project records! All **Demonstration Day registration will be done through the Carroll County Fair website at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com). Registration will close on February 9th! Registration must be completed through the fair entry system found at [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com)** Rules and regulations are attached to the end of this *Tribune*. If you have any other questions, call the Superintendents or call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

## Public Speaking Contest

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking scheduled for **Saturday, March 14, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m.** Rules and Regulations will be in this *Tribune* and can be found on the fair website. **Registration will close on February 27th.** The procedure will be the same as past years, no pre-scheduled times, but you must be present between 9 and 11 a.m. to deliver your speech. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760. **You must go to [www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com) and complete registration through the fair entry system.**





## National 4-H Leadership Trips

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Calling all Senior 4-H members! Here are some great opportunities for you to apply for National 4-H Leadership Trips for 2026! This opportunity to apply is for the following trips in 2026: National 4-H Conference (held in Washington D.C in April), National 4-H Congress (held in Atlanta, GA in November), Camp Miniwanca (held in Michigan in June), Virginia 4-H Congress and West Virginia 4-H Camp (both in June). These trips all focus on building leadership and lend more to the service side of the 4-H program.

There are specific guidelines for completing the following items such as how many pages each can be, type of font to use, spacing, etc. Please email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) for specific guidelines. Also, Becky is more than willing to work with you on these items and we have volunteers willing to help too! Just reach out as we have lots of amazing senior 4-H members who are great and should apply for these national trip opportunities. **A portfolio workshop will be held on Saturday, November 22nd at the Extension Office.**

If interested in applying, here's what you need to do:

1. Complete your 4-H Resume which is comprised of showcasing your leadership, citizenship and life skills.
2. Complete the 2026 Essay Question which is, "When faced with the potential of limited funding, how would you advocate to your community the value of funding the 4-H youth development program?"
3. Submit all requirements to the Extension Office by **Monday, January 5th for review for leadership trips and then must be opened between January 15—21, 2026 for national trips through 4-H Online.**

### Mock Interviews

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Planning to interview for the 4-H Ambassador Team, National 4-H Trips or even scholarships? If you can answer YES to any of those, then take us up on our evening to participate in some Mock Interviews. We will have at least 2 experienced 4-H interviewers to work with you on your interviewing skills!! You will be asked multiple questions and provided feedback on how to improve your interviewing skill. Mock interviews will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 starting at 9am (a signup genius will be sent closer to the interviews). Make sure to register by January 23rd if you plan to attend. If you have specific questions, please reach out to Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu.

Register at <https://forms.gle/vFm5TLiBA9sqV1aF7>

### Achievement Program—Pictures Needed!

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As we prepare for the 2026 Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program, we are looking for pictures from club events, county programs, fair, etc. We want to showcase all the amazing activities our 4-H members participated in throughout the 2025 year. **Please send your pictures to Jennie Chamelin at jchameli@umd.edu by March 20th.**

**The 2026 Achievement Program will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at the Carroll County Ag Center.**



## Youth and Volunteer Nominations for Achievement Program

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It's that time again to recognize the achievements of our members and volunteers! Each year at our Achievement Night Program, special Carroll County 4-H awards are presented to outstanding 4-Hers and UME Volunteers. It is important to have families input for the award nominations as you know your members and fellow volunteers best. Often times, a well-deserved 4-Her is overlooked simply because they weren't nominated. You need to include a short explanation of why the youth/volunteer is deserving of being recognized. If a name is just written then the reviewers do not know what this individual has done to be deserving of county-wide recognition.

Nominations can be made through the link below or the attached paperwork can be emailed or dropped back at the office. Nomination link—<https://forms.gle/aqtru8wDKnXrSY9S7>

Nominations for youth and volunteer awards are due by February 28, 2026.

### Clover Memory Books

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Clover members are able to put together a Clover Memory Book (scrapbook) of their year in 4-H. Clover Memory Books highlight everything Clover members did throughout the year including pictures, ribbons, judging score sheets, etc. Guidelines for memory books can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books> at the bottom of the page. Memory Books are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 2, 2026**.

### Record Books

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It's a great time to start thinking about your 2025 record books! Record books are a great way to keep track of your 4-H career and highlight your accomplishments. The record book includes a junior summary, project records (which you already do), a 4-H story and a few more items. Record Book covers are available at the Extension Office for free. Record Books are due **Monday, February 2, 2026**. More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

### Diamond Clovers

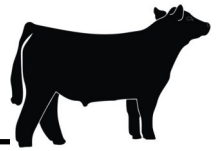
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Are you working toward achieving level 1-5 of the Diamond Clover Program? 2025 Reports and 2026 plans are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 2nd**. Remember, you must submit your 2025 plan before starting on any of the tasks for the 2026 year. The Diamond Clover Program starts for members at 4-H Age of 9. If your next step is Level 6, make sure to read all of the guidelines and those plans are due by September 30th for you to start in 2027 (you must have approval from the state 4-H office). Diamond Clover information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/program-areas/youth-and-adult-leadership/diamond-clover-awards-and-scholarships>





## 2026 Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer Weigh-In and Tagging



We have scheduled steer weigh-in for **Saturday, January 17, 2026 at the Ag Center TRP Building beginning at 8 AM until 11 AM.** Because of the location, all steers/heifers must be on a halter and reasonably broken! Market Animal Registration forms and Animal Science Code of Ethics can be picked up at the Extension Office, from your club leader or email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) to have forms mailed to you. **Remember, the registration form is a 2-part form. You must turn in the form intact. Remember to sign the front, backs and inside of the form (3 total signatures for the 4-Her and 3 signatures for the parent/guardian).** Your copy will be given to you on the day of weigh-in. If you have questions, please call 410-386-2760. **Registration forms are due to the CC Extension Office by Monday, January 5th. Tag cost is \$2 per steer/heifer.** Please make checks payable to CCEAB.

*Castration Policy of the Maryland 4-H AnSc Program: All male steers, lambs, pigs and goats must be neutered and healed prior to 4-H weigh-in and tagging. The only exception would be animals that have obvious signs they have been banded, however, their scrotal sac is still intact.*

### 2026 Livestock Sale Requirement Update

An update to the requirements 4-Her's must meet in 2026 to be eligible for the 2026 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Livestock Sale.:

"Junior exhibitors and Novice 4-H/FFA exhibitors of any age in any species are **REQUIRED** to participate in one of the following. All other 4-H/FFA exhibitors are encouraged to participate in one of the following:

A. Attend 4—Carroll County Dairy Bowl, 4-H Livestock Judging, 4-H Dairy Judging or Livestock Skillathon practices.

**B. Must attend a Carroll County 4-H sponsored livestock workshop for a species exhibitor is showing from this list:** Beef Field Day, Swine Workshop, Swine Field Day, Sheep Workshop, Meat Goat Workshops, Sheep and Goat Field Day, Junior Stock Show or these additional opportunities hosted through Carroll County Extension (livestock/dairy roundup, veterinary science experience). Additionally, Dairy Steer exhibitors may attend a Dairy Workshop.

C. Other livestock related events must be approved by the Department Committee of the type of Species and the livestock sale committee prior to participation."

**The wording that is bolded is the change in which 4-H members need to attend a workshop for a species they are showing and cannot attend a species workshop of something they are not weighing in.**

### 2025 Livestock Sale Check Pick-Up

If you have not already picked up your Livestock Sale Check, please contact Deanna Geiman, 443-821-4660. Before you can receive your check, please email your detailed THANK YOU ad to [thankyou@carrollcountyfair.com](mailto:thankyou@carrollcountyfair.com) ASAP. Prepare your thank you notes for the mail including a stamp and self addressed. These will be required when you pick up your check.

## Livestock Skillathon Practices

Everything you've ever wanted to know about livestock and didn't know to ask! Come learn about breeds of livestock, equipment, cuts of meat, animal parts identification, livestock feeds, hay, wool and play some fun games, too! Come to learn for the state contest in March or just come to the sessions you want to learn about. Remember that you do not have to exhibit or own livestock to participate in livestock skillathon, just have an interest or curiosity. Practices run every Monday night starting **Jan. 5, 2026, 7pm** at the Extension Office. Practices will run through the state contest in March (some additional days may be added). For more information, call Kathy Gordon at 301-667-0559.

### Horse Bowl

Dust off those study materials as a new year of horse bowl practice is about to begin! All 4-Hers (8 years old as of January 1st) are welcome to attend the weekly horse bowl practices starting on **Jan. 7, 2026, 7pm** at the Extension Office. Practices will be held every Wednesday night until the state contest in March. You will learn lots of new and interesting facts about horses while having fun! You do not have to own a horse to participate, just have an interest in learning more about them. Not sure what horse bowl is, then come to a practice to find out more!

### Dairy Bowl

It will soon be time to start Dairy Bowl practices again! Remember, anyone who has an interest in learning more about the dairy industry can attend these practices. **Practices will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from February 3rd—April 7th. The State Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th at the Carroll County Extension Office.** All practices will be at the Extension Office. For more information, contact Gary Brauning at 443-375-6963.

### Beef Workshop

Hold the date! The Beef Committee is planning to host a Beef Workshop on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office.** Lots of information and hands-on activities will be provided in this workshop relating to the beef project. This workshop will meet the livestock sale requirement for our junior and novice exhibitors to attend at least 1 livestock workshop for a species you are showing in 2026. Make sure to register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone by Friday, January 31, 2025. Register at <https://forms.gle/aANNoWRuxU6qtfsz7>

### Swine Workshop

The 2026 Swine Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 1st, 1pm at the Extension Office. If you are planning to show market swine at the 2026 CC 4-H & FFA Fair, this is a great opportunity for some hands-on experience and to learn more about updates and changes to the swine department. All juniors (8-10 years old) and novice exhibitors (1st year showing a market animal) must attend at least one livestock workshop for the species they are showing. Register by February 20, 2026 to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at <https://forms.gle/xYfyu6JhR5rbYZnt7>

### Meat Goat Workshop

The 2026 Meat Goat Workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, April 19th, 10am at Full Moon Farm** (4748 Full Moon Drive Manchester, MD 21102). Important information will be shared out relating to the Meat Goat Department at the CC 4-H & FFA Fair. Sessions will also be provided for hands-on experience for 4-Hers too. All juniors (8-10 years old) and novice (1st year exhibitors) must attend at least 1 livestock workshop for a species they are showing to meet the CC 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale rules. Register by April 10th to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at <https://forms.gle/vcnborY8PgZQeFxS9>





## 2026 Poultry Orientation

Poultry Exhibitors: **If you are planning to OR thinking about showing anything in the Poultry Department at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair in 2026, you are REQUIRED to attend ONE of the orientation meetings.** This includes poultry, turkey, posters, eggs, clovers, etc. This also includes first year and returning exhibitors. These meetings are for the Poultry Department and do not meet any requirements for any other livestock department. The meetings are in person (no virtual meeting offered and no make up sessions offered). All meetings are at the Extension Office and begin at 7 p.m.—check the listing on the board for the room number.

**There are 3 options to attend 1 meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Wednesday, April 28th**

**Thursday, May 7th**

**Again, you need to attend only ONE of the meetings.**

Reminder: If you showed in the Poultry Department in 2025, you are required to have completed a Poultry Project Record Sheet in order to show in 2026, so be sure you have completed that (clovers are exempt). Any questions, call or text Nancy Carlisle at 443-605-5134

## Veterinary Science Experience

Experience a day in the life a vet through the Veterinary Science Experience workshop. We will be doing multiple hands-on activities relating to large and small animals. We will be using our animal simulators to learn more about what a vet may see in their daily travels! Each youth participating will have the opportunity to try out multiple stations, along with making a first aid kit to take home full of supplies and a t-shirt! The workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9:00am at the Extension Office. The cost for the workshop is \$40. This will cover all program supplies including a animal first-aid kit that every participant will take home full of supplies and a t-shirt. MUST BE 8 YEARS OLD 4-H AGE TO PARTICIPATE.** A invoice will be sent once you have registered. You must be paid by January 16th to ensure a t-shirt will be received.

Register for the program at <https://forms.gle/ZGQgLh6aSpfFZxER6>

## 4-H Camp Leader Applications

You are invited to apply for the Carroll County 4-H Residential Camp's 2026 Camp Youth Leadership Program. This program provides a safe place to practice leadership skills while offering youth an opportunity to shape their 4-H camp experience. Practical benefits include honing interview skills in a low-pressure setting, contributing to camp activity planning, practicing decision-making and leadership skills and earning service-learning hours for school.

Week 1 Camp—June 21-25, 2026 (Ages 8-11)

Week 2 Camp—July 12-17, 2025 (Ages 10-16)

**The application period is open now and will close on December 13th—no exceptions.** Apply at

<https://forms.gle/RxnG54gu3AxWqxrJ7>

Have questions about applying? Reach out to the camp directors at [cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:cc4hcampdirectors@gmail.com)





## Ambassador Service Project

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The 4-H Ambassador Team is starting off the year strong and already kicking off their year with a countywide service project. They will be collecting soda can tabs (any type of aluminum tab will work from soup cans to pet food cans!) for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Tabs can be dropped off anytime from now until the end of the year at the Extension Office. The hope is that we will be able to deliver the tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and provide families a 4-H experience while there. Be on the lookout for collection boxes at 4-H events! Anyone is able to collect and donate, so think of places you might be able to put a collection box.

## Canned Food Drive Competition

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Want to help your local community, while earning the coveted 1st spot in the 2026 fair parade for your club's float? As the holiday season approaches, the Ambassador Team is hosting their 3rd Annual Canned Food Competition between ALL Carroll County 4-H clubs! All non-perishable food must be dropped off at the Extension Office with a note of which club the food belongs to. A log will be kept by the office and each item counts as 1 point. The club that donates the largest number of canned goods will win the 1st spot for floats in the 2026 fair parade! The competition begins October 1st and will conclude on December 19th. Good Luck to all clubs and thank you for participating as we pledge our hands to larger service!

## UME Volunteer Training

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If you are interested in becoming a UME Volunteer, please email Becky (bridgeway@umd.edu) to start the process. She will send an email with the requirements that must be completed as part of the on-boarding process. You may register as a volunteer in 4-H Online, but until you complete all of the required trainings and background check, you are not certified to serve as an official volunteer for the 4-H program. The training can all be completely done from the comfort of your home. With 4-H Online closing for 2025, we will re-start UME Volunteer Onboarding in January 2026.

## Fair Reminders

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**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on **January 28th at 7:30pm**.

**2026 Fair Dates— July 31—August 8, 2026**

**Too many ribbons?** Don't throw them away. If they are in **good** shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year. Ribbons should not be wrinkled, written on or missing strings. We cannot accept State Fair ribbons.

## Oh Look... It's Bad Weather!!

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If it's bad weather that means things at the Extension Office may be closing! If Carroll County Public Schools cancel school or there is an early dismissal due to inclement weather, **ALL 4-H events are to be cancelled too**. In addition, if the snow emergency plan is in effect by 6pm, ALL 4-H events are to be cancelled for that evening.



## Dates to Remember

December 6	4-H Project Record Judging, CC Extension Office, 9am
December 12	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
December 13	CC 4-H Youth Camp Leader Applications DUE
December 25	<b>CC Extension Office, Closed</b>
January 1	<b>CC Extension Office, Closed</b>
January 5	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm Entries Open for Demonstration Day and Public Speaking Contest
January 7	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 9	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm <b>Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer Livestock Reg. Forms DUE</b>
January 12	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 14	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 17	Mkt Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer Weigh-In/Tagging, Ag. Center, 8-11am
January 19	4-H Sewing Workshop, CC Extension Office, 9am Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm <b>CC Extension Office Closed</b>
January 21	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 23	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
January 25	CC 4-H Camp Youth Training, CC Extension Office, 1pm
January 26	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 28	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
January 31	4-H Mock Interviews, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 2	Record Books, Clover Memory Books and Diamond Clovers DUE Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 4	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 7	Veterinary Science Experience, CC Extension Office, 9am 4-H Game Day App Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 8	Beef Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 9	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm <b>Demonstration Day Entry System Closes, 11:59pm</b>
February 11	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 13	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
February 14	National 4-H Leadership Trip Interviews, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 15	MD 4-H State Awards Program, Maryland State Fairgrounds
February 16	<b>CC Extension Office Closed</b> Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 18	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 21	Demonstration Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 22	CC 4-H Youth Camp Training, CC Extension Office, 1pm
February 23	Livestock Skillathon Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 25	Horse Bowl Practice, CC Extension Office, 7pm
February 27	<b>Public Speaking Entry System Closes, 11:59pm</b> Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 1pm
March 1	Swine Workshop, CC Extension Office, 1pm

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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth & volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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## **Y-57: Demonstrations**

<b>Superintendents</b>	Jennifer Hiscock	<a href="mailto:hiscockjenn@gmail.com">hiscockjenn@gmail.com</a>	443-244-1633
	Erica McAndrew	<a href="mailto:erica.mcandrew@gmail.com">erica.mcandrew@gmail.com</a>	410-967-9399
<b>Assistant</b>	Sandy Stonesifer		410-857-0416

**Contest Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Extension Office

*Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.*

### **Contest Reminders:**

- **IMPORTANT - THERE WILL BE ASSIGNED TIMES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS THIS YEAR THROUGH THE USE OF A SIGN-UP GENIUS.** All registrants will receive an email on February 6<sup>th</sup> to sign up for a presentation slot. The contest will start at 9:00 a.m., and time frames will be available throughout the morning as needed based on the expected number of participants. The registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **You will need to pre-register through the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair website ([www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com)).** There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair unless using the Passport feature.
- **Classes – ages as of January 1 of the current year:**
  - Clovers – ages 5-7
  - Junior – ages 8-10
  - Intermediate – ages 11-13
  - Senior – ages 14-18.

### **Contest Classes, Rules, and Regulations:**

1. **Participants may give both an individual and a team demonstration or illustrated talk. If two are given, they must be in different classes. One team member MUST contact a superintendent to indicate who is giving the demonstration. BOTH team members must register online.**
2. There is a limit of 3 demonstrations given per person.
3. The length of a demonstration or illustrated talk should be:
  - a. Junior Division – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes
  - b. Intermediate Division – minimum 8 minutes, maximum 10 minutes
  - c. Senior Division – minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes
4. Previous state champion demonstrators are eligible to compete in the same project area within each age division.
5. *Types of demonstrations participant can give:*
  - a. **Illustrated Talk** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary. Instead of actually showing how to do, you explain how by use of illustrations, charts, or posters. You usually do this kind of talk in an area where you cannot actually show “how to do something” (i.e., How To Prepare A Compost Manure Bed).

b. **Formal Demonstration** - Structured with an introduction, body, and summary.

You are showing step-by-step how to do something resulting in a finished product.

6. Live animals are no longer allowed to be brought to the Extension Office as part of the demonstration or illustrated talk for classes 1008, 2008, 3008. Live animals may be used in classes 1009, 2009, 3009. Please be sure animals are properly restrained.
7. Shooting Sports demonstrations using firearms, must be left in a vehicle until time of presentation and immediately returned to vehicle at the conclusion of demonstration. Also, firearms, must be inspected by a UME Volunteer trained within the shooting sports program prior to start of demonstration.
8. You may use "PowerPoint" as part of an Illustrated Talk. **It will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for the presentation.** A representative from the 4-H office will assist in setting up and connecting to the projector. You **MUST contact the superintendent in advance (By February 12<sup>th</sup>)** so arrangements can be made for the presentation to be done in a room with a projector.
9. Premiums- \$10.00 per demonstration given; rosettes will be given to everyone who participates. Champion demonstrations will be awarded a medal. Club groups may participate and will be awarded a \$25 premium per demonstration.
10. **Club demonstrations must be registered for a demonstration under the club and not the name of an individual.** Please contact the superintendent if you have any questions.

**The categories and classes below follow all of the rules and regulations above:**

<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Int.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Category</i>
1001	2001	3001	Automotive, Tractors, Small Engines, Bicycles
1002	2002	3002	Arts & Crafts, Photography
1003	2003	3003	Clothing, Personal Appearance
1004	2004	3004	Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Marksmanship
1005	2005	3005	Family Life, Child Care, Safety, Health, Home Environment
1006	2006	3006	Gardening, Plan & Plant, Ag Commodities
1007	2007	3007	Handyman, Electric, Woodworking
1008	2008	3008	Livestock – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horse/Pony, Dairy goat, Dairy Cattle, Veterinary Science
1009	2009	3009	Livestock – Rabbits, Poultry, Small Pets, Dogs
1010	2010	3010	General
1011	2011	3011	Food/Nutrition

**The following categories and classes follow specific additional rules and regulations which are denoted below:**

**Clover Participants:**

- Ages 5, 6, or 7 as of January 1, 2026
- Clovers will be evaluated and encouraged but not judged using the Danish system. All youth will receive a participation award. Premium offered for each clover's presentation is \$5.
- A special clover evaluation sheet will be given to each participant.
- No large animals are to be used in the demonstration.
- Kitchen facilities WILL NOT be available to clover demonstrators.
- Demonstrations can be a team or individual presentation.
- Class 1020 – Clovers

## Horticulture Demonstrations (Senior ONLY Category)

- Demonstrators in this category can go on to the state horticulture demonstration competition in hopes of earning a national trip to represent Maryland at the National Horticulture Judging and Demonstration event.
- No individual or team will be allowed to present the same demonstration in successive years.
- There is no minimum time limit. The maximum time limit is 15 minutes. Demonstrations over this time limit will be penalized. Set-up and take-down time is not included in the 15 minutes allotted for the demonstration.
- At the end of the presentation the judges will have the right to ask questions. Questions will not be allowed from any individual other than the judge(s).
- Presentations must be a demonstration.
- Participants are responsible for bringing everything they need for their presentation. This includes extension cords, bowls, tablecloths, utensils, etc. Although every effort will be made to have a refrigerator and stove accessible, there is no guarantee.
- Open flames are **prohibited** in any portion of the demonstration

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
4025	<b>Production</b> – Any practice that has to do with growing vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers, ornamental plants and turf as well as those practices concerned with maintaining, replenishing, or increasing the productive capacity of the soil.
4026	<b>Marketing</b> – Operations in preparing vegetables, edible tree nuts, fruits, flowers, and ornamental plants for market, offering for sale to a buyer or preparing for storage and exhibiting those horticultural crops.
4027	<b>Artistic Arrangement of Flowers and Vegetables</b> – The use of flowers, vegetables and other horticultural crops in arrangements, corsages and plaques. Materials used may be live or dried. Weeds and native materials may be used. Artificial plants and flowers are not to be used.
4028	<b>Landscaping</b> – Any practice that has to do with arrangement, establishment and maintenance of flowers, ornamental plants and turf around or within the home, business or public grounds. (Demonstrations on growing landscaping materials should be entered in the production class. Cut flower arrangement should be entered in class 4027.)

## Planned Nutritional Menus:

(NOTE: Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.)

- Objectives of the competition:
  - Participants are encouraged to select and plan menus for one day according to the Dietary Guidelines.
  - Participants acquire knowledge about the nutritional value, cultural and ethnic characteristics of a wide variety of foods.
  - Participants develop skills in selecting and balancing meals for one day for a variety of lifestyles to learn how lifestyles affect meal patterns.



- Participants apply nutrition information to food choices.
- Participants use nutrition labeling in selecting foods for quick meals.
- **Participants will only be allowed to exhibit 2 menu entries.**
- Menus should include the correct number of servings from each food group in the Pattern for Daily Food Choices.
- Menus should include contrast of color, texture, and flavors. Only one menu entry per class will be accepted for each 4-H member. **Menu entries will be received no later than February 6, 2026, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.**
- On the reverse side of the menu - print – name – age – complete address – class number
- On an additional page, describe for whom the menu is planned to include self or other family member, age, activity, or other information. Tell why the menu is balanced and explain how selections meet the Dietary Guidelines.
- Menus should include a description of the preparation methods and amounts of foods.
- Judging criteria includes (score sheets available at the 4-H Office): Nutrition – 30%, Variety – 30%; Meal Appeal – 10%; Moderation of sodium, fat, sugar – 10%; Food Needs of Family Member – 10%; Creativity – 10%
- Prepared menu for a day using the MyPlate Nutritional Plan. Three meals, including no snack, hand-printed or typed vertically on one 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper, mounted on construction paper – no pictures. Updated information is available from the 4-H Office.
- Class Champions will be eligible for further competition during the Maryland State Fair.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Int.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Menu Category/Type</i>
1035	2035	3035	Convenience Foods – One or more meal(s) -- may include pre-packaged or prepared convenience food(s); i.e., TV dinner, frozen entrée or side dish, packaged rice or macaroni product, etc. Attach label(s) from the convenience food used.
1036	2036	3036	One Meal is from a Fast –Food Restaurant – one meal is purchased from a fast-food restaurant. Attach nutritional information from the fast-food restaurant.
1037	2037	3037	One meal is a packed lunch – one meal should be written as a bagged or packed meal.
1038	2038	3038	Vegetarian Menu – three meals meeting the nutritional needs of a vegetarian (lacto-ova). You may include dairy products and/or eggs, but not meat, poultry, or fish.
1039	2039	3039	Ethnic Menu – describe the culture represented

#### **Food and Nutrition Posters:**

(NOTE: Menu Judging entries and Food/Nutrition Posters are due to the Carroll County Extension Office by February 6, 2026.)

- **Only one entry per 4-Grader is accepted.**
- Posters may be eligible for exhibition at the Maryland State Fair.
- Posters may be either horizontal or vertical. Horizontal posters are encouraged; however, avoid a square-shaped poster.
- Posters must be designed or affixed to a standard poster board with 14" x 22" dimensions.
- Posters may be designed using watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, or collage. It must not be three-dimensional.
- Well-known cartoon figures – such as Sponge Bob, The Simpsons, Scooby Doo, etc., cannot be used because they are protected by copyrights. Brand names of foods cannot be used.
- The exhibitor's name, age, address, and a brief interpretative statement should be clearly written on a piece of paper and attached to the back of each poster in the upper left-hand corner.
- Judging criteria include information given and idea expressed – 25%; art, design, and lettering – 25%; construction – 10%; and nutrition information – 40%.
- **Posters will be received no later than February 6, 2026, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.**
- All posters will be judged on the Danish System. Score sheets will be provided for the poster exhibits.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
1045	Junior Entry
2045	Intermediate Entry
3045	Senior Entry

### **Food Science Displays:**

- Objectives of the competition:
  - Participants will develop an appreciation of the scientific process through planning and conducting experiments in food and nutrition.
  - Participants gain experiences in reviewing, organizing, and interpreting scientific ideas in food and nutrition.
  - Participants increase their knowledge about how science is used to convert raw agricultural produce into processed food products.
  - Participants increase awareness of the relationship of biological and physical sciences to food and nutrition.
  - Participants understand the importance of food and agricultural science and technology in providing a wide array of foods in today's markets and to recognize the many career opportunities.
- No project may involve any live animals or harmful chemicals, explosives, open flames, or any other potentially dangerous materials.
- Exhibitors must work on their displays individually. Team projects are NOT allowed.
- **Youth presenting a Food-Science Display will participate in conference judging on Demonstration Day. The displays are not due ahead of time to the Carroll County Extension Office.**
- The size of the display must be a minimum of 28" W x 14" D x 22" H or a maximum of 42" H x 36" W x 17" D and sturdy enough to stand alone.
- The report may be handwritten or typed and attached to the display board. DO NOT

attach multiple pages.

- Food-Science Display scoring – Scientific thought – 35%; Originality – 25%; Thoroughness – 20%; Technical Skill – 10%; Clarity – 10%
- Class Champions will be eligible for further competition at the Maryland State Fair.
- Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

The following classes are available for entry:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Category</i>
1050	Junior Entry
2050	Intermediate Entry
3050	Senior Entry

- Parts of a Food Science Display:
  - **Title** – The title is written as a question or statement. Examples: What are the Effects of Enzymes on Fruits? OR The Effects of Enzymes on Fruits
  - **Purpose** – The purpose is a short statement of why the project was done. Example: The purpose of this project is to determine the effects of enzymes on the browning of fruit.
  - **Problem** – This tells what you want to investigate. This is usually in the form of a question. Example: Why do apples turn brown when exposed to air?
  - **Procedure** – The procedure records the step-by-step manner in which the experiment was performed. Careful thought should be given to the identification of variables and the materials used.
  - **Results** – The results present an organized view of the information collected. Charts, graphs, tables, pictures, and/or drawings should be used to explain the results to others.
  - **Conclusion** – The conclusion explains the importance of the results. You will tell what you think the data you have gathered means.
- Putting Together Your Display:
  - Your display must be a three-sided display. It will be exhibited standing so it must be able to stand by itself. Please check these suggestions and exact sizes listed previously:
  - Make your backboard from sturdy light-weight material: Heavy tag board, cardboard, or poster board are good choices for backboard materials. Put the three sections or the backboard together with hinges or strong, wide tape.
  - The title and other large letters may be cut out of construction paper and attached to the backboard. Stenciled or stick-on letters may also be used. Make sure that your title is easy to see.
  - Drawings and sketches should always be drawn in pencil first and then re-traced. It is better to draw them on separate pieces of paper, mount them on construction paper, and then attach them to the backboard. Make sure all drawings and pictures are labeled.
  - Plan to put the experiment in front of the center part of the backboard. You may use the equipment and the samples as part of the display.
- Food Science Experiment:
  - This display offers exhibitors the opportunity to use the “learning by doing” process to discover important scientific facts as well as experience the joy of exploration. It is important that the youth allow ample time to complete the experiment and build the display before the competition. Re-read the descriptions and requirements of the Food Science Display and allow ample time

to complete the project.

- Scientific approaches – Youth should follow the scientific method in conducting their experiments using inductive reasoning. Inductive reasoning bases the conclusions on the examination of data collected: i.e., the fermentation of dough is affected by the temperature. The inductive approach would take identical pieces of dough and ferment for the same period of time at different temperatures and record the differences in size of the fermented dough before coming to a conclusion.
  - The scientific method involves four steps:
    - **The Purpose/Problem** that will be answered through investigation (hypothesis, a statement that will be either proven or challenged).
    - **Procedure** – a statement of how the investigation is to be carried out. This step requires careful planning and thinking about the investigative plan of attack.
    - **Results** – information gathered during the investigation is called data. After the data are collected, they need to be tabulated or diagrammed to aid in the analysis and explanation of results.
    - **Conclusion** – challenge the hypothesis or answer the questions asked.

#### **Club Demonstrations:**

- **Must be registered for the presentation as a club and not an individual.**
- A division has been created for club groups to do a demonstration or illustrated talk.
- Clubs will choose their own topic including AT LEAST 5 or more club members participating.
- Demonstrations should range from 10-15 min in length.
- Class champions will not be chosen in this division.
- A premium of \$25.00 will be given to each club.

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**CARROLL CO. 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST -  
2026**



**SUPERINTENDENTS:**

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**CONTEST: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 – 9-11 A.M. – CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE**

- Participants will need to report to the registration table in Burns Hall immediately upon arrival to check-in and wait until your assigned room is available. You will need to pre-register. **Registration will occur through the Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair website/registration system ([www.carrollcountyfair.com](http://www.carrollcountyfair.com)).** The online entry system will open January 5 and will close on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.
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**RULES AND REGULATIONS –**

1. The contest consists of the following categories: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, Radio Spot Announcement, 4-H Pledge, Interpretations – Humorous, Poetry & Dramatic.
2. Contestants will participate in appropriate age category: Clovers = ages 5 – 7 years; Juniors = ages 8 – 10 years; Intermediates = ages 11 – 13 years; Seniors = ages 14 – 18 years. Ages are determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the contest is held.
3. First-Year Juniors are 4-H members ages 8 – 10 years of age as of January 1 of the current year who have not participated or competed in either a county Demonstration Day or Public Speaking Contest.
4. First-Year Juniors may participate in Division C (Junior) OR Division B (First-Year Junior); BUT NOT BOTH.
5. Time limits: **Judges may deduct points for speeches not meeting or exceeding time limits.**  
**Prepared Speeches** – Clovers = 2 to 4 minutes; Juniors = 3 to 5 minutes; Intermediates and Seniors = 4 to 6 minutes  
**Extemporaneous Speeches** – Juniors and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors – 3 to 5 minutes  
**Radio Spot Announcements** - 30 seconds for all age groups  
**Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation** – Clovers, Juniors, and Intermediates = 2 to 3 minutes; Seniors = 3 to 5 minutes
6. Visual aids, including posters, are not permitted. Appropriate gestures are encouraged. Dramatic Interpretation contestants may opt to sit for their presentation.

**Prepared Speech**

7. **Prepared Speech** contestants may speak on any topic. It may be wise to discuss topics that could be considered as controversial with your 4-H or Extension Educator before the contest. The speech may be written for a specific audience such as a 4-H club, PTA, or a community-service organization. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only Juniors and Clovers may use a complete script.

8. Memorization is not encouraged; however, speaking from an outline is encouraged.

**Extemporaneous Speech**

9. **Extemporaneous Speech** contestants will draw three topics on the day of the contest. They will choose one topic to speak on. Juniors and Intermediates may have up to 30 minutes and Seniors may have up to 15 minutes to prepare their talk. Contestants may use one side of up to four or both sides of up to two 4" x 6" note cards to write their key word outline. No speech should be fully written on the cards.

**Radio Spots**

10. **Radio Spots** should be exactly 30 seconds in length and may include a musical or sound effect introduction and/or background, but **MAY NOT INCLUDE** a spoken introduction or "tag" by anyone other than the contestant. If music or a sound effect is used, the contestant must provide and operate the sound-making device.

The contestant **MUST** provide a complete written script (including notations about music/sound effects) to the timekeeper to aid in timing accuracy. Musical/sound-effect introductions and endings are considered a part of the radio spot and must not cause the 30-second time limit to be exceeded. The spot should relate to 4-H, be original and be created by the contestant. With the speaker's permission, spots may be considered for promotional purposes.

11. Speakers may speak or interpret in a language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

**Interpretations**

12. **Dramatic** – the memorized oral interpretation by an individual or a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. The speaker shall memorize this oral interpretation. It shall be a serious selection of narrative or dramatic literature. Monologues are acceptable. Mime (use of your body to create an interpretation) is also acceptable. Cuttings may incorporate characters, but monologues are acceptable. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the



script they will be using including reference.  
Language other than English must be translated.

13. **Poetry** – the memorized oral interpretation by the speaker. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
14. **Humorous** – the memorized oral interpretation of a humorous selection by the speaker. Cuttings may be taken from published plays or prose. Contestants should bring two (2) copies of the script they will be using including reference. Language other than English must be translated.
15. Speakers in the Interpretation Classes (Dramatic, Poetry and Humorous) can speak or interpret in language of their choice. If using a language other than English, the participant must inform the Extension Office before the event so that judges may be acquired.

#### **4-H Pledge**

16. **4-H Pledge class** is a non-competitive recitation of the 4-H Pledge. Participants will be evaluated as described on the score sheet. Judges may ask questions regarding the meaning of the Pledge and its significance to the participant.

#### **Additional General Rules**

17. Judges may ask questions of contestants in the Pledge, Prepared Speech, and Extemporaneous Speech, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation categories related to the presentation's topic. Due to time constraints, questioning should be limited to two or three minutes per speaker. Questions will not be asked in the Radio-Spot category.
18. At the State Contests, a contestant may only compete in one category. If a contestant wins more than one category at the County Contest, they must choose which category in which to compete at the State Contest. Only one Champion from the 3 Interpretive Presentations will go on to compete at the State Contest. Clover and Pledge classes will compete in Carroll County only.
19. The names of two ranked champions and two ranked alternates in each age group of each category will be selected to form a pool for possible representation at the State Contest. The highest ranked individual will represent Carroll County at the State Contest.
20. State Champions may not enter the same category and age group a second time. Previous year's local champion speeches may not be repeated.
21. Coaching during speech by family, friends, or others is not permitted.

22. All participants will be evaluated on the Danish System. Recognition and awards will occur at the conclusion of the contest. Premiums will be included with the premiums from the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair. The following premiums are offered for Junior, Intermediate and Senior participants: Champion Award - \$4; Blue Award - \$3.50; Red Award - \$3; White Award - \$2.50; Clover and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Junior participants will receive \$1.

23. **The Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be no assigned times for speeches. Report to the registration desk in Burns Hall no later than 10:30 a.m. to sign up for your room. You will need to pre-register. Registration forms will be available on the Carroll County Fair website. There will be a link to direct you to the form. You will need to create a different login from the one you used for the fair.** Remember to allow preparation time for your extemporaneous speech (15 minutes for seniors, 30 minutes for juniors and intermediates).

#### **CLASSES – Clover (ages 5 – 7)**

- 101 Prepared Speech
- 102 4-H Pledge
- 105 Dramatic Interpretation
- 106 Poetry Interpretation
- 107 Humorous Interpretation

#### **CLASSES – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Juniors (ages 8 – 10) [No previous participation in County Demonstration or Public Speaking Contests.]**

- 202 4-H Pledge
- 205 Dramatic Interpretation
- 206 Poetry Interpretation
- 207 Humorous Interpretation

#### **CLASSES – Junior (ages 8 – 10)**

- 1001 Prepared Speech
- 1003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 1004 Radio Spot
- 1005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 1006 Poetry Interpretation
- 1007 Humorous Interpretation

#### **CLASSES – Intermediate (ages 11 – 13)**

- 2001 Prepared Speech
- 2003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 2004 Radio Spot
- 2005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 2006 Poetry Interpretation
- 2007 Humorous Interpretation

#### **CLASSES – Senior (ages 14 – 18)**

- 3001 Prepared Speech
- 3003 Extemporaneous Speech
- 3004 Radio Spot
- 3005 Dramatic Interpretation
- 3006 Poetry Interpretation
- 3007 Humorous Interpretation

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*It's that time again to recognize the achievements of our members and volunteers! Each year at our Achievement Night Program, special Carroll County awards are presented to outstanding 4-H'ers and Volunteers. It is important to have leader input for the award nominations as you know your members and fellow volunteers best. Often times, a well-deserving 4-H'er is overlooked simply because they weren't nominated.*

*In order to nominate someone for an award, you should complete a Special Awards Nomination Form. Please return the form by February 27, 2026 to the Carroll County Extension Office or email to [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu).*



### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

*This is a 4-H volunteer who has served for 1 to 12 months as of January 1, 2025, benefiting the entire program and not just the local club. This leader implements a worthwhile scope of programs in club projects, community service, county/state activities, record books and workshops. This leader makes time to attend meetings and other 4-H activities (local and county). The leader encourages youth to participate in the overall 4-H program, is cooperative, congenial and considerate in working with 4-H'ers, leaders, parents and Extension staff. [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2025 and December 2025.]*

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

*This is a 4-H volunteer who has served a minimum of three years as of January 1, 2025, benefiting the entire 4-H program (local, county, state). Same criteria as "Rookie of the Year". [Volunteers should be considered for their accomplishments between January 2025 and December 2025.]*

### **UNSUNG VOLUNTEER**

*This volunteer is dependable and responsible, yet is not often in the spotlight. Participates in local, county, and state competitive and non-competitive educational activities.*

### **HEALTH AWARD**

*This volunteer works efficiently with a conscious, energetic effort; practices safety, good nutrition and participates in fitness activities; is involved in the community, making life better for others such as helping with therapeutic riding, visiting nursing homes, and other community service areas.*

### **I DARE YOU VOLUNTEER**

*This volunteer dares 4-H'ers to head somewhere with an inner urge for leadership, shares talents, knowledge, and encourages the use of safety practices. The volunteer supports active participation of members and parents in the local, county, and state 4-H program. This volunteer has done a lot for 4-H, but is being dared by 4-H'ers to go a step further "to make the best better".*

### **HEAD AWARD**

*This volunteer is creative, plans local and county workshops, activities, and events, thinks clearly, uses good judgement, and brings new interests into 4-H programs.*

### **HANDS AWARD**

*This volunteer is most helpful and supportive to the overall 4-H program, is skillful and trained to do the practical things well, and supports the motto "Learning To Do By Doing" by their own actions.*

### **HEART AWARD**

*This volunteer gives time willingly and is devoted to the 4-H program, is understanding, patient, responsible, loyal, and hospitable to 4-H'ers, parents, and the community.*

### **CARROLL COUNTY 4-H FAMILY**

*This family (at least 2 people) is involved in 4-H, not only on the local club level, but also finds the opportunity to become involved with 4-H activities on the county, state, regional or national level. This family will gain for themselves, but also share so that others may grow through their leadership. (Please include specific examples of involvement for your nominated family.)*

## **Carroll County 4-H Volunteer Award Nominations**

For each nominee, please attach a 50-100 word summary on a separate piece of paper describing the volunteer's accomplishments and contributions to the 4-H program. The nominations should be returned to the Carroll County Extension Office at 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157 or emailed to Becky Ridgeway at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu). Please return all nominations by February 27, 2025. Thank you for your participation.

### ***Rookie of the Year***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Volunteer of the Year***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Unsung Volunteer***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Health Award***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***I Dare You Volunteer***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Head Award***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Hands Award***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Heart Award***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Carroll County 4-H Family***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Carroll County 4-H Achievement Program Member Nominations**



### **Recognizing Youth for their Achievements for the 2025 4-H Enrollment Year**

For each nomination, please attach a 50-100 word summary on a separate piece of paper describing the member's accomplishments and why he/she should be considered for that award. The nominations should be returned to the Carroll County Extension Office at 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157 or emailed to Becky Ridgeway at [bridgewa@umd.edu](mailto:bridgewa@umd.edu). Please return all nominations by February 27, 2026. Thank you for your participation.

#### ***Outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4-H'ers*** (Ages 8 – 18; Please do not include Clover Age Youth)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Junior Awards**

#### ***Juniors Up and Coming*** (Ages 8, 9 and 10)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Juniors Growing and Going*** (Ages 11, 12 and 13)

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Outstanding Juniors***

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Awards (Youth Ages 14 – 18)

### *All Star Leadership*

Nominees take opportunities to work with youth, peers and adults in leadership roles; actively participating in program planning, development, and implementation; strives “to make the best better” for club, community and country.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Service*

Nominees give a full measure of talent, skills, time and energy back to the 4-H program.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Citizenship*

Nominees exhibits respect for and responsiveness to needs, rights and responsibilities of others in club, community and country.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### *I'll Be Glad To*

Nominees are always willing to accept a job, can be counted on to see the job to the finish and does the job well.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Unsung 4-H'er*

Nominees are dependable and responsible, yet not always in the limelight; nominee has not previously received deserved recognition.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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