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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

We want to thank all of our 4-H Families and Volunteers for another great year! We were able to offer lots of new programs throughout the year, with wonderful turnout and many classes filling up quickly! We look forward to offering new and exciting programs in 2024! We hope that each of you have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!



Winter Mystery Project Day

Burr... It's cold outside! Make plans to join us on **Friday, January 26th, 9am-3pm at the Extension Office**. There's no school for CCPS this day and we are excited to hold a Winter Mystery Project Day! We will be making several projects throughout the day that 4-Hers will be able to enter at the fair. This workshop will be limited to 20 youth (8 years and older) and has a cost of \$35 for the day (pay at the door). Make sure to bring your lunch with you! Register at: <https://forms.gle/9x27ceHm8YNasyDv9>

Demonstration Day

It's time to start thinking about Demonstration Day 2024! This event will be held on **Saturday, February 17, 2024** at the Extension Office. All registrants will receive an email on **February 5th 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. A email will be sent when the entry system will open**. 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.

2024 Enrollment

ALL 4-H Members, Clovers and UME Volunteers will need to enroll for the 2024 4-H year. You will log into 4-H (v2.4honline.com) to complete your 2024 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.

Remember you must be enrolled in the Carroll County 4-H Program by May 1, 2024 to be eligible to show at the 2024 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair or to be recognized as a UME Volunteer. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT ONCE THE 4-H ONLINE SYSTEM IS OPEN FOR 2024.

4-H Expectations

As you take time at the beginning of the year to work on your 4-H enrollment, please take a few minutes to review several forms and documents that you are signing when you enroll in 4-H or have voted on within your clubs. We've heard it's been awhile since some of our 4-H families have been seen at their local club meetings, families not receiving information, etc. Remember, **everyone should be attending regular club meetings and reading all documents you sign!!**

Club Attendance – Each club has bylaws which are voted on by the membership. These bylaws have attendance policies set in them, which many state that if a 4-Her misses more than 3 consecutive meetings they may be removed from the club. **This could lead to not being able to participate at the fair if you're not attending club meetings.** Make sure to attend the monthly meetings as it's an important part of being a 4-Her, but also a great way to be involved and know what is happening within the program.

Youth Code of Conduct – This is a set of guidelines that outlines the expectations of behavior at 4-H events. A copy has been attached to the end of the *Tribune* and we hope that families will take a few minutes to read through the Code of Conduct. This document is electronically signed by the 4-Her and the parent/guardian when they enroll online each year.

Project Related Consents/Ethics – As you also sign up for your individual projects in 4-H Online, take notice that there are consents that you are signing, too. Most of these are related to animal science projects, but the shooting sports program also has additional consents that are signed.

Please take the time to review what you are signing and what the expectations are for being a member in 4-H.



Diamond Clovers

Are you working toward achieving level 1-5 of the Diamond Clover Program? 2023 Reports and 2024 plans are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, February 5th**. Remember, you must submit your 2024 plan before starting on any of the tasks for the 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 2025 (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>

Record Books

It's a great time to start thinking about your 2023 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 5, 2024**. More information can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

Clover Memory Books

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 **Monday, February 5, 2023**.

All About 4-H! (New 4-H Family Series)

Join the 4-H Team as we provide an introduction into the 4-H Program. We know it can be confusing when first joining, so this is your opportunity to come out and learn more about all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer! Five workshops will be offered throughout this series. Anyone is welcome to attend as many as you'd like. We will be highlighting several different areas of the program:

January 19—Introduction to 4-H (What is 4-H? How do we join? Opportunities, etc.)

February 16—All About Animal Science (Learn about different opportunities relating to our animal science program including small animals, dogs, horses and livestock)

March 15—Hands-on with Everything 4-H (including information on summer camps and our environmental science programs)

All parts of this series will occur on Friday nights starting at 6:30pm at the Carroll County Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to learn more about 4-H or if you want more information on the program before committing to becoming a member.

If you have questions, please email Becky Ridgeway at bridgewa@umd.edu

Register at: <https://forms.gle/E5WGBcYRJenrrZ1CA>



Small Animal Roundup!

Have you wanted to learn more about 4-H Small Animal Projects?? Then this is your chance! Join us for a fun filled day to learn more about poultry, rabbits, dogs, small animal vet care and much more! We will even build our own small animal first aid kits! The Small Animal Roundup will be held on **Saturday, February 24th at 9am**. Registration information can be found at the end of the *Tribune*. There is a \$25 registration cost for this program. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Becky or Jennie at 410-386-2760.

Club Officer Training

Are you a new club officer for 2023? Want to learn about your office and how to best fulfill your role and new responsibilities? Join other youth officers for an evening of training, team building and fun! Club Officer Training will be held on **Friday, January 12th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office**. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all participants. Clubs are encouraged to send all of their club officers to this new training opportunity. Register by January 10th at <https://forms.gle/bTFMM9P8ABUxmEM46>

Quilting Workshop

Join us on **January 15th for our Flannel Rag Quilt Workshop**. Please also keep February 19th open as a day to come back and finish your quilt if needed. We will meet at the Extension Office from 9am-3pm. Please pack a lunch. Fabric will need to be provided by the participant. Measurements and amounts will be sent to you after registration closes. This is open to the first 8 youth that register. Participants **MUST** be 8 years or older, able to use sharp scissors, a rotary cutter and not afraid of using a sewing machine. Parents of younger participants are encouraged to stay to help them. Please email Jennie at jchameli@umd.edu if you have any questions. Register at: <https://forms.gle/xnBe4f2377b6G76E9>

Clover Project Night—Crafts

Clovers!!! Get EXCITED!!! We are now hosting a monthly project night just for you! The 4-H Ambassador Team is taking the lead on teaching different activities at each of these opportunities! The first one will be on **Friday, January 5, 2024, 6pm at the Extension Office**. We will be doing a craft project this night! The Clover Project Nights will be for our 5-7 year old members and a limit of 20 spots are available. There is a \$5 registration cost for this class to be paid at the door. Register at: <https://forms.gle/f4SkwgfPpcheYGQS8>

Clover Project Night—Woodworking

Clovers!!! Get EXCITED!!! We are hosting a monthly project night just for you! The 4-H Ambassador Team is taking the lead on teaching different activities at each of these opportunities! The second night will be on **Friday, February 2, 2024, 6pm at the Extension Office**. We will be doing a surprise woodworking project this night! The Clover Project Nights will be for our 5-7 year old members and a limit of 20 spots are available. There is a \$20 registration cost for this class to be paid at the door. Register at: <https://forms.gle/oawkNErRgz7Wi7zN6>

Youth/Volunteer Award Nominations

It's time to think about all those amazing 4-Hers and UME Volunteers that we have in Carroll County!! Was there someone who really went above and beyond in 2023 that you feel should be recognized at the 2024 4-H Achievement Program? Then take a few minutes to nominate them. **Volunteer and 4-H nominations are due by February 29, 2024** . Nominations can be completed through the link below or by completing the attached form.

Link for Volunteer and 4-H member nominations—<https://forms.gle/LBgAroVMr5CaDn7Z8>

2024-25 Senior Ambassador Applications

Are you a Senior 4-H member and interested in being more involved in the 4-H program? Do you enjoy becoming involved with community projects, helping at the fair, and setting examples in leadership and citizenship in the community? If so, you are a perfect candidate to apply for the 2024-25 Senior Ambassador Team! Applications can be found at: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/leadership-opportunities>

Applications are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 22nd and interviews will be held on Saturday, April 6th. If you have questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

Mock Interviews

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 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 Monday, January 29, 2024 starting at 6pm. Make sure to register by January 19th if you plan to attend. We will then send out a SignUp Genius for specific interview times.** If you have specific questions, please reach out to Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu. Register at: <https://forms.gle/mXKgMFyAKBGWVNwM6>

2024 Camp Leaders Wanted

We're looking for Volunteer Youth Leaders for our 2024 Residential Camp Program. Returning and NEW youth leaders are welcome to apply for a spot to serve on the 4-H camp team. There are opportunities for the following age groups:

Leader-in-Training (LIT) - Ages 12+

Activity Leader (AL) - Ages 14+

Small Group Leader (SGL) - Ages 15+

All ages are as of June 2024. These are great opportunities to gain leadership, make friends and have fun! Mark your calendars now for the 2024 camp dates!

June 24-27, 2024—8-11 years olds July 8-12, 2024—10-16 year olds

To apply to be a camp leader, please complete the application at: <https://forms.gle/VoG2LfbZxnfAqMC8>
Deadline to apply is December 15, 2023.





Market Beef, Dairy Steer and Commercial Heifer

We have scheduled steer weigh-in for **Saturday, January 6, 2024 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 AnSc 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, back and inside of the form (3 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 Tuesday, January 2nd. 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.

Beef Workshop

Hold the date! The Beef Committee is planning to host a Beef Workshop on **Saturday, January 13th, 10am at the Extension Office.** Information will be covered from feeding, rate of gain, and health requirements to preparing to show and much more! This workshop will meet the livestock sale requirement for our junior and novice exhibitors to attend at least one livestock workshop. Make sure to register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone. Register at: <https://forms.gle/>

Horse Bowl Practices

Dust off those study materials as a new year of horse bowl practices is about to begin! Any junior, intermediate and senior members are welcome to come out to weekly horse bowl practices starting January 3, 2024, 7pm at the Extension Office. You will learn lots of new and interesting facts about horses while having fun! Practices will be held weekly on Wednesday nights and will run through the state horse bowl contest, which typically takes place in March.

Dairy Bowl Practices

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 on:**

January 25; February 1, 8, 22, 29; March 7, 14, 28; April 4, 11

The State Contest will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the Carroll County Extension Office.

All practices will be at the Extension Office. For more information contact Gary Brauning at 443-375-6963.

Maryland 4-H Animal Science Project Update Webinar

Hold the date: The Maryland 4-H Program will be offering their annual animal science project updates for volunteers on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm via Zoom. This session will provide an overview of Animal Science Program events and policy changes/updates for 2024. If you're interested in attending, please register at: <https://forms.gle/R8rs6QtqEvdKGxP98>

Senior Portfolios/National Leadership Trips

Let 4-H take you around the country! If you love to travel and meet new people, then applying for 4-H National Leadership Trips is the perfect opportunity for our senior 4-H members! All you have to do is complete your 4-H Resume, an Essay answering the 2024 Essay Question—"How has your involvement in 4-H changed your life?" and complete the application through 4-H Online. There is an interview part to the process too, but we hold interviews right here at the Extension Office on **Saturday, February 10th!** If you're a senior member as of January 1, 2024, you are eligible to apply. **All documents must be uploaded into 4-H Online by January 15, 2024. Portfolios are due to the Extension Office by January 2nd for review prior to the state deadline for national trips.**

Reach out to Becky Ridgeway (bridgewa@umd.edu) if you would like help preparing your packet. We'd love to see lots of Carroll County 4-H members applying for these opportunities!

Enhance Your 4-H Leadership Day

Enhancing your 4-H Leadership is an exciting opportunity for youth 11 years old and older. The 4-H Ambassador Team is holding a day of learning more about communication, opportunities and enhancing your abilities to become the best leader you can be! Join us on **Saturday, February 3rd, 9am at the Extension Office. Register by January 26th at <https://forms.gle/ipUgUgvhrdGTFfMC6>**

Canned Food Drive

As the holiday season approaches, the Ambassador Team is hosting a canned food competition between all of the Carroll County 4-H Clubs. All canned foods must be dropped off at the Extension Office with a note as to which club those cans belong to. A log will be kept and each can will count as one club credit. The club that donates the largest number of cans will win the first spot in the 2024 fair parade! This competition begins on November 1st and will conclude on December 15th. Good luck to all of the clubs, and thank you for your participation as we pledge our hands to larger service!



UME Volunteer Background Checks

All UME Volunteers received a letter in August 2023 informing them of needing to renew their Sterling Volunteer Background Check from the University. This process is taking place NOW! Please keep an eye out for an email from advocates@sterlingvolunteers.com for your background check (look in your spam folder). Remember, background checks MUST be completed within 30 days. Becky is also trying to send reminders to everyone who still needs to complete their background checks as an additional reminder!!

UME Volunteer Training

If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2024. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!





Public Speaking

Prepare your speaking voices for the annual day of Public Speaking scheduled for Saturday, March 9th beginning at 9am. Rules and Regulations will be in this *Tribune* and can be found on the fair website. **A email will be sent when the entry system will open.** The procedure will be the same as past years, no pre-scheduled times, but you must be present between 9 and 11am to deliver your speech. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Superintendents, Della Leister at (443) 375-0123 or Rita Becker at (443)375-1114. You must go to www.carrollcountyfair.com and complete registration through the fair entry system.

Leadership Council & All Stars Meeting

Join the Carroll County 4-H Team for the fall Leadership Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.** This meeting is open to any senior 4-H member, UME Volunteer and parent/guardian. An overview of what has been happening in 4-H will be provided, an overview of upcoming programs and an opportunity for comments and questions from attendees. The Carroll County 4-H All Stars will be meeting immediately following the Leadership Council Meeting.

2024 4-H Dates

To help everyone with planning their schedules next year we have included a calendar for 2024 4-H dates that we have right now. Please make sure to take time and review the dates and add to your calendars. Of course dates are subject to change. The calendar can be found attached to the online version of the *Tribune*.

Livestock Skillathon

Livestock Skillathon practices will begin on Monday, January 8th, 7pm at the Extension Office. Learn all about livestock breeds, equipment, feeds, meats and much more! Practices will run every Monday until the state contest on March 2nd at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

Fair Premium Check Reminder

All fair premium checks have been picked up by your club leaders or were directly mailed to your household. **Fair checks must be cashed within 60 days from the date written on the check.** Once you received your check make sure to double check your premiums. If you find a problem, send an email to entries@carrollcountyfair.com

Fair Reminders

Everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th, 7pm.

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.

Dates to Remember

December 1	4-H Holiday Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
December 2	Project Record Judging, CC Extension Office, 9am
December 25	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Happy Holidays!
January 1	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Happy New Year!
January 2	Market Beef, Dairy Steer, Commercial Heifer Registrations Due 4-H Senior Portfolios Due
January 5	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
January 6	Market Beef, Dairy Steer, Heifer Weigh-In/Tagging, TRP, 8-11am
January 12	Club Officer Training, CC Extension Office, 6pm
January 13	Beef Workshop, CC Extension Office, 10am
January 15	Quilt Workshop, CC Extension Office, 9am CC Extension Office, CLOSED, Martin Luther King Day
January 19	New Family Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
January 23	Leadership Council/All Star Mtg, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
January 23	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7:30pm
January 26	Winter Mystery Project Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 2	Clover Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
February 3	4-H Leadership Day, CC Extension Office, 9am
February 5	Record Books, Clover Memory Books and Diamond Clovers Due
February 10	National 4-H Trip Interviews, CC Extension Office
February 16	New Family Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
February 17	Demonstration Day, CC Extension Office, 9-11am
February 18	Maryland 4-H Awards Program, Maryland State Fairgrounds
February 19	CC Extension Office, CLOSED, President's Day
February 23	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
February 24	Small Animal Roundup, CC Extension Office, 9:30am



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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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If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any event or activity, please contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 410-386-2760 at least two (2) weeks prior to the program.

CARROLL COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL ROUND UP

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

CARROLL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



Join us for a fun filled day to learn more about poultry, rabbits, dogs, small animal vet care and much more! We will even build our own small animal first aid kits!



\$25 ENTRY FEE

INCLUDES AN EVENT T-SHIRT AS WELL AS A FULLY STOCKED VET KIT.

Name _____

Age _____ Club _____

Email _____

T-Shirt Size _____

Does participant require any reasonable accommodation to participate in this event?

If yes, please email Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu

Please return entry form as well as fee to the Extension office by January 19, 2023

Cash or checks made out to CCEAB accepted
Late entry may be accepted, but will not guarantee a t-shirt

For more information contact
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Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks

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CONTEST: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.
CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

**CLASSES 005 AND 006 ARE DUE TO THE CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE
BY FEBRUARY 2, 2024.**

- **NEW - 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 5th 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.
 - **You will need to pre-register. Registration forms will be available on the Carroll County Fair website (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.
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DIVISIONS – Rules and Regulations

1. Division A – Juniors (ages 8 thru 10)
2. Division B – Intermediates (ages 11 thru 13)
3. Division C – Seniors (ages 14 thru 18)
4. Division D – Clovers (ages 5 thru 7)
5. **Participants may give both an individual and team demonstration or illustrated talk. If two are given, they must be in different classes. One team member MUST contact superintendent to indicate who is giving the demonstration. BOTH team members must register online.**
6. **ATTENTION TOP CHEF Challenge Participants: You will be notified of your presentation time prior to the event.**
7. There is a limit of 3 demonstrations given per person.
8. The length of a demonstration or illustrated talk should be: Junior Division – minimum 5 minutes, maximum 8 minutes; Intermediate Division – minimum 8 minutes, maximum 10 minutes; Senior Division – minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes
9. Previous state champion demonstrators are eligible to compete in the same project area within each age division.
10. *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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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** so arrangements can be made for the presentation to be done in a room with a projector.
14. 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.

- 15. 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.**

CLASSES – Section 001

Jr. Int. Sr.

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 (See rule above)
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 (See rule above)
1009	2009	3009	Livestock – Rabbits, Poultry, Small Pets, Dogs
1010	2010	3010	General
1011	2011	3011	Food/Nutrition

Section 002 – Clovers (ages 5, 6 and 7 years of age as of January 1 of the current year) – Rules and Regulations

1. 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.
2. A special clover evaluation sheet will be given to each participant.
3. No large animals are to be used in the demonstration. Kitchen facilities WILL NOT be available to clover demonstrators.
4. Demonstrations can be a team or individual presentation.
5. Class 120

Section 003 – Horticulture– Individual – Rules and Regulations

1. No individual or team will be allowed to present the same demonstration in successive years.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. Presentations must be a demonstration.
5. 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.
6. Open flames are **prohibited** in any portion of the demonstration.

CLASSES – Section 003

- Class 4025 **Production** – 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.
- Class 4026 **Marketing** – 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.
- Class 4027 **Artistic Arrangement of Flowers and Vegetables** – 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.

Class 4028 **Landscaping** – 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.)

Section 004 – Top Chef Challenge – Rules and Regulations

1. **ALL TOP CHEF Challenge participants will participate in their age group categories. Seniors will go from 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Intermediates will go from 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Juniors will go from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
2. Participants for the event will compete simultaneously in their own designated workspace.
3. Participants will create their own healthy dish based on their age division. Prepared dish will be presented on a table setting using your own dishware, utensils, napkins, glassware, etc. appropriate to the theme of the dish.
4. Table settings require a tablecloth for the serving table, plastic or glassware dishes to serve the food item, appropriate utensils, napkins, and anything else that would help display your food item.
5. All ingredients should be measured during the presentation.
6. Participants will have access to a microwave, electric range, and oven. Those who use one or more of these, remember the time constraints for preparation time and demonstration time.
7. Participants will be given 20 minutes or less to prepare the kitchen set-up, ingredients, equipment, and anything else needed and then will have a maximum of 30 minutes to demonstrate how they prepare the dish.
8. Participants will be judged on their preparation skills before the demonstration begins.
9. **OPTIONAL** Add-ons for your presentation: nutrition fun facts, ingredient card, poster
10. Participants should practice safe food handling skills including washing hands, food sanitation, monitoring temperature of perishable items, keeping a clean work environment, and wearing proper attire (Ex. Aprons, tying hair back for events, wear cover-toed shoes, wear oven mitts, etc)

CLASSES – Section 004

Class 1030 Jr. Entry: “Holiday Inspiration” Dessert
Class 2030 Int. Entry: “Holiday Inspiration” Appetizer
Class 3030 Sr. Entry: “Holiday Inspiration” Main Dish

Section 005 – Menu Judging – Objectives

1. Participants are encouraged to select and plan menus for one day according to the Dietary Guidelines.
2. Participants acquire knowledge about the nutritional value, cultural and ethnic characteristics of a wide variety of foods.
3. Participants develop skills in selecting and balancing meals for one day for a variety of lifestyles to learn how lifestyles affect meal patterns.
4. Participants apply nutrition information to food choices.
5. Participants use nutrition labeling in selecting foods for quick meals.

Section 005 – Menu Judging - Rules and Regulations

1. **Participants will only be allowed to exhibit 2 menu entries.**
2. Menus should include the correct number of servings from each food group in the Pattern for Daily Food Choices.
3. 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 2, 2024, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.
4. On the reverse side of the menu - print – name – age – complete address – class number
5. 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.
6. Menus should include a description of the preparation methods and amounts of foods.

7. 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%
8. 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 available from the 4-H Office.
9. Class Champions will be eligible for further competition during the Maryland State Fair.
10. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

Classes – 005 - Menu Judging

Jr. Int. Sr.

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

Section 006 – Food & Nutrition Poster Contest – Rules and Regulations

1. **Only one entry per 4-Her is accepted.**
2. Posters may be eligible for exhibition at the Maryland State Fair.
3. Posters may be either horizontal or vertical. Horizontal posters are encouraged; however, avoid a square-shaped poster.
4. Posters must be designed or affixed to a standard poster board with 14” x 22” dimensions.
5. Posters may be designed using watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, or collage. It must not be three-dimensional.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Judging criteria includes information given and idea expressed – 25%; art, design, and lettering – 25%; construction – 10%; and nutrition information – 40%.
9. Posters will be received no later than February 2, 2024, at the Carroll County Extension Office. Judging will occur prior to Demonstration Day.
10. All posters will be judged on the Danish System. Score sheets will be provided for the poster exhibits.
11. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

CLASSES – Section 006 – Food and Nutrition Poster Contest

Class 1045	Jr. Entry
Class 2045	Int. Entry
Class 3045	Sr. Entry

Section 007 – Food Science Display – Objectives

- 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.

Section 007 – Food Science Display - Rules and Regulations

1. No project may involve any live animals or harmful chemicals, explosives, open flames, or any other potentially dangerous materials.
2. Exhibitors must work on their displays individually. Team projects are NOT allowed.
3. **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.**
4. 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.
5. The report may be hand-written or typed and attached to the display board. DO NOT attach multiple pages.
6. Food-Science Display scoring – Scientific thought – 35%; Originality – 25%; Thoroughness – 20%; Technical Skill – 10%; Clarity – 10%
7. Class Champions will be eligible for further competition at the Maryland State Fair.
8. Premiums – \$10.00 premium awarded for each demonstration given.

Parts of 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.

The 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 on 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.

Setting Up The Display – the purpose of the display is to show the course of the investigation and outcomes. The three-paneled free-standing display is used to highlight your investigation. Block the information in pencil, and when the display is complete, use a felt pen. Include the following information on the panels:

The purpose/problem (hypothesis) the investigation is about to answer

A description of the Procedure used to carry out the project

Results and conclusions (based on data collected)

Body of the data or a model of the center panel of the display

CLASSES – Section 007 – Food Science Display

Class 1050	Jr. Entry
Class 2050	Int. Entry
Class 3050	Sr. Entry

DIVISION J – Club Demonstrations – Rules and Regulations

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 -
2024**



SUPERINTENDENTS: Della Leister (443) 375-0123 Rita Becker (443) 375-1114

CONTEST: SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 – 9-11 A.M. – CARROLL CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

- Participants will need to report to the registration desk 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). More information will be communicated to all 4-H families once the system is open.**

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 1st 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 1st 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 – 1st 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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Carroll County and Maryland 4-H Calendar 2024

Date	Event	Time	Location
January 2024			
January 1	CC Extension Office Closed – Happy New Year!	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
January 2	Senior Portfolios Beef/Dairy Weigh-In Paperwork Due	All Day	Due to CC Extension Office
January 4	Horse Bowl Practices	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 5	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
January 6	Beef/Dairy Steer, Market Heifer Weigh-In/Commercial Heifer Tagging	8-11am	Ag Center
January 8	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 10	Horse Bowl Practices	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 12	Club Officer Training	6:30pm	CC Extension Office
January 13	Beef Workshop	10am	CC Extension Office
January 15	CC Extension Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
January 15	Quilt Workshop	TBD	CC Extension Office
January 15	National 4-H Leadership Trip Applications DUE	11:59pm	4-H Online
January 15	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 17	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 19	New Family Workshop	6:30pm	CC Extension Office
January 22	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 24	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 24	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
January 25	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 26	4-H Project Day	9am	CC Extension Office
January 29	Livestock Skillathon	7pm	CC Extension Office
January 31	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 2024			
February 1	Residential Camp Registration Opens		Online
February 1	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 2	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
February 3	Leadership Day presented by the 4-H Ambassador Team	TBD	CC Extension Office
February 5	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 6	Record Books, Clover Memory	All Day	CC Extension Office

	Books and Diamond Clovers DUE		
February 7	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 8	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 10	National 4-H Trip Interviews	TBD	CC Extension Office
February 11	Camp Leader Training	1pm	CC Extension Office
February 12	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 14	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 16	New Family Workshop – Animal Science	6:30pm	CC Extension Office
February 17	County Demonstration Contest	9-11am	CC Extension Office
February 19	CC Extension Office Closed – Presidents Day	Closed	CC Extension Office
February 19	Quilt Workshop (continued from January workshop)	TBD	CC Extension Office
February 19	Livestock Skillathon Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 21	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 22	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 23	4-H Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
February 24	Small Animal Roundup	9am	CC Extension Office
February 26	Livestock Skillathon	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 28	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
February 28	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
February 29	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Exte
March 2024			
March 1	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
March 2 (March 3 Snow Date)	Livestock Skillathon Contest	8:30am	Montgomery County Fairgrounds
March 3	Camp Leader Training	1pm	CC Extension Office
March 6	Horse Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 7	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 9	Public Speaking Contest	9am	CC Extension Office
March 9	Horse Bowl Contest	9am	UMD – College Park
March 14	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 15	New 4-H Family Workshop – Everything Else 4-H	6:30pm	CC Extension Office
March 15	Senior Ambassador Applications Due		CC Extension Office
March 16	Sheep Education Day	9am	CC Extension Office
March 22	4-H Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office
March 23	Fashion Revue	TBD	UCC St Mary's
March 23	State Dairy Skillathon Contest	TBD	CC Extension Office
March 24	Camp Leader Training	1pm	CC Extension Office
March 28	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
March 29	CC Extension Office Closed – Good Friday	Closed	CC Extension Office
April 2024			
April 4	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
April 5	Clover Project Night	6pm	CC Extension Office

April 6	Senior Ambassador Interviews	TBD	CC Extension Office
April 9	Achievement Program	7pm	Ag Center (Red Buildings)
April 11	Dairy Bowl Practice	7pm	CC Extension Office
April 13	Livestock Roundup!	9am	TBD
April 19-20	Carroll-Howard 4-H Beef Field Day	TBD	Howard County Fairgrounds
April 20	State Dairy Bowl Contest	TBD	CC Extension Office
April 20-21	Camp Leader Training Weekend		Hashawha
April 24	CC 4-H & FFA Fair Board Meeting	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
April 27 (Rain date April 28)	Meat Goat Workshop	10am	Full Moon Farm (Lineboro)
April 26	Swine Livestock Registrations Due	All day	CC Extension Office
April 27	State Public Speaking Contest	TBD	UMD – College Park
May 2024			
May 1	CARROLL COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE		CARROLL COUNTY
May 3	Swine Weigh-In	5-9pm	Ag Center (TRP Barn)
May 3	Junior Ambassador Applications Due		CC Extension Office
TBD	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Online Entries Open		CC 4-H/FFA Fair Website (www.carrollcountyfair.com)
May 10	Sheep and Goat Livestock Registrations Due	All Day	CC Extension office
May 15	New Family Workshop – All about the Fair!	6:30pm	CC Extension Office
May 17	Sheep and Goat Weigh-in ***3 rd FRIDAY***	5pm	Ag Center (TRP)
May 18	Junior Ambassador Interviews	9am	CC Extension Office
May 19	Camp Leaders Training	1pm	CC Extension Office
May 22	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
May 27	CC Extension Office Closed – Memorial Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
June 2024			
June 7	Residential Camp Registration CLOSED	11:59pm	Online
June 10	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Online Entries CLOSE	11:59pm	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Website
June 9	Camp Leader Training	1pm	CC Extension Office
June 14-15	Carroll-Howard Swine Field Day	TBD	Howard County Fairgrounds
June 19	CC Extension Office Closed	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
June 21	Fair Fun Days	9am	CC Extension Office
June 24-27	Residential Camp (Younger Week)	All Day	Hashawha
June 26	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
June 28-29	Carroll-Howard Sheep and Goat	TBD	Howard County Fairgrounds

	Field Day		
July 2024			
July 4	CC Extension Office Closed – Happy 4 th of July	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
July 8-12	Residential Camp (Older Week)	All Day	Hashawha
July 12	Fair Fun Day	9am	CC Extension Office
July 17	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
July 15	Maryland State Fair Online Entries Close	Close by 11:59pm	Maryland State Fair Website
July 15-18	Clover Fun Days	9am	CC Extension Office
July 19	Fair Fun Day	9am	CC Extension Office
July 19	ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE DEADLINE	11:59pm	Online Test
July 21	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Set-Up	TBD	Ag Center
July 27-August 2	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair		Ag Center
August 2024			
July 27-August 2	Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair	All Day	Ag Center
August 3	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Clean Up	All Day	Ag Center
August 7	CC 4-H/FFA Evaluation Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
August 21- September 8	Maryland State Fair	3 weekends	State Fairgrounds Timonium, MD
August 31	Livestock/Dairy/Poultry/Rabbit Judging Contest	TBD	MD State Fair
September 2024			
September 2	CC Extension Office Closed – Labor Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
September 4	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	CC Extension Office
September 25	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
September 28	MD 4-H State Archery Match	8am	CC Ext. Office/Ag Center
October 2024			
October 6-12	National 4-H Week	All Week	Nationwide
October 6-12	CC 4-H Promotional Contest	TBD	County-Wide
October 14	CC Extension Office Closed – Columbus Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
October 19	State 4-H Shotgun Contest	8am	PG Trap & Skeet
October 23	CC 4-H/FFA Fair Board Mtg.	7:30pm	Ag Center (Burns Hall)
November 2024			
November 11	CC Extension Office Closed – Veteran’s Day	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
November 28-29	CC Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving	CLOSED	CC Extension Office
December 2024			
December 2	Project Records DUE	9am	CC Extension Office
December 7 and 14	Project Record Judging	9am	CC Extension Office
December 25	CC Extension Office Closed - Christmas	CLOSED	CC Extension Office

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