

4-H Partyline



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REFLECTIONS OF 2023



They say time flies when you're having fun. As fast as the 2023 year went, we sure had lots of fun in 4-H! We had great speeches at our communication contest. Garrett County 4-H excelled at the state contest too with one of our members winning Grand Champion Extemporaneous speech at the Maryland 4-H Communications contest. Our broiler project participation grew more than double the year before. Camp Algawa had great weather, made lots of new friends, and even constructed new tables for the lodge hall. Our engineering contests let members pedal, drive, solder, and identify so many new things. Fashion Revue made its mark on stage with confident 4-H members modeling garments for our fair visitors. Our 4-H indoor building was full of spectacular work! Our 4-H livestock exhibits filled the barns at the fair to their max showing livestock and agriculture to the fair visitors. The Robotics and engineering contests allowed members to work as a team, build some cool robots, and put their engineering skills to the test. We had great Garrett County representation at the Maryland State Fair with livestock, canned goods, indoor exhibits, and more. We have two 4-H members who completed some exceptional Diamond Clover Level 6 service projects but we'll spotlight their great work in the next newsletter. I can't wait to read all your 4-H stories and great work in your record books.

I'm so proud of all the community service our 4-H clubs do. It is truly astounding and shows what a giving heart our 4-H members have.

Lastly, thank you for all that you do! Thank you for sending all the press releases to continually spotlight your great work to our community. Thank you for all that you do for each other, for your club, and for your community.

The magic of 4-H would not be possible without great 4-H families and volunteers like each one of you.

Thank you all for making Garrett County 4-H Great! Let's make 2024 even better!



Maryland 4-H Foundation Achievement Event

Please join the Maryland 4-H Foundation for this year's Achievement Event to be held on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Maryland State Fair Horse Sales Pavilion. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 2:00 pm with the awards ceremony starting at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Ages 7 and under are free. Invitations were mailed to award recipients.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2024 online at: <https://go.umd.edu/4Hawards2024>

Maryland 4-H State Event Possibilities

Maryland 4-H has many competitive events



Animal Science Events

- Dairy Bowl
- Dairy Judging
- Dog Bowl
- Dairy Goat Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Judging
- Horse Communications
- Horse Bowl
- Egg Preparation
- Poultry & Egg Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Livestock Skillathon
- Rabbit Judging

Engineering Events

- Bicycle Safety
- Lawn Tractor
- Tractor Operator Safety
- Small Engine
- Electric
- Robotics

Other Events

- Horticulture Judging
- Fashion Revue
- 4-H Presents!
- Public Speaking

And many more.....

Calendar of Events

February, 2024

- 1 Enrollment in 4-H Online for Market Animal Projects
- 1 DUE: Record Books, Club Secretary Books, Club Recognition Form, Livestock Contracts
- 18 Maryland 4-H Awards Program
- 20 DUE: Public Speaking Contest Registration
- 23 DUE: Broiler Project Orders~see insert

March, 2024

- 1 Preferred Date for Volunteer Enrollment
- 2 Livestock Skillathon Contest~Montgomery County Fairgrounds

- 4 Public Speaking Contest~Extension Office

April, 2024

- 7 County Achievement Program~GC Fairgrounds 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

May, 2024

- 10 Spring Weigh-In noon-8 pm
- 11 Western MD District Show starting at 9:00 am

2024 MD 4-H State Council Representatives

Richard and Robert Deatelhauser from the Finzel 4-H Club will be representing Garrett County in 2024 on the MD 4-H State Council. This will be their third year as representatives.

The Maryland 4-H State Council is the premier leadership opportunity in Maryland. It comprises active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high level leadership skills and representing their county 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers, and faculty/staff outside of their club and county. The State Council is led by a youth officer team and faculty/staff advisors.

Any active Maryland 4-H youth age 13-18 (as of January 1 of the upcoming program year) may apply to be on the Maryland 4-H State Council. Membership is verified through 4-H Online.

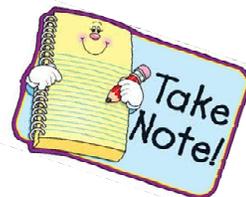
We look forward to working with Robert and Richard in the coming year!



Broiler Project

It is that time again! **Bruceton AG Service (Grantsville Branch)** will be sponsoring the Broiler Project for Garrett County 4-H Youth. Bruceton AG Service will provide **10** broiler type chicks to each participant. The registration form is included in this month's Partyline. Please review carefully for all details. All forms must be returned to the Garrett County office by February 23rd.

The chicks should arrive the week of April 1st. The Broiler Show is scheduled for June 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Roberta at 301-334-6980. Please note that the chicks will be delivered to Bruceton AG Service in Grantsville for pick up.



Maryland 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest

The Maryland Forest Service, in partnership with the Maryland Forest Conservancy District Boards, is sponsoring a "Poster Contest" for 5th grade classes throughout the State of Maryland. The theme for the poster is: **Trees Are Terrific... In All Shapes and Sizes!** The Garrett County Forestry Board is offering monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the county level and those winners will be invited to be recognized at the April Garrett County Commissioners meeting. The 1st place county winner will advance to the state contest.

Snowman Clay Animation

Garrett County 4-H STEM had a great time making snow-themed animated stories using Stop Motion Studio software and clay with a variety of props and backgrounds. The youth had the opportunity to share their stories with the group after completion.

WINTER BIRDSEED FEEDERS WITH CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

Garrett County
FUN WITH 4-H

Friday, February 16th (school 1/2 day)
2-3 pm
Garrett County 4-H Office Meeting Room
All materials provided
Space is limited - Sign up today by calling
301-334-6960

Great Backyard Bird Count

COMING

JOIN US FOR THE GARRETT COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



Appointment times will be required.
Up to two categories can be selected.

Please register at:
<https://forms.gle/VoTH4uwGSCF4Er3T7>

March 4, 2024 | Starting at 4 PM
Garrett County Extension Office

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2024

SPEECH CATEGORIES
PREPARED
INTERPRETATION
EXTEMPORANEOUS
RADIO SPOT
DEMONSTRATION
VISUAL PRESENTATION

AGE DIVISIONS
JUNIOR
INTERMEDIATE
SENIOR

Learning to be an effective public speaker is one of the skills most valued by 4-H graduates. Join us this year for the Garrett County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, to be held on Monday, March 4th, 2024 from 4 pm-7 pm (by appointment time) at the 4-H Extension Office. The Public Speaking Categories include Demonstration, Visual Presentation, Prepared, Extemporaneous, Interpretation, and Radio Spots. Please only select 2 categories. County winners for each category will be invited to participate in the Maryland State Public Speaking Contest scheduled to be held on April 29th at the University of Maryland-College Park, Plant Sciences Building. Call the Extension Office at (301) 334-6960 for more information.

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/VoTH4uwGSCF4Er3T7>

Registration deadline is February 20, 2024

For the Public Speaking Guidelines, visit: <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/garrett-county/4-h-youth-development/events>

Ages: (as of Jan. 1st) ~ Junior: 8 to 10 ~ Intermediate: 11 to 13 ~ Senior: 14 to 18

General Notes: Judges may ask questions of contestants in the prepared and extemporaneous categories related to the speech'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.

CATEGORIES

PREPARED SPEECH



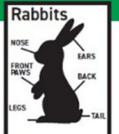
A Prepared Speech is a speech on any topic chosen by the 4-H member. Choose a topic that interests you; consider things like 4-H projects, hobbies, passions, school, community service, etc. Topics that might be considered controversial should be approved by the county 4-H staff in advance. 4-Hers should write, prepare, and practice their speech well in advance. Note cards containing a key word outline are permitted. Only juniors may use a complete script. Memorization is not encouraged.

- Time Limits – Juniors: 3-5 minutes; Intermediates & Seniors: 4-6 minutes

VISUAL PRESENTATION

A Visual Presentation is a presentation using props (such as charts, PowerPoint slides, posters, animals, etc.) that help illustrate and accentuate the presentation. The props allow the audience to see and understand facts and concepts shared in the speech. Contestants should construct a speech like they were doing a prepared speech, and include pauses/breaks to point to a prop, hold up a poster, show slides, etc. These pauses should be factored into the overall time of the presentation. Contestant must provide all necessary props/equipment.

- Time Limits – Juniors: 3-5 minutes; Intermediates & Seniors: 4-6 minutes



EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

An Extemporaneous Speech is one that is done on the spot. The 4-H member will draw three different topics from those provided and will decide on one topic to speak on. Juniors & Intermediates will have 30 minutes to prepare their notes and presentation. Seniors will have 15 minutes to prepare their notes and presentation. Contestants may use one side of up to four, or both sides of up to two, 5 x 8 inch note cards for their key word outline. Extemporaneous speakers will be shown colored time cards at correctly timed intervals indicating "30 SECONDS", "1 MINUTE" AND "STOP".

- Time Limits – Juniors & Intermediates: 2-3 minutes; Seniors: 3-5 minutes



DEMONSTRATION

Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4

A Demonstration is a presentation where the contestant shows step by step how to do or make something. Some examples include: how to groom a rabbit for show, how to make a corsage, how to make balloon animals, etc. The contestant would prepare and bring all the supplies needed for their "how-to" demonstration. Supplemental materials such as posters with instructions, take-home directions, and samples for taste testing, etc. are encouraged.

- Time Limits - Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors: 3-15 minutes



INTERPRETATION

An Interpretation is a memorized oral presentation of selected narrative from published works. Unpublished works are not permitted. Interpretation has three subcategories which include dramatic, humorous, and poetry. For interpretation, contestants may choose to wear a costume and opt to sit for the presentation. Examples of source material include books, scripts, monologues, plays, etc. The contestant must provide at least one typed/photo copy of the presentation to judges.

- Time Limits – Juniors: 1½-3 minutes; Intermediates: 2-4 minutes; Seniors: 3-5 minutes



RADIO SPOT

A Radio Spot is an exactly 30 second "public address" or "public service announcement" you would hear on the radio. Radio spots 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.

- Time Limits – Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors: 30 seconds





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2024
Save the Dates!



Spring Weigh-In/May 10
Western MD District Show/May 11
GC Agriculture Fair/July 27-August 3
MD State Fair/August 22-September 8

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