

# 4-H Partyline



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## Reflections of 2024



For nature, winter is a time to slow down a bit. It is a little bit the same for 4-H. In the winter, 4-H has fewer events. But we still stay busy but in a different way. Just like our members are working on record books and reflecting on how to improve their projects the following year, we at the 4-H office are utilizing our time to reflect on the year and make plans for the next busy 4-H season how to continually make the best better for all our 4-H events and activities.

As I reflected on 2024, I started thinking we missed an anniversary of some sort... What was it? The anniversary of the 4-H clover emblem! The 4-H clover emblem was patented in 1924 - 100 years ago! At the end of the 14-year patent term in 1939, Congress passed a law to protect the use of the 4-H name and emblem.



Like many things in 4-H, the Clover Emblem has an interesting history. In 1907, the first emblem was designed by O.H. Benson, who was superintendent of Wright County, Iowa schools, along with Jessie Field Shambaugh, from Page County, Iowa. But the neat part is that the first clover logo was a 3-leaf clover with the "H's" standing for Head, Heart, and Hands. A four-leaf clover design with H's appeared informally around 1908. In 1911, Benson referred to the need for four H's -- suggesting that they stand for "Head, Heart, Hands, and Hustle... head trained to think, plan and reason; heart trained to be true, kind and sympathetic; hands trained to be useful, helpful and skillful; and the hustle to render ready service, to develop health and vitality..." In 1911, at a meeting of club leaders in Washington, DC, they approved the present 4-H design. O.B. Martin is credited with suggesting that the H's signify Head, Heart, Hands, and Health - universally used since then.

Without a doubt, 4-H has a neat history. Just as we have seen 4-H evolve over the years, we will continue to evolve and grow. In 2025, we look forward to growing 4-H even more!

*Lacie Ashby*

## 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, 2025

- 1 Enrollment in 4-H Online for Market Animal Projects
- 1 **DUE:** Record Books, Club Secretary Books, Club Recognition Form, Livestock Contracts
- 16 Maryland 4-H Awards Program
- 28 **DUE:** Broiler Project Orders~see insert

### March, 2025

- 1 Preferred Date for Volunteer Enrollment
- 1 **DUE:** Public Speaking Contest Registration
- 2 Livestock Skillathon Contest~Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- 17 Public Speaking Contest~Extension Office
- 20 4-H Leader meeting via Zoom

### April, 2025

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

### May, 2025

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

## Deatelhauser's To Serve As 2025 MD 4-H State Council Representatives

Richard and Robert Deatelhauser will embark on their fourth year as representation of Garrett County on the MD 4-H State Council. The brothers will further their leadership skills and serve as role models for other 4-H members.



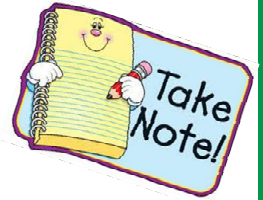
The Maryland 4-H State Council is a distinguished leadership opportunity. It comprises active 4-H members from around the state interested in developing high level leadership skills and representing their county 4-H program. State Council members have the opportunity to learn from each other, volunteers, 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.

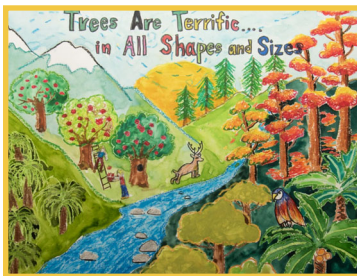
We eagerly anticipate the contributions Robert and Richard will make in the coming year!

### 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 28th.



The chicks should arrive the week of April 6th. The Broiler Show is scheduled for June 4th. 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 2025 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...and Forests Are Too!** The Garrett County Forestry Board is offering monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the county level. The 1st place county winner will advance to the state contest.

Send or drop off entries to Garrett County Forestry Board, 1728 Kings Run Road, Oakland, MD 21550. Entries are due by noon on March 3, 2025. Please visit <https://dnr.maryland.gov/Forests/Pages/Arbor-Day-Poster-Contest.aspx> for all the rules and details.

**GARRETT COUNTY 4-H STEM ENRICHMENT**  
*Winter*

FEATURED PROGRAMS  
JANUARY 2025

- Snow Globe Science w/ lesson on Viscosity and Pine
- Snowy Owl w/ lesson on Habitats
- Lego Robotics Ski Gondola w/ lesson on Pulleys

**FEB**

## REVERSE PAINTING class

Friday, February 14th (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

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# COMING

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



Up to two categories can be selected.

Please register at:  
[go.umd.edu/20254HPublicSpeaking](https://go.umd.edu/20254HPublicSpeaking)

March 17, 2025 | Starting at 5 PM  
Garrett County Extension Office

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2025

**SPEECH CATEGORIES**

- PREPARED
- INTERPRETATION
- EXTEMPORANEOUS
- RADIO SPOT
- DEMONSTRATION
- VISUAL PRESENTATION
- CLOVER SHOW & TELL
- CLOVER 4-H PLEDGE

**AGE DIVISIONS**

- CLOVER
- 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, held on Monday, March 17th, 2025, from 5 pm-7 pm at the 4-H Extension Office. The Public Speaking Categories include Demonstration, Visual Presentation, Prepared, Extemporaneous, Interpretation, and Radio Spots. Please only select two categories. County winners for each category will be invited to participate in the Maryland State Public Speaking Contest scheduled to be held on April 26th at the University of Maryland-College Park, Plant Sciences Building. Call the Extension Office at (301) 334-6960 for more information.

Please register at: [go.umd.edu/20254HPublicSpeaking](https://go.umd.edu/20254HPublicSpeaking)

Registration deadline is March 1, 2025

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.

### 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.

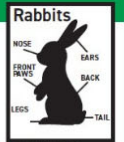
- Time Limits – Juniors: 3-5 minutes; Intermediates & Seniors: 4-6 minutes

## CATEGORIES

### 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.

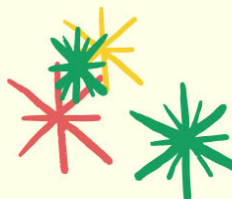
- Time Limits - Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors: 3-15 minutes



### 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



### 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 16, 2025 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. Awardees are free. Ages 7 and under are free. Invitations were mailed to award recipients.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2024 online at: <https://go.umd.edu/4Hawards2025>



**2025**

**Save the Dates!**

SPRING WEIGH-IN/MAY 9  
WESTERN MARYLAND DISTRICT SHOW/MAY 10  
GC AGRICULTURE FAIR/JULY 26-AUGUST 2  
MD STATE FAIR/AUGUST 21-SEPTEMBER 7

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