

DEPARTMENT – I-04 – Cake Auction

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** All monies received from this activity which is conducted annually at the midpoint of the Fair support the Fair to allow this youth showcase to remain admission free, to pay premiums, to improve the Fairgrounds, and to purchase awards.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 2024 4-H/FFA Fair.

- Cake Auction – Wednesday, July 30th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

GUIDELINES:

1. Any blue-ribbon exhibitor unable to attend the Cake Auction should complete a Cake Auction Entry Form noting that they cannot be present at the Cake Auction, and it will be left to the discretion of the Cake Auction Committee to determine if this entry will be auctioned.
2. Blue Ribbon entries in the following categories may have their entry auctioned at the Cake Auction: Baked Items (Tea Ring, Cake or Pie); Decorated Cake (Decorated or Tier; and/or Baking for Specialty Diets (Cake or Pie) and Cookie Basket.
3. All Class Champion awards in the following categories may be eligible to be auctioned at the Cake Auction: Baked Items (Fruit, Vegetable and Yeast Breads, Tea Ring, Cakes and Pies); Decorated Cake (Decorated or, Tier); and/or Baking for Specialty Diets (Yeast Bread, Quick Bread, Cake or Pie). Champion breads may be sold in the Cake Auction at the discretion of the committee.
4. All Grand Champion Baked Items, Decorated Cakes, Tier Cakes, and Baking for Specialty Diets exhibits will be auctioned.
5. Each exhibitor will be eligible to auction at least one blue ribbon item in the Cake Auction unless they receive a champion or multiple champion awards, in which case their champion exhibits may be auctioned instead. The Cake Auction Committee has final discretion for determining exhibits to be included in the Cake Auction.
6. Decorated cakes to be eligible for the sale must achieve excellent quality in the “taste test” as well as being skillfully decorated.
7. Some eligible Blue Ribbon items may become a part of the Cake Auction as “Auctioneer’s Favorite” rather than being auctioned off. Likewise, a decorated cake will be selected by the Cake Auction Committee to be presented to the “4-H Volunteer of the Year.”
8. While exhibits displayed as Baked Items, Decorated Cakes, and Baking For Specialty Diets become the property of the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, not all items will become a part of the annual Cake Auction. Thus, any items that are not included in the Cake Auction will be available for sale to the public beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Red Exhibit Building (except for Gingerbread Creations which will be returned to the exhibitor at the end of the Fair and Edible Art which may be removed at any time at the discretion of the Decorated Cake and Non-Cake Items Superintendent.) The Inside Bake Sale will consist of Red Ribbon items, along with Blue Ribbon items not in the auction.
9. Items selected by the Cake Auction Committee to be included in the Cake Auction program will be sold through the Cake Auction that begins at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 31, 2024.

10. Exhibitors of the items selected for the Cake Auction should dress neatly and report to the Extension Office, Room B for final instructions prior to the start of the Cake Auction.
11. All cakes will be re-sold at the time they are "donated" during the Cake Auction.
12. Each exhibitor will receive a participation premium of \$20 for each item up to 3 items sold through the cake auction. A maximum of \$60 (3 items) will be paid.
13. No pre-registering required. Do not register for the Cake Auction in the online entry system.
14. The cake auction superintendent and committee reserves the right to eliminate any item from the auction.
15. A participation premium of \$5 will be paid to each exhibitor who has an item in the Inside Bake Sale. Each seller will receive only one premium regardless of the number of items sold in the Inside Bake Sale.
16. All white ribbon entries or disqualified entries will have the opportunity to reclaim their item immediately after judging by signing the white ribbon waiver form and returning it to the superintendent of that department.