Welcome!!

Our new 4-H educator, Kim Dixon, started the job on August 12th. Stop by her office and introduce yourself the next time you are here. A little bit about Kim…

Kim received her undergraduate degree in Zoology from the College of Life Sciences at the University of Maryland. She received her Master’s degree in Zoology with a concentration in Inquiry Education from Miami University of Ohio.

Before joining Extension, Kim spent the last 7 years working as the education manager at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and taught Earth Science at the Community College of Baltimore County Essex Campus. She has a long history of volunteering on a local, state and national level. In her spare time, Kim can be found SCUBA diving, working with the Sports Car Club of America or hiding somewhere reading a good book.

Start thinking about how your club can promote 4-H! National 4-H Week is October 6-12 and will take place in several locations. Plan to put your club’s activities or a display in your favorite window, store or school! Don’t forget to call the office to let us know where your display is located and the times we are able to view it. If you need promotional flyers, please contact the office.

Carroll County 4-H Open House

We will be holding our annual open house this year. Clubs will have the opportunity and are encouraged to set up displays on Saturday, October 12th. This year we are excited to partner with Tractor Supply Company in Westminster at 1151 Baltimore Blvd. for our “Open House” that will take place from 10am-3pm. Clubs are invited to bring displays, make and take it crafts or just sit to talk about your club to interested folks. If you want to do a demonstration or give a speech, that would be great! Please call the Extension office to sign up your club or activity. Hope to see all our clubs there!
National 4-H Youth Science Day

The 2013 experiment “Maps & Apps” will allow youth to design and map their own ideal park and learn how to use GIS mapping to solve community problems. We will be doing these experiments on two different nights:

**Wednesday, October 9th 6:30- 8:00 PM at the Mount Airy Library**

**Thursday, October 10th 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Taneytown Library**

Please call the Extension Office to register. Clubs are welcome to participate. 4-Hers are encouraged to bring friends and family. For more information about the experiment visit [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/) or email Jim Serfass jserfass@umd.edu

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2013 Maryland 4-H WHEP Weekend!

Come enjoy the outdoors and learn about the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program! This new event offers intermediate & senior 4-Hers, along with interested UME adult volunteers, an opportunity to experience camping in rustic cabins, participate in a hands-on service project, and learn about wildlife management.

**When:** 6:30 PM, Friday Oct. 18th thru noon, Sunday, Oct. 20th.

**Where:** Camp Misty Mount, Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD

More information and registration forms are available at: [http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/](http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county/)

For additional information and details, contact Jim Serfass, jserfass@umd.edu

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Clover Halloween Party

Calling all Clover 4-Her's! Come and join the fun at the 2013 Clover Halloween Party, Saturday, October 26th, 7-9pm at the Extension Office. Come in costume to enjoy games, trick or treating, prizes, crafts and a costume contest, all put on by the Carroll County Ambassador Team!! There will be snacks for children and parents to enjoy. Bring a friend along! Please RSVP by October 18, 2013.

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Rabbit Nutrition Presentation

The Rabbit & Cavy Breeders 4-H Club will be hosting a presentation by Tina Poole of KTM Ranch about rabbit nutritional requirements and differences in feed. The presentation will be on October 9, 2013, 7:30-8:00 PM in the Blizzard Building.

Please RSVP to Kathy Harden at hardencc@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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2013 Volunteer and Youth Forum

Mark the date!! Plan to be in Ocean City with us this fall. November 22-24 is the MD 4-H Volunteer Forum. Lots of classes for volunteers and senior youth to attend, restaurants to visit, “Festival of Lights” and much more!! Registration will be on our website and the state website in September. There is an early bird discount, so be watching! If interested, a $25 scholarship is available to senior youth and UME Volunteers to help with registration costs.

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UME Volunteer Leader Training

Would you like to be a University of Maryland Extension Volunteer? Are you helping out at club meetings with projects or activities? Do you have parents in your club who have expressed an interest in being a 4-H volunteer?

**The next UME training is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th. Please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 to register.**
PROJECT RECORD FORMS!!!

There are new animal science project record forms available at the Extension Office. The new forms are specific towards animal projects (ex – market livestock, breeding livestock, poultry, rabbits, etc.). There is also a new general project record form that has been updated. Make sure to stop by the Extension office or download a copy from our website extension.umd.edu/Carroll-county.

If you have any questions about the new forms, call Becky at 410-386-2760 or bridgetwa@umd.edu.

Senior Portfolio Workshop

There will be a Senior Portfolio Workshop held at the Extension Office on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9am-3pm. You will have an opportunity to build your 4-H resume and work on your essay. The afternoon session will help you with interviewing skills through mock interviews with previous years’ senior portfolio judges and how to dress. All seniors and last year intermediates are welcomed to attend. Don’t miss out on this opportunity! RSVP to the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 18th, and if you have a laptop available bring that too, but not a requirement. If you have questions, contact Becky at 410-386-2760.

Unit Completion/Record Book Training

There’s no school, so why not come out and join us on Friday, October 18, 2013 to work on your unit completions/record book at the Extension Office from 9am-3pm. We will be available during that time to help you work on your unit completions and record book. Remember there are new forms this year and this is a great opportunity to come out and knock out your units in a day. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by October 15 if you plan to attend.

Leadership Council Meeting

There will be a Leadership Council Meeting on September 30th at 7PM at the Extension Office. All club leaders and Senior 4-H members are encouraged to attend.

National Trips for Senior Members

If you are a senior member and would like to possibly be awarded a National Trip, then it’s time to start thinking about that Senior Portfolio! Senior Portfolio’s for National 4-H Conference are due to the Carroll County 4-H Office by October 1, 2013!! If you have already attended National 4-H Congress or one of the other trips, this may be the one for you. Held at Chevy Chase, MD it is for our older youth. For other trips, (National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, West Virginia Older Members’ Conference and Virginia 4-H Congress) Senior Portfolios will be due on January 3, 2014. If you would like help or advice on putting together a senior portfolio, please call Becky at the office and she would be glad to help. The essay title has not been decided as yet, but we will send it to club leaders as soon as we have it.

Diamond Clover Awards

Are you working toward achieving one of the six levels of the Diamond Clover Award? They are due to the 4-H Office by February 3, 2014 (or earlier!). Level six requires a Service Learning Proposal Form which must have a County Committee to review and approve and then it must go to the State 4-H Office for review and approval. Contact Becky if you need help with Level Six. Level Six Diamond Clover awards are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 11, 2013.
Club Leaders

It’s that time of year again for the next step in our financial reporting timeline. The Annual Financial Summary Report (Jan 1, 2013 – June 20, 2013), Property Inventory Report and Treasurer Books are due to the Extension Office by October 15, 2013. Also, all clubs must file a 990 (reporting Jan 1 – June 30, 2013) by November 15, 2013. Remember to print and bring a copy that you have submitted the 990 to the Extension Office. If you have question, don’t hesitate to call the Extension Office.

CLUB LEADER’S MEETING
We will be holding a club leaders’ meeting this fall. Important information will be shared at this meeting.
Please make sure that at least one leader from your club is in attendance:
Tuesday, October 29th at 7pm at the CC Extension Office
Remember it is very important that you send a club leader representative to this meeting as new and important information will be given to club leaders.

Beat the Midwinter Blahs!!

Beat the Midwinter Blahs will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Carroll County Extension Office and Ag Center. Please mark the date of your calendar now and plan on joining us for this informative and fun day.
Attached to this issue of the Tribune is a form requesting classes for The Blahs. If you are interested in teaching, please be sure to fill out the form and send it to the Extension Office. If you have a class idea but cannot teach, please fill out the form and check the appropriate spot. We are looking for a wide variety of topics to meet the interest of everyone. Class information is due to the office by Friday, November 1st.

Sewing Supplies

Have you thought about trying out a new sewing technique, but don’t want to use your new fabric. Stop by the Extension Office. We have a large selection of fabrics that anyone is welcome to come and take for projects. There are also some patterns, zippers, and buttons that are available.
If you have questions, contact Becky at bridgewa@umd.edu or 410-386-2760.

OFFICE MAILBOX

Just a reminder that we have a drop box located by the entrance to the office. If you are here after hours or are trying to meet a deadline but the office is closed, please use the drop box. We cannot be responsible for items left under the door. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tori Mann, Nick Parrish, and Katie Garst, who represented Maryland at the National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program Invitational in Trafalgar, IN July 21st-24th. The team placed 4th out of 14 teams and Katie Garst placed 1st overall in individual scoring!

Also, congratulations to Jake McThenia who represented Maryland as part of the 4-H Shooting Sports Team at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in Grand Island, NE held June 23rd-29th. The team placed 7th.

Club News

CC 4-H All Star Meeting

The next meeting is September 17, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Extension Office.
Too Many Ribbons?

Don’t throw them away! Bring them to the Extension Office or to a Fair Board meeting. The Fair will recycle them for next year! So don’t throw them out, let’s recycle those ribbons!

. Fair Board Meetings

Don’t forget that everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office. The next meeting dates are:
- September 4th at 7:30PM
- September 25th at 7:30PM

Did you forget Something?

If you forgot to pick up something from the fair, it is still at the Extension Office, but will only be here until September 13th, then all items from county and state fair will be discarded! There are pictures and, of course, craft items. Stop by and pick up your forgotten items before September 13th!

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Fair Set-Up and Fair Clean-Up in the Red Building. With all the tremendous help we were able to finish both days earlier than in previous years. Lots of hands make the work lighter for everyone. If you received a Grand Champion or special award from a department in the Red Building, please send a thank you note to the donor. If you need the name and address of the donor of the trophy or award you received, contact Sandra Stonesifer at 410-857-0416.

PLEASE WRITE A THANK YOU …

Several organizations, businesses, & individuals contributed donations toward supplying the lavender shirts for this year’s CC 4-H/FFA Fair that benefitted the Carroll County Regional Cancer Center. Sending them a “thank you” note would be a great way to show appreciation for their support! Notes can come from clubs and/or individuals.

T-Shirt Donors:

- Coldspring Farms
- Crystal & Gary Dell
- Cedar Knoll Farms
- Cowrazy Cleaning
- Snader Farms
- Lease Brothers Farms
- Broadview Farms, Inc.
- Link Veterinary Assoc.
- Pheasant Echo’s Farms
- Sandra Stonesifer
- MD Mobile Veterinary Clinic
- Arters Mill Farms
- Bowman’s Feed & Pet

Please mail notes to:
Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair
PO Box 207
New Windsor, MD 21776
and/or to the individual donors.

And a THANK YOU for…

the yellow t-shirts supplied by Bowman’s. If you received one of these please send a THANK YOU note to:

R.D. Bowman & Sons, Inc.
107 Englar Road
Westminster, MD 21157
Thanks for a great summer!

After another busy, exciting, and successful summer, we’d just like to say thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, 4-Hers, and other community members that give their time and effort into making the Carroll County 4-H Program so awesome!

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http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county   The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find The Tribune online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.
http://extension.umd.edu/4-h   The Maryland State 4-H Youth Development Website. News & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth and leaders.

Carroll County 4-H Youth Development
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Westminster, MD  21157-5700

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Upcoming Dates to Remember…

Dates to Remember –

Sept 5        UME Volunteer Training, CC Ext Office
Sept 21  Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Ext Office, 9am-3pm
Sept 30  Leadership Council Meeting, CC Ext Office, 7pm
Oct 1  Senior Portfolios due for National Conference trip consideration
Oct 9  National 4-H Science Day/Open House, Mt Airy Library 6:30-8pm
Oct 10  4-H Science Day/Open House, Taneytown Library, 6:30-8pm
Oct 12  4-H Open House, Tractor Supply Company, Westminster, 10am-3pm
Oct 14  CC Extension Office Closed, Columbus Day
Oct 15  Club Financial Records due to the office
Oct 18  Unit Completions/Record Book Workshop, CC Ext. Office, 9am-3pm
Oct 18-20  MD WHEP Weekend, Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, MD
Oct 26  Clover Halloween Party, CC Ext Office, 7-9pm
Oct 29  Club Leaders Meeting, CC Ext Office, 7pm
Nov 3  MD State 4-H Dressage Show & Combined Test, Westminster, MD
Nov 22-24  Volunteer and Youth Forum, Ocean City, MD
Nov 28-29  CC Extension Office Closed, Thanksgiving
**Senior Portfolio Workshop!**

**Who:**
This workshop is available to any Senior or Upcoming Senior (Last year Intermediate) 4-Her.

**What:**
This workshop will focus on teaching youth how to create a Senior Portfolio that will help them become eligible for national trips. Resume building, Essay writing, and Interviewing tips/practice are just a few highlights of the workshop.

**Where:**
Carroll County Extension Office

**When:**
September 21st, 2013 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM
9:00AM – Noon: Resume Building/Essay Writing
12:30PM – 3:00PM: Interviewing Skills

**How:**
Pre-register and come on out to the Extension Office ready to participate!
No fees required!

**Why:**
Develop quality workforce preparation skills that will prove to be very useful in the future.

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**Register Early!**
Call the CC 4-H Office at 410.386.2760
Contact Becky Ridgeway with any questions!
*Lunch will be provided. Appropriate interview attire recommended.*
*Bring a laptop if one is available; if not let us know when you register.*

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TIPS FOR UNIT COMPLETIONS FOR 2013

Here are some tips and helpful hints as you are working on your unit completions for project records for 2013.

Don’t forget that the following unit completions are required to show at the 2014 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair: all market animals, horse, poultry, rabbit, garden, plants/flowers

✓ Remember to get your leader and parent to sign your project record!
✓ What did you learn from completing this project this year:
  - 2 items of “What you learned from completing this project” for juniors/intermediates
  - 4 items of “What you learned from completing this project” for seniors
    Try to be specific and use descriptive terms to explain this. “I learned about goats”, is very general and does not tell the judges anything, but “I went to the goat workshop and learned that feeding a 16% protein will help with the growth of my goat” is more descriptive and tells the judges something that you learned in your project. Hopefully you are learning things about your project on a regular basis, try to fill this section as you start your project, and continue to enter items on a weekly or monthly basis, especially if it is a long term project.
✓ Life Skills Section:
  - Juniors/Intermediates – 1 learned result of each life skill
  - Seniors – 2 learned results of each life skill
    The life skills wheel is designed as a guide to help with determine skills you have learned through your project. Use the examples given on the unit completion to aid in filling out this section.
✓ Remember for any project you carry, you must have an oral demonstration for that particular project. For example, if your project is photography, you must give a talk about photography, or if your project is market lambs, it must be about lambs. If you carry both market and breeding animal projects, you must have a different talk for each project. Also, remember it cannot be to family members, but to 3-4 people who are not family. Remember, if you are in a judging program, that counts too!
✓ Remember to list when, where and how your project was exhibited.
✓ As you fill out the financial journal, keep in mind all costs that may be associated with your project. If it is an animal project, you may have bedding, vet costs, transportation fees, entry fees, feed and many others. At the same time, remember to include all your income, sales, and premiums!
✓ Finally, your unit completion requires a supplemental piece. If you carry a market animal project, a “Project Animal Information” is required and found in the new animal science forms. This must be filled out completely, across and down the columns! If your project is other than a market animal, your supplemental piece can be just about anything!! Pictures of your project, pictures of you and your project, a curriculum book on the project, an educational piece about your project. Use your imagination!!! But try to keep the supplemental piece to one page if not using the curricula books.

Hope this information helps as you are completing your project records for 2013!
Keep up the great work and use these record sheets to help you “grow” your 4-H career!
If you have any questions, please call Becky at the 4-H Office.
CLASS INFORMATION SHEET -- BEAT THE MID-WINTER BLAHS
January 25, 2014 – Carroll County Ag Center

Due: November 1, 2013
Return to: Mail: Blahs, Carroll County Extension Office, 700 Agriculture Center, Westminster, MD 21157
Fax: 410-876-0132 Email: dweiner1@umd.edu

Instructor Name: ___________________________________ Email address: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________________
Telephone (Day): ___________________________ (Evening): ____________________________

Class Title: __________________________________________________________________________________

I can teach this class ____________________________
I cannot teach this class but have provided detailed instructions for someone else to teach __________________________

Preferred Time of Class: (Please Circle) 9:30 10:45 12:30 1:45

Preferred Length of Class (minimum 1 hour; maximum 2 hour OR all day): ____________________________

Class room requirements or special needs or equipment: ____________________________

Do we charge for this class? Yes* ___________ No ___________ Class fee: ____________________________

*If yes, what fees will cover supplies for the class per person? To reduce fees in some cases, please consider listing in the class description what supplies participants should bring with them to the Blahs

Does the class have a minimum age? Yes ___________ No ___________ If so, what age? ___________

How many participants for this class? Minimum ___________ Maximum ___________

Class description -- describe the actual class, including supplies and/or equipment the participant should bring.
Please write on the back of this form.

Only original receipts will be accepted for reimbursement of supplies purchased. Indicate clearly which items on the invoice were purchased for your class with a total cost. Itemize on a separate sheet of paper if needed.

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