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*****ATTENTION LEADERS: New Ag Center Procedure*****

There is a new procedure in reserving buildings at the Ag Center. When your club would like to reserve a building at the Ag Center, you will need to follow these steps.

1. Call a 4-H Educator (Becky, Jim or Kim).
2. What is the reason for needing the building? If we can accommodate your room need at the Extension Office that will be our first option.
3. If a building is still needed at the Ag Center, the 4-H Educator will reserve the building for your club.

If you have questions about this new policy, please contact one of the 4-H Educators at 410-386-2760.

Quality Assurance



If you are a new member or have moved to a new age group (Junior to Intermediate, Intermediate to Senior) you will be required to take the Online Quality Assurance Program this year. The program is online and required for ALL 4-H members showing beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, horses/ponies, poultry, rabbits, and alpacas/llamas. The website to complete this program is <https://webtools.moo.umd.edu/AHQA/>.

You must register and complete this program if you plan to show. The website is open and available 24 hours a day. If you receive an error message while trying to complete it, please let Becky Ridgeway know. The Extension Office has a computer lab available to all. Contact Becky if you need to use the computer lab. **Because our fair begins before the state deadline, you will need to complete this requirement by July 18th!!**

ATTENTION!!!! BEEF, DAIRY AND SWINE EXHIBITORS!!!!

2014 NEW REQUIREMENT – ALL MARKET AND BREEDING ANIMALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL USDA or MD tag. If your animal **DOES NOT** have this tag, **YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW THAT ANIMAL AT ANY MARYLAND FAIR/SHOW.** All market swine and steers were tagged on their respective day. Anyone who shows breeding animals will be required to obtain their own tags. For more information on the new regulations, visit <http://mda.maryland.gov/animalHealth/Pages/Fairs-Shows.aspx>. Tags/tagger can be requested from the Maryland Department of Agriculture by calling 410-841-5810 or emailing animal.disease.traceability@maryland.gov



Cow Pie Bingo Fundraiser



Cow Pie Bingo will once again be at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. This bingo will take place on Saturday, July 26th in the Shipley Arena following the breeding shows. We are looking for everyone to spread the word about this county fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Carroll County 4-H Program and will be used towards National Trips. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25 and are available at the Extension office. The winner will receive \$250. If you have any questions contact Becky at 410-386-2760 or bridgewa@umd.edu. A flyer and bingo rules were in the June *Tribune*.

4-H Member and Volunteer Cards

4-H cards **WILL NOT** be included in fair packets this year. They **WILL** be mailed directly to each family household. Cards will be mailed towards the end of June, please be on the lookout. When cards are mailed, an email will be sent to all 4-H families who have provided their email to us. **Notify the Extension Office before Friday, July 18th if you have not received your 4-H member/volunteer cards. NO CARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT FAIR WEEK. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Leadership Council Meeting

The next Leadership Council Meetings will be held on at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Monday, June 30
Monday, September 29

Remember all leaders, volunteers, parents and senior 4-H members are invited to attend. This is your opportunity to get updates on the 4-H program and get your questions answered.

Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association

The Maryland 4-H Volunteers' Association needs you! Keep up to date by receiving notices for state association meetings, share 4-H program ideas and concerns, and learn about state judging, robotics, engineering, out of state trips and other opportunities. To stay up to date

please send your name, county and email to:

md4hvolunteersassociation@gmail.com.

New 4-Her Orientation

So you just joined the 4-H program. Now what? Learn what opportunities await you at this informative session. We will cover the basics of 4-H, the opportunities, challenges, and resources to help make your 4-H career a successful one. This session is for parents and 4-Hers. Please bring any questions that you already have.

September 4th at 7:00pm at the Extension Office. Please call 410-386-2760 if you are interested in attending this training to reserve your space.

UME Volunteer 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? All adults who are working within our program should go through this training.

The next UME training will take place on **July 8th at 6:00pm.**

Please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 if you are interested in the next training.

Consumer Education

Do you have the desire to become a thrifty shopper? Always looking for the best deal in a store? Wishing that your money went further? Then Consumer Education is the program for you!

Consumer Education is the practice of learning how to spend money wisely on quality products. 4-Hers will be able to participate in training sessions on selected topics and practice learned skills in simulated situations.

There is one more practice left to be held at the County Extension Office from 7-9 pm on July 7th.

Topics to be covered are:

“Just Another Flip-Flop Summer”,
“Where’s Al When You Need Him?”,
“Been There, Chewed That”,
“Replenish, Refuel, Recharge”,
“Pack Power to Your Punch”,
“Are You Covered”,
“Call 9-1-1”, and “Another Cheesy Title.”

The county Consumer Education Judging Contest will be held Tuesday, July 22nd from 7-9 pm. You must have entered the contest through the county fair entry program. Contest results, ribbons and champion awards will be given at a special awards evening following the County Fair on August 5th at 7pm.

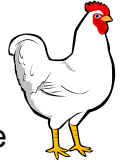
Points will be awarded for each practice session attended, as well as for each friend brought along to share the fun. All points will be added to the county contest score. We look forward to helping you stretch that dollar as far as you can! For more information please call Jennifer Hill at 443-244-1633

Food Preservation Workshops

We will be offering a SALSA class on Saturday, July 12th from 9am-4pm. For more information contact Becky Ridgeway at 410-386-2760 or bridgewa@umd.edu.

Poultry Judging Practices

All practices are 7 pm at the Extension Office. Anyone is welcome. For questions please contact Glenn Haines 410-756-2113 or Kelly Hale 410-596-1332 or KHale005@gmail.com



Wed. July 2

Thurs. July 10

Wed. July 16

Poultry Barn Clean Up

All exhibitors who will be showing in the poultry barn are expected to help clean up and set up the barn (as well as clean up after the fair). There will be several clean up/set up dates. The first one is Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 9AM. More information to come, and other dates will be shared once they are determined.

Rabbit Judging Practicum

There will be a rabbit judging practicum on July 23 @ 6pm at the Carroll County Extension Office. Anyone that is planning on attending can RSVP to Ms. Jo Mladjenovich at jkmlad@aol.com



Scholarships

Don't forget there is a book filled with a variety of scholarships available at the Extension Office. Make sure to stop in and take advantage of these great opportunities.

Walk MD Fitness Challenge



University of Maryland unveiled WALK MD! This program encourages every citizen in the state of Maryland to get up and move. Individuals and groups are asked to report the miles they have walked (or equivalent exercise) on the Walk MD website:

<http://extension.umd.edu/walkmd>

In addition to University of Maryland Extension participating in this program, the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County has adopted the program to use with its WALK CARROLL! WALK MD! Program. Walking programs will take place on July 12th, from 8:30am until 10:30am at the Town Mall of Westminster.

As representatives of 4-H and Carroll County, you are being challenged by Kim Dixon to take up this cause. Any club who makes it to the end of the WALK MD! Trail and can produce a certificate saying such will get special recognition.

As of this time Carroll County has the most participants in the WALK MD program and everyone is doing a great job moving virtually across the state.

Horticulture Workshop

Are you interested in gardening? Do you like to get your hands dirty? If so, come to the Carroll County Extension Office and participate in a one-hour long workshop that will deepen your knowledge!

Registration (free) is required. Call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 to register. Any 4-Her between the ages of 8 and 14 are welcome! No experience required! Registration needs to be complete a week in advance, so secure your spot.

Questions? Contact Tommy Diffendal at trdiffend@gmail.com or the CC Extension Office.



July 12, 10:00 am
Insects and other Creepy Crawlies

Maryland 4-H In Action is BACK!!

The Maryland 4-H In Action is back! This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to share their 4-H story. Please see the flyer attached in the June *Tribune* for more information.

OFFICE MAILBOX



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.

Clover Day Camp

Clover Camp will be held at the CC Extension Office July 7-10, 2014. The theme is *Learning the Way of the Chesapeake Bay*. For more information contact Jim Serfass at jserfass@umd.edu

WHEP Weekend

WHEP Weekend is back! Come enjoy the outdoors and learn about the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program! This event offers 4-Hers, along with interested UME adult volunteers and parents, an opportunity to camp, participate in a hands-on service project, and learn about wildlife management in a unique natural setting.

When: 6:30 PM, Friday Sept. 19th thru noon, Sunday, Sept. 21st.

Where: Elk Neck State Park, North East, MD

More information and registration forms will be available soon. For more information contact Jim Serfass at jserfass@umd.edu.

Carroll County 4-H Residential Camp!

Older Week (10-14 yrs.) – July 14-18
Theme: “Camp On the Road Again”
Contact: Jim Serfass, jserfass@umd.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Camps!

Carroll County 4-H is happy to announce that Shooting Sports Camps are back for 2014.

Shotgun Camp: (11-18 yrs.)
July 14-17-Dug Hill Shooting Sports Club
Junior Shotgun Clinic (8-10 yrs.)
July 9-Dug Hill Shooting Sports Club
Contact: Jim Serfass jserfass@umd.edu

Club Treasurer Books

Remember to close out all club treasurer books on June 30, 2014. Your books should include all financial information from July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. The new financial year for clubs will begin on July 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office.

Diamond Clover Level 6

It's time to start thinking about your Diamond Clover Level 6 projects. If you plan on working on your level 6 project, start thinking about putting together your committee, including your club leader, 4-H Educator and a 4-H All Star. Please contact Becky Ridgeway at 410-386-2760 (bridgewa@umd.edu) if you plan on working on your project as there are new requirements from the state 4-H office. All documents will be submitted through an online portal this year by September 15th.

Maryland State Fair The Best 11 Days of Summer!

Get your entries in early!! Maryland State Fair online entries close July 31st at 11:59pm. Computers are available at the Extension Office from 8-4:30pm Monday-Friday if you need access.

Maryland State Fair Youth Workers

If anyone is interested in working at the State Fair, and learning the ins and outs of how the fair works, check out the Maryland 4-H website for an application. There are many opportunities to work in the indoor building and Animal World for those who are interested.

<http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/maryland-state-fair>

MD 4-H Aerospace Challenge

It's one week until registration closes for the State 4-H Aerospace Workshop and two weeks until it closes for the State 4-H Aerospace Challenge. A flyer was included in the June *Tribune* and is posted on the State 4-H website, as well.

A few changes:

- The ending time for both events is now 6:30 pm instead of 6 pm.
- The senior contest has been completely revamped with fresh, new engineering challenges.
- We are also investigating the possibility of giving the two top-scoring seniors an alternate prize to the National 4-H Engineering Challenge.



We are Looking for a Special Person!



The Carroll County 4-H program is partnering with Volunteer Maryland! to bring an Americorps member to our team. This very special person will be assisting the 4-H team in helping to enrich our volunteer program through providing opportunities for leaders and volunteers to gain more training, do more activities and have more well deserved recognition. This person will also help grow the program in Southern Carroll County. This position is an 11-month, 40

hour a week position with a living stipend of \$13,250 and an education award that is given at the end of the service year worth \$5,645. Benefits are available.

This position is perfect for someone who is trying to get back into the workforce, or someone who has dreams of working with non-profits, the service industry, or Agriculture Education.

For more information, please contact Kim Dixon at kdixon12@umd.edu or 410-386-2760.

CC Fair News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
2014 CARROLL COUNTY
4-H/FFA FAIR WILL BE
JULY 26 – AUGUST 1
“Piecing Together Our Future”

Fair Board Meetings

Remember that **everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office. The next meeting date is July 16 at 7:30PM.

NEW FOOD PRESERVATION RULES

Starting with the 2014 CC 4-H/FFA Fair, we will be following the state Food Preservation Rules.

- No jars will be opened
- the source of your recipe must be on the jar (Example – So Easy to Preserve, Blue Ball Book)
 - Recipes should be a USDA tested recipe

A copy of “It’s So Easy to Preserve” is available at the Extension Office. If you have questions, contact the department superintendent or call Becky at the Extension Office.

Fair Judging Contests

If you plan on participating in any judging contest (livestock, dairy, rabbit, horticulture, skillathon, consumer, etc.), you must have pre-registered for those contests through the fair entry system.

Silent Auction Donations

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to bring their donations for the silent auction to the Extension Office. The silent auction will take place at the 4-H/FFA Fair and proceeds will benefit the Fair and the Carroll County 4-H Program. See the flyer attached in June's *Tribune*. Please have all donations submitted by Saturday, July 26.

Clerk Training and Indoor Superintendent Meeting

Indoor clerk training will take place on Wednesday, July 9th at 7pm, followed by an indoor superintendents' meeting at 7:30pm at the Extension Office.

Fair Kitchen

The 4-H/FFA Fair Kitchen is looking for volunteers for fair week. Anyone interested in donating fresh vegetables, or a whole/half steer or hog, please contact Katie for further information. If you have any questions, donations or can volunteer, please email Katie at tiggerbryan23@aol.com or call 443-340-5617. Looking for sweet corn, squash, cucumbers, onions, potatoes, melons, tomatoes, and many other fresh veggies! Thank you for your generosity in making the Fair kitchen a success!

Each club had a designated timeslot to assist in the kitchen. Please be sure you have club members and volunteers available during your scheduled time.

Indoor Building Reminders for the Fair

- Cake discs are available in the Extension Office
- Check the catalog for rules and regulations for **each** department/description for classes.
- Bring your claim sheet with you on the day of entry and for entry pick-up on release day.
- Photography - Exhibitors are limited to 5 entries total
- Informal Demonstration Department - Did you pre-register to do an Informal Demonstration? Don't forget to call and schedule a time.

Please come to the Red Building Superintendent table when you arrive if you need to change a class number. Class changes can only be made within the same department. You will need a new entry tag from the superintendent table in order to have that item judged and to receive your premium for that item.

Every 4-Her is expected to help with Fair Set-Up and Clean-Up. Set -Up time for intermediates and seniors whose last name starts with letters M-Z is Sunday, July 20 at 9AM. The time for juniors/clovers whose last name starts with letters M-Z is 10:30AM Sunday, July 20. Clean up should be starting about 10AM on Saturday, August 2 for exhibitors whose last name starts with letters A-L.

Every 4-H club has a time slot for Guard Duty of the indoor entries.

Any questions about exhibits need to be directed to the department superintendent **before** the fair.

Sandra Stonesifer, Indoor Building Superintendent 410-857-0416

Friend of 4-H Showmanship Fundraiser

Attention all 4-H parents, family members, volunteers, Carroll County 4-H Alumni, Fair Board and Fair committee members age 19 or older: you are invited to participate in our Friend of 4-H Showmanship Competition to be held at this year's Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair! In order to participate, a \$10 donation towards the Fair's Autism Fundraising is required for each species you compete in with contests for dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, swine, beef cattle, and dairy steers!

Each contest will be held in conjunction with the normal youth species show. A champion will be selected for each species, and there will be a Round Robin Champion Challenge held after the Market Steer Show on Thursday, July 31st to select the overall showman from each species champion. Before the champion challenge, each species winner will have a donation jar for bets on who will win, and whoever raises the most money will be awarded a prize!

Don't forget..... just like any other show, there will be bragging rights and special prizes for each winner!

Sign ups will be available at Fair Set Up, all throughout the Fair, or contact Samantha Anthony, at the Extension Office at (410)-386-2760, to sign up or for more information any time before the Fair. Let's stir up some fun in Shipley while raising money for such a great cause!!

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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
University of Maryland Extension
700 Agriculture Center
Westminster, MD 21157-5700

Phone: 410-386-2760
Toll-Free: 888-326-9645
Fax: 410-876-0132

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Congratulations are in order! We couldn't be prouder of the many accomplishments that have happened with our 4-Hers!

Super Sonic Sparks Team 24 are World Champions!!!

During the last week in April, 3 robotics teams from Carroll County 4-H's Super Sonic **Sparks 4-H Club** travelled to Anaheim, California to demonstrate their excellence amongst the best of the best from the US and other countries. Our team won world champion in programming for their one minute automatic mode challenge! If you see anyone from Super Sonic Sparks Club, please congratulate them!

Two Carroll County Teens are on Their Way to Montana

Congratulations to **Tori Mann** and **Jake McThenia** for being selected as Maryland representatives to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Conference in Montana this August.

Looking Great, Feeling Good!

The 2014 Fashion Revue was a success and we should be especially proud of the following accomplishments:

Juniors:

Carly Chaney-Champion Ready to Wear Sports Wear/Lounge Wear

Mackenzie Dicke-Reserve Champion Ready to Wear-Sports Wear/Lounge Wear

Ally Kerney-Champion Ready to Wear Formal, Reserve Champion Ready to Wear

Layla Metts-Champion Ready to Wear Dresses

Intermediates:

Payton Steele-Champion Ready to Wear Professional, Grand Champion Ready to Wear, Champion Constructed Creative Choice, Reserve Grand Champion Constructed

Megan Triplett-Champion Constructed Dresses, Grand Champion Constructed

Seniors:

Brittany Lippy-Champion Ready to Wear Formal, Grand Champion Ready to Wear, Champion Constructed Separates, Grand Champion Constructed, Best Accessorized

Ryleigh Lanza-Best Model

Carroll County Horse Judging and Hippology Team Gallops Toward Victory!

On June 14, under the watchful eyes of Janie Dell, Bob Shirley and Amanda Hart, the Carroll County 4-H and FFA Horse Judging and Hippology team went to College Park, MD to face teams in an event of extreme mental stamina—general knowledge of horses (hippology) written exam, a practicum where they had to identify various horse related items and actual judging of seven classes of horses and riders. It was a tremendously long day but our team faired extremely well.

The following 4-Hers placed in the top 20 high individuals

Seniors:

Hannah Cimbaljevich, Melissa White, Lillian Alster, Maggie Ryan, Alexis Dickson

Intermediates:

Melanie Martin, Elliot Alster, Morgan Jones, Katie Grasser, Maggie Smith, Sophie Wolf, Allison Stoner

Juniors:

Teaghan Green

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 30	Leadership Council Meeting, CC Ext Office, 7pm
June 30-July 3	CC Archery Camp, Mayberry Archers
July 4	Office closed for holiday
July 7-10	Clover Camp, CC Ext Office
July 8	UME Volunteer Training, CC Ext Office, 6pm
July 9	CC Junior Shotgun Clinic
July 14-17	CC Shotgun Camp, Dug Hill Shooting Sports Club
July 14-18	Residential Camp, Older Week, Hashawha
July 20	Carroll County 4-H Dog Show, Shipley Arena
July 26-Aug 1	CC 4-H/FFA Fair
Aug 20-Sept 1	Maryland State Fair, Timonium Fair Grounds
Aug 21-24	Maryland State Fair Horse and Pony Show
Sept 4	New 4-Her Orientation