Jim’s Moving On

I would like to let you all know that I’ve accepted a new position outside of the University of Maryland Extension and will be resigning from my position with 4-H in Carroll County as of Friday, September 12th. After that, I will begin working as the DC Area Senior Educator & Outreach Coordinator at NatureBridge. NatureBridge is a non-profit organization which provides residential environmental education programs within national parks. I will be working mainly at Prince William Forest Park and collaborating with schools in DC and Prince William County, VA.

I have enjoyed my time here with the 4-H program and I will always consider myself lucky to have worked with such a close-knit and supportive community. I am impressed with all of the time and effort you put into making Carroll County 4-H the great program that it is. For the time being, Kim Dixon will be managing shooting sports programs along with environmental programs such as WHEP. Both Kim and Becky will be involved with the various camping programs. If you have any specific questions about programming, please feel free to contact me over the next few weeks. Kim and Becky will keep everyone in the loop moving forward. I know that you will all continue to make the best better in Carroll County!
**THANK YOU!!!**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated and volunteered at the 2014 CC 4-H/FFA Fair! This event would not be possible without the wonderful and dedicated volunteers that give back so much to Carroll County 4-H members. Next time you see one of these wonderful volunteers thank them for all that they do for the program and fair!

**Fair T-Shirt’s**

Please take a minute and write a “Thank You” note to those who sponsored fair shirts.

Green fair t-shirts were supplied by Bowman’s. If you received one of these please send a THANK YOU note to:
R.D. Bowman & Sons, Inc.
107 Englarn Road
Westminster, MD 21157

Red t-shirts were supplied by Interstate Batteries of Baltimore. If you received one of these please send a THANK YOU note to:
Interstate Batteries of Baltimore
Attention: Mark DeGasperi
1942A Bethel Road
Finksburg, MD 21048

**Fair Entries**

Any items that were not picked up from the 2014 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair or Maryland State Fair will be available at the Extension Office until September 30th. Any items still remaining will be discarded.

**NERVF**

Make plans to attend the Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum November 20-23, 2014 in College Park. Partake in a variety of workshops, bus seminars and entertainment! Meet other 4-H volunteers from 13 states that will be traveling to Maryland this fall. **Carroll County 4-H will cover the cost of registration for UME Volunteers and senior 4-H Members to attend this event!** More information can be found at: www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com

**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 **September 18th at 6:00pm**. Please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 if you are interested in the next training.

**MD 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: Md4hvoluteerassociation@gmail.com

**Leadership Council Meeting**

The next Leadership Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 29th at 7pm** at the Extension Office. 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.
Club Leader Updates

**Leader’s Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 28, 2014** at the Extension Office. Plan on attending as important club paperwork will be passed out, along with updates.

**Annual Financial Summary** reports are due to the Extension Office by **September 30th**.

**Ag Center Procedure** – When reserving a building with the Ag Center, please follow these steps.

1. Call a 4-H Educator (Becky or Kim)
2. Reason for needing 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, 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.

**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, opportunities, challenges, and resources to make your 4-H career a successful one. This session is for parents and 4-Hers. Please bring any questions that you already have. Next session will be offered **Thursday, September 4th at 7pm** at the Extension Office.

**Extension Open House**

Come and celebrate 100 Years of Extension!! Thursday, October 23rd from 4-7pm at the Extension Office. Interested clubs can participate too! Plan on make and take crafts, demonstrations and show off your projects. Contact Becky Ridgeway (410-386-2760) to sign up today!

4-H Promotional Contest

It’s time to start thinking about how your club can promote 4-H! National 4-H Week is October 5th – 11th and will take place in several locations. Plan to put your club’s activities or a display in your favorite window, library or school! Make sure to call the Extension Office to let us know where your display is for the promotional contest!! If you need promotional flyers, please contact the office. The judging criteria is attached to this Tribune.

National 4-H Conference

If you are a senior member and would like to possibly be awarded a National Trip, then it’s time to start thinking about your Senior Portfolio!! Senior Portfolio’s for National 4-H Conference are due to the Carroll County 4-H Office by **October 1, 2014**!! Just update your portfolio and get it submitted to the Extension Office!!

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week will be October 5-11 this year and we encourage you to promote your club and the county program throughout that week. There will be opportunities throughout the county and we will be offering time for your clubs to come and help present, or do an informal demonstration at these events. If you have any ideas regarding this week, please contact Kim or Becky at the Extension Office.

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National Science Day Experiment

National Youth Science Day is on October 8, 2014 and this year’s experiment is: "Rockets to the Rescue", 4-Hers will respond to a fictional scenario: A natural disaster has left people without food on a remote, isolated Pacific island, and the youth have been asked to build a rocket that can be launched from the mainland, travel over the ocean and deliver high-energy food to the population. The experiment combines two key 4-H issue areas—science and food security—and incorporates aerospace engineering concepts to help youth design a rocket out of everyday materials, including recyclable two-liter bottles, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, rubber bands and a protractor.

If you would like to have this experiment at your club meeting during the month of October or November, please contact Kim Dixon at 410-386-2760 or kdixon12@umd.edu

Senior Portfolio Workshop

There will be a Senior Portfolio Workshop held at the Extension Office on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9am-3pm. You will have the opportunity to build your 4-H resume. The afternoon session will help you with interviewing skills through mock interviews and how to dress. All seniors and last year intermediates are welcomed to attend. Don’t miss out on this opportunity!! This is a great time to work on your interview skills for any opportunity. RSVP to the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 17th, and if you have a laptop available bring that too, but not a requirement. If you have questions, contact Becky at 410-386-2760.

Project Record Workshop

There’s no school, so why not come out and join us on Friday, October 17th to work on your project records at the Extension Office from 9am-3pm. We will be available during that time to answer questions and help you work on your project records. This is a great opportunity to come out and knock out all of your records in one day!! Please RSVP to 410-386-2760, if you plan on attending.

Project Records Due

Project Records will be due to the Extension Office on Monday, December 1st. Please check with your club leader to see when your records are due to them. If you participated in the following areas (all market livestock, rabbit, poultry, horse, photography, garden, plants and flowers) at the 2014 fair you MUST turn in completed project records to be eligible for the 2015 CC 4-H/FFA Fair. See the attached Tips for Project Records for 2014 for additional information.

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, you will need to put together your committee, including your club leader, 4-H Educator and a 4-H All Star. Please contact Becky Ridgeway at 410-386-2760 if you plan on submitting a project. Note the change for submitting paperwork through an online portal by September 15th.

Horseman’s Party

The 28th Annual Maryland 4-H Horseman’s Party will be held on Sunday, October 5th at the Fasig Tipton Pavilion at the MD State Fairgrounds. This year the party will have a new look as it will be an Ice Cream Formal. Tickets are $10 in advance/$15 at the door. For tickets contact Brittany Hoffman bhoffma2@umd.edu or tickets will be available at www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com. This event also serves as an important fundraiser to benefit the Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Horse Endowment Fund.
TRP Needs You

The 4-H Therapeutic Riding program is in need of volunteers, especially horse handlers, for the fall season. This is a great way for kids 14 and older to earn service hours and have a great time! If you are interested please contact Louise at louise4htrp@gmail.com. Volunteer training will be the 1st Wednesday of September.

Walk MD 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.

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 a 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.

Blah’s

Beat the Midwinter Blah’s will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Carroll County Extension Office and Ag Center. Please mark the date on 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 Blah’s. If you are interested in teaching, please be sure to fill out the form and send it to the Extension Office.

Please note that we now offer ½ hour classes that can be taught multiple times!! We are looking for a wide variety of topics to meet the interest of everyone. Class information is due to the office by Monday, November 3rd.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project

Come out to Hashawha Environmental Center on Sunday, October 5th at 1:00PM to plant trees & shrubs and learn more about the habitat of the Eastern Bluebird. Take the opportunity to get outside and learn more about the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP). Please contact Kim Dixon kdixon12@umd.edu if you are interested.

CC 4-H/FFA Fair

Remember that everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office. The next meeting dates are:

September 3, 2014
September 24, 2014

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Fair Set-Up and Fair Clean-Up in the Red Building. Lots of hands make the work lighter for everyone. We changed the procedure this year by having half of the exhibitors scheduled for Fair Set Up and the other half for Fair Clean Up. This provided us with good help both days.

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.

If anyone found any lost items from the indoor building that do not belong to them, please return them to the Extension Office so we can return them to the member(s) they belong to.
Upcoming Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 4  New 4-Her Orientation, CC Extension Office, 7pm
September 16 UMD Volunteer Training, CC Extension Office, 6pm
September 20 Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
September 29 Leadership Council Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7pm
September 30 Club Annual Financial Summary reports due by COB
October 1  Senior Portfolios due for National 4-H Conference
October 5  Horseman’s Party, MD State Fairgrounds
October 5-11 National 4-H Week
October 17 Project Record Workshop, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
October 23 Extension’s 100th Anniversary Open House, CC Extension Office, 4-7pm
October 28 Club Leader Meeting,
November 20-23 Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum, College Park
December 1  Project Records due from Leaders

2015 Dates
January 5  Senior Portfolios Due
January 31  Beat the Mid-Winter Blah’s, CC Ag Center

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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  Phone:  410-386-2760
University of Maryland Extension  Toll-Free:  888-326-9645
700 Agriculture Center  Fax:  410-876-0132
Westminster, MD  21157-5700

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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 20th 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 your future.

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Register Early!
Call the Extension 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.*
CLASS INFORMATION SHEET -- BEAT THE MID-WINTER BLAHS
January 31, 2015 – Carroll County Ag Center

Due: November 1, 2014
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)      Morning              Afternoon
Preferred Length of Class (minimum ½ hour; maximum 1 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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Promotional Display Contest

SUPERINTENDENT: Wanda Rawlings – 410/857-1896

- Entry Procedure – Club’s registration for Promotional Display Contest to be called to the Carroll County Extension Office (4-H) – check Tribune for due date
- Contest – National 4-H Club Week – October 5-11, 2014

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Promotional Display Contest

1. Each club may enter only one class – window display, bulletin board display, or table-top display.
2. Clubs may display booths or banners entered at the Carroll Co. 4H & FFA Fair as their entry in the Promotional Display Contest.
3. Club representative, when registering their entry, will also advise of location of their display. If display is within a building, also include times building is open so that display can be judged.
4. 4-H members are responsible for setting up the display. Parents and volunteers may assist but not assume total responsibility for setting up the display.
5. All displays must include the Affirmative Action statement (4-H Is Open To All) or the display will not be considered for premiums. The Affirmative Action statement is available at the 4-H Office.
6. Displays must be in place no later than Monday, October 6, and remain in place until Monday October 13.
7. Displays will be judged on the following basis:
   a. Effective Title (short, personal, an action verb) – 10 points;
   b. Promotes 4-H (how to get involved) – 30 points;
   c. Attracts Attention (has stopping power) – 10 points;
   d. Holds Interest (encourages study) – 10 points:
   e. General Appearance (simple, has balance, use of color) – 10 points;
   f. Workmanship (neat, well-constructed) – 10 points;
   g. Effective Location (area of maximum visibility for youth and parents) – 10 points
   h. Total possible points – 100
8. There will be one Champion and one Reserve Champion for each category. An overall Grand Champion may be selected from Champion Window Display, Champion Bulletin Board Display, and Champion Tabletop Display.
9. Premiums – Champion - $10, Blue Award - $8, Red Award - $6, White Award - $4

Section 001 – Promotional Display Contest
Class 4001 Window Display
Class 4002 Bulletin Board Display
Class 4003 Table-Top Display

Section 002 – Promotional Display Special Awards
Class 4011 Grand Champ & Reserve Grand Champ Promotional Display
TIPS FOR UNIT COMPLETIONS FOR 2014

Here are some tips and helpful hints as you are working on your unit completions for project records for 2014.

Don’t forget that the following unit completions are required to show at the 2015 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair: all market animals, horse, poultry, rabbit, garden, plants/flowers and photography

✔ 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.

✔ Project Activity Section – This can include anything that you have done with your project, including workshops, making

✔ 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. 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 2014! 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.