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Congratulations to all the clubs that participated in the Promotional Contest this year!!!

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Cheetah’s 4-H Club
Chevaiona 4-H Dairy Goat Club
Gaither 4-H Club
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2nd Place – Fine Feathered Friends 4-H Club

Table Top Displays
Champion – Rolling Clovers 4-H Club
Reserve Champion – Pleasant Valley 4-H Club
2nd Place – Black Rock 4-H Club

LEADERS: Please come by the office & pick up your ribbons!

Oh Look...It’s Bad Weather!

If it’s bad weather that means things at the Extension Office may be closing! If there is no school or there is early dismissal in Carroll County due to inclement weather, all 4-H events are to be cancelled. In addition, if the snow emergency plan is in effect by 6:00pm, all 4-H events are to be cancelled for that evening. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

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Welcome Debbie Franc!

Debbie Franc is the new Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for the Carroll County 4-H Program. Debbie has an extensive history with 4-H. She grew up participating in 4-H in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. She raised her two girls, Kathryn and Danielle, in the Carroll County 4-H program and encouraged them to enjoy all the opportunities that 4-H has to offer. Debbie is an active volunteer with the Sparks 4-H Club, a robotics based club. Debbie helps where needed with Sam’s Creek 4-H Club. She has served as the 4-H Dog Show Superintendent for the past three years.

4-H has lots to offer both our youth and volunteers. Volunteer Maryland creates and strengthens volunteer programs with nonprofit organizations, government agencies and schools. For eleven months, Debbie will be serving as the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for the Carroll County 4-H Program. With training and support from Volunteer Maryland, Debbie hopes to strengthen and support our wonderful 4-H volunteers. If you have suggestions for our 4-H volunteers please email Debbie at cc4hvolunteers@gmail.com or give her a call at (410) 386-2760.

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 Monday, November 17th at 6:00pm. Please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 if you are interested in the next training.

MD 4-H Volunteers’ Assoc.

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: Md4hvolunteerassociation@gmail.com

Club Leader Updates

990-Postcards must be submitted online by November 15th – Log on to http://epostcard.form990.org.

Club Paperwork – All club paperwork is due to the Extension Office by January 15th.

Newspaper Articles – When sending in an article/picture to the newspaper, please send it to Becky or Kim and we will get it on the Extension Website.

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.

Fair Photos

Photos from the 2014 CC 4-H/FFA Fair are available in the Extension Office. All orders are due by November 20, 2014. All orders will be held and placed at one time. Any orders placed after the original order date will be subject to a negative finding fee for each photo.
Midwinter Blahs

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 the September 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. If you have a class idea but cannot teach, please fill out the form and check the appropriate spot. We are looking for a variety of topics to meet the interest of everyone. Class information is due to the office by Monday, November 3rd.

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 Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm at the Extension Office.

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!!

Project Records Due

Project Records are due to the CC 4-H Extension Office from club leaders on Monday, December 1, 2014! Individual club leaders will need to set the date due to them. Other items to note this year:

**Tips to Complete Project Records are attached to this Tribune.**

**Remember to use the Animal Science Project Records this year for animal projects.**

**Remember, all market livestock, horse, rabbit, poultry, photography, garden and plants/flowers project records are required to show at the 2015 CC 4-H/FFA Fair.**

**Please staple rather than paper clip pictures etc. to project records so they do not get misplaced. Also, please DO NOT put project records in a folder, sheet protector, binder, record book cover, etc. We take them out anyway to judge them, so please just staple them together.**

Senior Portfolios

If you are a senior member and would like to apply to be awarded a National Trip, then it’s time to start thinking about that Senior Portfolio! Trips for Senior Portfolios include National 4-H Congress, Camp Miniwanca, West Virginia Older Members’ Conference and Virginia 4-H Congress. If you are applying for a National Trip, don’t forget to fill out an application at: http://extension.umd.edu/4-h/youth-families/awards-recognition and turn it in with your portfolio. All senior portfolios are due on January 5, 2015. If you would like help or advice on putting together a senior portfolio please call Becky at the Extension Office and she would be glad to help. The Essay Question will be provided when available from the state.

Record Book Night

A record book night will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Look for more information in future Tribunes.
Diamond Clover Awards

Are you working toward achieving levels 1 thru 5 of the Diamond Clover Awards? They are due to the 4-H Office by February 2, 2015 (or earlier!). All of the Diamond Clover forms can be found on the Carroll County Extension website. If you have questions, please contact Becky at the Extension Office.

Steer Weigh-In

We have scheduled steer weigh in for Saturday, January 10th at the Ag Center TRP Building beginning at 8am until 11am. Because of the location, all steers/heifers must be on a halter and reasonably broken! Market Animal Registration forms and AnSc Code of Ethics can be found at the Extension Office or from your club leader. Remember, the registration form is a 2-part form. You must turn in the form intact. Remember to sign the front and back of the form. Your copy will be given to you on the day of weigh in. If you have questions, call 410-386-2760.

Registration forms are due to the CC Extension Office by Monday, January 5, 2015. Tag cost is $1 per steer/heifer. Make checks payable to CCEAC.

Beef Field Day

Beef Field Day will be held on Saturday, April 11th at the TRP Building. More information provided in the coming months.

Horse Bowl Practices

It’s time to start preparing for Horse Bowl! Practices will be held every Wednesday beginning on January 7, 2015 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Livestock Judging

This year we would like to try something a little different. During the winter months, to keep our judgers fresh and going, we are going to try an office practice one night a month. This will be mostly to work on reasons. Of course, the classes will be videos, because finding classes on farms in the winter is somewhat difficult (and cold!!). So, bring your notebooks and pencils and let’s work on reasons!! Call Kathy Gordon for more information or questions, 301-667-0559. Monday Nights starting at 7pm:

- January 26
- February 23
- March 30

Livestock Skillathon!!!

Believe it or not, in another 2 months we will be starting Skillathon practices!! It seems like we just ended our weekly sessions! Skillathon is a program where you will get to learn many different things about the livestock industry (cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats). We will cover Breeds, Feed Types, Equipment, Meat Cuts-retail and wholesale, Body Identification, and other general knowledge. For seniors, it is a chance to make the State team and travel to PA, NC, and Louisville, KY for the National contest!! For juniors and intermediates, it is a chance for you to learn more about your livestock project. There will be new learning aids this year and there are many sections which are "hands on"!! Call Kathy Gordon for more information or questions, 301-667-0559. Here is the schedule:

All Thursday Nights starting at 7pm.

- January 8, 15, 22, 29
- February 5, 12, 19, 26
Camp Time

Carroll County Residential Camp dates have been set for 2015:
Week 1 (8-11 year olds) – June 21-25
Week 2 (10-14 year olds) – July 12-17
Adult and Youth Staff applications are attached to the October Tribune.
Adult Staff Applications due – October 31st
Youth Staff Applications due – December 1st

Staff must be able to attend training dates to accumulate the required number of hours to participate:
Adult Staff Training weekend – January 2-4, 2015
Youth Staff Training weekend – March 27-29, 2015

Training Dates:
April 12, 2015
May 17, 2015
June 7, 2015

Small Engine/Lawn Mower Workshop

Every year after the Small Engines and Lawn Mower Contest many ask how they can prepare for next year. Come out to FSK High School on Saturday, December 6th and learn everything from overhead valve engines to disassembling and assembling. More information and registration form can be found at the end of the October Tribune.

Ambassador Service Project

The Sr. Ambassador Team will be traveling to Arlington National Cemetery on December 13th as part of Wreaths Across America. We are asking clubs or individuals interested in supporting this cause to consider donating $15 per wreath. Donations can be made online at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or checks can be written to CCEAC and the 4-H office will forward the donation. The Wreaths Across America website explains more about the national program. We will be joined by families from across the country as we lay wreaths to remember our fallen soldiers.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Bryce and Kaitlyn Davey and Jacob Newton for representing Maryland at the National Youth Engineering Challenge for robotics and placing 1st!!! Also, congrats to Emmett Wolf on 1st place in Small Engines and Thomas Wolf on 3rd place in Lawn Tractor Safety!! More information on these events can be found attached to this Tribune.

Dawn Harry has graciously offered to help put together a leaf collection expedition for 4-Hers who are interested in doing a leaf collection project next year. If you have any interest in being part of this group, please contact Mr. John Masti (johnamasti@gmail.com).

WHEP Program

On October 5th, some of the Wildlife Habitat Education Program participants including Serena Newton, Harry Newton, Dorothy Newton, Owen Alster and Michael Alster all under the watchful eye of Mr. John Masti worked with Dawn Harry, Master Naturalist at Bear Branch Nature Center, to improve the blue bird habitat along the green trail at the park.
Ten trees were planted on the beautiful fall day: two each of Pagoda Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, Service Berry, Spice Bush and Viburnum. These are native species and provide resources to native birds including blue birds. The group did a fantastic job digging through the heavy, rocky, clay based soil. Following each planting the trees were treated with deer repellent and flagged with an orange and a pink flag.
NEW!!! Check out the club news on the Carroll County Extension website. Clubs being featured this month include:

- Clover Buddies 4-H Club
- Fine Feathered Friends – Poultry Judging
- Westminster 4-H Club

Articles can be found at: extension.umd.edu/carroll-county

Gala Basket

Once again we will be putting together a county basket for the MD 4-H Gala. The gala will be held on Sunday, January 18th at the Laurel Race Park. This year’s basket theme will be “Family Night”. Any items you can donate will be wonderful and can include, family movies, board/card games, snack foods, etc. Please have any donations to the Extension Office by January 14th. We are also encouraging clubs to make their own baskets, too! Proceeds from the gala baskets go back to the MD 4-H Foundation, which help fund national trips, scholarships, etc.

CC 4-H/FFA Fair

Remember that everyone is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office. The next meeting date is December 3, 2014.

Indoor Superintendents Meeting for all superintendents (excluding Foods and Cake Auction) will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm at the Extension Office. Bring your class or rules changes.

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 Premium Checks – If you haven’t already received your check from your club leader you need to make arrangements with your club leader to receive your check. All checks need to be cashed before NOVEMBER 17th. They will not be honored after that date. If you find that you are missing premiums after reviewing your Premium Statement, you must send an email to carrollcountyfairentires@gmail.com. Include the following information: Exhibitor name as it appears on check/statement, address, phone #, department, section AND class number for the missing item (can be taken off entry tag). Corrections must be sent in no later than November 1st. Checks will be written after that date, and no additional corrections will be made. THANK YOU

Cookie Season is Coming! – Fair memories are still fresh in our minds, so it’s hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Each year the Fair Board likes to recognize and show our appreciation to those businesses and individuals who so greatly support the fair. The Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair Board is asking 4-H Club members to assist the Fair Board with baking homemade Christmas cookies for the Fair’s Gold Sponsors.

- Cookies are to be homemade, and not chocolate chip
- We need at least 6 dozen of each type of cookie
- The more cookies the better

Please deliver your cookies to the Extension Office on Tuesday, December 2nd or Wednesday, December 3rd. If you cannot make the delivery to the Extension Office on either of those days, please contact Vicki Wagner at morningchoicefarm@verizon.net or Becky Stem at bstem24@comcast.net to make other arrangements.

IMPORTANT DATES

2015 Carroll County Fair
August 1st through August 8th

Mark these dates in your 2015 calendar and keep them in mind when making your summer plans!
## Upcoming Dates

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[http://extension.umd.edu/carroll-county](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](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.

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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, meetings, classes, a vacation that you took pictures on and entered at the fair, etc.
✓ 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.
Maryland 4-Hers Win at National Youth Engineering Challenge

Maryland 4-Hers won first place in three events – Aerospace, Robotics and Small Engines. The Maryland 4-H Engineering Team recently returned from a successful trip to Lafayette, Indiana, for the 64th national engineering challenge, September 28 – 30, 2014. The nine member team participated in both individual and team events and collectively in the Engineering Bowl. They also attended educational workshops at Purdue University and an educational fieldtrip to Fair Oaks Dairy, a large modern operation, and Braun Corporation, manufacturer of wheelchair vans, wheelchair lifts and mobility products. Safety is a major component of the Engineering Challenge.

The Maryland team members are state senior first place winners of their particular event, including mechanical science events in Division V, 4-H Engineering Events, at the 2014 Maryland State Fair. These events include agricultural tractor operator safety, lawn tractor, arc welding, small engines, electric/energy, computer, robotics, aerospace and bicycle. The youth first compete in their county. Most counties offer these 4-H activities. More information can be found at the national website: [http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/naengr/naengr.html](http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/naengr/naengr.html).

The Maryland Robotics Team of Bryce and Kaitlyn Davey and Jacob Newton (all of Carroll County) competed in both the Autonomous (robot pre-programmed for a task) and the Remote Controlled (robot driven by an operator in remote control) events and placed first in both. Mr. Andrew George Davey (Carroll County Volunteer) attended as robotics coach.

The Maryland Aerospace Team of Kevin Kai Huang and Patrick O’Hanlon, (both of Montgomery County) placed first in the Aerospace Event, building a rocket from miscellaneous supplies given them and successfully launching and recovering it. Dr. Richard Lempicki (Montgomery County Volunteer) served as Aerospace Coach on the trip. The aerospace participants visited aerospace related sites on campus where many astronauts have trained.

In individual competition events, Emmett Wolf (Carroll County) placed first in the Small Engines Event, Joshua Frick (Baltimore County) placed second in the Bicycle Safety Event, Thomas Wolf (Carroll County) placed third in Lawn Tractor Safety, and James Thomas (Baltimore County) placed third in the Agricultural Tractor Operator Safety Event.

The Maryland team placed fourth in the Engineering Bowl, losing by one question in each round they competed in. Scores were very close. Maryland did not have contestants in computer, electric/energy or welding this year.

Most of the contestants participated in a Mouse Trap Car Challenge to build a vehicle powered by two mouse traps; the best car from Indiana traveled over 40 feet.

Each event was comprised of several components, including a written exam, a presentation, parts identification test, a practical exam, and a demonstration of skills component (operation of a vehicle, computer programming, or welding).