Thank You!!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated and volunteered at the 2015 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 volunteers thank them for all that they do for the 4-H program and fair!!

Fair T-Shirts

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

Pink fair t-shirts were supplied by Bowman’s Feed & Pet. If you received one of these please send a THANK YOU note to:

R.D. Bowman & Sons, Inc., 107 Englar Road, Westminster, MD 21157

Green t-shirts were supplied by Finch Services Inc. If you received one of these shirts please send a THANK YOU note to:

Finch Services, Inc., 1127 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21157
Fair Entries

Any items that were not picked up from the 2015 CC 4-H/FFA Fair must be **picked up by Friday, September 11th**. Items can be found in room B of the Extension Office. Any items remaining after September 11th will be discarded.

Project Records Due

Project records will be due to the Extension Office on **Tuesday, 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 ANIMALS, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, Photography, Garden, Plants and Flowers) at the 2015 fair you **MUST** turn in completed project records to be eligible for the 2016 CC 4-H/FFA Fair. See the attached Tips for Project Records for 2015 for additional information.

Project Records Workshop

There's no school, so why not come out and join us on **Tuesday, September 15th** to work on your project records at the Extension Office from 9 am-3 pm. We will be available during that time to answer questions and help you work on completing your project records. This is a great opportunity to come out and knock out all of your records in one day!! Please note that you can drop in any time during the day and leave when your records and questions have been answered. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the Extension Office by September 11th 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 **Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 pm**. Registration is required so please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 if you are interested in the next training.

New 4-Her Orientation

So you have joined the Carroll County 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 is offered **September 15th at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Registration is required so please call the Extension Office at 410-386-2760 if you are interested in this program.
Leadership Council/All-Star Meeting

We will be holding the Leadership Council and All Star Meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at the Extension Office. The Leadership Council is open to all leaders, volunteers, parents and senior 4-H members. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm followed by the All Star meeting beginning at 7:30 pm. The All Star nominations/elections are to take place. Please make plans to attend, and if you are an All Star, you will fit two meetings into the same evening.

Club Leader Updates

A MANDATORY LEADER MEETING TO GO OVER 2016 PAPERWORK AND UPDATES WILL BE OCTOBER 27, 2015 AT 7:00PM.

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

Club Treasurer Books

Remember that all club treasurer books should have been closed out on June 30, 2015. Your books should include all financial information from July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office. Treasurer books are due to the 4-H office with the annual financial summary form by September 30th.

Horseman’s Party

The 29th Annual Maryland 4-H Horseman’s Party will be held on Sunday, November 1st from 3-6:30 pm in the Vista Room at the MD State Fairgrounds. There will be a dinner, awards ceremony, live auction, and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-maryland-4-h-horsemens-party-tickets-17498613825?aff=es2

MD 4-H Volunteers’ Forum

Make plans to attend the MD 4-H Volunteers’ Association Forum November 20-22 in Ocean City, MD at the Carousel Hotel. There will be a variety of workshops and activities offered. Dr. Jim Cain will be sharing his knowledge on subjects ranging from teamwork to creative problem solving. Carroll County 4-H will cover the cost of registration for UME Volunteers and senior 4-H Members to attend this event!! Be on the lookout for more information.

4-H Promotional Contest

Show off your GREEN while promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week October 4th–10th happening in various locations. Plan to put your club’s activities on 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.
**4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment**

In conjunction with National 4-H Week, the 4-H National Science Day is October 7th, 2015. This year’s experiment looks at vehicle safety and is called, “Motion Commotion.” Any clubs who would like to participate in the experiment should contact Kim Dixon, kdixon12@umd.edu or 410-386-2760. Clubs can choose to borrow a kit, or they can have an Extension Educator come to the club to facilitate the experiment.

**Clover Halloween Party**

Save the date! The Carroll County 4-H Ambassador Team will be hosting the annual 4-H Clover Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24, 2015. The program will be open to all 4-H clovers, and will feature games, music, and lots of seasonal treats. Registration is required. More information will be featured in the October 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 Portfolios for National 4-H Conference are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, October 1, 2015!! Just update your portfolio and get it submitted!! If you have questions, contact Becky at 410-386-2760.

**Diamond Clover Level 6**

It’s time for all Senior 4-Hers to be thinking about their Diamond Clover Level 6 project. If you plan on working on your Level 6 project it is time for you to reach out to the Extension office and create a team. You will need your club leader, a 4-H Educator, and a 4-H All Star. Please contact Ann Dicke at 410-386-2760 or adicke@umd.edu.

**Senior Portfolio Workshop**

The Senior Portfolio Workshop will be held at the Extension Office on Saturday, November 7th from 9 am-2 pm. You will have the opportunity to build your 4-H resume. The afternoon session will help you with interviewing skills through mock interviews and give tips on 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, November 4th. Please plan on bringing a laptop if available, if not please let us know. If you have questions, contact Becky at 410-386-2760 or bridgewa@umd.edu.

**Buy Local Challenge**

It’s your last chance to turn in your “selfies” with the Carroll County Carrot! September 1st is the deadline to send in pictures using the Instagram hashtag #carrollcountygrown or email pictures to Diana Hare at dhare@carrollbiz.org. Be sure to include your name and club as a comment.
Automotive Safety and Maintenance Course

Do you know how to maintain your car without having to make appointments at the local mechanic’s shop? Do you know what to do in a roadside emergency? Do you know how to change a tire and check the wear and tear of your tires? Are there ways for you to compete in your car, in a safe, and inexpensive manner? If you answered no to any of these questions then this workshop is designed for you. We will be learning how to do basic car maintenance such as fluid checks and changes; tire changes, rotations and tire wear; how to jump start a car and how to participate in motorsports. Registration is required by September 30th, and you must bring your car’s manual.

When: Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
Where: The Carroll County Extension Office

Fieldtrip: Sports Car Club of America Autocross School, Saturday, October 10th from noon-4 pm (This is optional)

Contact Kim Dixon 410-386-2760 or kdixon12@umd.edu if you have questions.

Sensational Salsa

What are you to do with all of the tomatoes, peppers and onions you have grown in your garden? What else, but make Sensational Salsa! Don’t miss out on learning how to make salsa! Join us on Saturday, September 12th from 10 am-1 pm at the Extension Office to learn how to make your very own Salsa!! To register, contact the Extension Office. See the attached flyer for more information.

Blah’s

Beat the Midwinter Blah’s will be held on January 30th, 2016 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 return it to the Extension Office by November 2nd.

Club News

Check out the club news on the Carroll County Extension website. Articles being featured this month include:

- Hot Shots State Archery Team
- Clover Buddies at Home Depot
- Fine Feathered Friends June Meeting
- Rolling Clovers June Meeting
- Progressive Clovers June Meeting

Articles can be found at: extension.umd.edu/carroll-county
Therapeutic Riding Needs You

The 4-H Therapeutic Riding (TRP) program is in desperate need of volunteers, especially horse handlers, for the fall season. There is also a need for people with no horse experience to be sidewalks supporting our riders. The fall session requires only an 8 week commitment, one evening a week. This is a great way for kids 14 and older to earn service hours and have a great time!

**Class Schedule:** Monday, **Sept. 7**th thru Thursday, **Oct. 29**th (8 weeks). **Please note that classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Volunteer Training:** Wednesday, **September 2**nd, from 5:00 - 7:00. If you have not previously attended training, you must attend this session. Returning volunteers who would like to attend are welcome and will receive service hours for attending the course.

Please consider volunteering so we don’t have to turn any riders away!!! If you are interested in helping TRP, please contact Louise at louise4htrp@gmail.com.

CC 4-H/FFA Fair

Everyone is welcome to participate in **Fair Board meetings** held at the Extension Office. The next meeting dates are September 9, 2015 and September 23, 2015.

**You Don’t Save Ribbons?** Don’t throw them out! We recycle gently used ribbons. Bring gently used ribbons to the Extension Office or Fair Board meeting to be put back in inventory.

**Indoor Building News** - 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. By dividing the alphabet for Fair Clean Up and Fair Set Up it gave us good help for both days.

If anyone finds they have accidently picked up items from the indoor building that do not belong to them, please return them to the Extension Office so we can get them to the member(s) they belong to.

If you received a **Grand Champion or special award from a department in the Red Building,** please send a thank you note to the award donor. If you need the name and address of the donor of the trophy or award you received, contact Ms. Sandy.

Clothing exhibitors – please send a thank you to **Avenue Tailors and Cleaners**, 19 Pennsylvania Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157 for the garment bags they donated to cover the entries on display.

The four hanging baskets in the Medford Building that added to the displays in the building were donated. Please send a thank you to **R D Bowman’s Home and Garden Center**, 100 John Street, Westminster, MD 21157.

It’s very easy to criticize and complain about things we don’t like. As a superintendent it is nice to get a thank you. Please send a note to each superintendent of the departments you entered to thank them for their hard work and dedication to your project area.

If you need any address info please contact Ms. Sandy Stonesifer, 410 857-0416
Looking for volunteers for the Corn Maze. Volunteers are needed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from October 2 until October 25. Also new this year is the opportunity to make money for your club by selling Corn Maze tickets. Your group can pick a night and have a private event at the corn maze, sell tickets and receive part of the ticket price as a result. We are asking you sell at least 100 tickets but groups may team up. If you are interested in volunteering or fundraising call Nichole at 410-848-6704.

Please be advised that all parking on the upper lot must be in assigned, marked parking spaces. Once these spaces are full please park in the millings area. There are to be no cars parked along the building side of the parking lot.

In September 2016 the Ag Center will be hosting a 9/11 Remembrance event and will be looking for support and displays from 4-H groups. More information will be released as we get closer to the date.

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Congratulations to the 2015 County Fair Poultry Judging Participants!

Judging participants displayed their skills in judging live birds, eggs, and meat, identifying cuts of meat, and giving oral reasons. All junior, intermediate, and senior participants will have the opportunity to compete in the state level competition on September 5th.

Clovers: Participation - **Abigail Lawrence, Liam McHugh, Michalina Miller**

Juniors: 1st Place- **Ben Lawrence**, 2nd Place- **Lilly Lawrence**, 3rd Place- **Molly McHugh**

Intermediates: 1st Place- **Molly Lawrence**, 2nd Place- **Seth Krispin**, 3rd Place- **Caleb Giordano**, 4th Place- **Sophie Panagakos**, 5th Place- **Charlotte Krispin**

Seniors: 1st Place- **Kaitlyn Davey**, 2nd Place- **Irene Hintze**, 3rd Place- **Ryan Owings**

A big thank you to coach, Glenn Haines, and assistant coaches (all of whom have previously competed in the national poultry judging contest) Thomas Diffendal, Sarah Giordano, Malinda Grimm, Karin Johnsson, Karl Johnsson, Noah Lawrence, Natalie Panagakos and David Welsh.
TIPS FOR UNIT COMPLETIONS FOR 2015

Here are some tips and helpful hints as you are working on your unit completions for project records for 2015.

Don’t forget that the following unit completions are required to show at the 2016 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 2015! 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 30, 2016 – Carroll County Ag Center

Due: November 2, 2015
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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affiliation, or gender identity and expression.
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 4-10, 2015

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 5, and remain in place until Monday October 12.
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
Senior Portfolio Workshop

Activities
• Learn how to create a Senior Portfolio
• Learn how to put together a resume
• Learn how to write the perfect essay
• Receive tips and advice for interviewing
• Practice participating in mock-interviews
• And more!

Register Early!
Call 410-386-2760 to reserve your spot!

Who is eligible?
Seniors or upcomming seniors

When is it happening?
Saturday, November 7
9:30am - 3:00pm

Where is it happening?
Carroll County Extension Office

How should I dress?
Wear professional interview attire

What should I bring?
A laptop. If you don’t have one, let us know when you register.

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Sizzling Sensational Salsa

Learn how to create your own salsa from Extension experts.

The Workshop will be held at

UME Carroll County
700 Agricultural Center Drive
Westminster, MD 21157

on September 12, 2015

from 10:00am - 1:00pm

Registration Info

Due: Sept. 8, 2015
Cost: $15
No refunds after September 8, 2015
Call 410-386-2760 to register. Payment must be cash or check made payable to CCEAC. Payment is required by September 8, 2015

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If you need special assistance to participate in the “Sizzling Sensational Salsa” class, please contact the UME Carroll County office at 410-386-2760 by August 28, 2015.