



# Tribune

A Carroll County 4-H Newsletter

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## Thank you!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and volunteered at the 2023 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair! This event would not have been possible without the wonderful and dedicated volunteers that give back so much to the Carroll County 4-H members and their families. Next time you see one of these volunteers, thank them for all that they do for the 4-H program and the Fair!

## Fair T-Shirts

Take a minute to write a “Thank You” note to **R.D. Bowman’s Feed & Pet** for sponsoring the yellow fair shirts.

If you received a fair shirt, please send a “Thank You” note to:

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

And don’t forget to send a “Thank You” to your award sponsor(s)!



## Affording Education after High School

It can be a stressful time of year for our graduating high school students! As you start thinking about your future, the cost of attending college, trade school or certificate programs can be especially stressful. Join us on **Tuesday,**



**October 24th at 6:30pm** to meet with Carrie Sorenson, our Family and Consumer Sciences Educator who has over 5 years of Accredited Financial Counselor experience. Carrie will provide information on FAFSA and things to consider when it comes to paying for your higher education. We will also talk about scholarship opportunities too! All families are welcome to join and we ask that you register by October 18th at:

<https://forms.gle/ZtnvNXxVWpT9j5y6>

## Project Records Due

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Projects records will be due to the Extension Office on **Monday, November 27th**. Check with your club leader to see when your records are due to them. RECORDS WILL NEED TO BE SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB LEADER! If you participated in/exhibited in the following at the 2023 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair, you **MUST** turn in a completed project record to be eligible for the 2024 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair: **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK, RABBIT, POULTRY, HORSE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GARDEN**. See the attached *Tips for Project Records for 2023* for additional information. (**Note—Records that are submitted and are identical from the same households will be returned to 4-Hers to re-do.**)

Please follow this link to the Carroll County Extension website for the correct project records:

<https://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county/local-4-h-youth-education/project-records-and-record-books>

### Project Record—2023 Update of Requirement

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In 2023, all project records that are completed will be held to meeting all standards, including the communication section. Remember that 4-Hers must present a speech or demonstration to 3 or more people not related to them to meet this requirement. *This is a speech or demonstration the youth has given, not something they attended.* The speech and/or demonstration **MUST** be related to the project. You cannot use a speech about Crafts for your Market Beef project record. Don't forget that participating in programs such as Skillathon, bowls, and judging programs count toward this requirement. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at 410-386-2760.

### MD 4-H State Animal Science Award

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If you show one of the following: beef cattle, camelids, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse/pony, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small pets, swine or have a veterinary science project, then don't miss out on the **Maryland 4-H State Animal Science Project Record Award!** You must be 14 –18 years old as of January 1st to qualify. Many of our animal science 4-H members have great project records, so take a look at what is required. (Note—the dates should all stay the same for when the items are due, the rules just haven't been updated to say 2023). All items for the award process are due through 4-H Online and are typically due by the end of October.

### Senior Portfolio Night

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What goes better with creating or updating a Senior Portfolio than a pizza party? We know that Senior Portfolios look and sound overwhelming and we would love to help you get started. And perhaps, an evening filled with pizza and snacks will help you get started on the right foot. Make plans to attend the Carroll County 4-H Portfolio Workshop on Friday, November 3rd at 6pm. All seniors and last year intermediates are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to work on your resume and leave with a completed or updated resume. 4-H Resumes are used to apply for national trips, but they are great for all of those 4-H scholarships available, too! Fill out the google form below and plan on bringing a laptop. If you do not have one available, please let us know. If you have questions, please contact Becky at 410-386-2760. Register at— <https://forms.gle/svNQmXyW9WGGQiQa98>

## Beginner Robotics & Coding Workshop

Get ready to embark on an exciting journey into the fascinating world of robotics and coding with our Beginner Robotics & Coding Workshop. Join us for an action-packed adventure designed to ignite young minds and nurture your creativity, problem-solving skills, and technological curiosity. Our workshop is specially tailored for youth aged 8-11, making it the perfect opportunity for you to dive into the thrilling realms of robotics and coding. This program will cost \$5 due by the start of the first Friday session. Register early to reserve your spot! Registration is limited to the first 10 registrations as supplies are limited. Register at: <https://forms.gle/7UBQruHyprrq1Rvq8>

### Program Schedule:

Friday, September 22nd at the Extension Office, 6-8pm

- The Engineering Design Process & Activity
- Color Coding with Ozobots

Friday, September 29th at the Extension Office, 6-8pm

- Making a PB&J is Like Coding Activity
- Block Coding with Ozobots

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Torrey Silliman on or before September 8th at [tsillima@umd.edu](mailto:tsillima@umd.edu)



## Introduction to Birding & Citizen Science

Take advantage of fall migration and join us for a fun-filled introduction to birding basics across 3 days beginning on Saturday, September 30th and continuing on October 7th and 14th from 10 AM to 12 PM. This program is open to 4-H youth ages 11-18. All supplies such as binoculars, field guides, nature journals, and pencils will be provided. If you have your own pair of binoculars, feel free to bring them and of course don't forget to pack water! We will be doing some short, light hikes. A parent/guardian will need to be present for our October dates, but all family is welcome to join in on the fun! This program will cost \$5 due by the start of the first Saturday session. Register early to reserve your spot! Registration is limited to the first 15 registrations: <https://forms.gle/gJ3xY6d9fA7PzceWA>

### Program Schedule:

- Saturday, September 30th at the Carroll County Extension Office, Room A & B- 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Saturday, October 7th at Hashawha Environmental Center, Raptor Cages- 10:00AM-12:00PM
- Saturday, October 14th at Piney Run Park, Shoreline Trail Parking Lot- 10:00AM-12:00 PM (\$6 entry fee) **OR** Bird Banding at Eden Mill Nature Center (1 hr away)- 7:00AM-10:00AM (*Voting for a preference can be done at registration.*)

What is bird banding? Check it out! <https://youtu.be/A1uhtLSqwV0?si=h0ZVTNXgSARd-JVg>

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## Clover Halloween Party

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The Ambassador Team is excited to be hosting another great Clover Halloween Party on **Friday, October 27th at 6 P.M.** There will be games, arts and crafts, trick or treating and some special treats! Wear your favorite Halloween costume if you want and you're welcome to bring a friend to the party, too!

To register by October 20th to attend go to this link— <https://forms.gle/Mm3RZqSRNQdZczRx6>

## 4-H Mystery Project Day

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There's no school for CCPS, so make plans to join us for our 1st Mystery Project Day! We will be making several projects throughout the day that you will be able to enter at the 2024 Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. Projects could range from crafts, home environment and art, to much more! Mystery Project Day will be held on **Friday, October 20th from 9am-3pm at the Extension Office.** You will need to bring your own lunch this day. Make sure to register quickly as you don't want to miss out on all the suspense of what we are making! Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mystery-4-h-project-day-tickets-707739145837?aff=oddtcreator>

## Leadership Council and All Stars Meeting

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The next Carroll County 4-H Leadership Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.** This is an opportunity for our 4-H Families and Volunteers to hear updates on the program and provide comments and questions about the county program. **Immediately following the Leadership Meeting, the Carroll County 4-H All Stars will meet.** This is a great way to provide input on the 4-H program, plus get two meetings finished in one night!

## UME Volunteer Training

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If you aren't already a UME Volunteer, make plans to complete the training in 2023. Just email Becky (bridgewa@umd.edu) and you can complete all of the required paperwork and training directly from your home. Trainings can be completed at anytime!

## Fair Reminders

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**Everyone** is welcome to participate in Fair Board meetings held at the Extension Office/Ag Center. The next meetings will be on Wednesday, September 6th and 27th, 7:30pm

**Too many ribbons?** Don't throw them away. If they are in good shape, drop them off at the Extension Office and we will recycle them for next year.

**Indoor Building**—Congratulations to all exhibitors in the Indoor Department at the Carroll County 4-H & FFA Fair. Whether you received a red ribbon or a champion, you were a winner because you did your best and learned while making the exhibit and from judges' comments as part of conference judging. If you received a champion with a special award, please thank the donor by sending a thank you note. If you need the name/address, contact Erica McAndrew at Erica.mcandrew@gmail.com

A big THANK YOU to the CC Ag Center for installing air conditioning in the Medford and Alesia buildings. The temperature made it so much more comfortable to view the exhibits!

Miss Sandy—Indoor Building Superintendent.



## Dates to Remember

Aug 31—Sept 4	Maryland State Fair—2nd Weekend (4-H Dairy Weekend/ Judging Contests)
<b>September 4</b>	<b>CC Extension Office, CLOSED</b>
Sept 7-Sept 10	Maryland State Fair—3rd Weekend (4-H Dairy Goat Weekend)
September 14	Leadership Council/All-Star Meeting, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
September 22	Beginner Robotics & Coding Workshop, Extension Office, 6pm
September 28	Club Leader Meeting, CC Extension Office, 7pm
September 29	Beginner Robotics & Coding Workshop, Extension Office, 6pm
September 30	Introduction to Birding & Citizen Science, Extension Office, 10am
October 7	Introduction to Birding & Citizen Science, Hashawha, 10am
<b>October 9</b>	<b>CC Extension Office, CLOSED</b>
October 14	Introduction to Birding & Citizen Science, TBD, 7am or 10am
October 20	4-H Project Day, CC Extension Office, 9am-3pm
October 24	College Finance Night, CC Extension Office, 6:30pm
November 3	Senior Portfolio Workshop, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 17	4-H Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm
November 27	4-H Project Records due to Extension Office
December 1	4-H Holiday Project Night, CC Extension Office, 6pm



### Carroll County 4-H Team

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The Carroll County 4-H Website. Find the *Tribune* online, plus other forms and information for youth and leaders.

<http://extension.umd.edu/locations/carroll-county>

The MD 4-H Youth Development Website, news & information from all over the state, plus forms and information for youth &

volunteers. <http://extension.umd.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development>

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## Tips for Completing Project Records

Here are some tips and helpful hints as you work on your project records.

**Don't forget that the following project records are required to show at the 2024 Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair – ALL MARKET ANIMALS, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Garden and Photography**  
**(Items in green are REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION)**

Remember to EXPAND on all of your answers. The more detailed responses you give help the reviewers understand your projects and what you learned and achieved through them.

1. **What goals did you set for your project this year and did you achieve them?**
  - a. Explain three different goals you had for your project and expand on how you did or didn't achieve them.
2. **What were four things you learned from completed this project this year?**
  - a. Juniors and Intermediates – You only need to list 2 things you learned from your project.
  - b. Seniors – Need to list 4 things you learned from your projects
3. **What is one thing you would like to improve or do differently with your project next year?**
  - a. What is something that you want to improve on your project next year? Give an example on what you want to do differently on with your project.
4. **What I learned as a result of using this life skill...**
  - a. Under each section (Head, Heart, Hand, Health) write the life skill you are using from the life skill wheel.
  - b. Juniors and Intermediates need to write 1 life skill for each section. You will have one life skill for Head, one for Heart, one for Hand and one for Health.
  - c. Seniors need to write 2 life skills for each section. You will have two life skills listed for Head, two for Heart, two for Hand and one for Health.
5. **Project Activities**
  - a. Everyone needs to list project activities in how they relate to your project. This can be attending the Mid-Winter Blahs, Livestock Workshops, Quality Assurance, County or State Fair.
6. **Project Communications**
  - a. Everyone **MUST** have some type of communication related to their project that you have given to at least 3 people who are not related to you.
  - b. Example – If you are filling out a project record for Photography your communication needs to be something relating to Photography and not a speech related to building a birdhouse.
7. **Project Exhibits**
  - a. Everyone must have exhibited their project at some event. This can include County or State Fair, a community or school event.
  - b. List all exhibits separately. This includes all classes to be listed separately (example – Market Hog – you would list, Market Hog, Showmanship and Rate of Gain on 3 separate lines, not all together).
8. **Project Financial Section (General Project Records)**
  - a. List all expenses related to your project and put a value on them, even if your parents paid for them, they still have a value associated to them.



- i. Even if you bred your own market livestock project, there is still an associated value to that animal. What would you have sold it for or what was market value at the time you would have bought a market project?
      - ii. Example – If you baked a cake, you would list your ingredients (Sugar, Flour, Chocolate, etc. and the cost \$13.50)
    - b. Income includes any premium checks you have received for your items. Remember to keep your copy of your premiums from the fair, this will tell you what your premiums were for each item you entered at the fair.
- 9. Supplemental Piece**
- a. If you are completing a General Project Record a supplemental piece can be included. This is one additional piece of paper (8x11) attached to the end of your record. This can be a picture with a couple sentences written about your project or a story, crossword puzzle, etc. It needs to be something that related to your project.
- 10. ANIMAL PROJECT RECORDS**
- a. **Market Livestock Project Record Forms**
    - i. Table 1 – Information of Project Animal – This is **REQUIRED** to be completed. Make sure to fill in all information related to your animals. All animals you tagged should be included on this table, even if you didn't show them. Remember to bring your totals down to the total line.
    - ii. Table 2 and 3 – Include information on what you fed your animals and the cost of feeding those animals, along with other expenses you have had with your project including bedding, equipment, etc.
    - iii. Table 4 – Health and Veterinary Expenses – Everyone should have something listed here. To show at the fair you had to have health papers, which would be listed on this table.
    - iv. Table 5 – Sale Animal Income – List the information related to any animals you sold. This can be from selling at the fair or private sales.
    - v. Table 6 – All Other Income – Include any other income from your animals. This could be premium monies, selling wool or hides, etc.
    - vi. Financial Summary – Add up all of your income and expenses to see you have a profit or loss from your project.
  - b. **Poultry/Rabbit/Horse/Dogs Project Records**
    - i. Make sure to fill out tables related to your animal information, along with each table that related to your project. If you didn't do something in the project (Example – Didn't sell eggs), just put N/A in that table, so the project record reviewers know you didn't just skip the table.
    - ii. Include a supplemental piece that showcase your project!

Make sure to have **ALL SIGNATURES** (4-H Member, Parent and Club Leader) a 4-H Educator will sign off on the forms when they are considered complete.

**Also, if you have siblings that participate in the same projects, make sure your records are DIFFERENT. If they are the same, they will be returned to be redone.**



# Beginner ROBOTICS & CODING WORKSHOP

SEPT.  
22 & 29



6:00 PM  
to  
8:00 PM

Open to Youth Ages 8-11

## 2-PART PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Engineer Design Process
- Coding Basics
- Intro to Robotics

\$5

REGISTER NOW



If you have questions or need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Torrey Silliman by September 8th at [tsillima@umd.edu](mailto:tsillima@umd.edu).

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# Intro to Birding & Citizen Science

OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH AGES 11-18

**3-PART PROGRAM VISITING:**

- Carroll County Extension Office
- Hashawha Environmental Center
- Piney Run Park (\$6 Entry Fee)

**\$5**

REGISTER NOW



September 30th &  
October, 7 & 14

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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# Affording Education after High School: FAFSA & Scholarships

There are many ways to continue your education after high school, but what is the best way to pay for it? Join us for a **FREE** workshop where we will talk about how to complete the FAFSA (it's not just for college!), applying for scholarships, and making decisions about how to pay for education after high school graduation.



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**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**At the Carroll County  
Extension Office**

This workshop is taught by Carrie Sorenson, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator with the Carroll County Office of University of Maryland Extension.

Carrie is an Accredited Financial Counselor with over 5 years of experience teaching financial workshops.

If you need any reasonable accommodations to participate or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Carrie Sorenson by October 10th at [cjrsoren@umd.edu](mailto:cjrsoren@umd.edu) or 410-386-2760.

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