



# From the Barn



4H TRP OF CARR CO

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## News of Note

### Happy Birthday



Happy May birthday to TRP volunteers **Jenna Krebs, Sam Shemer, Mary Shunk, Caroline Johnson, Anne Gaffney, Susan Bollinger, Jean McCormac, Loren Blair, Nancy Watt** and riders **Mary Dew, Kristen Tracey, William Davis, Matthew Yingling.**

### Congratulations



To each volunteer and rider who will be moving into the next phase of their life this spring. You've worked hard to reach this special moment!

We'd like to wish a special congratulations and good luck to **Erin Wilson**. Many of you have not had an opportunity to meet her but Erin is one of the very special ladies who take care of the horses.

Erin will be graduating from McDaniel College and has accepted a position with a firm in Linthicum. We will miss her and truly appreciate the outstanding job she has done! Good luck, Erin!!!

### Best Buddies Challenge



**Syd Lea**, a Monday night rider, is training hard for the upcoming Best Buddies Challenge Ride. On May 17, he will attempt to ride 90 miles from Boston to Hyannisport. Last year he finished first in a group of 500 riders and so has a huge challenge to do well again this year.

Best Buddies Challenge Ride is a fund raising ride and 1/2 of the funds raised stay in the rider's home state. To do his part, Syd is attempting to raise \$1200.00. If you would like to be one of his sponsors, go to <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=197621> and follow the link at the top to "Sponsor Rider". Enter 'Syd Lea' in spaces provided.

Best Buddies ® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. Read more at [www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org)

Good luck, Syd!!! (We know he'll do great: he practices by riding his bike from his home in Taneytown to the barn every Monday.)

### A Mighty Pen



Congratulations to Thursday night volunteer **Jeff**

**Giles** on his recent win of the American Heritage Essay contest, sponsored by the Westminster Lions Club. Jeff wrote his prize winning entry about, "Independent Judges: A Necessity in the Preservation of Our Constitutional Form of Government."

Jeff is also an Eagle Scout, active 4-H member, and newly selected 2007 Alternate Mr 4-H of Carroll County, He was a recent participant in the International Wood Bridge Challenge for future engineers, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher in his age group in the Main St Mile.

Sounds like you have to run quickly to keep up with his schedule. Congratulations, Jeff!!



## 4-H & YOU

Do you remember all those papers you had to fill out when you signed up as a TRP rider or volunteer? Do you remember the form from 4-H and the explanation that Carroll County 4-H is one of our resources for insurance and now YOU are a member of 4-H?

But what does that mean: "a member of 4-H?"

4-H is a youth development program which provides a supportive setting for all youth to gain life skills, have fun, make new friends, and learn about topics they select. Members choose one or more project areas to learn about and they can participate in fairs, shows and contests. Project areas cover too many to list here but include pets, woodworking, lost arts, crafts, rabbits, photography, and bicycles.

Adult volunteers share their knowledge, skills, and talents with the youth members, while helping them develop into competent, caring, and responsible individuals.



4-H clubs are community or special interest. Community clubs cover a variety of members' interests. Special interest clubs are comprised of members who share a specific area of interest such as seeing eye puppies, tractors, shooting sports and horticulture. Homeschooled students also have a special interest club! To learn as much as they can about topics of interest to them, many 4-H members belong to several clubs.

TRP is an example of a 'special interest' 4-H club. Our 'club' is comprised of riders and youth volunteers (members), all of whom are interested in learning about horses and are helped and taught by 4-H volunteers. You may already know TRP was started as a 4-H project and all of us are extremely grateful to Bob Shirley for all his hard work over the years.

Carroll County has one of the largest 4-H programs in the state, led by

excellent Extension Educators: **Jen Reynolds, Leann Boyce, and Kathy Gordon**. Jen is 'our' Extension Educator and is herself an accomplished equestrian. Many TRP riders and class volunteers are already active 4-H members, volunteers, and leaders. Others are active with the Carroll County 4-H / FFA Fair, the largest supporting activity and an opportunity for members to share their accomplishments.



To learn more about Carroll County's 4-H program, which club meets near you, or to read the monthly newsletter, "The Tribune," visit the web page: <http://extension.umd.edu/local/Carroll/4-H/index.cfm> Information is also available at the barn and the Extension office or you can email Jen at [jenreyn@umd.edu](mailto:jenreyn@umd.edu)

If you would like to join or to work more with our up and coming Carroll County youth (tomorrow's leaders) or have a skill or talent you'd be willing to share, don't hesitate to email or call Jen, Leann, or Kathy at (410) 386-2760.

## Construction Begins



As you drive to the barn you will see the new wood fence being installed around the field. Along with the fence installation, work is due to begin again soon on the new road.

Please be alert for construction equipment and workers, road and driveway changes (particularly new ruts!) on your way in and out.

Website [www.trp4h.org](http://www.trp4h.org) Registration info [peggie@att.net](mailto:peggie@att.net)

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