You had a plan, but...

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Retirement is still a few years away. Why should you be concerned?

Often time gets away from us and we overlook the importance of keeping track of our retirement accounts. Economic challenges or changes in employment or family circumstances can mean that a retirement plan needs a tune up. This could be when illness strikes, housing needs change, you divorce or a spouse dies, or you are considering remarriage. Even changes can occur in your family caring of your grandchildren.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a workshop to deal with life changes and how it affects your retirement. Exam strategies to improve management of current accounts and help determine how to achieve maximum growth. Evaluate how much you will need to retire and determine what steps will improve your retirement outlook. If you haven’t started a plan at all, the workshop will give you the tools to determine what is feasible with your current economic circumstances.

Learn how to plan for your future. Plan to join me, Jan Monahan, human science specialist in family finance with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, on Tuesday, July 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Spirit Lake Public Library, 702 16th Street. We’ll discuss face-to-face the many retirement resources available to you and can brainstorm ways to help you in your retirement planning.
This is a FREE class but please register with the library to reserve a space and have materials. Contact Cindy Davis, Spirit Lake Public Library at 712-336-2667 or admin@spiritlake.lib.ia.us.

In addition, visit our website for many retirement resources from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. We offer 16 publications giving retirement tips and tools. There are also short recordings available at this website giving Iowans the option to listen to retirement advice when it works for them.

You had a plan, but... is part of the Retirement: Secure Your Future workshops offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Additional workshops are available for individuals just starting employment and those closer to retirement. Retirement: Secure Your Future resources are designed to help people make informed decisions as they head towards retirement. Resources are available in the form of workshops, a publication series, and mini-module recordings. Find out more by visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/retirement.

For more information about this workshop or any family finance related topic, contact me - Jan Monahan at 712-336-3488 or jmonahan@iastate.edu.