



# Hunterdon 4-H Happenings

*A Newsletter for 4-H Members, Parents and Leaders*

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## A Few Words...Virtual Meetings Continue

We will continue virtual meetings until further notice from Rutgers. Please contact Sherrie if you need to set up Zoom meetings for April. We are hopeful that in a month or so we might be able to open up to in-person programming. At that time, clubs will be notified of restrictions that need to be followed during phase 1 on re-opening.

## Help us keep our office germ free through this health crisis...

- We ask that you limit your visits to the office. If you need something from us please contact us via phone (908) 788-1341 or email Anna at [apinkerton@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:apinkerton@co.hunterdon.nj.us). Please also consider emailing registration forms.
- If you need to drop off registrations or any other form of paperwork, please send it through the mail to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4-H Department, PO Box 2900, Flemington NJ 08822, or you can drop it off in the drop box outside our front door.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- If you need to enter our office please wash your hands before conducting business.
- Most information, record books, handouts, applications can be found on our website at <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/rutgers/4H.htm>. If you need help locating something please give us a call or send us an email.



**Leaders Association Meetings**  
**Thursday, May 20th and July 15th**  
**7:30 PM - Extension Center**

4-H Association members are hoping that more leaders will attend the meetings. At this time we are uncertain about the planning of a 2021 fair, but we will be moving forward with the hope that we will be holding some sort of fair. Please plan on joining the 4-H Association at the May and July meetings for continuous updates.

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### 4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

The mission is accomplished by using knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.



## AWESOME EVENTS



### Paper Clover Campaign

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply will take place at the Flemington Tractor Supply April 28th - May 10th, and October 6th - 17th. Tractor Supply will sell paper clovers to customers during those days and proceeds will benefit the 4-H program. Spread the word to your family and friends and ask that they support 4-H when shopping at Tractor Supply.



### Celebrate Earth Day Virtual Arboretum Earth Walk! Tuesday, April 20th, 5:30 to 6:30 PM

All ages are welcome to join this free virtual program hosted by the Hunterdon County Parks department. Learn how to put our 7th Principle into action and be a steward of the earth through recycling, composting, gardening, and creating homes for wildlife. See some examples from the botanical gardens and come up with ideas for your own backyard! Participants must register in advance with [this link](#) to receive login information and details.



**Just a  
reminder...**



### Council Meeting Dates Location TBD

Youth Council – Wednesday, May 5th - 7:00 PM  
Animal Council - Wednesday, May 12th - 7:30 PM  
Goat Council – Monday, May 17th - 7:30 PM



“In America we have  
only one title to  
nobility and that is  
ACHIEVEMENT.

**You 4-H'ers have  
won that title.”**

**President Woodrow Wilson**

## POWER OF 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE



We pledge our hands to larger service, is a very meaningful portion of the pledge we say before 4-H events. Our clubs and members spend a lot of time thinking about and implementing a 4-H Community Service project. Those service projects require seed money to get started. This is your opportunity to put your best service project forward and possibly earn some money to help with the completion of your project.

A total of ten individuals and/or Club service projects will be awarded \$100 each to help aid your service project. The project can be one that you have already put in place or it can be brand new. So what's involved you ask...

1. Think of a worthy service project, who it will benefit, and how you will make it happen.
2. Call the 4-H Office for an application, fill it out and submit the application by June 30th to the 4-H Office.
3. You will be notified by July 15th if you are a recipient of the \$100.00 to be used toward your project. The check for ten projects maximum will be enclosed in the notification letter.
4. Make a poster about your project. Include a clever name, what the project is, who benefits, and what progress has been made. Bring the poster to the 4-H office by August 20th. A standard size for the poster will be included and identified on the application. This will be displayed at the Fair.
5. The entire project MUST be completed by October 31st.
6. The overall best project will be awarded an additional \$200 to be donated to the cause. The \$200 award will be presented at Achievement Night 2021.

**It's the Power of Ten, together we can make a huge difference!**



Looking ahead for the 2021 4-H and Agricultural Fair  
Still many questions....



Will there be a fair?  
How will the fair look?  
What will the status of 4-H be at the time of the fair?  
When will we know if there will be a fair?

I wish I had all of these answers for you, however there are still these uncertainties. I am hoping to have all your questions answered by mid-May.

I am sure that you may have heard about cancelations of some fairs, as well as some fairs limiting to only 4-H participation. I can tell you this, the 4-H & Agricultural Fair Committee and Board of County Commissioners as well as the 4-H Association are very hopeful that we can move forward with a fair. We hope to incorporate agriculture and 4-H during the week of August 25th - 29th. For now, let's keep safe, remain positive, and hope for the best. If there is a fair you will receive a special Fair Newsletter with all the details. For now please look at the list below and start thinking about what you need to do to get ready for the fair.

- Project animals need to be owned by May 1st.
- Animal Lease forms are due by June 1st.
- All volunteers who will be assisting in the barns as barn chaperones, need to be compliant with Rutgers Youth Protection.
- All Superintendents who will oversee shows, need to have their rules updated and submitted to Sherrie so they can be placed on the website.
- All Superintendents need to submit judges names and address to the Fair Office.
- All show ring schedules need to be submitted to the 4-H Office.



### Seniors Pursuing a Career in Agriculture Snyder Loan Application Available Interest Free Loan

Attention, seniors in high school, who are interested in pursuing a career in an agricultural related field. The Clifford E. and Melda C. Snyder Loan Fund was set up for students to receive interest free loans. Recipients of the loan will be selected based on academic record, extracurricular accomplishments, and related work experience and career goals.

**Applications are due by April 15th** to the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture. Interested applicants should call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Agriculture Department at (908) 788-1338 for an application.

### 2021 NACo/Nationwide Scholarship Opportunity

Grandparents, parents and guardians, if you have an active account funded by employee dollars to a 457(b) Plan offered through the NACo Deferred Compensation Program, your student is eligible to apply for one of four \$2,500 college scholarships. NACo/Nationwide sponsors scholarship essay contest is an educational opportunity for high school students transitioning into a new stage of their lives. The 2021 scholarship program's goal is to help ensure that young people get involved and stay involved in local government and understand the importance of being good stewards of their future finances. If interested please contact the 4-H Office for more information.



### 4-H Ambassador Contest Friday, August 6th, 2:00 PM Extension Center

Teens in grades 11 and 12 with good public speaking skills, knowledge, enthusiasm, and understanding of 4-H and have a flexible schedule are invited to participate in the Hunterdon County Ambassador Contest on August 6th at 2:00 PM. 4-H Ambassadors represent 4-H to the public at various events. Applications are available on the Hunterdon County 4-H website. **Applications are due Friday, July 30th, by 4:00 PM. Late applications will not be accepted.**

### Hunterdon County Dairy Princess

Do you have a love for milk, butter and ice-cream? Are you interested in the promotion of these products? Do you raise dairy cows or dairy goats? If you answered yes, then maybe you would be interested in applying to be the 2021 Hunterdon County Dairy Princess. For information and application please contact Sarah Phillips, County Dairy Princess Committee Head, at [sarahrose4@comcast.net](mailto:sarahrose4@comcast.net) or (908) 894-3394. To apply you must be 17 - 24 years of age. Applications are due to Sarah Phillips or the 4-H Office no later than Monday, May 3rd.





Youth council has planned some fun workshops for the upcoming months. Please register by filling out the enclosed registration form at the end of this newsletter. **Workshop fees are due at the time of registration or you will not be registered.**

**Tie Dye and Reverse Tie Dye Workshop**  
**Monday, July 19th rain date July 20th**  
**7:00 PM, Extension Center**  
**Registration deadline: Friday, July 9th**  
**Cost: \$10.00 per person**



Join this fun creative workshop, you will need to bring with you 1 or 2-100% white t-shirts for regular tie dye and 1 or 2 dark colored t-shirts (different colors) to reverse dye. You will learn creative folding, how to apply color, as well as how to get the opposite effect with reverse tie dye. We need to keep this workshop outside, so we have planned a rain date. Be sure that you are available both days prior to signing up. Registration deadline is Friday, July 9th.



**STOP, Motion Animation Workshop**  
**Tuesday, August 3rd**  
**7:00 PM, Extension Center**  
**Registration deadline: Monday, July 19th**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

Join Jonathan Francis on Tuesday, August 3rd, for a fun creative Stop Motion Workshop. The workshop would be about a stop motion as well as building a camera holder for the phone or tablet. You will need to bring the following:

- A phone or a tablet
- Stop motion app such as stop motion studio which is free
- Clay, LEGO's or figurines
- A backdrop such as a poster with or without a picture

For the camera holder...

- A 5 stud by 16 stud flat base minimum
- Several sturdy lego bricks



## State Public Presentations Contest Saturday, June 12th

4-H'ers in 8th grade and above who received an "Excellent" on their County Presentation are eligible to attend the State Presentations virtually on Saturday, June 12th. All 4-H'ers who are eligible will be notified by letter. Please hold the date if you are interested in attending the State 4-H Presentations virtually through June.

Congratulations to the following Hunterdon members who qualified for the State Presentations....**Nicholas Bailey, Lauren Benson, Aiden Ferry, Paisley Fox, Jonathan Francis, Georgia Fraser, Kaitlyn Hornsby, Cassidy Hunt, Emma Jackson, Anika Jensen, Zach Laktiaf, Andrew Lederach, Maguire Mallea, Ismail Mansuri, Vivian Marr, Brenna McCauley, Olivia Ostrander, Christina Piparo, Carlee Roell, Chloe Roell, Makenzie Snyder, and Alexandra Somers.**



## 2021 Summer Camp Season...A note from camp



Each summer at camp is not just defined by what's changed and what's stayed the same, but mostly by *who is here*. This is why we can't wait to have you join us so we can all embark on the adventure of Summer 2021 together.

The staff at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp are working on plans for 2021. When we have news as to what Summer 2021 will look like at 4-H Camp and when registration will be opening, we will be in touch with all our current Camp Families. If you're not yet in the registration system and would like to stay updated on the status of Summer 2021, [join our mailing list](#).

## National Agri-Science Youth Summit Recap



National Agri-Science Youth Summit was held virtually March 5th-7th. The summit provided teens with an opportunity to learn about and develop an understanding of the critical role that agricultural science innovation, ranging from environmental science to current technologies used in agriculture, plays in addressing the world's most pressing issues. Congratulations to Annabelle Majorossy of Creative Kids for your participation in this year's summit. Annabelle joined nearly 400 youth and leaders who all shared an interest in Agriculture. This was a great opportunity for participants to develop skills and knowledge in animal and plant sciences and new technologies related to the production of food, feed, fuel, and fiber. Workshops, guest speakers, and engaging activities provided experiences for teens to learn about agri-science topics including food science, environmental science, ag literacy and advocacy, ag production, and ag technology and discover career opportunities in these areas. Summit attendees will meet and work with youth online from across the country. We are so happy that Annabelle took part in such a wonderful experience.

## NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl Recap



The New Jersey State 4-H Horse bowl was held on Saturday, February 20th. Please join me in congratulating those 4-H members that spent the weekend with us during this state's first virtual horse bowl. Ten senior teams from twelve counties participated in the senior contest (Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren) Many participants took advantage of the weekly practices. The contest went extremely well and the contestants were well matched. In each of the contests, there was a tie breaker on the next to last round to determine who was in the final round. The contest remained tight to the end with only 1 point higher than the second place team. An exciting All participants should be proud of their accomplishments.

Senior Team results:

1st place team- Atlantic- MacKenzie Esposito, Samantha Ingerson, Kate Pantelione, and Grace Miller

2nd place team-**Hunterdon- Christina Piparo, Eva Zajac, Lydia Kaluski and Josie Whitmore**

## NJ State 4-H Shooting Sports Skill-a-thon Recap

Congratulations to the senior members of Hunterdon's Shooting Sports clubs who aided in putting together the State 4-H Shooting Sports Skill-a-thon. Teens met several times planning the state event. Stations included Muzzleloading Target Scoring by **John Brown**, Scoring Archery and Air Rifle Targets by **Sam Cavitch**, Sighting in Your Target by **Andrew Lederach**, Equipment ID by **Erin McGee**, Air Pistol Parts by **Gemma Ossi**, Rifle Parts and Precision Shooting Equipment by **Lucia Ossi**, and Ammo ID by **Tyler Unkert**. **Erin McGee State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador** lead a Kahoot Shooting Sports Trivia Game as well as doing a STEM Activity on kinetic and potential energy related to shooting sports. **James Kochan, member of the Hunterdon Deadeyes** attended the event and did very well with the skill stations.

## NJ State 4-H Goat Quiz Bowl Recap

4-H members from eight counties (Burlington, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex, Warren) joined us this past Saturday morning, February 13th, for the state 4-H Goat Quiz Bowl. Members competed in three fun rounds of 25 questions each through Kahoot. The day was very educational and fun. Let's put our hands together for **Brandon Beers of the Kick Butt Kids**, who placed 2nd in the Novice Division.

## NJ 4-H STEP Clubs (Short Term Exploratory Programs)

New Jersey 4-H is continuously adding amazing STEP club programs for all members and non members. The STEP clubs are short term, fun and educational. I encourage you to take notice of all of the opportunities the clubs have to offer. There is something for everyone including livestock, insects, STEM, cooking, horticulture, financial, baby sitting, and photography to name a few. For more information and how to register please click here <https://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/virtual-step-club.html>







National Headquarters

## Manna Pro's Weekly Photo Contest Now through May 31st

CALLING ALL  
**CHAMPIONS!**

SHARE YOUR PHOTO, SUPPORT 4-H, AND ENJOY \$50 IN FREE COUPONS!



Now through May 31, 2021, the 4-H community, their family and friends can post a photo on Instagram tagging #CallingAllChampions to be entered in the Manna Pro photo contest for a weekly prize drawing. The photo must include an animal of choice (horse, chicken, goat, or rabbit) and a favorite Manna Pro product.

Winners will be chosen at random and announced each week on the [@MannaProHomestead](#) and [@MannaProHorse](#) Instagram accounts, with the chance to win prizes such as Omega Egg Maker®, Goat Treats with Probiotics, Select Series® Rabbit Food, Calf Manna® and Bite-Size Nuggets.

To download Manna Pro coupons, learn more about special 4-H promotions or make a donation to 4-H and receive a giveaway box while supplies last, visit [mannapro.com/promotions/4H-2021](http://mannapro.com/promotions/4H-2021).

## National 4-H Day of Service Saturday, April 24th



Every day, 4-H'ers across the nation pledge their hands to larger service. And every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves and putting their pledge into action – leading positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, join 4-H as we pledge our hands to larger service all month long!

Get ready for the third annual [True Leaders in Service initiative](#), a way for all 4-H members to say “thank you” to their communities, counties, and states for all the support they have provided to 4-H for over 100 years. The month-long community service activation will officially kick-off the first day of April, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 24th.

We are encouraging youth and adults to venture out into the community to lend a helping hand through fundraising, neighborhood clean-up, beautification projects and much more. We also encourage our clubs and project groups to participate in this nation-wide effort by planning local service projects.

To learn more of how you and your club can get involved, visit [www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service](http://www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service). Help us make a positive, lasting impression on our community and celebrate the True Leaders making a difference through service.



## 4-H Club News

### **Hunterdon County Sheep**

Our sheep club has been doing all we can to stay as active as possible during these times. We have managed to modify most club traditions in order to follow COVID-19 rules. For the holiday season, we each made our own wreaths to limit contact with others. We've been sharing photos and videos with each other to try and keep everyone updated. In February we did Election of Officers, which was very exciting for everyone to get new responsibilities. Jonathan Francis is our new President of the club, with help from Cadence Muller, our Vice President.

While staying safe, we're doing our best to lend helping hands throughout the community. We have been collecting items for organizations such as The Flemington Food Pantry, Next Door Center, and the Family Harvest Center. During this pandemic, it has been hard for so many people, and our club is doing all we can to help those in need. We are looking forward to getting back to normal and can't wait to see everyone again!

Anne Marie Coppola, Club Reporter

### **Robostorm**

"Robostorm Robotics started 2021 with a bang after the success of our traditional holiday ornament sale and have since remained very active in the virtual space. In February, the club organized an online workshop with 5th and 6th graders at RFIS, where students learned to construct and control robots in a virtual environment. Also, we recently held our club presentations, where club members presented on topics such as 3D Printing, Unreal Engine, Neural Networks, and Raspberry Pi's. Finally, the club's FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team has been both working individually and collaborating virtually to build their robot in order to keep up with this year's competition."

Aiden Ferry, Corresponding Secretary

### **Hunterdon Hoppers**

Since January, we have had 3 meetings and participated in Club and County Presentations. Club Presenters included Thomas Wasitowski – Show Kit, Julia Pacifica – Body Types of a Rabbit, and Kaitlyn Balmes – Different Type of Rabbit Housing, Aubrey Whitmore – How to Build a Nest Box and Olivia Ostrander – Color Genetics in Rabbits. Ashlee Vanetta – Rabbit Agility, Anika Jensen – Chinchillas General Care, and Katelin Hornsby – PTSD.

Maguire Mallea ran a community service project with the club, and we all donated Easter and spring items which he put into bags and donated to the food pantry. The food pantry would then hand the items out to kids who came in. We also had some of our members take their bunnies to Village Studios for "pictures with the bunnies".

Sarah Javick, Club Reporter

### **Hunterdon Deadeyes**

This is the first club report for Hunterdon Deadeyes 2021. A lot of great things have been going on. We had our club presentations and with just under 10 presentations everyone did a great job. County presentations were also held. The Deadeyes club was well represented... congratulations to Andrew Lederach, Stella Frigiola and Nina Frigiola on their participation. Many teen leaders helped put together the state skill-a-thon again this year! Great job and thanks to John Brown, Andrew Lederach, Sam Cavitch, Tyler Unkert, Lucia Ossi, and Gemma Ossi. Finally, several members had some fun with the Shamrock surprise and the Eggstravaganza. Thanks to Mrs. Peterson for leading the Eggstravaganza.

Stella Frigiola, Club Reporter

## LEADER APPRECIATION

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



It was wonderful to be able to Thank our Volunteers at Leader Appreciation on Thursday, January 21st. Thank you to all the participants who took time to write a note on the Padlet, it was truly a nice surprise for our volunteers. Thank you **Andrew Lederach and Josie Whitmore** for emceeing the event.

Two of our outstanding volunteers were recognized. 4-H Alumni are very important within our 4-H Program. Our alumni understand the busy schedule of a 4-H member because a short time ago they were a teen. They understand how the 4-H Program works and how to get our members involved in activities. This year we honored **Sarah Phillips of Mt. Airy Dairy** with the 4-H Alumni Award. Sarah has worked with many youth in our Dairy Cow and Dairy Goat projects molding them into 4-H Dairy Ambassadors and Dairy Princess Program. She volunteers her time to judging 4-H Presentations and Record Books. Sarah serves on the 4-H & Agricultural Fair Committee. She is one of the key volunteers advertising the fair and promoting our 4-H Events through the year on our Fair Facebook. Congratulations Sarah and thank you for your support of 4-H!

All of our leaders are very special, and it takes a lot time and commitment to plan, organize and operate a club. This year we recognized **Colleen Ewing of the Kick Butt Kids** for Leader of the Year. Colleen has dedicated many years of service to the 4-H Program. She serves as superintendent to the County Goat Show and she is always willing to judge County Presentations. She is involved in fairground clean up and fundraising with her club. This past year Colleen has kept her club virtually involved throughout the pandemic. They put together multiple Thanksgiving baskets for needy families, they did virtual barn tours and county presentations. Colleen has leased several animals to kids in need of a goat. Aside from the goat project, Colleen is also involved in the Shooting Sports program and has dedicated many hours of service cooking for the State Instructor Training at camp. Congratulations Colleen and thank you for all you do for our 4-H Clubs.

**A huge Thank You goes out to all of our club volunteers! We would not have the program we have today without you. We have learned this past year that our Hunterdon 4-H Volunteers can do Virtually Anything!**

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth Council Workshops

**Payment must be received with the registration, or you will not be registered.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tie Dye and Reverse Tie Dye, Workshop, July 19th (rain date July 20th) 7:00 PM, Cost \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ STOP, Motion Animation Workshop, August 3rd, 7:00 PM, Cost \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed