



# Hunterdon 4-H Happenings

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

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## A Few Words...

Happy Spring and welcome warm weather! In just a few weeks we will be planting our gardens. We are slowly getting back on track with planning events, and getting our members together. Please take the time to read through this newsletter and mark your calendar with the events that you would like to participate in. Remember to register for the events that have a firm deadline. Events may be canceled if there is not enough participation.

You will notice that some registration processes and notifications are a little different. I am using "Sign Up Genius" for some of the registrations and also utilizing 4-H Online as our email communication. Please pay careful attention to those emails.

## Meeting Rooms

We are slowly opening up in the county. Our meeting rooms in our building are open for you to book your evening and weekend meetings. The county buildings are starting to accept room reservations as well. Please contact Sherrie [speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us), with room requests.

## Help us keep our office germ free ...

- Please remain 6 feet in distance.
- Masks are required in meeting rooms.
- Please continue to self health check, and stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Leaders please keep attendance at your events.
- Please continue to limit your visits to the office. Please do not hesitate to call (908) 788-1341 or email Sherrie at [speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us) if you need something.
- Registration forms can be emailed or dropped off at the 4-H Office in the drop box outside our building. If you need to send paperwork through the mail, please address it to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4-H Department, PO Box 2900, Flemington NJ 08822.
- 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.



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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.





### Paper Clover Campaign

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply will take place at the Flemington Tractor Supply April 27th - May 8th, and Fall Campaign during October 5th - 16th. 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.



**Just a reminder...**

**Council Meeting Dates**  
**Location TBD**  
Youth Council – Wednesday, April 6th and  
Wednesday May 4th; 7:00 PM  
Animal Council - Wednesday, May 11th - 7:30 PM  
Goat Council – Monday, May 16th - 7:30 PM

### Leaders Association Meetings Thursday, March 17th and Thursday, May 19th 7:30 PM - Extension Center

4-H Association members are hoping that more leaders will attend the meetings. Plans for the 2022 Fair are well underway. It is time clubs put serious thought into events they would like to hold at the fair. Please plan on joining the 4-H Association at the May and July meetings for continuous updates.



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Announcing Fair Dates for 2023 - Wednesday, August 16th - August 20, 2023

Mark your calendars now! The fair committee has moved the dates of the 2023 fair falling one week earlier. The change in the dates hopefully will help families with school and sport schedules.

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## Special Workshop Series for Volunteers and Parents Conflict Resolution Virtual series

The State 4-H Program would like parents and volunteers to be better prepared for situations much like the protesting situation at our fair last year. The sessions will be held via Zoom on April 5th, April 27th, and May 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM. The workshops will give suggestions on how to de-escalate situations and help county staff and volunteers come up with a plan to be prepared to address conflict appropriately. I encourage all volunteers and parents to sit in on some of these sessions.



### Looking ahead for the 2022 4-H and Agricultural Fair

Wednesday, August 24th to Sunday, August 28th

Below is a list of reminders to help you prepare for the fair. Start now to make plans for the fair.

- Project animals need to be owned by **Monday, May 2nd.**
- Animal Lease forms are due by **Monday, May 2nd.**
- 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.
- **Volunteers are needed to sell ride tickets.** Please volunteer by clicking on the sign up genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44a9a823abf49-ride>

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### 4-H Ambassador Contest Friday, August 5th, 2:00 PM Extension Center

Teens in grades 11 and 12 with good public speaking skills, knowledge, enthusiasm, and understanding of 4-H, are invited to participate in the Hunterdon County Ambassador Contest on August 5th 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 22nd, 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 2022 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 2nd.





**Celebrate Earth Day**  
**County Parks Clean-up**  
**Saturday, April 23rd, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**



Join Hunterdon County Parks for this year's Earth Day celebration and help clean-up a park. You will be assigned a location with one of the park employees. Please bring your work gloves, and wear appropriate clothing and shoe attire. Parks will supply all tools needed for the day. There are five locations in need of clean-up. For more information please see the flyer on page 6; registration is a must: please register by Friday, April 8th, [parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us).



**Club Exhibits at Holcombe Jimison Farmstead**  
**Sunday May 1, 2022**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

The Holcombe Jimison Farmstead was created to preserve our local agricultural history and would LOVE having 4-H'ers showcasing their projects and interacting with the public throughout the season of May-October but especially on our opening day! Gates open to public at 1:00 PM but 4-H'ers can arrive at 12 Noon.

The Farmstead would allow all clubs to showcase their projects including animals, dog, family consumer science, shooting sports and robotics. This is a great opportunity to show the public who we are. Saturday night set-up can be arranged. Please contact Jackie Majorossy with any questions,

[Jackiemajorossy@gmail.com](mailto:Jackiemajorossy@gmail.com)

# EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP



**Date: Saturday, April 23**

**Time: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Ages: 8 through adult**

**Session A: Sunnyside**

**Session B: Deer Path Park**

**Session C: Landsdown Trail, Lower  
Landsdown Rd.**

**Session D: Landsdown Trail, Clinton**

**Session E: Point Mountain**

To celebrate Earth Day, help clean up one of the Hunterdon County park areas! We will be doing a litter pick. Participants will meet a Parks employee at their assigned location, and get a brief safety overview before setting out along the trails. Some locations may allow for participants to wade into water up to their knees if desired, so bring appropriate closed-toed footwear. We will provide tools, but bring your own work gloves if desired. Please note, there are no restroom facilities at most locations. All sessions will run con-currently, so please select a session based on location.

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

Office Location: 1020 State Highway 31, Lebanon, NJ

Telephone (908) 782-1158 • Fax (908) 806-4057

Email: [parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us) • [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us) "Parks & Recreation"







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. Please pay attention to registration deadlines.**

**Spring Wreath Workshop**  
**Wednesday, March 30th**  
**7:00 PM, Extension Center**  
**Cost: \$12.00 per person**  
**Registration deadline, Friday, March 18th**



Jump into Spring with this creative festive wreath. You will learn how to assemble your wreath and make a bow for your wreath. You will not want to miss this in-person workshop. Make it just in time for spring decorating. Registration is a must, please send in payment of \$12.00, by Friday, March 18th.



**Etched Glass Workshop**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
**7:00 PM, Extension Center**  
**Cost: \$5.00 plus bring your own glass piece**  
**Registration deadline, Friday, April 8th**

Ordering an etched glass gift is very expensive. Please join us at this workshop we will show you how easy etched glass is and how you can make nice piece for a fraction of the cost. All designs will be the same, but to bring uniqueness to the workshop we are asking that participants bring their own glass object. Go the Dollar Tree, Walmart, or other store, and pick out a piece of clear glass or mirror. You will be etching a design that will measure about 3"x4" so pick a glass piece that will compliment this size. The cost to join this workshop is \$5.00 which will cover the cost of other materials needed. Please register by Friday, April 8th.



**Corsage Workshop**  
**Wednesday, May 4th**  
**7:00 PM, Extension Center**  
**Cost: \$10.00**  
**Registration deadline, Monday, April 18th**

Surprise your Mom or Grandmother with a corsage this Mother's Day. Learn how to pick the right flowers, assemble a corsage and make a bow. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00, registration deadline is Monday, April 18th.

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



Attention, high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in Agriculture, can apply for an interest free loan. The Clifford E. and Melda C. Snyder Loan Fund was set up for students in Hunterdon County 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 use this link to access the application <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/pdf/rutgers/SnyderLoanApplication.pdf>

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## Garden Club of Hunterdon County

The Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills sponsors a scholarship for Hunterdon County students who plan to further their education in the areas of horticulture, botany, floriculture, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, environmental studies, urban planning or associated area. Deadline for application is April 1st, for a copy of the application and further details please contact Sherrie Peterson [speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us).

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## Daisy Scholarship for 4-H Shooting Sports

Each year Daisy supports 4-H Shooting Sports with two \$500 scholarships for high school seniors. Scholarship application is due April/May. See below for details. For more information please contact Sherrie at [speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us)



The scholarship contest generally has a shooting component and also a written component on safety, etc.

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from your high school
2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
6. Applicant required to submit personal resume
7. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about "How participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life."
8. Certified copy of high school transcript.
9. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.
10. The scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships each year (you do not need to be at the Championships to receive this scholarship).
11. Application and due date will be available soon.



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## Gladys “Beth” Pool Memorial Scholarship

The Gladys “Beth” Pool Memorial Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the memory of Beth Pool. Beth was dairy farmer and an agricultural advocate from Gloucester County. Alongside her husband and family, Beth owned and operated Sebowisha Farms, a dairy farm where they milked Holsteins and raised their own crops. Beth’s passion for the agricultural industry was evident when she gave farm tours for school children to learn and experience the world of agriculture.

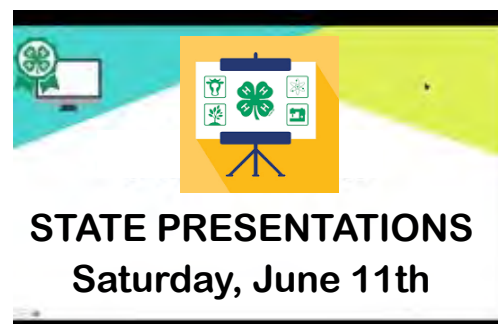
Any high school senior who has participated in New Jersey 4-H or FFA, and is interested in pursuing a career in agriculture, is eligible for this \$1000 Scholarship. Students interested must submit the completed application along with an essay on how agriculture “feeds your soul” and a letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. The application, essay and letter are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Scholarship winner will be selected and notified by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:speterson@co.hunterdon.nj.us) for an application.

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## State Public Presentations Contest Saturday, June 11th



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 11th. All 4-H’ers who are eligible will be notified by letter. More information will follow, please hold the date.



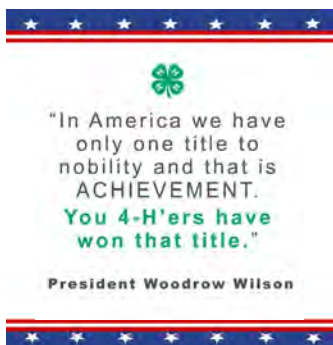
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## 2022 Summer Camp Season...A note from camp



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 2022 together.

The staff at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp are working on plans for 2022. Camp registration is now open. Please visit <https://nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/> Be sure to click on all tabs so that you are fully aware of all camp details for 2022 season.





## **NJ 4-H Discover the Leader in You! Conference Information**

### **4-H members - are you ready to start your leadership journey?**

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in this introductory leadership conference. You will meet new people, have fun, and develop leadership and personal development skills that can be put to use at home, school, in 4-H, and your local community!

**WHEN & WHERE** - please select the location or date that is most convenient to you.

**Sat., March 12, 2022 10:00 am-3:00 pm (registration starts at 9:30 am)**

RCE of Mercer County, 1440 Parkside Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08638

***Registration due on or before March 4, 2022.***

**Sat., April 2, 2022 10:00 am-3:00 pm (registration starts at 9:30 am)**

Camden County College Regional Emergency Training Center, 420 Woodbury-Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

***Registration due on or before March 25, 2022.***

**Registration Cost**      **\$35/person** (includes conference t-shirt, lunch, snacks, and conf. materials)  
**Make checks payable to:** Camden County 4-H.

**How to Register**      Complete the *NJ 4-H Discover the Leader in You! Conference Registration Form* and the *NJ 4-H Youth Event Permission Form*. Mail payment and forms to the attention of Sharon Kinsey, Camden County 4-H Agent, at RCE of Camden County, 1301 Park Boulevard, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

### **Tentative Schedule**

9:30-10:00 am	Registration
10:00-10:45 am	Welcome and Conference Overview
	Getting to Know You Activities
10:45-11:15 am	Discover the Leadership Qualities in You!
11:15-11:45 am	Discover the Leader Styles in You!
11:45-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30-1:15 pm	Discover the Communicator in You!
1:15-1:45 pm	Discover the Team Player in You!
1:45-2:30 pm	Discover the Possibilities in You!
2:30-3:00 pm	Summary and Conference Evaluation; depart for home

Questions about the NJ 4-H Discover the Leader in You! Conference can be directed to Sharon Kinsey at [sbkinsey@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:sbkinsey@njaes.rutgers.edu) or Michelle Teitsma at [teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu)

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**RUTGERS**  
New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station



# 2022 NJ Junior Breeder Symposium

Location: Round Barn  
@ Cook College.  
Rutgers University

Location: Intersection of College  
Farm Road and Sheepfold Lane,  
North Brunswick Township, NJ.

**Saturday**

**March 26, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

For children, youth, and adults!

**\$12 per person, payable at  
the door (cash or check).  
Lunch is provided**

Registration  
Deadline  
March 12

Scan QR Code to Register



OR register by visiting

[4hanimalscience.rutgers.edu/](https://4hanimalscience.rutgers.edu/)

Questions? Contact:

Eppinger@njaes.rutgers.edu

Amelia.valente@njaes.rutgers.edu

## Hands-on workshops in the following tracks

- Equine
- Large Ruminant (Cattle)
- Small Ruminant (Sheep & Goat)
- Swine
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Cavy (Guinea Pig)
- Small Animals
- \*New\* Beekeeping!

Sponsored by the New Jersey Department of  
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## New Jersey 4-Hers Win the North American Dairy Educational Experience

The North American Dairy Educational Experience (NADEE) was held in October 2021. Hunterdon and Somerset County 4-H members made up the New Jersey Team. This particular event was based on teams responses to a farm scenario. The teams had to research, evaluate and write up a response and had one week to submit their response.

The 4-H members on the team could communicate with each other in person, on the phone, or electronically. They could use written sources (books and magazines) to support their suggested improvements to the farm scenarios. However, they were not allowed to consult advisers, other 4-Hers, or industry professionals, when evaluating the farm scenarios or when providing feedback. They received a new scenario every two weeks, so the contest was spread over a three-month window. All the teams completed challenging scenarios focused on topics like dairy nutrition, animal health, and herd management

*Participating in the dairy scenario taught me how much goes on behind the scene on a dairy farm — Carlee Roell, Lebanon, NJ, 11th grade, 7th year in the dairy project.*

*What I learned from the dairy scenario was how much practical math it takes to keep the dairy operation running — Cholee Roell, Lebanon, NJ, 11th grade, 7th year in the dairy project.*

*The dairy scenario experience taught me that farmers are some of the greatest problem solvers and that dairy cattle nutrition is a lot more complex than I would've thought — Annabelle Majorossy, Flemington NJ, 10th grade, 7th year in the dairy project.*

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## NJ State 4-H Goat Extravaganza

Thirty-four (34) 4-H members representing eight (8) clubs from seven (7) counties (Burlington, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Somerset, Warren) participated in the 2022 NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza on Saturday, February 12 in Ewing. The event included goat-themed art exhibits in three categories (88 entries), a poster-presentation contest (10 teams), skillathon (8 stations), and a quiz bowl (28 questions per match – one-on-one and toss-up). Please see page 13 for results.





## 2022 New Jersey 4-H Goat Extravaganza Results

Saturday – February 12, 2022

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, Ewing, NJ

34 4-H members representing 8 clubs from 7 counties.

(Burlington, Cumberland, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Somerset, Warren)

### Goat Themed Art Show (88 entries)

#### 2-D Art (drawing, painting, etc.)

	Novice (4-5 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Junior (6-8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Senior (9-13 <sup>th</sup> grades)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Valentina Maza, Warren	Geneva Patterson, Cumberland	Cana Patterson, Cumberland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Josiah DiLapo, Burlington	Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon	Cana Patterson, Cumberland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Levi Ripberger, Mercer	Madalynn McGonagle, Burlington	Jonathan Francis, Burlington

#### 3-D Art (sculptures, carvings, etc.)

	Novice	Junior	Senior
1 <sup>st</sup>	Levi Ripberger, Mercer	Geneva Patterson, Cumberland	Samantha McGonagle, Burlington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abigail McGonagle, Burlington	Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon	Cana Patterson, Cumberland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Levi Ripberger, Mercer	Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon	

#### Photography

	Novice	Junior	Senior
1 <sup>st</sup>	Valentina Maza, Warren	Madalynn McGonagle, Burlington	Jonathan Francis, Burlington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Valentina Maza, Warren	Olivia Cino, Hunterdon	Kathryn Zurovchak, Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Abigail McGonagle, Burlington	Geneva Patterson, Cumberland	Natalie Marlow, Somerset

### Poster Presentation Contest (teaching kitchen) Topic – What does it take to have a goat?

	Team #	Team Members
1 <sup>st</sup>	5	Brandon Beers, Hunterdon; Jackson Dannenfeler, Hunterdon; Colton Kendall, Burlington; Kathryn Zurovchak, Warren
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3	Sawyer Botsford, Hunterdon; Elijah DiLapo, Burlington; Hannah Golden, Somerset; Valentina Maza, Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1	Lily Dannenfeler, Hunterdon; Charlotte DiLapo, Burlington; Natalie Marlow, Somerset; Clara Mae Smith, Burlington

### Poster Presentation Contest (gym) Topic – What does it take to have a goat?

	Team #	Team Members
1 <sup>st</sup>	7	Olivia Cino, Hunterdon; Elisabeth McGonagle, Burlington; Cana Patterson, Cumberland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	Samantha McGonagle, Burlington; Anna Murphy, Hunterdon; Geneva Patterson, Cumberland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon; Madalynn McGonagle, Burlington; Mary Kate Smith, Burlington; Max Wilson, Hunterdon

### Skill-a-thon

8 stations – Breeding, Breeds, Equipment, Injections, Judging, Kidding, Milking, Toxic Plants

	Novice	Junior	Senior
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlotte DiLapo, Burlington	Geneva Patterson, Cumberland	Cana Patterson, Cumberland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Levi Ripberger, Mercer	Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon	Kathryn Zurovchak, Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aubrie Battle, Hunterdon	Elizabeth Mooney, Monmouth	Samantha McGonagle, Burlington

### Quiz Bowl

	Junior (4-8 <sup>th</sup> grades)	Senior (9-12 <sup>th</sup> grades)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Valentina Maza, Warren; Elizabeth Mooney, Monmouth	Jonathan Francis, Burlington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Cino and Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon	Hannah Golden and Natalie Marlow, Somerset



National Headquarters

## NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl Recap



The New Jersey State 4-H Horse bowl was held virtually on Saturday, February 26th. Eleven counties participated in the event. Some teams were multi-county. (Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, and Warren). Weekly practice sessions were held for the Hunterdon teams. Participants were also invited to participate in state wide practice sessions. Please join me in congratulating those 4-H our Hunterdon members who participated in the event.

Senior Participants included Lydia Kilinski, Christina Piparo and Eva Zajac. Congratulations on 3rd place team. Congratulations to Christina for 3rd place individual.

Junior Participants included Brook Edling, Paige Edling, Adison Frace, Brianna Huchins, Ashlynn Woodrick. Congratulations Ashlynn for 6th place individual.



## 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 4-H Day of Service

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.



## LEADER APPRECIATION



4-H is Powered by Volunteers, was this years theme for Leader Appreciation! Thank you to all our Leaders who help make the 4-H Program what it is today! A celebration for our leaders was held on Thursday, February 17th at the Quakertown Recreation Club. Thank you to our 4-H Ambassadors Kenzie Snyder and Christina Piparo who emceed the program. Thank you also to Quakertown Recreation Club for allowing us to use their facility.

Special recognition was given to **Louisa Cole for 60 Years of Service** to the Hunterdon County 4-H Program, that is something to brag about! Thank you Louisa for all the time and energy you have provided to the 4-H Program!

Each year we recognize two of our volunteers for outstanding service to the 4-H program. 4-H Alumni are very important within our 4-H Program. Alumni understand how the 4-H Program works and how to get our members involved in activities. This year's Alumni Award recipient is **Kathy Piparo of Centaurs 4-H Horse Club**. Kathy began her 4-H career as a youth in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She was a member of the "Little Derby 4-H Horse Club" in Warren County through her senior year in High School. Kathy joined the Hunterdon 4-H Program as a Volunteer Leader of the Centaurs in 2009. She believes in the importance of equine safety, equine care, and health, as well as encouraging youth to participate in county and state programs. She has been a lead role with the Hunterdon County Drill team where she dedicates many hours working with the team members, teaching riding safety, drills, and instilling commitment in our youth. Kathy graciously assists with trailering of horses and working out riding arrangements with our youth. She is the lead role in Horsebowl, setting up team practices, handing registration and chaperoning the event. Thanks for all you do to benefit our children!

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 **Cindy Zidzik of Spot on Shooters** for Leader of the Year. Cindy started her 4-H career as a member of a multi-project 4-H club in the 70's in Montour County, PA. Her projects included crafts, baking, rifle, dairy, sheep, chickens, and rabbits. She participated in the Bloomsburg State Fair. After her years as a member, Cindy joined the Pennsylvania program as a leader and remained with PA until late 90's. We are very fortunate that Cindy is now an eight-year volunteer in Hunterdon County. Cindy saw a need to expand the shooting sports program in Hunterdon County. She opened Spot on Shooters in East Amwell and has certified instructors in archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, and pistol. Aside from Spot on Shooters, Cindy assists with working the antique show, assisting with state matches, and is Secretary of the Shooting Sports Advisory Council. Thank you for all you do, Cindy and Congratulations on this award!

**A huge Thank You goes out to all of our club volunteers! We would not have the program we have today without you.**





### **Mt. Airy Dairy**

During January we held our monthly meeting through Zoom. Club members were encouraged to work with/pick a project animal. At our February meeting we had a demonstration of how to measure the weight of a calf, by Jacob Van Doran. At March's meeting we plan to be going over the Hoards Dairyman Cow Judging Contest and submitting our entry as a club. Our club's members look forward to the Dairy Quiz Bowl in March, The Junior Breeders Livestock Symposium, and many more events.

Club Reporter  
Carlee Roell

### **Kick Butt Kids**

The Kick Butt Kids did a lot over the past few months. At our virtual meeting, Autumn Hayes and Lily Dannenfelser presented on what your goat can and cannot eat. Then the club played a game on kidding positions. Many club members attended the Goat Extravaganza in February; as a club we took home many ribbons. The day after the Goat Extravaganza we had our February meeting. During this meeting we made our video for junior breeders symposium; on injections and hoof trimming. On February 26th we held club presentations and bagel breakfast. Some of the topics were kidding positions and Bantam Silkie chickens. Then we went and saw the baby emus and the emu eggs. Last we performed an ultrasound on a goat! We saw the rib cage, spine and heartbeat of the baby goat. Over all over the past few months the Kick Butt Kids did a lot of fun things.

Autumn Hayes  
Club Reporter

### **Hunterdon Hoppers**

Our last few months have been busy, December we had our holiday party with games and we had club presentations at the start of the New Year!

In January presenters were Madison Strauss on Winter Care, Julia Pacifico on General Care of Rabbits, Carolina Pacifico on Choosing a Rabbit, and Kaitlyn Balmes on Nutrition/Feeding.

February we heard presentations from Naomi Cantilina on How to Pick-up and Carry a Rabbit, Anika Jensen on Ecuador-Study Abroad and Olivia Ostrander on Digestive System in Rabbits.

I would like to say "Thank You" to Anna Pinkerton for all the work you did for 4-H. I hope you enjoyed the gift we gave you.

Kaitlyn Balms  
Club Reporter

### **Round Valley Riders**

Were having so much fun in the RVR Horse Club this year. We started off the year by electing Kensie as president, Eva as vice president and Lydia as treasurer. We had a really fun Christmas party where we ate fun snacks and opened our secret Santa presents! We've also been meeting over zoom once a week with the Centaurs studying for Horsebowl discussing some topics such as: Nutrition, poisonous plants, digestive system etc. Members all chose a breed of horse that they presented on during practices too. We then took a fun outing to Horsemans Outlet! We all had a great time and learned about different types of horse tack. The state Horsebowl was February 26th & 27th. Our senior team took 3rd place and junior team came in 5th place! We are looking forward for spring to start Pink Ladies practices and other horse related trips!

Josie Whitmore  
Club Reporter

## Creative Kids Bee Project

Are you interested in learning about Honey Bees? If so, Creative Kids would like to teach you about extracting honey, proper hive care and how bees pollinate our fruit. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Majorossy at [jackiemajorossy@gmail.com](mailto:jackiemajorossy@gmail.com).

## Hunterdon Deadeyes

The virtual holiday workshop in early December was fun. Since then we have been working on preparing for club presentations in March. Our club presentations will take place in person, whereas the county presentations at the end of the month will be virtual. Whether they are in person or virtual, the presentations are always interesting to watch, as members share about a wide range of topics.

After having to go virtual again for a short time we are back to having in person club meetings and new member training. In fact, we had a great time playing Jeopardy at our meeting last Thursday and also had our first club shoot in a long time at the range in Pittstown yesterday. The sun was out and we were able to have club members shoot air rifle and shotgun. Tyler Unkert and I also got a chance to practice for the National Championships in June, where we plan to compete in Smallbore Rifle.

If you enjoyed the club shoot this past weekend, another upcoming event you might like is the Shotgun Tournament in April at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays. For more information, please contact Matt Peterson at 908-461-2659.

Matthew Teevan  
Club Reporter

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Council Workshops are open to all registered 4-H club members. For information of these workshops please see page 5. Payment must be received with the registration, or you will not be registered. Make check payable to 4-H Youth Council.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring Wreath Workshop, Wednesday, March 30th, 7:00 PM, Cost: \$12.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Glass Etching Workshop, Thursday, April 21st, 7:00 PM, Cost: \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Corsage Workshop, Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 PM, Cost: \$10.00

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

Please send this form along with payment to

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