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Hello,



Congratulations on a fantastic Fair! Being new to the event, I tried to get around as much as possible to see what was going on and I was very impressed with the quantity and quality of all the projects and activities completed by the 4-H members in Hunterdon County. You should all be very proud of your accomplishments. As I strolled the fairgrounds, I heard many fair visitors commenting on how amazed they were at all that they saw.

I also want you to thank all the leaders and volunteers for all the hard work that they put into making this 4-H program so wonderful. It truly couldn't have happened without all their efforts. On a personal note, I want to thank the leaders for all their support and friendship. As the "new guy in town", it was very comforting to know that so many of you were there to help me whenever I needed it. You made me feel very welcome and supported and for that I am very grateful. I feel that I truly lived the 4-H slogan to "Learn by doing". I am certain that my successor will be in good hands.

The County 4-H Agent position has been posted and the hiring process has begun. I believe that I will still be around until they get settled. Due to limitations to my current position, I will not be in the office as much as I was prior to the Fair for a few weeks. Please feel free to contact me with anything you need but know that there may be a little delay in my response due to this situation. To facilitate the transition to the new person please use the [hunterdon4h@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:hunterdon4h@njaes.rutgers.edu) email.

I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

As we head into the new 4-H year, I encourage you to look at everything you do and evaluate how you can "Make the best better". If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Also, please remember to re-enroll in 4-HOnline.

Take a moment to read through this edition of the Hunterdon Happenings. There is a lot of information that will help make this upcoming year fantastic. Please continue reading the weekly 4-H Flash emails as they will continue to have "All the 4-H News You Need".

I hope that you are looking forward to a great year in 4-H.

Harry Brochinsky

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<https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/>



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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.



## **Final Fairground Clean-up Saturday, November 4th 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Fairgrounds**

There will be one final clean-up on **Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Many hands make light work, if you have some spare time we can use the help.

## **New Leader Training**

If you are interested in becoming a new leader, please contact Kevin (kdunn@co.hunterdon.nj.us) for the Volunteer Application.



## **Junior Leaders is open for new members Meeting dates: 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM, Extension Center**



Junior Leaders are looking for creative teens who are willing to share ideas and work as a team on Leadership and Community Service activities. The club is now open for membership for teens who are 14 years of age or older. The club meets at the Extension Center, 7:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, Extension Center. If you are interested in joining please contact Mrs. Cole at (908) 369-4184 or Mark Brubaker mbrubaker1989@gmail.com.



- **Protection of Minors renewal and background checks for all volunteers**
- **Including Club Leaders and Shooting Sports Instructors**

● **Attention, all appointed volunteers (including leaders and shooting sports instructors) you must complete the 40 minute 4-H Protection of Minors (POM) Refresher Course in order to fulfill your annual POM training requirement, please log into <https://pom.ipo.rutgers.edu> . Please do this immediately regardless of the date you last completed. The state office would like to have all volunteers to complete this in September 2023, even if a year has not passed since you last completed it.**

● Please also review the Guide to Working with Minors: [http://protectminors.rutgers.edu/Minors\\_files/Guide%20to%20Working%20with%20Minors.pdf](http://protectminors.rutgers.edu/Minors_files/Guide%20to%20Working%20with%20Minors.pdf).

## Extension Center Meeting Room Reservations

We are still limited on meeting space. The Extension Center has two meeting rooms available. To book a room please contact Kevin [kdunn@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:kdunn@co.hunterdon.nj.us) or Kim [kfrey@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:kfrey@co.hunterdon.nj.us) and they can assist you with booking. Before contacting the office, you can check this link to see availability: <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=hrcemeetings&&PHPSESSID=c712b0aac36349971f5d951787f7bfe9&jsenabled=1&winh=757&winw=1600&inifr=false>. Please do not plan to book meetings on a holiday.

If meeting indoors, please pay careful attention to the meeting room reminders below. All clubs meeting in the Extension Center will need to sign the meeting room rules prior to booking for the new year.



### Meeting Room Reminders

When booking rooms, you will need to fill out a request form as well as room agreement form.

There is a blue cleaning carryall in each room that contains a limited supply of wipes to be used to disinfect tables, doorknobs, etc. The bin also contains some precut plastic table covers and tablecloth kits.

All meeting room usage must comply with Rutgers Cooperative Extension guidelines and recommendations as well as any county rules. There are brown tables in each meeting room...make sure you know how they operate (latch/unlatch). All tables in Room 2 should be put away after each use. In Room 1, one table can be left up in the front of the room and the rest should be put back in the way they were found in the craft area.

All 4-H crafts and activities MUST use the plastic folding tables in Room 1. PLEASE do not use the brown tables for any of your club activities.

If you are using markers during a business meeting, please cover the brown tables with the table cover supplied in the carryall box. After use please fold up the plastic and place back in the carryall. Please clean-up after your meeting, throw out garbage, pick up on the floor, and leave the room as you found it.

Please remember that your group must sign in/out on the clipboard next to the entrance door and complete a room use sheet. The completed room use sheet should be placed in the wooden box on the counter.

# Member and Club Information

Online re-enrollment for all members, leaders  
and shooting sports instructors  
Enrollment for New Members - Began September 7th!



All 4-H members, volunteers and instructors need to re-enroll for the 2023-24 4-H year. You may do so by logging onto 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Enter your family name and password and activate your family's registrations. Be sure to activate everyone in your household, as well as all clubs that your family is involved with. Members, leaders and instructors will not be eligible to participate in 4-H activities until they are re-enrolled and/or registered. Please note: Leaders must watch the training video that is now included in the re-enrollment process.

Club Leaders: Remember to have all of your new families register as well. New families will need to create a profile.

Please make this a priority, new and current members will not be eligible to participate in the 2023-2024 year until they are registered.



**CLUB INTEREST!** By now, most club leaders have received an email (or many, many emails) regarding potential members interested in joining 4-H. When you reach out to these future members, please remember to CC Kevin on the email. So far the response has been great!

## 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth and 4-H Release Agreement Form for Adults

Many of you have questioned the permission forms that you are filling out on the Online Enrollment. Your members will still need to fill out a form every time they attend something outside of your regular 4-H meetings. Please make sure that you collect forms for events/activities/trips you do which are held outside your regular meeting sites. The forms should be carried to the event in case they are needed. At the end of each event, forms should be filed at the 4-H Office.





### Fall Paper Clover Campaign October 4-15, 2023



Twice a year Tractor Supply Company supports 4-H through the Paper Clover Campaign, and customers donate \$1 to support 4-H. Seventy percent of the collected funds support the local and state 4-H programs where funds are raised. Talk to your local TSC store and ask how your club can get involved to help raise money. Be sure to spread the word for the fall campaign.

National 4-H Week is a time to inform the public about who we are and what our clubs offer. We hope



that every club will submit a photo and a sentence or two of what your club is about for our National 4-H Week article. Please send photos and information it to Lillian Shupe via e-mail [lrshupe@frontiernet.net](mailto:lrshupe@frontiernet.net) by **Wednesday, September 27th**.

Videos are welcome too! All will be assembled into a YouTube video to show what Hunterdon 4-H does. Large files may be up-

loaded to: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qFT6D3UZZNfyZtD2HqOfB8g5vD8SGH\\_N?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qFT6D3UZZNfyZtD2HqOfB8g5vD8SGH_N?usp=sharing) . Stories and videos will be sent to TAPinto Fleming-

ton, a local website of news. Be sure to show your 4-H Spirit by wearing a 4-H t-shirt or sweatshirt during National 4-H Week. Let all your friends know what 4-H is and how important it is to you.

### Ignite by 4-H Informational Webinar

The Ignite by 4-H informational webinar will take place on **Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM ET**. Learn more about the exciting additions and changes we're making for Ignite by 4-H 2024. We will have dedicated time to ask questions!

Registration link [https://4-h-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EUp7Hdb1RVeWCA54Mn1gLw?cldee=Mdy0n2Y3Q3VXS8z8Jefux55tBLesSjVZqksvXwtW2WU7tonBRkDBY3PZ8kiNn9uG&recipientid=contact-5a504fa908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-6ef756d1448b44acae730de214bdb1f0&esid=60b742f3-ca50-ee11-912a-001dd8b71cad#/registration](https://4-h-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EUp7Hdb1RVeWCA54Mn1gLw?cldee=Mdy0n2Y3Q3VXS8z8Jefux55tBLesSjVZqksvXwtW2WU7tonBRkDBY3PZ8kiNn9uG&recipientid=contact-5a504fa908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-6ef756d1448b44acae730de214bdb1f0&esid=60b742f3-ca50-ee11-912a-001dd8b71cad#/registration)



### Ignite by 4-H Early Bird Registration Open NOW

Join us for another year in Washington, D.C., from **March 13–17, 2024**! Teens will be able to explore and learn across the three pillars of Healthy Living, Agriscience and STEM.

Through workshops, speakers, hands-on activities, and connections, teens will continue to find their spark to impact their communities.

**Early Bird Rate:** \$1,150 per person for double occupancy (*youth or adult*) until November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM ET.

Registration Link [https://events.4-h.org/ignite/page/3102580/register?utm\\_source=clickdimensions&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Ignite&utm\\_content=Ignite\\_Registration&utm\\_term=professionals\\_9192023&utm\\_date=9192023&cldee=Mdy0n2Y3Q3VXS8z8Jefux55tBLesSjVZqksvXwtW2WU7tonBRkDBY3PZ8kiNn9uG&recipientid=contact-5a504fa908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-6ef756d1448b44acae730de214bdb1f0&esid=60b742f3-ca50-ee11-912a-001dd8b71cad](https://events.4-h.org/ignite/page/3102580/register?utm_source=clickdimensions&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Ignite&utm_content=Ignite_Registration&utm_term=professionals_9192023&utm_date=9192023&cldee=Mdy0n2Y3Q3VXS8z8Jefux55tBLesSjVZqksvXwtW2WU7tonBRkDBY3PZ8kiNn9uG&recipientid=contact-5a504fa908ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-6ef756d1448b44acae730de214bdb1f0&esid=60b742f3-ca50-ee11-912a-001dd8b71cad)



## Crazy Clover Carnival

**Saturday, October 7th at the Fairgrounds Grange Building**  
**Festivities 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Prizes for Best Decorated Pumpkin (carved or painted)**  
**Snacks provided by Jr. Leaders**

Crazy Clover Carnival Night is a whole lot of fun. Clubs who wish to participate are encouraged to do so by setting up a game booth in the Grange Building at the Fairgrounds on Sat. October 7th starting at 6pm. Each club will have a 10x10 area and access to electric (bring an ext. cord). The games will begin at 7:00 until 8:30. Clubs are responsible for the clean-up of their area and sweeping the building as there is an event moving in the next day.

Please provide prizes for your games and try to keep the cost of your game to \$.50 or less. If you need a table, you are encouraged to bring a folding table from home, if you don't have one, you will need to get one from the trailer at the fairgrounds and return it when finished.

Jr. Leaders is sponsoring an award for the best decorated and most original game. Registration for clubs is required. Please email the 4-H office to register.

### Upcoming EVENTS



Congratulations to Annabelle Majorossy who was awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress. Annabelle will travel to Georgia for the conference over the Thanksgiving holiday. Wishing you a great time!

## **Club Scarecrow Contest**

### **Entries set-up September 25th - October 1st**

### **Everitt Farms at Pumpkin Junction**

Hello to our friends and neighbors! Here at Everitt Farms we are keeping up our tradition of doing our annual 4-H scarecrow competition at our corn maze and pumpkin patch. Our guests love seeing the scarecrows every year, and are always impressed! We invite you to participate and have your club show their creativity! First, second and third place winners will be selected by a judge from Everitt Farms.

#### **Competition Rules**

- ◆ All entries must be family friendly. Everitt Farms at Pumpkin Junction is a family-oriented attraction! Scarecrows must be built on some type of wooden/plastic post that is sturdy. When you drop off your scarecrow, Everitt Farms will provide a metal T-Post secured in the ground at your display location for you to secure your scarecrow to. Please bring supplies such as zip ties or wire to secure your scarecrow to the T-Post. Your scarecrow must be weather resistant and sturdy as it will be out in the elements for a month. Everitt Farms is not responsible for any scarecrows on display.
- ◆ A sign should be posted on your scarecrow with your Club Name
- ◆ Scarecrows should be set up by September 29th. Contact Barri-Lynn for a different arrangement if necessary
- ◆ Winners will be announced at Achievement Night
- ◆ Scarecrows will need to be picked up Sunday, October 29th, by 5:00 PM. We will be running the combine through the fields at Everitt Farms starting on the 31st, so all scarecrows not picked up by then will be disposed of.

We encourage you to create a scarecrow that describes your group or club. Make it individual, make it you! Please email your group/club name, entry title, and a brief description on your entry so we may reserve a spot for you.



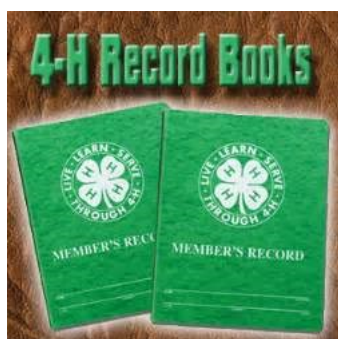


# County Medal & Record Book Information

## Record Book Judging

Record Books due 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 10th



Record Book judging is quickly approaching, so be sure to stop by the 4-H Office or check out our website at <https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/forms/> for the Record Book Guide, Criteria for Individual Projects, Club and Member in Good Standing criteria, Community Service and Leadership Suggestions, and the Record Book Score Sheet. Please use this as a guide for assembling your record book for judging.

Record Books need to be dropped off at the 4-H Office by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, October 10th. **Late books will have 10 points deducted.**

There are sections of your record book that need to be signed by leaders, parents and members. Please be sure to make a summary sheet for each year you are in 4-H, current project book and leader signature forms properly signed. **If the pages are not properly signed the book will not be judged.**

In order to be eligible for a county medal you will need to meet all the Member in Good Standing guidelines listed below.

## 4-H Member in Good Standing

As a 4-H member you should be a member in good standing. A member in good standing will be eligible to participate in the 4-H County Awards Program. Members are judged on these guidelines using a specific county medals score sheet (found in the County Medals Packet of Award Information). To be a member in good standing in Hunterdon County, members should:

- Participate in at least 70% of club meetings
- Participate in one County 4-H Presentation Contest throughout his/her 4-H career (more are recommended)
- Give one club presentation during current 4-H year
- Participate in one community service project (club/individual)
- Participate in county fair set-up/clean-up events (outside of project area)
- Participate in county show or fair exhibit
- Participate in club, county, or state fundraising
- Participate in three county events other than the County 4-H Fair



## Special Teen Awards

The Hunterdon County 4-H Association gives special awards to teens at Achievement Night. Teens in 8th grade and above should stop by the 4-H Office to pick up the "Special Teen Awards" packet which explains each award, requirements, and information needed to apply. Information can also be found online at <https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/>.



## 4-H Club Merit Award

If your club follows the guidelines below, they will be entitled to receive a Club Merit Award. This award will be presented at Achievement Night. The Club in Good Standing Guidelines are as follows:

### Hunterdon County 4-H Club in Good Standing Guidelines

There are many different kinds of 4-H Clubs. They meet at different times and have different projects and interests. However, there are some things that every 4-H club should have in common. The following are requirements for 4-H clubs and members. If your club meets all of these requirements, it is a 4-H club in good standing. Your club should:

- Have qualified 4-H leaders who have been screened and trained by our 4-H staff and who will attend at least four out of the six 4-H Association Meetings. The Association meets January, March, May, July, September and November.
- Hold at least one business meeting a month for nine or more months of the year.
- Elect officers annually to run club meetings.
- Have an approved constitution and club charter following all guidelines established by the IRS and National 4-H Council. This includes submitting a club financial plan and audit form by **March 1st** of each year. All club fundraising efforts should be registered with the 4-H Office at this time.
- Have at least five registered members from at least three families.
- Each club is required to actively participate in 4-H fundraising on either the county or state level.
- Each club is required to actively participate in 4-H fairground work details throughout the year by sending 1-3 club members to help out at each event (based on membership).
- Participate in at least one community service project. Service projects include animal exhibits, Earth Day, or one of your clubs choice.
- Each club member should participate in club presentations.
- Exhibit or demonstrate at the 4-H and Agricultural Fair.

Many of our 4-H clubs and members come to the 4-H Association for financial support for items for our fair and trips for their members. If your club is not a club in good standing and does not meet these guidelines, then the association has the right to deny your club funds, or in the worse case has the right to disband your club.

## Club Scrapbook Contest

Junior Leaders is sponsoring its annual Club Scrapbook Contest. Rules can be obtained from our website <https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/>. **Club Scrapbooks are due in the 4-H Office by 4:00 PM, Monday, October 30th.**





## SHARE YOUR STORY

### It's Story Time... 4-H Story

Members are only required to write one story for their Record Book, which should include all events, activities, learning experiences, and project-related information. The story should be written on your 2022-2023 Summary Sheet. Project record book stories are not required. Guidelines for what the judges will be looking for in your story can be found in the County Medals Guidelines.

The 4-H Association is sponsoring a "Best 4-H Story" contest. Rules and guidelines can be picked up at the 4-H Office. Your story should be written on the summary sheet for the 2022-23 4-H year. The best story award will be presented to a junior member (grades 4th – 7th) and a senior member (grades 8th – 13th) at the Achievement Night Program. Winners will be awarded a \$15.00 Tractor Supply gift card.

### Best 4-H Camp Story Due Tuesday, October 10th

Did you have an awesome time at 4-H Summer Camp? Do you want to go to camp? Have you heard so many good things about Summer Camp that you would like to attend next year? If you have answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this "Best 4-H Camp" story contest is for you. Rules and guidelines can be picked up at the 4-H Office. Your story should be submitted by October 10th, neatly written, using correct grammar. The winner will receive a \$100.00 scholarship towards 2024 summer camp.

### Achievement Night Set-up Friday, November 17th 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

A few volunteers are needed to help set-up for Achievement Night. If you are able to come help, please let Harry know via email [hunterdon4h@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:hunterdon4h@njaes.rutgers.edu) by Friday, November 3rd. The set-up will take approximately 1 1/2 hours, immediately after school. A crew of 10 people would be great!

### Achievement Night Dessert and Awards Friday, November 17th County Complex Building #1 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This year's Achievement Night will be held on **Friday, November 17th at the Hunterdon County Complex, Rte 12, Building #1**. The evening will begin with awards followed by an intermission for desserts, and then club awards and special presentations. Each 4-H club is asked to bring two desserts, enough to feed your club. The 4-H Association will provide coffee, tea, and drinks. Please call our office or return the form in this newsletter by Friday, November 4th and let us know how many people will be attending and if you can bring a dessert.

If you have photos you would like to have included in the Achievement Night presentation, please get them Lillian Shupe [lrshupe@frontiernet.net](mailto:lrshupe@frontiernet.net) or upload to [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qFT6D3UZZNfyZtD2HqOfB8g5vD8SGH\\_N?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qFT6D3UZZNfyZtD2HqOfB8g5vD8SGH_N?usp=sharing)

It would be really nice to have photos other than the fair as well.

giving thanks  
and  
celebrating achievements



## Save the Date!



**Holiday Workshop**  
**Friday, December 1st**  
**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Location Building 1**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17th**

The Holiday Workshop is the perfect event to help you get into the holiday spirit. The date is Friday, December 1st, 7:00 PM -9:00 PM. Participating clubs should follow the instructions carefully.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM for set-up and clubs must be set-up and ready to start by 7:00 PM. This is a fun night filled with holiday cheer. Please register by filling out the registration information at the end of this newsletter.

### **Holiday Workshop Instructions:**

Register by calling the 4-H Office or by sending in the enclosed registration form by Friday, November 17th. Have your club decide on a small holiday craft item to sell and demonstrate. Small kits containing all craft supplies and instructions must be available so participants can make the item being demonstrated. Cost of the items is up to your discretion, but keep in mind that less expensive items tend to sell the best.

Clubs may also sell homemade holiday gift items such as candy, cookies, or holiday breads. These items must be packaged as a gift.

Clubs need to donate two dozen holiday cookies for the refreshment table. Donations will be collected for refreshments. Remember, clubs may not sell snacks at their table.

Doors open at 6:00 PM for set-up  
Clubs must be completely set-up by 7:00 PM  
Clubs must bring their own change

**Cloverbud Door Swag**  
**Friday, December 1st - 7:00 PM**  
**Location Building 1**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17th**

All 4-H Cloverbud members are invited to make a holiday door swag during the Holiday Workshop. Members can make a holiday decoration and enjoy yummy treats. Please register by filling out the enclosed registration form or calling the 4-H Office by Friday, November 18th.

A bow and a pine swag, holly, white pine and other natural greens will be provided for each Cloverbud.

Participants should bring:  
Decorations for their swag  
Pruning shears  
Wire cutters  
Gloves







## A note to our Ambassadors

Many thanks to Eva Zajac and Annabelle Majorossy for the great work they did as our 2022-23 Ambassadors. Eva and Annabelle did a great job representing the 4-H program this past year.

Congratulations to our new 2023-24 4-H Ambassadors **Lindsay Chudy** and **Lydia Kilinski**. Welcome aboard and best wishes to all of you as you begin your role as 4-H Ambassadors.



## Senator's Trophy of Leadership Excellence

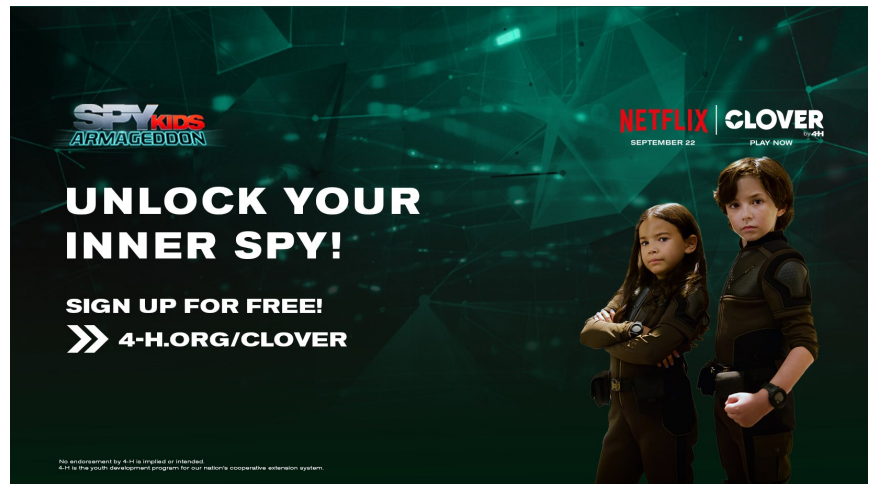
Congratulations to **Maguire Mallea** who received the Senator's Trophy at opening ceremonies at the Fair. We commend Christina for her leadership and service in Junior Leaders.

## Check out this new program

### Unlock Your Kids' Inner Spy with 4-H and Netflix

In collaboration with Utah State University Extension, we proudly present Mission: #GAMECLOVER — an interactive STEM experience on CLOVER by 4-H.

Launching alongside Netflix's Spy Kids: Armageddon on September 22nd, Mission: #GAMECLOVER fuels STEM passion through the world of game design.



Don't miss this educational adventure — share it with your 4-H family. It's going to be a blast!

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## Rutgers Robert A. Schommer Astronomical Observatory

You may be aware that members of the Rutgers University community and the general public are invited to observe the night sky through the 20-inch optical telescope of the Robert A. Schommer Astronomical Observatory. **The first public open night is this Thursday, 14 September 08:30 p.m. EDT to 10:30 p.m. EDT.** Observatory is located in the dome on the roof of the Serin Physics Laboratories on the corner of Frelinghuysen Road and Allison Road on the Busch Campus.

Weather permitting the observatory is open for two hours starting at 8:30 p.m. **Observing will be canceled for that night if the skies are cloudy at the beginning of the observing session.** Please check this web-site for the most up-to-date information: <http://observatory.rutgers.edu/>  
**Schedule of Public Open Nights (weather permitting) for 2023**  
**September 2023**

**October 2023**

**November 2023**

**December 2023**

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### Spot on Shooters

Spot on Shooters 4-H had an amazing 2022-2023 year! Our 13 members and 8 instructors accomplished many things. Some of our most memorable events include: hosting three NJ State Senior Shooting Sports matches in the Fall 2022 (Air Rifle, Smallbore, Shotgun); Fall Mum Sale; informative and entertaining Presentation Day in February; sending two members to National Shooting Sports Competition to compete in Shotgun in June 2023. The most memorable event was the Hunterdon County Fair. We worked with the Deadeyes in the 4-H Shooting Sports Tent. Members used their public speaking skills to demonstrate and teach over 1000 members of the public how to handle and use air rifle and archery equipment safely and responsibly. Spot On Shooters was represented in the Ramsburg building as well, with a Best in Show Club Booth and Best in Show Club Photo.

The 2023-2024 4-H year is our 10th anniversary, and we are off to a great start! We have welcomed ten new members at our new member meeting in September. There is a full calendar of upcoming events that we will be participating in, and we can't wait to get started!

Ciera Liedl, Club Reporter

### Jr. Leaders

Junior Leaders has had many fun activities this summer! Before the 4-H fair started, we did our yearly Progressive Picnic along with a short business meeting. We went to three different houses for appetizers, the main course, and then dessert. It is a great bonding opportunity for everyone involved. We also did an activity we like to call the Mystery Ride, where we drive around and use clues to find out our surprise final destination! This year, we ended up playing mini golf and getting ice cream. During the fair, we made a good profit off of our freshly-painted soda trailer, where everyone in the club worked at least two shifts selling water and soda to fundraise for the club. We did have some mixed opinions on our slight price change and our trailer's new color, but overall it went well. Additionally, our previous President Maguire Mallea won the Senator's Trophy, and our previous Secretary, Lindsay Chudy, was selected as one of this year's 4-H Ambassadors!

During our August meeting right after the fair, we elected our new club officers. Congratulations to Chloe Roell (President); Annabelle Majorossy (Vice President); Carly Perrine (Secretary); Lindsay Chudy (Treasurer); Ashely Vanatta (Corresponding Secretary); Carlee Roell (Club Reporter); and Adyson Frace and Eva Zajac (the Executive Committee)! Our officers will all be meeting soon to plan club activities for the upcoming 4-H year!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 pm. It will be at the Route 12 Extension Center, and we welcome any and all new members! If you're interested in joining (and you're at least 14 years old), feel free to join us! The September meeting is when we like to welcome any new members - last year we had a very fun game night - but, if you can't make it, that's okay too! We take new members all-year round, and our meetings are every 4th Tuesday of the month.

Thank you and hope to see you in September!

Carly Perrine, Club Reporter



## Mt. Airy Dairy

The Mt. Airy Dairy Club had a very exciting and fun year. We participated in the parade, and we were recognized for 100 years as a club.

We did a lot of preparation for our 100th Anniversary of the Club that we celebrated at the Fair after our 4-h Dairy show. We designed new club shirts for the 100th Anniversary and Jacob made a cake for our fair booth display. There were a lot of 4-H club alumni there to celebrate with us. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a very special day. We had a great day.

On Friday we had the free ice cream sundaes and held our Lead a Calf demonstration, where we teach the public how to lead a calf.

We're looking forward to another great 4-H year!!!!

Cheyenne Young, Club Reporter

**REGISTER NOW**

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

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

### **Crazy Clover Carnival Night, October 22nd, set up 6:00 PM, event 7:00 PM**

The \_\_\_\_\_ club/family will set up a trunk for the Trunk or Treat night  
\_\_\_\_\_ member will bring a decorated pumpkin

### **Achievement Night Set-up, Friday, November 17th, 3:00 PM – County Complex, Rte. 12, Building #1**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to help set-up for Achievement Night on Friday, November 17th, 3:00 PM

### **Achievement Night, Friday, November 17th, 7:00 PM – County Complex, Rte. 12, Building #1**

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending

\_\_\_\_\_ We would be glad to bring a dessert

### **Holiday Workshop, SAVE THE DATE: Friday, December 1st, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Limit 2 Tables per club!**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (# tables, electric etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child(ren) will be participating in the Cloverbud Door Swag. #Attending \_\_\_\_\_