



JANUARY TO MARCH 2024

HUNTERDON 4-H

HAPPENINGS



A FEW WORDS...

Happy Holidays to All! I hope that you have a great New Year. 2024 will be exciting with the new agent starting. I have really enjoyed my time here and it has been great to get to know so many of you. I feel as if I am living the 4-H slogan “learn by doing.” Thank you for your patience and friendship.

Hunterdon County 4-H is a model program. The excellence of the work that you do shows in every project and activity. I am certain that the program will continue to thrive and grow due to the dedication of the volunteers and the great kids we have. You truly strive to “make the best better” all the time. Keep it up.



A 4-H program is only as good as it’s volunteers, and we are so lucky to have you all. We would not have clubs, members, or projects if it were not for our volunteers. On January 18th, we will celebrate them at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation and 4 -H Association Meeting. The next time you see your Volunteer Leaders, please be sure that you thank them for their time and effort that they put into your clubs. You could not be a part of a club without them.



LEADER’S ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

NEW LEADERS WELCOME

MARCH 21, 7:00 PM

Important decisions regarding program updates, the fair, fundraising and program direction are made at 4-H Association Meetings. Please join us and become a part of the planning at our meetings.



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[HTTPS://HUNTERDON.NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU/](https://hunterdon.njaes.rutgers.edu/)**

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.

>>> IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Leaders, please check with your members to ensure that they are receiving our weekly Flash newsletter.



>>> KEEP YOUR CLUB IN GOOD STANDING

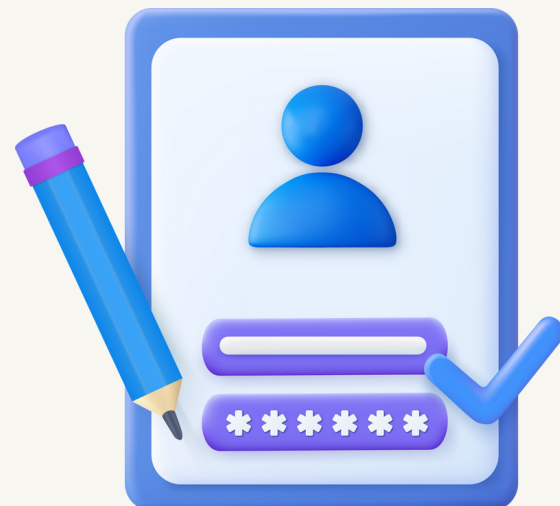
Clubs who are in good standing will be awarded the Honor Club Award at Achievement Night. In order to be recognized, clubs must have attendance at 4-H Association Meetings, participate in 4-H Association fundraising and hand in all important treasury information.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP LISTS <<<

By this time your membership lists should be up to date. If you are in doubt, you can view your membership list again to make sure it is accurate. If you have members who are missing from the list, it means they did not re-enroll for 2024. Please ask them to do so immediately. Check the birthdates and grade levels of your members (dates reflect the 2023-2024 school year). Members need to be enrolled by January 1, 2024 in order to participate in state events.

New members and families will need to register online. Please be sure to instruct your new families to register their child(ren). Members cannot participate in any 4-H activities until they are registered.



4-H Club Meetings

Many of our clubs have been meeting in person. If you are looking for in-person meeting space, you can request to book at our office.

Please follow this procedure for booking a meeting room

- Contact Kevin or Kim at kdunn@co.hunterdon.nj.us or kfrey@co.hunterdon.nj.us
- Fill out the room request, provide all dates for the year
- Sign in and out on the form near the front door
- After you are done, fill out the sheet hanging in the meeting room
- Turn out all lights
- Check the restroom before you leave
- Lock the front door and make sure it is locked before walking away
- Leave the room cleaner than when you arrived

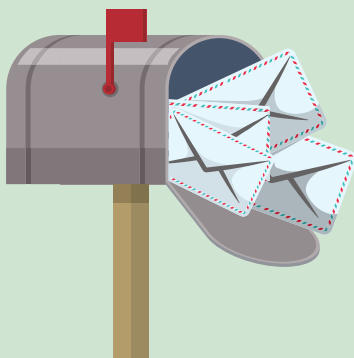


It's 2024, and we're looking for all future change agents! Join us for an incredible week of our new CWF experience. The 2024 dates are June 20 – 27, 2024.

Rooted in legacy but reimagined for today, CWF is THE event for teens to learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy, and our amendments.

For 7 days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions, hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders, and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future.

Watch the Flash for further information!



Club Mailboxes

Please stop by and collect your club mail during office hours or at your club's next meeting.

Thank you!



COUNTY PRESENTATIONS

Monday, March 18th (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
Tuesday, March 19th (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
Friday, March 22nd (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

Register [here](#) by February 28th

save the date

DON'T FORGET

REMEMBER!

Our 2024 fair dates are **August 21st - 25th**. Request for your club to do a fundraiser at the fair, or for your club to receive funds from the Association for fair improvements or projects are due by **May 16th**. Requests will be approved on May 16th at the 4-H Association Meeting. Requests made after May 16th will not be reviewed.

Independent Project and Animal Lease forms are due **May 1st**.

Deadline to purchase your project animal is **May 1st**.

NJ 4-H Presents

Animal Science Video Project



Youth may work individually or as a team to create educational videos about alpacas, cats, cattle (beef/dairy), dogs, goats, herpetology, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small animals, or swine to enter in the NJ 4-H Animal Science Video Contest. A selection of videos will be shared at the film festival during an afternoon session of the Junior Animal Science Symposium. Youth of the top scoring videos will receive awards. Videos will be scored on educational value, creativity, clarity, pacing, and technical quality (sound, lighting, etc.). Youth are encouraged to have fun and be creative in designing their video entries!

Youth created videos are due March 4.

Details are available on our website at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/animals/film-festival>.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday,
March 23, 2024

at Cook Campus Farm
Rutgers—New Brunswick

Hands-on workshops in topics:

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

Animal Science Video Contest

RUTGERS JUNIOR ANIMAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2024

Sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Junior Breeder Program, in cooperation with Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff.

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HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

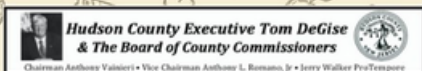
Congratulations to the members who turned in a record book and applied for awards. You all did a great job. Special thank you to all the Cloverbuds who lead our pledges. Thank you to Lydia Kilinski and Lindsay Chudy, 4-H Ambassadors for emceeing the event. Lindsay and Annabelle Majorossy did an outstanding presentation on their experience at CWF. Thank you to Lillian Shupe for putting together the slide show.

Congratulations also to the members who participated in the "Best 4-H Story," The Junior Member winner was Bentley Haxton, a member of Hunterdon Hoppers, and the Best Camp Story winner was Oliver Haxton of Hunterdon Hoppers.

High honors were received by Devon Reed: Jr. Achiever, Georgia Fraser: the Community Service Award sponsored by Kick Butt Kids, Eva Zajac and Cassidy Hunt: Outstanding 4-H Members, Maguire Mallea: Ramsburg Memorial recipient, Annabelle Majorossy: Spirit of Community, and Jacob Van Doren: Anna Schick Award.

Congratulations and many thanks to Chris Endris for her selection as the Friend of 4-H.





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**4-H STEP
CLUB**

JOIN THE 4-H GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY COALITION!



- Learn about global food security issues
- Work with a 4-H mentor to develop a research project
- Participate in virtual meetings to refine project
- Attend one time in-person writing retreat at Rutgers and meet other 4-H youth
- Present at the World Food Prize NJ Youth Institute at Rutgers New Brunswick March 1st, 2024 and earn Certificate as a Borlaug Scholar

**WEDNESDAYS ON ZOOM
JAN 3 - JAN 31, 2024
7-8PM**

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 9-12

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://GO.RUTGERS.EDU/FY6MKR9L](https://go.rutgers.edu/fy6mkr9l)

OR WITH QR CODE



Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Board of County Commissioners. Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hudson County, Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



Scholarships



Garden Club of Hunterdon County Offers Agriculture/Horticulture Scholarship

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 areas. Deadline for application is April 5th, and can be found [here](#)!



Jr. Breeder Financial Aid Program NJ Department of Agriculture

A dedicated funding program that enables the agricultural youth of New Jersey to secure funds, purchase livestock, establish production projects and keep accurate records. The program is based on a promissory note system, with monies to be paid back to the fund with interest. More info and application can be found [here](#)!



Melda Snyder Loan Opportunity for Agriculture College Students

The Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture sponsors an interest free loan for Hunterdon County college students who plan to further their education in any agricultural related field. Interested students should apply for the Melda Snyder Loan [here](#)!



Garden Club of New Jersey

The Garden Club of New Jersey Scholarship Awards provide financial aid to students and promote the study of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Botany, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Environmental Science, City Planning, Land Management, and related subjects. More information and application (due January 15th) can be found [here](#)!

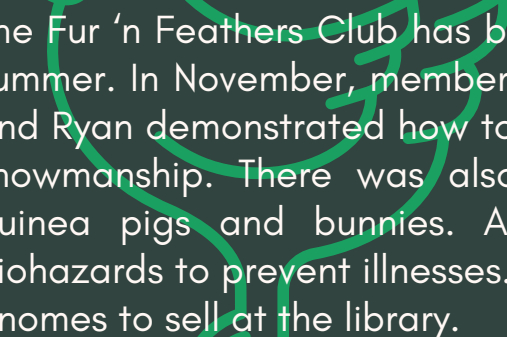
CLUB NEWS

Hunterdon Hoppers

The Hunterdon Hoppers have been very busy. In October, we built our scarecrow for Pumpkin Junction at Everitt Farms and used it to advertise our group. It was a rabbit that you could sit and take pictures with. We participated in the 4-H carnival and won best decorated. We had a booth with games that our members made. Our scrapbook committee did great and put together our scrapbook. It was decorated and full of pictures. We also held a petting station at West Amwell's School truck or treat. The truck was designed as Mr. McGregor's vegetable patch from Peter Rabbit.

At the November meeting, our club member Ashley did a presentation on winter care of rabbits. We also collected toys for United Way at the meeting. We got a lot of toys to deliver. We went shopping and bought food for local families that needed help with their Thanksgiving meal. We also baked pies for the families. We are working hard for the Holiday Workshop that is coming up soon. We have lots of ideas and designs that we brainstormed at our meeting.

Fur 'n Feathers



The Fur 'n Feathers Club has been up to a lot since the 4-H Fair this summer. In November, members brought their poultry to the meeting and Ryan demonstrated how to properly hold and show a chicken for showmanship. There was also a demonstration on how to show guinea pigs and bunnies. Additionally, members learned about biohazards to prevent illnesses. To raise money, some members made gnomes to sell at the library.

Jr. Leaders

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we had our official "new members" meeting in September and 7 or 8 new people joined. It was a fun game night after our regular business meeting, and everyone got to know each other. If you missed it, don't worry: we take new members all year-round! In October, we had our annual Mystery Dinner where we chose different spooky-named items at random and got them in that order. Sometimes you got your skeleton hand (aka a fork) before you had any Brains to eat. We got a lot done at our regular meeting afterwards, too! We also judged the carnival night booths; the games were super creative and we all had a blast dancing and playing the games. The dancing in particular was a big hit and a lot of kids want to do music again next year. During November, we attended Achievement Night where our own Lindsay Chudy was one of the emcees, and one of our club committees also judged club scrapbooks. Congratulations to all who received awards for their hard work this past year! We also helped Ashley Vanatta shop for a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need, which is something the club does every year. At our meeting in the last week of November, the club also collected donations for the United Way - three big boxes of toys, clothes, arts and crafts, and other things from their "Wish List" - and planned ahead for December and January.

For December, Jr. Leaders are plating cookies for the Food Pantry and helping to wrap and fill stockings for a retirement home in lieu of a regular meeting. We also have a lot of interest in Winter Camp, which is going to happen at the end of January. Only 3 kids were able to go last year, but at least 14 hands shot up when the leaders who chaperone the trip asked if anyone was interested. We take new members year-round, and our next meeting is January 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Rt. 12 Extension Center. Our meetings are every 4th Tuesday of the month with a few exceptions, and if you have any questions about joining the club, ask the office and they'll get you the contact information for our three current club leaders: Louisa Cole, Mark Brubaker, and Courtney Zyla.

Mt. Airy 4-H Dairy

We are getting ready for another great 4-H year. Our new officers for 2023-2024 are President: Carlee Roell, Vice President: Annabelle Majorossy, Secretary & Corresponding Secretary: Chloe Roell, Treasury: Cassidy Hunt, Reporter: Cheyenne Young and Photographer: Anthony Dickheiser. Carlee Roell got 2nd place in the NJ State Judging Team and the team then moved on to the All American Dairy Judging in Harrisburg Pa. The team then went to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin to compete.

Annabelle Majorossy is the State Alternate Dairy Princess and our County Dairy Princess. Cassidy Hunt is the County Alternate Dairy Princess.

Congratulations to all our members and our Club who received Awards at Achievement Night. Some of our Members received Special Awards. Spirit of Community—Annabelle Majorossy, Outstanding 4-H Member—Cassidy Hunt and the Anna Schick Memorial Award—Jacob VanDoren

Annabelle Majorossy also recently attended Congress.

Kick Butt Kids

Kick-Butt-Kids Goat club's 2023-2024 year is started off action-packed and full of excitement! Our first meeting was on September 25th, and we chose our officers, including this year's president, Lily Dannenfelser. We also learned about how to choose a buck for our does, or a good mate, since most goats breed in the late fall and early winter. On October 14th, we held a fundraiser for our club at Kingwood Feed and Mercantile. We sold brownies, cookies, banana bread, and lotion, and we also brought some adorable baby goats. Then, we learned to make soap out of goat milk. This year we are going to be selling it at our holiday shop. Speaking of shopping, the Kick-Butt-Kids went shopping for some families in our community, giving them turkey, stuffing, and other Thanksgiving foods. Our year is starting off great, and we can't wait to see what we'll do next.

Round Valley Riders

The Round Valley Riders horse club has had a busy beginning to the new 4-H year. During our first meeting of the year in September we chose our club officers: Eva Zajac (President), Addison Frace (VP), Devon Reed (Secretary), Brianna Hutchins (Treasurer), Skylar Day (Corresponding Secretary) and Julia Bruno (Refreshments). Our activities for September and October included the antique show, scarecrow contest setup at Everitts Farm, as well as helping to sell pumpkins at the corn maze for a fundraiser. We have done two community service projects so far. The first at Dreamweaver Therapeutic Riding Facility, and the second was our annual food donation to a local food pantry. The club participated in carnival night at the fairgrounds as well as achievement night and the holiday workshop. We also had our first clinic of the year at Galloping Lanes Farm where we learned about breeding and foals. We are excited for our holiday party this month as well. After that it is on to horse bowl practice. Some of the upcoming events we are looking forward to are various clinics and fundraisers we have coming in the spring, and of course the Hunterdon County 4-H fair!

S.A.V.E.

SAVE veterinary club is having a great 2023-2024 year, and it was really busy! We started off with our first election meeting. At the meeting, we also finished up our scrapbook and historical record for the 2022-2023. A few weeks later, we did a necropsy on a sheep, which was basically a very scientific dissection. It was a fascinating learning experience, both for us and for the Kick-Butt-Kids goat club, who we collaborated with. After our November meeting and the Necropsy, the winter Holiday Shop had come around. We made veterinary bandage kits, adorable glitter animal ornaments, decorate-your-own coasters, and decorate-your-own stethoscopes. We made over \$100, which we voted to use to fund a trip to somewhere educational. Our year is starting off fantastic, and with the help of our leaders and our peers, SAVE veterinary club will succeed and thrive!