



HUNTERDON 4-H HAPPENINGS

A FEW WORDS...



It is hard to believe that I have been here a whole year. It seems like last week. I have been having so much fun helping you all out that I never noticed the time flying past. Hunterdon County 4-H has some of the best youth I have ever seen involved in any organization. The passion with which you pursue your goals is amazing. The accomplishments that you achieve are astounding. I never cease to be impressed with all that you do. I am equally impressed with the tireless effort and energy that all the volunteers put into the program.

The success of the members is directly attributable to all the work that you do. How you get it all done, and with such great big smiles, is truly inspirational. I am proud to have been even a small part of it all.

That said, I am pleased to announce that my replacement, Dr. Sharon Toth, will be replacing me in May. She is an alumna of Somerset County 4-H, attended Rutgers and the University of Pittsburgh, and is currently a 4-H Agent in Virginia. I have known her since she was in 4-H with my own children. You are going to love all the energy and unique programming she will bring with her. I am sure the program will continue to thrive and grow with Sharon at the helm.

2024 JUNIOR ANIMAL SYMPOSIUM

A total of 286 people from 18 counties in NJ, NY, and PA attended the 2024 Junior Animal Symposium at the Cook Campus Farm at Rutgers, New Brunswick - a record high! This program offered 27 classes to choose from in the subjects of Equine, Large Ruminant, Small Ruminant, Swine, Poultry, Beekeeping, and Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal.

Participants from Hunterdon County were: Aubrie Battle, Abigail Bowlby, Christopher Bowlby, Jennifer Bowlby, Greg Bowlby, Allison Chittenden, Sarah Chittenden, Anthony Dickheiser, Lucas Haring, Elise Haring, Ava Haring, Autumn Hayes, John Hayes, Jennifer Hayes, Cassidy Hunt, Ed Majorossy, Annabelle Majorossy, Abby Manning, Colleen Manning, Carlee Roell, Chloe Roell, Lori Roell, Hailey Terrebusch, Erin Terrebusch, Gary Terrebusch, Reagan Webb, Riley Webb, Anne Webb, and Debra Winters.



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4-H HUNTERDON HAPPENINGS

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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.

4-H EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply will take place at the Flemington Tractor Supply **April 24th - May 5th**. 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.

ANTIQUE SHOW

**Sunday, May 19th
10 AM to 3 PM**

The Antique Show is a big fundraiser for our 4-H Association and is held at South County Park fairgrounds.

Please contact Jackie Majorossy with any questions, jackiemajorossy@gmail.com.

LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

**Thursday, May 16
Thursday, July 18**

Plans for the Fair are underway! The 4-H Association hoping that more leaders will attend the meetings. It is time clubs put serious thought into events they would like to hold at the Fair. Please plan on attending the meetings for continuous updates.

2024 4-H AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR

Wednesday, August 21st to Sunday, August 25th

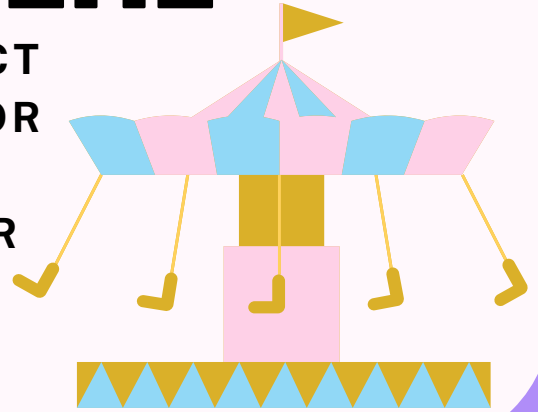
Below is a list of reminders to help you prepare for the fair. Start now to make plans for the fair.

- Project animals need to be owned by **May 1st**.
- Animal Lease forms are due by **May 1st**.
- Independent Project forms are due by **May 1st**.
- All Superintendents who will oversee shows, need to have their rules updated and submitted to Kevin 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.
- Fund Raising and Fair Improvement Forms are due at the May Leaders Association meeting.
- Volunteers are needed to sell ride tickets. Please volunteer by clicking on the sign up genius link: [2024 Ride Sign Up](#)

2024 4-H THEME



EACH YEAR, WE SELECT
A CREATIVE THEME FOR
THE FAIR BOOTHS.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
BEST IDEAS TO THE
OFFICE BY APRIL 8.



4-H Ambassador Contest

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. 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 19TH, BY
4:00 PM.

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 2024 HUNTERDON
COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS.

FOR INFORMATION AND
APPLICATION PLEASE
CONTACT SARAH PHILLIPS,
COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS
COMMITTEE HEAD, AT
SARAHROSE4@COMCAST.NET
OR (908) 894-3394. TO APPLY
YOU MUST BE 17 - 24 YEARS
OF AGE. APPLICATIONS ARE
DUE TO SARAH PHILLIPS NO
LATER THAN MAY 1ST.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

A celebration for our leaders was held on January 18th in Building 1 of the Hunterdon County Complex. Thank you to our 4-H Ambassadors Lindsay Chudy and Lydia Kilinski who emceed the program!

All of our leaders are very special, and it takes a lot of time and commitment to plan, organize and operate a club. This year we recognized **Chelsie Malavasi of Round Valley Riders** for Leader of the Year.

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 **Kyle Young of Mt. Airy Dairy**. Thanks for all you do to benefit our children!



RUTGERS DAY 2024

Saturday, April 27 ♦ 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Experience New Jersey's State University

SUMMER CAMP SEASON

Classic 4-H Camp

The staff at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp are working on plans for 2024. Camp registration is now open and sessions are filling up fast. Please click [here](#) for more information!

Camp at Rutgers Gardens

Serving youth ages 6-14 throughout July, this program will combine the social/emotional learning of 4-H Camp's friendly, communal, tech-free experience with the beautiful environment and educational opportunities of Rutgers Gardens. Check out the website [here](#)!

SIGN UP
TODAY!



RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SOMERSET

COUNTY PRESENTS:

SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H

TOPS CAMP

JUNE 24 - JUNE 28, 2024



FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 1 - 5

CAMP INCLUDES:

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS,
FIELD TRIP,**

**HEALTHY SNACKS, GAMES,
NEW FRIENDS, & MORE!**



COST:

\$350 - 5 DAYS

8:30AM - 4:30PM

TED BLUM 4-H CENTER

310 MILLTOWN RD. BRIDGEWATER, NJ



The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13 on an age-appropriate basis, with out regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law. For additional information, contact: nj4h.rutgers.edu. Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Board of County Commissioners. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SOMERSET COUNTY

2024 4-H BEEF AMBASSADOR



The 2024 4-H Beef Ambassador is Ava Haring. This is the first year and we are so excited for Ava to represent 4-H and the beef industry. She worked extremely hard on her application, speech, presentation and interview; she is well deserving of this title and will set an example of how we can Make The Best Better!

Ava has already started to share ideas on how she can expand her leadership skills.

RUTGERS DAY EXPRESSIVE ARTS 4-H IMAGINATION IN ACTION

On Rutgers Day, Saturday, April 27 from 10AM to 4PM, 4-Hers are invited to "Put Their Imagination Into Action" with Expressive Arts 4-H. Rutgers Day is a day-long celebration of many exciting activities and Expressive Arts 4-H is pleased to be a part of this special event. Our Imagination in Action station is on the Voorhees Mall of the College Avenue Campus, Rutgers New Brunswick. Cloverbud and Standard 4-Hers are invited to share their talents in visual, performing and media arts. This is a non-competitive event. Individual and group entries are welcome.

All 4-Hers will receive participation ribbons and certificates. This is the 14th year that Expressive Arts 4-H has been part of the Rutgers Day celebration!

4-Hers need not be registered in an arts related 4-H club to participate. 4-Hers can perform, or exhibit work they have created on their own, in their club, or school. 4-Hers entering visual or media arts are encouraged to interact with the public viewing their displays, however attendance at Rutgers Day is not required in order to enter visual and media arts. Performers are asked to indicate on the registration forms their preferred performance times.

Members can contact Ellen at williams@njaes.rutgers.edu for more information and registration forms by April 18th.



2024 NJ 4-H EQUINE PRESENTATIONS RESULTS

JR Individual Presentations

1. **Gloucester**-Kelly F. "Horses Lend a Helping Hoof"
2. **Gloucester**-Contessa P. "What to have in Your Brush Bag"
3. **Monmouth**-Danika F. "Horses & Humans- Together Forever"
4. **Warren**-Valentina M. "The Equine Detective"
5. **Gloucester**-Katelyn W. "The Story of Nugget"
6. **Warren**-Kerstin V. "Clydesdale"

JR Team Presentations

1. **Warren**-Arica & Elizabeth S. "Finish Line"
2. **Warren**- Claire J & Vivian M "Mythical Horses"
3. **Burlington**- Evangeline W & Brianna C "Breed vs Breed"

SR Speech

1. **Gloucester**- Sienna H "Horse Brain vs Human Brain"
2. **Essex** - Selda V "IEA Captaincy- Leading Horses & Horse Girls"
3. **Atlantic**- Joel S "Sand Pounders"

Sr Individual Presentations

1. **Gloucester**- Melanie F "Mounted Police"
2. **Gloucester**- Anastasia B "Saving the Ukrainian Saddle Horse"
3. **Hunterdon**- Lela B "Equine Cushing Disease"
4. **Somerset**- Sarah K "The Benefits of "Barefoot"



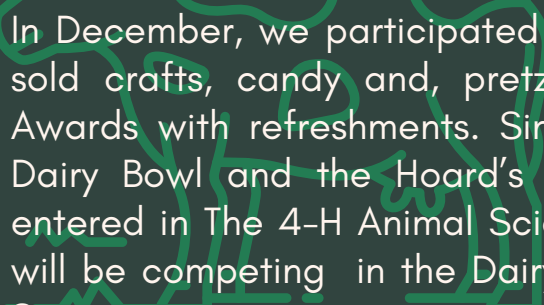
CLUB NEWS

Hunterdon Hoppers

Our club, Hunterdon Hoppers, has done a lot since the new year. At our January meeting we had two presentations. Julia Pacifico did a presentation on a health check when purchasing a rabbit. Caroline Pacifico did a presentation on ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association). In February, Ashley Vanatta did a volunteer project for Care Bags for Kids. She was asking 4-H to donate coloring books and crayons. Our club made cards for the kids at our meeting too. Bentley Haxton, Caroline Pacifico and Julia Pacifico represented Hunterdon Hoppers when we met with the Clover Kids Club. We talked to the kids about our club and did a presentation about our rabbits. At our February meeting we had three presentations. Madison Strauss did a presentation about litter training your rabbit. Emma Cresap did a presentation on general rabbit care. Bentley Haxton did a presentation on rabbit diseases.

We have a lot of cool things coming up. We will be going to Village Studio with our rabbits so children can take pictures with them for Easter. We are making Easter bag for the Flemington Food Pantry. We are doing an Earth Day event at Echo Hill Park where we bring our rabbits for people to see and tell people about 4-H. We also have a bulletin board committee planning the bulletin board for the 4-H office.

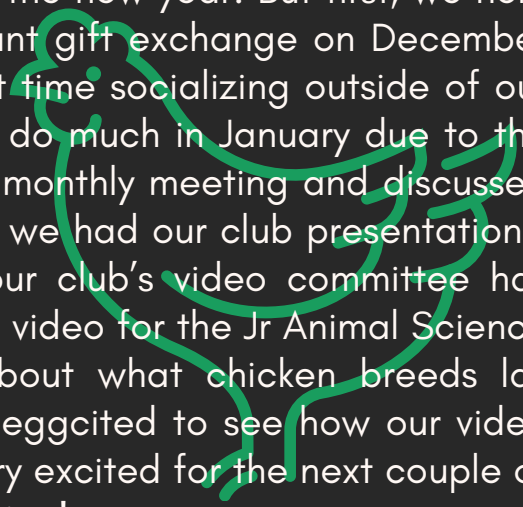
Mt. Airy Dairy



In December, we participated in the Holiday Workshop in which we sold crafts, candy and, pretzels. We also had our County Dairy Awards with refreshments. Since then, we have been studying for Dairy Bowl and the Hoard's Dairymen Judging Contest. We also entered in The 4-H Animal Science Video Contest/Film Festival. We will be competing in the Dairy Bowl Contest on March 23rd at the Symposium.

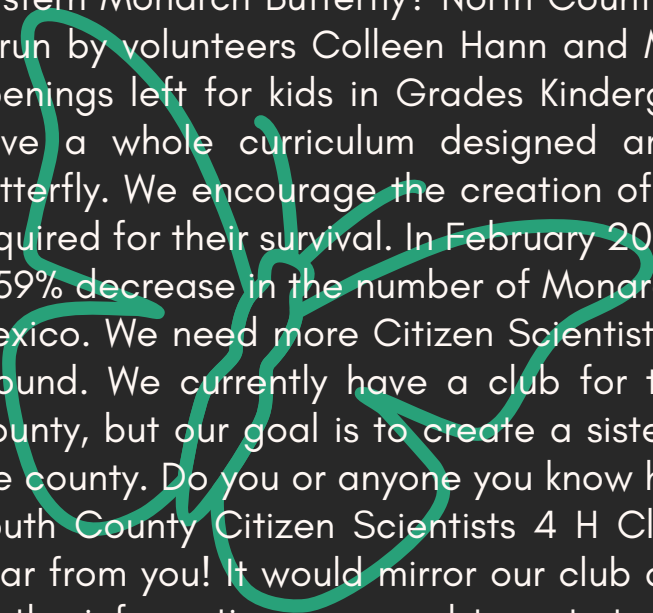
Fur 'n Feathers

Fur 'n Feathers has been very busy in the new year! But first, we held our annual potluck and white elephant gift exchange on December 12th. All of our members had a great time socializing outside of our meetings! Back to 2024, we did not do much in January due to the weather but in February we had our monthly meeting and discussed current club events. Also in February, we had our club presentations. Throughout January and February, our club's video committee has been working hard to create our club video for the Jr Animal Science Symposium! We made our video about what chicken breeds lay different colored eggs. We are very eggcited to see how our video does this March! Fur 'n Feathers is very excited for the next couple of months as we will begin our fair planning!



North County Monarch Citizen Scientists

Did you know Hunterdon County 4 H now has a club dedicated to the Eastern Monarch Butterfly? North County Citizen Scientists 4 H Club is run by volunteers Colleen Hann and Mia Baldwin. We have a few openings left for kids in Grades Kindergarten through 12th, and we have a whole curriculum designed around the Eastern Monarch Butterfly. We encourage the creation of the perfect habitat which is required for their survival. In February 2024, Monarch Watch reported a 59% decrease in the number of Monarchs currently overwintering in Mexico. We need more Citizen Scientists to help turn those numbers around. We currently have a club for the North part of Hunterdon County, but our goal is to create a sister group in the South part of the county. Do you or anyone you know have an interest in creating a South County Citizen Scientists 4 H Club? If so, we would love to hear from you! It would mirror our club and we can provide you with all the information you need to get started. Please contact Colleen Hann at: ncmonarchclub@gmail.com. Interested in joining or coming to one of our meetings to see what it's all about? Send us an email.



Jr. Leaders

Junior Leaders finished 2023 strong with donations for the Flemington Food Pantry along with 30 holiday-themed cookie plates for their clients. A few club members also helped Carlee and Chloe Roell with their community service project, by helping to wrap hats, socks, books, and small gifts for the residents at Rolling Hills Care Center & Hunterdon Care Center. Thank you again to Aiden Murphy, Anna Murphy, Autumn Hayes, and Annabelle Majorossy!

Jr. Leaders kicked off the New Year with our January business meeting. Members gave presentations on different trips they have attended to show newer members the upcoming trips. We had presentations on Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference. During these presentations we learned more about each trip and different opportunities it offers. Six members of Jr. Leaders also attended Winter Camp with a few other counties - eight if you count chaperones Mark and Courtney, who are also leaders of the club - where they spent the weekend at 4-H camp enjoying things like scenic hikes around the lake, archery, bonfires, and each others' company. At our most recent meeting, we continued to discuss upcoming events such as: partnering up with Hunterdon Hoppers for organizing easter baskets for kids, as well as our March meeting where Jr. Leaders will be potting plants for Meals on Wheels. We ended the meeting creating motivational message cards for each kid who would receive a care package as part of a community service project Ashley Vanatta organized for Christine's Hope for Kids, where she collected crayons, children's coloring books, and children's books to make the care packages.

Junior Leaders accepts new members year-round, ages 14 and up, and our meetings are every 4th Tuesday at the 4-H Office at 7:30 pm. Our next meeting is March 26th, and if you have any questions about the club or are otherwise interested, the leaders are Louisa Cole, Mark Brubaker, and Courtney Zyla. The office should have their contact information!

Deadeyes

A lot of interesting things have been happening in the Hunterdon Deadeye's 4-H club! A few months ago, we held our annual executive board election. Liz won as president, Katie won as secretary, Matt won as vice president, Tyler won as treasurer, and Bree won as reporter. Coming up is our Lehigh fundraiser which is in support of the state program on April 14th at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays. We have club shoots the 3rd Sunday of each month, and our next club shoot on is March 17th. Jr. members are excited as they prepare for the state matches in Air Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun. Some of our famous homemade Deadeye's applesauce was donated to the Flemington Food Pantry. We were able to donate a total of 50 jars! Lastly, on March 3rd, members of the club gathered together either in the morning or afternoon for our annual club presentations. After, we celebrated with a pizza party!

Spot on Shooters

In December, Spot On Shooters participated in the 4-H Holiday Shoppe. We had an amazing success with the event - we sold everything on our table! Also in December, we had our annual Club Holiday Party. Everyone brought snacks to share and we played Shooting Sports Jeopardy with members and parents participating. It was a lot of fun.

During these winter months we have been training in air rifle shooting, participating in a 4-H archery competition with On Target Archery, and planning for several upcoming events in the Spring.

In April we will be hosting the State Junior Shotgun Match and working with the Deadeyes to host the State Junior Air Rifle Match. We are looking forward to participating in the State Shooting Sports Invitational in May as well as the State Shooting Sports Banquet.

Kick Butt Kids

Kick Butt Kids have been up to a lot of fun things lately! We all had a wonderful time at the various classes at the Junior Animal Science Symposium at Rutgers, and we competed in the Video contest. Our meetings have been interesting, too, from a goat quiz contest to presenting our 4H projects for March. We also collaborated with the SAVE veterinary club to create a dystocia box to practice helping give birth to goats and sheep. Furthermore, we partnered with Somerset County to host a "Women In Agriculture Night," where we engaged with women in our communities who impact the agricultural community. Additionally, we held numerous business meetings where we discussed new ventures, including an appearance at the Earth Day Festival. Make sure to look for us there! We've had a really great past few months, and we're excited to see what comes next!

S.A.V.E.

The SAVE veterinary club has had a very educational past few months! We presented our County projects in front of our club, which had to be, because we are the Veterinary Club, all about a certain disease or ailment in animals. We went to the Jr. Animal Science Symposium, which was a very fun experience. We also partnered with Kick-Butt-Kids in order to conduct a lesson about goat and sheep dystocia, which is when we practice working out unusual and unbeneficial birthing positions. We visited the Kind Veterinary Care Center where one of our leaders, Dr. Freeman, works, and we got a behind-the-scenes look at small animal veterinary care centers. We also had many successful business meetings where we planned for new field trips and other fun events. We can't wait to see what the Spring season has in store!