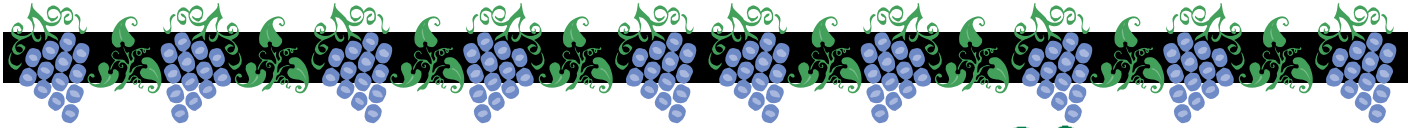


[www.warren4-h.org](http://www.warren4-h.org)

Family Grapevine  
Information for 4-H families  
September/October 2010



*From the Desk  
of the Agent*

Welcome to a new 4-H Year! It's gonna be an exciting one! There is much planned for this year, so please check your Grapevine Newsletter for all the events and activities that will be available to you. There are some things to keep in mind as we set out through the 2010-2011 4-H Year

All 4-Hers are encouraged to maintain a "member in good standing" status. The requirements are:

- Attend at least 70% of your club meetings
- Give a JUDGED public presentation at the county level
- Participate in the Annual Warren County Farmers' Fair
- Turn in a completed 4-H Project Record book by October 1

## Upcoming Dates – a smattering of known dates/timeframes:

- ❖ October 1, 2010 – 2009-2010 Project Record books due to the 4-H office.
- ❖ November 13, 2010 Fall Festival and Achievement night
- ❖ November 14, 2010 Horse Banquet
- ❖ November 20, 2010 County wide **officer training** (Council of Presidents) for those elected to an officer position in their club in any year of their 4-H career
- ❖ March of 2011 are **public presentations** nights, and you will be invited to register in January/February 2011.
- ❖ April 1, 2011 – the deadline for horse members to register their 4-H project horse!
- ❖ May 1, 2011 – the date your animal must be in your possession (and BORN) to show at the 2011 fair
- ❖ June 30, 2011 – the date you must register for 4-H shows you want to exhibit in for the 2011 fair.

# Reminders



## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

November 10, 2010 Mark your calendars!

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*If you prefer a hard copy mailed to your address, please call the office and confirm your updated contact information so we can send you a paper copy. We will only send paper copies to those families that contact us. We hope that 4-H families take advantage of the Grapevine online and help us save the environment.*

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New 4-H family puppies Lola (l) and Moose (r) rest in the 4-H building, donning their Clover bandanas at the 2010 Warren County Farmers' Fair. It was a good but tiring Week (as they can attest)



Going to Rutgers????

Going to miss 4-H????

No Need! You can join the Collegiate 4-H Club!

They do much to support 4-H in NJ

Contact Macy Compton Phone: 732-932-5000 x598

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### Our Mission

The Rutgers Cooperative Research and 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.



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

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# FAIR NEWS

In and out of the show  
ring, character counts!

## Warren County 4-H/FFA Show Results at 2010 Warren County Farmers Fair

### Beef Show

Novice Showman, Brittany Smith  
Beginner Showman, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Intermediate Showman, Stephanie Gardner  
Experienced Showman, Kristina Tillou  
Champion Showman, Stephanie Gardner, Asbury  
Best Fitted, Megan Tillou  
Bull Calf Champion, Stephanie Gardner  
Grand Champion Market Steer, Stephanie Gardner  
Reserve Champion Market Steer, Courtney Sodtalbers

### Cat Show

Best of Show, Anna Matthews  
Best Adult Cat, Aran Matthews  
Best Kitten, Callan Semanchik



### Dairy Cattle Show

Novice Showman, Brittany Smith  
Beginner Showman, Emily Hendershot  
Intermediate Showman, Leah Makarevich  
Experienced Showman, Jami Tirone  
Champion Showman, Jami Tirone  
Jr. Champion Ayrshire, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Sr. Champion Ayrshire, Brittany Smith  
Grand Champion Ayrshire, Brittany Smith  
Jr. Sr. & Grand Champion Jersey, Maxine Spann  
Jr. Champion Holstein, Leah Makarevich  
Sr. Champion Holstein, Emily Hendershot  
Grand Champion Holstein, Emily Hendershot  
Supreme Champion, Emily Hendershot  
Best Animal Bred, Owned and Shown, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Club Herd, Valley Acres 4-H Dairy Club



### Goat Show

Novice Showman, Brittany Smith  
Beginner Showman, Ciara Rodriguez  
Intermediate Showman, Kristina Tillou  
Experienced Showman, Jenny Allen  
Champion Showman, Jenny Allen  
Sr. & Grand Champion Pygmy Goat, Jenny Allen  
Champion Buck Meat breed, Kristina Tillou  
Champion Wether Meat Goat, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Jr. Champion Meat Doe, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Sr. & Grand Champion Meat Doe, Kristina Tillou  
Champion Alpine Buck, Kayte Empson, Belvidere  
Jr. Champion Alpine Doe, Kayte Empson  
Sr. & Grand Champion Alpine Doe, Brittany Smith  
Champion Cross Breed Buck, Jenny Allen  
Jr. & Grand Champion Cross Breed Doe, Jenny Allen  
Champion Nubian Buck, Brittany Smith  
Jr. Sr. & Grand Champion Nubian Doe, Courtney Sodtalbers  
Champion Nigerian Dwarf Buck, Bethany Bishop  
Jr. & Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Ciara Rodríguez  
Sr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Lexie Bishop  
Jr. & Grand Champion Saauen Doe, Brittany Smith,



### Horticulture Exhibit

Best of Show and Premier Exhibitor, Andy Osadca  
Honorable Mention, Gus Semanchik  
Best of Division I, IV and XI – Andy Osadca  
Best of Division III – Lexie Bishop



*A splendid time is guaranteed for all – Lennon and McCartney*

### Poultry Show

Senior Showmanship, Lexie Bishop

Best Bantam, Alex

Haraka

Best of Show and Best  
Waterfowl, Tyler Johnson

Junior Showmanship &

Best Standard, Gus

Semanchik

1<sup>st</sup> Place Eggs, Brittany Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Eggs, Courtney Sodtalbers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Eggs, Nicole Kihullen



### Rabbit Show

Best of Breed, Holland Lop – Rachel Danitz

Best of Breed, Rex – Jenny Allen

Best of Breed, Netherland Dwarf – Brigitte  
Errickson

Best of Breed, American Chinchilla – Matthew  
Danitz

Best of Breed, Mixed – Stacey Giordano

Best of Breed, Jersey and Best  
of Show – Katie Parr

Best of Breed Miss Marked

Dutch – Courtney Sodtalbers

Best of Breed, Lionhead –

Ivana Waldele

Best of Breed, Silver Martin – Chelsea Wistuk

Best of Breed, New Zealand – Courtney Sodtalbers

Best of Breed, Mini Lop – Ryleigh Semanchik

Best Jr. Showman, Brittany Smith

Best Intermediate Showman, Kaley Maguire

Best Sr. Showman, Anna Matthews



### Sheep Show

Experienced Showman – Jenny Allen

Beginner Showman – Kayte Empson

Novice Showman – Brittany Smith

Champion Showman – Jenny Allen

Grand Champion Purebred Ewe, wool – Stephanie  
Gardner

Best Fitted Wool Breed – Stephanie Gardner

Grand Champion Grade Ram – Brittany Smith

Grand Champion Grade Ewe – Courtney Sodtalbers

Best Fitted Meat Breed – Courtney Sodtalbers

Champion Market Lamb – Courtney Sodtalbers

### Small Animal

Best of Variety – Stephanie Tarlowe

Best of Show - Stacey Giordano

Reserve Best of Show – Brittany Smith

### Swine

Brest Jr .and Sr. Breeding Gilt, Best Market Hog  
and Best of Show – Courtney Sodtalbers

### Sewing Exhibit

Best of Show – Brigitte

Errickson

### Fine Arts

Best of Show – Kristina Tillou

### Creative Crafts

Best of Show – Alexa Johnson

Honorable Mention – Stephanie Gardner



### Needlework

Best of Show – Rachel Danitz

### Photography

Best of Show – Lexie Bishop

Honorable Mention – Kristina Tillou

Honorable Mention – Lexie Bishop

### Foods

Best of Show – Andy Osadca

Honorable Mention – Emily Thomas

### Open Seeing Eye Dog Show

Best of Division – Ana Furnari

Best of Division and Best of Show – Rachel Weisel

Best of Division – Tanya Volkert

Best of Division – Colton Hoff

Fest of Division and Best of Show – Rebecca  
LaRitz

### Animal Science Exhibit

Best of Show – Stephanie

Tarlowe

### Wildlife and Fisheries Exhibit

Best of Show – Stephanie

Gardner



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# What's Up in

**NEW JERSEY 4-H**



## HOLD THE DATE

Saturday – March 26, 2011

Cook College  
Campus of  
Rutgers University

NJ Junior Breeder and  
Young Farmer Symposium

Sponsored in part by:  
**Farm Credit**  
**Northeast AgEnhancement**

More Information to Follow

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## Cumberland County's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H Invitational Rabbit and Cavy Show

**Saturday, November 20, 2010**

Registration 9 am; Show Starts at 10  
AM

4-H Center, 291 Morton Avenue  
Rosenhayn, NJ

For more information contact:  
Robin Capoferri  
856-503-9244



## North East Regional Volunteer Forum

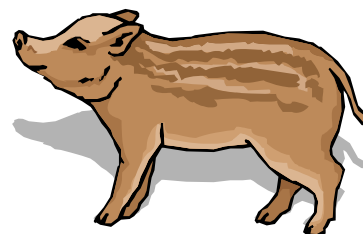
Attention volunteers! NERVF is a great 4 day conference for 4-H volunteers for hundreds of ideas and opportunities for you! Scholarships are available, but you must contact the office for applications. The WC Leaders Association has additional scholarship money as well.  
[rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF\\_DE\\_2010.html](http://rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF_DE_2010.html)

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## Farm Tour Program at Rutgers

This tour is for small groups of children and/or adults around the cattle, goat, horse, pig, and sheep facilities on Sheepfold Lane on Cook Campus.

For more information, or to schedule a tour for your family or club, check out the webpage at <http://farmtours.rutgers.edu/>  
Or contact Peggy Severino 732-932-1036; [severino@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:severino@aesop.rutgers.edu)



## Bird Health Awareness Week

November 1 - 7

To promote awareness about the diseases that threaten bird health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is designating as the first

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/birdbiosecurity/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/birdbiosecurity/) They encourage and support activities that share information about owning backyard poultry and keeping birds healthy and free from infectious diseases.

**4-H clubs are invited to plan activities to celebrate the week in innovative ways and share their plans with them. They will feature a number of creative programs on their website.**

Educational materials are available.

To go directly to their informational web page on Bird Health Awareness Week. [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/birdbiosecurity/bird\\_health\\_awareness\\_week.htm](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/birdbiosecurity/bird_health_awareness_week.htm)

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## Shooting Sports in 4-H

NJ4-H Annual Spring Training  
April 15th -17th, 2011

The 4-H Youth Development Shooting Sports Program involves kids who have an interest in firearms/guns/archery.



For more information check out: [www.nj4hshooting sports.com/](http://www.nj4hshooting sports.com/)

## National 4-H Conference

April 2 – 7th, 2011

The delegate selection process is underway for the 2011 conference at the National 4-H Youth Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together approximately 300 youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

### Delegate Selection and Funding:

Applicants must be enrolled in grades 10-12 as of September, 2010. They must be at least 15 years old, complete an application form and attend a personal interview. Applications must be **postmarked or received on or before October 31** in the state 4-H office and Conference Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, November 20. The application and cover sheet can be downloaded at <http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/at4hconference/default.asp> . Please submit the original and 2 copies of the application and cover sheet for each applicant. **The interview process includes a group interview. All applicants must attend the November 20th interview, there is no makeup date.**

## 4-H Food & Fitness Ambassadors



Are you in grades 8 – 13? Are you interested in an exciting new leadership opportunity? Do you like talking to people and sharing

information? Are you interested in learning about eating healthy and being active? Then becoming a 4-H Food & Fitness Ambassador may be right for you..

We are looking for two to three teens from each county to serve as 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassadors. Their primary responsibilities will be:

- Attend the training at the RCE of Monmouth County office on **October 2**.
- Promote the concept of 4-H Club Health Officers to the clubs in your county.
- Work with county 4-H staff to coordinate a training for your county's Club Health Officers.
- Take responsibility for the Food & Fitness display at your county fair. This includes set-up and take-down and staffing during prime visitor hours during the fair.
- Recruit other 4-H members to staff the display at fair.

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassador, please contact your county 4-H office and ask for a complete position description, application and details about the training session. Please plan to attend the training session from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 2 at the RCE of Monmouth County Office. Applications

are due to your county 4-H office by **Friday, September, 24.**

For more information about the Ambassador program, please go to <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/getmoving>

## Rutgers Against Hunger

(RAH) is raising food, money & volunteers around the state! Every county can do drives as part of RAH. Some examples of events in the past year's fairs are Sussex County donated 100 lbs. of food and Burlington County has a Ride-A-Buck event that raised \$50 for RAH. Please let the office know if you do anything so we can report it to the program coordinator, who then lets the president know what 4-H is doing to help! You can pick your own beneficiary and programs. Volunteering at a food pantry would count as well monetary donations your club makes. They can also count pet food.



National 4-H Council is thrilled to announce that 4-H is partnering with Tractor Supply Company (TSC) on a multi-year, multi-faceted cause marketing and sponsorship program!

Fall Paper Clover Promotion (November 5-14, 2010) – Save-the-date, more information coming soon!

Last year this program raised over \$500 for Warren County 4-H and the leaders supplied 4-H members at the 2010 Farmers' Fair with Warren 4-H T-Shirts!

# State 4-H Horse Show Results

The NJ state 4-H Horse Show was held August 27 – 29, 2010. Congratulations to all the Warren County youth who represented at the event!

## Class #1- USEF 2007 Intro Level Test B- Jr. (16)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Drew Sauck  
Stormy Night

6<sup>th</sup> place Emily Thomas  
RR Simply Grand

## Class #29 Junior English Pleasure Stock Type Horse (21)

6<sup>th</sup> place Ryleigh Semanchik  
Zips Diamond Chip

## Class #31 Junior Hunter Under Saddle(15)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Drew Sauck  
Stormy Night

## Class #32 Senior Hunter Under Saddle(21)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Emily Thomas  
RR Simply Grand

## Class #35 Junior English Equitation on the Flat (24)

1<sup>st</sup> place Drew Sauck  
Stormy Night

## Class #36 Senior English Equitation On the Flat (26)

5<sup>th</sup> place Emily Thomas  
RR Simply Grand

## Class #38 Hunter Hack Horse (24)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Drew Sauck  
Stormy Night  
4<sup>th</sup> place Emily Thomas  
RR Simply Grand

## Class #39 Senior Equitation over Fences (22)

9<sup>th</sup> place Emily Thomas  
RR Simply Grand

## Class #48 Western Halter Mares (15)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Nicole DeHerde  
She's Impressive Too

## Class #51 Western Growing & Training Halter Geldings (5)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Victoria Kinney  
Zippin Hot Chocolate

## Class #54 Junior Western Pleasure – Horse-(21)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Pier Semanchik Hot  
Little Chip  
9<sup>th</sup> place Ryleigh Semanchik  
Zips Diamond Chip

## Class #55 Senior Western Pleasure –Horse-(25)

7<sup>th</sup> place Victoria Kinney  
Zippin Hot Chocolate

## Class #57 Growing and Training Western Pleasure(1)

1<sup>st</sup> place Victoria Kinney  
Zippin Hot Chocolate

## Class #58 Junior Western Horsemanship (23)

5<sup>th</sup> place Ryleigh Semanchik  
Zips Diamond Chip





## Record books

To wrap up the 2009-2010 4-H Year, your completed project record books are submitted to the 4-H office for review. In this newsletter, you will find the **APPLICATION PAGE** that **must accompany your record book!** Print it and put it with your record book. We will also need proof that you did your public presentation in March of 2010 or at 2010 Fair. That would be your judging sheet.

Project Record Books are due to the 4-H Office October 1 by 4:30 p.m. 4-H Alumni from around the country at Rutgers University will again review your record books. These former 4-H members will give you feedback we hope will help you to see strengths in your record keeping, project area(s), community service, and leadership abilities. Also, they can point out how you can improve in these areas as well!



Record books are the only way that reviewers can see, in detail, what you have learned over the past 4-H year – so the books are very important in getting to know you and acknowledging your accomplishments.

We realize that many kids HATE to write (especially when it is not for school) and that record books are the farthest things from your mind in September. But, if you haven't waited until September to begin your record keeping, finishing them up in a month should be a SNAP! Ask mom or dad (or your leader!) to help you set a time to work on your book.

If you need a project record book, stop by the office and ask for your project area book, however, keep in mind that filling one out in one month CAN be a burden!

### **PREP Record books available**

If your child is a prep member (grades 1-3) of 4-H, or if you have one in your club, you can get them started right. Prep record books are a great way to introduce the record keeping skills youth need for an independent adulthood. We would love to display them at the Achievement Night this November.



## County Recognition

Remember, in order to be recognized at the county level we need to hear from **YOU!** **Fill out the one page application.** The page is red and is included in this newsletter. (You can get it from your leader or the office) and submit it with your record book. Also you must have:



- Attended 70% of your club meetings
- Given a formally judged presentation at the county or state level (include the judging sheets with the book)
- Completed a project record book in the area you would like recognition by the deadline
- Participated in this year's fair

**Don't miss out because you forgot the application page! The office cannot fill one out for you!!!!**

If you have completed all of the above *and* have COMPLETED 4th grade or higher, county recognition is in the form of achievement medals, or pins, in your project area and are given out at the achievement dinner in the fall.

Recognition for prep members (grades 1-3) is in the form of a certificate of participation.

You and your family are invited to participate in this event whether you've completed a record book or not! 4-H will honor you with certificates of merit or participation, depending on how active you have been this year.

### Outstanding Project Member

In addition to the achievement medals, one outstanding project member is chosen in the more popular project areas and will be announced at the dinner. A 4-H member can be awarded this recognition more than once.

### Outstanding 4-Her

On top of all *that*, Warren County 4-H will select two outstanding 4-H members for the year, but a 4-Her must apply for this recognition. Call the office for an application. It can only be awarded once in a 4-H career.

**Outstanding 4-Her applications are available in the 4-H office and are due October 1.**

## Warren County 4-H County Recognition Application Sheet

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 20\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be eligible for county recognition you must turn in a completed record book and do ALL of the following. Please indicate and check all you have done.

- Attend 70% of your club meetings:

Name of Club	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Office Held

- Participate in the Warren County Farmers' Fair: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in the fair means: building watch, exhibiting a project, working a milk booth shift, giving a public presentation during fair, showing, etc.

List what you did at fair: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Give a Public Presentation: county level \_\_\_\_\_ state level \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to submit your presentation judging sheets with your record book(s)!



In addition to these requirements, you may have done the following. Check & describe what you have done.

Citizenship/Community Service: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership role: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Instructions for turning in your record book(s) for county recognition**

- If you do more than one record book, all your record books should be placed in alphabetical order in one notebook or binder (arts and crafts, dairy, fine arts, forestry, etc) with your name and project area(s) clearly labeled on the cover:
- This application page should be the **FIRST** Page in the notebook or single record book.
- All pictures, no matter what the project area, should be added at the **END** of the record book(s) **BEFORE** the public presentation judging sheets and include a brief description.
- Public presentation judging sheets should be placed **AT THE END** of the record book(s) and **AFTER** any pictures.
- Project judging sheets still must be included. Place **AFTER** each project record book, (if you only do one record book, they go **BEFORE** pictures and public presentations).

## **Completing record books**

- Try to set at least 2 project specific goals and 2 general goals. Make sure to list the project specific goals in their project book. If you do more than one record book, the general goals need to be listed once in your **FIRST** project book of the notebook.
- If you participated in fair, community service, public presentations, or took on any leadership roles, describe what you did on the application for county recognition form
- Events/activities for a specific project area should be listed on the “**OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS I PARTICIPATED IN**” page in their project book. Do not mix project areas!
- If you do more than one record book “My 4-H story” should be written once, include a paragraph for each project area, and placed in the **FIRST** record book in the notebook.
- You may add additional pages if needed.

October 2002