

From the Desk
of the Agent

In 2014 we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of what made 4-H possible, the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension Service. Over the century, Rutgers Cooperative Extension has addressed many needs in New Jersey, including agriculture and food, home and family, the environment, community economic development, youth and 4-H.

The New Jersey 4-H Program invites you to create a poster which captures the theme: ***As we celebrate 100 years of Rutgers Cooperative Extension - "Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives", what has Extension meant to you?***

**100th Anniversary of Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Poster Contest
Sponsored by the New Jersey 4-H Program**



njaes.rutgers.edu/extension100years

Poster Deadline: December 1, 2014

Winning Posters to Be Displayed on Rutgers Campus December 2014

Youth Division (Grades 4-13) and Adult Division

Email Alayne Torretta for the guidelines and registration information torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H is on Face Book!

<http://www.facebook.com/NewJersey4H>

<http://www.facebook.com/warren4H>





Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Wednesday November 5, 2014.

All registered Warren County 4-H leaders are welcome.

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.

The Jr. Breeder loan program

a great program for young adults already participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest livestock loan. Contact the 4-H office for the forms and additional information.



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

Our Mission

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.



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

Family Grapevine
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823
(908) 475-6502
www.warren4-h.org

Alayne J. Torretta, County 4-H Agent
Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Council of Presidents

If you are elected as an officer in your club for the 2014-2015 4-H year and are in grades 4-13, this meeting is for YOU! You will learn how to run a business meeting, what all those terms mean, have some fun and help plan the countywide community service project! The Council of Presidents meeting/training dates are:

November 15

January 19

April 11

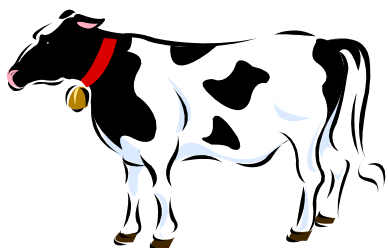
July 19



State 4-H Dairy Show

Wednesday August 26, 2015
at
Hunterdon County Fairgrounds
(South County Park) Ringoes New Jersey.

Save the date!



NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday – March 28, 2015

Rutgers University

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
(Round House - College Farm Rd, New Brunswick, NJ)

More Information to Follow

Call 609-984-4389 or Email –

Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us



Leadership Washington Focus

The 2nd Annual Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) will be held July 14-18 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase Maryland. There will be 4-H members representing many states across the nation at Leadership Washington Focus. LWF is a 4-day event (Tuesday-Saturday) **for 4-H members in grades 6-8 at the time of application.** The program will provide an opportunity for youth to listen to motivational speakers and participate in workshops that will develop communication skills, increase leadership capacity and build lifetime skills. The program utilizes Washington, D.C. as a working classroom to learn about leadership and provides hands-on opportunities for our younger teens to promote "*Learn to Lead Now - Better Leaders Tomorrow.*"

Activities during the 4-day conference will help delegates to build confidence develop effective communication skills, and youth will visit some of D.C.'s most spectacular sights and learn about the different types of leadership conveyed through the symbolism of our national monuments and memorials.

The cost for the conference is \$800 per person which includes all expenses – registration, lodging, meals, transportation and activities. Applications are due to the county 4-H office by November 1 and are due to the state 4-H office by November 12.

Contact torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for an application!



Citizenship Washington Focus

July 5-11, 2015

Citizenship Washington Focus is a citizenship and leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council **for youth in 9th -12th grade at the time of application** and must go through a local selection process. For further information about attending as a New Jersey delegate click on the link below.

Applications are due on March 1 for the conference in July. The cost for the week is approximately \$900, which includes registration, lodging, transportation, all activities, and most meals.

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/citizenship/washingtonfocus/>

Discover the Leader in You! Regional Conference

March 21, 2015
10:00 AM-3:30 PM

Former Agricultural Museum of New Jersey, 103
College Farm Road, Cook Campus, New Brunswick

4-H members in grades 6-7 are invited to attend this leadership conference. You will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that you can utilize at home, in school, in your 4-H club, and in your community.

Cost

\$30.00 (includes snacks, lunch, and supplies)

Registration

Registration materials including permission forms are available now! EMAIL Alayne Torretta at torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu for your electronic copy!



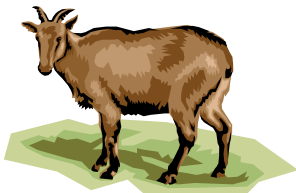
NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza

Saturday, January 10
at the Hunterdon County Senior Center
Rte 31 County Complex, Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ
(same location as in previous years).

(poster/presentation contest, skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, art show, workshop for parents and volunteers, and social) on

THE TEAM QUIZ BOWL contest has returned for the third year. Members in grades 4-13 must choose to enter the skill-a-thon or quiz bowl contest. (INDICATE PREFERENCE ON THE ENTRY FORM). All cloverbuds will participate in the skill-a-thon. Most questions will come from the sample questions available on the NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza website nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/

Entries are due by Friday, December 5 to Chad Ripberger, Mercer County 4-H Agent, ripberger@rce.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833



4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Project Educational Symposium

February 28, 2015
10:00 AM-3:30 PM
Gloucester County Office, Clayton NJ

Activities Scheduled

4-H Rabbit Hopping Contest 4-H Avian Bowl

4-H Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship Workshops
Reptile Workshop
4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry
Project Art Show
4-H Small Animal Skill-a-Thon
Animalology Quiz Bowl

Registration materials available in December 2014.
For more information, contact Jeannette Rea-Keywood,
State 4-H Small Animal Project Advisory Council
Liaison at 856-459-1900 ext. 4522 or
reakeywood@njaes.rutgers.edu



4-H Story!

Raise: What 4-H Teaches Seven Million Kids and How Its Lessons Could Change Food and Farming Forever
When city-dwelling journalist Kiera Butler visits a county fair for the first time, she is captivated by the white-uniformed members of the 4-H club and their perfectly groomed animals. She sets off on a search for a "real" 4-H'er, a hypothetical wholesome youth whom she imagines wearing cowboy boots and living on a ranch. Along the way, she meets five teenage 4-H'ers from diverse backgrounds and gets to know them as they prepare to compete at the fair.

Raise masterfully combines vivid accounts from a little-known subculture with a broader analysis of agriculture education today, using 4-H as a lens through which to view the changing landscape of farming in America and the rest of the world. Lively, deeply informed, and perceptive in its analysis, *Raise* provides answers to complex questions about our collective concern over the future of food.

www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520275805

HORSE NEWS



EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO 4-H & FFA MEMBERS

The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board has announced a \$1,000 scholarship to help 4-H and FFA members pursue their equine activities. Members of organizations represented on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board are also eligible. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 16 and reside in the State of New Jersey.

The Sara Dubinin Scholarship, in memory of Sara Dubinin, who loved horses, will be presented at the New Jersey Bred Equine Breeder Awards Luncheon on January 25, 2015 At Charley's Other Brother Restaurant in Eastampton.

Sara, a Sayreville resident, graduated from Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy in 2006. The 19-year-old was attending Middlesex County College when she succumbed to injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident in September of 2007.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an application form including an essay on, "How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future." The application can be found at www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf. Consideration of applications will be weighted upon the candidate's financial need.

The deadline to submit the essay is January 2, 2015. It can be submitted to Lynn Mathews, 609-292-2888 or lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us.

Common Horse Health Issues Webinars

This Fall Webinar Series is hosted by the Rutgers Equine Science Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

November 18th
From 7:00 pm EST -8:00 pm.
"Gastric Ulcers in Horses"
(<http://tinyurl.com/q7bv5r>)

December 2nd
From 7:00 pm EST - 8:00 pm.
"Obesity in Horses"
(<http://tinyurl.com/qzfx7cc>).

"The fall webinar series, focusing on these two common horse health issues, will be a live interactive webcast that horse owners will not want to miss. The webinar provides participants with the convenience to interact with experts and have their questions answered while in the comfort of their own home" said Williams. "It is truly an honor to have an expert in the area of ulcers and obesity here at Rutgers and we are excited to have her present to the horse owning public."

Try your computer out prior to the webinar in case there are some system updates or downloads needed prior to participating in the webinar. For a complete information regarding the webinar, please go to the Equine Science Center website at esc.rutgers.edu or contact Laura Kenny at 848-932-3229, kenny@aesop.rutgers.edu, or Dr. Carey Williams at 848-932-5529, cwilliams@aesop.rutgers.edu.

2015 New Jersey State 4-H Model Horse Show

Saturday, Jan. 24 2015

Middlesex County 4-H Center, East Brunswick, NJ

Registration begins at 8:30 am. Judging begins at 9:30

OPEN TO all 4-H members in good standing. Juniors are in 4th to 7th grade. Seniors are in 8th to 13th grade as of September, 2014. (This is different than other State 4-H Equine Events.) Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Judging Begins at 9:30 a.m.

(Snow Date: Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, call (908) 892-3255 for recorded message if weather is questionable in any part of the state).

QUESTIONS? Contact Lillian Shupe
lrshupe@frontiernet.net (908) 948-1271 or (908)892-3255 or
Carol Ward ward@aesop.rutgers.edu (908)526-6644.



NJ AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The qualifications for receiving the \$500 award include submitting an application, found here www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf, a resume along with an essay answering the question, "How has your involvement in 4-H helped to shape your future career in Agriculture?" Due 1/2/2015 to Lynn Mathews
lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us.

Introducing Take Me Riding, a free web and mobile experience for horse-crazy kids.

Created for the American Quarterhorse Association, it features edugames, activities, and an action-packed webisode series starring real kids' adventures with horses.

And when kids are ready to get on horseback, there's a **Horse Finder** tool to find lessons, stables, trainers and events near you.



Be sure to tell the horse-crazy kids in your life about TakeMeRiding.com — **the first 1,000 registered users are eligible to receive a free Breyer horse!**

And don't forget to like them on Facebook to **spread the word about this horse universe for kids!**



Teen Council Seeking New Members

Attention Warren County 4-H teens! The WC Teen Council invites you to their next meeting:

December 7 @ 12:00 (holiday food and fun!)

Come learn about all the different activities the council does!

Email: Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu to RSVP!



State Small Animal Show Results

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Smith**, whose American Fuzzy Lops won Best of Show and Reserve, her Dutch rabbit won reserve and her purebred bantam won Reserve.



A big



To Lynda Matthews and Tracy Smith for making the 2014 Achievement night a success! The craft and the Minute to Win It Games were awesome and everyone had a great time.

2014 Achievement Night

October 25, 2014

AGRICULTURE AWARD

Stacey Giordano Kaitlyn Smith
Brittany Smith Olivia Santini

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Brittany Smith Stacey Giordano
Kaitlyn Smith Ryleigh Semanchik

COMMUNITY SERVICE

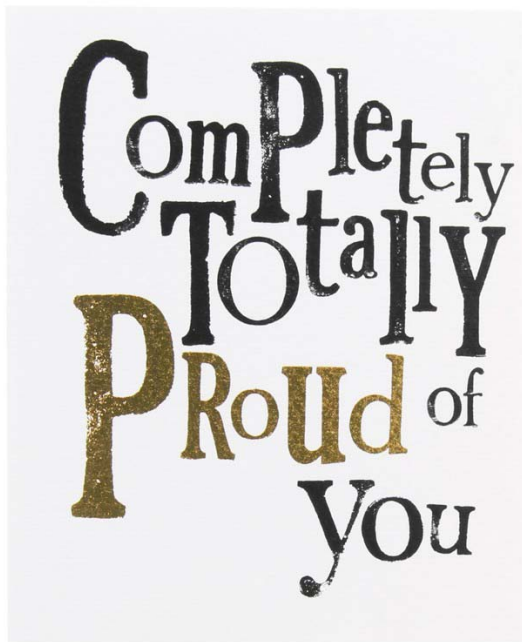
Sydney Spranger Nicole VanBlarcom
Alyssa Stout Tally Frendak

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Nicole Kilhullen Megan Lay
Stacey Giordano Brittany Smith

2014 Outstanding 4-H Member

Stacey Giordano



OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS -

Alpaca – Brittany Smith

Archery – Nicole Kilhullen

Arts & Crafts – Stacey Giordano

Beef – Stacey Giordano

Dairy – Brittany Smith

Fine Arts – Brittany Smith

Goat – Stacey Giordano

Horse – Pier Semanchik

Horticulture – Lauren Cooke

Model Horse — Brittany Smith

Photography – Brittany Smith

Poultry– Kaitlin Smith

Rabbit – Kaitlin Smith

Sheep – Stacey Giordano

Cavy/Small Animal – Kaitlin Smith

Swine – Brittany Smith

Wildlife & Fisheries – Stacey Giordano

Woodworking – Stacey Giordano

Rookie of the Year Award – Gage Williams

Western Horsemanship Award – Alexis Grogan

Sportsmanship Award – Craig Cronce

The Guiding Light Award – Megan Lay

Michelle Pflieger Memorial Showmanship and Grooming Award - Gracie Klimas (Western)
Pier Semanchik (English)

Clover Award – Naomi Cronce

Challenge Award – Ryleigh Semanchik