

From the Desk of
the Agent



Not much can make one happier than the warm scents of pumpkin spice, twinkling festive lights, and the joyous spirits that the holiday seasons bring many families. As the Thanksgiving holiday season approaches and we find ourselves dashing from one festive event to another, it becomes a wonderful opportunity to pause with our family members and reflect on how we can continue to apply one of our very important 4-H essential

elements, *generosity*, into the holiday season to demonstrate simple acts of gratitude, that being that one is thankful for the kindness of others.

4-H supports the life skills of nurturing relationships and concern for others through generosity. Gratitude is just one of many ways that we as a 4-H family can foster generosity, compassion, and kindness for others. By helping our children recognize and thank those that are important in their lives and also by appreciating what they currently have available to them, it will make their best better, even on challenging days.

Expressing gratitude should be a daily act and does not have to be complicated or costly. In fact, expressing gratitude can be quite fun and can also be a creative outlet and even incorporated into a family togetherness project.



So, remember, gratitude is all about the positive attitude. It is a gift not only for the person you are sharing it with but also, it is a gift for yourself. Focusing on what you do have increases your level of happiness. Go forth, apply generosity, and be grateful this holiday season! Happy Holidays!



WE **R** HERE WHEN YOU NEED **US**



Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

November 2, 2022 7:00 pm

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.

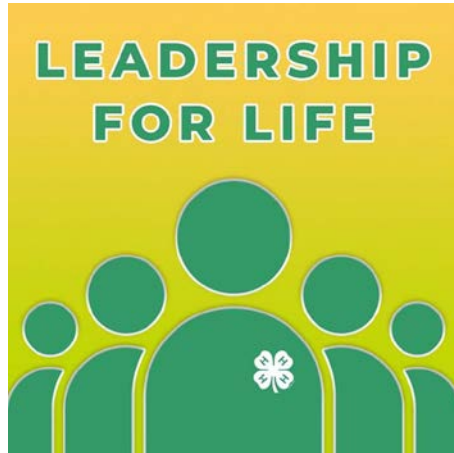


This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults

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Mark Your Calendars!



New Jersey 4-H members in grades 9-11 who are members in good standing are invited to participate in a multi-level leadership program called the NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program.

Adapted from Ireland's youth development program Foroige, the Leadership for Life Program is based on theories and principals of youth work, leadership development, and leadership styles.

Offered in three sequential modules, this program is aimed at equipping young people to explore their vision and passion and to develop such key skills as planning, decision making, critical thinking, goal setting, and problem solving.

Module 1 will be offered on November 19th from 10am to 5pm at the Mercer County Extension Office. Registration is due by November 11th.

Module 2 will be offered on December 10 from 10am to 5pm at the Mercer County Extension Office. Registration is due by December 2nd.

Information and registration for all of the NJ 4-H Leadership for Life Program Modules are available on the NJ 4-H Website at: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/leadership-for-life/>



Winter Tree ID Walk in the Woods

November 12, 2022

Join Jennifer Correa-Kruegel of the Warren County Land Preservation Department on a guided walk through the picturesque forest of White Lake Natural Resource Area on Saturday, November 12th at 11am. Participants will learn tips and tricks on how to tell one species of tree from another when there is no foliage!



Registration is free but space is limited so reserve your spot today at [Walk in the Woods Registration Link](#)

For more information, please call or email Lynn Waclawski at 908-475-6507
lwaclawski@co.warren.nj.us



Holiday Plant and Snack

December 2, 2022

Bring a friend and a favorite snack to enjoy while you plant two small succulent planters and learn about how to care for them on Friday, December 2nd from 7-9pm at the Warren County RCE Office.

All supplies are included in the \$30 registration fee. Space is limited!

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2023 National 4-H Conference

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Applications are due by **DECEMBER 5**. County applications should be emailed to Laura Frederico by December 7th.

The application (in both regular and fillable format) can be found at:

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hconference>



Public Presentations 2023

4-H
Public
Speaking



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County level public presentations are right around the corner! Dates are tentatively set for:

Friday, March 3

Wednesday, March 8

Monday, March 20

Thursday, March 23

Tuesday, March 28

Locations are still to be determined. More information and registration materials will be available shortly.

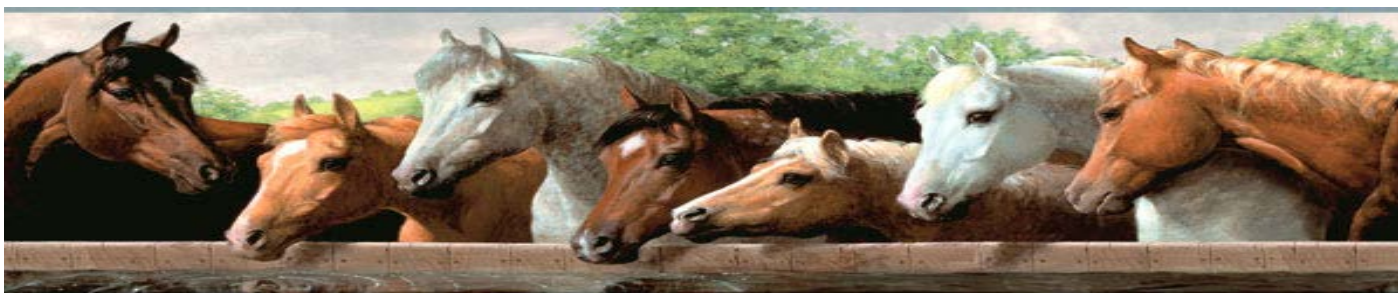


**Jr. Breeder Livestock
Symposium**

March 25, 2023



Horse News



Horse Leaders Meetings

January 11, 2023 via Zoom
April 26, 2023 in conjunction with Equestrian of the Year Interviews
July 12, 2023 if needed via Zoom
September 13, 2023 via Zoom



Model Horse Show Clinic

Saturday, December 4, 2022

The NJ 4-H Program will offer a Model Horse Show Clinic at the Ocean County RCE Office (1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River) on Saturday, December 4 from 12pm – 4pm.

This event is open to all registered 4-H members, however, space is limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration is required!

The cost is \$15 and includes a pizza lunch.

To register, please contact Brittany Rigg at rigg@njaes.rutgers.edu



Tack Sale

March 2023

The annual Tack Sale sponsored by the Horse Leaders will be held in March at the Independence Fire House. More information and the flyer will be available shortly.



Mark Your Calendar!

Horse Bowl: February 25, 2023
Equine Art Show & Presentations: March 18, 2023
Horse Judging & Hippology: April 1-2, 2023
Equestrian of the Year Interviews: April 26, 2023
4-H Qualifying Show: June 5, 2023



State Horse Show Results

Congratulations to **Cole Gibilisco**, **Jesse Gibilisco**, **Jadah SanFilippo** and **Hayley Wargo** for participating in the 2022 NJ State 4-H Horse Show!

Cole Gibilisco placed 3rd in VSE Grooming & Showmanship, 9th in VSE Halter, 3rd in VSE In Hand Trail, 1st in VSE In Hand Jumper, and 3rd in VSE Hunter In Hand.

Jesse Gibilisco placed 5th in VSE Grooming & Showmanship, 6th in VSE Halter, 5th in Ranch Conformation, 5th in Sr. Showmanship & Grooming, 2nd in Halter Geldings, and 5th in Sr. Horsemanship.

Jadah SanFilippo placed 8th in VSE Grooming & Showmanship, 5th in VSE Halter, 9th in VSE In Hand Trail, 10th in VSE In Hand Jumper, and 6th in VSE Hunter In Hand.

Haley Wargo placed 2nd in VSE In Hand Trail, 9th in VSE In Hand Jumper, and 5th in VSE Hunter in Hand.





News!

RE-ENROLLMENT

4-HOnline is OPEN for re-enrollment for the 2022-2023 project year! **Remember to re-enroll by December 31, 2022 to be eligible for State and National opportunities!**

Please follow these directions to re-enroll for the new 4-H program year. To begin, go to <http://v2.4honline.com>

You should be able to login with your current information (username: email and password.) If you've forgotten your password, click the Reset Password link to have a temporary password sent.

An email was sent to all registered 4-H members with instructions on the re-enrollment process. If you or your members have any issues logging in or re-enrolling, please contact the 4-H Office at 908-475-6502.



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2022 NJ State 4-H Dairy Show

Congratulations to Carolyn Bilyk for placing 4th with her Holstein "Bean" in the Senior Heifer Calves class and for placing 1st in First Year Showmanship Grades 4-8!

Fall Family Recognition

4-H members and their families met at the Harmony Municipal Park on Sunday, October 23rd for an afternoon of comradery, snacks, activities and recognition.

Members received pins and/or certificates for successfully completing the project year and a project record book!

First Year Pins:

Alicia Garis, Amelia Garis, Haley Haas, Hazel Ochs Tullis, Rowan Philhower, Luke Smith

Second Year Pins:

Abby Smith, Owen Smith, Felix Waclawski, Apollonia Zolla

Third Year Pins:

Valentina Maza, Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtablers, Sydney Weygand

Sixth Year Pins:

Danielle Jakobsen, Amelia Waclawski, Haley Wargo

Seventh Year Pins:

Cole Gibilisco, Leah Ott

Eighth Year Pins:

Jesse Gibilisco

Achievement/Merit Project Awards

Cloverbud: **Sara Cutro, Lilliah Decker, Paris Decker, Ari McEvoy, Rowan Philhower, Michael Thompson, Hazel Ochs Tullis, Felix Waclawski, Colton Waller, Rhys Werner, Sydney Weygand**

General: **Valentina Maza**

Horse: **Alicia Garis, Amelia Garis, Cole Gibilisco, Jesse Gibilisco, Haley Haas, Danielle Jakobsen, Leah Ott, Haley Wargo**

Horticulture: **Harley McEvoy, Amelia Waclawski**

Model Horse: **Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtablers**

Poultry: **Abby Smith, Owen Smith, Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtalbers**

Rabbit: **Abby Smith, Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtalbers**

Sheep: **Abby Smith, Owen Smith, Arica Sodtalbers, Elizabeth Sodtalbers**

Shooting Sports: **Edison Carruthers, Elisabeth Carruthers, Katherine Carruthers, Stirling Carruthers**

Specialty Awards

The Agricultural Award is given to youth who excel in more than one agricultural project: **Abby Smith, Owen Smith, Arica Sodtablers, and Elizabeth Sodtablers**

Leadership awards single out those individuals who have inspired others or have shown the way to attain goals. The recipients show leadership within their clubs, or help at county events teaching other 4-H members: **Jesse Gibilisco and Hayley Wargo**

The Willow Creek Western Horsemanship Award is given to a rider exhibiting horsemanship and improvement over the past 4-H year: **Jesse Gibilisco**

The Sportsmanship Award is presented to the 4-H'er who has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship in the overall activities of the 4-H horse program: **Hayley Wargo**

The Guiding Light Award is presented to a 4-H'er exhibiting Florence Kuipers' qualities as well as a good sportsman who perseveres to Make the Best Better: **Jesse Gibilisco**

The Outstanding Very Small Equine Award is presented to a participant in the horse project who has shown a VSE at the 4-H County Qualifying Show and/or the 4-H Horse Show at the WCFF and has demonstrated a willingness to learn, good sportsmanship, overall improvement in the VSE horsemanship skills as well as exhibits a positive attitude: **Cole Gibilisco**

The Rookie of the Year Award is given to a first year participant in the horse project area. The recipient is responsible and positively affects others by influence or role modeling, has a positive attitude, is optimistic and encouraging despite discouraging circumstances: **Hayley Wargo**

The Michelle Pfleger Memorial Showmanship and Grooming Award is given for in-hand excellence in the show ring: **Cole Gibilsco**



Warren County 4-H is on Facebook!

Please join our Facebook Group: Warren County 4-H

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/942441635878633/> to stay up to date on news, events, and opportunities for Warren County 4-H members. This is a closed group so please request to join the group!

We also have a general public Warren County 4-H Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/warren4h/>



2022 4-H STEM Challenge

Check out the 2022 4-H STEM Challenge! Designed by Rutgers University, Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Young people learn how to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth's Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet.

The 2022 Challenge helps young people develop observational and critical thinking skills while exploring the interconnected nature between the ocean and humans, regardless of where they live. They will learn about the incredibly complex relationship between Earth's oceans and the global climate. According to a recent survey, 84 percent of teens would like to be involved with shaping the future of our environment.

Explorers of the Deep can help empower young people to innovate and take action to drive positive change.

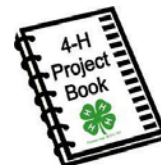
To find out more about the National 4-H STEM Challenge please check out:

<https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/>



Coming in the January/February edition of the Grapevine....

Part 1 of 4 in the Record Book Series!



This series will cover everything about the 4-H Record Books –

- What are they
- Why we need to fill them out
- What information goes inside
 - Goal setting
 - Financial info
 - Project management
- Writing a good 4-H story
- How and why they are evaluated
- Benefits and skills gained from record keeping

It's never too early to start working on your project record book! You can download the record book specific to your project area from our website: <https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/record-books/>



Club Updates

Plants vs. Zombies

Our club concluded the growing season with an end of the year pizza/costume party. Our total weight of growing and harvesting was 179lbs to our local food pantries. We had a few setbacks, including squash borer beetle in our zucchini plants and powdery mildew on our cucumbers. But our greens, herbs, garlic and tomatoes did fantastic. We will resume again in the spring and are accepting new members grades K-12!



We would LOVE to hear what your club has been up to! Please drop us a line or photograph!

**Got club news? Send it to
4-H@co.warren.nj.us**