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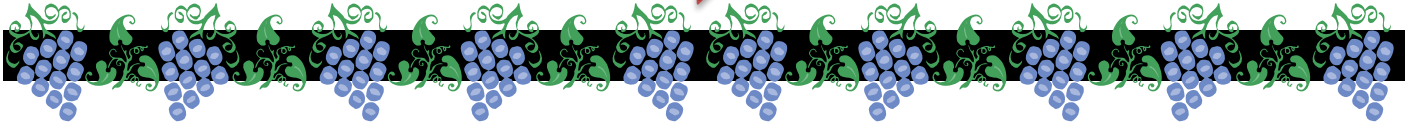
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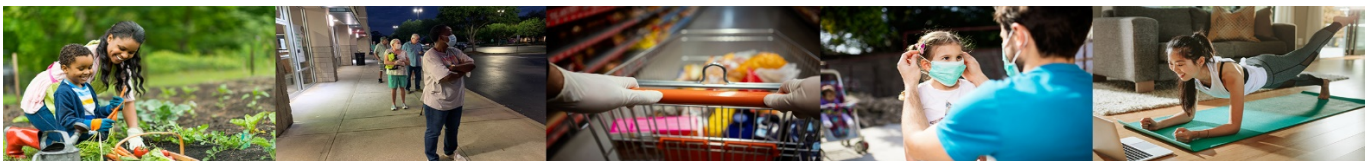
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NEW
WEBSITE

Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
January/February 2023



From the Desk of
the Agent



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



Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

February 1, 2023 via Zoom 7:30 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!

4-H From Home Workshops and S.T.E.P. Clubs

Upcoming sessions include:



GLOBETASTERS

Plenty O'Pies

Grades
4-13

Mondays
4:30-6:00
PM

Jan. 9 -
Mar. 30

Any way you slice it, we'll learn to make savory and sweet ethnic PIES that will be Pie-cture perfect!
This club meets via Zoom.

Register Here: 

<https://go.rutgers.edu/txltfbcy>

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Open to grades: 4-13.

Dates & Times: Meets Mondays via zoom from 4:30-6:00 p.m. - January 9 through March 30.

[Register for Globetasters 12: Plenty O'Pies](#)



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!




BE A HUNGER HERO

JOIN THE 4-H FOOD SECURITY COALITION

OPEN TO GRADES 9-12
EVERYONE IS WELCOME - YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN 4-H!

LEARN ABOUT GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY ISSUES
BUILD YOUR RESUME
WORK WITH A MENTOR TO WRITE A RESEARCH PAPER
HONE YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS
PARTICIPATE IN THE RUTGERS WORLD FOOD PRIZE YOUTH INSTITUTE
OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE TO THE GLOBAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

THURSDAYS
JAN. 5 - FEB. 2
7-8 PM
RUTGERS YOUTH INSTITUTE
MARCH 3

REGISTER: 
go.rutgers.edu/4c0qthq5



Are You a Top Chef?





2023 4-H Top Chef Event

New Jersey 4-H members, leaders & parents are invited to video their favorite recipe and share it for judging. Your video should include ingredients, prep and cooking directions, and your finished product. Categories: 4-H individual (grades 4-8 and 9-13), member/adult team, and 4-H member team. Judging is based on choice of items, cooking technique, creativity and presentation of your video.



Enter at tinyurl.com/20234HTOPCHEF
by February 6th.
Videos due by February 15th.



All participants will receive judging sheets and ribbons by mail following the event. Trophies to top winners in each category (grade level and team).



2023 County Public Presentations

Hybrid Format: In-Person and Zoom

With the fluidity of the pandemic, we are going to offer a hybrid format for county level public presentations this year. We will have 5 in-person nights at the 4-H Office, and 2 Zoom nights.

The 5 in-person presentation nights will be **Friday, March 3** at 6pm, **Wednesday, March 8** at 6pm, **Monday, March 20** at 6pm, **Thursday, March 23** at 6pm and **Tuesday, March 28** at 6pm. There will be a maximum of 10 presentations scheduled for each night and each presenter can bring 1 parent or guardian so we can maintain appropriate social distancing.

The Zoom presentation nights will be on **Tuesday, March 14** at 6pm and **Thursday, March 30** at 6pm.

Registration deadline is February 24th. Please use the following link to register for your presentation.

<https://forms.gle/yGtKFZQWvZwqgDii7>



Ignite by 4-H March 9-12, 2023

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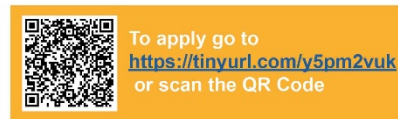
Imagine. Immerse. Ignite.



**March 9-12, 2023
in Washington D.C.**

Join us for a 4-day experience where high-school aged teens connect, make memories and find their spark by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-being.

Applications due by January 11th!



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



Jr. Breeder Livestock Symposium

March 25, 2023



4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival

Videos along with entry form and media release(s)
due March 6, 2023

Film Festival and Awards Presentation –
March 25, 2023

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 Breeder Livestock 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!

The Film Festival will be held in the Round House as an afternoon session of the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium, March 25, at the Rutgers Cook Campus Farm. To participate in the film festival, you must register for the Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium – [NJ State 4-H Animal Science Video Contest and Film Festival : Animal Science : Rutgers New Jersey 4-H](#)



New website

<https://warren.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/>

If you need information from our website, please use the one listed above. The old one (warren4-H.org) is currently not working but we hope to have it back up and running very soon.



NEW
WEBSITE



Record Book Series

Welcome to part 1 of 4 of the new record book “how to” series!

Let’s start with the basics first. What is a record book?



A record book is the record of what youth did and learned in the project and documents goals, knowledge and skills gained, leadership experiences, awards earned, and service to the community.

Next up: Why do we keep record books?

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. Record keeping in 4-H teaches valuable life skills and is an important part of completing each project. Record books help members set goals, keep track of activities, record events, track project costs, and a whole lot more! They also teach members valuable, lifelong skills in record keeping, accounting, reporting, and written communication.

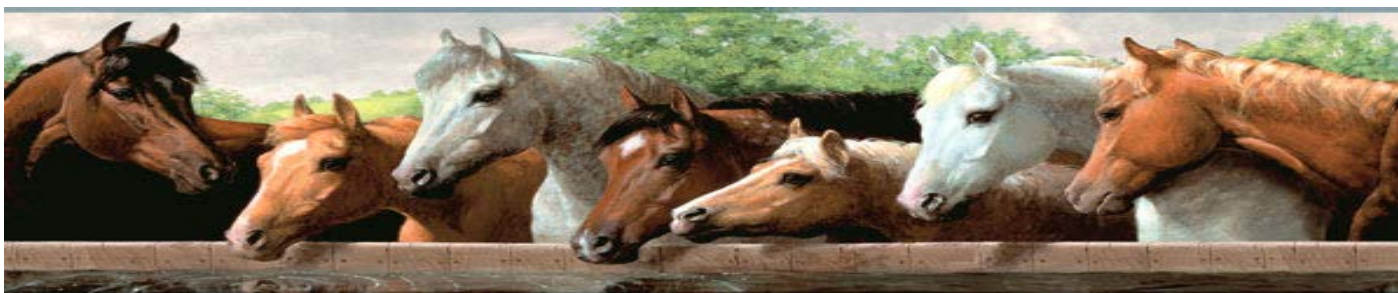
The record books allow the member to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, and where they came up short. They also demonstrate the importance of keeping a written document on what they have done. Record books provide a written platform for goal setting and the actions needed to achieve those goals.

Most record books are specific to your project area. For example, if you are in a rabbit project, you would complete a rabbit/small animal record book. If your project area doesn’t have a specific book, use the general 4-H record book.

If you are looking for a record book please check out our website at: [Record Books – RCE of Warren County \(rutgers.edu\)](#)

In the next part, we will cover goal setting and logging 4-H activities. Stay tuned!

Horse News



Horse Leaders Meetings

April 26, 2023 in conjunction with Equestrian of the Year Interviews

July 12, 2023 via zoom (if needed)

September 13, 2023 via Zoom



Winter Model Horse Show

January 21, 2023

The Winter Model Horse Show will be held on Saturday, January 21st at the Somerset County 4-H Center. Model Horse is a little bit different in which any registered 4-H member may participate in it, you do not need to be in a horse club!

Registration deadline is January 13, 2023.



Horse Bowl

February 25, 2023

The NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition will be held on Saturday, February 25 at the Gloucester County Office Complex.



Tack Sale

March 18, 2023

The annual Tack Sale sponsored by the Horse Leaders will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Independence Fire House. More information and the flyer will be available shortly.



Mark Your Calendar!

Equine Presentations & Art Show

March 18, 2023

Horse Judging & Hippology

April 1-2, 2023

Equestrian of the Year Interviews

April 26, 2023

Information and the application will be mailed to all eligible horse members early in February.

Spring Model Horse Show

May 13, 2023

4-H Qualifying Show

June 4, 2023

NJ State Horse Show

August 25-27, 2023



News!

Morris County 4-H is Hiring!

Morris County is looking for a 4-H Program Coordinator. This position will be responsible for the organization and delivery of many county 4-H events including the Fair. They are looking for someone who is organized, great at event planning, a team player, experienced working with volunteers, and able to work nights/weekends during events (i.e. Fair).

If you know of someone who would be interested, please send them the below link and encourage them to apply.

<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Jobs/4-H-Program-Coordinator-Extension-Services>



Bee-ginner's Beekeeping: The Basics of Apiculture

January 23 to February 13, 2023

Learn how to be a beekeeper in this self-paced online course that teaches students how to start, maintain, and care for a honey bee colony.

Participants can complete the course content (which will take approximately 16-17 hours) at their own pace anytime during the period the course is open. If you are registering while the course is already in session, please note that you will still need to complete the content within the time allotted. No time extensions will be made for late registrations.

For more information, please visit <https://cpe.rutgers.edu/beekeeping/beginners-beekeeping>

Results:

Kathryn Zurovchak from Kidding Around and Teen Council participated in the annual Goat Extravaganza. Fifty 4-H members representing ten clubs from eight counties participated. The event included goat-themed art exhibits in three categories (97 entries), a poster-presentation contest (13 teams), skillathon (8 stations), and a quiz bowl (28 questions per match – one-on-one and toss-up).

Kathryn placed 1st in the Senior division of the skillathon! It consisted of 8 stations – Breeds, Diseases, Feedstuffs & Digestion, Fiber, Judging, Meat Cuts, Parts of the Goat, and Tattooing.



Club Updates:

Teen Council

The members of Teen Council once again baked holiday cookies for the Warren County Division of Aging Homebound Meal program. Over 500 cookies were made and 125 bags of cookies were delivered to local homebound residents.



Teen Council continued...

They also adopted a family in need this past holiday season. They donated a holiday meal as well as gifts.



Members participated in a superhero themed Escape Room!



Got club news? Send it to
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