

Family Grapevine  
Information for 4-H families  
May/June 2023



From the Desk of  
the Agent

## Hands on Learning!



### *Finger Knitting Workshop*

Saturday, June 10th | 10am - 2pm

Learn the art of finger knitting and  
make your own chunky knit blanket  
to bring home!

Open to ALL ages 10-15

**WHERE:** Warren County 4-H Office  
165 County Route 519 S  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**COST:** \$50.00 per person  
(bring a bag lunch)

**CONTACT:** [4-h@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:4-h@co.warren.nj.us)  
908-475-6502



Registration deadline Friday, June 2nd  
Choose your yarn colors when you register:  
<https://forms.gle/AQ1cQkMfyEyaPeQi9>



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# Reminders

## The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

**June 7, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

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!

If you are interested in joining Teen Council, please call the 4-H Office at 908-475-6502.



## Agripalooza! & Tractorcade May 20, 2023

Join us for the annual Agripalooza! & Tractorcade on Saturday, May 20 from 10am to 3pm.

### Attention livestock project members:

if you bring your project animals to the Agripalooza for the day, you can have them vaccinated against rabies for free!

For more information and to sign up, please call the 4-H office at 908-475-6502.

Funding has been made possible, in part, by the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Division of Land Preservation

### *Agripalooza!* and Tractorcade!

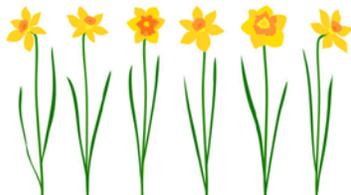
Free Parking  
Free Admission

May 20, 2023  
Van Nest Hoff Vannatta Farmstead  
Rt. 519N Harmony, NJ

10-3 pm







## Memorial Day Parade

The American Legion Post 164 has invited 4-H clubs to participate in their annual Memorial Day parade. This event commemorates those who have served in our Armed Forces during war or conflict and are no longer with us. The parade will take place on May 29 down Main Street in Hackettstown.

4-H Clubs will line up at 9:30am at the intersection of Washington and Valentine Street. Please call the 4-H office for a copy of the registration packet or for more information please contact Arnie Solomon at 908-914-7334 or Jaquie and Rob Peterson at 908-914-1230.



## Youth/4-H Show Camp June 2-4, 2023

Asbury Jr. Dairy 4-H Club is so excited to offer a clinic to help youth learn more about their projects. The focus will be on not just market lambs but also breeding sheep, slick shearing, fitting, and both meat and wool breeds. There will also be speakers on nutrition, and animal care. This event is open to youth beyond 4-H!

# Youth/4-H SHOW CAMP

Open to all youth!

Marketlamb, and Breeding Sheep,  
showmanship and fitting

## JUNE 2-4TH

Warren County Farmers Fair Grounds  
877 Uniontown Rd.  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Hosted by: Asbury Jr. 4-H Club  
For more information contact Tracy Smith at  
bdtsmith@gmail.com



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## 2023 4-H/FFA Exhibit Rule Book

The updated 2023 Exhibit Rule Book and entry forms for the Warren County Farmers' Fair are now available online on our website at:

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



### Record Book Series

Welcome to part 3 of 4 of the new record book "how to" series!

This session we will go over project finances.



Expenses:

It is very likely that you spent money on your 4-H project this year. Maybe you did not break open your

personal piggy bank or maybe your parents purchased the items for you to use, however, most projects have a cost associated with them. Some projects have higher expenses than others. Raising an animal or multiple animals, for example, would normally have a higher project cost than a non-animal or static exhibit project. The point being that ANY money spent on the project during the project year, should be recorded in the project financial pages. It doesn't matter whose pocket the money comes out of for the project whether it be yours, your parents, your grandparents, your trainer, the farm owner, etc. If the project has a cost, you need to find out what the cost is and record it in your book.

Sometimes the project cost is as simple as paying club dues. The leader breaks the dues down based on the supplies needed for each member to complete the project. Or it can be paint supplies or a show entrance fee.

Several of the different livestock project record books break the project finances into difference segments such as vet expenses, feed expenses, equipment expenses, etc. Sometimes those fees are rolled into board for your animal or are covered with many animals in a herd. Talk to the farm owner and break down the average cost for your specific project animal.

Income:

Sometimes, you can make money with your project during the year. If you sell one of your project animals or models, or win prize money from a show, that would count as income.

If there is no income or no expenses for your project, instead of leaving the page completely blank, please indicate "not applicable" or "none".



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

In the next part, we will cover Writing your 4-H Story. Stay tuned!

# Horse News



## Horse Leaders Meetings

July 12, 2023 via zoom (if needed)

September 13, 2023 via Zoom



## Equine Presentations & Art Show

Valentina Maza, Arica Sodtalbers, and Elizabeth Sodtalbers, participated in the Equine Presentations and Art Show which was held on Saturday, March 18th at the Rutgers Eco Complex in Burlington. Arica and Elizabeth placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Team Presentation division and Valentina placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Individual Presentation division.

Arica and Elizabeth were co-champions in the Visual Arts Pencil division.

Valentina was champion in the Colored Pencil division.



## Horse Judging Contest

Valentina Maza, Arica Sodtalbers, and Elizabeth Sodtalbers represented Warren County at the annual Horse Judging competition in April. The trio placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Oral Reasons – Team!

Elizabeth placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Individual Oral Reasons

Arica placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Individual Oral Reasons and 4<sup>th</sup> Junior High Individual Overall



**SAVE THE DATE**

**4-H Qualifying Show**  
June 4, 2023

**NJ State Horse Show**  
August 25-27, 2023



## News! 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.



## Club Updates:



### JOIN THE CLUB



NEW 4-H CLUB RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!

A new 4-H Club focusing on Community Service is forming in Warren County open to all youth in grades K–13!

The first meeting will be held at 4pm Thursday, April 20 at the Harmony Township Recreation Pavilion, 3003 Belvidere Rd, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

For more information and to RSVP for the first meeting, email Megan Smith [megansmith101890@gmail.com](mailto:megansmith101890@gmail.com)



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Warren County

Scan the QR Code to find  
out more about 4-H



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

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.



# Results:

## 2023 County Public Presentations Wrap Up

31 4-H members gave county level public presentations in March! 5 qualified to go to the NJ State Public Presentations Contest!

Members who receive an excellent on their presentation and who are in 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to give a state level presentation. This year Alicia Garis, Ryan Gaughran, Jesse Gibilisco, Samantha Murzenski, and Kathryn Zurovchak qualified to present at the state level!



## Legislative Leadership Experience

Maciek Waclawski participated in the first annual 4-H Legislative Leadership Experience program. The program consisted of 2 virtual sessions and 1 in person event held at the NJ State House in Trenton. Participants learned how a bill becomes a law and got first hand experience in conducting a legislative committee hearing on current legislation.



# Fair Ambassador Contest

One of the longest running traditions at the Warren County Farmers' Fair is expanding the opportunity for contestants. Several years ago, the State agricultural fairs began to include all youth between the ages of 16 to 21. The Ambassador contests, formerly Fair Queen and Fair Princess contests, allow all to become the spokesperson for agriculture in the County.

Many ask if the contest is just for 4-H or FFA students. It is not! Nor is it just for what we consider farming in the traditional sense. Agriculture touches many careers. Are you headed into a career in environmental science, engineering or biology, farm management, economics, nutrition or food science?

If so, there is opportunity for you too! Some rules and requirements need to be followed. They can be viewed on the attached PDFs (links below) for specific age groups.

***THIS CONTEST IS NOT RUN BY, NOR PART OF, THE WARREN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.*** If you have any questions about this contest, please visit the Warren County Farmers' Fair website: <https://www.warrencountyfarmersfair.org/> or you may email the Fair Secretary Kelley Smith at [farmersfairwc@gmail.com](mailto:farmersfairwc@gmail.com).



Hello!

My name is Amanda, and I am a local 4H Alumna and Pampered Chef Independent Consultant. If your club is looking for a new and exciting way to raise money, I would love to host a Pampered Chef Fundraiser for you! Some fundraisers are very labor intensive for the club leaders – not Pampered Chef – our fundraisers are almost effortless!

So, how exactly does this work? All you have to do is provide me with the club's name (the way you want the donation check made payable), and your name, address, and email address as club leader. I will provide you with flyers containing a personalized QR code/shopping link, as well as catalogs and order forms for the less tech savvy among us. Distribute these materials to your members, and you're all set! Your shoppers get great products (at the same great price – no markups for fundraisers), and Pampered Chef donates a percentage of sales directly to your club! Win-win!

Pampered Chef's **NEW Spring/Summer 2023 Catalog** is just about to come out on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It contains exciting new products that shoppers experienced with Pampered Chef are going to want to get first dibs on – they might as well shop through your club! I encourage you to set up a March or April Fundraiser to take advantage of this unique shopping opportunity for your shoppers! Looking for a fall fundraiser? The Fall/Winter 2023 Catalog will come out on September 1<sup>st</sup> – we could kick off your project year in September, or host a holiday shopping event later in the fall!

Worried that Pampered Chef products are too expensive to be an attractive fundraiser for your members? Think again! While we do have several big ticket kitchen power tools, **over 200 of our products are \$25 or less!** We have products perfect for everyone – whether they're gourmet chefs or microwave enthusiasts! Everyone can shop with Pampered Chef because, hey, everyone eats!

Thank you for your considering my small business to help you with your fundraising needs! I look forward to working with you to make the best better!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Amanda'.

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