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## 4-H Hunterdon Happenings

*A Newsletter for 4-H Members, Parents and Leaders*

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### A Few Words . . . . .

A **BIG THANKS** goes to everyone who helped make the fair such a wonderful success! The exhibits, and barns, and buildings were **GREAT!** Every year I am amazed at the excellence exhibited by our creative and talented 4-H members. Every time I think that you can't possibly top the previous year's work; You do! It is wonderful to be a part of such creativity and excellence. Thank you for continually striving to make your best better, and succeeding!.

We have been busy planning activities for the upcoming 4-H year; please pay careful attention to details in this newsletter, so you don't miss anything. Don't forget to register for the fall events.

### Leaders Corner

**4-H Association Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 p.m. - Extension Center**



Why should every club be a part of this meeting? This is where important decisions are made regarding events and activities during the year that affect every club. ***If you want your voice to be heard; please join us at our next meeting; Thursday, November 14<sup>st</sup>.***

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### Member Registration Forms

Our mailing list needs to be up dated for mailing and insurance purposes. Are all of your members registered? If they have not completed and submitted a registration form, they are not. Please make sure the 4-H office has membership forms for all of your club members. Please inform the 4-H office when a member drops out, as well, so we can keep our mail list up to date.

### Club Treasuries

Are your treasury records current? In order to comply with IRS and USDA non-profit funds regulations, ***clubs must submit a club/council financial plan for the new 4-H year and an audit of this past 4-H year to the 4-H Office by Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.*** The audit is necessary if the club has had \$100.00 or more at some point in the year. Treasury forms are available on our website.



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## Are You and Your Club in Good Standing?

If your club is in good standing, then your club can apply for a Club Merit Award by filling out the Club Merit Award form, which is available on our website or by calling the 4-H office. The Member and Club in Good Standing Guidelines are also available on our website.

### Keep up the Good Work Corner

#### Lebanon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The Lebanon 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was an amazing undertaking! The 4-H Centennial float that filled every inch of an 18 wheel flat bed trailer was gorgeous. 4-H members, parents and club leaders worked together to create a six foot birthday cake, four gazebos and a six foot 4-H Clover. **4-H members, project animals, club leaders, and parents were a part of the float that won the trophy for "Best Overall Float."** It was an exciting day and an amazing job done by all! **Special thanks go to the Mundy and Cito families for coordinating all of the work, donations and design.** A big thank you goes to the County Roads Department for providing the truck cab, and wonderful driver to pull the float!



#### Congratulations 2002 State Public Presentations Participants

We would like to **congratulate Lindsay DeHartchuck, Jonathan Freedley, Shannon Harris, Mary Heffner, Tricia Mognahan, Nicole Mundy, Julie Perrine, Rachel Savicki, Morgan Shire, Danielle Smarsh, and Elizabeth Tevald** who

participated in the State 4-H Presentations Contest on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. They all did a fantastic job! And if that's not exciting enough: **Tricia, Lindsay, Danielle, and Jonathan received Outstanding Room Awards!** Our teens are the BEST!

#### Congratulations Ambassadors

**Congratulations to Mary Heffner, Nicole Mundy and Morgan Shire**, our Hunterdon County 4-H Ambassadors for 2002-2003. Mary, Nicole, and Morgan are outstanding teen members who exemplify 4-H leadership, achievement and responsibility. They will be presiding over selected 4-H events and activities throughout the county.

#### T-Shirt Congratulations

**Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU to Mary Heffner** for designing the first Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair T-shirt. It's GREAT! Adult sizes are still available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$10.00 and \$12.00 for xlarge.



### Community Service Corner

#### Help a National 4-H Congress Delegate

#### Celebrate the Centennial of 4-H

In the continuing celebration of the centennial of 4-H, Hunterdon County 4-H Congress delegate Keith Williges will be bringing at least a centennial of dimes (100) to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3, 2002. All participants are being asked to bring at least one dime for each year 4-H has been in



existence. The proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity and the International 4-H Exchange Foundation. Keith will be collecting dimes at Achievement Night on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He will happily accept dimes any time you see him before then and up until his departure for 4-H Congress on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Let's all give Keith a hand, or better yet; a dime!!!! ☺

### Community Service Project Message from Mary Heffner

Hi, my name is Mary Heffner; I am a member of Round Valley Riders Horse Club. This year I am also serving as one of the county's 4-H Ambassadors. I am trying to achieve the citizenship award so I took on an individual community service project. Previously, in the year I asked all the clubs to submit a short explanation of their club and two pictures. Using those that I received I created a bulletin board that promotes 4-H. You can see it in the South Branch of the Hunterdon County Library in Ringoes. I believe our county 4-H is truly an amazing program and I hope this board communicates that to the public. Thank you to all who submitted and a special thanks to Barri Lynn Everitt who met me at the library to help me put it together.

### Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 26th

Make a Difference Day is celebrated throughout our country. Its purpose is to encourage people to do special projects to help others and make the world a better place. It is a great time for all 4-H clubs to do a community service project.



### Morales Park Work Day

Morales Park in Flemington invites 4-H clubs to participate in their annual spring and fall work days. The fall work day is held the first Saturday in November (11/2/02) and the spring work day is scheduled for the first Saturday in June (6/7/03). For more information contact Fritzie Wald at 782-6737. It's a great experience in a beautiful Nature Preserve.

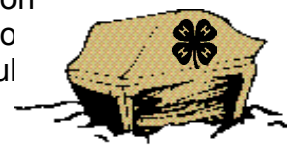
## County Events Corner

### County Brag Book

Junior Leaders is asking each club to submit an action photo of their club along with a description of what their club does and any special accomplishments of the club. **Please submit entries for the brag book to the 4-H office by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>; Achievement Night.**

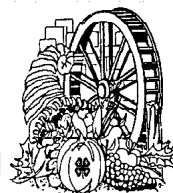
### Time Capsule Reminder

Don't forget to submit your time capsule item to be buried on the new fairgrounds. Junior Leaders is asking each club to submit a picture, craft, or whatever item symbolizes your club. Please drop your item off at the extension center with your club name and with a brief description of why you chose that item.



### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Touch of Autumn" Craft Show

Louisa Cole, chair of the "Touch of Autumn" Craft Show, the 4-H Association and the 4-H staff would like to express their thanks to all of the 4-H clubs, members, leaders, and parents who helped to make the craft show a success. The baked goods and homemade soups and lunches were delicious. The set-up and clean-up crews and food concession folks worked really hard and did a great job as did the door, petting zoo and activities crews. It was really a wonderful effort that produced great results and will help support numerous county 4-H programs and help our outstanding teens get to national 4-H events.



### Thank You!!!

**A Great Big thanks goes to Louisa Cole** for organizing the craft show. It was a tremendous amount of work. She did more than a fantastic job. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to our 4-H program.

## 4-H Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

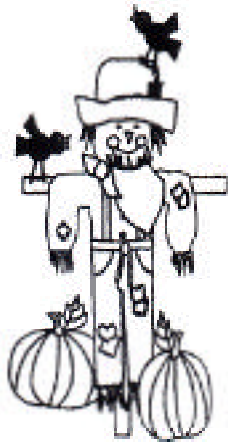
**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)**

**Snyder Research Farm, Pittstown, NJ**

Each 4-H club is asked to set-up a display with a hands-on activity, craft or game at this one day event at the Snyder Farm. This is our once a year opportunity to promote 4-H in Hunterdon and recruit new leaders and members. Tables and tents will be provided as long as we have the people power to move and set them up the day before. We will have use of an indoor facility if the weather is inclement.

**Please call the 4-H office to register by**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> to reserve your spot and table if needed.** The association will be selling food and drinks to pay for the port-o-potty rental. **Each club is asked to provide 4 dozen homemade cookies or cupcakes.**



## National 4-H Week

**October 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

Don't forget to show your 4-H pride during **National 4-H Week, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**. Wear a 4-H T-shirt (available through the national catalogue in our office) or a fair T-shirt available in the 4-H office! Invite a friend to your club meeting. Talk to your class about 4-H. Tell everyone how 4-H helps you to do and be your best. ☺

Thank you to all the clubs who submitted articles for the National 4-H Week Supplement in the Democrat. We look forward to seeing it soon in the paper.



## 4-H Youth Council Meeting

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. - Extension Center**

All 4-H members in grades 4-13 are welcome to attend this meeting. The group will be planning activities, workshops, and

events for the coming year. The meeting will also include a fair wrap-up for the horticulture, photography, foods & nutrition, clothing, consumer, and arts projects as well as the Ramsburg Building exhibits. We hope you will attend; please register by calling (908) 788-1340/1341.

**Record Book Judging**  
**Books Due by 4:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**



Record book judging is swiftly approaching. "How to Assemble your Record Book" instruction sheet can be found on our **website [co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/rutgers/rutgers.htm](http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/rutgers/rutgers.htm)** or by calling the 4-H office 788-1340. **Please use this as a guide for assembling your record book for county medals judging.**

**Club Scrapbooks**  
**Books Due by 4:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**



A scrapbook is a great way to keep a history of your 4-H Club. So consider entering one in the scrapbook judging, which is just around the corner. Scrapbook Contest Rules can be found on our **website [co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/rutgers/rutgers.htm](http://co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/rutgers/rutgers.htm)** or by calling the 4-H office at 788-1340. Please use this as a guide for assembling your scrapbook for judging. **Scrapbooks are due in the 4-H office by Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 p.m.**

**Achievement Night Work-in**  
**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - Extension Center**

**All 4-H members in grades 4th - 13th are invited to join us on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to make desserts and decorations for Achievement Night. Please bring along cookie sheets and cake decorating supplies if you have them. Please call the 4-H office by November 8<sup>th</sup> to register.**

**Achievement Night**  
**Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. - Extension Center**

**Registration Deadline: November 9<sup>th</sup>**



Club awards, county medals and special awards will be presented following a potluck dinner. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish large enough to feed their family twice. ***Please call our office or return the registration form in this newsletter by November 9<sup>th</sup>.***

**Holiday Workshop**

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Registration Deadline: November 22<sup>nd</sup>**



The Holiday Workshop is the perfect event to help you get into the Holiday spirit. The date is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Extension Center. Clubs participating should follow the instructions carefully, and prepare for an evening of fun and holiday cheer. If you have any questions call 788-1340/1341. Call our office or return the enclosed registration form to register.

Holiday Workshop instructions:

1. Register by calling the 4-H office or returning the enclosed registration form by Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Have your club decide on a small holiday craft item to sell and demonstrate. Small kits (containing all craft supplies and instructions) must be available so participants can make the item being demonstrated. Craft items should cost between \$.50 and \$2.00. Items in this price range seem to sell very well. Clubs may sell craft items over \$2.00 as long as they have at least one \$.50 to \$2.00 item. The more expensive item may be ready made or available as a kit.
3. Clubs may also sell holiday gift items such as candy, cookies, or holiday breads. These items must be packaged as a gift. Snacks can not be sold at individual tables.

4. ***Clubs should bring two dozen holiday cookies to donate to the refreshment table.*** Cookies and punch are then sold for a nominal fee.

Money earned pays for the punch.

Remember clubs may not sell snacks at their tables.

5. There will be a tree set-up to decorate the auditorium. Clubs are asked to donate an ornament for the tree. All completed crafts will be sold at your club table.
6. Clubs must be completely set-up by 7:00 p.m.
7. Clubs must bring their own change.



**Teen Corner**

**New Jersey 4-H**

**State Teen Advisory Council**

**Applications Due by October 1<sup>st</sup>**

4-H members in 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> grade (as of September 2002) are eligible to participate. The goals of the group are: to provide advice and input to the 4-H Youth Development Department, actively participate in planning and implementing State 4-H events, plan, conduct and promote Community Service activities and develop and practice leadership skills all while having fun and meeting new people. For an application call the 4-H office at (908) 788-1340/1341.

**Learn more about Cook College, Rutgers University**

High School sophomores, juniors and seniors can learn more about what opportunities Cook College has to offer at ***the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Special Invitation Breakfast and Tour for 4-H and FFA members on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.*** For more information and to register contact, Dean Kristin Peacock at (732) 932-3000 ext. 512.

## National Opportunities

### Science and Agriculture Essay Contest

Youth in grades 6 - 8 can gain national recognition in an essay competition about science and agriculture. **The deadline for essay submission is November 1, 2002.** The 500 word essay should be submitted online at <http://www.cast-science.org>. Winner will be recognized at school, congressional district, state and national levels. The national winner, along with his/her parents and teacher will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, March 20-23, 2003, during National Agriculture Week. The winner will receive a \$3,000 savings bond.

Topics for the competition are available at:  
<http://HYERLINK>"<http://www.cast-science.org>, along with more detailed information about the contest.



## Prep Corner

Reminder! It is important that you take time to register for any prep event you are interested in. Lack of registration could cause cancellation of the event. We do not want this to happen as these are fun events planned just for prep members.

### Prep Leader's Meeting Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Extension Center

Leaders will meet to help plan activities for the coming year. Please bring your ideas to share with the group. We are always looking for new events and activities.

### Prep Halloween Party Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Extension Center



Share a fun-filled evening with fellow 4-H prep members. Come in costume and bring a decorated pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded for costumes and pumpkins. There will be games and refreshments. **Please contact the 4-H office to register by Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.** Hope you can make it! **Please no scary costumes.**

### Pumpkin Contest Classes

1. Carved
2. Painted
3. Decorated other than carved or painted



### Prep Door Swag Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Extension Center



All 4-H Prep Members and their families are invited to attend this exciting workshop where they will make a holiday door swag, enjoy a visit from Santa and eat yummy holiday treats. Club leaders will receive additional information on what members will need to bring in early November. **Please register with the 4-H Office by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**You and Your Family are  
Cordially Invited to the 2002 4-H  
Achievement Night Program**

**Date: Friday, November 15, 2002**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner  
Followed by Awards Program**

**Place: Extension Center, Route 31, Flemington**



Each family is requested to provide a main dish or side dish enough to feed your family twice. Bread, beverage, and dessert will be provided.

Each club is asked to please bring a door prize.

**Record Books are due Monday, October 21, 2002 by 4:00 p.m.**

**Club Scrapbooks are due Monday, October 28, 2002 by 4:00 p.m.**

RSVP by November 9, 2002 by calling the 4-H office at 788-1340/1341 or by returning the registration form below to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County, 4-H Department, PO Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822-2900

Seating for dinner is limited to 225 people, so don't delay: register today!

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**4-H Achievement Night Registration Form  
Friday, November 15, 2002  
Registration Deadline: November 9, 2002**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring a \_\_\_\_\_ main dish \_\_\_\_\_ side dish enough to feed my family twice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help set-up and decorate.

**Remember: All attendees  
are asked to help with the clean up. Thank you!**