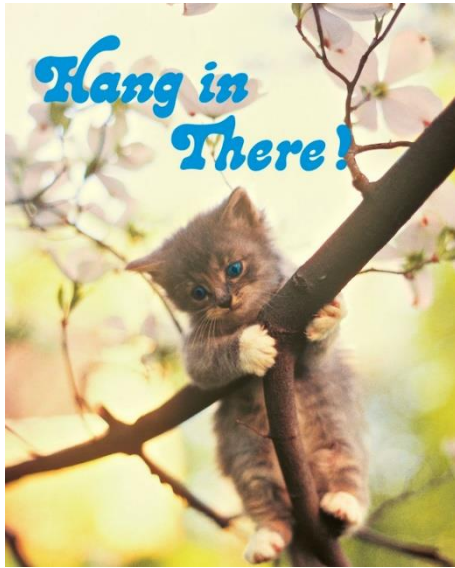
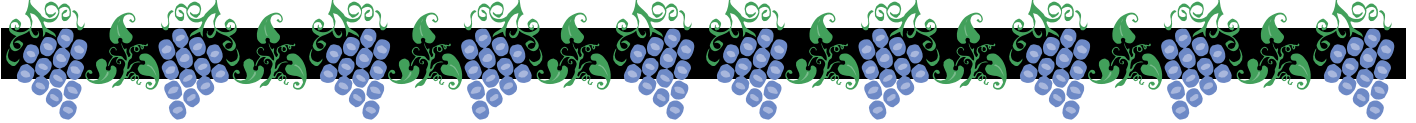


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Family Grapevine
Information for 4-H families
May/June 2020



From the Desk of
the Agent

Dear 4-H Families,

Federal and state social distancing measures are becoming more expansive and prolonged to control the community spread of COVID-19. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is embedded in communities across our state. We must do our part to address the deepening public health crisis we are experiencing.

In line with current Rutgers University policy recently outlined by President Barchi, *all in-person events, classes, programs, club meetings, and other group activities organized by or under the auspices of Rutgers Cooperative Extension are suspended through at least August 31, 2020*. Sadly, this includes our participation in the Warren County Farmers' Fair.

Please recognize that we cannot anticipate the duration of control measures needed to "flatten the curve" and slow progression of COVID-19. At this time, planning for programs after August 31 must account for the possibility that social distancing measures could be extended if deemed necessary by federal and state officials.

We are working from home and accessible via e-mail: Torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu, Teitsma@njaes.rutgers.edu, and 4-H@co.warren.nj.us. New programming ideas are being developed to keep us all connected and engaged in these challenging times. Check out and join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/942441635878633> for updates and keeping in touch!

Stay safe and healthy!
Alayne, Michelle and Alex



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Reminders

The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

June 3, 2020 via Zoom 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!

4-H From Home

4-H from Home has a new website!

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/>

Ongoing interactive lessons on varying topics such as healthy living, STEM, civic engagement, the arts and more are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4 p.m. using Zoom video conferencing. Below is a list of workshops and a link to registration. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming Topics Include:

- Rainbows of Hope Art Session (Tuesday, May 12)
- Backyard Biodiversity (Thursday, May 14)
- Outdoor Invesitgator (Tuesday, May 19)
- Q&A with Our Feathered Friends (Thursday, May 21)
- Making Flavorful Snacks (Tuesday, May 26)
- No-sew DIY projects (Thursday, May 28)

These programs are open to all youth, not just 4-Her's! More programs and topics coming soon!

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/>

Click on the Interactive Webinars tab for the list of current topics and registration information.



2020 Virtual Public Presentations

****Deadline May 15, 2020****

Due to the suspension of in-person events, 4-H Public Presentations will be conducted virtually this year. All 4-H members are welcome to participate. Emails have been sent to all members. Please review the Virtual Public Presentations Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (available on the <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/comm/publicpres/> website) for more information about the process. Additional resources on the website will help you prepare your presentation.

Simply prepare your presentation as usual, practice (practice, practice) and then record your presentation. You don't need special video equipment—you can video your presentation using a smart phone. Recorded presentations should be uploaded to YouTube (as an unlisted file, see the directions in the Virtual Public Presentations FAQs (495k PDF). Presenters will submit their video link as part of their registration process. If you run into technology issues or if you have any questions, please let us know. We are happy to help!

Be sure to review the Virtual Public Presentations FAQs prior to recording your presentation. Once you have uploaded your presentation, you are ready to register.

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/comm/publicpres/>

Things to remember:

- **County Level Requirements: to be eligible for any Warren County Year End Awards, members must give a county or state level presentation!**
- **Presentation Time Limits:**
 - 3-5 minutes for Cloverbud members
 - 5-15 minutes for regular members (the more experienced you are at public speaking the longer you will be expected to

talk – for example 1st year members or 1st time presenters will only be expected to speak for 5-6 minutes where-as a 9th year member will be expected to speak for 12-15 minutes

- 10-15 minutes for team presentations (team presentations are given in pairs. No more than 2 presenters can make up a team.)



“4-H Presents” Series

A Virtual Learning Series for youth and adults

The “4-H Presents” series provides a virtual introduction to various 4-H projects. Learn about different topics from 4-H members and volunteers! This series will be fun, interactive, and allow youth and parents to see what the 4-H program is all about.

Program topics:

- May 17 – Going to the Dogs (dog care and obedience)
- May 24 – On the Farm (goats, sheep, pigs, donkeys and other farm animals)
- May 31 – Horsing Around (horse care, management and into to riding)
- June 7 – Creative Cultural Cooking (with 4-H Indian Langoor Club)
- June 14 – Your Perfect Pet (rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas and more)

You can register for one or all at

<https://forms.gle/ALVafutwMfworAwh7>

For more information, please email Laura Bovitz at bovitz@rce.rutgers.edu.



Fairy/Gnome Garden Contest

There is still time to make a Fairy/Gnome/Troll Miniature Garden! Pictures of your creation are due via email to torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu by June 15th!

New Jersey 4-H Fairy/Gnome/Troll Miniature Garden Contest!

Categories:

1. Miniature Garden in a Container
2. Miniature Garden in Ground
3. Themed Miniature Garden (for example: Halloween, Star Wars, Lego, Winter, etc.)

Rules and Guidelines:

1. Stay consistent with your scale of any size or scale
2. Use live plants
3. Incorporate upcycled household items
4. Be creative!
5. Open to all New Jersey 4-H members!

To Enter:

1. Build your miniature garden
2. Take two pictures at different angles
3. Send your pictures by June 15 to torretta@njaes.rutgers.edu
4. Include your age and category in the subject line

Age Categories:

- Cloverbud (K-3rd Grade)
- Junior (4-8th Grade)
- Senior (9-13th Grade)

Judging will be a People's Choice Award via Facebook!

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2020 Virtual State Public Presentations

Any 4-H member in grades 8-13 who receive a blue ribbon is invited to enter the State 4-H Virtual Presentations event. This will also take place virtually. Presenters are encouraged to incorporate the judges feedback into their presentation and record it again for the state-level contest.

Virtual State Presentation deadline will be July 15, 2020.

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/comm/publicpres/>



Horse News



Horse Judging & Hippology Results

Warren County was represented by **Kimberly Kolibas, Emily Leidner, Olivia Santini, and Lianna Vence**

Hippology

Juniors: **Lianna Vence**
2nd Place High Team Combo Team of Atlantic/Warren
6th Individual Phase C – Judging

Seniors: **Kimberly Kolibas**
7th Individual Phase B – Stations
9th Individual Phase C – Judging

Horse Judging:

Junior **Lianna Vence** placed 5th High Individual Halter, 3rd High Individual Oral Reasons, 3rd High Team Oral Reasons: Burlington/Warren, and 4th High Team Overall: Burlington/Warren

Seniors:
2nd High Team Oral Reasons
2nd High Team Overall



Kimberly Kolibas placed 7th High Individual Halter, 8th High Individual Performance, 8th High Individual Oral Reasons, and 6th High Individual Overall

Olivia Santini placed 4th High Individual Performance, 4th High Individual Oral Reasons, 5th High Individual Overall



Equestrian of the Year

The annual Warren County Equestrian of the Year contest has been rescheduled!

Applications will be due June 1, 2020 via email to 4-H@warren.co.us.gov (applications have been re-sent to eligible members.) Interviews and speeches will be conducted via Zoom.





News!

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/>



Resources:

Check out the 4-H Teaching Others Facebook group! 4-Hers teaching others is a group for our youth to learn from each other! During this trying time our kids are still working with their 4-H projects and prepping for show season to start. Each child can pick a day, choose what they want to teach and make a video and post to the group. This will be a great learning experience for kids who aren't able to have projects or want to learn about agriculture!

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1632153950255](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1632153950255691)

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Results!

Congratulations to **Gracie Bucher** from the Warren County 4-H Teen Council who placed 3rd in the state with her guess of 63 green jelly beans in the State 4-H Jelly Bean Contest!



The TOTAL number of GREEN JELLY BEANS in the jar was 61.

1st place: Joseph G. from Kicken Chickens Club in Sussex County with a guess of 62.

2nd place*: Neil C. from NJ 4-H from Home in Morris County who guessed 60.

3rd place: **Gracie B.** from Teen Council in Warren County who guessed 63.

The TOTAL number of JELLY BEANS in the jar was 511.

1st place: Asher Y. from Furry Friends Club in Somerset County with a guess of 509.

2nd place*: Emma C. from Poultry Pride in Cumberland who guessed 500.

3rd place* tie: Alexis M. from Deadeyes Club in Hunterdon County and Charlotte D. from Goat Gang in Burlington County who also guessed 500.

*All ties for closest guess were broken by drawing according to the contest rules.

Thank you to all the NJ 4-H Members who joined in on the fun!!

Special thanks to our prize sponsor, MR2 Imaging. Winners have been contacted by email to receive their electronic gift cards.



Virtual 4-H Fair

Sadly, with the current mandate from Rutgers University/Rutgers Cooperative Extension suspending all in-person 4-H events and activities until August 31, 2020, this means that we cannot participate in the Warren County Farmers' Fair this year. Alayne, Michelle and Alex have been working closely with the State 4-H Office on a platform to host a Virtual 4-H Fair. Details are still very sparse at the moment but we are actively trying to find a way to be able to showcase everything our 4-H members have been doing and learning during this project year.

Most likely our Virtual Fair will include uploading pictures and videos of the projects to a secure platform. Links would be sent to judges for judging. Danish ribbons would be awarded and mailed to the participants.

There may be an opportunity for projects receiving an Excellent rating to move on to a State-wide 4-H Virtual Fair.

As we move forward with this new opportunity, we will communicate the details!

4-H Leaders, please try to attend the Leader's Meeting on June 3rd via Zoom as we hope to have more details of the Virtual Fair plan.



Community Service

Warren County 4-H has donated over 100 masks to Atlantic Health Systems – Hackettstown Hospital.



Teen Council has sponsored meals for several Long Term Care Facilities as well as the employees of the Tractor Supply in Blairstown.



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