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Congratulations to the Cape May County 4-H Youth on a Successful Fair

Dear Cape May County 4-H Community,

As the Director of the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners, I am thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the youth, staff, and volunteers who play a vital role in the success of the Cape May County 4-H Fair. It is through their dedication, creativity, and hard work that make this Fair a resounding success year-after-year.

This year's Fair again promises to be a fun-filled event with exhibits, a pet show, an art show, amusement rides, games and vendors, with mouthwatering food options, including everyone's favorite, Chicken Barbeque.

This weekend we honor the dedication and accomplishments of our 4-H members, showcasing their leadership, community involvement, and essential life skills that epitomize the 4-H experience. As we gather to celebrate the spirit of 4-H at this year's Fair, I encourage everyone to explore, learn, and create lasting memories.

Thank you to the families, volunteers, sponsors, and staff for fostering growth, learning, and community engagement through 4-H, and may this Fair be an unforgettable experience for all attendees!

Warm regards,

Leonard C. Desiderio, Director

For more information about any of the exciting events coming up at the 4-H Fair, visit capemay.njaes.rutgers.edu/fair or call (609) 465-5115.



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Welcome to the 2024 Cape May County 4-H Fair!!!

As President of the Cape May County 4-H Foundation along with our entire 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, we invite you to spend three fun filled days with us! We have a variety of kid-friendly vendors, Johnson's Fun Factory Amusement rides, Horse and Livestock shows, a Magic Show, a Pet Show and of course live entertainment! Come dine with us and choose from a variety of great food vendors, including our Board of Agriculture's Chicken BBQ and please stop by the new 4-H Foundation ice cream booth!

Our Board of Directors and Committee Members have been working extremely hard preparing for the 2024 4-H Fair. We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time, energy, & resources including Cape May County Government Departments & Officials, Facilities & Services, and the Cape May County Park & Zoo personnel who assisted in preparing for this year's 4-H Fair.

This year's theme is "Oh, The Places we will go with 4-H". Please join us and help us make this year's fair our best one yet!

The 4 -H Fair will open on Thursday July 18, from 3pm – 10pm, Friday July 19 from 10am to 10pm (Vendors will open at 3pm on Friday), and on Saturday 10 am – 10pm.

Sincerely,

Lisa McVey, President, CMC 4-H Foundation Inc.

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Greetings from the Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Welcome to the 2024 Cape May County 4-H Fair!



BRIAN J. SCHILLING, PH.D.

New Jersey 4-H, a program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE), has once again brought you a spectacular County Fair!

On behalf of the faculty and staff of RCE, I offer my warmest congratulations to the more than 30,000 4-H youth who have spent the last year in science, engineering, and technology project areas as diverse as animal science, climate change, nutrition, rocketry, as well as other programs in the arts, citizenship, and healthy living.

One shining example is the 4-H Resisto Jets, whose team once again took part in the NASA Student Launch, a competition tasking students to design, build, and launch rockets in support of NASA research. These New Jersey youths were among the student teams from across the U.S. to launch more than 40 high-powered, amateur rockets, each carrying a scientific payload nearly one-mile-high above ground level in Huntsville, Alabama, as part of the NASA student competition.

The annual county fairs offer our 4-H members and their families the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects and demonstrate the leadership, citizenship, and life skills they learned throughout the past year.

I applaud and am deeply grateful to the thousands of 4-H volunteers for their dedication and continued support. Their invaluable contributions of time, knowledge, and caring are vital to the success of all 4-H programs!

The fair provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase these 4-H programs and what makes your county a unique part of our Garden State. You will experience a wide range of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and good old fashioned "family fun!"

I hope you enjoy your stay at the fair and will plan to make this an annual destination for you and your family! Please contact us at 848-932-5000 and visit us online at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/>.

Best wishes,

Brian J. Schilling, Ph.D.
Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Senior Associate Director, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
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Message from the Executive Dean

On behalf of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES), I am delighted to welcome you to the Cape May County 4-H Fair.

Rutgers NJAES 4-H Youth Development Program is proud to support the annual county fair, a highly anticipated summer activity that provides more than 30,000 4-H youth the opportunity to showcase their projects and demonstrate the leadership, citizenship, and life skills they've learned throughout the past year.

New Jersey 4-H serves youth from all backgrounds and interests. Our mission is "to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world." We strongly believe that the annual 4-H county fair reflects these ideals across the breadth of New Jersey's diverse rural, suburban, and urban populations.

In addition to the county fair, Rutgers 4-H touches your life and your community every day by helping New Jersey youth to reach their full potential. 4-H members are deeply involved in a wide range of clubs and activities that provide enriching experiences and interactive projects promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) literacy.

In New Jersey, thousands of dedicated adult and youth volunteers contribute their time and knowledge to guide our 4-H youth. I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to these selfless community volunteers who play such a huge role in the success of our 4-H programs.

I hope you enjoy your 4-H county fair today! Be sure to visit nj4h.rutgers.edu and follow New Jersey 4-H on Facebook to learn more.



LAURA LAWSON

Sincerely,

Laura J. Lawson
Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Executive Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
Executive Dean of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Rachel Lyons, Chair, Department of 4-H Youth Development

On behalf of Rutgers New Jersey 4-H, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved in the Cape May County 4-H Fair. Your hard work, dedication, and community spirit are on full display, making this event a tremendous success.

To the youth members, you should be extremely proud of your accomplishments. The projects you completed, from livestock to robotics to baking, demonstrated the skills you have developed through 4-H. More importantly, you exhibited the values of responsibility, resilience, and determination that will serve you well in the future.

To the 4-H families, thank you for your unwavering support of our 4-H members. Your encouragement and guidance enabled them to challenge themselves and grow through their fair projects.

And to our amazing volunteers, words cannot express our gratitude for your selfless efforts. You are the backbone of 4-H, generously giving your time, knowledge and passion to create enriching opportunities for youth. 4-H would not be possible without you.

The fair showcases the very best of our community - people of all ages coming together, learning from each other, and celebrating our agricultural roots. I hope you all feel a great sense of pride in what you've accomplished.

If you aren't already involved, consider joining 4-H - as a youth member or as a volunteer. There is a place for all ages and interests in 4-H.

Thank you again, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Rachel Lyons
Chair, Department of 4-H Youth Development, Rutgers Cooperative Extension



RACHEL LYONS



Cape May County 4-Hers attended the June 25th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to invite them to attend this year's 4-H Fair- A County Tradition on July 18, 19, and 20! Commissioners Bobby Barr, Andrew Bulakowski, Melanie Collette, Will Morey, and Commissioner Director Leonard Desiderio were joined by 4-H Members Abigail Kitner, Sophia Perrone, Brynn Gaynor, Kaelyn Soreng, Isabella Frame, JJ Carr, Lilly Carr, Emma Gotwols and Ethan Gotwols.



The new Secretary of Agriculture, Edward Wengryn, visited Cape May County on May 1st and heard a presentation from 4-H Member Amelia Worthington on her experience taking part in the S.H.A.R.K. Program in Biscayne Bay, Florida. Pictured: Robert Andrzejczak, Farm Service Agency NJ Executive Director, Edward Wengryn, New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture, 4-H member Amelia Worthington, and Linda Horner, 4-H Program Coordinator, Cape May County.

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Kids can join a 4-H club, go to camp, attend one-day themed events, and take part in our county fair. There are activities from robots to fishing, from cooking and nutrition to horses and from bunnies to shooting sports. In addition to community clubs, 4-H participates in partnership activities with various schools and other youth-serving organizations in the area.

For information about the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3605 or visit our website at capemay.njaes.rutgers.edu.

Beach Bullseyes Shooting Club



Meet the BEACH BULLSEYES 4-H Shooting Sports Club with Club Leaders Bob Andrzejczak and Trisha Andrzejczak. The club meets every other Sunday at Noon on the 4-H Fairgrounds. 4-H members: Robert Andrzejczak, Carter Bryan, Emma Gotwols, Ethan Gotwols, Natalee Guest, Colton Hearon, Nathan Schulde, and Edan Simpkins.

Canvas and Brush Club



If Art is your thing...CANVAS & BRUSH 4-H Art Club does a variety of art projects throughout the year with Club Leaders Dana Barry and Nicole Arcuri. The club meets the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the RCE Meeting Room, CMCH. 4-H members: Joseph Arcuri, Lola Barry, Sasha Hamann, Ella Liriano, Mary O'Donnell, and EmmaLeigh Vitullo.

Emerald Theater Company Club



Have Fun with Theatre & Drama with Club Leaders Daniel Richards and Carolyn Richards. Contact the 4-H Office for meeting times at 609-465-5115, ext. 3605. 4-H members: Arabella AitHaddad, Rainbow McAtee, Autumn Richards, Molly Jane Richards, and Serenity Taylor.

Fox Wood Friends Club



FOX WOOD FRIENDS 4-H Club is all about horses with Club Leaders Jackie Kelly and Julie King. The club meets at the Fox Wood Farm in Woodbine. 4-H members: Lucy Adams, Sophia Hess, Adelina King, Penelope King, and Abigail Pellicano.



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Fuzzy Logic Robotics Club

Learn about robotics with Club Leader John Spriggs at Cape Christian Academy. 4-H members: Wyatt Boyd, Jackson Greenling, Max Hunko, and Fiona Thame.

Get Your Brick On LEGO Club



Learn engineering and design through LEGO builds with Club Leaders Ryan Gotwols and Kim Simpkins the first and third Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. (3rd grade and up only) 4-H members: Christopher Arms, Eric Berg, Jakob Berg, JJ Carr, Quinn Fisher, Paxton Gifford, Vladimir Gjorgjievski, Ethan Gotwols, Sasha Hamann, Max Hunko, Parker McClure, Wyeth Mills, Justin Reid, and Edan Simpkins.

Growing Sprouts Cloverbud Club



GROWING SPROUTS CLOVERBUD 4-H Club is all about gardening, growing, nature, and craft fun for our youngest 4-H'ers in Kindergarten through third grade with Club Leaders Andrea Armstrong and Jennifer Armstrong. The club meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. 4-H members: Joseph Arcuri, Dante Aurichio, Olivia Madden, and Kimberly Sullivan.

Cape May County Special Services School Club

The Special Services School resumed their 4-H club activities last year post Covid under the leadership of Megan Morrissey and 20 fellow teachers at Ocean Academy Elementary and launched 21 brand new 4-H clubs. The clubs were greeted with great enthusiasm by students; a total of 160 of them participated throughout the school year. With options to choose from such as Puzzles, Jewelry-Making, Movie Matinee and STEM, who wouldn't want to be a 4-Her!

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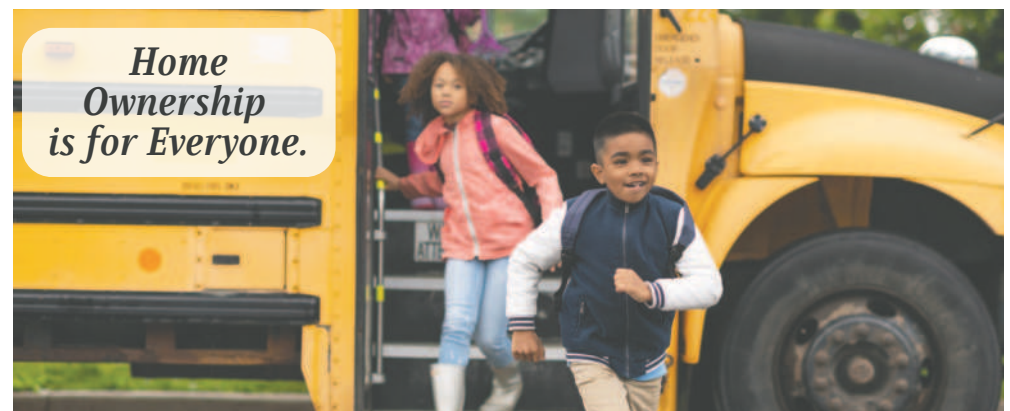


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Horsin' Around Club



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Hy-Riders Club



Learn about horses and more with Club Leaders Brooke Schaffer, Kaitlyn Martindale and Stephen Schaffer the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Woodbine. 4-H members: Elliott Budd, Grayson Budd, Adeline Carter, Karolina Carter, Bryce Dooley, Danika Dooley, Emmalyn Evans, Autumn Gamble, Brynn Gaynor, Lacey Gaynor, Brooke Harron, Lilly Hodges, Hannah McClure, Sofia Perone, Amelia Pitcock, Selah Pitcock, Brantley Schaffer, Caitlyn Schaffer, and Mae Vanaman.

Kitchen Phanatics Club



If food is your thing...KITCHEN PHANATICS 4-H Club is for you. Learn culinary arts with Club Leaders Louis McAtee and Melissa McAtee the first and third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H members: Arabella AitHaddad, JJ Carr, Lillian Carr, Jayden Cordero, Kaitlyn Flynn, Emma Gotwols, Edward Hoover, Rainbow McAtee, Autumn Richards, Syla Snyder, Arianna Taylor, and Amelia Worthington.

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Lambs R Us Club



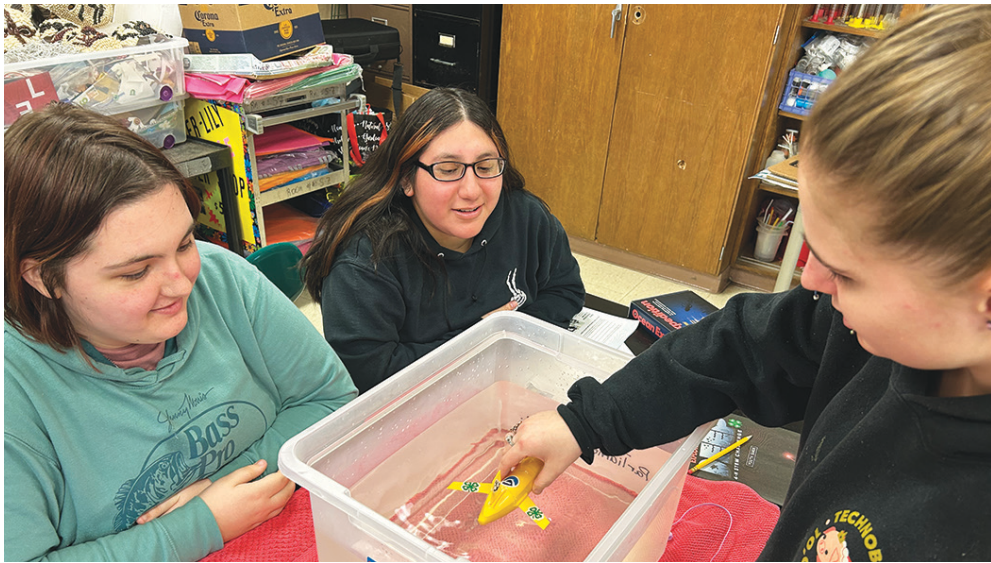
Learn how to raise and care for a lamb with Club Leaders Courtney Hearon, Christy Gotwols, and Deborah McAnney the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office. 4-H members: Hannah Cohen, Thea Cohen-Chase, Emma Gotwols, Ethan Gotwols, Natalee Guest, Colton Hearon, Noelle McAnney, Kiera Shetler, Edan Simpkins, Cody VanArtsdalen, Gentry VanArtsdalen, and Ryley Yates.

Milky Ways Livestock Club



MILKY WAYS 4-H Livestock Club with Club Leaders Marcie Hughes and Kristin Hughes meets the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. 4-H members: Daniel Aguado, Alexa Anaya, Alex Benson, Danika Couse, Jacie Couse, Megan Couse, Kaitlyn Flynn, Kayla McDermott, Liam Melhouse, Cecila Puerta, and Kimberly Sullivan.

Lower Cape May Regional Club






LOWER CAPE MAY REGIONAL 4-H Club is one of our school clubs. The after-school science club with Club Leader Karren Barr makes science fun every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at LCMR High School. 4-H members: Rowan Becica, Natasha Lopez Crespe, Julianne Frederick, Katelyn Hilvert, Caroliena Mextre, Valerie Long, Alberta Rieghn, Max Rose, and Ashanti Wing.


Scales & Tails Herpetology Club




SCALES & TAILS 4-H Herpetology Club is our largest 4-H Club with 23 members! Learn about snakes and all types of scaly critters with Club Leaders Stephanie Hoover, Lauren Miller, Louis McAtee, and Carolyn Richards on the first and third Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. 4-H members: Arabella AitHaddad, Kai Dignam, Caden Doto, Kayla Doto, Maddie Doto, Damien Geiger, Vladimir Gjorgjievski, Emma Gotwols, Ethan Gotwols, Jacob Halsey, Nathan Halsey, Edward Hoover, Elias Johnson, Rainbow McAtee, Vivian Pelan, Autumn Richards, Molly Jane Richards, Justin Roxas Jr., Kimberly Sullivan, Arianna Taylor, Serenity Taylor, Garrett Van Gilder, and Amelia Worthington.

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Science Rocks Club



Science is interesting and fun with Club Leaders Christie Gotwols and Kim Simpkins. The club meets the third Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. 4-H members: Joseph Arcuri, JJ Carr, Lillian Carr, David Corobca, Kai Dignam, Sophia Dobosz, Damien Geiger, Vladimir Gjorgjievski, Emma Gotwols, Ethan Gotwols, Bobby Greenling, Jackson Greenling, Sasha Hamann, Justin Roxas Jr., Edan Simpkins, Quinlan Taylor, and Garrett Van Gilder.

Seaworthy Stables Club



Have fun learning about Horses with Club Leaders Debbie Giuliano, Ashley Lake, and Shannon Romano at Seaworthy Stables in Cape May Court House. 4-H members: Ariana DeLuca, Sophie Fasy, Sophia Giuliano, Audrey Johnson, Tatum Macomber, Julianna Romano, and Lucianna Romano.

Star Hollow Riders Club



Club Leaders Abby Revoir, Bonnie Barcas, Stephanie Benson, and Rebecca Lehman make learning about horses interesting and fun on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Star Hollow Stables in Cape May Court House. 4-H members: Elisabeth Axelsson, Beau Barcas, Grace Barcas, Charlotte Benson, Callie Carney, Nevaeh Crawley, Willow Ferguson, Isabella Frame, Abigail Kitner, Logan Mathis, Liam Mehthouse, Amelia Menchin, Harper Menchin, Isla Tracy, and Natalie Yank-Parsons.

Teen Ambassadors Club



TEEN AMBASSADORS 4-H Club meets monthly and offers Leadership, Community Service & Personal Development for its members in grades 8 and up. The teens meet monthly with Club Leaders Linda Horner and Annabella Halbruner at Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H members: Lillian Carr, Max Cohen, Kaitlyn Flynn, Emma Gotwols, Edward Hoover, Rainbow McAtee, Autumn Richards, Juliana Romano, Syla Snyder, Adriana Tomlin, Yadiel Torres, and Amelia Worthington.


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Tightlines Fishing Club



Learn about Salt & Fresh Water Fishing with Club Leaders Ruth Thraen, Frank Breakell, Allen Stokes, Joyce Stokes, Daniel Worthington, and Rhiannon Worthington. The club meets the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center. 4-H members: Alexander Benson, JJ Carr, Emma Gotwols, Ethan Gotwols, Colton Hearon, Edward Hoover, Eli Livingston, Molly Jane Richards, Luke Salandria, Amelia Worthington, and Elouise Worthington.



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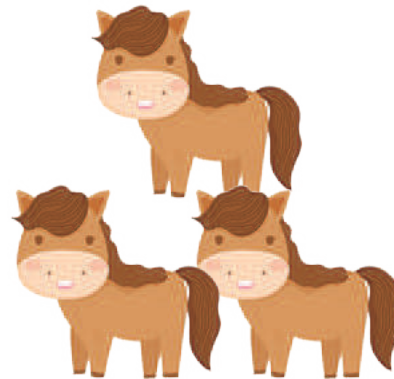
Woodland Riders Club



Club Leaders Nicole Simpkins, Leigha Lambert, and Laura McCrone explore the world of horses with their members on Sundays at 4 p.m. at Woodland Farm in Goshen. 4-H members: Elizabeth Cabral, Owen Collins, Sydney Eckert, Tyler Eckert, Adella Galia, Kira Galvin, Mara Galvin, Makayla Knoyer, Robert Lambert, Nathaniel McCrone, August Nicoletta, Finn Reese, Kaelyn Soreng, Alaina Waugh, and Ryker Weber.

Whinny Pigs Horse Club

Club Leaders Juli Schalick and Oakford Schalick teach members about horses and more when they meet on the second Monday of the month at Fox Run Farm in Cape May Court House. 4-H members: Chloe Frame, Marcos Hortal, Nathaniel McCrone, Leah Schalick, Patrick Schalick, and Merrick Wilson.



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One of the culinary highlights of the Cape May County 4-H Fair is the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que. The mouthwatering smell of BBQ chicken will be in the air from Thursday, July 18 through Saturday, July 20, so come to the 4-H Fair hungry. The popular tradition, sponsored by the Cape May County Board of Agriculture for over six decades, features delicious BBQ chicken, vegetables, chips, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and a beverage.

The cost of the Chicken Bar-B-Que is \$22 per platter. Tickets will go on sale starting at 4 pm each day at the ticket booth on the Fairgrounds and dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m. There will be no advance sales of tickets this year. The Board of Agriculture's famous Chicken Bar-B-Que sells out quickly each evening, so, come early, there are plenty of shaded picnic tables and there are always old friends to catch up with. Take-out is also available with special parking for easy in and easy out.

Funds generated from fundraising events such as the chicken bar-b-que are utilized to offset expenses of the Board of Agriculture,

sponsorships are provided to the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program, to the local FFA chapter and individual 4-H Clubs. Also supported are educational opportunities to Board members through the New Jersey Agricultural Leadership Development Program where the member participates in an extensive two-year training program.

See you at the Cape May County 4-H Fair and Chicken Bar-B-Que July 18, 19 and 20 on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 355 Court House-South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ. For information, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3605 or visit cmc4h.com.



Amusement Rides at the 4-H Fair



The AJ Johnson Fun Factory Amusements will be at our fair July 18, 19, and 20 with amusement rides and carnival games. They will be bringing the following rides: the Round Up, the Slide, the Swing, Tubs of Fun, a Train Ride, a Fun House, a Roller Coaster, the Airplane, a Moon Bounce, the Giant Pin Ball Machine, the High Striker, and the Small Striker. Ride hours will be as follows: Thursday, July 18 – 5 to 10 p.m. wrist bands available, Friday, July 19 – 5 to 10 p.m. regular prices, and Saturday, July 20 – 12 to 4 p.m. wrist bands available, 5 to 10 p.m. regular prices.

Ticket Prices are as follows: Individual tickets are \$1.25 each., 20 tickets are \$20, 45 tickets are \$40, 60 tickets are \$50. Wristbands will be offered for \$25 each at times indicated. Wristbands are available to anyone of any age. You do not have to be a 4-H member to get a wristband.

With the wristband you can ride as many rides as you like for as many times as you like during the time specified.



CMC 2024 4-H FAIR: OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO WITH 4-H!

4-H FAIR HOURS

Thursday

Food Court, Exhibits & Vendors: 3-10pm
Johnson Fun Factory Rides & Amusements: 5-10 pm
Chicken Barbeque: 5 pm 'til it's gone!

Friday

Food Court, Exhibits & Vendors: 10am-10pm (All vendors open by 3 pm)
Johnson Fun Factory Rides & Amusements: 5-10 pm
Chicken Barbeque: 5 pm 'til it's gone!

Saturday

Food Court, Exhibits & Vendors: 10 am-10pm
Johnson Fun Factory Rides & Amusements: 12-10 pm
Chicken Barbeque: 5 pm 'til it's gone!

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday

6-8 pm Ken the Magician

Friday

7-10 pm Cat 5 Band

Saturday

7-10 pm Double Shot Band

ONGOING 4-H SHOWS & EXHIBITS

Lockwood 4-H Youth Center

- ◆ 4-H Art Show, Club Activities, 4-H Member Project Displays & Best In Show Winners

Horse Shows

- ◆ Thursday: 9 am-Showmanship & Grooming, Halter & Versatility Day; Following Livestock Auction-Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team, Funny and Fancy Costume Classes
- ◆ Friday: 9 am-English Day, Stick Pony Horse Show
- ◆ Saturday: 9 am-Western & Games Day; 6pm-Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team

Livestock Shows

- ◆ Wednesday: 6 pm-Lamb and Hog Showmanship & Market Classes
- ◆ Thursday: 10 am-Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship & Breeds Classes; 6:30 pm-Hog & Lamb Market Auction
- ◆ Friday: 10 am-Poultry & Waterfowl Showmanship & Breeds Classes; Hog & Lamb Open Classes
- ◆ Saturday: 10 am-Goat Show; 12 pm-Costume Contest, Adult Fun Classes; 3 pm-Horse & Livestock Round Robin

Herpetology Show

- ◆ Friday: 1 pm-Scales & Tails 4-H Club Herpetology Show, Lockwood 4-H Youth Center

Children's Discovery Area

- ◆ Thurs (3-8 pm), Fri-Sat (10 am-8 pm): A wide variety of games & activities for young visitors such as an Obstacle Course, Life on the Farm and hands-on activities by Library's Technology Learning Center, Nature Center's Teen Leaders, Master Gardeners and 4-H Program

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday

Grand Opening Parade & Ceremonies: 4:30 pm, Main Stage
4-H Livestock Auction: 6:30 pm, Coover Pavilion

Saturday

Pet Show: 10 am, Main Stage
7th-Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony: 2:00 pm, Flag Plaza
Horse & Livestock Round Robin: 3 pm, Coover Pavilion

Thursday-Saturday

4-H Fair Art Show: Lockwood 4-H Youth Center



For complete 4-H Fair info, scan this QR code, or visit <https://capemay.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair/>.

FAIR PARKING: Premium parking is available at ACCC for \$10/carload. Free parking is available at the CMC Park & Zoo back entrance off of Court House-South Dennis Rd. with free air-conditioned shuttle service to the Fair.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED, EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY PET SHOW!

Enter Your Pet in the 2024 Pet Show at the Cape May County 4-H Fair for a Chance to Win a Year's Supply of Pet Food



Come to the Pet Show, sponsored by Smeltzer & Sons Feed & Pet Supplies, on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at the Cape May County 4-H Fair for a chance to win a supply of pet food for an entire year. The event is open to the public and anyone is invited to participate, even if you are not a 4-H member. Wouldn't it be great to win free food for your pet for an entire year? Just think what you can do each week with that extra money! Register your pet for this year's Pet Show at the 4-H Fair – it only costs \$1 per class entry and is open to both children and adults.

No matter what makes your pet unique, the Pet Show, held on the main stage on the Cape May County 4-H Fairgrounds, is the place for them to showcase their talents. All four-legged, furry, scaly, and feathered pets and the people who love them are invited to enter. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. and the show will begin at 10 a.m. All cat and dog owners are asked to bring current rabies vaccination certificates for their animals and plenty of water for them to drink. In addi-

tion, all dogs except certified service animals must leave the fairgrounds after the pet show in accordance with the fairgrounds rule of no dogs during the fair.

Children and their pets can enter any one of the five categories including: dogs, cats, rabbits and other small furry pets, reptiles, amphibians or birds, and other unusual pets. Within those categories, there are 10 different classes that participants can enter including one new one this year – best Dr. Seuss costume, in honor of this year's 4-H Fair theme, Oh the Places We Will Go with 4-H. There is also an adult category for anyone 18 and over that consists of three classes: most beautiful eyes, best trick, and Dr. Seuss costume.



The pet show is all in fun, so while you won't see any formal classes or divisions, you will see classes for cats with the longest whiskers, dogs with the best trick or the rabbit with the longest ears. Any unusual pets are allowed as long as they are under the constant control of their owners. Again, the cost to enter the pet show is just \$1 per class. Ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Best in Show trophies will also be awarded in each division. The Grand prize, given out to the best all-around winner, is free pet food for one year from Smeltzer & Sons.

For more information on the Pet Show, please call 609-465-5115, ext. 3605.

4-H Graduating Seniors



SYLIA SNYDER, a member of Kitchen Phanatics and Teen Ambassadors 4-H Clubs, graduated from Cape May County Technical High School.



VALERIE LONG, a member of the LCMR High School Science 4-H Club, graduated from Lower Cape May Regional High School. Valerie is congratulated by Ron Day, CMC 4-H Foundation Director.



JULIANNE FREDERICK, a member of the LCMR High School Science 4-H Club, graduated from Lower Cape May Regional High School.



JACIE COUSE, a member of the Milky Ways 4-H Club, graduated from Cape May County Technical High School. Jacie is congratulated by her dad, Jason Couse, CMC 4-H Foundation Director.



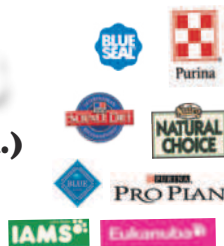
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



YADIEL TORRES, a member of the Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club, graduated from Cape May County Technical High School. Yadiel is congratulated by Ron Day, CMC 4-H Foundation Director.



Oh, The Places We Will Go With 4-H...

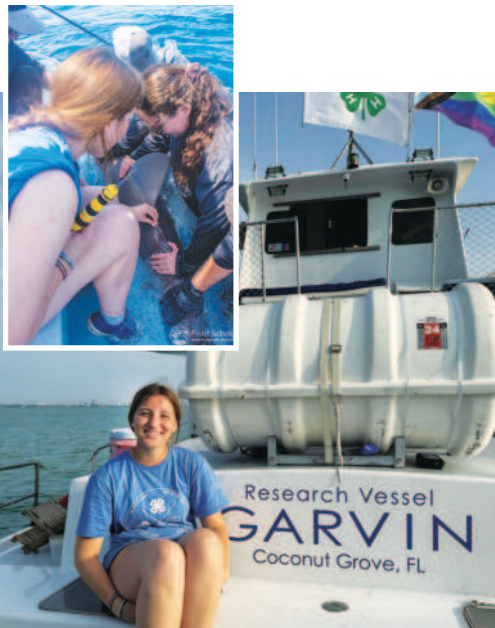
Cape May County 4-H Member Attends Competitive 4-H S.H.A.R.K. Program

4-H Member Amelia Worthington attended the NJ 4-H Scientific Hands-On Research Knowledge (4-H S.H.A.R.K.) Program from April 19 through April 22, 2024.

The S.H.A.R.K. Program is a once in a lifetime opportunity that allows 10 kids from NJ 4-H to travel to Biscayne Bay in Florida and spend four days on the Research Vessel Garvin. During her time on the boat, Amelia did real field research alongside experienced marine scientists catching, measuring, and taking shark fin clips. Amelia gained a better understanding of the issues facing sharks.

Amelia, an 11th grader, is an active member of the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program and is in the Kitchen Phanatics, Scales and Tails, Tight-lines, and Teen Ambassadors 4-H Clubs.

The S.H.A.R.K. program is offered to high functioning young people who have a demonstrated track record of excellence. Students invited to participate in this program spend



time in-state attending virtual sessions learning, among other things, ongoing issues in marine science, careers in marine biology, and research taking place in Biscayne Bay.



to Washington, DC!



Cape May County 4-H Members Autumn Richards and Yadiel Torres represented Cape May County at the 2024 Citizenship Washington Focus Conference. They interacted with hundreds of other 4-H members from around the country, worked in groups to develop leadership action plans, met United States Senators and Congressmen and women from New Jersey including Congressman Jeff Van Drew, and toured monuments and museums in the Capital State. What a great experience that 4-H makes possible each year!

South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference



Cape May 4-Hers work on a STEM project together at the South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference on May 4th at the 4-H Winter Run Activity Center and the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Teens enjoyed a full day of outdoor and nature-based activities including hiking, nature photography, STEM, yoga, a boat trip, and more.



From left, Amelia Worthington, Yadiel Torres, a teen from another county, and Lilly Carr present a proposal at a mock committee meeting.

Legislative Leadership Experience

Cape May County 4-H members Lilly Carr, Yadiel Torres, and Amelia Worthington were selected to participate in the 2024 NJ 4-H Legislative Leadership Experience.

All three 4-H members, part of the Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club in Cape May County, participated in 4-H activities both virtually and in-person starting in January and culminating

in April with a visit to the New Jersey State Capitol. In Trenton, they learned about the role of the legislature in state government, how a bill becomes a law, and worked with their peers to develop proposals to address problems facing NJ citizens. They attended committee meetings, toured the Statehouse, met with state legislators, and held their own mock committee meetings in the Capitol.

Summer Camp

Cape May County 4-H'ers experience summer fun and learning together at the L.G. Cook 4-H Summer Camp!



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Congratulations to our 2024 Outstanding 4-H Members!

The Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program is proud to announce the Outstanding 4-H Members for 2024. There are two Outstanding Senior 4-H Members selected this year Kaitlyn Flynn and Autumn Richards and Emma Gotwols were chosen to be Outstanding Junior 4-H Member for 2024. The three outstanding 4-Hers were selected in recognition of their accomplishments in 4-H project work, citizenship, leadership, community service, and personal development.



Kaitlyn Flynn, Senior 4-H Member – Kaitlyn is a member of the Milky Ways, Teen Ambassadors, and the Kitchen Phanatics 4-H Clubs. Kaitlyn will be a senior at Lower Cape May Regional High School in September and has been a member of the 4-H Youth Development Program for three years. She continually demonstrates her leadership skills with the roles she takes on in 4-H and through her willingness to volunteer and give back to the community. Kaitlyn said, "4-H has enabled me to continue a family tradition, give back to my community and work with others to make the best better."

"One objective of this award program is to provide an opportunity for youth to expand their experiences, enhance their personal and leadership development and to represent 4-H in the community."

Linda Horner,
4-H Program Coordinator



Autumn Richards, Senior 4-H Member – Autumn is a member of the Teen Ambassadors, Scales & Tails, Emerald Theater Company, and Kitchen Phanatics 4-H Clubs. She will be in the 12th grade at Lower Cape May Regional High School in September and has been a member of the 4-H Youth Development Program for ten years. Autumn has completed several 4-H projects, has held many leadership positions in 4-H clubs including serving as secretary of the Kitchen Phanatics this year, and has volunteered for numerous community service projects. Autumn said, "Because of my involvement in the 4-H Youth Development Program, I have passion and vigor and the necessary skills to be successful in the future."



Emma Gotwols, Junior 4-H Member – Emma is a member of the Beach Bullseyes, Kitchen Phanatics, Lambs R Us, Scales & Tails, Science Rocks, Teen Ambassadors, and Tightlines 4-H Clubs. She will be in the 9th grade at Middle Township High School in September and has been a member of the 4-H Youth Development Program for 8 years. Emma has held numerous leadership positions in 4-H including serving as president and vice president of two 4-H clubs this year. She has completed several 4-H projects earning many medals and titles and has volunteered for numerous community service projects. Emma said, "Through 4-H camps and programs I have grown and learned to appreciate so much, and it has helped me to be a better person and to be more involved in our Cape May County community."

The 2024 Outstanding 4-H Members will represent the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program in a variety of ways including participating at this year's 4-H Fair on July 18, 19, and 20.

Winter Camp



Cape May County 4-H Teens had fun learning with 4-H'ers from around the state at the L.G. Cook 4-H Winter Camp in January 2024. Thanks to the support of the 4-H Program Advisory Council, our 4-H campers paid half price.

Cape May County 4-H 2024 Equestrians of the Year

Congratulations to the 2024 4-H Equestrians of the Year. Nathaniel McCrone is Senior 4-H Equestrian of the Year and Isabella Frame is the 4-H Junior Equestrian of the Year.

Nathaniel McCrone, a 10th grade student at Middle Township High School, is also a four-year veteran of the 4-H youth development program. He is the president of the Woodland Riders and vice president of the Whinny Pigs 4-H Clubs. Nathaniel's achievements include being named Grand Champion in Walk/Trot division at both the 2022 and 2023 4-H Fairs. He was recipient of the County Public Speaking Medal and runner up Junior Equestrian of the Year in 2023. Nathaniel said, "Representing 4-H as Equestrian of the Year is a way that I can give back to a program that has given me so much more than a hobby, it has made me into the person I am."

Isabella Frame, a 9th grade student from Middle Township, has been in 4-H for five years and is the president of the Star Hollow Riders 4-H Club. She has participated in a variety of 4-H activities, horse shows, competitions, and camps. Isabella has earned several awards and was named the 2023 Junior Equestrian of the Year and Junior Outstanding 4-H Member. She said, "4-H has been and always will be a memorable part of my life. It has allowed me to view the world differently and has inspired me to work even harder to achieve my goals."

Both Nathaniel and Isabella will compete in the New Jersey Equestrian of the Year competition in August 2024. Come see Isabella and Nathaniel at the 2024 4-H Fair and Chicken Bar-B-Que on July 18, 19, and 20th on the 4-H Fairgrounds!



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In Remembrance of Rhiannon Worthington

Rhiannon entered our 4-H world when her oldest daughter Amelia joined the Cloverbud program in 2016. Never one to back away from a challenge, she stepped up to become the organizational leader of the Tightlines 4-H Fishing Club in 2019 when the former leader moved away.

With her usual amazing energy and enthusiasm, Rhiannon took the club to new heights in attendance and activities with fishing trips, educational activities and involvement in the NJ Fish and Wildlife Division's Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs Program. Even while fighting brain cancer, she single-handedly raised the money needed for a beautiful new club shed on the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Rhiannon's memory is honored by her devoted husband, Daniel, her greatest loves - daughters Amelia and Elouise, her precious pups - Sampson, Sandy and Sprinkle, and many family members and friends. Services to celebrate Rhiannon's life will be held privately at a later date.

Rhiannon's humor, dedication and amazing life force will always be remembered here in our 4-H Family. Donations are being collected for a memorial bench on the fairgrounds. (Call the 4-H office at (609) 465-5115 to donate.) We join Rhiannon's family in grieving the loss of such an incredible young woman.

A Heartfelt Remembrance

Every day people make choices about how they will spend their valuable time. We never really know, however, how much time we will have.

Over the years, exceptional people have chosen to give freely and generously of their time to support the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program. Although our friends, colleagues, and volunteers cannot be among us forever, the time they invest in positive youth development makes a real difference in the lives of future generations.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program staff, volunteers and youth wish to acknowledge the gifts of service made by the many friends, mentors, parents and volunteers affiliated with our program.

Know that our thoughts are with the families and friends of those we have recently lost. Your contributions will never be forgotten.

Barbara Ernst
Kathy Mealey
Gary L. Rudy
Loretta Schellenger

John C. Sturm
Alaina R. Taylor
Rhiannon Worthington

Drill Team



Make sure to see the Cape May County 4-H Drill Team perform Dr. Suess themed numbers on Thursday Evening, July 18 (following the livestock auction) and again on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

4-H Foundation Memory Bench

Perhaps you would like to honor, remember, or recognize someone in your life with a permanent presence on the 4-H fairgrounds. The 4-H foundation offers beautiful, natural wood memory benches complete with an engraved brass plaque for your wording. Benches can be installed at the secured location of your choice on the 4-H fairgrounds. Benches are available for \$500 each. Proceeds are directed towards enhancing the facilities at the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center and 4-H fairgrounds complex. Checks should be made payable to the 4-H Foundation.

Forms for requesting benches are available in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 609-465-5115 ext. 605.

4-H Foundation Memorial Brick Project

Memories are made at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The Memorial Brick Project is your opportunity to ensure that those memories last. In 2007, the Cape May County 4-H Foundation began the initial phase of their memorial brick project. Available in limited quantities, 6x9 gray paver bricks accommodating up to four lines, are available for purchase for \$80 each. This brick includes the brick, lettering, and installation. The bricks are then installed around the flagpole on the tree canopied fairgrounds. Order forms are available in the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office. Checks should be made payable to the Cape May County 4-H Foundation.

For more information regarding the memorial brick project, contact the 4-H office by calling 609-465-5115 ext. 605.

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Rutgers 4-H Summer Teen Leadership Program

Nearly 1,000 children ranging in age from pre-school to sixth grade attend summer camp at the New Jersey Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May. Who's in charge of keeping an eye on them during their adventures at the center's daily Summer Nature Camps? Teens enrolled in the eight-week Rutgers 4-H Summer Teen Leadership Program.

4-H teens have been mentoring campers and learning leadership skills at the nature center for some 30 years in this unique educational internship program. This year, eight teens ranging from seventh through 11th grades are enrolled in the program. They are Kailin Back, Desteny Galan Alicea Donovan Napoli, Chloe Oechsle, Hannah Oechsle, Cameron Ross (not in photo), Aiden Tower, and Michael Weldon.

The teen leaders mentor their young charges, learning many leadership skills along the way. Every Friday, the teens take part in an intense leadership training session with 4-H Program Coordinator Linda Horner and Emily Mawhinney, from Cape May Court House, the on-site Teen Leader Program Coordinator. These weekly sessions include activities designed to build communication and problem-solving skills and help teens learn to set and reach goals.

And, as befitting any 4-H group, the teen leaders complete a community service project each year. This summer, you can visit them at the 4-H Fair, July 18, 19, and 20 where they will be staffing an educational marine science touch tank in the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center.

4-H Public Presentations



More than 140 youth members of the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program participated in 2024 County 4-H Public Presentations. 4-H'ers delivered their presentations before volunteer judges from the community, their fellow 4-H club members, family members and adult leaders. 4-H Public Presentations have long been an integral part of the 4-H "Learning by Doing" approach to youth development. 4-H members are required to do a presentation each year.

"Learning by Doing"



participated on the state level. They were Danika Couse, Kaitlyn Flynn, Chloe Frame, Emma Gotwols, Eddie Hoover, Nathaniel McCrone, Autumn Richards and Amelia Worthington. All Cape May County representatives received excellent ribbons and Kaitlyn Flynn and Danika Couse were also room winners! Isabella Frame and Julianne Frederick were not able to attend in person, but they recorded their presentations and competed in the video portion of the contest.

4-H members in the 8th-13th grade who achieved a score of excellent from the judges were eligible to compete at the 4-H State Public Presentations Program for an advanced public speaking experience. This year, ten 4-Hers from Cape May County par-

advanced public speaking experience

Cast Your Vote At The 4-H Fair Art Show!



Make sure to stop in the Lockwood 4-H Youth Center during the 4-H Fair, July 18, 19, and 20th, to cast your vote in the 2024 Art Show at the 4-H Fair. The Art Show is open to the public and only 30 entries were accepted. The submissions will be judged by the public

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The 4-H Program Advisory Council awarded a 2024 Mission Mini Grant to the Horsin' Around 4-H Horse Club. Pictured are the members of the club.

4-H Mission Mini Grants

The Cape May County 4-H Program Advisory Council awarded 2024 Mission Mini Grants for educational projects to three 4-H clubs: Horsin' Around, Tightlines, and Beach Bullseyes. The Horsin' Around 4-H Horse Club will use their grant to take a fieldtrip to the New Bolton Large Animal Hospital in Chester County, PA. and the Tightlines 4-H Fishing Club will spend a day at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ with their grant monies. The Beach Bullseyes 4-H Shooting Sports Club will use their funds to purchase essential supplies and equipment necessary to safely shoot archery inside the 4-H Lockwood Youth Center. The Program Advisory Council raises funds for these grants and other 4-H educational needs through fundraising projects and proceeds from the 4-H refreshment booth at the annual Cape May County 4-H Fair. So, stop by and see us at the 4-H Fair on July 18, 19, and 20!

4-H Paper Clover Campaigns Raise Money for CMCo 4-H'ers to attend National and State 4-H Programs



The Spring and Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaigns in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC) have taken place for 14 years and raise funds for 4-H members in Cape May County to participate in valuable national 4-H leadership experiences and state camping programs. Twice a year, shoppers at any of the Tractor Supply Company stores in New Jersey,

including the one located at 3810 Route 9 South in Rio Grande, can support the New Jersey 4-H Program by choosing to donate at checkout by purchasing a 4-H Paper Clover while in a store or online from the TSC website. Additionally, two Saturdays a year, the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program participates in 4-H Day at Tractor Supply (TSC) in Rio Grande to cel-

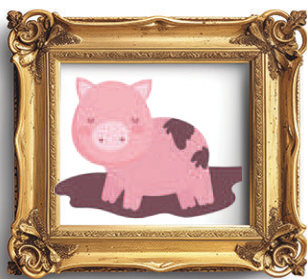
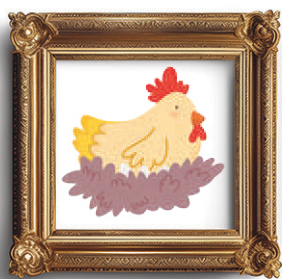
ebrate the Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Fundraising Campaign. This year, 4-H members, volunteers, and some surprise guests demonstrated what 4-H is all about. Representatives of some of our more than 25 4-H Clubs were on hand with information, fun activities, and to greet shoppers and help them carry their purchases. Every year, 4-H members in Cape May

County participate in educational programs to help position them with the skills they need to succeed in their lives and careers. The funds raised from the Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Campaigns provide scholarships for Cape May County 4-H members to participate in these programs.

Cast Your Vote At The 4-H fair Art Show!

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during the three days of the 4-H Fair and the winners will be announced, prior to the Double Shot Band performance on the Main stage, on Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for Best of Show in three categories: Adult Art, Children's Art, and Theme: Oh, the Places We will Go with 4-H.



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4-H Foundation Hosts 7th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony during 4-H Fair

The 7th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, a solemn event, will take place during the 4-H Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the flagpole near the Carol and Ralph Porch 4-H Fair Stage on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 355 Court House – South Dennis Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

Ronald Day, CMC 4-H Foundation director, will coordinate the ceremony that consists of the playing of the National Anthem with the Cape May County Sheriff's Honor Guard presenting colors, patriotic readings, and an explanation of the meaning of the different parts of the flag. Cape May County Commissioners, other local dignitaries, and representatives of various veterans' groups from throughout the county, including VFW and American Legion organizations, have been invited to participate in the program.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony has become an important way for 4-H members, volunteers, and the community to show their patriotic spirit during the 4-H Fair. According to guidelines established by the National Flag Foundation, one flag is selected to be burned during the ceremony

as representative of all flags being retired. The rest of the flags are later incinerated. Veterans and their family and interested community members are invited to attend the Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Hooked on Fishing



The Tightlines 4-H Fishing Club teamed up with the Avalon Fishing Club and the NJ Fish & Wildlife Department's Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs program to offer a free day of saltwater fishing in June at the Avalon Fishing Pier. The New Jersey Youth Fishing Challenge is a yearly event that is free and open to all youth.

Golf Tournament



Winning Team of golfers at the 20th Annual 4-H Horse Council Golf Tournament held on April 28, 2024 at Avalon Golf Club. (From left: Kaitlyn Martindale, 4-H club leader, Bob Shepperd, Grace Barcas, 4-H member, Matt Sudol, Louis Pitcock, Bonnie Barcas, 4-H Horse Council President, and not pictured, James Quinn.)



Winning Coed Team of golfers at the 20th Annual 4-H Horse Council Golf Tournament (From left: Jan Rupinski, Liz Rupinski, Keith Stankiewicz, and Steve Stankiewicz.)



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