

# Tolland County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H members, volunteers and parents,

It is hard for me to believe that we have begun a new decade. Whether we call it Twenty Ten or Two Thousand and Ten is yet to be seen. I have used both, but tend toward 2010 (Twenty Ten). I am using the beginning of this decade to set some new priorities for myself. As I work less, I find that I have some time to do other things. I don't have everything defined yet but am enjoying some new challenges, some travel and lately spending more time with family and friends. I hope that you will all take the time to look at your 4-H projects and see what changes you will make for this year. Perhaps you will try a new project, participate in a different county event or attend one of the state 4-H events that are mentioned in this newsletter. Perhaps you will assist a younger 4-Her with their project or help your leader by taking on some new responsibilities. The 2010 4-H Fair Board has already begun working on the fair for August. They are trying some new things and making some changes, like the new 4-H & Open Horse Show. The Fair Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month and would love to hear from you if you have some suggestions or new ideas. Mrs. Linda Palmer has continued to work with the fair board in my place and she is doing a great job.

It is very sad to think of the passing of Aurise Smith on New Years Day. Aurise was a special 4-H leader freely giving of her time and contributing to the success of many events and activities. Just a few days before her death she met with other Fair Advisors concerning the 2010 Fair Horse Show. She was a Fair Advisor and a member of the Tolland County Extension Council. She will be greatly missed. I am sure that you will join me in expressing our sincere condolences to her husband, Dave, and children Ethan and Blake Smith. She will be missed and remembered fondly.

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If you have any questions about the 4-H activities mentioned in this newsletter please feel free to call us at the Extension Office. Lin is in every day and I will be here for several days each week until my replacement is hired. Also, it is a good habit to check the state 4-H Web site [www.4-h.uconn.edu](http://www.4-h.uconn.edu) often as new events, forms and information are always being posted. Please pass the information in this newsletter on to everyone in your club. The State 4-H Program has changed it's computer enrollment program and not all new members have been added to the mailing list yet during this transition.

My best to you in 2010!  
Rosemarie Syme,  
Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Educator



## Save the Dates

2010 Tolland County 4-H Fair—August 13-15

Every 4-H member should enter at least one exhibit.

2010 Tolland County 4-H Fair—4-H & Open Horse Show—August 8, 2010

## The 4-H Record Keeping System Review Committee is Looking for Members

A state wide committee is being developed to review the current record keeping system. Club leaders, teens, and parents are invited. We hope to meet three Saturdays from late January to late March, from about 10 AM to 1 PM, hopefully on the Hartford campus. The 4-H record keeping system review committee will review the system and make suggestions and recommendations. If you are interested please email [edith.valiquette@uconn.edu](mailto:edith.valiquette@uconn.edu).

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### 4-H Public Speaking Workshops

All 4-H members from Hartford, Tolland and Litchfield Counties are invited a Public Speaking Workshops

Learn to give improved presentations at school, in 4-H, or in other venues!

Get information about 4-H Public Speaking competitions and presentations

Come to one or all of the workshops listed below; your attendance at all 3 is not required.

You must register for the workshop.

To Register, contact the Hartford County 4-H office

[ronke.oyeniya@uconn.edu](mailto:ronke.oyeniya@uconn.edu)

or by phone at 860-570-9012 -OR

Contact Linda Horn at

[linda.horn@uconn.edu](mailto:linda.horn@uconn.edu)

or by phone at 860-570-9074

Final Review for Tri-County Public Speaking Competition ~ February 6, 2010

1-4 PM

Greater Hartford UConn Campus

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### Essay Contests for 4-H Members—Try Your Hand at Writing & Enter One of the Contests Below

••2010 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest, entries are due on February 1, at the State Office. Check the State 4-H web site for the topic and rules. (4-H.uconn.edu). You don't have to be a beekeeper to enter.

••The USDA 2010 Risk Management Essay Contest. You must be an FFA member with an SAE project. Check out you FFA chapter for more information

••2010 Ag Day Essay Contest for 7th—12th Grade. Theme— American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing. Length—Essays must contain no more than 450 words. Prizes for state winner (one per state) \$100; National winner \$1000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. The winner will be recognized on March 18, 2110 at the Celebration of Ag Dinner to be held at the Whitten Patio. Deadline is February 12, 2010. Rules, entry form and contest details available at [www.hpi.com/agdayessay](http://www.hpi.com/agdayessay).

Submit entries to: 2010 Ad Day Essay Contest, Agricultural Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210 or email to: [essay@agday.org](mailto:essay@agday.org)

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### Tolland County 4-H Horse Show

Tolland County 4-H Fair Board voted to expand their horse show to an open show format with a 4-H division. Due to parking limitations on our fairgrounds it is necessary to change the date to the Sunday before our fair. This year it will be held on Sunday August 8. Please forward this information to your horse project members.

There will be more information in the spring, but we wanted to make sure you all had this on your calendars.

### New England 4-H Horseshow Rulebook

.The New England 4-H Horse Show Rule Book is now available on the 4-H web site on the publications page. Scroll down to the end of the page to access it.

### State Equine Communications Contest

The contests are on January 30, at the UConn Greater Hartford Campus. Check out the 4-H web page (4-H.uconn.edu) for more information and entry forms. The information is located on the forms page.



Regional Public Presentation Competition  
 Hartford, Litchfield and Tolland County  
 February 13, 2010; 9:00 AM  
 Tolland County Extension Center; 24 Hyde Avenue  
 Route 30, Vernon Ct. (Exit 67 from Route 84)  
 Must pre-register by February 5, 2010

All 4-Hers are invited to participate in this exciting competition! 4-Hers may present a demonstration, visual presentation (illustrated talk), or a speech.

**Juniors (ages 9 – 12 as of Jan. 1, 2010)** will need to give a presentation that is 3-5 minutes in length to be eligible for the new state event. **For the second year Juniors (ages 9-12) will be able to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest** in both the Speech category and the Visual Presentation category. Two county winners will be selected to represent their counties at the State Junior Public Speaking Event on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the University of Connecticut in West Hartford in the speech and in the visual Presentation category.

**Juniors that are 7 & 8 as of January 1, 2010** years old may give shorter presentations. They are not eligible for the state contest.

**Seniors (ages 13 – 18 as of January 1, 2010)** will need to give a presentation that is at least 5 minutes but not more than 8 minutes in length. Two seniors from each county will be selected to participate in the State Public Speaking Contest on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the University of Connecticut in West Hartford. One will be in the speech category and one will be in the visual presentation category. A visual presentation may be a demonstration, an illustrated talk or a power point presentation. Teams are not eligible for the State Contest.

4-Hers may choose any subject that is of interest to them. Think about your subject and begin to work on your presentation. It can be about your project, or a serious, humorous or educational topic. Brief note cards are okay. 4-Hers should refrain from reading their presentations from a written script. 4-Hers may choose to use a lectern or may give their presentation without a lectern. A demonstration table and an easel will be available for demonstrations, team demonstrations and illustrated talks if you wish to use them. 4-Hers wishing to use power point presentations for their illustrated talks must bring their presentation on a flash drive as well as an additional back up copy. Your visual presentation should be used to enhance your speech.

Ribbons will be presented to all contestants and winners will be selected from each county to receive a special award. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of the judges. All 4-Hers that make presentations at this regional event will be eligible to present their demonstrations, illustrated talks or speeches at Eastern States Exposition in the New England Center during Connecticut 4-H day. The evaluation sheets for demonstrations, illustrated talks, junior speeches and senior speeches are available by calling the Tolland County Extension Office. **Important: You must register for the contest in order to participate.** 4-Hers that are registered will be called by the evening before or by 7AM on the day of the contest in case the event must be cancelled due to a **major** snow or ice storm. **Register for the contest by Friday, February 5, 2010.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING CATEGORIES:**

**Speech** It's best to use note cards only – involves telling about something of interest to you without the use of visual aids. The speech can be funny, serious, informative or argumentative.

**Visual Presentations**

- Demonstration The demonstrator is doing something. Making, creating, or showing the audience how to do something while telling about it.
- Illustrated Talk – involves telling about something while using an illustration such as a diagram, chart, model, or picture
- Power Point - A demonstration or illustrated talk that uses computer technology. For Power Point presentations you must your presentation on a flash drive or bring your own computer. A projector and screen will be provided.
- Team Demonstrations - A team is TWO people. Both participants must have an equal role in the presentation. If team members are in different age categories they will be judged in the category of the oldest team member. Team Demonstrations are not eligible for the state contest.

**Registration Form for Regional Public Speaking Contest**

Send to the Tolland County Extension Center; 24 Hyde Avenue; Vernon, CT 06066 or call 860-875-3331 with all of the information by **February 5, 2010**. You may also e-mail the information to [linda.marino@uconn.edu](mailto:linda.marino@uconn.edu). Please be sure that all the information is included in the e-mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 1-1-09- \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

**Junior – ages 7-12**

Speech- \_\_\_\_\_

Visual Presentation – check one

Demonstration \_\_\_\_\_ Visual Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

I will need to use a computer and projector for a power point presentation. \_\_\_\_\_

Team Demonstration \_\_\_\_\_ Name of other Presenters \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior – ages 13-18**

Speech \_\_\_\_\_ Visual Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

I will need to use a computer and projector for a power point presentation \_\_\_\_\_.

**2010 Tolland County Fair Board Elects New Officers**

Patience Trickett was elected President of the 2010 4-H Fair Board at the November Fair Board meeting. Other officers for this year are:

President	Patience Trickett
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (Activities)	Alix Moriarty
Assistant	Emily Begue
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Livestock)	Kaylyn Morrill
Assistant	Brandon Chasse
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Grounds & Safety)	Scott Kloter
Assistant	Troy Ciesco
Recording Secretary	Tyler McKenney
Corresponding Secretary	Erica Tuley
Treasurer	Nate Morrill
Assistant Treasurer	Amanda Chasse

Also serving on the Fair Board for this year are:

Nathan Morrill  
 Kaylyn Morrill  
 Emily Thompson  
 Scott Kloter  
 Kaitlyn Trueb  
 Ashley Heavens  
 William Trickett  
 Leandra Grasso  
 Benjamin Trickett  
 Karrington Trice

Patience Trickett  
 Jacob Lipton  
 Tyler McKenney  
 Troy Ciesco  
 Caitlin Verbridge  
 Brooks Couture  
 Telah Ferguson  
 Erica Tuley  
 Amanda Chasse  
 Alexis Trice  
 Claire Nelson  
 Brandon Chasse  
 Alix Moriarty  
 Solomon Boucher  
 Brei Francione  
 Samantha Moriarty  
 Miranda Crabb  
 Robin Morrill  
 Mathan Maus  
 Emily Begue

**Advisors**

Eileen Nye	Linda Palmer
Terry Thompson	Tina Moriarty
Kim Morrill	Ashley Lanz
Jude Boucher	Kelly Trueb
Rich Ferguson	Mark Kloter

## Dairy Information and Save the Dates

March 20 – CT 4-H Dairy Day – UConn 9-3:30 – final topic rotation schedule/room numbers will be out next week. Topics include animal rights, hoof trimming, nutrition, careers, judging and fitting. Clubs are asked to bring a dairy or 4-H themed gift basket for a silent auction to help raise money to support our programs.

March 27 – MA 4-H calf sale at ESE - Contact Carrie Sears for catalogs in early March [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu)

April 2-3 – NE Youth Show Calf Summit in Derby VT – they are finalizing their schedule now, watch the Show Calf Summit Facebook page for more info, better yet, sign up as a fan for up to date info. Any questions contact Marion Seifert [seifert@shoreham.net](mailto:seifert@shoreham.net)

April 17 – CT 4-H Quiz Bowl and Judging – Durham

May 1 – ALL approval forms, lease forms and ESE participation forms must be turned in

May 22-23 – Mass 4-H Dairy Camp – contact Carrie Sears at [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu) or go <http://www.mass4h.org/index.php/programs/animal-science/animal-science-camps>

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### 4-H Expressive Arts Day—March 13th

Some entries and all pre-entries are due on February 1st. Check the 4-H web site for all information and registration packet. Then enter your photos, sewing projects, textile arts, and art projects. The State Public Speaking Contest and workshops will also be held on that day.

\* Correction to the packet in the Textile Arts Exhibit. Registration is February 1, but the exhibit is not due until March 1. They must be received by that date at the New Haven County Extension Center.

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### 4-H Leader Orientation Meeting—February 26

New leaders, existing leaders and volunteer parents are invited to attend. Bring your 4-H questions and come for coffee and dessert at 7 PM, Friday, February 26, 2010, in the meeting room at TAC. Questions? Call the 4-H office or email:

[lpalmer@tollandcounty4-hct.org](mailto:lpalmer@tollandcounty4-hct.org)

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### Tolland County 4-H Fair Sponsorship Campaign for 2010 4-H Fair Premium Book

Saturday, January 30 with a snow date of January 31, 6:30 PM.

Gold Building at the Tolland County Agricultural Center (TAC). 24 Hyde Avenue, Route 30, Vernon.

The Tolland County 4-H Fair is your fair. It needs your help now to make it the best possible event. The Fair Book Sponsorship Campaign is the major fundraiser for the 4-H Fair. Please join all 4-H members at the annual kick off supper on January 30, to learn more about it and to learn how to go about getting family, friends, neighbors, and area businesses to support our fair by purchasing a sponsorship for the Fair Book. Get on board and show your 4-H spirit!! Pick up all the materials you will need.

#### Sponsorship Campaign Potluck Supper

Please bring a dish to share. If your name begins with the letter below, the following is suggested:

**A-G** Meat Dish

**H-O** Salad or Vegetable

**P-Z** Casserole, meat and vegetable combinations

RSVP to the Tolland County Extension Center at #860-875-3331 or email [linda.marino@uconn.edu](mailto:linda.marino@uconn.edu)

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### Nutrition Food Fair—January 23, 10 AM to 3 PM

Our office just received the information for the Tri-County Food Fair. It's a fun event. Plan to attend. This year's theme is favorite Picnic and Festival Foods. You can enter as an individual, as a group or participate in one of the recipe challenges. For a copy of the full packet, contact Lin at the 4-H office #860-875-3331 or Linda Horn who is in charge of the event at #860-570-9074 or [linda.horn@uconn.edu](mailto:linda.horn@uconn.edu). Registration is due by January 19th.

## 2010 4-H Calendar of Events

January 30	Equine 4-H Horse Public Speaking
January 30	Tolland County 4-H Fair Book Sponsorship Campaign Kick Off—Snow date Jan. 31.
February 1	Registration and all entries due for Expressive Arts Day
February 6	Public Speaking Workshop, UConn West Hartford Campus
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Tri County Public Speaking Competition, Tolland, County Extension Center, Snow date, Feb. 20</b>
February 20	4-H Sheep Project Clinic
February 26	Tolland County Leader & Volunteer Orientation
March 6	4-H Equine Quiz Bowl
March 13	CT 4-H Expressive Arts Day
March 20	4-H Dairy Clinic
March 27	Snow Date for Expressive Arts Day
March 27	4-H Horse Show Secretary Training
March 27 & 27	Connecticut Horse Science Symposium, Storrs
April 1	ESE verification forms for Horse due
April 3	Southern NE 4-H Poultry Show & Showmanship Contest
April 10	CT 4-H Goat Day
April 14	4-H Citizenship Day
April 24 & 25	4-H Hippology & Horse Judging Contests
May 1	New England 4-H Dog Clinic (tentative)
May 1	Dairy verification forms due
May 2	4-H Mounted Riding Clinic
June 1	CT 4-H Recognition Forms due for National 4-H Dairy Conference & National 4-H Congress Verification forms due for dog, rabbit, cavies, small animals, goat, swine, working steer, llama, alpaca, poultry, sheep and horse for 4-H fair showing
June 5	Horse Riding Camp Safety, Storrs
June 12	Middlesex & New Haven County Horse Show
June 25-27	Teen Connection Conference
July 23-25	New London County 4-H Fair
July 30-31 & Aug. 1	Windham County 4-H Fair
August 6-8	Middlesex & New Haven County 4-H Fair
August 13-15	Tolland County 4-H Fair
August 14-15	Litchfield County 4-H Fair
August 20-22	Hartford County 4-H Fair
September 17	Big E Begins
September 18	4-H Day at The Big E
September 22-26	ESE Horse Program, W Springfield
September 26-29	National 4-H Dairy Conference
October 3	Big E Ends
October 3-9	National 4-H Week
October 16	Fairfield County 4-H Fair
November 5-7	Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup
November 26-30	National 4-H Congress

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