

# Tolland County 4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H members, Leaders, & Parents:

September may be the start of the new school year, but it is the end of the 2007 4-H program year. October 1, begins the new 4-H year. Clubs and individuals must again re-enroll to remain current with the 4-H program. October 7-13 is a good time to promote 4-H locally in your town, perhaps with a community service event or even to let your community know that there is a 4-H club.

4-H leaders please take the time to recommend your 4-Her's for awards. No recommendations were received by the deadline and I know there are many deserving 4-Her's in your groups, deadline has been extended. Also, look over the brochure sent to you on the Volunteer Conference and consider attending. If you need another brochure call or look on the 4-H web page.

All 4-Her's parents, volunteers and alumni should take part in the Record Book Survey. Please read about it in this newsletter. Your comments will assist us in working on new sheets.

I am hoping all of you are enjoying this beautiful fall season and the new school year.

Rosemarie Syme,  
Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Educator

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## Club Citizenship Awards & County 4-H Awards—Date Extended

Deadline extended to October 3rd to turn in Recommendation Form.

**CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**—Has your club done something interesting this year? A special project or an interesting community service experience? Submit your story to the Tolland County 4-H office by October 3, to be considered for the club citizenship award, which will be presented at the October 6th awards dinner.

**COUNTY 4-H AWARDS**—Award applications are due October 3. 4-H leaders need to submit r recommendations for 4-hers to receive county certificates of achievement.

**2007 County Medals**—are part of the National 4-H Awards Program and are available in every project area, 4-H'ers record books and a leader recommendation or the 4-H'ers Connecticut 4-H Report Form must be submitted to the 4-H office.

Don't leave your outstanding 4-H'ers out of this opportunity. Submit their information today!



- **4-H**
- **is a community of young**
- **people**
- **across America who are**
- **learning**
- **leadership,**
- **citizenship**
- **and life skills.**

## New Web Address

The Connecticut 4-H web page has a new address which should be easier to remember. Mark it on your computer as a favorite. It is:

**www.4-H.uconn.edu**

You will find all kinds of information on the web site including upcoming state 4-H programs, record sheets, enrollment sheets and other forms and information.



Everyone is invited to the  
**The Annual Meeting**  
**4-H Fair And Awards Night**  
**Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 6:00 PM**  
**Tolland Agricultural Center**  
**Gold Building—Route 30 Vernon**  
Fair and County Awards will be presented  
Come join the fun! Pick up your premium money!

**Everyone bring a dish and have a fun night out! Bring a food according to your last name.**

### **Potluck**

A-G Salad/Vegetable

H-O Casseroles

P-Z Meat Dish

4-H clubs are invited to prepare brief reports telling about their special activities. Make posters that include pictures of your club activities or members exhibiting at the fair. We will hang them on the walls. Let the 4-H office know if you would like to be on the program to give your club report.

Would you like to be on Fairboard? Fairboard meets once a month and is looking for members 12 & over who are interested in working to plan the 2008 4-H Fair. Some new Fairboard members will be elected during the annual meeting. Call the 4-H office if you would like to be considered as a Fairboard director #875-3331 and we will pass it on to the nominating committee.

Cakes, Pies, & Gift Baskets and other items are needed for the silent or live auction. Bring one if you can, help raise money and have fun at the same time. Be creative, decorate your cake or put it on a special flea market dish, make a theme basket or even a basket of cookies. The auction is fun, please plan to take part.

Note: If you do not come to the banquet to pick up your premium money, you must come to the Tolland County Extension office to pick up your fair premium money. It will not be mailed to you. Money must be picked up by November 30. Office hours are M-F 8:30—4:30.

## \*2nd Annual Fall Festival Tyme 2007

Blue Slope Museum, Inc is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Fall Festival, October 13 & 14 in Franklin, CT. You can see donkey & mule show, draft horse demos, historic re-enactors & artisans and enter pie eating contest or ride horse drawn wagons. Admission is \$5—adults and children 4-10—\$2. for more information visit: [www.blueslope.com](http://www.blueslope.com) or call #642-6413.

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### Take the 4-H Record Keeping Survey

Is 4-H Record Keeping making you miserable? 4-H records are important; they need to be meaningful and useful.

Give your opinion about the record sheets, but do it before October 13. Go to the new 4-H web address [www.4-H.uconn.edu](http://www.4-H.uconn.edu) to Record Keeping Survey. Then click on : Member, Leader, Parent or Alumni.

If you don't have internet access you may call the 4-H office for a paper copy.

Please take time to fill out the survey. Your opinion is important to us as we begin to think about re-doing some of the sheets. Remember, do it prior to October 13th.

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### Beef Calf Sale and Judging Workshop & Contest

Saturday, November 3, 2007 at Ratcliffe Hicks Arena, UConn, Storrs. All beef breeds and crosses.

Judging Workshop and Contest registration starts at 9:30 AM and judging contest is at 10:30 AM.

Consigned animals need to arrive at the arena on Friday, November 2, between 3 PM and 6 PM.

Saturday, inspection is 11:30 AM, sale at 1:00 PM. Health certificates will be available on all calves sold.

To receive forms to consign an animal or for information contact Jen Simoniello at (860)486-1008 or email:

[Jennifer.simoniello@uconn.edu](mailto:Jennifer.simoniello@uconn.edu).

Visit the website at:

[www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/beef/beefcalfsale.htm](http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/beef/beefcalfsale.htm)

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### 4-H Volunteer Conference

Saturday, November 3rd is the date for the 4-H Volunteer Conference. It will be held at Northeast Utilities in Berlin and will provide 4-H volunteers with numerous workshop choices as well as an opportunity to meet and talk with volunteers from all over the state. Teen leaders are also invited. If you didn't get a brochure in the mail, check it out on the CT 4-H web page or call the office and one will be mailed to you.

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### Hall of Great Ideas

It will be held at the Volunteer Conference. If you or your club have an idea for a project or community service activity that others might enjoy, consider telling them about it in the Hall of Great Ideas at the conference. Fill out and return the form that is included in this newsletter.

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### 4-H News

A new county wide 4-H club is forming to plan the 4-H Interstate Exchange. This past summer eight 4-Her's traveled to Daupin County, Pennsylvania with chaperones Janice Castle and Aurise Smith. The new club will plan for the 2008 exchange when Pennsylvania 4-Her's come to Connecticut. If you would like to be part of it, call the Extension Center.

Adults are needed as volunteer leaders for 4-H clubs. If you know of a parent, an alumni or other adult that would be interested, please talk to them about it.

Application to become a volunteer 4-H leader is available on the 4-H web site or by calling the Tolland County Extension Center. We have lots of inquiries from youth that would like to be involved in 4-H but need to form new groups.

Numerous Tolland County 4-Her's are taking part in 4-H programs at the Eastern States Exposition in Beef, Goats, and in the New England Center. They are gaining valuable experience as well as exhibiting with 4-Her's from all of the New England States.

The Tolland County 4-H Fairboard is seeking nominations for new 4-H Fairboard members. 4-Her's between the ages of 12 & 18 that are interested should call the Extension Center. October 1, 2007 is the beginning of the new 4-H program year. All club members and individual members are required to fill out new enrollment materials, this is required each year. New 4-Her's may enroll at anytime during the year, but must be enrolled by May 1st, 2008 to participate in the 2008 4-H Fair. Enrollment must be completed before you can participate in any 4-H event during the 2007/2008 program year. September 30, is the last day of the 2006/2007 4-H program year. Have you completed your record books up to that date. Add your accomplishments from the 4-H Fair to your record books. Adults are needed as an advisor to the Publicity Committee or as advisors to special projects. If interested please call the Extension Center to discuss your interests.

**Congratulations** to Debbie Couture, Tolland's teacher of the year, a reading specialist at Birch Grove Primary School.



# Tolland County 4-H Award Recommendation Form

4-H members may be nominated for awards by their 4-H leaders or parents. 4-Hers may be nominated in any of their project areas by attaching this form to the 4-H members Record Book and submitting it by Oct. 3rd to the 4-H office at 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT 06066. No submissions will be considered after this date. Awards will be presented to recipients at the Annual 4-H Fair Meeting and County Awards night held in October. 4-H members may be nominated for the following awards:

**County Recognition Certificates** may be awarded to 4-H members of any age who have done an outstanding job in a project area for at least two (2) years. Certificates may be received more than once if the 4-H members continues to show growth and outstanding progress in the project area. Certificates are not a prerequisite for receiving a county medal but continue to show growth and citizenship in the project area. Leader recommendation required.

**County Medals** may be awarded to 4-H members that are twelve (12) years or older as of January 1st of the project year. A county medal is usually awarded in a project area only once. The possibility of receiving a second county medal award in the same project area occurs only when continued outstanding growth is shown in the project area. 4-H Record Book and Leader Recommendation are required.

The nominee must:

- Be involved in the project area for which he/she is recommended for at least three (3) years
- Exhibit continued growth and outstanding work in the project area
- Exhibit leadership and citizenship in sharing/teaching project skills to other 4-hers

### 4-H Member Awards

County Medal Awards are available in the following areas. Please indicate on the front side of this form which area the 4-H member is being nominated for. **Recognition Certificates** may be awarded in any area in which a 4-H member has met the criteria, not only those areas listed below.

Achievement	Agriculture	Beef	Child Care
Citizenship	Clothing	Dairy	Dairy Foods
Dog	Entomology	Forestry	Gardening
Dairy Goat	Health	Horse	Leadership
Poultry	Public Speaking	Photography	Rabbit
Safety	Sheep	Wood Science	Swine
Fashion Revue	Veterinary Science	Energy Management	
Fitness Leadership	Leisure/Pleasure	Food & Nutrition	
Food Conservation, Preservation & Safety		Conservation & Natural Resources	
Conservation & Natural Resources			

## Recommendation

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

(Check One)

County Recognition Certificate  
Leader Recommendation

County Medal  
Record Book must be submitted

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a statement of why this member should be considered for the recognition requested. Include things such as quality of work, attendance, motivation, what you have observed he or she has learned, and leadership. Please be specific. State actual events where the applicant exhibited behavior that qualifies him/her for this award.

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## Calendar

Tolland County 4-H

Sept. 30— Big E ends

Oct. 6— Fair & Awards Dinner

Oct. 7—Cornucopia Fest, Uconn

Oct. 7-13—National 4-H Week

Oct. 13-14—Blue Slope Fall Festival, Franklin

Nov. 3-4 –Volunteer Symposium, Berlin, CT

Nov. 3—Beef Calf Sale, UConn

Nov. 15—Planning 2008 Citizenship Day, North Haven

# 4-H SET

Science, Engineering & Technology



## Explore your future with 4-H SET!

Did you know 4-H kids today are participating in science, engineering and technology programs – from robotics and Web design to environmental and animal science? Through their 4-H clubs, they have fun, make friends, explore new adventures and develop skills for future success.

Interested in volunteering, joining or learning more? Contact your county 4-H office at:

**#860-875-3331**

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 7-13, 2007

Fair Update Continued





4-H'ERS RECORD BOOKS

