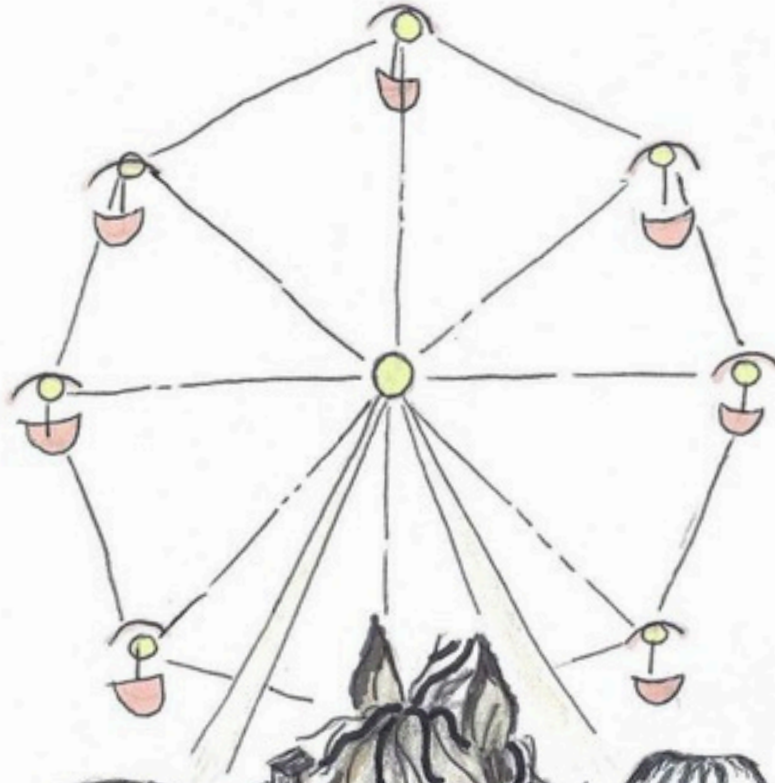


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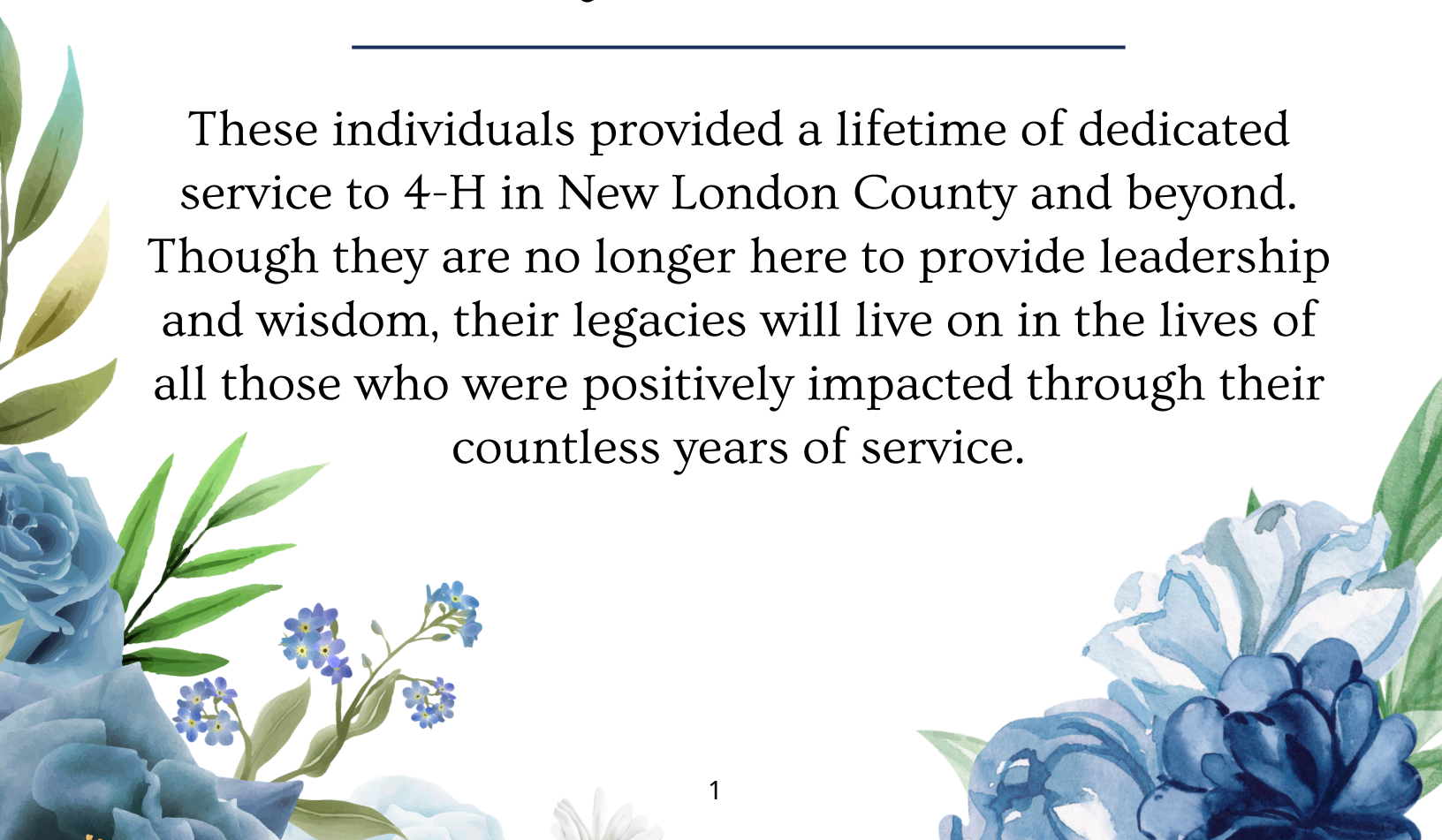
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These individuals provided a lifetime of dedicated service to 4-H in New London County and beyond. Though they are no longer here to provide leadership and wisdom, their legacies will live on in the lives of all those who were positively impacted through their countless years of service.

Dear 4-Hers, mentors, volunteers, families, friends, and proponents of our fair,



Each year, the New London County 4-H Fair is a celebration of our 4-H members. This fair is incredibly fulfilling as everyone's hard work and dedication play out, but it can also be very bittersweet as the excitement ends, the tables are folded, the barns are cleaned, and the members aging out say their last goodbyes. I like to think that our fair is a true example of the 4-H motto "To make the best better".

I would first like to begin by congratulating all of our 4-Hers on their hard work and their achievements throughout this year. This fair would not be possible without your commitment to making it the best and your dedication to 4-H as a whole.

I would also like to highlight some of the most important people behind the scenes. Our 4-H mentors and volunteers are truly the heart of our fair, and without them nothing would be possible. They are always encouraging and guiding every 4-H member to be their best self and helping to ensure our fair runs smoothly. They are the real reason this fair goes on.

I want to give a special thank you to everyone who donated to the fair this year. You allow this fair to happen by being generous, and for that we owe you the biggest thanks. Along with this, I would also like to point out the 4-Hers that sold ads and sponsorships. It was with your hard work that we were able to make this fair happen.

I would like to put the spotlight on the executive board members and our superintendents. You are the people that put in the extra hours planning each part of our fair on top of working with your own 4-H projects. The work of planning and executing each part of the fair is challenging, but that does not stop you guys from doing a great job. Your leadership to others is one of the biggest pieces to the puzzle.

Finally, I would like to mention some of the highlights of our fair. I encourage new fairgoers and old to stop by our ice cream social, our square dance, and, new to us this year, our exhibitor showcase parade!

Thank you to everyone who has helped put together this year's New London County 4-H Fair, and I hope everyone has an amazing weekend!

Thank you all,

Lilly Stott

NLC 4-H Fair Board President 2025-2026



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The New London County 4-H Fair Association wishes to thank the many individuals and organizations who help so much during the year and during the weekend of the 4-H Exposition. The following list is not all-inclusive, but we offer special thanks to:

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WELCOME



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

Welcome to the 2026 New London County 4-H Exposition.

4-H'ers continue the education and fun which started more than 100 years ago! Join us for a weekend of 4-H memories, friendship and recognition. Participate in the 4-H spirit of giving, caring, working and sharing which makes our 4-H Exposition a success.

We thank our parents, leaders, mentors, and the volunteers who work with us, lead us, and support us. Thank you to the North Stonington Grange and the North Stonington Agricultural Fair Inc., our advertisers and award sponsors for your continued support of 4-H.

Our Fair and Expo is open to the public. Close family and friends are especially welcome. There is an admission fee: Children ages 12 and under – FREE, Over 12 years old- \$4.00, Seniors-\$3.00, Weekend pass-\$6.00, maximum price of \$10 per carload.

There is no licensed rabies vaccine for some animals. Exhibitors and visitors, be vigilant by washing your hands after contact with animals. This precaution is necessary for the protection of the public and the animals. Let's keep everyone safe and healthy.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Important information for the 2026 NLC 4-H Fair:

All CT 4-H shows will adhere to health requirements and advisories set forth by USDA and State of CT with review and recommendations by UConn CAHNR. Please note, health requirements may change after animal verification forms and/or fair entries are turned into the 4-H office causing shows to be canceled or altered at any time.

- Competition will be open to New London County 4-H members enrolled by May 1, 2026. Entries may be made only under the name of the 4-H member, not under a farm or family name.
- All shows are open to New London County 4-H members only, except as noted below.
- 4-H Members from other counties may enter pack goat, sheep, dog, or robotics shows. Pet, sheep and robotics shows are open to all youth, they do not need to be 4-H members. See show listings for more details.
- Entries must follow the regulations of each class.
- All articles exhibited at this Exposition must be the property of the exhibitor except as noted.

- Animals must have been owned or leased by the exhibitor as a 4-H project since June 1 (except dairy, horse and beef cattle May 1). 4-H animal project verification forms, registration papers (for registered animals), leases (for leased projects) and health papers must be brought to the 4-H Exposition.
- Each animal or article will be judged according to merit.
- There will be no entry fee except as noted.
- **All entry forms for 4-H animal exhibits must be received by July 29. Unique entry forms can be accessed by link or QR code at beginning of each species class listing.**
- All 4-H'ers must have proof of an approved CT 4-H Record Book containing the Activity Record and at least one Project Record in order to enter any exhibit in the Fair. Record Books check-in is Thursday, 4:00-7:00 pm and Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. of the Fair weekend. If you have started your Record Book on-line through Z-Suite the 4-H office can check your book.
- Exhibition Hall accepts entries on Thursday, 4:00-7:00 pm (non- perishables) and Friday, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. of the Fair weekend. Entry time for animals is Friday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Late entries accepted by agreement with the Superintendent.
- There will be a pre-show milk-out of dairy goats at 8:00 p.m. Friday for any goats on the fair-grounds.
- Under the CT Rabies Advisory, be reminded not all species have been vaccinated against rabies. Wash hands frequently. All animals for which there is a licensed Rabies vaccine must have proof of current Rabies vaccination – equines, cattle, sheep, and dogs.
- Animals must stay on the grounds until closing Sunday. Livestock exhibit areas must be cleaned before exhibitors leave. Exhibit hall projects will be released Sunday at 3:00.
- 4-H'ers ages in all showmanship classes will be determined as of January 1, 2026.
- Livestock exhibitors will wear protective footwear when working with and showing animals. Show uniform is mandatory.
- No person will be allowed to interfere with judges while in discharge of their duties; any person so interfering will be excluded from competition.
- Superintendents will check all livestock health papers before animals enter the barn.
- The Executive Committee has the authority to dismiss any livestock project found to be injured or in such extremely poor condition that it jeopardizes the image of 4-H project work.
- The 4-H'er has the option of entering the record book for judging.
- The Executive Committee will use all diligence to ensure the safety of exhibits after their arrival on the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. It is important that all exhibitors give personal attention to their property, and at the close of the Exposition take charge of the same. The 4-H Fair Association and North Stonington Grange will not be held responsible for or liable for any accident that may occur on the grounds.
- The Executive Committee is composed of 4-H Expo officers, mentors and the 4-H Educator.

- Program Coordinator shall have the power to give recognition to any exhibit for which there is no appropriate class.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on the fairgrounds at any time. Any 4-H member in violation of this rule will not be allowed to show or exhibit his/ her project and will forfeit all prizes. Adults will be asked to leave fairgrounds.
- Once animals are safely unloaded, only 4-H'ers may work with them. In a situation where safety is an issue, an adult may assist as needed.
- Each Superintendent has an adult mentor. Problems, questions of rule interpretation and need for help should be brought first to the attention of the 4-H superintendent and adult mentor for that exhibit area. They will consult the Executive Committee for a decision if warranted.
- 4-H livestock exhibitors staying overnight to care for their animals must turn in an "Overnight Permission Form" signed by their parent and by their adult chaperone. 4-H'ers staying overnight must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 p.m. and stay until morning.
- In livestock classes, grades and registered animals will be shown in the same class. Mixed-breed classes, if offered, will be separate.
- Animal exhibitors will provide their own bedding and feed.
- All exhibitors with animal projects are required to participate in fitting and showmanship classes. Pets and exotic animals that are not handled are exempted.
- Every class is judged using the Danish System: these ribbons are used in awarding Premium Points. Judges may also use Rosettes as placement ribbons at their and the Superintendents' discretion.

Scan the QR Code to Visit
the NLC 4-H Website:



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2026 FAIR SCHEDULE

NEW LONDON COUNTY 4-H EXPOSITION
North Stonington Grange Fairgrounds, 21 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT

Thursday, August 6

4:00-7:00p.m. Exhibit Hall Check-in
(non-perishables)
4:00-7:00 Record book Check-in
(Exhibit Hall)

Friday, August 7

4:00 - 7:00p.m. Exhibit Hall Check-in
4:00 - 7:30 Record Book Check-in
(Follow Signs)
4:30 Gates Open to Public
5:00 - 7:30 Animal Exhibits Entered
6:00 Horse Pull
7:00 Exhibit Hall Judging
7:00 Goat milk-out
7:30 Scarecrow Judging
8:00 Square Dance
10:00 Fairground closes

Sunday, August 9

8:30 Gates Open to Public
9:00 Horse Show (Continued)
9:00 Pack Goat Show
9:30 Rabbit Hopping (backside of pavilion)
10:00 4-H Pet Show (Pavilion)
10:30 UConn 4-H Explorers Fair Work- shop
(any youth ages 5-7), Goat Ring
11:00 Livestock Obstacle Course
11:30 Premier Showmanship Contest
12:00 Animal Costume Class (any animal with
4-H'er)
12:30 Ice Cream Social
1:00 Exhibitor Showcase
1:00 Bike Parade
2:00 Exhibit Hall Release
3:00 Awards Ceremony (**Livestock Exhibits
released after Awards Ceremony**)
4:00 Exposition Closes

Saturday, August 8

8:30 Gates Open to Public
9:00 Goat Show
9:00 Horse Show
9:00 Dairy Cattle Show
10:00 Ox Pull
11:00 - 1:00 Archery Expo
1:00 Poultry Show
1:30 - 3:30 Robotics Workshop
2:00 Beef Show (Pull or Tractor Ring)
2:30 Rabbit Show (Exhibitors Present)
4:30 Sheep Show
5:30 Exhibit Hall Vehicle Race
6:30 Ice Cream Social (Pavilion)
7:00 Battle of the Barns/Hay Toss
9:00 Exhibit Hall Closes
10:00 Fairground Closes

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**OVERNIGHT PERMISSION FORM
FOR THE NLC 4-H EXPO 2026**

Overnight stays will be in campers/tents. 4-H'ers should not be sleeping in the barns.

4-H exhibitors who are caring for livestock

IF this permission form is signed by his parent **and** may stay overnight at the New London County 4-H Exposition by the adult who will stay overnight as a chaperone. Any- one who does not abide by the rules or causes a disturbance will be sent home immediately. This permission form may be mailed to the 4-H office with livestock entries or may be turned in at the 4-H Expo Information Booth on Friday. The 4-H'er must be on the grounds by 9:00 p.m. and stay until morning. I hereby grant (name of 4-H'er) _____ of the _____ 4-H Club permission to stay overnight at the New London County 4-H Exposition on:

___ Friday night (August 7, 2026)

___ Saturday night (August 8, 2026)

The adult chaperone will be: _____

I will not hold the New London County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. responsible for any loss or injury to the above 4-H'er or to his exhibit. In case of a medical emergency, I give permission for my child to be transported and treated.

Insurance information: _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

I can be reached at (phone) _____ on these nights.

Statement: I will be responsible for this 4-H'er on the nights indicated.

Adult Chaperone Signature _____

Date _____

Celebrate America



250



Enter an American themed item from any Exhibit Hall class.

Some ideas: red, white and blue items; items depicting an event or period in American history; a colonial craft; a popular recipe from an earlier era.; an original story or poem.



Showcase ~ Parade ~ Games

We encourage ALL (4-H or not) to participate!

Join us at the New London County 4-H Fair for a fun-filled, festive celebration!

Exhibitor Showcase Parade

Calling all 4-H members!

Showcase yourself and your project in the Exhibitor Showcase Parade at the New London County 4-H Fair. Whether your project is a horse, robotics creation, photography exhibit, livestock project, sewing project, or anything in between, we want to celebrate your hard work and accomplishments.

To participate, you must complete the form linked below. Your responses will be announced during the showcase.

Battle of the Barns

Which barn will come out on top?

Teams will be divided by project areas "barns", (ex. dogs, exhibit hall, robotics)

Each barn earns points whenever a 4-H member participates in the following games:

-  Grain Sack Race
-  Egg Toss
-  Chicken Chucking
-  Shoe Relay
-  Water Bucket Relay
-  Tug of War

The more participants from your barn, the more opportunities to earn points and claim the title of Battle of the Barns Champion!

Bike Parade

Open to ALL kids of ALL ages — 4-H members and non-members alike!

Bring your:
-Bikes
-Scooters
-Wagons

Decorate your ride in **red**, **white**, and **blue** as we celebrate America's 250th Birthday! Show off your creativity and patriotic spirit as you parade through the fairgrounds.



2026 Challenge Grow

Celebrate

America

250

**Create a dish garden celebrating our country—
our history
our scenery
our many cultures...**

**Include at least 2 plants that fit the scene and a card identifying the plants and
describing your scene**

Entries will be judged on design, creativity, condition and suitability of plants.

Congrats!

100% participation in the NLC 4-H

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EXHIBIT HALL CLASSES

Superintendent: Lucy F.

Entry Form
(complete if not
showing animals)



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Rules & Guidelines

Please fill out the judging cards prior to dropping off your entries to avoid crowding! They are available on the NLC Fair Webpage.

Please note an Entry Form for the Exhibit Hall **is encouraged!** See pg.

- No article to be exhibited that was previously exhibited.
- All articles must be clean and intact.
- As of Jan. 1, Explorers - 5-7 years old, Juniors— 7- 11 years old, Seniors— 12-19 years old
- Awards: Blue 3 points. Red 2 points. White 0 points.
- All Best in Show exhibits will receive a trophy and 3 additional points.
- Be descriptive on your judging card so the judges know exactly which entry goes with each art/craft/photo! For example, “cat” is not helpful when there are 3 entries with a cat in it. “Black cat, blue background” is much more useful.
- Only service animals are permitted in the exhibit hall.

EXHIBIT HALL PREMIER AWARDS

- You can qualify in 3 categories: Grow It, Nature, and Home Arts.
- Separate Entry Form required and filled out prior to judging Friday night.
- There are 6 classes for each category. You must enter in at least 4 of them to be eligible. You must win a blue ribbon in at least 3 of the required classes to qualify.
- Qualifying 4-H’ers will be judged on Saturday by a panel of judges.
- Special ribbon awarded in each category.
- Only open to NLC 4-H’ers

Grow It Category:

Class 7 - Eggs

Class 10 - Fruit or 3 herbs grown by exhibitor

Class 10 - Vegetable/flower grown by exhibitor or challenge grow entry

Class 13 - Food Preservation: grown by exhibitor

Class 35 - Hay grown by exhibitor

Nature Category:

Class 3 - Craft– Recycled material

Class 5 - Poster or booth (nature or outdoor topic only)

Class 9 - Conservation and Nature Science

Class 10 - Horticulture

Class 11 - Woodworking

Class 15 - Photography: a specific object in nature

Home Arts Category:

Class 1 - Home Craft/Textile Arts

Class 6 - Baked Foods

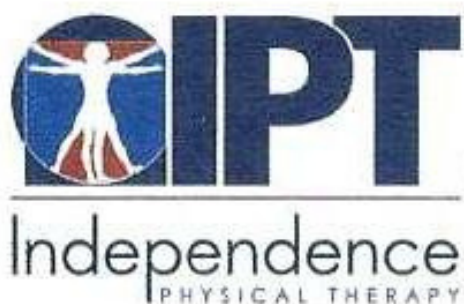
Class 8 - Clothing

Class 10 - Flower arrangement

Class 12 - Scrapbook

Class 13 - Food Preservation





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Scarecrow Contest

Theme: **Dr. Suess**



All scarecrows must include the following items:

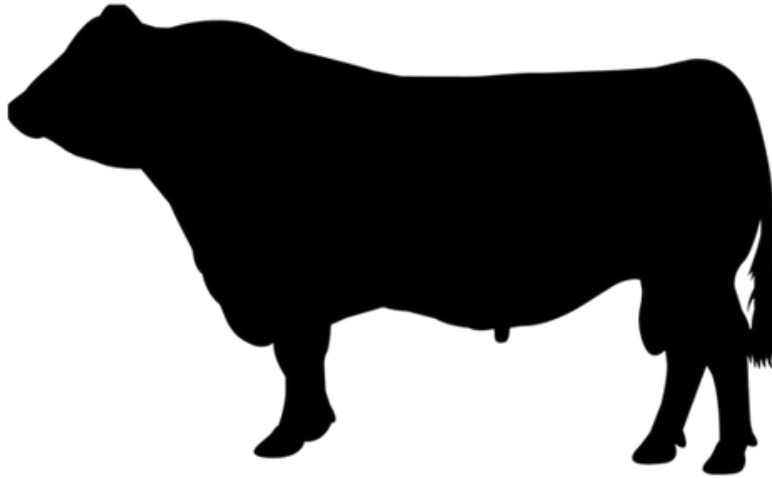
- A copy of the book or picture of the cover
- A red fish
- 3 rhyming pairs (list on display)
- A pen
- Something striped

Your scarecrow must consist of 80% reused/repurposed materials. Materials can be borrowed from friends or family. Club members should work together to complete their scarecrow.

All entries must be entered with Meadowlake 4-H club at the fairground pavilion by 7:00pm on Friday, Aug. 7. Let them know where you scarecrow is located and receive an exhibit number.
Judging will take place Friday evening.

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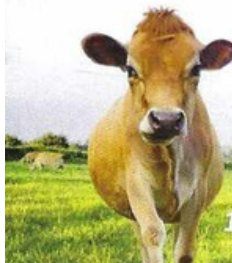
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CLASS 1 – HOME CRAFT/TEXTILE ARTS

Includes:

Knitting (not a garment), Crocheting (not a garment), Quilting, Macramé, Hooking, Braiding, Felting Needlepoint, Embroidery, Weaving, Crewel Pillows, Baskets, original creations or kit creations

★ *(knitting/crocheting accessories are in class 8: garments & clothing)*

CLASS 2 – ARTWORK

- **Name must be on the back of each exhibit.**
- **All pictures and paintings on paper must be mounted on oak tag, cardboard, or poster board. All articles in this class, except paint by number, must be ORIGINAL.**
- **Junior and Senior Best in Show awarded.**

Includes: Oils, acrylic, watercolor, tempera, charcoal, pastels, pencil, ink, markers, crayon, oil pastels, paint by number, mixed media, or Camp Art (created at 4-H Camp this year)

CLASS 3 – CRAFTS

Junior and Senior Best in Show awarded.

Includes:

Clay article, Leather Work, Copper Craft, Jewelry, Fabric Painting, Painted pre-cast, Kits, Mixed Media, Candles, Calligraphy, Paper Craft, Decoupage, Paper Mache, Camp Craft (made at 4-H Camp this year), Natural Materials, Recycled materials, Dioramas

CLASS 4 - MODEL BUILDING and CONSTRUCTION

Includes:

Novice, intermediate, or advanced levels, and kit busting (intentional rearrangement of kit materials to produce something other than was originally intended. Attach a card explaining what was done.), Construction toy project or original design. Lego, K-nex, Erector, Lincoln Logs, etc.

Paper kits are entered in Class 3– Crafts.

May race your vehicle on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.– See p. 27 for details

CLASS 5 - BOOTH/POSTER EXHIBIT

- **Booth dimensions: not to exceed 30" wide, 30" deep if other than just a poster**
- **Posters may be taken to the barns after judging if the 4-H'er wishes.**

Includes:

Club or Individual Exhibit or Poster

CLASS 6 - BAKED FOODS

- **Recipe must accompany each exhibit.**
- **Entries should be exhibited on disposable plates.**
- **Entries must be covered with plastic wrap.**
- **Pies may be in any standard or disposable pie pan.**
- **No commercially prepared mixes can be used for baked goods, except in lots so specified.**
- **Entries not picked up by exhibitors on Sunday will be discarded.**

Includes:

Yeast bread, 4 yeast rolls, quick bread, or 4 muffins, Cake or 4 cupcakes, One or two crust pie, 4 Cookies, 4 Brownies, Decorated Cake or 4 Cupcakes– may use packaged mix, judged on decoration only

Baked item made by modifying a packaged mix.



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Association of Connecticut Fairs Contest

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<http://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news-and-resources/contests/bakingcontests>

Quilt Contest:

<http://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news-and-resources/contests/quilt-contest>



CLASS 7 – EGGS

- One egg will be broken for judging.
- Eggs will be judged on size, uniformity, shell exterior; color, shape, texture and condition of the broken out sample.
- One half dozen eggs in their own egg carton for each exhibit
- Specify breed on card
- Poultry must be raised by exhibitor

Includes:

One half dozen (6) white, brown, or specialty (Araucana, Bantam, Duck, or Goose) eggs

CLASS 8 - CLOTHING

- Garments should be displayed on hangers if possible.

Includes:

Sewing kits, Sewn, knitted, or crocheted garment, Accessory (ex. Apron, bag, purse, hat, scarf, etc.) or Costume, clothing bag

CLASS 9 - CONSERVATION AND NATURE SCIENCE

- All collections must be neatly arranged and well labeled by the exhibitor. (Name, theme, and information about the collection.)
- In judging collections, the size and value of the collection will not be considered as important as the exhibitor's knowledge and effort.
- No collection may be entered that has previously been exhibited at the Exposition unless there have been five or more additions.

Includes:

Forestry (leaves, twigs, wood samples), Rock and Mineral, Insect, Shell, *Wildflower, or other Nature Collections Soil Profile or Conservation/Nature Science Project shown in photographs/drawings

*Preserved and pressed

CLASS 10 - HORTICULTURE

- All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.
- All exhibits must meet the specifications of the lot. Exhibit the number of specimens called for.
- Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than one exhibit per lot, provided the entries are of different varieties.
- Best in Show awarded in Flowers, Vegetables, and Fruits & Herbs
- Guide for showing your best horticulture product: s.uconn.edu/hortguide

FLOWERS

- Entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Please no store bought flowers in any arrangements.

FLOWER: Enter 1 stem including foliage - list plant name/variety on judging card

HOUSE PLANTS: Exhibit one potted specimen of any house plant.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS: Flowers in these classes need not be grown by the exhibitor.

A) Arrangement of garden flowers

B) Arrangement of wild flowers

C) Miniature arrangement – not to exceed 6" DISH GARDEN or TERRARIUM

VEGETABLES

- Exhibit on white paper plate
- Basis of judging: correct number; edible size and quality; uniform shape and color; cleaned, trimmed, fresh; and free from blemishes. Exhibit the number of specimens indicated for each variety.

ONE (1) SPECIMEN

Broccoli (head), Cabbage (head), Celery (plant), Eggplant, Lettuce (head or plant), Watermelon

TWO (2) SPECIMENS

Cucumbers, Peppers, Summer Squash, Corn (ears)

THREE (3) SPECIMENS

Beets, Carrots, Tomatoes (large variety), Onions, Potatoes, Green tomatoes

FIVE (5) SPECIMENS

Peas, Radishes, Tomatoes (grape or cherry variety)

SIX (6) SPECIMENS

Brussels Sprouts, Spinach (cut 6" sprigs in water), Swiss Chard (stalks & leaves in water), Beans, Any other vegetable not listed above. Rhubarb (trimmed and place stalks in water), Kale (stalks and leaves in water)

Vegetable Collection – At least 6 different vegetables displayed in a suitable container or a bird, animal or creature made from vegetables.

Vegetable Vehicle – See p. 26. Any materials can be used for wheels and axels, including purchased items.

FRUIT

- Exhibition paper plates

Berries - 10 (ten) berries, Melon - 1 (one), Tree Fruits - 2 (two)

HERBS

- Exhibit growing in small pot or 3 stems cut and placed in water. (In a sturdy container)

Label variety

CLASS 11 - WOODWORKING

Includes:

Any woodworking or refinished article blacksmithing, tinsmithing, or welding

CLASS 12 - RECORD BOOKS/SCRAPBOOKS

- Entry must be work of exhibitor.
- Exhibit must contain current year's information. Continuing 4-H'ers should include at least 2 or 3 years. Records for 2025-2026 should include, in this order: Cover, activity record, and project record(s). Supplemental records can be added as used by the 4-H'er. Colored paper or cardstock inserted in-between years is helpful.
- Record books should not include photographs (unless requested on specific record sheet), news clippings or project leaflets.
- All 4-H exhibitors must show a record book to the exhibit secretary during entry time or the 4-H Office before Friday. They have the option of entering record books for judging. 4-H horse show exhibitors may turn in their record books at the horse show on Saturday.
- Best in Show will be awarded for Junior Records, Senior Records, and Scrapbook.
 - Project Records – Junior (completed up to Fair time)
 - Project Records – Senior (completed up to Fair time)
 - Club Secretary's Books
 - Club Treasurer's Books
 - Club Scrapbook
 - Individual Scrapbook – any topic



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CLASS 13 - FOOD PRESERVATION

(Canned or Dried Foods, No Frozen Foods)

- All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- Each exhibitor is allowed to enter more than one entry in a lot provided each entry is a different variety.
- All entries must be labeled and dated with month, day and year and accompanied by the recipe.
- All entries must have been preserved after the previous year's fair.
- Jars made specifically for canning must be used for canned foods.
- All canned foods should be checked for spoilage and proper seal before exhibiting.
- All canned foods must be accompanied by a recipe card.
- Label must state whether the product was processed in a pressure cooker or boiling water bath. Hot pack alone for jams and jellies are not acceptable. Paraffin seals will not be accepted. Non-acid vegetables, meats, fish and poultry must be processed in a pressure cooker to insure against spoilage and food poisoning.

Includes: 1 jar of fruit, vegetables, juice, jam or jelly, pickles, relish, any other canned food

Dried fruit, vegetable, or jerky in a sealed bag, cookie or other mix in a jar, honey or maple syrup in a glass, sealed container

CLASS 14 - COLLECTIONS

- All collections must be neatly and well labeled by the exhibitor. Include name, theme, and information about the collection.
- All collections must have a description on a **SEPARATE PAGE**, outlining the collection information, how it was acquired, why it was collected, etc.
- Each item in the collection should be individually labeled.
- In judging collections, the size and value of the collection will not be considered as important as the exhibitor's knowledge and effort.
- No collection may be entered that has previously been exhibited at the fair unless there have been 5 or more additions.

CLASS 15 - PHOTOGRAPHY

- Photographs entered must have been taken by 4-H members during or after the previous year's fair. All photographs should be mounted.
- Caption all photographs.
- For filter use and/or photo shop editing, write on a 3x5 card how you altered the photo.
- Entry numbers may be limited by superintendent based on space.
- Junior and Senior Best in Show awarded.

Includes: Animals, People, Landscapes, Seascapes, Nature, Objects, 4-H Activity, Photography album on a single theme, or 4 (four) photos with clever captions.

CLASS 29 - EXPLORERS IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

An opportunity for Explorers to enter items they have made, collected, or grown. Items will not be judged or evaluated. This is a non-competitive program.

- Use the 4-H Explorers Comment Card.
- Entries receive a participation or Explorers ribbon

CLASS 31- CREATIVE WRITING

- All work must be original.
- Entries will be judged on creativity.
- Entries may include illustrations with words.

Includes: Poetry collection, short story, journal entries, journal, song lyrics.



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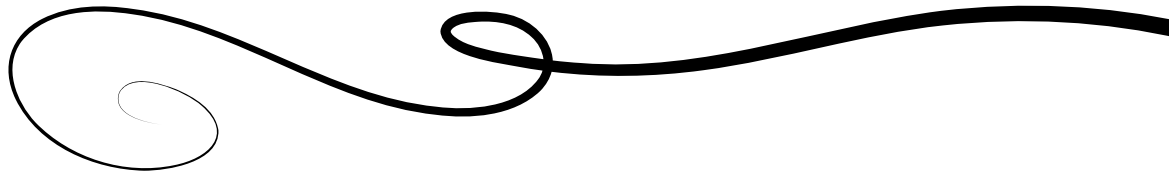
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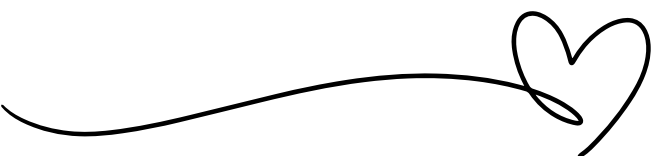
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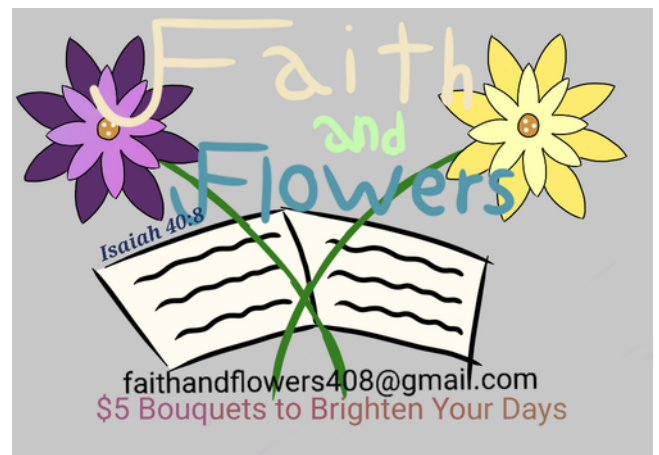
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CLASS 32— JUST FOR FUN

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Non-native Invasive

Collection of 3 or more labeled varieties of non-native invasive plants – must include roots. Entries will be destroyed at the end of the fair.

Rocks

A rock shaped like a map of CT, a rock shaped like a 4-H (4 leaf) clover, a rock shaped like any other object (label on entry card), Painted, or Pet Rock (must have a name) and may be painted, dressed, or have accessories (bed, furniture, etc.).

CLASS 33 – JUST FOR GROWN-UPS

- Open to any 4-H associated adult.
- Judging is on Danish System.
- Ribbons will be awarded.

Includes: Cooking (include recipe), Crafts (include instructions), Photography— a picture of your club/youth working on their 4-H project or participating at a 4-H event or any other 4-H youth related activity.

CLASS 35 – HAY

- Indicate on judging card if hay is home grown or bought.
- Specify type of hay and grass on the judging card.
- Please put hay flake in a plastic bag.

1 flake home grown hay or bought hay in a plastic bag

CLASS 37 – MODEL HORSE SHOW

Create a horse show class scene using a model horse. For example, scenes can be Fitting & Showmanship, trail class, costume class, Hunter/Jumper, paddock or grooming area, a famous horse, or miscellaneous class.

- The scene should be accompanied by index cards describing the class. The index card should tell the story of your scene.
- Space limited to 18x24 inches.
- Riders are optional.
- Judged on age, suitability, correct fitting tack for discipline, effort, detail, safety, quality, & condition.
- Items should be in scale to the horse.
- Store bought items not necessary, 4-H'ers are invited to be creative!
- "Horse" refers to horse or pony.

CLASS 38– FLEECE SHOW

Raw, unwashed sheep fleeces can be entered into this show. Only fleeces shorn in the last 12 months may be shown. Purchased fleeces are not eligible—they must be from sheep that have been cared for by 4-Hers throughout the year. Fiber from grade animals is welcome, in addition to fiber from purebred animals. **Fleeces must be packed in clear plastic bags, one fleece per bag. All fleece MUST be skirted.** Entries will be evaluated based on cleanliness, strength of fiber, crimp, luster (shine), handle (softness, based on breed standard), and uniformity. The classes are as follows:

- White fleece
- Natural colored fleece

EXHIBIT HALL VEHICLE RACE

1. Make a vehicle to be entered in any Exhibit Hall class (ex: craft, model, horticulture, wood working)
 - Vehicle should not exceed 7 inches long and 8 inches wide
 - A vehicle can also be made at the fair LEGO activity booth.
 - A vehicle is anything on wheels
 - Any material can be used for wheels and axels, including purchased items
2. Enter your vehicle on Friday to be judged on design and workmanship. Danish ribbons will be awarded.
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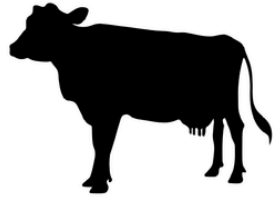
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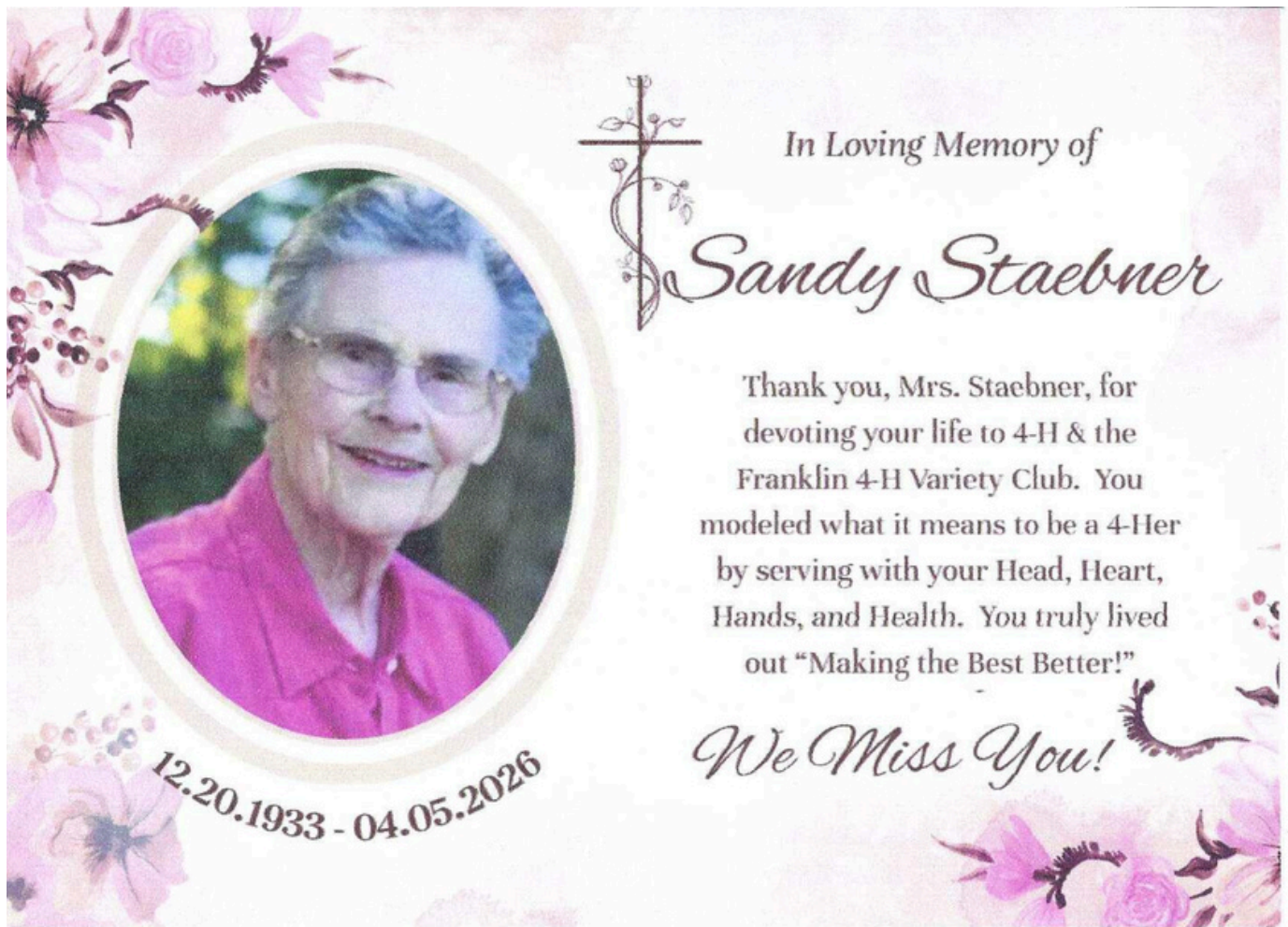


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4-H EXPLORERS FAIR WORKSHOP

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Goat Ring

Leader:

An opportunity for Explorers to experience handling an animal in a show ring. Note: NO Explorer should have a project animal.

- Animals are borrowed from older 4-H'ers to use in this workshop.
- Older 4-H'ers and and/or a parent may accompany the Explorer.
- 3 classes: calves (spring calves born 3/1-5/3 only) goats and sheep (small breed or kids/lambs) other animals (rabbit, chicken, pet)
- Each Explorer will share with an adult what they know and/or are learning about the animal they have borrowed.
- Workshop participants receive a participation or special Explorers ribbon.
- In New London County, this workshop is open to 4-H Explorer's and other youth with parent/caregiver permission.

For other activities CT 4-H Explorers can do while at the Fair, click [here](#) for information, activities, and worksheets.

Hay Toss

Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Cow Ring

Superintendent: Brendan M.

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PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Superintendent: Lilly S. & Brendan M.

The champion showmen of beef, dairy cattle, dogs, goats, poultry, sheep, rabbits and horses will compete if the champion showman is in the intermediate or senior age and experience group.

- If the same 4-H'er wins champion showmanship for 2 or more species, they will choose the primary show they wish to represent and then the runner-up will be called. If there are no intermediate or senior showmen for that species, animals for that species will be used at the owners' discretion.
- Contestants are judged on their showmanship ability with all species. The premier showmanship contest may be entered and won by a champion 4-H showman more than once. 4-H'ers will need footwear appropriate for showing large animals.
- Awards: Champion will receive an award, Reserve Champion will receive a rosette.

4-H OLYMPICS MMXXVI

Sunday, 1:00 a.m. Pull Ring

Superintendent: CeCe F.

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For those seeking more information, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has an excellent resource available at:

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- a. Maintain an attractive livestock exhibit.
- b. Promote all safety practices.

Exhibits will be scored at least three times throughout the weekend.

Award: The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony. The Herdsmanship plaque will be engraved with the name of the winning club and the individual winner of the year, presented at the County 4-H Recognition Program, and hung at the New London County Extension Center. Winning club receives a Gift Certificate for a pizza party and individual a gift certificate to Tractor Supply.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORECARD

1. PREPARATION OF THE EXHIBIT

- Adequate, clean bright bedding (10 pts.)
- Animals attractively space in pens (10 pts.)
- Decorations neat and attractive (10 pts.)
- Appropriate signs (5 pts.)
- Well-chosen color scheme - background, tack-boxes, etc. (5 pts.)

2. APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE OF EXHIBITORS

- Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, able to answer questions about animal or exhibit (15 pts.)
- Clothes and person neat and clean, appropriated dressed (5 pts.)

3. CARE OF THE EXHIBIT

- Animals clean, clipped (before show), feet trimmed (20 pts.)
- Aisles kept neat and clean (10 pts.)
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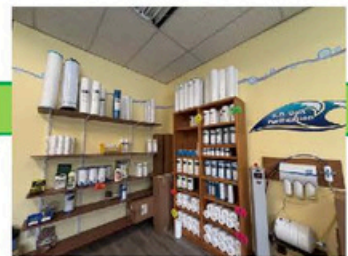
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- 4-H'ers may enter at any time up to the workshop.
- EV3 kits can be borrowed if you do not own a kit.
- Awards: Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts. White 0 pts.

The Challenge: A Day at the Games

Join us for a fun sports themed challenge for this year's fair. Design and pilot a robot that will navigate around obstacles and get in to the goal zone.

If this sounds like fun, please join us for this year's robotics workshop and game -- A Day at the Games. In this event, you will learn to design, build, and program a LEGO EV3 robot to meet your goals.

There will be workshops and games on both Saturday and Sunday at the pavilion during the fair. This event is for participants ages 7-19, 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers. Registration forms are in the fair book. While you do not have to register, we appreciate it as we want to be sure we have enough equipment for all of the participants.

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Entry Form

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- No horned animals may be shown, except for fiber and meat breeds (horns must be blunt).
- Animals' ages will be computed from date of show.
- All animals must have a health certificate, 4-H animal project verification form and USDA-approved identification. Due to space limitations, entries will be limited to New London County 4-H'ers only.
- No goats shown under the age of two months.
- Every exhibitor is allowed two entries per lot.
- Animals shown must be owned or leased by 6/1/26.
- Breeds will be shown in the following order: Alpine, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Pygmy Goats, Recorded Grade/ Experimental, Saanen, Toggenburg, Unrecorded Grade, Boer
- Purebreds and Grades will be shown separately.
- All wethers shall be shown in the pet and showmanship classes
- No bucks over 8 weeks of age.
- Previous milkers show in their age group whether milking or not.
- There will be a mandatory pre-show milk-out for dairy goats: 8:00 p.m., Friday.
- Dairy show attire: white shirt with collar, white or khaki pants or skirt, closed-toe shoes or boots. Produce show attire: white shirt with collar, jeans, closed-toe shoes or boots.
- Awards: Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts. White

Lot:

1. Novice Fitting and Showmanship, any age, first year showing goats
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship, 8-11
3. Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship, 12-14
4. Senior Fitting and Showmanship, 15-19
5. Champion Showman

Dairy Goats

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7. Junior doelings (5 months to 8 months)
8. Senior doelings (9 months to 12 months)
9. Yearlings (13 months to 24 months)
10. Milking does 1 to 2 years
11. Milking does 2 to 3 years
12. Milking does 3 to 5 years
13. Milking does 5 and over

Produce Goats

14. Meat yearling, 1 to 2 years
15. Meat Doe, 2 to 4 years
16. Meat Doe, 5+ years
17. Meat Doe kid, under 6 months
18. Meat Doe kid, 6 to 12 months
19. Meat wether, under 6 months
20. Meat wether, 6 to 12 months

Combined Classes

21. Junior Breed Champion
22. Overall Junior Champion & Reserve
23. Senior Breed Champion
24. Overall Senior Champion & Reserve
25. Best Doe in Show
26. Daughter and Dam
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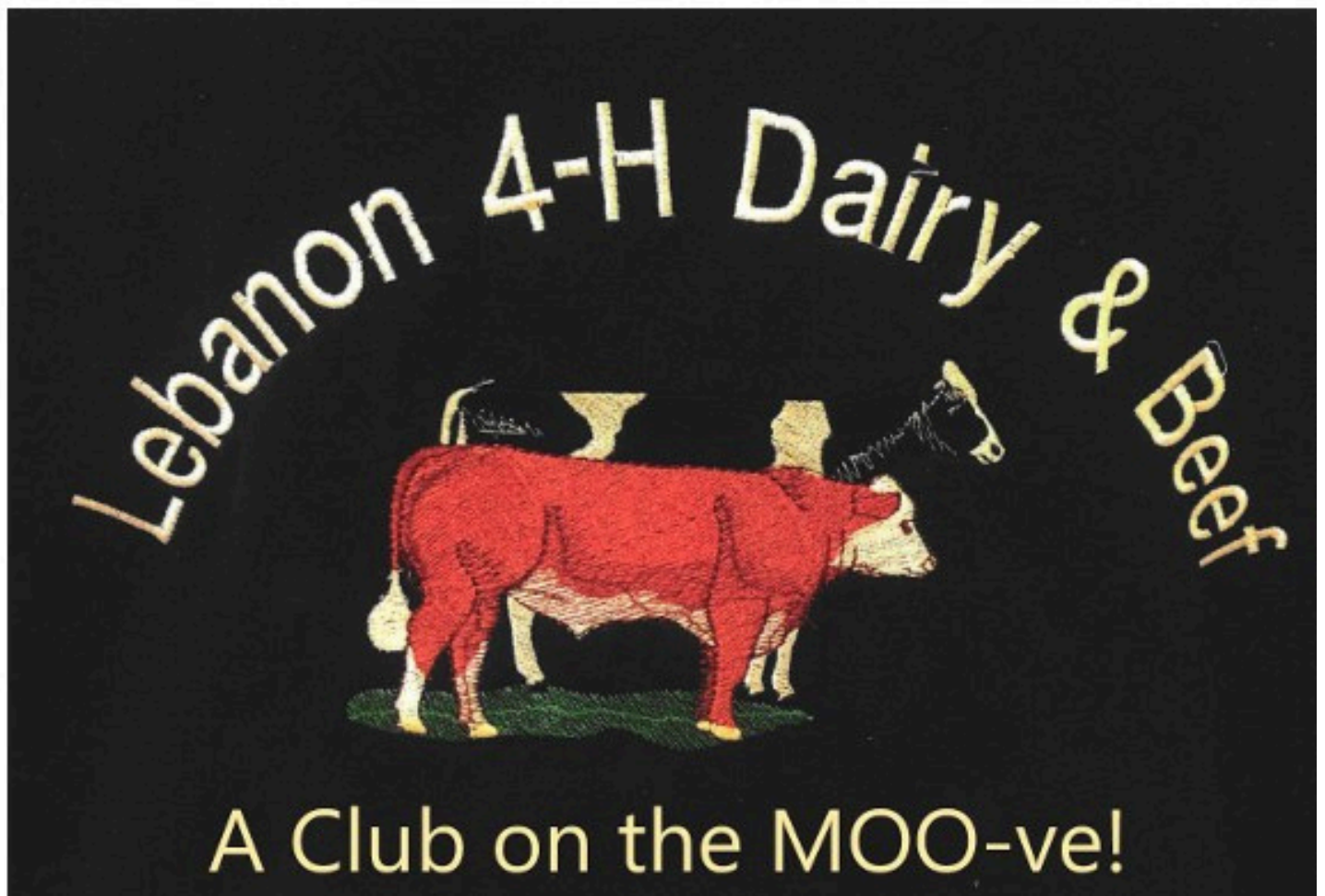
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PACK/UTILITY GOATS – CLASS 21U

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Superintendents: CeCe F.

Entry Form

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- Open to dry does and wethers aged 5 months and up of any breed.
- Goats with horns (*meat & fiber breeds only*) must have the horns tipped blunt or have horn caps.
- For the obstacle course goats are shown in either a collar or halter with a lead. Goats older than 1 year will be shown with either a soft pack or cross buck saddle. Cross buck saddle packs typically are not used until the goat is fully mature at about 4 years of age.
- **Goat-Pack/Utility Class 21 is open to any 4-H youth in CT, RI or MA who do not have access to Pack/Utility classes within their own 4-H county or state.**
 - Goats arrive by 7:30 am day of show for check in.
 - **NO barn accommodation available. Must provide own pen/shelter.**
 - **All goats crossing state lines must have official USDA approved ID and be accompanied by a health certificate issued as prescribed by CT Dept. of Ag. Rules for showing.**
 - **Non-New London County 4-H youth must bring a copy of their 4-H verification form.**
 - **Non-New London County 4-H youth will not be eligible for premiums of Premier Showmanship.**
 - **Must follow all general rules and regulations as outlined in the NLC 4-H Fair program.**

Pack/Utility Goat Showmanship

- The members should know the parts of a pack, saddle, and their goat.
- Intermediate and senior level members should be able to place a saddle/pack on their goats.
- Points are deducted if the pack slips or falls off.
- Yearling goats will not carry any weight.
- Goats two years and older may be required to add weight to their packs as they go through.
- Weight should not exceed 10% of the goat's weight for a soft pack or 20% for a cross buck saddle.
- The goat should be able to stand still while being saddled and if weight is added. Points will be deducted for excessive movement.
- The goat should follow on a loose lead (no dragging or pulling the goat) through the obstacle course. Points will be deducted if the member drags the goat or has an excessively taut lead.
- Show attire: white shirt with khaki pants or jeans with dark closed toe shoes or boots, matching belt.
- Pack/Utility Showmanship Class - The judge will award points in the following areas:
 - Condition of the pack goat and the handler appearance
 - Handling pack and saddling goat (Intermediate and senior level)
 - Knowledge
 - Member/pack goat working relationship.
 - Obstacle course consisting of 8 obstacles including a distraction and water element.
- Pack/Utility Goat Conformation Class - The judge will award points in the following areas:
 - Structural Correctness (General body, legs, back)
 - Muscle
 - Gait
 - Working goat attitude.

LOT:

- 1-U. Conformation 5-12 months.
- 2-U. Conformation 1-2 years.
- 3-U. Conformation 2-4 years.
- 4-U. Conformation 4 years and older.
- 5-U. Overall Conformation Champion and Reserve (1st & 2nd place winners from lots 1-4)
- 6-U. Jr. Novice Pack/Utility Showmanship 8-11 years, first year showing pack/utility
- 7-U. Sr. Novice Pack/Utility Showmanship 12-19 years, first year showing pack/utility
- 8-U. Junior Pack/Utility Showmanship 8-11 years
- 9-U. Intermediate Pack/Utility Showmanship 12-14 years
- 10-U. Senior Pack/Utility Showmanship 15-19 years
- 11-U. Champion Pack/Utility Showmanship (1st & 2nd place winners from lots 1-5)
- 12-U. Explorer Pack Class - Open to 4-H Explorers working a pack goat through the obstacle course





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RABBITS - CLASS 16

Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Superintendent: Krista Kettle

Entry Form

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Rabbits & small pets will remain in the small animal barn through the weekend. If temperatures are expected to go over 95°, animals can be taken home after the show. Frozen water bottles in cages will help keep rabbits cool. Exhibitors – please check on rabbits regularly. The public will not be allowed close contact with the animals. Exhibitors will handle only their own animals.

- Any animal showing signs of illness or disease will be denied entry.
- State the breed on the entry card.
- Rabbits will be judged on individual merit. Pedigrees must meet ARBA standards.
- Junior does and bucks are rabbits under the age of 6 months; senior does and bucks are rabbits over the age of 6 months.
- Exhibitors must be present and handle their own animals for judging Showmanship.
- Show attire – black pants or skirt, white shirt with collar.
- Exhibitors must supply their own feed and water containers and care for their animals.
- The top showman age 12 or older may participate in the Premier Showmanship Contest on Sunday.
- Juniors under 12 years old.
- Seniors 12 – 19 years old.
- All exhibitors must compete in Showmanship.
- Classes may be combined or divided depending on entries.
- Awards: Blue 7 pts. Red 5 pts. White

Lot:

Pet Class

- a. Junior Doe b. Junior Buck
- c. Senior Doe d. Senior Buck

Purebred

- a. Junior Doe b. Junior Buck
- c. Senior Doe d. Senior Buck

Showmanship

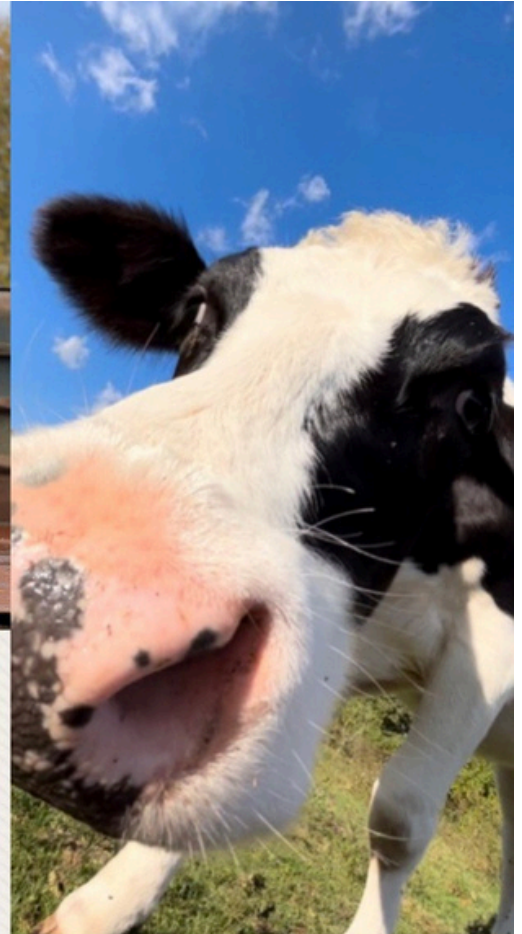
- a. 1st year any age b. Junior under 12
- c. Senior 12-19

Championships:

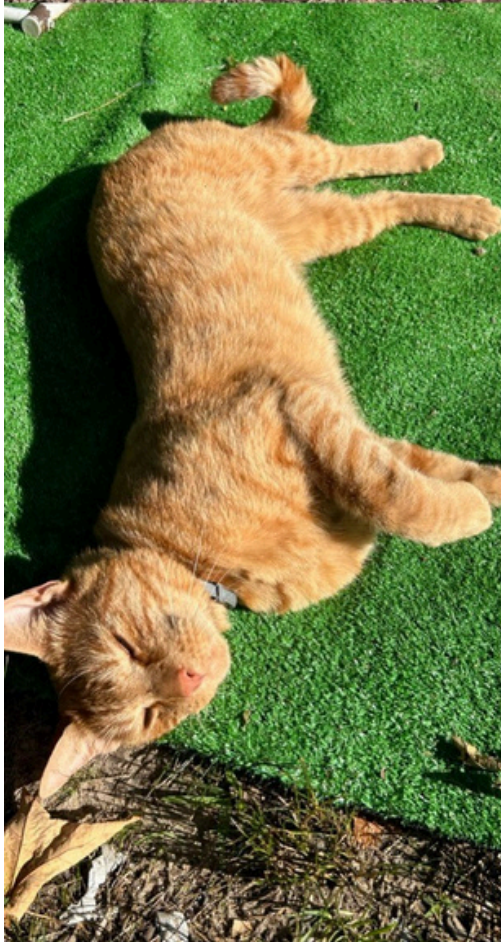
Purebred Pet

1st Year Showman Junior Showman Senior Showman





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POULTRY– CLASS 17

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Micheala S.

Entry Form

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Due to Avian Influenza, no waterfowl may be exhibited or displayed at the 2026 New London Country 4-H Fair

Poultry will remain in the small animal barn throughout the weekend. If temperatures exceed 90 degrees F, birds can be taken home after showing. **The public will not be allowed to have close contact with birds. Only exhibitors are allowed to handle and groom animals once on the fairgrounds.**

- All birds must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1, 2026.
- Entries are limited to 10 birds per exhibitor.
- Per Connecticut Department of Agriculture 2026 Fair and Show Requirements, all birds must have a negative Salmonella pullorum test results submitted on check-in and have an identification band.
- Birds must be in good health. Any animal showing illness, signs of disease or signs of parasites will be denied entry.
- Exhibitors must supply their own food and water containers and care for their own birds.
- General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
- The age, sex and breed (if known) of each bird must be clearly stated on the entry card. Birds must be at least four months old to be exhibited.
- Class Definitions:
 - **Standard:** Full-sized recognized breeds that meet breed standard characteristics
 - **Bantam:** Miniature or small-sized recognized breeds that meet breed standard characteristics.
 - **Pet:** a bird of unknown breed, mixed breed, or with breed disqualifications. Dash any size.
 - **Pullet:** Female chicken under one year old
 - **Hen:** Female chicken one year or older
 - **Cockerel:** Male chicken under one year old
 - **Cock:** Male chicken one year or older
 - **Novice:** First year showing poultry, any age
 - **Junior:** Returning exhibitor, age 11 and under
 - **Senior:** Returning exhibitor, age 12 or older line down
- All exhibitors must compete in showmanship.
- Show attire is black pants, white shirt with collar.
- The top Senior Showman may compete in the premiere showmanship on Sunday.
- Awards: Blue = 7 pts, Red = 5 pts, White = 0 pts

Lot:

1. Standard - Cockerel/Cock
2. Standard - Pullet/Hen
3. Bantam - Cockerel/Cock
4. Bantam - Pullet/Hen
5. Pet Class
6. Other
7. Novice Showman
8. Junior Showman
9. Senior Showman

Championships:

- Standard - Cockerel/Cock
- Standard - Pullet/Hen
- Bantam - Cockerel/Cock
- Bantam - Pullet/Hen
- Pet Class
- Other
- Grand Champion - Best Overall
- Novice Showman
- Junior Showman
- Senior Showman





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DAIRY CATTLE- CLASS 18

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Superintendents: Taylor L.

Entry Form

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- All cattle must have current rabies vaccination.
- All purebred animals must be registered or leased in the exhibitor's name. Registration and lease papers will be checked.
- Each exhibitor will be required to enter Fitting and Showmanship.
- Every exhibitor is allowed 2 entries per lot, except Fitting and Showmanship.
- Animals shown must be owned or leased by exhibitor by May 1, 2026.
- Lots 7-21 will be separated into 6 divisions and shown by breeds in the following order: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn.
- Leases and project verification forms must accompany animal. Past leases are needed if animal is selected as a cow to go to the Big E.
- Grades and registered animals will show together.
- All cattle will be tied with halters.
- Show attire – white pants or skirt, white shirt with collar.
- Nomination for the New England 4-H Dairy Program will take place Saturday afternoon. Applicants must be available. A parent must be present to sign the application for each member who is nomi- nated.
- The show will be judged with rosettes and Danish ribbons, the highest placed Intermediate or Sen- ior Champion Showman will compete in Premier Showmanship on Sunday.
- Awards: Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts. White

Lot:

1. Novice Fitting and Showmanship– first year showing dairy, ages 7-12
2. Novice Fitting and Showmanship– first year showing dairy, ages 13-19
3. Junior Fitting and Showmanship, ages 9-12
4. Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship, ages 13-15
5. Senior Fitting and Showmanship, ages 16-19
6. Champion Dairy Showmanship
7. Spring Calf born 3/1/26– 5/31/26
8. Winter Calf born 12/1/25 to 2/28/26
9. Fall Calf born 9/1/25 to 11/30/25
10. Summer Yearling 6/1/25 to 8/31/25
11. Spring Yearling born 3/1/25 to 5/31/25
12. Winter Yearling born 12/1/24 to 2/28/25
13. Junior Champion
14. Fall Yearling born 9/1/24 to 11/30/24
15. Junior Two Year Old born 3/1/24 to 8/31/24
16. Senior Two Year Old born 9/1/23 to 2/28/24
17. Three Year Old born 9/1/22 to 8/31/23
18. Four Year Old 9/1/21 to 8/31/22
19. Five Year Old & Older Cows born before 9/1/21
20. Dry Cow
21. Senior Champion
22. Breed Champion
23. Supreme Champion Dairy Animal– Champion of each breed
24. Daughter- Dam Class
25. Best Three Females – owned by one exhibitor
26. Club Herd- 3 to 7 animals owned or leased by 2 or more 4-H'ers in one club. (One entry per club)

Championships:

Champion Fitting & Showmanship

Reserve Champion Fitting & Showmanship

Supreme Dairy Animal

Best in Breed: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn





4-H SPIRIT AWARD

Contact the UConn 4-H New London County office for more information.

AWARD CRITERIA:

4-H Spirit Award – Presented to a 4-H member who embodies what it means to truly live out the 4-H motto of “Making the Best Better”. They exemplify 4-H characteristics including: kindness, generosity, helpfulness, enthusiasm for 4-H and their 4-H project, along with care and concern for the well-being and success of others. They actively seek out ways to practice confidence, independence, resiliency, and compassion to become a true leader by spreading the 4-H message through their words and actions. They thrive personally and make a noticeable difference in the 4-H environment within their club and beyond.

4-H Head Award – Presented to a 4-H member who demonstrates thoughtfulness. They are clear-headed, with a willingness to share their knowledge with peers and the larger community. They understand that they are still learning themselves and welcome opportunities for personal growth and development. They keep their cool in difficult situations and always strive to help others creatively problem solve using critical thinking skills and available resources.

4-H Heart Award – Presented to a 4-H member who demonstrates compassion, caring and helpfulness to others. They are unselfish, looking to help others grow and thrive rather than being focused on their own desires. They strive to make others feel welcome and crucial to the success of the club and the larger organization by accepting differences and nurturing positive relationships. Through cooperation and communication, they focus on empathy for others and the development of social skills among group members.

4-H Hands Award – Presented to a 4-H member who demonstrates hard work and a willingness to truly dive into their 4-H project and the success of their 4-H club. They practice leadership through volunteering and community service in an effort to assist others and be a responsible part of their community. They are often self-motivated yet understand the importance of teamwork for personal development and the success of the group as a whole.

4-H Health Award – Presented to a 4-H member who demonstrates healthy lifestyle choices. They possess self-esteem and project a healthy attitude toward others. They are dedicated to fostering ways to improve a particular situation through self-discipline, recognizing personal safety and responsibility for the welfare of everyone involved. They strive to be an example for others through their own choices and behaviors, approaching life with a sense of purpose and character.





BEEF - CLASS 19

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

Superintendent: Brayden M.



Entry Form

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- All cattle must have current rabies vaccination. Health papers will be checked.
- All animals will be checked upon arrival, any animals deemed unhealthy by the superintendent will not be permitted into the barns. Animals must not have: warts, pink-eye, hoof rot, cough, mange, lice, runny nose, etc.
- Show sticks are required.
- All steers in attendance must be fully castrated.
- Every exhibitor is allowed 2 entries per lot, fitting and showmanship is 1.
- All cattle must be tied with halters. Neckties are optional.
- Bull calves up to 6 months may be shown; they will be weighed and assigned to market classes. Show attire- khaki or dark pants/jeans, shirt/polo with collar. NO ripped jeans or shorts.
- The show will be judged with rosettes and Danish ribbons, the highest placed Intermediate or Senior Champion Showman will compete in Premier Showmanship on Sunday.
- Awards: Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts. White

Lot:

*F&S- Fitting and Showmanship

- 1A. Novice F&S, 7-12, 1st time showing beef
- 1B. Novice F&S, 13-19, 1st time showing beef
- 1C. Junior F&S- Ages 8-11
- 1D. Intermediate F&S- Ages 12-14
- 1E. Senior F&S- Ages 15-19

*Lots (2-7) will be shown in order from Hereford, Angus, All other purebreds, Crossbred cattle. Breed champion chosen at the end of each breed.

2. Heifer calf up to 6 months
3. Heifer calf 6 months– 1 year
4. Heifer 12-18 months
5. Heifer 18-24 months
6. 2 year old Cow
7. 3 year old Cow
8. Aged Cow (4 or older)
9. Cow-Calf
10. Club Herd- 3+ animals of any breed from 1 club

*Market Classes- Scales are open from 10-12 noon Saturday. After beef cattle are weighed, market classes will be determined. All breeds to be shown together in market classes. Steers and bull calves only. No bull calf older than 6 months. All steers must have been castrated at least 1 month prior to the show.

11. Feeder calf
12. Lightweight Steer
13. Medium weight steer
14. Heavyweight steer

Championships:

Grand Champion F&S
Reserve Grand Champion F&S
Supreme Champion Animal (all breeds)
Reserve Supreme Champion Animal (all breeds)
Grand Champion Steer
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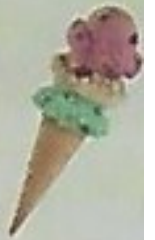


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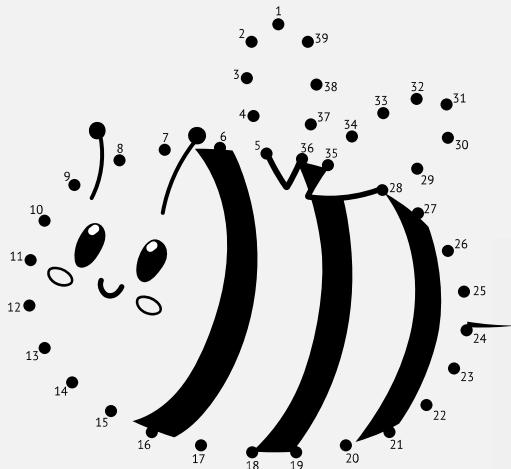
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Interested in more information?

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SHEEP - CLASS 20

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Superintendent: Miranda M.

Entry Form

s.uconn.edu/nlcfair26sheep



- All sheep must have rabies vaccinations, health certificates and official USDA-approved ID.
- All animals will be inspected before unloading; the superintendents reserve the right to reject any entry for health reasons.
- All entries must be clean and properly fitted.
- Lease papers, health papers and 4-H project verification papers must be shown to the superintendents when you check in.
- No lambs under 4 months old will be exhibited or shown.
- Only ewes and wethers will be allowed in market class. No Rams.
- An animal may be shown in purebred or market classes, not both.
- Except for lambs, age of animals will be figured as of 9/1/23, but lambs must have only lambs' teeth and yearlings can show no more than four permanent teeth.
- Purebred animals must show registration papers matching their ear tags and/or tattoo numbers.
- Animals shown in group classes must have been shown in previous breed classes.
- Wool and breed sheep shall be shown with sufficient fleece length to allow it to be judged properly (1 to 2 inches in length) and properly fitted.
- Show attire – solid color pants, white shirt with collar.
- Awards: Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts. White
- Breed divisions will be determined on the day of the show. Possible breeds may include:
 - Lincoln, Doper, Cotswold, Tunis, Southdown, Romney, Texel, among others.

Lot:

1. Novice Fitting & Showmanship – any age, 1st year showing sheep
2. Junior Fitting & Showmanship - ages 8-11
3. Intermediate Fitting & Showmanship - ages 12-14
4. Senior Fitting & Showmanship - ages 15-19
5. Champion Showman
6. Ewe Lamb, born 9/1/25 - 3/24/26. No lambs born after 3/24/26.
7. Pair of Ewe Lambs
8. Yearling Ewe, not yet 2 years old
9. Pair of Yearling Ewes
10. Aged Ewes over two years
11. Dam and Offspring (offspring over 4 months old, either sex)
12. Ram Lamb, born 9/1/25 - 3/24/26.
13. Pair of Ram Lambs
14. Yearling Ram
15. Champion Ram/Champion Ewe
16. Grade Ewe Lamb, born 9/1/25 - 3/24/26.
17. Grade Yearling Ewe, over 2 years old
18. Best Fleece, any ewe or ram over 4 months of age
19. Pen decorating contest, contestants will need to have a theme of their choosing. Pen decorations must be in place by 7:30pm on Friday night.



Championships:

Champion Showman
Best Fleece
Champion Ram
Champion Ewe

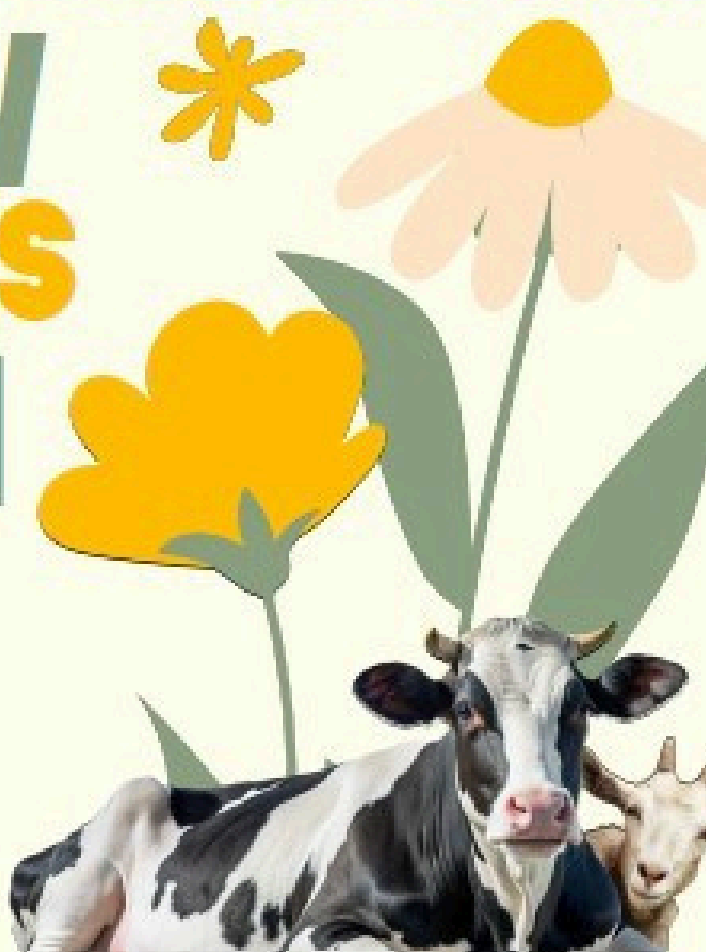


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4-H PET SHOW – CLASS 22

Sunday, 10:00a.m. in the pavilion area.

Superintendent: Kaelin D.



Entry Form

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The animals will be on display for Sunday afternoon only, Open to 4-H youth ages 7-18 (as of 1/1/2026)
Exotic pets must be kept in a locking container with proper heat, water and ventilation.

Pets must be leashed or crated at all times.

Pets can be handled only with the owner present. Hand sanitizer will be used after each presentation.

- **This class includes cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, white mice, gerbils, snakes, reptiles, and small birds.**
- **Dogs and cats must have proof of current rabies vaccination.**
- **Exhibitors must supply their own cage, feed, and water bottle, etc.**
- **Pets are exhibited at the exhibitors own risk. The NLC Fair Association is not responsible for loss or injury.**
- **Any animals showing signs of illness or disease will be denied entry.**
- **All animals must be crated or on a short leash before and after the show.**
- **Awards (for Pet/Pet care): Blue 7pts, Red 5pts, White**

Lot:

1. Guinea Pigs (cavies)
2. Hamsters, White Mice, Gerbils
3. Cats
4. Reptiles, Snakes
5. Dogs
6. Other pets

Championships:

Champion Showman

Reserve Champion Showman

Best in Show Pet

Reserve Best in Show Pet



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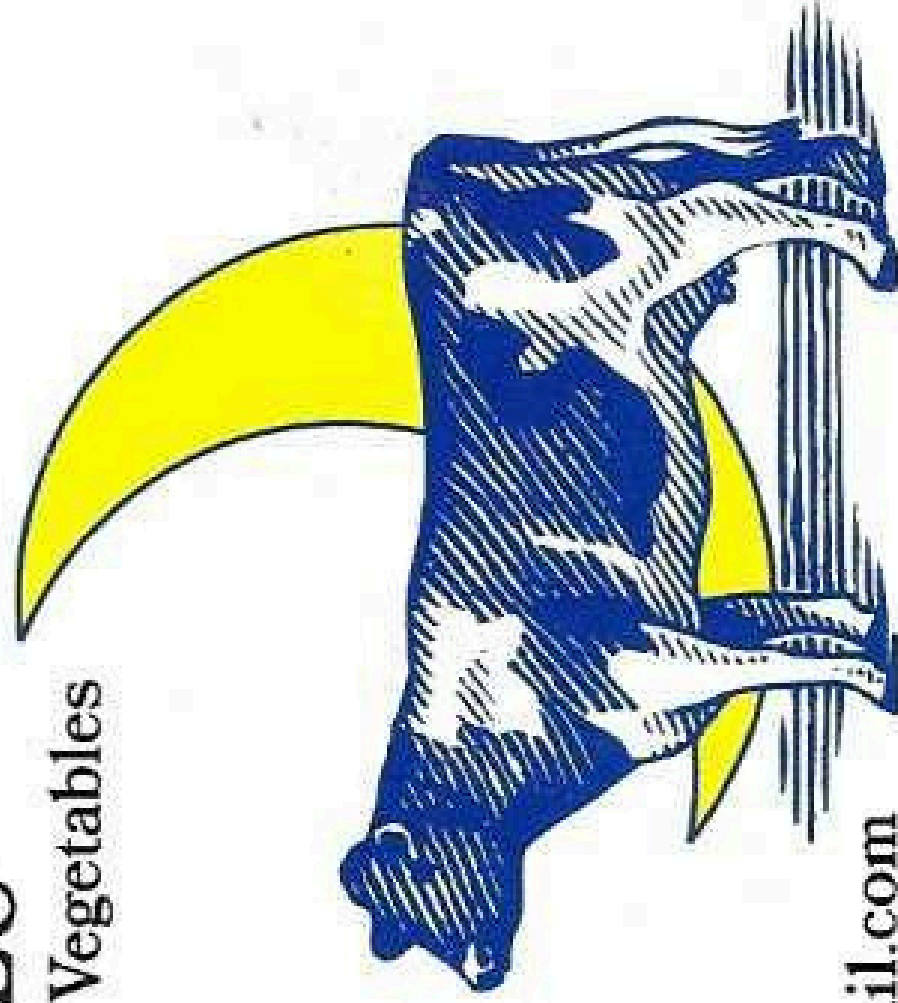
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Horse Show– Class 25

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Superintendents: Olivia H.

Entry Form

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- **Only horses that are VERIFIED projects are allowed at the fairgrounds.**
- **Only youth who are verified to the horse are allowed to participate in the mounted activities.**
- **Awards: Showmanship Blue 12 pts. Red 8 pts.**
- **Classes 4-28 Blue 3 pts. Red 1 pt White 0**

Saturday Class List:

1. Novice showmanship
2. Junior showmanship
3. Senior showmanship
4. Saddle type halter (in hand)
5. Stock type halter (in hand)
6. Leadline equitation
7. Leadline pleasure
8. Leadline command
9. Walk/trot equitation
10. Walk/trot pleasure
11. Walk/trot command
12. Walk/trot/canter equitation
13. Walk/trot/canter pleasure
14. Walk/trot/canter command
15. Walk/trot/canter hunter under saddle
16. Crossrails equitation over fences
17. Crossrails hunter over fences
18. Walk/trot/canter 2' equitation
19. Walk/trot/canter 2' hunter
20. Walk/trot/canter versatility
21. In Hand trail
22. Mounted trail
23. Costume class

Sunday Class List:

24. Mug race
25. Water relay race
26. Apple juice race
27. Egg and spoon
28. Golf ball race
29. Toilet paper race
30. Barrel race
31. Keyhole
32. Musical grain bags
33. Sit a buck



Championships: Saturday

- In Hand Championship will include classes: 1, 2, or 3, 4 or 5, and 21
- Walk/Trot Championship will include classes: 1, 2, or 3, 9,10, 11 and 22
- Walk/Trot/Canter Championship will include classes: 1, 2, or 3, 12, 13, 14 and 22

Championships: Sunday

- Walk/TrotGymkhana-ALL CLASSES INCLUDED (24,25,26, 27, 28, 29, 29, 30, 31, 32)
- Walk/Trot/Canter Gymkhana- ALL CLASSES INCLUDED (24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32)

Chet Perkins Sportsmanship Award

This award is in memory of Chester Perkins, a 50-plus year leader of the Quad H Nutmeggers Club of Stonington, CT. Chet taught that good sportsmanship and courtesy to others is always more important than any amount of trophies and ribbons. May the 4-H'er who receives this award, always exhibit good sportsmanship, courtesy, and kindness to others. The award is presented at the New London County 4-H Horse Show, and is donated by former Quad H Nutmeggers Leader Susanne Robinson.



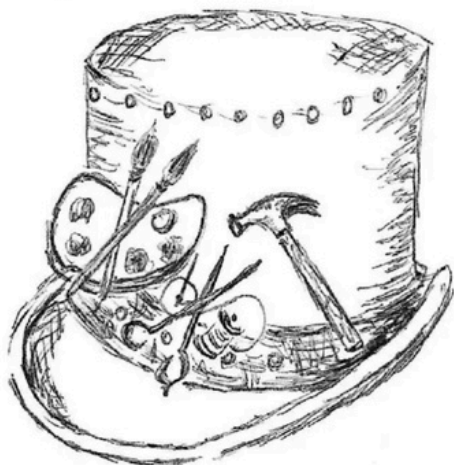
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- Contestants compete at their own risk.
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- Good sportsmanship and conduct is expected. Any poor sportsmanship or inappropriate actions will be grounds for disqualification by the Superintendent's discretion, backed by a mentor, and 4- H staff.
- We will be operating the pulls on the honor system. If you have weighed the animal/team at least once this season then you will not need to weigh the day of the pull. If you have a new animal/ team that has not been weighed then you will need to weigh ahead of time as you would at any other fair

HORSE PULL

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

- Health papers will be checked, current rabies vaccination and Coggins test required.
- All exhibitors are expected to follow the guidelines previously published by the Eastern Draft Horse Association.

Classes:	Premiums:
1. Under 3200 lbs.	50 40 30 20 10
2. Over 3100 lbs.	50 40 30 20 10

OX PULL

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

- Health papers will be checked, current rabies vaccination required.
- The Ox Pull will be run according to the rules and regulations of the N.E. Ox Teamsters Association. A whip or goad stick may be used (one-handed only). Sticks may be taped; the judge has the right to check the stick. No face whipping will be allowed.

Classes:	Premiums:
1. Kids Class (16 years and under)	50 40 30 20 10
2. 2000 pounds	50 40 30 20 10
3. 2400 pounds	50 40 30 20 10
4. 2800 pounds	50 40 30 20 10
5. 3200 pounds	50 40 30 20 10
6. Free for All	50 40 30 20 10

ANIMAL COSTUME CLASS

Sunday, 12:00 a.m. Cattle Ring

Superintendent: Albert G.

- Please check-in for class with superintendents by 9:40a.m. in the goat barn.
- Open to any animal species with a 4-Her.
- Each exhibitor and animal should be appropriately attired in the costume of his/her choice.
- Pairs may be entered as a single entry.
- Ribbons will be awarded for 1st-6th Place, and for "Most Creative," "Funniest," and "People's Choice."
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4-H RABBIT HOPPING CONTEST

Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Superintendent: Cassidy S.
Sign-up 8:30 a.m.

- You may 'borrow' a rabbit for this event.
- Advance entries are not required.
- All rabbits need an "H" harness and 5-6 foot leash.
- The judge has the right to disqualify any handler that appears to be treating the rabbit roughly.
- Rabbits must be at least 4 months old to participate.
- Each rabbit will have 2-3 chances depending on time and the number of entries.
- Classes will be determined at the event based on the number of participants, size of rabbits, and experience of competitors.
- Ribbons will be awarded.

4-H LIVESTOCK OBSTACLE COURSE

Sunday, 11:00a.m. Cattle Ring

Register with superintendents in the goat barn by **10:00a.m. on Sunday.**

This event is for sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, beef and dairy cattle.

Scoring will be based on time required to complete the course. The safety of the exhibitor and animal is the main concern. Points will be deducted if an obstacle is missed or "refused" or if the animal is picked up.

Show uniform is not required. Participants may not wear sandals.

Species will be grouped as follows. There will be one or more obstacles specific to each group. There will be one winner per group.

1. Sheep and Goats
2. Beef Cattle and Dairy Cattle
3. Poultry and Rabbits

For the safety of spectators and to eliminate congestion, contestants will not be allowed to wait outside the ring with their animals.

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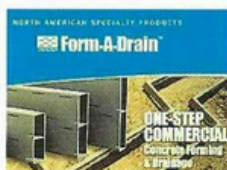
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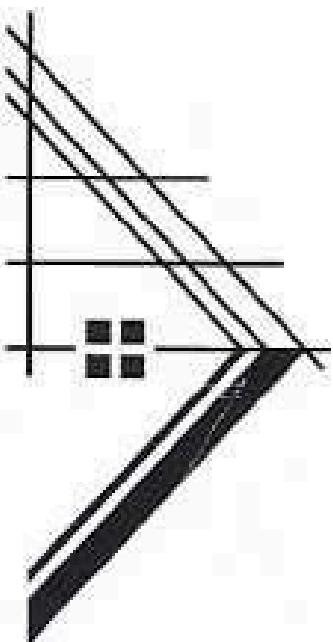
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