

I hope you're ready- this is A LOT of news!

### FIRST!!!!

Some awesome and some happy/sad news:

Congratulations to Ms. Heidi and her husband Adam on the arrival of our newest 4-H'er (Miss Buttercup!) in January. Can't even say how happy I am for them.

AND today marks Ms. Heidi's FIRST DAY with the NLC Extension Center as a full-time Program Aide. I am sad to say she won't belong to just 4-H anymore, but so happy for this career opportunity for her.

### NEXT!!!

The awesomeness that is the NLC 4-H Fair video is up on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVBxozuoSNS&t=1s>

Please be sure to dance while you're watching it, over and over.

### Now for the regularly scheduled news:

- ✿ Clarification for NLC 4-H and the Big E
- ✿ The New 4-H Year and re-enrolling
  - ✿ 2 Rabbits looking for homes
  - ✿ Dates for Association of CT Fairs
  - ✿ Blue Slope Farm Last Square Dance
- ✿ Junior Master Gardener 4-H and WW1 Memorial initiative
- ✿ Harnessing the Power of Horses- a special event from Blue Slope Farm
  - ✿ CT 4-H Adventures in STEM Day
  - ✿ Fair Pet Show Photo!

For those of you who know Diane Lis (former NLC 4-H Educator), her husband, Mark, passed away on July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to send your

condolences Diane can be reached by email at [mark.lis@charter.net](mailto:mark.lis@charter.net) or her mailing address is 208 Gates Road, Lebanon, CT 06249.

**Calling all 4-H'ers!**

**Connecticut  
4-H  
On Stage**

**THE BIG E**

Sunday, October 1 in the New England Center from 10:00 to 4:30

**Each participant will be entered to win one of many prizes. Participants and their drivers also receive a parking pass and free admission. Perform twice and spend the rest of the day at the fair!!**



**Talent Show!** Singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, skits, speeches, demonstrations, etc. Love line dancing? Sign up with your club or friends! Public Speakers welcome!

**4-H Family Feud!** Gather your friends, family, or club into a team of four. Have a blast competing with other 4-H Teams from across the state!

**Fashion Revue!** Model your outfit from Expressive Arts Day, Sewn and Smart Shopping fashions welcome!

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**There are 2 opportunities for New London County 4-H'ers to attend Big E (other than participating in an animal show).**

**#1:**

**4-H Day at the Big E, Sept. 16.** Each 4-H office receives a limited number of complimentary tickets to the Big E for 4-H'ers and a driver. They are to be used on this day only, and tickets are available to all New England 4-H'ers. I do not yet have tickets in my office- I will email/Facebook/Instagram when I have them. They can be picked up here at the Extension Center. I do not mail them out.

**#2:**

**CT 4-H Day in the New England Center, Oct. 1.** New London County only has two buses available to bring the 4-H Teen Ambassadors, 4-H Military youth, club members, and all their chaperones, to the Big E to participate in the Activity Pods, Talent & Fashion Show, and/or 4-H Family Feud game. This is due in part to a grant from the Eastern States Exposition Trustees Foundation, which we very much appreciate! Here is the flyer for this activity:

**Family Feud is going to be super this year! Just like the game show on TV! Register TODAY!**

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4-H New Year begins Oct. 1  
Families/4-H'ers/Volunteers re-enroll between Oct. 1-Dec.  
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New families who enroll this month will need to re-enroll in October.  
The good news- UConn will accept the electronic signature in 4-H On-  
line for the CT 4-H Code of Conduct.

**Be advised the Code of Conduct is revised for 2017.**

All 4-H'ers and Volunteers should be enrolling in 4-H On-line, but if you  
need to use a paper copy, make sure you have the updated version. It is  
now 4 pages (Code of Conduct is double-sided).

Leaders, I still need the club enrollment form (see attached) but you do  
not need to add in all your kids any longer.

If you have any questions, or have any difficulty renewing, call me- 860-  
885-2824.

<https://ct.4honline.com/>

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*Jenifer Devereux* is looking for homes (free) for two angora rabbits.  
One english angora, and 1 satin. Both males/both pedigreed. Can you  
pass this along to 4H friends?

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**ACF September  
Directors Meeting**  
Tues, Sept. 26, 2017  
6:30 pm  
Eversource in Berlin



**ACF Contests,  
Annual Business  
Meeting & Awards  
Banquet**  
Sat., October 28, 2017  
Lyceum, Terryville

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## Blue Slope Farm

Saturday September 9  
From 7:30 - 10:30 pm

## Last Square Dance of the Season

Please join us this Saturday for a square dance.  
No Experience Necessary.  
Who: singles, couples, families; young and old  
Dance: Children's Squares, and Lines  
Caller: Joe LoPresti and His Country Friends  
\$7.00 Per Person/\$28.00 Per Family  
Hoedown held in the Bank Barn  
Come on and have some fun!

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### Junior Master Gardener 4-H and WW1 Memorial initiative

The National Junior Master Gardener 4-H program has partnered with the WW1 Memorial Commission on a national service project for 4-H youth to be involved with building the WW1 Memorial. The Junior Master Gardener program is proud to promote because it ties to gardening!

Groups can make a donation of \$64.99 and receive 60 poppy seed packets from the WW1 Memorial Commission. They can then sell the seeds to support their program. The recommended selling price is

\$2 per seed packet which would generate \$120. Basically the first dollar goes to fund the National WW1 memorial and the second dollar stays local for the 4-H club, school group, etc. to support their activities/programs.

We are promoting through all of our JMG groups and state partners, but this is open for any and all 4-H groups. It is a great opportunity for youth to learn more about WW1, while also being a part of a national service project. Many resources, learning experiences and details on how to participate in the poppy project can be found at the website below:

<http://jmgkids.us/poppy/>

Groups can start now, but the big push is between Sept. 5 and October 20<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from 4 winning groups will be invited to experience an expense paid trip to the groundbreaking of the National WW1 Memorial in Washington DC in November.

Would you be willing to share with 4-H faculty, registered 4-H members and programs in your area?

Thank you,

Lisa Whittlesey

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**Harnessing the Power of Horses  
from Drafts to Minis**

**Come enjoy an afternoon of excitement as we display  
all the amazing things our horses can do.  
Demonstrations of driving, obstacle courses, log  
pulling, and much more!!**

**Bring the whole family to watch, learn and pet these  
amazing horses. Wagon rides and farm tours will also  
be available.**

**Admission \$7/person, \$3/ages 4-10, kids under 4 FREE  
September 16, 2017  
1-4 pm  
Blue Slope Farm  
138 Blue Hill Rd  
Franklin, CT 06254**



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**CT 4-H Adventures in STEM Conference  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

UConn Storrs campus

Exciting hands-on workshops in science, technology, engineering and  
math for youth 12-18. Experience the UConn Storrs campus. Have lunch  
in a University Dormitory Cafeteria.

Registration Form coming soon!

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*Back to School hugs are in order!*

*Please bear with me as I adjust to life without Ms. Heidi. It's rather like when your kids leave home - you never know how much they did until they're gone.*

*Ms. Pam*



*Pamela M Gray*

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*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees,  
under whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

- Nelson Henderson