

FRIDAY FLASH

4/28/17

*It's NLC 4-H Fair Auction Time! Tonight and tomorrow evening at the Camp...*

*This week in the news:*

*Fair meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7:00*

*Job Opportunity- CT Trail Census*

*CT Poultry Show*

*4-H Dairy Info*

*New England Junior Holstein Day*

*East Lyme Memorial Day Parade*

*Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover events! Griswold would like to be #1 in the State!*

***4-H Volunteer Survey***

*As a 4-H volunteer we value your time and input and would like to get your response to a few questions regarding 4-H programming and what you would like to see happen in the future. Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire. The link is below. Thank you.*

[https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3a81ZHbfmiQbdzL](https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a81ZHbfmiQbdzL)

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**4-H Fair Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 2**

**6:00 Superintendent/Mentor meeting**

**6:30 Executive Board meeting (if time)**

**7:00 meeting (finished no later than 8:30)**

**Potluck theme: MOM-morial Day (celebrating Mother's Day & Memorial Day!)**

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***Important news for NLC 4-H families!***

Members who do not have a signed, paper Code of Conduct form on file in the 4-H office will NOT be able to participate in the Fair.

If you are not sure we have one on file, call or email Ms. Pam or Ms. Heidi.

Here is a link to the form: [http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/resource/form\\_16\\_46514006.pdf](http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/resource/form_16_46514006.pdf) , and it is also attached.

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**\* JOB OPPORTUNITY \* 2017- 2018 Part-Time Coordinator Position with the Connecticut Trail Census**

The Connecticut Trail Census (CTTC) is seeking a dynamic multi-use trail (bike-pedestrian) enthusiast to serve as the point person and part-time coordinator for project (~17 hours/week). The CTTC is a new study and volunteer based data collection program on 15 multi-use trail sites throughout the state involving partnership with many local and statewide trail advocacy groups and hundreds of volunteers. Duties will include responding to informational inquiries from volunteers and the public, collecting data from and maintaining infrared trail counters, coordinating logistics for and co-teaching volunteer trainings, compiling funding reports and maintaining contact databases, convening partner meetings, and creating communications including media releases, e-newsletters, and website updates. The successful candidate will be an excellent written and verbal communicator, proficient with Word and Excel, have demonstrated program management skills and/or experience, and a passion for supporting trails and the people that use them. Desirable skills include experience with data management and analysis (including data visualization tools), WordPress, MailChimp or other e-newsletter platforms, and volunteer management. This position is funded at \$23/hour and is currently funded through January 2018. Location is flexible but candidate must have a vehicle, internet access and be willing to use their own computer. More information about the program can be found at <http://cttrailcensus.uconn.edu> Please send a short cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, three reference contacts, and resume to [laura.brown@uconn.edu](mailto:laura.brown@uconn.edu) as soon as possible. Open until filled.

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## Connecticut Poultry Show, Sunday, June 18th. Info attached

Please share with Poultry clubs.

This year we've opened a new class for Parents and their children. Entry into this class is Free and the top winner receives a \$50 cash prize. This comes as part of our effort this year to include the 4-H and youth in the Connecticut Poultry Breeders Society.

Later this year, we would like to reach out to the youth groups in Connecticut and hold seminars related to topics like poultry health, showing poultry, breeding poultry, raising poultry. If you're up for it, I'd love to pick your brain a little more about how our Breeders Club can further educate and help the youth in our hobby.

As always, if your club is looking for a volunteer opportunity, we would LOVE help from your members on set up day (June 17th, setting up cages and laying down shavings) or on Show Day (June 18th, shadowing the show staff and helping with jobs throughout the day).

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### 4-H Dairy Info

Just a reminder we need to have all dairy verification forms, lease forms and those who may want to participate in New England 4-H Dairy Program at ESE - you need to fill that out as well . These are all due in to your county office by May 1st The forms are located at <http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/resource/form.php>

May 1

Dairy Verification forms, Lease forms, Participation as CT Delegate to NE 4-H Dairy Show form into county offices

Saturday May 20

4-H Dairy Judging

10am-12pm

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556 South Plains Rd, Litchfield

May 27

New England Junior Holstein Spring Dairy Day

9:30-1:30

Smyths Trinity Farm

4 Oliver Rd, Enfield

Email [nejrholstain@gmail.com](mailto:nejrholstain@gmail.com) for more information

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### New England Junior Holstein Dairy Day

On May 27, the New England Junior Holstein Association will be holding a day of clinics at Smyth's Trinity Farm in Enfield, CT. The clinics will all be led by industry professionals and include judging, health and care for show cattle, and nutrition. The clinics will be split into juniors and seniors and include more advanced information for the seniors, as they are looking to start their own herds in the near future or looking towards a career in the dairy industry. The event will be free to all New England Holstein Junior members and even include a free t-shirt. If you're not a junior member, no need to worry, New England membership is free, or you can easily sign up to be a national member for only \$20.00. Please RSVP by filling out the form listed below or by emailing [nejrholstein@gmail.com](mailto:nejrholstein@gmail.com) by May 5. Feel free to email us with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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### East Lyme Memorial Day Parade

**The East Lyme Memorial Day committee is looking for 4-H clubs to march in their parade. They are open to floats and animals. If anyone is interested, have them call me.**

**Thank you. Nancy Kalal 860-437-7828**

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**Tractor Supply Company Stores Paper Clover events**

I am contacting you in regards to Tractor Supply's 4-H donations. You helped my farm (Out of Thyme Farm) with donations to 4-H and I would enjoy working with you again.

April 26th starts our 4-H clover donations that helps us raise funds for 4-H, this will run until May 7th.

**We would like to invite your 4-H Clubs to come by our store during the upcoming Paper Clover event. This will help our customer gain knowledge about the 4-H program and our donations increase by more than 40% when there are clubs in the store.**

You can fundraise on your own at our location or set up a table and help us sell clovers. If you have any ideas we would love to hear them. In recent years clubs have had little to no interest in participating at our event, this is unfortunate because my team is motivated this year to sell more clovers than any other Tractor Supply.

In addition to helping raise more money for your county program, if you or any club member participates in store, you'll be eligible to enter our Paper Clover Participation Sweepstakes. This spring, 75 participants will be selected to receive a \$100 TSC gift card.

If you would like to participate during our Paper Clover Event you can register online at [www.tractorsupply.com/4H](http://www.tractorsupply.com/4H) , contact me at (860)376-0198, or simply reply to [str0167@TractorSupply.com](mailto:str0167@TractorSupply.com)

Thank you for your time,

Robyn Zenker

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*I'm happy for a sunny Friday afternoon. What are you happy for?*

*Ms. Pam*