If you ♥ Big E clap your hands!

This week:

✶ Fair Officer/Superintendent positions open for nominations
✶ UConn Creamery position announcement
✶ UConn Extension Express Newsletter
✶ TEACH workshop, open to public and looking for 4-H involvement
✶ Blue Slope Farm Clean Up Day- tomorrow!
✶ Extension Position- University of New Hampshire
✶ We mourn the loss of Jessie Hazen
✶ Blue Slope Fall Festival- new activities!
✶ Mentor Memo from Fairfield County 4-H
✶ 4-H Adventures in STEM coming soon! Nov. 7th.

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See attached information for 2016 Fair Positions!
Accepting nominations until Nov. 3
Next Fair meeting: Oct. 6
Dinner at 6:30 (provided by Ms. Pam)
Meeting at 7:00

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Temporary University Specialist
Department of Animal Science

The University of Connecticut, Department of Animal Science, is seeking applications for a Temporary University Specialist in dairy manufacturing who, under the direction of the Dairy Manufacturing Manager and the Department Head, will be responsible for the production of ice cream, cheese, yogurt and other dairy products produced in UConn Dairy Manufacturing Unit.
**Duties and Responsibilities:** Once trained, the employee will assist with the manufacturing of ice cream and cheeses including set up, break down, clean-up, sanitization and maintenance of equipment. The position also requires some supervision of student employees, inventory management and scheduling. This position is Monday – Friday with varying hours based on production schedule; position requires occasional evening and early morning work.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor’s in Food Science, Nutrition or related field and demonstrated experience in GMP’s. Relevant professional experience in lieu of degree will be considered.

**Appointment Terms:** This is a temporary, full-time appointment with varying shift hours from September 2015 – February 2016 with possible extensions depending upon production and scheduling needs.

**To Apply:** Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and the names and contact information of three references to William Sciturro, Dairy Manufacturing Manager, Department of Animal Science, 3636 Horsebarn Road Extension, Storrs, CT 06269-4040.

(Search # HR16-06)
Extension Educators Honored

First Place in Storytelling with Maps

At the Esri International User Conference in San Diego in July, Emily Wilson and Chet Arnold of the UConn Center for Land Use Education and Research received the First Place Award in the Science/Technology/Education category of the Esri Storytelling with Maps Contest. There were over 400 submissions to the contest and only 5 first place winners. Over 16,000 GIS professionals from around the world attended the conference. As a result of the award, Emily was asked to present in two sessions with audiences of about 500 and 300 people, respectively.

A story map is a simple yet powerful way to engage an audience that combines interactive maps, data, text, graphics and images. Story Maps have become a major focus of Esri, the industry leader in GIS technology. Our story map, called Connecticut’s Changing Landscape, highlights information from the 25 year land cover series produced at CLEAR. See the winning story map at the link below.

See the story map...

New Program Leaders

Cutz and Fusco-Rollins leading Extension teams

UConn Extension has four major program areas: 4-H youth development, agriculture and food systems, family and community development, and land use and water. Each of these areas has an Extension educator that serves a two-year term as program leader.

New program leaders were recently announced for the Family and Community Development and 4-H teams. German Cutz is now leading the Family and Community Development team and Maryann Fusco-Rollins assumes responsibility for the 4-H team on October 1st. We extend our appreciation to Karen Filchak and Laura Marek for their past leadership of the respective teams. German and Maryann join Chet Arnold of the Land Use and Water team and Joe Bonelli, the Agriculture and Food Systems team leader. Read more...
**Upcoming Event**
Coastal Storm Awareness & Communicating Risk

On Wednesday, September 30th, Senior Extension Educator Nancy Balcom will present on communicating risk and what we have learned about people and coastal storm awareness in the aftermath of Sandy. [Read more...](#)

**Upcoming Event**
Leveraging Community Partnerships

Associate Extension Educator Laura Brown and student intern John McDonald will present a case study of the Naugatuck River Greenway economic impact analysis and state multi-use trails project on Friday, November 13th. [Read more...](#)

**YouTube Video Series**
How to Grow a Farm - featuring Connecticut farmers

UConn Extension's Scaling Up for New and Beginning Farmers created a series of videos on How to Grow a Farm. Watch the last four videos [here](#). Learn more about the whole farm planning program on [our website](#).

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**TEACH is holding its Fall Family Event Oct 10th at the TAC center in Tolland -- we wanted a rustic farm feel and we are featuring creation speaker Mike Snavely, who specializes in animals.**

We wanted to take advantage of the setting to invite 4H kids to bring a few select animals and provide opportunity for a short presentation about their animal and involvement in 4H. So far I have a commitment for a goat, and am still working on getting a sheep, alpaca and rabbits or chickens. We will have some sheep pens set up for the larger animals.

We will provide opportunity to learn more about homeschooling but the event is open to anyone who wants to come. In addition to Mike speaking we plan to have the animal displays, a jungle photo booth, bounce house, games and contests -- see info below or on our website [TEACH CT • The Education Association of Christian Homeschoolers in Connecticut](#).
On Saturday September 26, Blue Slope Country Museum is having a clean up day from 9-12 am. All are welcome to come and help us as we prep for our annual fall festival. Volunteers will assist in setting up displays, washing off tractors and trucks, cleaning the museum and horse barn, prepping the wagons, and finishing last minute lawn care.

Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, a hat and a bottle of water. Anyone with questions can call us at our main number or send a message.

Sincerely,
Sandy Staebner
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Extension State Specialist, 4-H Positive Youth Development
Summary
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) seeks an Extension State Specialist focused on 4-H Positive Youth Development programming. This faculty level position is responsible for developing the 4-H program so it can achieve meaningful outcomes with the youth and families of NH. This program development will involve grant writing, program design, and the evaluation of outcomes such that stakeholders will be aware of the program’s impact and staff will be able to engage in data-driven quality improvement. The successful candidate will use his/her research and practitioner experience to help integrate the county-based 4-H program and state 4-H Camp with the rest of the UNHCE Youth and Family program’s Areas of Expertise teams (currently: Child, Youth & Family Resilience, Healthy Living, and Science Literacy).

This position will have an affiliation within UNH College of Health and Human Services Recreation Management and Policy Department, where s/he will work to create mutually beneficial connections between department faculty and community-based UNHCE resources.

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It is with sadness that I share news of the death of Jessie Hazen. Jessie passed away on Friday, Sept. 18th. Jessie served as both a 4-H agent and as an Extension Home Economist in New London County for many years. Her obituary is included below.

http://www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com/obits/obituary.php?id=657920

Our condolences to her family and loved ones.

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NEW THIS YEAR
at the Blue Slope Country Museum
Fall Festival Tyme

Learn how they use to make corn meal.
   pick the corn by hand
   watch an 1800's corn husker
   see a corn grinder in action
   use a mortar and pestle yourself.

Learn how they use to make water pipes
   learn what type of wood was used
try your hand at drilling a wooden pipe
try carrying a yoke and bucket system.

plus see and try many other antique farm equipment .
   including a sharpening stone
   old time hay baler
   thrashing machine

Blue Slope Country Museum
Fall Festival Tyme

October 3, 10am-4pm  October 4, 10am-3pm

adults $9.00  children 4-14 $4.00  Free parking

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Mentor Memo
Fairfield County 4-H publishes a short, monthly newsletter just for 4-H Mentors and Advisors. Each month explores a different skillset which helps adults become even better advocates and members in the 4-H youth-adult partnership!
See attached

Please find attached the save the date flyer for the 2015 CT 4-H Adventures in STEM conference. Share with your members and volunteers. Thank you!

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I will be out of the office Oct. 1- 5, having a good time at Big E!
Happy Fall everyone,

Ms. Pam