This week in the news:

Our own Extension Educator Jiff Martin (based in Tolland County) recognized by the White House!

UNH Youth Dairy Expo

4-H Dairy Fall Planning Meeting

CT 4-H Adventures in STEM still has room for YOU!

Next Fair Meeting Nov. 3 Voting on 2016 Executive Board! And Advisors!

Position opening: Executive Director for Auer Farm

4-H Youth in Action Awards

Mentor Minute Newsflash

Association of CT Fair Fall Meeting

On Monday, October 26, the White House will recognize 12 individuals from across the country as White House Champions of Change for Sustainable and Climate Smart Agriculture. UConn Extension’s Jiff Martin was selected as one of the recipients.

These individuals were selected by the White House for their achievements and will be honored for exemplary leadership and innovation in agricultural production and education. The Champions have helped implement agricultural practices to promote soil health and energy efficiency, improve water quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change can no longer be seen as a distant threat. It is already impacting forest, grassland, and cropland systems in the United States, and is threatening agricultural producers and their communities. These Champions understand the challenges our nation is facing from a changing climate and are taking steps to build resilience to the impacts of climate change, which also protects their bottom line. The program will feature remarks by United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Jiff Martin is the Sustainable Food System Associate Educator for UConn Extension, which is part of the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. Jiff has worked for over 12 years on food and agriculture issues in Connecticut, helping residents discover local agriculture, connecting kids to healthy, whole foods, and researching community food security in Connecticut’s 169 towns. Her recent work includes leading a team of Extension Educators to assist new farmers in production and farmland management; directing two AmeriCorps service learning programs; and educating consumers through BuyCTGrown.com’s 10% Campaign, under which residents and businesses are asked to pledge 10 percent of their food and gardening budget to locally-grown products. Jiff was previously State Director for the American Farmland Trust and Food Policy Director at Hartford Food System.
The Champions of Change program was created as an opportunity for the White House to feature individuals who are doing extraordinary things to inspire and empower members of their communities. The event will be live-streamed on Monday, October 26 at 2:00 PM ET. Visit www.whitehouse.gov/live/ to tune in. To learn more about the White House Champions of Change program, visit www.whitehouse.gov/champions. You can also follow the conversation at #WHChamps and #ActOnClimate.

Congratulations Jiff!

YOUTH DAIRY EXPO

The University of New Hampshire Dairy Club is hosting its first ever Youth Dairy Expo! This FREE event will be held on Saturday, November 7 at the UNH Fairchild Dairy Center. It will consist of fun and exciting workshops for 4-H and FFA youth with dairy projects.

I have attached a flyer with additional information to this email.

Thank you!

Bailey Basiel
UNH Dairy Club Secretary

CT 4-H DAIRY COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be having our fall state 4-H dairy planning meeting at TAC on November 19 at 7pm. You can please send out to your enrolled dairy leaders? We will review last year’s programs and get started setting committees for the 2016 4-H Dairy and Beef Day on March 14 as well as setting up state dairy judging and state quiz bowl work sessions.

If you cannot attend but have ideas or comments, please email or call me.

Bonnie E. Burr
Assistant Director/Department Head
UConn Extension
CT 4-H Adventures in STEM
Youth 12-18
registration deadline extended to Nov. 1st
see attached
here’s a sample of the workshops:
Lego Story Starter * Introduction to Chemistry for Kids * Cows, Chromosomes & Chips * Drink Milk? The Role of Marketing in Milk Consumption * Financial Road Trip (2-hour workshop) * Hydroponics: Growing Food without Soil * Designing Electrical Circuits

Position Opening- Auer Farm
The 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm, an agricultural-based education center in Bloomfield, Connecticut, is seeking a passionate, collaborative, business-minded executive director who will lead the organization to its next level of success “For three decades educational programs of Auerfarm have helped children learn how agricultural science affects every day life.” Hartford Courant 8/16/15 More than 15,000 people annually visit the beautiful, peaceful agricultural setting to enjoy educational and recreational programs that encourage critical thinking and curiosity and provide hands-on discovery experiences that motivate and inspire scientific literacy and enthusiasm for nature and farming.
I am assisting board members from the 4-H Education Center with the search for their next executive director and we are spreading the word about this
opportunity as widely as possible. Will you please share this information with your networks?

For the complete position profile and candidacy submission guidelines, please visit http://tsne.org/executive-director-4-h-education-center-auerfarm

Thank you so much for your assistance in getting the word out. If you know of someone whom I should contact directly, please don’t hesitate to let me know. Your involvement in outreach can have a big impact on this organization’s future.

Regards,

Mimi Brunelle, Recruitment Specialist
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National 4-H Council’s Youth in Action Awards recognize exceptional 4-H’ers who epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership. It is a life changing experience!

Winners receive a $5,000 educational scholarship and the opportunity to serve as a 4-H youth spokesperson. Counties of winning youth also earn a $5,000 grant.

Join one of our upcoming webinars to learn more about the Youth in Action Awards and how to apply:

- **Monday, October 19**: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm EST
- **Thursday, October 29**: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm EST

For qualifications, application rules, and information on past honorees, please visit the Youth in Action Awards website.

All applications must be submitted by 12:00 PM ET on Monday, November 30, 2015.

Sincerely,
Mentor Minute

Please enjoy reading. For those who may be new to this email list this newsletter comes out monthly and currently is covering The Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets.

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Who should attend:
Officers & Directors - Superintendents - Volunteers...Anyone involved in your fair can benefit from a day of learning and idea exchange.

Features of the Day

- Showcase & Trade Show
- Competitive Exhibits - STEM - Promoting your Exhibit programs to schools • Tiffany Burrow, Alameda County Fair, CA
- Speaker: Rob Peck, Zest Works
- Agriculture - Not your Grandfather’s Fair...goer • Tiffany Burrow, Alameda County Fair, CA

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• Vendor issues
• Reception & Walk Around Entertainers
• Banquet & Awards

Tri-State Fairs
Convention 2015

Registration - Trade Show - Showcase - Sponsorship - Membership

Join us on November 13-14 for the CT/MA/RI Fairs Fall Convention & Trade Show.
Everything you need to put your business in front of fairs from three states and more. Download documents below

- Program & Registration - .pdf
- Trade Show - .pdf
- Sponsorship - .pdf
- Membership - .pdf

Convention Site

Convention Registration Fees:

**All Day:** (everything)* $99/person
* Program, Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet

**Business Day** $55/person
* Program, Breakfast & Lunch

**Reception & Banquet** $55/person
* Banquet - 5:30 pm

**Trade Show & Showcase** $100-$150/booth
* See Trade Show, Showcase, Sponsorship & Membership forms for details.

University of Wisconsin Extension Faculty Opening

We invite you and potential candidates to learn more about UW Madison, the School of Human Ecology and Wisconsin 4H Youth Development. If you have not
visited Madison this two minute video will give you a sense of what the city has to offer. This longer video is a walk around campus created by an alumnus. The School of Human Ecology is shown at the 42 second mark. Please do not hesitate to contact us with further questions.

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Bunny needs a forever home
See attached photos of an inside bunny who needs a new home (his owner grew up!) Recommended as a companion bunny. Contact Heather heathers125@snet.net for more information

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Have a great weekend, everyone!
As always, enrollment info, flyers, fair news, and past Friday Flashes are available on our website
http://www.newlondoncounty4h.uconn.edu/

Ms. Pam