

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY 4-H FAIR

### NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2025

Hello Friends, Happy February, and Happy Valentines Day! Although warm weather seems far away, the Board of Directors is hard at work. Planning is underway for renovation projects at the fairgrounds as well as the 2025 4-H Fair. Here is a quick look at some upcoming events:

- April 13 – Fairgrounds cleanup day (rain date TBD).
- April 26 – MAC Extravaganza at Hazel Grove Equestrian Center, Groton.  
(Rain Date May 3)
- June 2 – Worknights begin at the fairgrounds.
- June 8 – 4-H Fair Benefit Horse Show run by the Board of Directors.
- **August 22, 23, 24 – 2025 Middlesex County 4-H Fair.**

Look for updates on these and other events on the website, Facebook, and Instagram!

**Volunteer Hours Donations:** Does your company participate in the Benevity Volunteering platform? Many companies match volunteer hours with financial donations to non-profits. If so, please consider supporting the 4-H Fair through your volunteer time and company match.

**2025 4-H Fair Parade:** This year's theme is to Showcase Your Club! What makes your club stand out? Be as creative as you like, staying within 4-H guidelines. A float is optional but not required. A fun way to show off your club's name is a must. How will you think outside the box???

#### **Board Member Introductions:**

Greetings 4-H Fair Families, my name is Rick Gray, and I am President of the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Inc. I wanted to take a moment to share a little about myself. I'm married with two children- three if you count the dog! My oldest is an alum of the Stoney Brook 4-H Saddle Club, which like many clubs, places a strong emphasis on parent involvement. I first joined as a volunteer and, in 2011, became a board member as head of Grounds and Facilities.

This year, I am excited to continue improving our communication and collaboration. As a board, we are committed to listening to your ideas and input while ensuring clear communication about how you can help us make this the best year possible.

Outside of 4-H, I have worked as an Aircraft Mechanic for 43 years, am an avid Bruins fan, and am enjoying my newest role as a first-time Grandfather to a future 4-H'er!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and welcome back to those returning. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Rick Gray, President  
Middlesex County 4-H Fair Inc. Board of Directors

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