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4-H Foundation Hosts 5th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony during 4-H Fair

Cape May Court House - The Cape May County 4-H Foundation, Inc. is honored to host a ceremony for the proper disposal of American flags at this year's 4-H Fair. The 5th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony, a solemn event, will take place Saturday, July 23rd at 2:30 p.m. at the flagpole near the Carol and Ralph Porch 4-H Fair Stage located on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 355 Court House – South Dennis Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

Ronald Day, CMC 4-H Foundation director will coordinate the ceremony that consists of a color guard, patriotic readings, an explanation of the meaning of the different parts of the flag and the playing of the National Anthem. Cape May County Commissioners, other local dignitaries, and representatives of various veterans' groups from throughout the county have been invited to participate in the program.

Linda Horner, Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator, said, "The Flag Retirement Ceremony has become an important way for 4-H members, volunteers and the community to show their patriotic spirit during the 4-H Fair."

According to guidelines established by the National Flag Foundation, one flag is selected to be burned during the ceremony as representative of all flags being retired. The rest of the flags are later incinerated.

Veterans and their family and interested community members are invited to attend the Flag Retirement Ceremony. For more information about the 4-H Fair and the Flag Retirement Ceremony, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3605 or visit cmc4h.com.

If You Go to the 2022 4-H Fair…things to know: The annual 4-H fair runs July 21-23 at the 4-H fairgrounds, 355 Court House – South Dennis Road in Cape May Court House. This is the 51st year that the fair has been held on the current 4-H Fairgrounds. This year's theme is Christmas in July. Public hours for the fair are 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Chicken Bar-B-Que dinners will be available starting at 5 p.m. nightly.

Admission to the 4-H Fair is free and there is a host of fun events planned, live entertainment, amusement rides, games, and Santa is scheduled to stop by too.

Limited premium parking is available at the Atlantic Cape Community College campus, located next door to the fairgrounds, for a suggested $5 donation. Free parking is available at the Cape May County Park and Zoo with free, air-conditioned shuttle service to the fair provided by Fare Free Transportation. Buses are comfortable, air-conditioned, and fully handicapped accessible.

Volunteers are always needed to assist at the 4-H Fair. For more information about the 4-H Fair, please call (609) 465-5115 ext. 3605, visit cmc4h.com, like us on Facebook at Cape May 4-H, or on Instagram at cape_may_4h.

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The 4-H Youth Development program is part of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.