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How Will You Celebrate 4-H in National 4-H Week 10/8-10/13?

With the arrival of fall comes a special annual celebration of 4-H Youth Development – National 4-H Week 10/8-10/13. During that week, we will be recognizing the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers at Member Recognition Night on October 11th here in the Agriculture Building. All throughout the county, 4-Hers, staff and volunteers will be involved with 4-H clubs, school enrichment programs and special interest programs which reflect the exciting diversity of our program. Monmouth County 4-H is proud to be among the national network of National 4-H Week celebrants.

As a member of the Monmouth County 4-H family, how will you celebrate National 4-H Week? Here are some possibilities:

- Recruit a 4-H volunteer to assist in any way with the 4-H program (e.g., as a club leader, judge, teacher, fundraiser, advisory board member, fair volunteer.
- Contact the media to promote 4-H.
- Submit material to the 4-H newsletter (e.g., club news, Youth Corner creations, resources, upcoming events)
- Invite a friend to join 4-H.
- Attend Member Recognition Night to show support of the accomplishments of our 4-Hers.
- Give a public presentation for your school or community on 4-H.
- Participate in a community service project to highlight 4-H citizenship.
- Thank a 4-H volunteer!

Each of you in your own way has a special reason for acknowledging the importance of 4-H in your life. And so, your celebration of National 4-H Week will be unique to you. Why not share with us in the next newsletter how, during that week, you highlighted 4-H's role in your life? Thank you for "Making the Best Better"! Enjoy being part of our national 4-H celebration!

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Terri Jones, Leader, Jersey Shore Pet Bird Club
Karen Reeman, Co-Leader, Jersey Shore Pet Bird Club
Joann Tuminello, Co-Leader, Monmouth Clogging Express

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4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant University system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover

LIVE AND LEARN 4-H CLUB

By: Mary Bane, Live and Learn Club Leader

The Live and Learn 4-H club enjoyed this past year as a family club but will be returning in September with a full roster. We are excited to welcome back all of our homeschooling friends. The club members will have a busy year participating in visual arts, crafts and creative writing projects. Our club website is updated and ready for the new year also, with 4-H and art resources, articles on how to keep a project record book, a stress free guide to preparing for the fair and more! Visit us at:

[Http://groups.msn.com/liveandlearn4hclub](http://groups.msn.com/liveandlearn4hclub)

Welcome back! Have a great club year and get ready to... "MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS ABOUT ART

The Generic Art Game

Want to talk to your kids about art? Pick a piece of art and ask your child whether or not he or she likes it. Why or why not? Remember to tell your child that there are no right answers!

1. Look carefully at the work of art in front of you. What colors do you see in it? Take turns listing the specific colors that you see (for example: "I see red." "I see purple.")
2. What do you see in the work of art in front of you? Take turns listing the objects that you see (for example: "I see an apple." "I see a triangle.")
3. What is going on in this work of art? Take turns mentioning whatever you see happening, no matter how small.
4. Does anything you have noticed in this work of art so far (for example: colors, objects, or events) remind you of something in your own life? Take turns answering.
5. Is this work of art true to life? How real has the artist made things look?
6. What ideas and emotions do you think this work of art expresses?
7. Do you have a sense of how the artist might have felt when he or she made this work of art? Does it make you feel one way or another?
8. Take a look at the other works of art displayed around this one. Do they look alike? What is similar about the way they look (for example: objects, events, feelings, the way they are made)? What is the difference?
9. What would you have called this work of art if you had made it yourself? Does the title of the work, if there is one, make sense to you?
10. Think back on your previous observations. What have you discovered from looking at this work of art? Have you learned about yourself or others?

Now that the game is over, ask your kids again: Do you like this work of art? Why or why not? Has your reaction to the work changed? Do you like it more or less than you did in the beginning? Why?

SOURCE: The Generic Art Game was created by Project Muse (Museums Uniting with Schools in Education), at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK 4-H FLASHBACK OF 2007

By: Cathy Falconio, Monmouth Livestock Leader

In May, the Falconio family, Rebecca Carmeli, Ciara Weatherbee and Paige Weatherbee, paraded down Main street for the Allentown Memorial Day festivities. We also gave Stars and Stripes handouts to the crowd. We were letting them know about the Freedom Fest Fair we've joined up with at the Horse Park of New Jersey. It was the largest parade ever.



At the Allentown Memorial Day Parade, Bucky led the club gladly.



Following behind the float were Rebecca Carmeli, Ciara Weatherbee, and Paige Weatherbee.

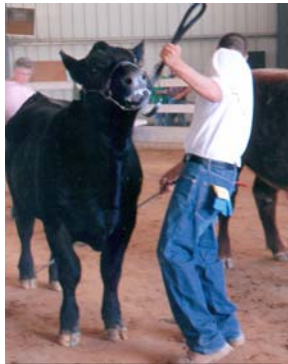


Cathy Falconio brought "Conan II" to the parade.

A short time later we were setting up for the Stars & Stripes invitational, now known as a major event included with the Freedom Fest Fair. In addition to our regular fantastic livestock show, there was an Agricultural activity area. All week included, Best Hay, Biggest Tomato, Jams and Jellies, Quilt, and Plants and Flowers to name a few. Thank you Robin Bruins. While waiting between classes, a family had the options to go on carnival rides, see a Wild West show, listen to concerts, go on Monster Truck rides, watch the Swimming Pigs race, and many other events. This year's show had much more to offer.



Lauren Myles prepares her chicken for showmanship at Stars & Stripes.



Rob Bruins squared-up his cow in spite of the heat at Stars & Stripes.



Erin & Lexie Mariolis patiently wait between goat classes at Stars & Stripes.

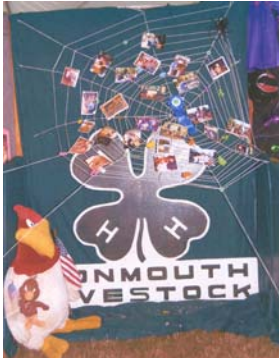


Jesse Puhalski keeps John Falconio company waiting for a judge to decide a winner over his toads, frogs, and turtle at Stars & Stripes.

Next, of course, we all joined forces for the Monmouth County Fair. Our tent included many goats, sheep, and poultry. We will never forget the grand finale during the midday storm that ended the fair early on Sunday.

Finally Monmouth Livestock would like to humbly thank all of our 4-H families for a very successful year. A very special 'goodbye' to our seniors Sheela Chattapadhyay and John Falconio who are off to college. Much continued success to them both. Enjoy the last of your summer break. (continued on next page)

MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK FAIR PICTURES: A good time had by all!



Monmouth Livestock Web Club Booth.



Lexie Mariolis takes on all challenges at the dunk booth.



Norseman Ned in the dunking booth



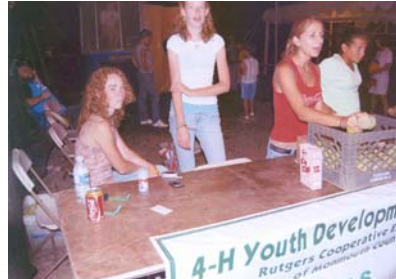
Sheela Chattopadhyay and her father, Shopan.



Even the animals were tired at the end of the day.



Ned Eastman, Viking Jesse Puhalski and John Falconio



Katie Smith, Sandy Smith, Sue Eastman & Brooke Levens.



Lauren Myles shows Robin Bruins her trophy.



Even the animals said they had a great time in spite of the weather!

JERSEY SHORE PET BIRD CLUB

By: Terri Jones, Jersey Shore Pet Bird Club Leader

Hey, Everyone!
Were you at the Fair? Did you see the birds? Well, Tango, Angel and Mango all say Hi and want to remind you about the great new Bird Club that is beginning in September.



We'll be meeting at the Medicenter, 2050 Sixth Avenue in Neptune on September 6th at 5:30 pm. If you are in the fourth grade or older, have a bird or just love birds, come on by and see what we're all about.

Contact Terri Jones at ArcadiaBirds@aol.com or at 732-995-8562 for more information. Hope we'll see you on September 6th!

TEEN SMALL ANIMAL CLUB

By: Amy Barker & Robin Joline
Teen Small Animal Club Leaders

We are looking forward to a great year. It sounds like everyone had a great Fair week. We learned about some possible new members and look forward to meeting them in September.

A special thanks to the McKittricks for all of their hard work with our club booth. Amy and Robin were a bit preoccupied.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and many new projects. The focus of this club will be on small animals, health, nutrition and more!

We'll see you all in September,

Amy and Robin

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

PAWS 4 A CAUSE

By: Megan Tursi

In the past couple of months Paws 4 A Cause has been having a lot of fun and doing better than ever. Our club's first community service project has had an amazing amount of success so far. We have been collecting money in order to buy pet oxygen masks to distribute to local fire departments. These masks are often uncommon in fire departments, but, are greatly needed when a pet is pulled out of a fire. A set of three masks costs us \$55 to purchase. We have even found an organization which will match what we raise, so we can distribute double the amount of masks. So far, we have raised enough money for about twenty sets of masks on our own, which makes around forty in all. We are planning a presentation ceremony for November where we will invite all the mask recipients and donors to come so that we can present them all at once. We are trying to assist as many fire departments as possible in our aim to save the lives of our pets and others.

One of the locations which our fund raising brought in the largest amount of money was the Monmouth County Fair. We raised money for at least three sets of masks at the fair alone on Saturday. We had a lot of fun, as well, working the dunking booth and popcorn stand on Sunday, until we got rained out, of course. Everybody in our club who came to the fair to help had a great time. Next year, we hope to participate even more, and possibly get our dogs in on it as well!

Recently, our club got the opportunity to go on a tour of the Red Bank Veterinary Hospital in Tinton Falls. It was very interesting and informative, not to mention being a lot of fun. We got to see animals that had recently come out of surgery, as well as meet veterinarians and learn what specialists work at that hospital. The place is one of the largest and newest in New Jersey. Afterwards, we had a cookout and pool party, which turned out to be very enjoyable as well. We plan on doing more field trips and activities in the future including working the fall Bayshore Dog Agility Trials, participating in the Dog Parade in Ocean Grove, SPCA Dog Walk and Dog Walk for Dystonia.

If you are interested in joining our club, or if you would like to know more about our fundraising and possibly donate money towards it, please call Lee Ann @ 732-935-0922.



Pictured left: Photo of the kids who fundraised at the fair. Standing are: Amanda, Mary & Monica holding the masks. Sitting are Megan, Jessyca & Conor holding Jimmy, Johnny & Kelly. Missing from Photo are Katie Rose and Shane who also helped with fundraising at the fair!

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

By: Katherine Sotovelez

It's good to be back and writing again for the 4-H 14 Carrot Rabbit club, there's just so much to tell. The fair just recently passed, and it had been the fun week we were all anticipating, 4-H members and parents, right along with the public who planned on visiting. The wait became more unbearable each day as it got closer and closer to opening day.

First off we had our members from all the clubs come together to pull all of our supplies out of the barn so that it could be set up in the proper tents; a thanks to all who showed up that day is entirely in order. That wasn't it though, we also had to go set up the rabbitry tent. That included bleaching all of the food and water bowls and drying them, along with power washing the stands for the rabbit cages and the cages themselves, and then of course setting all of those up! Regardless of the work that had to be done, we all had fun working together and making it all look great.

Then came booth set-up, that was the best. It gave us the chance to be creative and put all of our ideas together. This year this was our goal, make our booth match this year's fair theme, 'Get Caught In Our Web' and we all did a great job. A lot of the members brought in pictures and supplies, including a giant spider web that was set to hold all of the said pictures. With scissors, paper, and tape we all set out to work, and the end result was amazing. It was like a big spidery montage of all our favorite moments and memories in 4-H.

That was it for set-up, then it was just a little while longer with the wait, but soon enough everyone was there with travel cages full of their rabbits waiting to be vet checked and it all began then, when all the rabbits were settled in and the first herdsmanship began that everything felt like fair again. Soon enough people were flooding into the park to have fun just as all the 4-H members had; for the new members it was a great experience.

We also musn't forget the nights in the rabbit tent where a few members slept over to keep watch over the bunnies. Those are some of the funnest times at the fair. When friends camp out and stay up late, unable to sleep because of all the excitement, anything can happen. We hung out and talked until early in the morning, until finally we all fell asleep and were woken up in the morning to go home for a bit and come back to the fair completely ready for the day. We worked our herdsmanships and talked to the public, answering all of their questions as the day went on, and of course there were the times when we would finish up at the tent and go on a few rides ourselves with friends.

Once again time flew for us and it was time to show our rabbits; it was early on in the day and everyone was preparing their rabbits. Fur was flying from brushes and nails were getting checked and clipped; everyone was waiting for the judges to come, and everyone was excited. There were so many rabbits, and so much competition, but it made for a very fun show filled with anticipation. By the end of the day, everyone had received their ribbons and trophies and such. CJ Halpin took Best In Show with his Champagne in the end, and Abby Hilderbrand took Best Reserve in Show with her dwarf. All in all, it was a great time for everyone and we were happy with what was given. Once again, a few people slept there and some went home for the night.

We had our days of fun and games and even a storm thrown in somewhere in between, but eventually the end crept up on us once more. Before we knew it, we were breaking down the tent and taking our rabbits home, doing last minute cleaning and organizing until we were able to go sit down and look back on our week. It was just a great experience for everyone this year, members old and new old or young.

I just wanted to say that I hope everyone had fun, and continues to throughout the year. Before we know it, the fair will be back again, and fun will quickly follow. I wanted to say thanks to all the clubs for helping out with the tent set-ups and breakdowns, even though a few unfortunately couldn't be there to join in the fun. Have a great 4-H year!

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

YOUNG ACHIEVERS SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS

By: Karen Reeman, Leader

Several members of the Young Achievers will be sharing their talents during the months of August and September. Art work by Amber and Jeanine will be on display at the Inspired Minds Fine Art School "Open House and Summer Show" held August 26th in Lincroft. Their works will include a broad range of subjects—still lifes, landscapes, and animal portraits—in oils, pastels, and a variety of other mediums. For more information, call 732-530-3444.

Linette and Bethany will be performing in "Disney's Mulan" at the Eatontown Playhouse in Eatontown. They play respectively Mulan's mother and grandmother in addition to their supporting roles as soldiers. Performances will be every Saturday and Sunday, August 11th through September 29th. Linette and Bethany will also be performing in the "Over The Rainbow Productions Talent Show." For more information about Mulan or the Talent show call 732-888-0339.

Congratulations for "Making the Best Better!" We are proud of your efforts!

RISING STARS RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

By: Lauren Coleman, Leader



This summer has been a whirlwind of activity for our club, beginning in June when we gave our second performance at the Marlboro Greens Senior Center. Six of our members—Jeanine Reeman, Aarti Shah, Katherine Martinez, Amanda Tursi, Mary Tursi, and Laurne Coleman performed a few routines to an appreciative crowd. Just a few days later, the girls were showcasing those same routines in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at the 2007 USAIGC National Gymnastics Championships, where a total of 456 gymnasts took part in both rhythmic and artistic gymnastics. Aarti,

Amanda, Mary, Kathy, and Lauren performed their routines and won a total of fifteen medals—three golds, three silvers, and nine bronzes. Congratulations! Amanda was also crowned the National Champion for her hoop routine in the Bronze level, as was Mary for her floor routine (Cooper level) and Lauren for her ribbon routine (Gold level). The girls had a wonderful time meeting gymnasts from around the country and splashing around in the pool at the hotel, the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure.

Next up was the Monmouth County Fair, where we tripled our number of participants, performance wise. Joining the five girls from nationals were Jeanine, Katie, Patricia, Sarah, Samantha, Angela, Amanda, Christina, Bethany, Michelle, Gabrielle, Aliyah, Mya, Courtney, and Mackenzie. All of the members performed a group routine to the techno hit "Sandstorm."

If any 4-H'ers (and their friends) are interested in giving rhythmic gymnastics a try, check out our website at <http://rhythmicillusions.tripod.com> or call the 4-H office. Have a safe and awesome summer!



YOUTH CORNER



By: Morgan Martin, 14 Carrot Rabbit Club and Animal Science

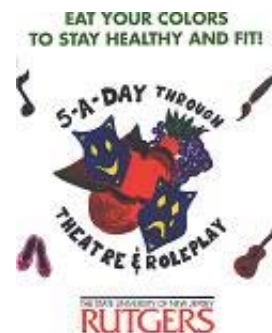




FIVE-A-DAY CORNER

5-A-Day Through Theatre and Roleplay

By: Debbie Hemmann, Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP Program Associate & Chevonne Porter, Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP Community Assistant



Monmouth County 4-H FSNEP during this 2006-2007 school year has had the privilege of presenting 5-A-DAY Through Theater and Roleplay to over 3500 Monmouth County students! This summer "5-A-Day Through Theatre and Roleplay" was presented to the students at Asbury Park Boys & Girls Club. From watermelon to corn, sweet potatoes and peaches to trail mix, the students at Boys & Girls Club have been encouraged to partake in a diet rich with fruits and veggies.

If you are 14 years of age or above and have an interest in nutrition and drama and would like to join our troupe, please give Debbie Hemmann a call at: (732) 577-6689.



Health Corner:

The kids had so much fun making their watermelon shakers by filling their paper plates that had been folded and decorated to look like watermelon slices with beans, and then stapling them shut.

Here is a great treat to go along with the craft!

Watermelon Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 6 cups watermelon cubes (seeds removed)
- ¼ cup raspberries
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup sugar
- ½ cup lemon juice

Directions: Blend first 3 ingredients until smooth. Strain into a pitcher and dissolve in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate until chilled.

Source: watermelon.org



THANK YOU

Dear 4-H Leaders Association,

Thank you so much for your donation for my trip to Japan. I have reached my goal and will be leaving on June 14th. I am extending an invitation to you to look at my on-line photo book, which will contain pictures of both my local area and Japan. If you are interested, please e-mail my Mom at janey@trusted-email.com.

I will be back on August 9th and will be happy to tell you about my trip.

Sincerely,

John Voorhees

THANK YOU FOR GIFT BASKETS FOR MARCH 17, 2007 STATE EVENT

Dear Ellen Williams,

On behalf of the 4-H State Association we would like to thank you and your county for donating gift baskets to the 4-H State annual fundraiser which was held March 17, 2007. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Israel
4-H State Association Secretary

THANK YOU

By: Stella Almeida
Monmouth County 4-H Horse Project Chair

The 2007 Monmouth County Fair days went by so very quickly! Many hours of meetings and the day finally came to roll up our sleeves and prepare for the Opening. It was wonderful seeing new faces and renewed enthusiasm for the Equine Exhibit.

I would like to thank all of you Members, Leaders and Parents for making the Horse Exhibit a magnificent success.

A special note of thanks to Joan Hutchinson for chairing the best "Pot-Luck" supper ever.

Summer is winding down, and the Fair will be a memory. Hopefully the "Fair Days" will instill some very good summer memories.

4-H ALSO MEANS COOPERATION

At the recent Monmouth County Fair the Curry Combs once again sponsored a fund raiser for the benefit of The Popcorn Zoo, Lacey Township. With the cooperation of all of our fellow horse clubs we successfully raised \$613.00 for this worthy animal protective association. The raffle prize was a Briar model horse, a genuine collector's piece, valued in excess of \$50.00, which was graciously donated by The Tack Shelter of Colts Neck, a long time supporter of 4-H.

The Curry Combs are most proud of the manner in which all of our horse clubs generously participated with us, truly demonstrating the...

4-H SPIRIT of COOPERATION.

FOOD BOOTH UPDATE

We just wanted to thank everyone for their hard work. We had a great year due to all of you who helped out and jumped in to fill shifts and those who came back on Monday. A special thanks to the New Jersey Chamber Choir 4-H club who stayed through the storm with us and came back to the tent and helped us clean up. We had some great support from donors as well, all of which lead to the Booth being a great success.

We are already looking toward next year's booth and looking for a donor if anyone has any leads. We are looking for a donation of a refrigerator; ours had to be thrown out before the fair this year and was replaced with a borrowed one for the week. If you are getting a new refrigerator or know someone who is and would be willing to donate your old one we would love it. We are also hoping to do some fundraising to get a new fryer, as our old one is wearing out and becoming dangerous. Wayne is working on a trip to Atlantic City. Look for more info in this newsletter.

Thanks again for all of your help. Sincerely,
Wayne Smith and Amy Barker



THANK YOU

THANK YOU

Our Monmouth County Fair 7/25-7/29 was again a great success thanks to the outstanding volunteerism demonstrated by our youth and adult volunteers. “Thank yous” are inadequate to express the 4-H staff’s deep appreciation of our volunteers’ services. The fair involves a great amount of teamwork, time and commitment; without the exceptional dedication of our 4-H volunteers, the fair would not be a reality. Thank you to all our many 4-H volunteers who “Made the Best Better”! Our 4-H’ers are very fortunate to have your wonderful 4-H generosity.

Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent

SUMMER COUNTY YOUTH WORKERS

Thank you to our returning summer county youth workers Stephanie Chan and Melissa Navarro who assisted us with summer 4-H programming. Stephanie and Melissa were very helpful, performing a variety of activities including teaching, fair preparation, power point presentation development, evaluation compilation, and more. We wish them both much happiness and success in their futures.

4-H OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Thank you to Melissa Chan who volunteered to work in the 4-H office this summer. Melissa helped with fair preparation and office activities. We appreciate Melissa’s willingness to devote some of her summer break to 4-H.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENT

Thanks to Caralee Zuppa, Rutgers University Animal Science major, who has worked as a Cooperative Education student with our 4-H office since spring. Caralee’s work included among other activities, teaching 4-H animal science lessons, assisting with the fair, researching pet therapy information for 4-H club leaders, and surveying Monmouth County horse farms for 4-H resources.

PNC COMMUNITY FAIR

Monmouth County 4-H was invited to participate in the PNC Community Fair on 8/11 in Freehold. Thank you to our 4-H’ers who provided performances for the event: Kaitlin Kazimir of Power of Music and Backstage to Broadway 4-H clubs, Luciana DeGrande of Power of Music 4-H club, and Monica Murphy of Paws for A Cause 4-H club. Kaitlin and Luciana performed a vocal duet, and Monica did a tap dance routine. Terri Jones, leader of our new club, Jersey Shore Pet Bird 4-H club, was in attendance with Ellen Williams, and attracted potential new members for the club.

CONGRATULATIONS

OPEN GYMKHANA—Sunday, August 12, 2007

Below are the winners of the Grand Champion(s) and Reserve Champion(s)

Jr. Jr. Grand Champion-Kellie Moran
Jr. Jr. Reserve Champion-Amber Henderson

Senior Grand Champion-Christin Sagui
Senior Reserve Champion-Jessica Sagui

Junior Grand Champion-Kacie Moran
Junior Reserve Champion-Olivia Bundshuh

Adult Grand Champion-Chris Cleary
Adult Reserve Champion-Chris Cleary



CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

MERCER COUNTY 4-H SHEEP SHOW

Congratulations to Lauren Myles who placed first in Novice Sheep Showmanship and Ricky Egan who placed second at the Mercer County 4-H Sheep Show.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

By: Macy Compton
State 4-H Program Coordinator

It is my pleasure to announce that Amy Smith from Monmouth County has been selected to serve as a member of the 2008 National 4-H Conference Planning Committee. This is an exciting assignment as Amy helps to plan and implement activities, events, professional development workshops and other venues for the 2008 Conference held March 29-April 3, 2008 at the National 4-H Youth Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Please remind your county teens about the wonderful opportunities at the National level. We are looking forward to hearing about Amy's experiences so she can encourage others to get involved in the future.

4-H BIKE RAFFLE

By: Rita Silvestri, 4-H Secretary

Tom Lang, Master Gardener donated a pink girl's bike to the 4-H program. It was a used bike in good shape.

Congratulations go out to Miranda Landry! She won the bike which was raffled off. Miranda has been an active member of the Raging Reptiles 4-H club for one year; she owns a "Bearded Dragon" and a "Gecko Leopard". Melissa really enjoys her activities in the Raging Reptiles 4-H Club.

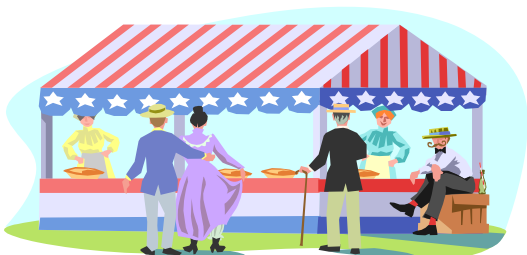


Pictured left: Find A 4-H'er! - At the fair; Randi Dorr and Equestrian of the Year: Christi Sagui handed out candy to help promote the horse project.

MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

By: Kelly Valenti, 4-H Program Assistant

Congratulations! Everyone did an amazing job at the fair, from the beautiful entries to the money raised, to the teamwork everyone exhibited during the rainstorm. The 4-H family is truly an amazing group of people. Thanks for another successful year!



Here are some photos of the fun we had...

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Free Spirit at club booth set-up showed great teamwork.



CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)



Bits & Bridles proudly gather by their club booth filled with important horse informa-



Rabbit Ambassadors Claire McKittrick and Paul Yoncak made themselves available throughout the fair to answer questions, promote 4-H & Jersey Fresh.



Caralee Zupa, Rutgers Animal Science student who interned with 4-H this summer overcame her fear of reptiles with the help of Diana Vogel.



100% Steppers leader Kim Brown shows off her skills in the 4-H show tent.



Toms Cruise was at the fair!?"Tommy" the Clydsdale helped raise money in the show tent ring.



Michael Johnson & Casey Goselin take a break from herdsman duty for a quick picture.



NJCCC member uses his vocal chords for getting people to the dunk tank.



The Rios family do a craft with the public as they help to promote the program



Summer Smagacz & Rachel Ebner did face painting for Backstage to Broadway



The three pictures indicate that fun was had at the horse show.



CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

2007 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Division Animal/Vet Science	2nd Place	Lexie Mariolis	Lizards-Green Iguana	Excellent, Best in Class & Special Award
Excellent	Kelly Shoemaker	Sr. Showmanship		Billy Help
Excellent	Monica Bubello	1st Place	Lexie Mariolis	Lizards-Leopard Gecko
Excellent	Patricia McLoughlin	2nd Place	Gracie Spreat	Excellent
Excellent	Paul Yoncak	3rd Place	Sandy Smith	Miranda Landry
Excellent	Randi Dorr	Sr. Weathers 1-2 years	Lizards-Savannah Monitor	Excellent
Excellent	Samantha Martin	1st Place	Tyler Ralph	Billy Help
Prep	Morgan Martin	Sr. Weathers 2-3 years	Milk Snake	
Prep	Wesley Bane	1st Place	Trever Ralph	Very Good
		2nd Place	Chelsea Cook	Billy Hemp
		3rd Place	Kelly Shoemaker	Northern Pine Snake
		Sr. Weathers 3-4 years		Excellent
		1st Place	Tyler Ralph	Billy Hemp
		2nd Place	Sandy Smith	Pythons-Ball
				Excellent
				Chris Chibbaro
				Excellent
				Diana Vogel
				Very Good
				Abbey Lanz
				Pythons-Cape York Spotted
				Excellent
				Mike Gandolfo
				Pythons-Children's
				Excellent
				Diana Vogel
				Pythons-Macklots (F)
				Excellent
				Billy Hemp
				Pythons-Macklots (M)
				Excellent & 1st Place Best In Show
				Billy Hemp
				Pythons-Ball
				Excellent
				Chris Chibbaro
				Excellent
				Diana Vogel
				Very Good
				Abbey Lanz
				Pythons-Burmese
				Excellent
				Jesse James Black
				Pythons-Cape York Spotted
				Excellent
				Mike Gandolfo
				Pythons-Children's
				Excellent
				Diana Vogel
				Pythons-Macklots (F)
				Excellent
				Billy Hemp
				Pythons-Macklots (M)
				Excellent & 1st Place, Best in Show
				Billy Hemp
				Rat Snake
				Excellent
				Jesse James Black
				Snow Corn
				Excellent
				Mike Gandolfo
				Thayeri Variable Kingsnake (F)
				Excellent
				Mike Gandolfo
				Western Hognose
				Excellent
				Mike Gandolfo

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CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

2007 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

<p style="text-align: center;">Division Poultry</p> <p>Backyard Hen 1st Place Mix Dylan Ralph</p> <p>Backyard Rooster 1st Place Cochin Mix Susie Eastman</p> <p>Bantam Hen 1st Place BRW Dutch Leah Waldron 2nd Place English Dylan Ralph 3rd Place Cochin Jessalyn Waldron</p> <p>Bantam Rooster 1st Place Cochin Susie Eastman 2nd Place Mille Fleur D'Uccle Rachel Ebner</p> <p>Best in Show Brown Dutch Leah Waldron</p> <p>Best Pair Cochin PA Susie Eastman</p> <p>Best Reserve Rowan Duck Joshua Todd</p> <p>Best Silky 1st Place Lauren Myles</p> <p>Heavy Weight Waterfowl 1st Place Peking Samantha Martin 2nd Place blue Swedish Jessalyn Waldron 3rd Place Peking Leah Waldron</p> <p>Hens & Chicks 1st Place Cochin Susie Eastman 2nd Place JAP Daniella Pillar 3rd Place English Dylan Ralph</p> <p>Jr. Showmanship 1st Place Samantha Martin 2nd Place Jessalyn Waldron 3rd Place Ricky Egan</p> <p>Medium Weight Waterfowl 1st Place Rowan Joshua Todd 2nd Place Coyuga Joshua Todd 3rd Place Coyuga Jessalyn Waldron</p> <p>Prep Showmanship Erica Todd</p> <p>Sr. Showmanship 1st Place Leah Waldron 2nd Place Daniella Pillar 3rd Place Rachel Ebner</p> <p>Standard Hen 1st Place Anda Lusion Rachel Ebner 2nd Place Rhode Island RI Daniella Pillar 3rd Place Campine Rachel Ebner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Division Rabbits</p> <p>Best In Show CJ Halpin</p> <p>Best Reserve In Show Abby Hildebrand</p> <p>Beveren Best of Breed Amelia Valente</p> <p>Champagne Best of Breed CJ Halpin</p> <p>Doe & Litter Best of Breed Kathleen McLoughlin Best Reserve of Breed Anthony Santoriello, Jr.</p> <p>English Angora Best of Breed Samantha Martin</p> <p>French Angora Best of Breed Samantha Martin</p> <p>French Lop Best of Breed Kathleen McLoughlin</p> <p>Giant Chinchilla Best of Breed Graham Haliskoe</p> <p>Halequin Best of Breed Jen Clayton Best Reserve of Breed Kimberly Wood</p> <p>Holland Lop Best of Breed Ashley Cordiner Best Reserve of Breed Anthony Santoriello, Jr.</p> <p>Jersey Wooly Best of Breed Clair McKittrick Best Reserve of Breed Clair McKittrick</p> <p>Lionhead Best of Breed Kathleen McLoughlin</p> <p>Mini Rex Best of Breed Paul Yoncak Best Reserve of Breed Clair McKittrick</p> <p>Mini Lop Best of Breed Melissa Whoeler Best Reserve of Breed Jen Clayton</p> <p>Mismarked Dutch Best of Breed Kathleen McLoughlin Best Reserve of Breed Kathleen McLoughlin</p> <p>Mix Best of Breed Samantha Martin Best Reserve of Breed Katherine Sotovelez</p> <p>Netherland Dwarf Best of Breed Abby Hildebrand</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Zealand</p> <p>Best of Breed Kathryn Stillman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Polish</p> <p>Best of Breed Paul Yoncak</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rex</p> <p>Best of Breed Abby Hildebrand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Silver Marten</p> <p>Best of Breed Joshua Todd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Division Sheep</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aged Ewe</p> <p>1st Place Ciara Weatherbee 2nd Place Susie Eastman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Champion Ewe Champion Ram Robbie Bruins Grade Ram Ciara Weatherbee</p> <p>1st Place Susie Eastman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jr. Fitting</p> <p>1st Place Lauren Myles 2nd Place Ricky Egan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jr. Showmanship</p> <p>1st Place Lauren Myles 2nd Place Ricky Egan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Market Ram Lamb</p> <p>1st Place Page Weatherbee Prep Fitting Brook Levens Prep Showmanship Brook Levens Rebecca Carmeli-Pesiak</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reserve Champion Susie Eastman Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb Robbie Bruins Reserve Champion Ram Susie Eastman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Fitting</p> <p>1st Place Susie Eastman 2nd Place Ciara Weatherbee 3rd Place Robbie Bruins</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spring Ewe Lamb</p> <p>1st Place Robbie Bruins 2nd Place Ricky Egan 3rd Place Lauren Myles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sr. Showmanship</p> <p>1st Place Robbie Bruins 2nd Place Ciara Weatherbee 3rd Place Susie Eastman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Champion Robbie Bruins</p>
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CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

2007 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Excellent John Falconio
 Excellent Joshua Scandrett
 Excellent Mackenzie Scandrett
 Excellent Monica Bubello
 Excellent Morgan Martin
 Excellent Sarah Mancini
 Excellent Taylor Brown
 Excellent, Best in Show Gracie Spreat
 Excellent, Best in Show John Falconio
 Excellent, Best in Show Kathleen McLoughlin
 Good Dakota Olsen
 Good Kathleen McLoughlin
 Good Kathleen McLoughlin
 Good Rachel Ebner
 Prep Carla Rios
 Prep Cooper Bane
 Prep Jeanine Reeman
 Prep Morgan Martin
 Prep Wesley Bane
 Very Good Abby Hildebrand
 Very Good Amanda Tursi
 Very Good Amber Henderson
 Very Good Gracie Spreat
 Very Good John Falconio
 Very Good John Falconio
 Very Good Linette Reeman
 Very Good Paul Yoncak
 Very Good Samantha Martin
 Very Good Tyler Bane
 Very Good Tyler Bane

Contests

Division 2007/2008 Ambassador Contest

2007 Ambassador Amelia Valente
 2007 Ambassador Taryn Leary

Division 5-A-Day

Participation Ariana Gregorio
 Participation Carla Rios
 Participation Gabriella Gregorio
 Participation Ian Rios
 Participation Maria Gregorio
 Participation Morgan "Mia" Martin
 Participation Nicklas Waladkewics
 Participation Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

Division Open Youth Pet Show Best Decorated Kelly Shoemaker

Best Groomed Horse/Pony Kelly Shoemaker

Best Groomed Sheep Kelly Shoemaker

Best Looking Horse/Pony Kelly Shoemaker

Cutest Goat/Sheep Kelly Shoemaker

Longest Hair Rabbit Morgan Martin

Longest Tail Kelly Shoemaker

Most Colorfull Goat/ShGoats/Sheep Kelly Shoemaker

Most Colorfull Reptiles & Amphibions Chris Chibbaro

Most Unusual Reptile Pet & Child Look alike Jesse James Black Summer Smagacz

Smallest Bird, Most Colorful Linette Ree,am

Best Groomed Rodent

1st Place Jeanine Reeman

2nd Place Summer Smagacz

Best in Show Jesse James Black

Best Reserve Kelly Shoemaker

Best Trick by Pet Linette Reeman

Longest Ferret

1st Place Graham Haliskoe

2nd Place Jillian Haliskoe

Longest Hair

1st Place Jeanine Reeman

2nd Place Summer Smagacz

Most Handsome Hamster

2nd Place Shannon Smith

3rd Place Jeanine Reeman

Most Unusual Pet

3rd Place Tursi Megan

Shortest Ferret

1st Place Jillian Haliskoe

2nd Place Graham Haliskoe

Shortest Hair

1st Place Summer Smagacz

2nd Place Shannon Smith

Smallest Pet

1st Place Megan Tursi

Division Pet Photo Contest

1st & 2nd Place John Falconio

Participation Alyssa Kelly

Participation Ashley McKinley

Participation Chelsea Cook

Participation Jamie Wallenstein

Participation
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 Participation

Jessica Sagui
 Jillian Haliskoe
 Joshua Scandrett
 Kelly Shoemaker
 Kerri Chosky
 Melissa Martin
 Miranda Landry
 Olivia Bundshuh
 Paul Yoncak
 Randi Dorr
 Samantha martin
 Summer Smagacz

Equestrian

Division Fun Day Horse Show

Jr. Jr. Amber Henderson

Kacie Moran

Tiffany Lambert

Junior Division Abbey Lanz

Chelsea Cook

Erin Mauser

Kelly Moran

Kelly Shoemaker

Olivia Bundshuh

Randi Dorr

Senior Division Christin Sagui

Jessica Sagui

Julie Couch

Matthew Hutchinson

Division Gymkhana

Adult Grand Champion
 Chris Cleary—Nevada
 Adult Reserve Champion
 Chris Cleary—Trouble
 Jr. Grand Champion
 Kacie Moran—Special Performance
 Jr. Junior Grand Champion
 Kelly Moran—Little Napoleon
 Jr. Junior Reserve Champion
 Amber Henderson—Puddin
 Jr. Reserve Champion
 Olivia Bundshuh—Martinique
 Senior Grand Champion
 Christin Sagui—Shadows K Appollo
 Sr. Reserve Champion
 Jessica Sagui—Toolman

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CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

2007 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Division Horses Model Horse

Excellent Kelly Shoemaker
 Excellent Morgan Martin
 Excellent Samantha Martin

Prep Maria Gregorio
 Prep Morgan Martin
 Prep Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

Good
 Very Good
 Very Good

Rachel Ebner
 Rachel Ebner
 Rachel Ebner

Health

Division Health & Fitness/Safety & 1st Aid

Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
 Excellent Lauren Hoenig

Mechanical Science

Division Woodworking
 Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Very Good Ian Rios

Division Vegetable

Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Very Good Rachel Ebner
 Very Good Rachel Ebner
 Very Good Rebecca Carmeli-Pesiak

Natural Science

Division Natural Collections

Prep Carla Rios
 Very Good Ian Rios

Get Moving Get Healthy

Excellent Nichlas Waladkewics

Prep Court

Participant Ariana Gregorio
 Participant Ashley Reha
 Participant Carla Rios
 Participant Gabriella Gregorio
 Participant Jesse Machy
 Participant Joey Machy
 Participant Jonah Resnick
 Participant Joshua Scandrett
 Participant Mackenzie Scandrett
 Participant Maria Gregorio
 Participant Melissa Martin
 Participant Miranda Landry
 Participant Morgan Martin
 Participant Nicklas Waladkewics
 Participant Noah Resnick
 Participant Rebecca Carmeli-Pesiak
 Participant Taylor Brown

Home Economics

Division Child Care

Excellent Ian Rios
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Summer Rae Smagacz
 Good Kathleen McLoughlin
 Good Kathleen McLoughlin
 Good Patricia McLoughlin
 Prep Carla Rios

Division Recycling

Excellent Paul Yoncak
 Excellent Samantha Martin
 Good Ian Rios
 Prep Ariana Gregorio
 Prep Carla Rios
 Prep Gabriella Gregorio
 Prep Maria Gregorio
 Very Good Melissa Whoeler

Plant Science

Division Arrangements

Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler

Division Clothing & Textiles

Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
 Good Dakota Olsen
 Prep Carla Rios
 Prep Carla Rios
 Prep Gabriella Gregorio
 Prep Jeanine Reeman
 Prep Jeanine Reeman
 Prep Maria Gregorio
 Prep Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
 Very Good Melissa Whoeler
 Very Good Patricia McLoughlin

Division Container Gardening

Excellent Clair McKittrick
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Excellent Melissa Whoeler
 Good Clair McKittrick
 Good Clair McKittrick
 Good Melissa Whoeler
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Public Presentations

Division Banner Design

Excellent 14 Carrot Rabbit Club
 Excellent Amigitos
 Excellent Animal Science
 Excellent Backstage to Broadway
 Excellent Bits & Bridles
 Excellent Curry Combs
 Excellent Free Spirit Goat Club
 Excellent Ft. Monmouth Rising Stars
 Excellent Live 'N Learn
 Excellent Monmouth Blasters
 Excellent Monmouth Livestock
 Excellent Natures Navigators
 Excellent Raging Reptiles
 Excellent S.W.A.P.
 Excellent Teen Council
 Excellent Thunderhoofs

Division Food & Nutrition

Prep Nicklas Waladkewics
 Very Good Gabriella Gregorio

Division Free For All (Food)

Excellent Samantha Martin
 Good Patricia McLoughlin
 Good Patricia McLoughlin
 Prep Ariana Gregorio
 Prep Gabriella Gregorio
 Prep Maria Gregorio

Division Flower Gardening

Very good Rachel Ebner

Division Herbs

Excellent Rachel Ebner

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CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

2007 MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Division Clogging

Participation	Amanda Schaaf
Participation	Christy Schaaf
Participation	Elizabeth Alexander
Participation	Elisabeth Buckley
Participation	Jamie Wallenstein
Participation	Jessyca DelPazzo
Participation	Joanna Tuminello
Participation	Kathy Smith
Participation	Lauren Hoenig
Participation	Melissa Martin
Participation	Rebecca martin

Division Club Booth

Excellent	14 Carrot Rabbit Club
Excellent	Amigitos
Excellent	Animal Science
Excellent	Backstage to Broadway
Excellent	Bits & Bridles
Excellent	Curry Combs
Excellent	Free Spirit Goat Club
Excellent	Ft. Monmouth Rising Stars
Excellent	Knight Riders
Excellent	Live 'N Learn
Excellent	Monmouth Clogging Express
Excellent	Monmouth Livestock
Excellent	Natures Navigators
Excellent	Raging Reptiles
Excellent	S.W.A.P.
Excellent	Teen Council
Excellent	Thunderhoofs

Division Clogging

Participation	Amanda Schaaf
Participation	Christy Schaaf
Participation	Elizabeth Alexander
Participation	Elisabeth Buckley
Participation	Jamie Wallenstein
Participation	Jessyca DelPazzo
Participation	Joanna Tuminello
Participation	Kathy Smith
Participation	Lauren Hoenig
Participation	Melissa Martin
Participation	Rebecca Martin

Division Club Booth

Excellent	14 Carrot Rabbit Club
Excellent	Amigitos
Excellent	Animal Science
Excellent	Backstage to Broadway
Excellent	Bits & Bridles

Excellent	Curry Combs
Excellent	Free Spirit Goat Club
Excellent	Ft. Monmouth Rising Stars
Excellent	Live 'N Learn
Excellent	Monmouth Blasters
Excellent	Monmouth Clogging Express
Excellent	Monmouth Livestock
Excellent	Natures Navigators
Excellent	Paws 4 A Cause
Excellent	Raging Reptiles
Excellent	S.W.A.P.
Excellent	Small Animal
Excellent	Teen Council
Excellent	Thunderhoofs

Division Gymnastics

Public Presentation	Apart Shah
Public Presentation	Angela Antonaccio
Public Presentation	Jeanine Reeman
Public Presentation	Katherine Martinez
Public Presentation	Kathleen McLoughlin
Public Presentation	Lauren Coleman
Public Presentation	Patricia McLoughlin
Public Presentation	Samantha Antonaccio
Public Presentation	Sara Sheefer

Division Variety Show Double Dutch Jump Rope

Public Presentation	Astarr Colmon
Public Presentation	Maiasia Brown

Music

Public Presentation	Jonah Resnick
Public Presentation	Noah Resnick

Puppetry

Public Presentation	Nicklas Waladkewics
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John Falconio won Best Overall in Visual Arts/1st in Water Color, 1st in Acrylic, 1st Photo, 1st Clay.



Gracie Spreat earned Best Overall in Photography and 1st in Watercolor.

Pictured Right: Carla Rios, a member of the Amigitos Culture Club, accepting her Prep Court Award at the Monmouth County Fair.



Pictured Right: Amigitos Culture Club at fair booth.



RESOURCES

COUNTRY LIVING ASSOCIATION

Complimentary Membership to 4-H Members' Families

General Information

- Country Living Association (CLA) was publicly launched on January 1, 2007. As of 4/10/07 we have nearly 9,000 members.
- Our official publication is *Living the Country Life*, a Meredith Publication. Founding sponsors include John Deere and Nationwide Agribusiness/Allied Insurance. Additional sponsors and partners are Fastline publications and Farm Safety 4 Just Kids.
- Our mission: To create and foster a community for like-minded people who share a passion for country living. We strive to connect members to each other and to sponsors and partners who truly understand and provide for the needs of a rural lifestyle.
- Members' benefits include a free subscription to *Living the Country Live*, a monthly e-newsletter, free online classifieds, special offers and promotions from sponsors, "Ask an Expert" advice and resource services, reduced rates to attend the regional clinics and national event, and product and service discounts.

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On behalf of Founding Sponsors Allied Insurance, Nationwide Agribusiness, and John Deere, complimentary memberships to the Country Living Association are being offered to families of 4-H members. The mission of this Association is to create and foster a community for like-minded people who share a passion for country living. We value the commitment of 4-H to promote leadership, citizenship, and life skills for youth, and wish to provide an additional means for both youth and their families to expand their knowledge. Through our website, five regional educational clinics, a National event in October, and our official publication—*Living the Country Life*—we offer connectivity to others with similar interests. To join the County Living Association, go to:

www.countrylivingassociation.org and use the special code of 4H2007.

Please contact Courtney Yuskis, Director of CLA, with any questions at (636)449-5088 or

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IN THE NEWS

Melissa Chan

My name is Melissa and I am 15 years old. I was born July 16, 1991 in Long Branch, New Jersey. I moved when I was 5 to Marlboro, New Jersey where I went to Frank Defino and then later Marlboro Middle School. I am now in Marlboro High School. I plan to get a job and get married when I am older.

I started taking piano lessons when I was 5 and quit taking it two year ago. Now I like to play it for fun whenever I want. I also play the clarinet in the school band and have been playing it since Elementary School. I am not that great at it, but not too bad also. I love listening to music and can't live a day without it.

I have taken basketball, soccer, tennis, ice skating, roller-blading, yo-yo, swimming and art lessons. I have also taken horseback riding lessons in Word of Life (WOL), which is a Christian camp. In WOL I also climbed a 40- foot wall, canoed, paintballed, and went on high ropes. I learned how to waterski, jetski, and tube there also. During the winter in WOL, I snowtubed and went ice chuting. I have also gone skiing, sledding, and snowboarding. It was all very fun.

Last year, I went to China and Hong Kong. It was fun looking at the scenery and shopping there. Looking at scenery makes me happy and peaceful because I get to look at God's creation. I also love to take pictures. I like to sing Christian Contemporary Music, although I'm not a good singer. I've volunteered for my church in the summer when they had Vacation Bible School, which is a Christian camp. I've volunteered in the library and Matawan Enrichment Center. I hate sin and selfishness. It can make things very frustrating and confusing. I struggle with the thought of failure but know that God is always there for me and can help and guide me. He is a very big part of my life. I want to tell others about Christ and what he has done for me.

Elizabeth Coover

Hey everyone! My name is Elizabeth Coover and I am a new volunteer here at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office. For the month of August, I'll be helping out around the office, making phone calls, taking trips, working on some special project for the 4-H Arts Camp, and soaking in some valuable information! I am a junior at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE where I am majoring in dietetics (nutrition). I have a minor in biology and a concentration in pediatrics, so I have plenty to keep me busy at school. I love dietetics-in what other major can you cook meals in lab and work in the school's delicious dining hall? Okay, so maybe working in the dining hall isn't the greatest but learning about healthy habits and fitness *is*. Nutrition is a very important subject, and universally, we all need to have some knowledge of the facts if we are going to eat well and live long. After I graduate from Delaware, I hope to land a dietetic internship which will allow me to earn my credentials as a registered dietitian. I have a lot of ideas about how I want to pursue my profession, but ultimately, I want to work with children, either specializing in pediatric oncology or developing nutrition curricula and programs for schools and communities. I think that Rutgers Cooperative Extension can help me obtain a lot of information about nutrition and family programs (such as FSNEP-Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program) and help me get the field experience I need to succeed. Although I am back at school as of August 26, I will be back winter break, helping out! See you then!

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

4-H ACTIVE IN FORT MONMOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMMING

26 kindergarteners in the Fort Monmouth Child Development Center participated in a variety of 4-H special interest programs throughout the summer. These included a session on dog care presented by our Animal Science intern Caralee Zuppa and her dog, on June 6th, a photography skillathon on 6/26 instructed by Kelly Sennstrom of Burlington County 4-H, and a candy landfill ecology project coordinated by Jackie Melillo of the Burlington County EcoComplex on 6/28. On 6/26, Kelly also conducted the photography skillathon for 31 youth in the School Aged Services program. For the Fort Monmouth Middle School Camp, Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent was instructor for Theatre Arts Week 8/13—8/17 attended by 10 youth.



Fort Monmouth photo skillathon



Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent, assists with Burlington EcoComplex candy landfill project.



Kelly Sellenstrom of Burlington County 4-H conducts photography skillathon at CDC.



Rutgers University Animal Science Student Caralee Zuppa teaches dog care at CDC. 6/6/07

COLLIER GROUP HOME YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN 4-H

10 residents of Collier Group Home in Red Bank participated in a creative arts/life skill development program conducted by Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent in July. Participants had the opportunity to see their banner displayed at the Monmouth County Fair. As a result of the program, youth expressed interest in a number of 4-H programs including, for example, equine, astronomy, drama, creative writing and herpetology.



4-H OFFERS WORKFORCE PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR COLLIER JET CAMP

Collier JET Camp, a summer youth employment training program in Wickatunk has the primary objective of preparing teens for the workforce. As an education component of the program, Monmouth County 4-H provided workforce preparation and money management training for 20 campers in July and August. Instructors were Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent and Stephanie Chan, summer youth worker. Activities included, among others, designing a personal business, setting individual goals, identifying values, exploring various forms of communication, and building leadership skills.



IN THE NEWS (cont.)

AMBASSADOR CONTEST



Pictured Left: Guest of Honor Freeholder Barbara J. McMorrow and Howell's Miss New Jersey, Amy Polumbo, announce and congratulate the Ambassadors.



Pictured Above: The 2007-08 4-H Ambassadors, Amelia Valente (left) and Taryn Leary (right). Also pictured is the 1st runner up Abby Hildebrand (center). Congratulations to everyone for helping to Make the Best Better!



Above: 2006-07 Ambassadors Sarah Sakowski (right) and Diana Vogel (left) end their reign by welcoming in their predecessors.

The Master of Ceremonies, Jerry Hamlin, Director of Special Projects for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office questions each candidate about their platforms.

AMELIA VALENTE



As I look back and think of all the fun memories I have made in 4-H, I am truly overwhelmed. 4-H had brought so much color to my life and has taught me how to make many friends, develop important skills, has gotten me more active and has let me have so much fun. When I started 4-H, I was a shy 8 year old who did not know how to make friends at all, or know how to socialize. Now that I am 15, I am a confident person who loves to talk in front of people and be as friendly as I can be.

I belong to the 14 Carrot Rabbit 4-H club. Our club revolves around teaching kids about caring for their rabbits, learning to show your rabbits, doing social work such as donating to the heifer project, and most important having fun. I have been in this club for 7 years now and have enjoyed every second of it. Currently, I am president of the club which has been an exciting adventure and I have worked really hard to make the club great. During my 7 years I have been to many places and activities including going to Oakley Farms, Turkey Swamp, Molson's Nursery, Manasquan Reservoir, where we show the public our rabbits and promote 4-H. I have also been to many counties such as Middlesex, Somerset, Ocean, and Little Egg Harbor for rabbit shows. I attended the State Small Animal Show this year with my beveren rabbit and received a Best of Breed. One of the best things of 4-H is attending the Monmouth County Fair where I showed my rabbits and small animals and try to educate the public as much as I can as well, and make all the people welcome and having a good time with everyone! I have also attended other events such as the county and state presentations from which I have both received excellent ribbons and scores of 95 and above. This taught me how to talk in front of people and I am truly grateful for this. Not only have I learned public speaking skill, but 4-H has also helped me with improving my social skills. As I said before, I was very shy and did not know how to talk to people; now I am a very confident person who is not shy anymore, loves to make new friends and make new members of the club very welcome. I have also developed many other skills which involve academics, responsibility, cooperative, learning, and organization.

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IN THE NEWS (cont.)



If I was to be elected ambassador my first thing would be to introduce myself to anyone who did not know me and let them know that if they need anything from me, that I would be more than happy to do what it is. When I thought of what would make a good platform, one thing kept spinning in my mind and that was helping kids. If you think about it, 4-H is based on teaching children and young adults important life skills and to make a fun and educational experience. We should all be grateful for what we have and how much we can give. Many kids/young adults do not have that and sadly many of them are abused and not treated properly. As I thought of how we could help these children I remembered the new center that is being built right next to the 4-H office for abused and exploited children. It puts a smile on my face just thinking of how we could help these kids, either by donating money, clothes, food, or anything else the center needed. I would call it project "Kids Helping Kids". We could also have holiday parties for these children and let them know that people do care about them and the bad times have passed. My time as ambassador would be to help these children and to teach 4-H about how lucky we are. I would love to go around to different clubs and teach them about this project. I would try to show many options they could have to help these kids while also making it fun and educational for all levels. I would also make 4-H fun for everyone and very welcoming. I hope this idea works and is successful. Most importantly, I hope that each 4-H'er ends a 4-H event, or meeting feeling happy knowing a good day had been completed.

TARYN LEARY



Hi, my name is Taryn Leary. I am 16 years old and am currently a junior at Marlboro High School. I have been involved with 4-H for 4 years. Currently, I am the president of Monmouth County Teen Council. In 2005 I served as the reporter for Teen Council and in 2006 I was the 2nd vice president. I have been a member of State Teen Advisory Council for the past 2 years where I served as corresponding secretary in 2006. At school I am involved in Student Council and Habitat for Humanity, where I am the treasurer. I enjoy everything that I do, but my true passion is helping others. After college I have plans of becoming a special education teacher. I want to stand out as one of the many leaders of tomorrow.

The most important lesson that I have gained throughout 4-H is leadership. I can use my leadership skills to strengthen the Monmouth County 4-H. I have inherited all my leadership skills through my 4-H experiences. I have also had tons of experience in public speaking which has truly benefited me. Three years ago I would have not been able to run for Ambassador because I would have been too afraid to make a speech in front of a crowd. But, now that 4-H has given me so many opportunities to practice public speaking and to learn how to become a leader, I can do so with confidence.

I can now delegate to a group and be a role model for members of my community. By using all the skills that I have learned, I can help to improve the future of 4-H. My platform for Monmouth County Ambassador is to help strengthen the leaders of tomorrow. I want to help all 4-H'ers have the confidence to run a group. If selected as Ambassador I would like to hold programs open to all age groups on leadership and citizenship. I believe that learning by "hands on" experiences allows a person to gain so much more than out of a book lesson. The type of program I would like to hold will be based on team building activities. Team building activities allow a leader to step forward to guide a group. The rest of the group gains experiences in citizenship, by working together as a whole to accomplish one goal. By attending a program that focuses on leadership and citizenship, everybody can be taught how to become a leader. I can use my leadership skills to help teach others to be leaders. I will always remember how 4-H helped me to grow as a well rounded individual and hope to share this with the leaders of the future. These are all life skills that can help to enhance the future. Start now and use these skills to live a better tomorrow. Together we can strengthen Monmouth County 4-H and work together to build a better future. We already are the best, now let's make it better!

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IN THE NEWS (cont.)



ABBY HILDEBRAND



I have been an active member of the Monmouth County 4-H program for almost nine years, plus the three years I sat in on my brother's club meetings. I have had rabbits for eleven years, and currently I have fifteen rabbits in my herd, most of which I've bred.

My 4-H experience has been rich and rewarding, but also heartbreaking when I've had to let one of my beloved rabbits go to heaven. Besides my project breeding, caring for and raising Netherland dwarf rabbits, I have the honor of enjoying the Monmouth County 4-H community and sharing the joy of my rabbits. The 4-H programs also allow me to extend my artistic talents, including art and writing. I like to mentor the youngest children by teaching them rabbit care and good character, which is an important part of the 4-H program.

I have learned much in 4-H. I have learned proper parliamentary procedure, which comes in handy when watching C-SPAN for research project or pleasure. I have learned that sometimes the younger children have the brightest minds, as well as the biggest hearts. Helping to plan the fair every year has taught me always to look at the big picture, because sometimes even the smallest details will send a huge operation tumbling down.

Having fifteen animal lives in my hands every single day has taught me both responsibility and the value of life and death. When I lost two rabbits to moldy hay, I learned how important the little details are in life, and how quickly a disease can take hold in small animals. I have learned that some things take precedent to the self, and that sometimes sacrifice is a necessary part of life. I have learned that helping a creature grow from the size of a thumb to a full-grown rabbit is an incredibly rewarding occurrence.

In my breeding program, I have learned volumes about genetics, including how to map favorable traits through the family tree. I have learned a lot about the physiology and veterinary science of rabbits when dealing with the various diseases and injuries mine have experienced, including cow hocked legs, mucoid enteritis ("fader" babies), broken leg, wry neck, prolapsed rectum, a non-nursing doe, kit rescue from the cat's mouth and, of course, the bleeding toe nail. I have learned remedies for the most common illnesses and where to find the best vets. I also have learned good nutrition and proper cleaning, which in turn has improved my personal health, agility and public speaking skills.

I've participated in many 4-H community service projects, including my favorite, St. Mary's Environmental Fair. I have worked hard at the fair each year trying to educate the public and raise money for my club to use for charitable causes.

In 2006, I won the Pomona Grange award, and the Teen Idol and Teen Motivator honors.

As Monmouth County 4-H Ambassador for 2007-08, I would make sure to uphold the standards of elegance, eloquence and excellence that 4-H expects from its ambassador. I would try to educate more people about 4-H to bring it to the forefront of today's youth programs. I think schoolchildren would be receptive to more contact with the agricultural and animal programs, as well as the dancing, singing, art, public speaking and other programs in all areas of the county. More advertising could be done to encourage 4-H for kids growing up in urban areas of the county. I would try to influence legislation going through the New Jersey Legislature by meeting with Assembly members and state senators from Monmouth County to promote agriculture and youth interests.

I would honor the Monmouth County 4-H program as its representative and could speak knowledgeably about 4-H because of the time and experience I've devoted to my club and my project.



IN THE NEWS (cont.)



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS 2007

By: Sarah R. Sakowski



Hello everybody! During the second week in July, I participated in a great experience. I went to Citizenship Washington Focus or CWF. Let me explain what CWF is first. Over the course of a 7 week period over the summer, all 50 states send about 40-50 people called a delegation down to Washington, DC. Everybody stays at the National 4-H Conference Center right outside of DC. Some states that were there during week 6 were: New Jersey, (of course) Arkansas, New York, Wisconsin, Idaho, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and last but not least, Puerto Rico.

Some places that the delegations visited were Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial and other war memorials, Capitol Hill, the National Cathedral, and the Washington Monument. Mount Vernon is the home of our founding father, George Washington. It was a beautiful house, and we got to have a grand tour of it. Arlington National Cemetery is where all of the men and women are buried who have served our country here and overseas. Some other sites that we saw at the cemetery was the JFK Eternal Flame. Some of the other war memorials we saw were the Iwo Jima, WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (aka The Wall)

The Wednesday during the week was Capitol Hill Day. On this day we were able to meet our congressman. This enabled our delegation to voice different issues in our community. Many of the congressmen and women were interested in what we had to say, and considered our opinions.

Some of the recreational things that we did at CWF were visits to the different Smithsonian museums, a dinner theatre, a talent show, a night-view of DC, a CWF derby, a dance, and a trip to the National Zoo.

During CWF, there was also a mock congressional session that we held as a whole CWF delegation. I did not partake in this, however, but I was able to gather a lot from this experience about how bills are passed, rejected, and altered.

I had an outstanding time during CWF. I made new friends, met new people, and had an experience that I will remember for years to come! I hope that this article will encourage more 4-H youth to apply for this great program.



Pictured above: Bird's eye view of Washington, D.C. from the top of the Washington Monument.



Pictured left: New Jersey Delegation in front of Capitol Hill.





IN THE NEWS (cont.)



LIVING GREEN—PROTECTING WILDLIFE 4-H Volunteers Help to Preserve Horseshoe Crab Spawning Ground

By: Brian Hulme and John Applegate

On June 18th, Nature’s Navigators club members assisted Agricultural Biologists John Applegate and Brian Hulme in identifying horseshoe crab spawning beaches. This was an on going project initiated by the Shark River Clean-up Coalition in order to achieve protected habitat designations by the NJDEP for beaches along the Shark River Estuary. For the past several years, the Shark River Clean-up Coalition has been trying to prove that these areas are essential to keeping the horseshoe crab population steady by providing a breeding ground and nesting place for its young. This was done by videotaping the horseshoe crabs as they were aggregating and mating during full moons. In addition, samples of the beach were taken to quantify the number of eggs that were laid in the sand. The method used by the 4-H volunteers was to grid the beach into quadrants and use an “eggractor” to extract sand samples which were then sifted to find the eggs.

This important scientific data will be submitted to the State to protect this essential habitat. Not only will this protect the horseshoe crabs, but the Red Knot shore bird. The birds migrate from South America to Canada to lay their eggs, but use New Jersey’s beaches as a rest stop to feed on the horseshoe crab eggs and replenish their energy to continue their journey north. The 4-H volunteers not only helped these organisms, but educated the public on the importance of the world wide food chain. Any disruptions in this chain can lead to catastrophic consequences for any species within that cycle, as has been seen in the recent and rapid decline of the red knot shore bird.



CJ Ramos and CJ Halpin extracting a sample for eggs.



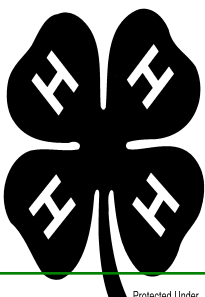
Club members checking out a horseshoe crab. Left to Right: Lorraine Yoncak-Leader, Tommy Schreiber, CJ Halpin, Paul Yoncak, CJ Ramos, and John Redden (front).



Paul Yoncak and Brian Hulme, Agricultural Biologist examining eggs.



Tommy Schreiber sifting for eggs.





IN THE NEWS (cont.)



A Call for a Unified Voice: The Viability and Vitality of the Equine Industry in the Garden State Depends Upon It

By: Karyn Malinowski, Ph.D.

Director of the Equine Science Center, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University

In New Jersey, where the horse is the state animal, the equine industry is invaluable as a major factor for improving the quality of life for New Jersey residents by preserving open space, providing outdoor sport and recreation, building a solid foundation for youth development, and providing mental and physical therapy to adjudicated youth and handicapped persons.

The New Jersey equine industry, valued at \$4 billion, produces an economic impact of \$1.1 billion comprised of the \$278.2 million spent annually for racing-related operations, not including racetracks; \$262.4 million spent annually by non-racing operations, \$117.8 million spent annually by equine owners without operations, \$502 million spent annually by New Jersey racetracks. The industry employs approximately 13,000 persons and generates \$160 million in tax revenue, annually. Horses are found on 7,200 facilities on 176,000 acres in every county statewide. Horse operations tend to be more sustainable than other types of agricultural businesses, making the horse industry critical to the growth and land-use strategy of the state (The New Jersey Equine Industry, 2007, Rutgers Equine Science Center).

Horse racing and the horse industry are essential to the well-being of New Jersey in many ways. There exists a delicate balance between the future of horse racing, the preservation of the New Jersey equine industry and the importance of the equine industry to traditional agricultural, open space and quality of life for the residents of the state. The New Jersey race horse industry has been severely impacted by the state lotteries and casino gaming. In addition to the casino gaming industry and state lotteries, there is now the introduction of video lottery terminals (VLTs or slots) in three neighboring states at racetracks in direct competition with New Jersey's four racing venues. New Jersey cannot afford to lose its horse racing industry. Too many jobs and precious farmland and open space acres, which enhance the quality of life for New Jersey residents, depend upon the breeding, raising and training of thoroughbreds and standardbreds.

Why should non-racing equine interests care about racing's future?

Racing is not the only equine discipline that will lose if New Jersey racing does not receive the "shot in the arm" it so desperately needs.

- The future of young people who would like to make a living in the horse industry in New Jersey is in jeopardy. Why stay?
- The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board's (EAB) annual budget to support the Horse Park of New Jersey and the sport and recreation segments of the horse industry, predominantly, including 4-H Youth Development program is correlated to a percentage of the pari-mutuel handle from racing. The EAB annual budget which was \$498,000 in 1990 declined to a new low of \$350,000 in 2005. This budget will disappear if racing is not saved in New Jersey.
- The "top shelf" level of services New Jersey horse enthusiasts have come to expect such as equine veterinary clinics and feed and supply stores are at risk, because, while they are frequented and supported by sport horse competition and recreational users, a predominant economic flow to these entities is from the racing industry.
- The entire infrastructure supporting ALL segments of the horse industry is in jeopardy.

The racing industry was there to support the development of the Horse Park of New Jersey, which exists primarily for non-racing interests. It is time for the **entire** industry to rally around once and for all to let the public and the legislature know that the future of horse racing in New Jersey will impact horse owners of every breed and discipline; as it will open space, traditional agricultural production and quality of life. Use the tool kit (Economic Impact Report and the accompanying DVD; available at www.esc.rutgers.edu) provided by the Rutgers Equine Science Center to tell the story of the importance of the New Jersey Equine Industry to legislators and policy decision makers. YOU can make a difference.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Is your club looking for a volunteer opportunity? Pleasant Valley Adult Day Care in Holmdel would like a club or two to do some activities with their members. They are open to various ideas, including holiday theme parties; community service; singing and dancing; games and sports such as bowling; arts and crafts; cooking; and animals. Pleasant Valley is open 10am-3pm on weekdays only, so plan on visiting during a school holiday or the summer. To sign up your club or to get more information, please call Patty Sherwood with Pleasant Valley at (732)888-4567.

6 FLAGS TICKETS STILL ON SALE

Just a reminder that the State 4-H Association will continue to sell 6 Flags tickets through August 31st. Tickets are good any regular scheduled operating day in 2007. All 4-H families and friends are welcome to purchase them and can use them on any regular scheduled day of operation. Tickets cost \$29.00 ea.; the Meal Deal cost is \$10.00 ea.; and there is a processing fee (shipping & handling) which is \$7.00. Make check payable to NJ State 4-H Association and mail with the form below to: 4Hand6Flags, 48 Read Street, Newark, NJ 07105. Thank you for supporting their statewide fund raising effort. Any questions can be addressed to: 4hand6flags@gmail.com. (Order form below)

KIDS CAN COOK New 4-H Club

Date: 3rd Friday of each month
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Kitchen/Classroom
 Ag Building
 Kozloski Road
 Freehold, NJ
 Members: Prep & Standard
 All ages welcome!

Please bring a favorite recipe with you and we will make our own cook books to keep. Every month we will add a new recipe. For directions or more information, contact Debbie Todd at 732-928-6886.



DEARBORN FARMS

Dearborn Farms in Holmdel is again inviting Monmouth County 4-H to offer demonstrations and educational programming as part of their fall schedule. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to gain community service and public speaking experience. Dearborn Farms is also interested in providing donations to 4-H for the 4-H programming we provide. If interested in participating in this 4-H/Dearborn community partnership, contact Ellen at: williams@rcrc.rutges.edu or (732)431-7266.

**Please Type or PRINT clearly and provide FULL street address.
 We CANNOT ship tickets to a PO Box number.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ **Night Phone:** (____) _____



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Teen Advisory Board

Giving Our Libraries the Teen Perspective!



**Teens,
ages 13-18,
Interested
In making
the library
an even
better place**

Once a month ~ 7:30-8:30 pm

- ▶ Share your ideas for the library!
- ▶ Earn volunteer service hours!
- ▶ Enhance your college application!
- ▶ Enjoy free refreshments!
- ▶ Meet new friends!

**Interested? Questions?
Contact: Elaine Siegel, Teen Librarian
MCLTeens@aol.com OR 732-431-7222**

**Monmouth County Library
HEADQUARTERS
125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ 07726-3249**

Fill out the information below and give it to your librarian.

Name: _____

Grade in School: _____
(e.g. 9th)

Email: _____
(Please write legibly!)

Phone: _____



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



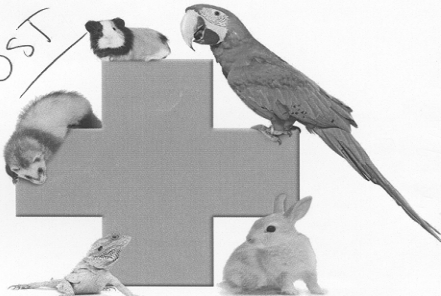
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Presented by:
Cyndi Brown, DVM, ABVP (Avian)
Anneliese Strunk, DVM

Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Red Bank Veterinary Hospital Lecture Hall

RSVP by Wednesday, September 12, 2007 by calling:
732.747.3636 ext. 1732 or ext. 1733
or email: info@rbvh.net

HORSE PROJECT

September 4th, Tuesday
October 2nd, Tuesday
November 5th, Monday
December 4th, Tuesday

YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL— What is That?

- WHO:** Horse project members 5th grade & Up
- WHERE:** 4-H Office
- WHEN:** See dates listed above.
- TIME:** 6:30 pm
- WHY:** The Youth Horse Council is the voice for the horse project! We need your help! This year the Youth Horse Council has set many goals for themselves: they are planning field trips, clinics, promoting the 4-H Horse Project, hosting fun events and are already working on some fresh ideas for the fair! Way to go 4-H'ers!

THE GREAT WORLD WIDE STAR COUNT

Join an exciting new citizen campaign—the Great World Wide Star Count which will be held from October 1st through October 15, 2007. This international event encourages everyone to go outside, look skywards after dark, count the stars they see in certain constellations, and report what they see online. This inaugural Windows After Dark event is designed to raise awareness about light pollution and the night sky as well as encourage learning in astronomy. All the information needed to participate is available on the Star Count Web site.

[Http://www.starcount.org](http://www.starcount.org)

or contact starcount_info@ucar.edu

At the conclusion of the event, the submitted data will be analyzed and a map will be generated highlighting the results of this new citizen science campaign.

HORSE LEADERS

Please see the above dates for your meetings which will be held at 7:30 pm.

The horse leaders are busy gearing up for the 2007-2008 program year. They have their goals set and are enthusiastically dividing up tasks to help them accomplish as much as possible. Some things they are focusing on is developing a budget, fundraising, organizing a trip to the American Youth Horse Council Symposium being held in North Carolina, recruiting 4-H'ers to the horse project and supporting the horse shows and fair. The horse leaders meet every month and are crucial in the support they provide to the Horse Project. Thanks Leaders!



UPCOMING EVENTS



***HORSE
HALLOWEEN
PARTY!***

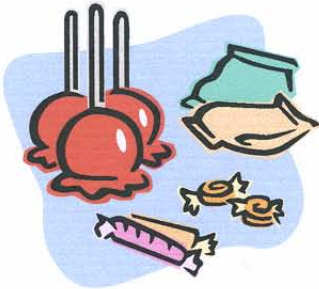
WHO: All Horse Project Members

WHEN: October 26, 2007 at 6:30pm

WHERE: 4-H Office

WHY: Come have fun with Horse Project members! There will be games, prizes and lots of laughs!

Please come dressed in costume, bring a treat to share and RSVP by October 19, 2007. You can RSVP to 732-431-7265.





UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

STATE SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

The State Small Animal Show is being held September 15, 2007 in Cumberland County. The deadline for entries is September 7, 2007.

LIVESTOCK

State Goat Show is being held on August 23rd! Good luck to all of those participating.

LIVESTOCK ADVISORY MEETINGS will be held four times this year. We would like all livestock leaders and those leaders working with 4-H'ers who have livestock projects to attend. We also need 4-H members in the livestock project to attend these meetings. These meetings will be providing information about shows, reviewing the fair, looking at a budget and recruitment. The meetings will be:

September 5th	@	7:00 pm
December 5th	@	7:00 pm
March 5th	@	7:00 pm
June 4th	@	7:00 pm

MEMBERS RECOGNITION NIGHT

Members Recognition Night will be held on October 11, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office. Record Books will be returned that night.

RABBIT ACADEMY

Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Rabbit Academy. What would you like to learn this year? Have your voice heard. Complete the information below and return to the 4-H Office by October 1, 2007.

NAME: _____ My ideas for topics at the Rabbit Academy are:

RECORD BOOK PEER REVIEW

September 19, 2007 at 6:30 pm we will be doing Record book Peer Review. We are in need of 4-H'ers to read and provide feedback to their fellow 4-H'ers about their books. If you can help please contact Kelly by 9/17/07. Hope many of you will help, last year we had 12 peer reviewers who reviewed 50 books. 40% of the 4-H'ers who had their book peer reviewed saw an increase in their score the following year.

Leaders the record books for your club are available for pickup.

SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT

Small Animal Committee will hold their first meeting of the year on September 11, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the 4-H office.

We would like leaders working with youth on Small Animal Projects to attend as well as all youth working in the Small Animal Project. The Small Animal Committee works on the County Small Animal Show, educational programs like Rabbit Academy and, of course, the fair.

We would like more help and hope you will consider coming out to support this project.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Attention All Bakers & Pastry Chefs

In conjunction with Members Recognition Night
Thursday, October 11, 2007

THE GET MOVING GET HEALTHY

Food and Fitness Ambassadors

Invite all 4-H'ers to take part in

The HEALTHY Delicious Desserts Event

Make a HEALTHY dessert to be shared with all those in attendance! Prep members can make no-bake recipes and may have assistance from their parents. You will receive a Food & Nutrition Certificate along with a prize that evening. All recipes will be compiled into a cookbook and distributed to participants after the event.

Complete the recipe card on the next page and bring the original along with a copy to Member's Recognition Night. Take your dessert and serving utensil to kitchen/classroom and place them on the refreshment tables. All bakers will be recognized at the end of the awards ceremony. All attendees will be invited to sample the goodies.

In need of a recipe?

Call Virginia at 732-431-7267 for an appointment to check out all the Food and Nutrition Curriculum available to borrow from the 4-H Library. KIDS CAN COOK is a new club – find out about it too!

GOOD RULES TO FOLLOW:

1. Read the recipe all the way through.
2. Preheat the oven.
3. Assemble utensils and ingredients.
4. Measure ingredients accurately.
5. Mix thoroughly at every step.
6. Bake according to directions.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Delicious Desserts Recipe Card

BAKER

Recipe

Title _____

Prep Time _____ **Number of People Served**

Preheat Oven to _____ **Prep Members** – Be sure to get adult assistance.



Equipment Needed _____



Ingredients _____



Instructions _____



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Saturday, 9/29/07

10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

**at the
Asbury Park Arcade
at Convention Hall**

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To Register:

Call 732.663.1800 ext. 211

or

Fax this form to 732.663.1698

or

Mail this form to:

Attn: B. Sprechman
Prevention First
1405 Highway 35
Ocean, NJ 07712

Chess Fest 2007

Attention All Kids! Come play against New Jersey Chess Masters and Experts in the 7th Annual Chess Fest on the Asbury Park Boardwalk!

Special Guest: International Grandmaster Maurice Ashley!

FREE to all Monmouth County children grades K – 12.
Come watch or be a piece in a human chess game!
First 50 registrants receive a free chess set and tee shirt!

Register today!

Contact: Barbara Sprechman 732-663-1800 ext.211



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Ocean, NJ 07712
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Name	T-shirt Size: S M L XL
Address	Sex Age
Phone	
Signature	Date
Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age.	Date



SAVE THE DATE....

“NJ 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT”

- For adult and teen volunteers**
- Saturday, October 6th**
- 9:00am – 3:30pm**
- University Inn and Conference Center, Douglass Campus**



Our goal is to provide personal, interpersonal and group development of our 4-H volunteers.

Exciting workshop topics will focus on the essential elements as well as information about...*“What makes our NJ 4-H program a success”*

- ~ Curriculum Showcase
- ~ Best Ideas Sharing
- ~ Youth and Adult partnerships
- ~ Experiential learning
- ~ 4-H 101

Registrations will be sent to counties August 1st

Supported by Monsanto and National 4-H Council to bring volunteers together to network and learn about innovative programs that will result in fresh perspectives and activities for 4-H programs across the state.

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



2007 NJ 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Over a hundred 4-H volunteers, both adults and teens, from across New Jersey are expected to come together to share ideas about their local 4-H programs at the NJ 4-H Leadership Summit, Saturday, October 6, 2007. The Summit will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ.

The summit, supported by Monsanto and National 4-H Council, will bring 4-H volunteers together to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to 4-H programs across the state.

The registration form along with the workshop selection information is available on the following webpage: [Http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/volunteering/index.html#leadership](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/volunteering/index.html#leadership) or call the 4-H office at (732)431-7263.

4-H CAMP NEWS

2008 WINTER CAMPS

Based on the information that was submitted, here is how the schedule for the 2008 winter camps came together.

- January 4-6: open
- January 11-13: Atlantic and Ocean
- January 18-20: Cape May and Middlesex
- January 25-27: Bergen, Somerset, Warren
- February 1-3: Salem, Gloucester, Burlington, Mercer and Morris
- February 8-11: Sussex, Essex, Union and Monmouth

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education provides youth and adults with a safe environment for fun, hands-on residential outdoor educational experiences; fostering independence, leadership development, respect, tolerance and positive self-esteem. This is accomplished under the guidelines of 4-H and Rutgers Cooperative Extension principles and missions.



4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 YHC mtg. 6:30pm Horse Ldrs. 7:30pm	5 Livestock Adv. 7:00pm	6	7 Deadline State Sm Animal Reg.	8
9	10	11 Sm Animal Committee Mtg. 7:30 pm	12	13 1st Aid Red Bank Vet Hospital 7:00pm	14	15 St. Sm Animal Show Cumberland County/Dog Pa- rade Ocean Grove
16	17 Deadline to register for re- cord book Peer Review	18	19 Record Book Peer Review 6:30 pm/Teen Council Mtg 7:30pm	20	21	22
23	24 ShopRite Family Day Event Freehold	25	26	27 4-H Associa- tion Mtg. 4-H Office	28	29 Chess Fest 10am to 2pm As- bury Park Arcade at Convention Hall
30						

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Deadline for Rabbit Acad- emy Info	2 YHC 6:30pm Horse Leaders 7:30pm	3	4	5	6 NJ 4-H Leader- ship Summit in New Brunswick
7	8	9	10	11 Members Recognition night 6:30 pm	12	13
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
14	15	16	17 Teen Council Meeting 7:30pm	18 SJTC Dele- gates Meeting Gloucester County 7:30pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Horse Hallow- een Party 6:30pm 4-H office	27
28	29	30	31			



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