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THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFTS OF 4-H

Today, youth and their families have many youth serving organizations and activities to select from; 4-H continues to be their central choice. What makes 4-H the dynamic youth development program which attracts more than 7 million youth nationwide from diverse ethnic, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds in rural, suburban and urban communities? What does 4-H offer which makes youth choose 4-H above so many other options?

>Inclusiveness-Youth feel a sense of belonging for each is respected as an individual with unique skills and interests. 4-H'ers frequently say that they find in 4-H a place in which they can be fully themselves.

>Non-competitiveness– Many youth programs are characterized by a competitiveness which can erode self image in youth who are not selected as "the chosen". In 4-H, all youth are recognized and celebrated for their endeavors, thus leading to an increase in self-esteem. 4-H'ers each work to the best of their abilities "to make the best better".

>Variety of opportunities– While most youth organizations offer specific programs (e.g., camp, after school), 4-H offers a broad spectrum of activities in which 4-H'ers can participate (e.g., club, independent project, after school program, camp, school enrichment, special interest). This enables youth to access 4-H at their own desired level of involvement. Some 4-H'ers may participate in only one of these delivery modes; others in more than one. Often, participation in one 4-H activity may lead to further involvement in other 4-H activities; for instance, a camper may later join a 4-H club.

>Opportunity to participate at progressive levels on the county, state and national levels.

>4-H is unique in that it provides opportunities for youth, if they so choose, to progress from county, to state to national level participation. Examples of these options include County Public Presentations, South Jersey Teen Conference and National 4-H Congress.

>Option for short or long term involvement - It is the opportunity for lifelong involvement which makes 4-H unique from other youth organizations. If a 4-Her so chooses, it is possible for him or her to remain active in 4-H from first grade through high school, perhaps becoming active as an alumni member or club leader. Or he or she can remain involved on a short term basis. Whatever the choice, for all 4-Hers, 4-H remains throughout their lives a strong foundation of friendship, skill development and self-esteem.

Happy Thanksgiving, 4-H – thank you to all who make 4-H a reality in the lives of our youth.

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WELCOME NEW LEADERS, MEMBERS & CLUBS

NEW CLUBS:

The Lenape Trail: Features of this club include gardening, environmental science, and osprey study. Meet at the leader's home in Manasquan.

4-H Variety Club: This variety club engages youth in gardening, multicultural activities and puppetry. Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Wilson Recreation Center, Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands.

The Drawing Board: Homeschoolers learn about visual arts and creative writing. Club meets at the leader's home in Leonardo. Leader: Mary Bane.

NEW LEADERS:

Bernice Berger: Leader of 4-H Variety Club

Laura Freely: Leader of The Lenape Trail

ANIMAL SCIENCE

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Reyne N. Bennett
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Catie J. Leary
Kailyn O. Leary
Alexandra J. Lubrano
Mathew H. Lubrano
Nicholas A. Nochols
Nicole R. Spector

BACKSTAGE TO BROADWAY

Jocelyn Mandeville
Ashley Moshett
Brandon Moshett
Savanna R. Velella

BITS & BRIDLES

Hannah L. Burgess
Amber Etoll

14 CARROT RABBIT

Jesse-James Black
Ciara Cavanagh
Kristen L. George
Matthew R. George
Jocelyn Mandeville
Daniel Moore
Rachel Moore
Bruce W. Reiss
Valerie M. Scotto
Valery G. Sherman

CURRY COMBS

Caitlyn E. Anderson
Emily G. Contract
Hallie L. Endresen
Amber Etoll
Alyanna G. Privetera
Valentina S. Privetera

HORSIN' AROUND

Ashley E. Ball
Brittany M. Bowen
Xeniz B. Ellenbogen
Ashley B. Hubbard
Jennifer K. Magauran
Eamon Shields
Meghan E. Ward

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Rita Silvestri and Gladys Tarantino
4-H Secretaries

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

THE LENAPE TRAIL 4-H CLUB

Jeffrey J. Abrecht
Cadan E. F. Claypoole
Ceara J. Claypoole
Lucke A. Johnson
Steven T. Karanassos
Patrick S. Slane
Zachary K. Slane

KNIGHT RIDERS

Hannah L. Burgess
Sarah Decker
Nikki L. Rue

M14

Emily Bennett
Matthew Bennett
Lesia A. Bilnsky
Maria H. Bilnsky
Mary E. Finnerty

MONMOUTH BLASTERS

Bradford Brandon
Andrew B. Gioia
Daniel A. Rollo

MONMOUTH CLOGGING EXPRESS

Sarah J. D'Amore
Emily R. Chaimowitz
Emma G. Saker

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

Jeevan Gobbavarapu
Ramya Boggavarapu
Jocelyn Mandeville
Daniel Moore
Rachel Moore
Ashley Moshett
Brandon H. Moshett
Savanna Vellella

OCEAN GROWN LIFE LEARNERS

Natalya G. Andrex
Isabella M. Beach
Luna M. Beach
Jacob E. Berkowitz
Jessica E. Berkowitz
Ashley N. DiCristofalo
Abaigeal R. Gomes-Swift
Parlin S. Gressitt
Deelan H. McAtasney
Honorah C. McAtasney
Liam P. McAtasney
Seamus I. McAtasney
Faith B. Ruschmeyer
Idil V. Sobel

PUPPET CLUB

Christian Bello

RISING STARS RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

Amber R. Czesnolowicz
Sara N. McCabe
Carla Rios
Arlette Sheefer

S.W.A.P.

Johanna M. Muller

TEEN COUNCIL

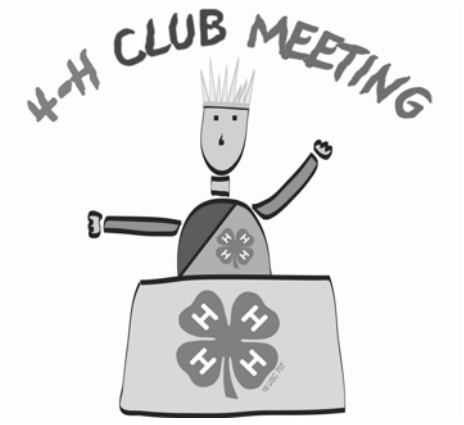
Laura A. Dwulet
Patricia McLoughlin

THUNDERHOOFS

Emily R. Chaimowitz
Erin E. Meyer
Gabrielle E. Murphy
Justin J. Reha

4-H VARIETY CLUB

Laryn M. Lewallen
Lindsay P. Lewallen



"BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD"

By: Brennan and Kyle Kentner, Club Reporter

On Friday, September 5, 2008, a new club called the "Drawing Board" had its' first meeting at the home of club leader, Mrs. Mary Bane. This club is a smaller version of last year's hugely popular "Live and Learn" club. Similarly, the club's primary focus is learning about different art techniques. For our first activity, Mrs. Bane taught us how to do "resist" painting. This is done by drawing something with a wax crayon and painting over it with a wash of watercolors. The watercolors won't stick to the wax, and will bead up and create interesting textures and colors on the paper. Remember: Water and oil (wax) don't mix!

We also voted to elect our club officers. The results are as follows:

President:	Tyler Bane
Vice-Presidents:	Wesley Bane and Karl DeVoe
Secretaries:	Matt and Roy Jennings
Treasurers:	Amanda Jennings and Cooper Bane
Club Reporters:	Brennan Kentner and Kyle Kentner

Afterwards, we ate snacks and all had a great time and are already looking forward to the next meeting when we will learn more about art and more about our new friends!

SAVE THE DATE!

SMALL ANIMAL SHOW
May 2, 2009

COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
March 27th and April 1st, 2009
6:30 PM at the 4-H Office

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

By: John Redding, Reporter

When September came Nature's Navigators were looking forward to the continuation of our club activities.

This previous June we had a great time at our annual Camp Nomoco camping trip, and in July a fun time at our County Fair dunking and popcorn booths. Now, as school has started, we too will start from our break in August. We have many activities planned before January 2009.

This year a few more members joined Nature's Navigators, good news for all of us. But anyway, during September's meeting the subject was science experiments. We made a cool substance with cornstarch and water; made color changing milk; imploded cans; and what I think was our favorite; put as many mentos as we could into bottles of diet Pepsi. On September 30th, we hung out at Lake Topanemus picking up litter, kayaking and canoeing. It was a great thing to do on a fall day.

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS 4-H CLUB
AT LAKE TOPANEMUS IN FREEHOLD

Two community service projects at one lake in one day.

Left: Nature's Navigators stocking the lake with Channel Cat Fish.

Right: Nature's Navigators cleaning the lake from boats.

We helped out at the Birds, Bugs & Beyond event and attended the 4-H Achievement Night with our Delicious Desserts. It was a nice start for our 4-H year. At our October meeting we did more science experiments including the National 4-H Science Experiment about Hydrogels. We recommend that your club do it also. Ask the office for the kit; it was both interesting and fun.

RISING STARS RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

Rhythmic Illusions practices during their October 6th meeting. Getting ready for a great year.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

BITS & BRIDLES

By: Danni Havens

Welcome to a new year, 4-H'ers! A new year brings new responsibilities, new activities, and a lot more fun. First we would like to say thank-you to Jen Dulfer for the last three years of her leadership in our club. Although she will be departing from us, we know we will still see her around. Our members would like to say welcome to the new leaders, Terry Dorr, Debbie McGowan, and Mark Dorr.

We had our first meeting on September 19th with many current and new members attending. We accomplished a lot during this meeting, including voting in our new officers along with their new officer buddies. In our club, officers are responsible for teaching their buddies about their job, how it works, and the responsibilities that go along with the position. We are proud to welcome the new officers and their buddies. Our new President Randi/Brianna, Vice President Jessica/Hannah and Sara, Secretary Janelle/Teresa, Treasurer Rachel/Courney, Journalist Danni/Amy and Amber, and our mascot, Tommy the Clydesdale. We would like to say thank-you to Kim and Robin who have taken on our new game committee so we could have some fun and educational games in our meeting. Welcome to all members and congratulations to the officers and their buddies.

Everyone is looking forward to a new year, new events, trips and even greater memories! Our leaders give a very warm welcome to all of our members, and great energy to our club. Our next meeting will be on October 17th, and we will be preparing for the open house the following day.

If you would like any information on our club, call the main 4-H office and they will be more than happy to help you.

4-H HEALTH AND SERVICE CLUB

By: Tina Chou

LADACIN Network's 2nd Annual Ryan Bell Walk and Wheel-A-Thon on October 12, 2008. This event, which was promoted by Allied Health's 4-H Health and Service Club, was opened to the Allied Health community.

4-H MONMOUTH S.E.T.

By: Ian A. Rios, President

The 4-H Monmouth S.E.T. club meet on September 25th, 2008 at the 4-H Building. We reviewed the important steps in being a 4-H club. They included: how to have a meeting; member requirements, dates and times of meetings, and agendas.

We discussed participating in Jr. FLL. This will require additional meeting times until December. We all agreed.

We opened new FLL kits and stored all parts. Then we began building a kit set model.

At our next meeting we will have more information on Junior First Lego League.

FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

By: Arlene LaMarca, Leader

I have heard on more than one occasion the comment from my kids that what they learn in school they will never use in real life. Of course, I usually refute that claim, stating that you never know when a certain bit of knowledge or skill will come in handy in dealing with a "real life obstacle". Last week a real life problem presented itself to our family and the (4-H) learned skills of public speaking were called upon to help us with our problem.

It seems that although we have enjoyed housing our beloved goats on our two acre property for the past four years, we have been in violation of our town's ordinance against owning livestock. We were instructed to have our goats removed from our property in 30 days by the animal control officer. This came as quite a shock to us as we were told four years ago that this same ordinance was being removed from our new code book as it was going through the codifications process. Therefore, we embarked on making a home for our pets believing that we were in full compliance of the law. Unfortunately, that wasn't true.

The only course of action left was to appeal to the Mayor and council for permission to keep our goats. On Monday, October 6th, 4-H public speaking skills were called into action as Matthew LaMarca presented a compelling plea before the Mayor, Council and audience for a special permit that would allow him to continue to keep his goats on our property. Free Spirit Club members Patrick Weber and Carly Eidman also spoke to the same audience in support of Matthew. Our 4-H public presentation judges would have been impressed with Matthew, Patrick and Carly, to have seen the composure, poise, eye contact and content of their prepared speeches. As a result, the Mayor and council will work to try and accommodate our request. We should know in a few weeks if that is possible.

As a 4-H leader it is my privilege to expose my club members to new experiences, to challenge them to discover new interests and hidden talents, and to build life skills. Sometimes we don't always get to see the results of these experiences as our members grown up and move on. However, on October 6th I was proud to bear witness to 4-H skills in action.

THE THUNDERHOOFS PEDIATRIC TREASURE CHEST

By: Melissa Whoeler

As many of you know, there is a decorated box by the office asking for toy donations for "Melissa's Centra State Pediatric Treasure Chest" . Since last fall, everyone has been very generous and helped me keep the Treasure Chest at the hospital well stocked, and I and the Thunderhoofs' want to thank you for all the great toys you contributed this past year. Our 4-H family working together really made this a success!

I would once again like to ask for everyone's help this year. Please whenever you can, drop in any NEW toys, school supplies, hair clips, balls, books, fast food kid's meal toys, crayons, etc. Anything kids like, so we can have another good year. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

THUNDERHOOFS

By: Nyna McKittrick, Leader

The Thunderhoofs October meeting had lots of things to do. The meeting was opened by club president Melissa. First we learned the football hold and some basic rabbit facts. Ashley showed us the right way to hold a rabbit and helped new members learn about rabbit care. We also got to meet Angel the guinea pig who sang us her special G.P. song. All the members pitched in to make a wonderful display for the Open House. It was really nice to see all the club members helping each other and offering suggestions. Lastly we had our traditional Halloween fun of going down the "spooky hall" in the Ag building. This year glow in the dark creepy crawlies had been placed along the hall for club members to find. This caused a little bit of apprehension, but that was soon overcome as everyone took a turn looking for the creatures. We finished up with a cornbread snack and anticipation of our visit in November from Ellen Williams and her puppets. Our community service project of 50 bags of snacks for The Center was finished up at the Open House and was delivered to Asbury Park.

Gabrielle, Erin and Ashley after our Spooky Hall fun showing off their creepy creatures.

Ashley, Erin, Gabrielle, Melissa and Justin make the Open House Backboard.

Club members at Recognition Night: Ashley, Clair & Melissa.

Clair setting up at the Open House. She represented: Thunderhoofs, Teen Rabbit, Teen Council, Get Moving Get Healthy & RAP.

THUNDERHOOFS

Our finished booth at the Open House.

S.W.A.P.
DELICIOUS APPLE PIES

By: Amanda Jennings

On a beautiful fall day, October 3rd, our 4-H group S.W.A.P. went apple picking at Eastmont Orchards in Colts Neck. We picked apples that were perfect for baking apple pies. We picked Johnathan and Delicious apples. We had a lot of fun.

S.W.A.P. members picking apples.

Apple Picking Ashley, Monica, Patricia, Amanda, and Lauren.

The following week, on October 10th, our group met again to bake the pies. We sliced the apples, measured out ingredients, mixed it all together, and baked them. We made a total of 11 pies. They smelled delicious and tasted even better.

Pie Baking Monica, Johanna, Patricia, and Ashley.

Pie Baking Amanda and Patricia.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

14 CARROT RABBIT

By: Katy Stillman

We have had a great start this 4-H year. We are happy to welcome many new members to our club and are looking forward to doing many 4-H activities with them.

Several of our members participated in the New Jersey State Small Animal Show held on September 13th in Cumberland County. They said it was nice to be with youth from around the state and see the animals that they raise in 4-H. On that same day, six members of the club, with their animals, attended the Birds, Bugs & Beyond event held at the Agriculture building run by 4-H and the Master Gardeners. I guess they were part of the Beyond portion; they showed their animals and promoted 4-H to the public.

Many members were able to attend the 4-H Achievement Night on October 1st. Our club was recognized for our Community Service projects we did for 2007-08 and we also received one of the New Jersey Honor Club Awards.

We will try to keep up the efforts by helping to, "Make The Best Better" for this year in the club. Many of our members received special awards for Leadership, Citizenship, Project Achievement, Record Book, 4-H Spirit, 4-H Story or brought a Delicious Dessert; we congratulate and are proud of all of them.

We are looking forward to the fall Small Animal shows in Middlesex and Cumberland Counties. Our Guest speaker at our November meeting is to be Dr. Gloth. He is going to speak to us about our animals' medical needs and pet first aid.

To celebrate Thanksgiving we are collecting items to be donated to the Humane Society at Pop Corn Park Zoo. If you would like to bring an item to the 4-H office, we will have a drop off box there. They can always use pet food, cleaning supplies and clean rags and blankets.

THANK YOU

Thank you 2007 Sci-Borgs

As part of the 2007 member recognition, I would like to recognize the team. Starting a club was one of the hardest challenges that I had accepted in a long time. To have a group that is successful, a leader needs parental support, club promoters, fair organizers and adult assistants that believe in what we as a group leaders are doing. I had parents who gave 100% to the club this past year. Thank you to all who did this.

But, there is the underdog, the parent and the family that took a leadership role. There was the family who supported the club, who promoted and recruited members for the club. Dawn, Noah and Jonah Resnick, Thank You for being the soul of the 2007 Sci-Borgs Club and for giving to the club unconditionally. You recruited your friends and had them join. You attended all of our meetings and you gave the club the honor of witnessing your county presentation at one of our meetings. You supported the club during the 2007 Monmouth County Fair by entering items and took the task of decorating the booth with your personal materials and assigned other club members to help.

Dawn introduced me to Lego competitions and came up with the idea for beginning a club. She has given me 110% of her and her family's time. Dawn, you are a leader and it was an honor to have you in the club that you encouraged to start.

Sincerely,
Gladys Rios

To 4-H Youth Development Program,

Thank you for the donation to the Thunderhoofs Club that we received on Achievement night. It was a wonderful affirmation to the dedication of the club members to their community. We are looking forward to some new projects this year, and hope to be able to continue giving our best, and making the best better. Thank you for your support of our club.

Thanks so very much,
The Thunderhoofs Club Members

Dear 4-H Association of Monmouth County,

I can't thank you enough for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. I truly appreciate it as I start my college career.

Sincerely,

Alison Poandl

CONGRATULATIONS

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW
HORSE PARK OF NEW JERSEY
August 22-24, 2008

Congratulations to the Monmouth County 4-H'ers who participated.

USEF Training Level Test 1 Jr.
7th Amber Henderson Martinique
USEF Training Level Test 1 Sr.
4th Jessica Sagui The Toolman
USEF Training Level Test 2
6th Amy Levine Cappucino Blast
8th Jessica Sagui The Toolman
Barrel Race Pony
9th Kacie Moran Special Performance
Bow Tie Pony
6th Kacie Moran Special Performance
Handy Working Hunter Horse
4th Christin Sagui Shadows K Apollo

YEARBOOK MINI GRANTS

The Yearbook committee awarded 9 clubs/advisory groups with $1,008. The clubs and advisory groups were encouraged to apply for mini grants. The mini grants supported funding for supplies, educational programs, awards, field trips or other needs of the group. The project needed to demonstrate life skills through leadership development, community service and hands on experiences.

The yearbook committee was able to make these mini grants possible through ads and sponsorships obtained. Thank you to everyone who supported the year book. The yearbook committee will be accepting applications again. The deadline is January 1st, 2009. For more details, please contact the 4-H office.

If you are interested in serving on the yearbook committee, please contact Paula Sagui at: psagui@optonline.net or Kelly Valenti at dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu

CONGRATULATIONS

During our first STAC meeting we elected officers and would like to congratulate the following members.

President—Avinash Moondra, Middlesex
Vice President—Justin Propper, Hunterdon
Secretary—Cayley Plutnick, Hunterdon
TREASURER—CRYSTA TIMMERMAN, MONMOUTH

Members at Large: Ivan Wei, Bergen and CLAIR McKITTRICK, MONMOUTH

This year's goals of the group include: Helping to plan and attend the Regional Teen Conferences—SJTC and NJTC, recruitment of new members, planning and facilitating the Middleschool Conference in May, fundraising at Ag Field Day in April, setting up and maintaining a website/blog, and planning and promoting a statewide Service Learning Project for the year.

CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NIGHT

Our county ambassadors Crysta Timmerman and Jessica Sagui welcome everyone to our new Achievement Awards Night held on October 1st.

Who's Got Spirit? These 4-H'ers who were recognized from their leaders for their outstanding 4-H Spirit.

In addition to recognizing our members, we took a moment to thank our 4-H leaders.

Pictured right: Freeholder McMorrow was able to join us at our important night to congratulate everyone on their hardwork.

Citizenship is such an important part of 4-H. Four members received this award: Left to right– Sarah Sakowski, Morgan Martin, Samantha Martin and missing Amelia Valente

Nine 4-H members received the award this year: Left to Right– Paul Yoncak, Clair McKittrick, Brianna McGowan (for Randi Dorr), Kelly Shoemaker, Carly Eidman, Alex Kubiak and not pictured: Brittany Rappleyea, Anthony Santoriello, and Amelia Valente

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CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

Continued from previous page—Achievement Awards Night

Best 4-H Record Book is a tremendous honor. The awards are given out by categories. Horse, Small Animal, Herpetology, General, Goat & Teen for 5th-8th grade and 9th-13th grade.

Curry Combs was the Best Website Award!

And the Community Service Award goes to…. 14 Carrot Rabbit Club and the Thunderhoofs. Each club received a check for $25.00 to donate to the charity of their choice.

Being a NJ Honor Club takes a lot of work and this year we were able to honor two clubs! 14 Carrot Rabbit Club and Curry Combs.

The OUTSTANDING TEENS: Clair McKittrick and Jessica Sagui were the first two to receive this title in Monmouth County.

Pictured right:

4-H'ER OF THE YEAR!
Christin Sagui beams with pride as she is awarded for her accomplishments.

IN THE NEWS

THE GARDEN AMBASSADOR

By: Alex Kubiak

On September 30th the Nature's Navigators went to Lake Topanemus to pick up trash in the water. Did you know that even though it is in Freehold Township the lake is owned by Freehold Borough? We used canoes and kayaks. Paul Yoncak found some very interesting trash. He found a tire, a coconut, a two liter soda bottle, and a lot of glass beer and soda bottles. Walter Wissler and I found an area coated with a thin layer of oil. We saw a small glass bottle and went over to it; all of a sudden a hawk came flying out of the brush about five feet away from our canoe and then a crazed duck came flying out of the brush after the hawk. I grabbed the bottle and then we paddled away as fast as we could. Before Walter and I went looking for more trash a man from the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife came to the lake with a truckload of 6 month old catfish. Catfish are the only fish to have whiskers, which are very sharp. Did you know that there are five types of catfish in New Jersey? Walter and I tossed the last pail of catfish into the water. When we tossed it into the water Mrs. Yoncak took a picture of it. I still cannot believe that Paul found a coconut right here in New Jersey.

For more information on fishing in New Jersey waters visit:
www.njfishandwildlife.com

LAKE TOPANEMUS

This quaint little lake is tucked away from the bustling activity of Route 9, just north of Freehold. Large oak and maple provide dense shade in the picnic and launch area, where a few lakeside benches invite you to sit and enjoy the scenery. A hiking trail leading from the east end of the parking area takes you through the woods and around most of the lake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date: November 13th, 2008
'MIX IT UP AT LUNCH DAY

Mix It Up is a nationwide campaign that supports students who want to identify, question, and cross social boundaries that separate them from each other and help build inclusive, welcoming learning environments. It is a simple call to action: take a new seat in the cafeteria. By making the move, students can cross the lines of division, meet new people, and make new friends.

Go to one of the web sites below for more information and resources:

Http://www.mixitup.org
Http://www.tolerance.org/teens/index.jsp
Http://www.tolerance.org/teens

ALUMNI NEWS

By: Lorraine Yoncak

Save the date! Good times are to be had on Saturday, December the 6th at 5:00 PM. We will be having a covered dish dinner at the Colts Neck Reformed Church on route 537 in Colts Neck. So make your favorite dish and come join us to meet and greet other 4-H alumni. The event is open to all 4-H alumni, leaders and active 4-H adult volunteers.

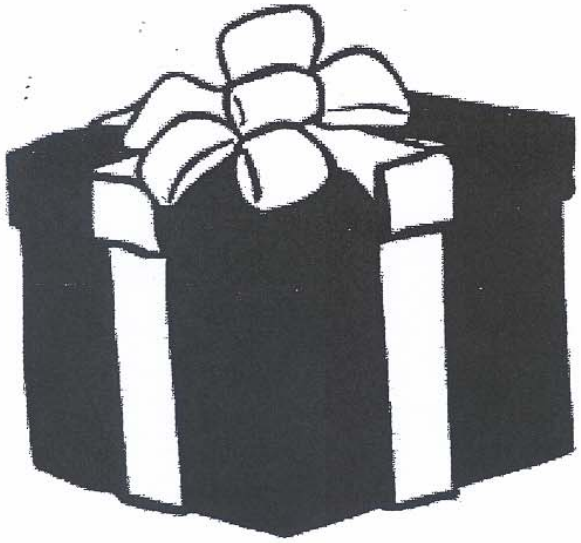
A special feature for this evening is to honor an outstanding alumni with our Alumni of the Year award which is being bestowed on Meg Whitehouse. She was a 4-H member here in Monmouth County, raised her children with the 4-H program and she and her husband Chris have been 4-H leaders for many years. She goes beyond the duties of being an active leader by also serving as President of the Monmouth County Leaders Association, serves on many 4-H boards and is a great resource for other leaders in the state. We are lucky to have such a dedicated 4-H volunteer in Monmouth County and hope many of you will attend this dinner to show your appreciation to her.

We also will be awarding the scholarships that night. We have some very good applicants for both our Basista & Arbaczawski scholarships. The winners will be chosen soon and announcements will be made. Good luck to all those that applied.

We all know 4-H is a great organization and many of us stay with the program for life. If you are one of us, please join our Alumni group and help, "To Make the Best Better".

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Monmouth County 4-H...



LET'S STEP OUTSIDE OF THE BOX!

Calling All 4-Hers! If you want to help improve the communication between your 4-H clubs, come to

"Net –Webbing" Night!

Who: Monmouth County 4-H

What: Net-Webbing Night

When: Thursday, November 20th, 2008 TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Monmouth County 4-H Office

Why: **TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION FOR YOUR CLUBS!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

All 4-H Prep Members are invited

January 17th to Join us on a

JUNGLE SAFARI

- We will embark at **10AM** in the 4-H Office, 4000 Kozloski Rd., Freehold
- Come meet the animals, insects, birds and plants of the jungle.
- Return will be at **1:30PM.**
- All 4-H Prep Members and their Prep age (Gr. 1-3) friends are welcome.
- Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in the program as volunteers and safari tour guides.
- Safari travel fee is $10.00 per child. $25.00 for families with 3 or more children and $5.00 per adult. Volunteers tour for free.
- If interested please contact Kelly Valenti at 732-431-7265 or Diane Gregorio at 732-974-7004.

JUNGLE SAFARI REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
Child's Name_____Grade _____
Child's Name_____Grade _____
Child's Name_____Grade _____
Adult Volunteers: _____
Total Amount Enclosed: $_____

Mail to:
RCE of Monmouth County
4000 Kozloski Road PO Box 5033
Freehold, New Jersey 07728-5033
Attn: Kelly Prep Program

Deadline to Register is: January 1, 2009

PROJECT EAT

Project EAT is a program administered by Volunteers in Public Service in partnership with the United Way of Monmouth County, the Asbury Park Press, GPU Energy (formerly JCP&L). Created in 1969 by the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, Volunteers in Public Service was the first public human service agency in New Jersey to bring together the diverse talents and interests of Monmouth County citizens to augment, extend and enrich government programs. Today over 700 Volunteers in Public Service of all ages are working to enrich the lives of others as well as their own. They are caring and concerned persons who are helping to identify unmet needs and innovate new approaches to human problems.

What is Project EAT (Everyone Ate Today)
Project EAT is a food collection program in which schools, businesses, corporations, organizations and places of worship collect food each month to help their local food pantries feed hungry families. There are 45 food pantries in Monmouth County struggling to feed all those who come to them for help. Lost jobs as well as low paying jobs are making it harder than ever for families to buy essential food items. As a result there are many families in our communities today who go hungry.

What Happens to People Who Go Hungry
The effects of hunger are devastating. Poor nutrition is especially hard on children who are more likely to experience headaches, fatigue, excessive colds and other illnesses. They have more frequent absences from school and are at risk of dropping out. Hungry children are often less physically active, less attentive and may suffer permanently impaired verbal and motor skills as well as reading difficulties. Adults who are hungry often become nervous, irritable and are unable to concentrate. They may also develop weak bones and muscles, suffer increased illnesses, depression and lack of energy. And undernourished women who are pregnant risk having babies with low birth weights, more physical illnesses and greater development and learning problems.

What You Can Do to Make a Difference
You can start Project EAT at your workplace, school (K-12), college, organization, or place of worship. It is amazing how much difference a single group can make if each does a small part. Through Project EAT you can help feed the hungry in your community.

What We will Do to Help
Volunteers in Public Service will provide :

- presentations to introduce Project EAT
- individual consultation to help your group get started
- Linkage to your local food pantry
- A periodic newsletter with Project EAT updates and creative ideas for collecting needed food items
- A Project EAT How-to-Guide for schools—developed and printed for us by the Asbury Park Press
- A curriculum dealing with the problem of hunger for use in classes K-12
- A video produced by students, faculty and parents at the Southard School in Howell showing how Project EAT works in their school
- Award certificates to display in classrooms and other sites

Call or Write Today
Project Eat Volunteers in Public Service
Monmouth County Division of Social Services
PO Box 3000, Freehold NJ 07728
(732) 845-2071

MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H CARES CAMP

As part of the Monmouth 4-H Cares program, 6 Monmouth cares youth participated in two weeks of programming 8/18-8/29 involving arts, nutrition education and environmental science. As a result of their involvement, participants increased in socialization and communication skills. Monmouth 4-H Cares is a case management program serving youth and families experiencing challenges. For more information regarding the Monmouth 4-H Cares program, contact Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent at (732) 431-7266, or e-mail: williams@rcre.rutgers.edu.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Drawing Board 4-H Club is conducting a community service - outreach project. If anyone would like to participate please contact club leader Mary Bane at maryannthipie@aol.com or at 732-872-0239.

Operation USO Care Package

Show the troops you care. Send them a "Touch of Home." Here is a wonderful opportunity to express your gratitude to our brave service men and women deployed overseas.

For only $10.00, you can sponsor an Operation Avon-USO Cares Gift Set, which the USO program, Operation USO Care Package, will deliver to troops serving abroad.

The gift set includes five indispensable toiletry items. In addition, Avon Products, Inc. will give $4.00 of your $10.00 to the USO to provide emergency relief programs, family assistance activities, entertainment tours and more. There is no limit to the number of gift sets you can send, so support the people who support you—the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Thank you for joining us in the project.

CLOVER REVIEW

To Club Leaders,

We are preparing this year's Clover Review and we need your help. Our goal this year is to have a yearbook page for EVERY club. To make things easier for you, we have prepared a simple form for you to complete. There is a MS Word version which can be filled in on your computer and sent via email. Yearbook forms are at:
Http://www.visitmonmouth.com/07050coopext/
We would like this form and one or two photos sent back as soon as possible but no later than February 1st. This will give us time to do the layouts and let you have a chance to proof and request changes.

Also, we are in need of photos from 4-H events that you have participated in. This yearbook covers the period beginning with the Fair 2008 through the qualifying shows in May. Please send photos with descriptions and identification to me via email or to Kelly in the 4-H office. If you have any questions please contact me at:
paula@currycombs4h.com

To 4-H families:

It is 4-H yearbook time again. This publication serves as promotional aid for 4-H and a memento of the past year. The book will be distributed to all 4-H families and at the Monmouth County Fair.

Funds raised will support county 4-H programs and individual clubs directly. As an additional incentive, there will be a drawing for a $150 American Express gift card; each ad a member sells is an entry in the drawing.

Ads will cost $125 full page, $75 half page, $50 quarter page and $25 eighth page (business card size). These ads can be sold to local businesses or individual supporters (special messages to 4-H members or clubs).

In addition to display ads, we will have a "Friends of 4-H" and "Sentiments" pages. "Friends' boosters are $2 per name only up to 30 characters and spaces. "Sentiments" are short phrases up to 65 characters and spaces and sell for $5 per line; multiple continuous lines are allowed. There will be a $25 gift card awarded to the member who has the highest total Friends/Sentiments sales.

The deadline for ad submission is May 1st; however, ads turned in prior to April 1st will earn double entries in the drawing. Please help the yearbook coordinator by submitting your ads as you get them.

Help support your club and county 4-H program by selling ads in our yearbook. Selling ads is easy; local businesses love the opportunity to support community programs such as 4-H. Look at last year's book for ideas. For safety's sake, members should always be accompanied by an adult when soliciting ads.

Printed forms may be picked up at the 4-H office. If you have any questions contact Kelly Valenti at (732) 431-7265/dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu or Paula Sagui (732)531-8245/paula@currycombs4H.com.

5th Annual Monmouth County 4-H Arts Camp

From 8/22-8/24/08, 42 campers participated in the 5th Annual Monmouth County 4-H Arts Camp at Camp Nomocco, Turkey Swamp, Freehold Township. Campers had the opportunity to participate in a variety of arts activities including, among others, creative movement, theatre arts, creative cooking, and songwriting. No prior arts experience was necessary; emphasis was on creative self-expression and socialization. Teen leaders assisted in workshop instruction. This year, Girl Scout leaders registered their entire troop to participate in the camp. Special thanks to Diane Gregorio and her mother who coordinated meals. Please contact Ellen Williams; 4-H Agent, and coordinator of the arts camp regarding volunteering and/or registering for the 6th Annual Monmouth County 4-H Arts Camp in August 2009 at (732)431-7266, or e-mail
williams@rcre.rutgers.edu.

Can a student video change the world?

We're betting $500 it can.

CHARACTERCOUNTS! Video Contest

The Challenge

How can your students change the world? One video at a time. We're looking for kids who would like to make a video 30 seconds to 2 minutes long about the importance of one of the Six Pillars of Character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, or citizenship. Think fun! Think world-changing!

The Contest

We'll choose the finalists. Then we'll invite you to vote and choose the winners. First place will win $500, second gets $300, third, $200. The finalists' videos will be seen by thousands (that's the world-changing part).

The Rules

Go to CharacterCounts.org to get the contest rules »
Send us your link by December 12, 2008.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Week

If you aren't already signed up for CC! Week free resources, do so now.
You can use the video contest as a class project to kick off your festivities.

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COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY

Youth Incentive Award

The Coleopterists Society, an international organization of professionals and hobbyists interested in the study of beetles, has established a program to recognize young people studying beetles. The Society has pledged to provide up to $300 each year for the Youth Incentive Award Program. In addition to monetary grants of $150, award recipients will receive up to $200 (Junior Award) and $400 (Senior Award) of equipment credit from the BioQuip Products catalog, In addition to monetary grants of $150, award recipients will receive a one year subscription to the society journal, *The Coleopterists Bulletin*
This is for children of grades 7-12 only.

The objectives of the Youth Incentive Award are to:

* provide encouragement and assistance to young beetle enthusiasts (grades 7-12).

* promote the study of beetles, the most diverse group of insects, as a rewarding lifelong avocation or career.

* provide opportunities for young people to develop important life skills such as leadership, cooperation, communication, planning and conducting a scientific study, grant writing and managing funds.

* provide some financial support to enrich activities or projects.

A Youth Incentive Award Committee from the Coleopterists Society will evaluate the applications and will select up to two winners annually; one each in **junior (grades 7-9)** and **senior (grades 10-12)** categories. The selection committee invites proposals for topics such as field collecting trips to conduct beetle species inventories or diversity studies, attending workshops or visiting entomology or natural history museums for special training and projects on beetles, studying aspects of beetle biology, etc. The proposed activities or projects will be evaluated on their degree of creativity, educational benefit to the applicant, scientific merit, feasibility and budgetary planning. This Award is for proposals by individuals only. Each applicant is strongly encouraged to find an adult advisor (teacher, youth group leader, parent, etc.) to provide guidance in proposal development, but the proposal MUST be written by the applicant. The Coleopterists Society would also be happy to assist in establishing contacts between youth and professional Coleopterists.

Additional details and application forms for **The Coleopterists Society Youth Incentive Award Program** can be obtained from: Dr. David G. Furth; Entomology, NHB, MRC 165; P.O. Box 37012; Smithsonian Institution; Washington, D. C. 20013-7012 (phone: 202-633-0990, FAX: 202-786-2894, email: furthd@si.edu). Also check The Coleopterists Society WebPage: **http://www.coleopsoc.org/default.asp?Action=Show_SocietyInfo&ID=Youth**

Applications for this year must be submitted by December 15, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

WE ARE CHANGING OUR NAME
The Sci-Borgs will now become
4-H MONMOUTH S.E.T.

4-H SET

Science • Engineering • Technology

Welcome to the 2008 Jr.FLL Climate Connections Season

Team 4-H Monmouth SET,

This is a group for Prep members, children between the ages of 5 to 9.

We are going to have members participate in the 2008 Junior First Lego League Competitions, http://firstlegoleague.org/community/HomePage.aspx

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in competitions or becoming a mentor please come join us.
You can contact Gladys at Gladys3214@verizon.net

We are meeting every Tuesday at the AG building in Monmouth County. From 5:00 pm until 7:00

This is a part of 4-H SET, http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/default.aspx

We need materials: specifically Lego sets and Lego Educations sets, Lego Bricks and Lego Technic parts.
http://www.legoeducation.com/store/ **KeyWords=Mechanism**

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CLIMATE CONNECTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Project IKE

****Paws 4 A Cause Service Project****

~Please help the Texas flood victims~

Although there is nothing currently in the media, the devastation left behind by hurricane Ike will be felt for many years to come. The people who once had lives, homes and family in the flooded areas are now living in tents, trailers, etc with nothing left.

We can make a difference!

Hygiene kits desperately needed to distribute to displaced people currently living in shelters in Texas. Included in the hygiene kits are:

1-Hand towel (approx. 16" x 28"; no fingertip or bath towels)
1-Washcloth
1-Wide Tooth comb
1-Nail Clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
1-Bar of soap(bath size in original wrapper)
1-Toothbrush(in original package)
6-Bandaids

Your club is welcome to join the Paws 4 A Cause Club in either donating preassembled Hygiene Kits or donating items needed to prepare the kits.

Please contact Donna Peles, Assistant Leader with questions, comments or ideas!
732-303-8125

~The Old Tennent Church in Manalapan has volunteered to store and ship either completed Hygiene Kits or materials necessary to assemble them~

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 YHC 6:30 pm Horse Leaders Mtg 7:30 pm	4 Election Day County Offices Closed	5	6	7	8
9	10 Livestock Advisory Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Veterans Day County Offices Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Sm Animal Adv Mtg 7:30pm/ Yearbook Committee 6-7:00pm/ Net Webbing 6-7PM/ Assoc. Mtg 7:00pm Elections	21	22 Archery & Rifle training 11/22-11/23 4-H Camp
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving County Office Closed	28 National 4-H Congress starts Nov. 27th	29
30 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS November 27 through December 2nd.						

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Congress ends 12/2	1 Livestock Adv. Mtg 6:30pm	2 YHC 6:30pm Horse Ldr Mtg 7:30pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Small Animal Adv Mtg 7:30	10	11	12 Deadline for CharacterCounts Video Contest	13
14	15 Deadline for Coleopterists Society Youth Incentive Award	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Observed-County Office Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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