

THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE

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“Keeping It Green” in National 4-H Week

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All throughout the country, the 4-H Youth Development Program will be celebrated in National 4-H Week 10/5-10/11/08. Nationally, 4-H will be recognized for the outstanding impact it has had on the lives of youth and the communities in which they live.

The positive influence of the Monmouth County 4-H program is daily affirmed by the feedback received from 4-H'ers, leaders, families, alumni, and the staff of Monmouth County schools and community based organizations.

Each 4-H club and community program will uniquely celebrate National 4-H Week. Perhaps you will perform a community service project. Or, as a 4-H Ambassador, schedule meetings with school and community groups in order to promote 4-H volunteerism and member enrollment. You might choose to arrange a display or power point presentation to raise awareness of 4-H opportunities.

As you plan your activities, you may be interested in the fact that this year's 2008 National 4-H Week Theme is “Keeping It Green”. This theme incorporates environmental stewardship, science related issues, and youth development. “Keeping It Green” builds on 4-H's new partnership with Nickelodeon's “The Big Green Help”.

For more information on how to access National 4-H Week media and program suggestions, contact the 4-H office.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER – October 17, 2008

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NEW CLUBS: Garden of Joy –Will meet on the third Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00pm as well as work the gardens on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The primary purpose of this gardening club is to teach children the importance of planting, the environment, nutrition and career possibilities linked to nature. The club will link up with the UEZ Farmers’ Market on Main Street in Asbury Park on Saturdays.

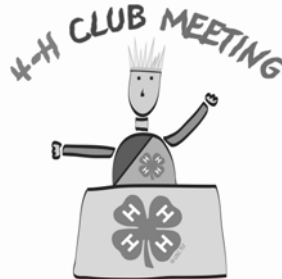
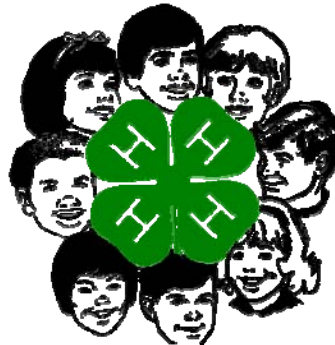
NEW LEADERS: Pat Betty, Co-Leader for the Garden of Joy
Leigh Whitehouse, Co-Leader for Teen Council
Wayne Smith, Co-Leader for Teen Council

**Independent Project
 (Intergenerational
 Oral History Project)**

Adam Black

The Garden of Joy

Darrell S. Ghee
 Keith Salazar
 Kelsie Salazar
 Nicholas Salazar
 Alan T. Slaughter



Ellen Williams

Ellen Williams
 4-H Agent

Virginia Krzyzanowski
 4-H Program Associate

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 4-H Program Assistant



Mariela Osorio
 Monmouth 4-H Cares Program Liaison

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 GARDEN OF JOY

By: Patricia Betty, Leader

Our new Garden of Joy 4-H Club (Asbury Park branch) officially opened for business on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. The first order of business was the election of officers, with Kelsi Salazar being nominated President, and Nicholas Salazar, Treasurer.

The children initially decided to meet twice a month, on Wednesdays, but later took a vote and decided to have club meetings once a month, the third Thursday of the month, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

This is primarily a gardening club (see www.thegardenofjoy.org), structured to teach children the importance of planting, the environment, nutrition and career possibilities linked to nature. The club members range in age from 6 yrs to 18 yrs, and so far we have a membership of 8 children. The President, Kelsi Salazar, at the last meeting (Thursday, July 24th) proposed that the children choose 2 days a week to work the gardens. This motion was passed and the two days decided: Monday and Wednesday afternoons. It was also decided that the Garden of Joy 4-H club would link up with the UEZ Farmers' Market on Main Street Asbury Park on Saturdays, beginning August 9th. This Farmers' Market hours are 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. It was also decided that the children would do fundraising over the next two weeks to raise funds for produce and items for this farm stand.

While our 4-H members are working the Garden of Joy gardens two days a week, we need help an additional three days a week in these gardens.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

By: Meg Whitehouse, Leader

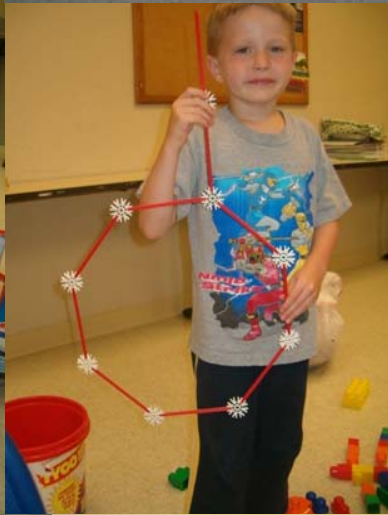
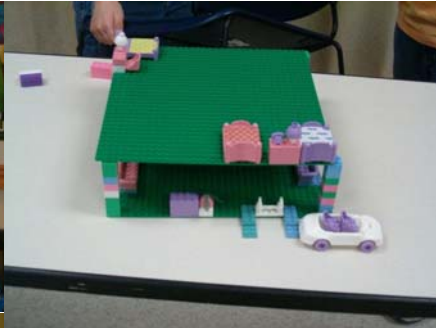
The club had a busy July. Thanks to Erin Panek and Sam Martin who served as youth superintendents at the Stars and Stripes Small Animal Show on July 12th. They helped with the secretaries' table, assigned rabbit classes to the judge and helped to write comments. They were an invaluable aid to the smooth running of the show. Then on July 19th, many of us went to Dawn Patrol at Monmouth Park. We toured the jockeys' room, watched the horses get trained at the start gate, and even met the track mascot, a miniature horse named Cocoa Puff.

Animal Science had a terrific time at the Monmouth County Fair, from set up to break down. We worked the popcorn stand, ran the dunking booth, helped in the food booth and served as herdsman in the small animal, herpetology and livestock tents. The club submitted many project entries this year. Congratulations to

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

SCI-BORGS 4-H CLUB

As you can see the Sci-Borgs 4-H Club has been very busy.



Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

4-H MONMOUTH BLASTERS

By: Chris Whitehouse, Club Leader

The Blasters had a successful fair. The club booth was assembled by the members and looked great. The theme was “One World-Our Dream”, and we incorporated the space station and the space shuttle into the design. The members worked hard on the booth and were rewarded with many compliments. Food booth was fun and popcorn sales were brisk. Thanks to members of 14 Carrot Rabbit and Animal Science Clubs CJ Halpin, Jen Clayton, Brittany Rappleyea and Graham Haliskoe who helped us out with the dunk tank. We are looking forward to fall launches with our friends. Congratulations to Jimmy Pezzullo, new club president and thanks to Curt McKittrick, immediate past president, for his leadership.

CURRY COMBS

By: Amber Henderson, Reporter

As many 4-H’ers know, there are lots of things to prepare for the county fair. Like decorating your club booth, entering into contests, and if you are going to bring a horse to the fair, decorating its stall and entering it into the fun day and/or gymkhana.

Well, we as Curry Comb 4-H’ers also have to do all of these things. The theme for our club booth is horses around the world! In 4-H we have started by making a horse out of recyclables, then we made the earth, we also made a poster of how to care for your horse, and finally we started to get pictures of horses to put on plates and write the name of what kind of horse they are and what country they are from.

As we get closer to the time for the county fair, we also practice for the fun day and gymkhana by backing up in things, going at full speed to try and beat other people’s times, and doing all types of courses so when it comes, we’re ready. The county fair is actually fun when you get to go around all of the cones and poles and you can do the courses for real.

As you can see there are many things you need to prepare for during the county fair, but in the end it’s all worth it. Come see our 4-H club booth!

**HORSES AROUND THE WORLD!
CURRY COMBS
FAIR BOOTH**





Linette Reeman is serving as Youth Corner Editor as part of her Creative Writing 4-H Independent Project with Ellen Williams, Monmouth County 4-H Agent.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR ARTWORK OR WRITING IN THE YOUTH CORNER, PLEASE EMAIL LINETTE REEMAN AT stoleyour soul@yahoo.com

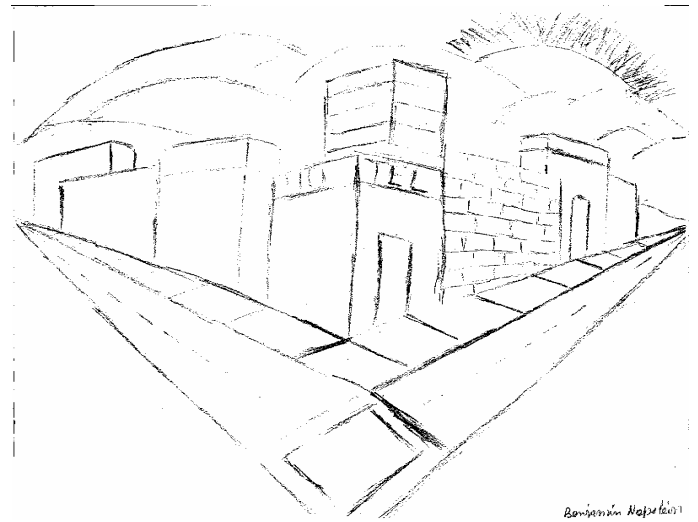
YOU STOLE MY HEART

*You stole my heart
Then you broke it
And then you gave it back to me
Shattered, empty, void
A broken raft on a sea
Of tears
Your heart when you
Come back to me
And I tell you to leave
Saying I've moved on*

BY LINETTE REEMAN

YOUTH CORNER (cont.)

These pictures were created by Benjamin Napoleon, a student at Asbury Park High School. Benjamin is a participant in the SPOT, the School Based Youth Services Program at Asbury Park High School. Benjamin created these pictures during the Creative Arts Workshop series conducted by Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent.



TEARS

By: Ciretta J. Crudup

All the tears that fell down my cheek were from all the hurt and pain, the sorrow and deceit. Now these tears won't come down my face because there's no more pain. Now when you see tears, it's not from hurt, it's from having joy back in my life. Now when you look at me, you don't see a frown, but you do see that beautiful smile with cheeks of a rose. Since you came into my life you showed me how not to hurt, but to move on and to have fun with life.

Ciretta, an Asbury Park High School student was a participant in the creative arts workshop series conducted by Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent, at the Asbury Park High School's School Based Youth Services program (SPOT).

THANK YOU

August 7, 2008

THANK YOU TO 4-H

Dear Ms. Williams,

There is no gauge or method of measurement to really know if the children's programs of the 4-H are having a positive impact on them or not. 4-H has so many dedicated leaders trying to involve and keep the interest of their group. But ultimately, so many people come and go, no one can monitor where these children end up or where their life will take them.

There is one child, however, that I can speak for, and that is my son, Spencer. Growing up, he was always a quiet child, who kept to himself. He spent a lot of time in his own little world buffered from the kids who picked on him and made fun of him.

When he joined Nature's Navigators, it was probably one of the hardest times in his life. He was not really accepted in social groups, he was incredibly withdrawn, and had no interest in being part of any groups of kids in his school.

Fortunately for Spencer, the kids of Nature's Navigators welcomed him with open arms. The group consisted of all sorts of kids, from different backgrounds. He was instantly part of the group and happily participated in all of the group activities he could. It was a wonderful opportunity for him to be a kid and not be judged or made fun of. He was free to be a light hearted, fun loving, carefree kid. He didn't have to be worried about fitting in or being accepted...he just was.

Spencer learned so much during his time with the 4-H. Of course he learned about animals and nature but he also learned about being a friend and having friends. His confidence level grew during these years, which we attribute, in part, to his Nature's Navigators' days.

My son has grown into a wonderful young man. He will be going to college in the fall. He is caring, kind and wonderful. He has had the honor of being accepted into the Bonner Scholarship Program at Rider University. This is a public service award in which he will do community service and he received a paycheck for his work. He will be working in Trenton with adults that cannot read, inner city children who might need a mentor, cleaning inner city parks, etc.

I believe in my heart, that his 4-H experience helped make him the man that he is growing into today. He has very fond memories of his time with 4-H and is so happy to be able to help out once in a while.

So I hope for all the children out there, who aren't the coolest kids on the block, or have the highest grades or who do not run the fastest in the school, that the 4-H will continue to grow and help those kids like my son prosper into happy and healthy young adults.

4-H does make a difference in the world...my son is living proof of it.

Thank you for the bottom of my heart,

Donna Peles



THANK YOU (cont.)

THANK YOU FROM THE MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION

By: Meg Whitehouse, President

On behalf of the Monmouth County 4-H Association, please accept my thanks to all the 4-H'ers and their families who helped with the set-up and break-down of the 4-H tent and booth equipment, the dance floor and the food booth. On Saturday, we pulled the large items from the barn and the county helped us place them under the tents for set-up on Sunday. The Saturday and Sunday set-up went smoothly thanks to the many helping hands. It is always satisfying to see the fairgrounds come to life as the 4-H'ers, their leaders, volunteers and family members build the 4-H areas.

After a full and busy week, all the stuff under the tents must be taken down, cleaned, packed and put away for next year's fair. As we say every year, the fair is not done until we have packed all the equipment in the storage barn. That means the food booth equipment, the dance floor, the booth doors, the animal pens and cages, the lattice, the dunk tank, the panels, the fans and all the miscellaneous stuff we need to put away from the fair. Because the fair closed early on Sunday due to the storm, the break-down was postponed to Monday. Notwithstanding the inconvenience, many 4-H'ers and their families came back to dismantle and pack away their tent areas. Special thanks to the Small Animal, Livestock and Horse tent families who cleared up their areas quickly. The Todd, Clayton, Yoncak, Martin, Sotovelez, Haliskoe, Cooks, Shoemaker, LaMarca, Waldron, Pillar, Lanz, Sagui, Knapp and other horse/livestock/small animal families were out in full force, cleaning, stacking and tidying up equipment. The Yoncaks, Martins, Robin, Leigh and Troy helped stack up the dance floor and the booth tent.

This year's break-down crew did yeoman's work and still buttoned up the barn by 9:30 PM. Most sincere thanks to the barn and food booth crews which included Chris Cleary, Robin Joline, Amy Grega, Wayne Smith, Charlie Grega, Charlie and Chris Whitehouse, Ann Grega, Dr. Suzie Spreat, Gracie Spreat, Dr. Spreat, Arlene LaMarca, Gail Waldron and Marie Shoemaker.

Great job done by all! The 4-H'ers, leaders and volunteers truly make the Fair great.

THANK YOU

By: Meg Whitehouse,

Dear Sam and Erin,

Thank you so much for serving as youth superintendents for the Stars and Stripes youth show at the Horse Park of NJ. Your assistance was appreciated. Your work made the show run smoothly. The judges said that you worked well together. I would happily recommend you to any show secretary as a show superintendent.

Also, thank you to Clair McKittrick, Monmouth County Rabbit Ambassador, for her rabbit presentation during the event.

Thank you!

2008 FAIR

ONE WORLD, OUR DREAM

By: Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent

4-H'ers, families and volunteers joined together to make "One World, Our Dream" a reality at the 2008 fair. Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who demonstrated their 4-H accomplishments. You truly "Make the Best Better" by your dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you to all youth and adult volunteers for making the fair a reality. We can all be proud of the 4-H spirit evidenced by all who made the 4-H fair possible.



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**COURTNEY NASH, AN AMBASSADOR OF 4-H SERVICE AND SPIRIT**

Courtney Nash of California came to New Jersey this summer and as part of her experience, joined in with 4-H activities. She stayed with Crysta Timmerman, 2008 Monmouth County 4-H Ambassador. I want to thank Crysta and Mr. & Mrs. Timmerman for arranging for Courtney to join in our summer programs. As you see from the article below, Courtney is an outstanding young woman whom we were very privileged to come to know. We wish her well in her future endeavors and thank her for assisting us this summer (she was a special help with fair set up). We hope she will keep in touch. There is no doubt, from her character and dedication, that she will continue to "Make the Best Better".

Working with 4-H this past summer has truly been a noteworthy experience. What brought me to New Jersey was an internship doing sound engineering but spending time as an honorary "4-H'er" worked out well too. My host family for the summer, the Timmermans, are all deeply rooted in 4-H so they opened the door for me to become a part of the festivities as well as a member. To me, 4-H at first seemed much focused on the outdoors and strictly agricultural themes and as a "city girl" from Compton/Los Angeles, planting and horses were not things that I dealt with on an everyday basis. Truth be told, sticking around long enough showed me that my perception of the program was false.

One night I was at the 4-H headquarters and the place was abuzz in preparation for the upcoming Monmouth County fair. I got the chance to walk around the facilities and speak with a few participants who were either at clogging practice, turning in entries for the art contest, or interviewing for the County Ambassador position. What attracted me the most was the art entries because I think that if I had the opportunity to partake in 4-H as a youth, that is definitely the area I would spring at. I was impressed with the abilities of the young people who placed entries as well as with 4-H for providing a place for aspiring artists and children who aspire to do anything to get out there and do. I realized that 4-H is more than just becoming agriculturally aware. Although that's important too, learning leadership, team work, the importance of a job well done, dedication to service, and building confidence for life are also vital and provided through 4-H.

I appreciate the value of service that 4-H embodies as well. Above all, that is what it all boils down to and that light that is shone upon giving back where help is needed makes 4-H different and to me a cut above a lot of youth organizations. Hearing about the Cloggers volunteering at elderly homes, seeing the groups working at booths to raise money for scholarships, and volunteering myself with 4-H and experiencing it first hand is not only memorable but inspiring. It's amazing seeing kids, teenagers and adults who truly are service oriented and aiming to make their world a better place through so many different facets.

When living in Compton, California for the last 6 years, it's not every day that you run into service oriented individuals let alone entire organizations. This ratio was in some ways bittersweet because in the absence of many service groups, there was more reason to start one and room for a large impact once that group was started. I'm not going to rant and rave, but I came up hearing a lot of "not today", "we don't have the money for that" or simply the cold shoulder when I asked why things weren't better than they were. I was elected to the office of Associated Student Body Treasurer and then chosen to be on my school Leadership Team my senior year. It was here that I became the leader of my school's first ever Campus Improvement Committee. Long story short, with a lot of hard work and after what seemed to be a million phone calls, letters, presentations, more phone calls, and a lot of grunt work, a school wide recycling project was birthed and bi annual beautification days were executed.

Along with heading that committee at school, I spent hours a week volunteering as a peer counselor/mentor around school and within the community, a tutor and music instructor at the Watts/Willowbrook Boys and girls Club, and a worker at church, selling dinners for a scholarship fund. I'm working hard not to be a stranger in the world of service. Just this winter, the University of Miami offered me a full tuition scholarship for my dedication to community service and I was awarded the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship for service, leadership, and academic achievement. A message to current and future 4-H members: nothing is impossible. Remember that through any situation; remain humble, diligent, and honest in everything because people recognize that and it is with those components that change spreads and great things happen.

THANK YOU (cont.)



HOWELL SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM 4-H/ MASTER GARDENER PARTNERSHIP



Howell Township Public Schools
PROUD OF OUR SCHOOLS • CONCERNED FOR OUR CHILDREN

August 13, 2008

4-H wishes to thank the Monmouth County Master Gardener program for their support of the horticulture program on August 4th and 8th at the Howell Summer School. Particular thanks go to Ronnie Liebowitz and Joan Lynch for creating a “hands-on learning” experience of such interest and benefit to the youth.

Ms. Ellen Williams
County 4-H Agent
4000 Kozloski Road
P.O. Box 5033
Freehold, New Jersey 07728-5033

Dear Ms. Williams:

The students of the Howell Summer School Program would like to thank you for your generous donation of plants for our planting project. It was very informative for the students and the volunteers who came to Greenville School were most helpful. It was a great success and each student that participated was able to bring home one potted plant.

Your kindness and generosity toward the students in our program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joy Forrest, Director
Howell Summer Program

The following two letters are from the school.

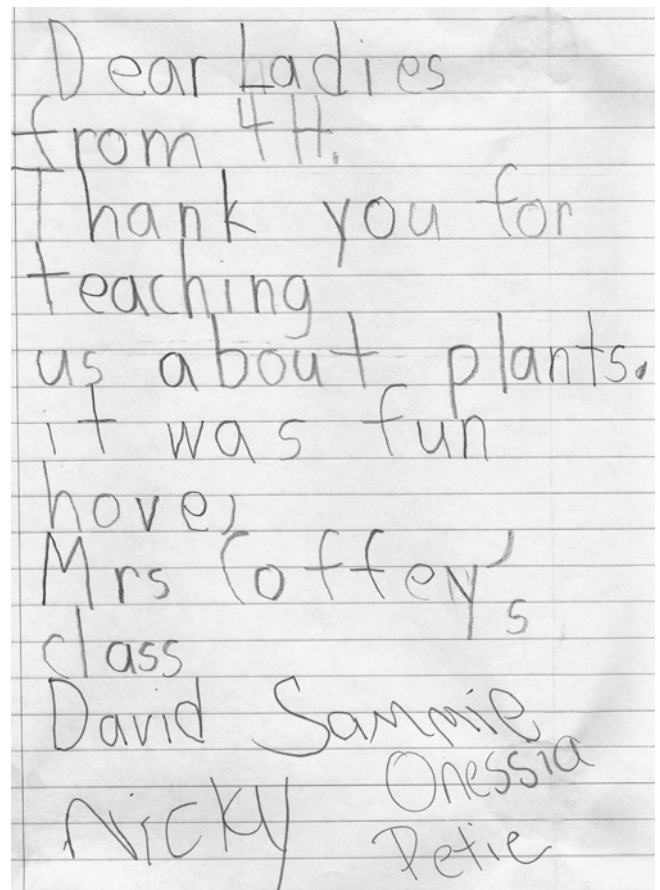


Dear Association,

I just wanted to thank you for your generous sponsorship for the Citizenship Washington Focus. This has been an extraordinary trip and I have been so honored to attend. Without your help, I would have not been able to come, so I again thank you so much for the scholarship.

Sincerely,
Amelia Valente

Citizenship Washington Focus is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. These young people come from across the nation to learn about citizenship and leadership in the living classroom of Washington, D.C.



Club Booth and Banner Exhibit

14 Carrot Rabbit Club
Above and Beyond
Amazing Animals
Animal Science
Backstage to Broadway
Bits and Bridles
Curry Combs
Digital Kids
Free Spirit Goat Club
Friends Culture Club
Knight Riders
M14
Monmouth Blasters
Monmouth Clogging Express
Monmouth Livestock
Nature's Navigators
Paws 4-A Cause
Raging Reptiles
Rhythmic Illusions
Sci-Borgs
Teen Council
Teen Small Animal Club
Thunderhoofs
Youth Horse Council

Division Animal/Vet Science

Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
Excellent Annie Pincay
Prep Juliette Muth

Division Cavy

Best In Show Kevin Sherman
Best Reserve in Show Taylor Toris

American

Best of Breed Kevin Sherman
Best Reserve Erica Todd

American Satin

Prep Kayla Toris

Teddy Satin

Best of Breed Taylor Toris

Mixed

Best of Breed Kevin Sherman
Best Reserve CJ Halpin

Division Sheep

Supreme Champion Brooke Levens
Ewes and Lambs Born after 1/1/08
1st Place Brooke Levens
Market Lamb Class-Grade or Purebred
1st Place Brooke Levens
Ram 2 years and over
1st Place Brooke Levens

Division Goats

Grand Champion Gracie Spreat

Reserve Champion Jillian Haliskoe

Prep Showmanship

1st Place Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

Jr. Showmanship

1st Place Carly Eidman
2nd Place Patrick Weber
3rd Place Joshua Todd

Miniature Wether under 6 months

1st Place Gracie Spreat
2nd Place Patrick Weber
3rd Place Daniella Pillar
4th Place Brittany Rappleyea
5th Place Carly Eidman

Wether Over 6 months

1st Place Leigh Whitehouse
2nd Place Kelly Shoemaker
3rd Place Matthew LaMarca
4th Place Chelsea Cook
5th Place Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
6th Place Joshua Todd

Jr. Does

1st Place Kelly Shoemaker

Dam and Daughter

1st Place Carly Eidman
1st Place Kelly Shoemaker

Sr. Showmanship

1st Place Gracie Spreat
2nd Place Brittany Rappleyea
3rd Place Kelly Shoemaker
4th Place Chelsea Cook
5th Place Matthew LaMarca
6th Place Jenni McDevitt

Sr. Dry Doe 12+ months

1st Place Jillian Haliskoe
2nd Place Carly Eidman
3rd Place Brittany Rappleyea
4th Place Chelsea Cook
5th Place Jenni McDevitt

Milking Does 3yrs+

1st Place Gracie Spreat

Division Poultry

Best In Show Joshua Todd

Medium Class

1st Place Joshua Todd
2nd Place Samantha Martin

Heavy Weight

1st Place Joshua Todd
2nd Place Samantha Martin
3rd Place Joshua Todd
4th Place Joshua Todd

Standard Hen

1st Place Desiree Pillar
2nd Place Desiree Pillar
3rd Place Daniella Pillar
4th Place Desiree Pillar

5th Place

Bantam Rooster

1st Place Daniella Pillar

Bantam Hen

1st Place Daniella Pillar
2nd Place Desiree Pillar
3rd Place Daniella Pillar
4th Place Desiree Pillar

Division Rabbits

Best in Show Morgan Martin
Best Reserve in Show Emonee Davis

Mini Rex

Best of Breed Kaitlyn Barry
Best Reserve Desiree Pillar

Mini Lop

Best of Breed Jillian Haliskoe
Best Reserve Patricia McLoughlin

Mini Satin

Best of Breed Paul Yoncak

Dwarf Hotot

Best of Breed Paul Yoncak

Harequin

Best of Breed Jen Clayton

Crème D'Argent

Best of Breed Graham Haliskoe

Giant Chinchilla

Best of Breed Graham Haliskoe
Best Reserve Samantha Martin

Netherland Dwarf

Best of Breed Abby Hildebrand
Best Reserve Abby Hildebrand

Holland Lop

Best of Breed Mikala Kocsik
Best Reserve Kathleen McLoughlin

Havana

Best of Breed Morgan Martin

Satin

Best of Breed Morgan Martin

Tan

Best of Breed Samantha Martin

Jersey Wooly

Best of Breed Ashley Reha
Best Reserve Clair McKittrick

New Zealand

Best of Breed Kathryn Stillman

Lionhead

Best of Breed Erica Todd
Best Reserve Taylor Toris

Beveran

Best of Breed Amelia Valente

Thrianta

Best of Breed Patricia McLoughlin

Silver Marten

Best of Breed Erica Todd
Best Reserve Erica Todd

Division Rabbits (cont.)**Elder Rabbit**

1st Place Abby Hildebrand
2nd Place David Sherman

Mixed

Best of Breed Emonee Davis
Best Reserve Morgan Martin

Homebred

1st Place Jillian Haliskoe

Family Traits

1st Place Kaitlyn Barry

Mismarked Dutch

Best of Breed Graham Haliskoe

Doe and Litter

1st Place Mikala Kocsik
2nd Place Clair McKittrick

Division Small Animal

Best in Show Summer Samagacz
Best Reserve in Show Graham Haliskoe

Ferret

Best of Breed Graham Haliskoe
Best Reserve Jillian Haliskoe

Hamster

Prep Katie Rose Moran
Best of Breed Summer Samagacz

Rat

Prep Juliette Muth
Best of Breed Joshua Todd
Best Reserve Joshua Todd

Division Herpetology

Prep Miranda Landry
Prep Daniel Moore
Very Good Chris Chibbaro
Very Good Eric Herner
Very Good Marissa Morris
Very Good April Pierce

Best in Class Misc. Snakes 1st Place

Excellent Jesse James Black

Best in Class Pythons 3rd Place

Very Good Marissa Morris

Best in Class Lizards 2nd Place

Excellent April Pierce

Best in Class Hermit Crabs

Very Good Summer Smagacz

Division Gymkhana

Adult Grand Champion Chris Cleary
Adult Reserve Champion Chris Cleary
Adult Reserve Champion Jess Imbriaco
Sr. Grand Champion Julie Couch
Sr. Reserve Champion CJ Halpin
Jr. Grand Champion Anthony Santoriello
Jr. Reserve Champion Kacie Moran
Jr. Jr. Grand Champion Erica Todd

Division Clothing & Textiles

Excellent Gabriella Gregorio
Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
Very Good Maria Gregorio
Very Good Clair McKittrick
Very Good Jeanine Reeman
Good Jeanine Reeman

Division Food & Nutrition

Very Good Patricia McLoughlin

Division Free For All

Prep Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
Prep Ariana Gregorio
Prep Maria Gregorio
Excellent Gabriella Gregorio

Division Vegetable

Very Good Clair McKittrick

Division Container Garden

Excellent Carly Eidman
Excellent Clair McKittrick
Excellent Amelia Valente
Excellent Melissa Whoeler
Very Good Clair McKittrick
Very Good Melissa Whoeler
Good Carly Eidman
Good Melissa Whoeler

Division Arrangements

Best in Show Clair McKittrick
Very Good Clair McKittrick

Division Recycling

Prep Maria Gregorio
Excellent Melissa Whoeler
Good Johnine Licht

Division Creative Crafts

Prep Maria Gregorio
Prep Jeanine Reeman
Prep Jonah Resnick
Excellent Carly Eidman
Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
Excellent Erin Panek
Excellent Noah Resnick
Excellent Melissa Whoeler
Very Good Ashley Bubello
Very Good Patricia McLoughlin
Excellent Sarah Sakowski
Very Good Melissa Whoeler
Very Good Paul Yoncak
Good Monica Bubello

Division Visual Arts

Prep Jeanine Reeman
Prep Jonah Resnick
Excellent Abby Hildebrand
Excellent Abby Lanz
Excellent Clair McKittrick
Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
Excellent Gracie Spreat
Very Good Carly Eidman
Very Good Abby Hildebrand
Very Good Sarah Sakowski
Very Good Alex Sundt
Good Monica Bubello
Good Abby Hildebrand
Good Johnine Licht
Good Erin Panek

Division Graphic Arts

Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
Excellent Amelia Valente

Division Photography

Prep Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak
Excellent Clair McKittrick
Very Good Amber Henderson
Very Good Abby Lanz
Very Good Clair McKittrick
Very Good Gracie Spreat
Very Good Crysta Timmerman
Very Good Amelia Valente
Good Patricia McLoughlin

Division Creative Writing

Prep Jonah Resnick
Excellent Ashley Bubello
Excellent Monica Bubello
Excellent Abby Hildebrand
Excellent Johnine Licht
Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
Excellent Patricia McLoughlin
Excellent Juliette Muth
Excellent Erin Panek
Excellent Linette Reeman
Excellent Amelia Valente
Very Good Briana Pfeifer
Very Good Noah Resnick
Good Abby Hilde

Division Scrapbooking

Prep Gabriella Gregorio
Excellent Amelia Valente
Very Good Academy of Allied Health & Services
Good Leighanna Gash

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2008 FAIR RESULTS (cont.)

Division Theatre Arts		Division		Participant	Katherine Martinez
Excellent	Linette Reeman	Get Moving Get Healthy		Participant	Kathleen McLoughlin
Very good	Linette Reeman	Prep	Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak	Participant	Patricia McLoughlin
Good	Linette Reeman	Excellent	Clair McKittrick	Participant	Annie Pincay
Vocal				Participant	Jeanine Reeman
Excellent	Kathleen McLoughlin	Division County Ambassadors		Participant	Sarah Sheefer
Excellent	Patricia McLoughlin	2008 County Ambassador	Jessica Sagui	Participant	Summer Smagacz
Good	Annie Pincay	2008 County Ambassador	Crysta Timmerman	Participant	Mary Tursi
Vocal Duet				Monmouth Clogging Express	
Excellent	Kathleen McLoughlin	Runner Up	Christy Schaff	Participant	Sarah D'Amore
Excellent	Annie Pincay			Participant	Jess DePazzo
Creative Movement		Division Show Tent		Participant	Susie Ferrier
Excellent	Kathleen McLoughlin	Performance		Participant	Melissa Martin
Excellent	Patricia McLoughlin	Public Presentations		Participant	Amanda Schaaf
Monologue		Participant	Maiasia Brown	Participant	Christy Schaaf
Excellent	Kathleen McLoughlin	Participant	Talula Dechev	Participant	Kathy Smith
Irish Step Dance		Participant	Makayla Lawrence	Participant	Jamie Wallenstein
Excellent	Kathleen McLoughlin	Participant	Lmirrah Brown	Paws 4 A Cause Demonstration	
Amazing Animals Club Skit		Participant	Raigene Miller	Participant	Conor Keenan
Very good	Dennis Bradford	Participant	Jonah Resnick	Participant	Shane Keenan
Very Good	Catherin Roder	Participant	Noah Resnick	Participant	Shane Peles
Very Good	Tara Smyth	Rhythmic Illusions Performance		Participant	Amanda Tursi
Very Good	Alex Sundt	Participant	Angela Antonaccio	Participant	Mary Tursi
Very Good	Sarah Thuel	Participant	Jennifer Antonaccio	Participant	Megan Tursi
Very Good	Nina Tripp	Participant	Julia Antonaccio		
		Participant	Samantha Antonaccio		
		Participant	Michelle Gagliardi		
		Participant	Ivane Lee		
		Participant	Jennica Lee		

RESOURCE INFORMATION

Practical Ways to Trim High Grocery Prices

During these times of high food and fuel prices, you might be asking yourself “What can I do to save money?” A smart spending plan at the grocery store is one way to make ends meet. It just takes a little time and know-how to put into practice. Below are some specific money-saving ideas to consider:

Know How Much You’re Spending– When you spend \$60 at the supermarket one week and \$100 the next, you may not realize that your monthly grocery bill is one of your biggest expenses. Save your receipts and analyze them—you will be amazed at how much you spend on groceries and how much you can save by shopping more carefully. Take the time to create a food budget and follow it.

Plan for More Family Meals– Plan ahead instead of stopping at fast food restaurants on the way home from work. Make meal planning a family affair. Write up a menu of the meals and snacks you plan to prepare for the week, while making sure they are affordable and fit your food budget.

Plan Every Shopping Outing– Experts say that planning meals in advance and making detailed shopping lists can cut your grocery spending by 20 percent or more. Check your pantry before you go shopping to be sure of what you need. Review store flyers and build your list around what’s on sale and the best coupon deals. Buying in bulk, when possible, can often help save money in the long run.

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Stick to Your List– Grocery stores are designed to entice you to buy more with irresistible marketing. By sticking to a list, you will only purchase what you need and “get in and get out” of the store quickly.

Do Not Shop on an Empty Stomach– If you go to a supermarket hungry, you will most likely purchase more food than you need, including expensive items as well.

Leave Young Kids at Home, if Possible– Young children want all of the products that are marketed to them and conveniently placed at their “eye” level. Avoid potential in-store battles and try to shop alone.

Break Yourself of “Brand Habits”- Generic or store brands are generally better buys. Basic commodities such as sugar, flour, tomato sauce, and paper towels are often indistinguishable when the label is removed. Some store brands are different from their national-brand equivalents, however, so buy small amounts first to test quality and flavor.

Go Easy On Highly Processed Foods in Expensive Packaging– Buy the basics and add your own sugar, spices, condiments, and sauces. You’ll save 50 percent or more, and feel much more creative. The closer a food is to its natural state, the less it tends to cost.

Don’t Be Deceived by Packaging– Check the per-unit cost of food products; sometimes small sizes are more economical than jumbo packs.

Beware of End Caps– Food items on aisle “end caps” are often attractively displayed to entice shoppers to make additional purchases; these displays are not always a shopper’s bargain.

Look Up, Look Down– Items on the upper and lower shelves are often cheaper. Big brands often pay big bucks for eye-level shelf space.

Shop “Off-Hours”- Whizzing through supermarket checkouts in the early mornings or late evenings may give you time to “shop the specials” at more than one store per week.

Don’t Do All Your Shopping at the Supermarket– Toiletries, for instance, are usually cheaper at discount stores. A little comparison shopping could save you a lot of money.

Cook Once, Eat Twice– Plan meals with recipes that can be doubled easily. Serve one and label and freeze the other for a later date. Often it doesn’t cost much more to make a double recipe.

Buy Fruits and Vegetables in Season– Stock up when items are cheap. Check out local farmer’s markets.

Bring Lunches and Snacks to Work– Compared to eating out, brown-bagging can save food dollars.

Consider Eating Less Meat– Make at least one or two meatless meals each week.

Cruise Through Your Fridge Daily– Check foods on hand to plan to use them before they go bad.

Invest in a Good Inexpensive Cookbook– With some new recipes, you can be more creative with the groceries you bring home. Look for healthy recipes that you can prepare in a short amount of time.

Save and Make Use of Leftovers– Serve for breakfast the next day or use for kids’ lunches or your own.

Consider Gas Costs- Don’t drive many miles out of the way to a store to save a few more pennies.

Watch “Open or Use By” Dates– Look for dates marked on perishable foods to avoid buying outdated products. Also be sure to use these products at home in time to avoid waste.

Purchase Only What You Will Use– Eat everything that you buy to avoid food waste.

Watch the Cash Register– Checkout errors can be costly. Use supermarket discount cards to save.

Stock Up on “Real” Bargains and Non-Perishable Foods– For example, buy canned goods on sale.

Avoid Non-Nutritious Foods– This includes “junk” food snacks, sugary foods, soft drinks, etc.

Find Your Green Thumb– Consider growing some of your own vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

Avoid Food Shopping at Convenience Stores– They are generally more expensive than supermarkets.

Don’t Pay Interest on Food Bought on Credit Cards– This only increases the cost of food even more.

IN THE NEWS

ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Association is pleased to announce that the 2008 winners of the Association scholarships are:

Lauren Hoenig
Amy Smith
Taryn Leary
Alison Poandl

We congratulate them and wish them much success.

SUMMER INTERN

By: Pam Brown

My experience at the 4-H office this summer was nice. I helped set up for the fair in many different ways from counting ribbons to hanging the 4-H projects at the fair. I feel that as this year's summer intern I've learned a lot. I even taught two different sessions at the Youth Detention Center of Monmouth County. One of my lessons was on drug awareness, the second on stress. When I first started this job I thought 4-H was about diet and exercising, fruits and vegetables, but then I realized this program is about helping the youth in their communities. All in all 4-H is a wonderful program that everyone should experience.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER

By: Sarah R. Sakowski

Volunteering at the 4-H office has been fun over the summer. Not only does it give me something to do, but it enabled me to get

ready for my potential job that I may be taking at Brookdale. It was also a pleasure to meet Jackie and Pam, two interns who worked at the office as well. The type of work that I did at the 4-H office would be odds and ends, plan different summer activities, and visit different places around the county. I would advise anybody who wants a work related experience to inquire about volunteering at the 4-H office.

I was also able to organize two separate workshops for two different camps. One camp is being held at Turkey Swamp Park, and the other is here at the 4-H office. At the Turkey Swamp 4-H Arts Camp, I am teaching a workshop on healthy eating, and then the campers can prepare a dessert after they eat their dinner. The camp that I am teaching here at the 4-H office is just about the same workshop, but the campers will be making a healthy snack. I hope that both will be a great success!

COLLIER Magazine

4-H Programs Help Group Home Residents Develop New Skills and Interests



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Group Home graduates *Tiana* (left) and *LaTonya* learned how to care for and ride horses through the Monmouth County 4-H program.

"I felt like I really wanted to get to know them better," declared **Ellen Williams**, the 4-H Agent from Monmouth County, about the residents of Collier Group Home. For the past year, Ellen has been working with the Group Home girls on several different projects, including yoga, journaling, and hands-on learning with horses on a monthly basis.

The horse training program is a 4-H Club held at Free Spirit Farm in Freehold on the second Saturday of each month. In addition to individual riding lessons, the girls have learned about the nature of horses, how to tie a quick-release knot, and how to groom, saddle and bridle a horse. "I liked it," said Group Home graduate **Samantha**. "We learned how to take care of an injured foot, and how to keep the horse comfortable." Ellen also noted the therapeutic benefits of the program. "There's something really fascinating about connecting youth with

animals. It helps build trust since they receive unconditional support [from the horses]... and builds responsibility and socialization by working as a team." The riding lessons, understandably the girls' favorite part, go beyond just having fun. "It's great to see them going around the ring with such pride on their faces and taking safe risks," recalls Ellen. "We're building self-esteem, and I'm glad to be involved!"

Ellen and other 4-H volunteers have also conducted activities at the Group Home including yoga, art, role-playing and journaling. **Samantha** recognized how helpful the role-playing sessions are for the group dynamic. "It gets [the residents] together and to communicate better. It teaches you to work together, and definitely made things easier." Ellen especially enjoyed doing journaling with the girls, which was eye-opening for her personally. Having taught English before working with the 4-H

Club, "I was very impressed with the level of writing and their support of one another." Ellen noted that the content of the girls' poetry and journals was very intense, often with themes of survival and resiliency. "I was speechless," said Ellen, "and just moved by the raw talent and the depth of the pain they've been through. This was a teaching experience I will never forget."

The other Collier programs have benefited from Ellen's enthusiasm for our mission as well. Last summer, she taught money management, goal-setting, and business design to the at-risk teens in our JET (Job Experience and Training) program. "Life skill development is a set part of our county structure," said Ellen, "and I am hopeful that we can expand our programs with Collier."

Collier Services shares the life skill development philosophy of 4-H. Thank you to 4-H club leaders Lisa, Roseann and Ken Vaccaro of the Horsin' Around 4-H horse club at Free Spirit Farm, Freehold Township. The educational experiences they have provided to Collier Group Home residents have been significant. 4-H provides various programs to Collier Services. For example, this summer Kelly Valenti, 4-H Program Assistant offered Character Counts at JET Camp. Ellen Williams will continue to offer life skill development programs fostering self esteem and goal setting.

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

Rabbit Ambassador Update

By: Clair McKittrick, Rabbit Ambassador

It has been a busy summer for this 4-Her. There are always so many things to do. The Stars and Stripes Show was a great way to start off the summer. The weather was perfect (no rain!) and there were so many things to see and do. Next was the Monmouth County Fair, the Small Animal Tent had over 80 registered animals. Next was the Mercer County Fair at the Howell Living History Farm, held at the end of July. It was really an honor to talk to the Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus and explain how the RAP project works. Then there was a week at 4-H camp with swimming, eating and meeting lots of new friends. Lastly was a visit to the Mercer County 4-H Fair to see Judge Bob and other 4-H friends. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer with plenty Jersey Fresh produce. Hope to see everyone at the State Small Animal Show Sept. 13. There will be an info. booth for the Rabbit Ambassador Program, so stop by to see us.



Pictured left: Clair McKittrick at Stars and Stripes Demonstration Friday night.



Pictured right: Stars and Stripes Small Animal Show Rabbit Ambassadors Samantha Martin and Clair McKittrick.



Pictured left: Clair McKittrick at the Mercer County 4-H Fair speaking to the public.



Pictured right: Secretary of Agriculture Charles Kuperus and Rabbit Ambassador Clair McKittrick at the Mercer County 4-H Fair at Howell Living History Farm.



Pictured left: Mercer County 4-H Rabbit Show.



Pictured right: Rabbit Ambassador Clair McKittrick visiting the Somerset 4-H show in August.

MOSQUITOES

By: Alex Kubiak, Garden Ambassador

Mosquitoes are quite a problem in late summer. Mosquitoes like to breed in wet still areas. If you have standing water around your house here are some things you can do to reduce the mosquito population.

1. Dispose of unwanted tin cans and tires.
2. Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs.
3. Flush sump-pump pits weekly.
4. Stock ornamental pools with fish.
5. Change water in birdbaths, fountains, and troughs twice a week.
6. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; when not regularly used, they should be emptied.
7. Turn over unused wading pools and other containers that tend to collect rainwater.
8. Cover containers tightly with window screen or plastic when storing rainwater for garden use during drought periods.

By doing these things you will help reduce the mosquito population and prevent them from spreading disease.

For more information, please visit this website:

[Http://www-rci.rutgers.edu/~insects/moslife.htm](http://www-rci.rutgers.edu/~insects/moslife.htm)



Recipe for Jersey Fresh Watermelon

By: Food and Fitness Ambassador Clair McKittrick

Watermelon Salsa

- 1 ½ cup watermelon chopped
- ½ cup cucumber chopped
- ½ cup red onion chopped
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, fresh , chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Serrano Chile Pepper, minced (wear gloves when working with hot peppers)
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Serve with corn chips.

Anthony DiPalma of Manasquan Elementary School did his school presentation on the 4-H Youth Development Program. Anthony did internet research on 4-H and interviewed Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent. Following is a copy of the report Anthony did on 4-H.

NEW JERSEY 4-H

By: Anthony DiPalma

From all the information I gathered it says that the 4-H clubs followed the corn clubs for boys and the canning club for girls. It was organized in the 1900's by public school educators so that students' learning experience would broaden. In 1914 the 4-H officially became a part of Cooperative Extension Service, established by the U.S. Congress. The "4-H Clubs" appeared in federal documents in 1918 for the first time. The American idea of 4-H has spread around the world and has adapted to the changing needs and interests of kids.

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The 4-H is a youth program that is informal and educational. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, which is the off-campus division of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station for Rutgers University, runs the NJ 4-H as their youth developmental program. The 4-H says that their mission is to teach kids to learn-by-doing. They say it helps kids to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that they will definitely need to be caring, competent, and contributing citizens that we need for a better world.

I always thought that you could only be part of 4-H if you lived on a farm and had animals. But that is not true. The 4-H does have a lot of programs that have to do with farm animals, but they also have programs for kids living in cities and towns. Some of these programs are bicycle care and safety, model rocketry, aerospace and go-carting.

The 4-H says that their clubs are a part of their program that are the foundation of the 4-H. If you have five or more kids that have one or more adults that can volunteer to guide them, then that can be a club. A club can be just a small group of kids, for example our class, or a large group of kids from all over the country. A club will usually do one or more projects like maybe woodworking, food and nutrition, training dogs for seeing eye, or maybe gardening or karate. The clubs elect officers and have business meetings. They work together and do service activities for their community. They meet new friends and, best of all, they have fun.

You have to be at least in 4th grade to join a 4-H club, and you can stay part of it till one year after you graduate high school. When you become a member, you can enroll in a lot of different 4-H projects. You can exhibit any work that you complete and they will be judged and could win awards. You don't have to pay anything to join and you are not required to wear a uniform. Most everything you do with 4-H is free or really inexpensive. There is a 4-H prep club that is for grades 1-3. It gives you a sample of what you can do in the real 4-H program.

I always wondered what the 4-H emblem meant and I found out that the green leaf clover has 4-H's on it that stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. And it was patented in 1924. The 4-H motto is, "To Make the Best Better" and its slogan is, "Learn by doing". The 4-H also has a pledge, "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

The 4-H can be found in every county in our state. There are hundreds of clubs that have thousands of members. And 4-H through school enrichment, camping and short-term programs have even thousands more members. The 4-H is actually located all over the world with about 10 million young people enrolled.

I was first interested in doing my report on New Jersey 4-H because my family adopted a seeing eye dog from Morristown Seeing Eye. We were told by Morristown Seeing Eye that our dog, Cannon, had been trained by a 4-H member and was entered in the annual 4-H dog show. He won first prize for best dog in show. I really liked learning about the different 4-H clubs and how I could help my community and our world. I think I probably will join my local 4-H.



IN CELEBRATION AND IN MEMORY OF LEW AUMACK

By: Ann and Laura del Campo

Time is surreptitious in how the years sneak up on you! Although you young folks in the 4-H are just beginning your lives by looking forward, many of those supporting your efforts have many years to look back upon. This note is being crafted in memory of one of the key people who have brought great joy to a family who participated with the 4-H Equestrian Clubs in Monmouth County several years ago.

The Monmouth County 4-H club, Knight Riders, coached by Stella Almeida over a decade ago, was an inspiration for my daughter, Laura, to learn how to become a responsible young adult. Now at age 22, she too, looks back. Laura remembers all the activities she participated with the 4-H club and how Lew Aumack, who has recently passed away, provided new riding opportunities.

We met Lew Aumack (Robert Lew Aumack, Sr), about thirteen years ago. We had two horses, one of them a 4-H Grand Champion, "Ollie", and "Dreamer" a foal and 4-H project. We moved into a farm where Lew had several stalls for boarding. Lew opened the door for many great experiences we had over the next couple of years.

Lew had a young pony, "Sadie" who was trained to give birthday party rides. Sadie, however, was not trained under saddle to jump nor ride without leading. With Lew's tutelage and commitment, Sadie not only learned not to buck Laura off, but she learned how to jump and went to a couple of horse shows where she placed in ribbons. In addition to that, Sadie loved to eat hot dogs and soda at these events. Looking back, I think the horse show food vendors were the main reason Sadie got on the trailer to go to these shows. She was a smart pony.

Lew also allowed Laura and I to ride at Allaire State Park with our horse Ollie, and Sadie. I remember falling off Ollie when he decided to go a different direction. Laura was riding Sadie and when I fell she said, "Don't worry Mom, I'll get him," as she raced after him. She disappeared with me standing in the forest alone! Needless to say, she came back with Ollie in lead, and 12 other horses. She found Ollie with about 12 people on a pack trail enjoying the trails of Allaire.

I can remember Lew helping me learn how to drive a tractor when we left his place and built our own horse farm. We had wall-to-wall briar bushes in all open spaces and I was petrified of their cat claws (they are called cat briars). Thanks to Lew, he showed me how to manage the brush hog. During this time, he went into one of the holes in the field where perk testing had been done and the holes left open and covered by briars. If it had been me on the tractor I would have been paralyzed...with fear! Lew used the bucket on the tractor and showed me how to safely move out of the ditch.

Lew had a previous life driving trucks but we never knew much of that. What he shared with us was his continuous love of horses and his eagerness to participate in engaging kids with horses. He helped everyone in the community. As of last week, Lew has left our world and we certainly hope he comes back, as someone close to us in spirit. Lew will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

To all you young 4-H'ers, we wish you have this special kind of relationship with people you meet working with horses or your favorite activity. Enjoy the 4-H. A small gift is being made to the Knight Riders in memory and celebration of Lew Aumack's dedication and inspiration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Independent Project:
Oral History Project: Linking Youths with Elders
Adam Black, 4-H Independent Project 4-H'er

This oral history project is an awesome way to link senior citizens with teens while learning a little bit about each other. The project also provides an excellent opportunity for seniors and teens to dispel the many stereotypes about both groups in society that are quite common. For instance, many teens view senior citizens as old and senile who contribute very little to society, while many seniors view teens as nuisances who drink, do drugs, and listen to loud music. Both of these assumptions however, are obviously not true when talking about seniors and teens as a whole. By having teens connect with their elders by learning about their pasts, teens will be able to form a stronger relationship with the elder generation.

If you are interested in participating in this project, feel free to contact either:

Ms. Ellen Williams – Rutgers 4-H Agent at **732 – 431 – 7266**
Adam Black – Teen Leader of this Project at **732 – 842 – 8874**

MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE 2008

Thursday, January 24, 2009, 7 PM, 4-H Office
Thursday, May 22, 2009, 7 PM, 4-H Office
Thursday, July 17, 2009, 7 PM, 4-H Office
Thursday, September 25, 2009, 7 PM, 4-H Office
Thursday, November 20, 2009, 7 PM, 4-H Office

Meetings are held generally on the fourth Thursday of the odd numbered months except in July and November when there is a conflict with the fair or a national holiday.

Achievement Awards Night will be held October 1, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office!

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Achievement Awards Night on October 1st at 6:30PM here at the 4-H office. This will be the first year where we will announce two Outstanding Teens and 4-H'er of the Year, among many other prestigious awards like Leadership, Citizenship and some club awards.



2008 Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum



SAVE THE DATE!
October 23-26,
2008

[Promotional
Flyer](#)

at the Radisson
Hotel in
Manchester, NH

[Tentative
Schedule](#)

[Watch for Registration, opening on May 1, 2008](#)

[Workshop Proposal Form](#) ([PDF](#) or [Word](#))

Stay Tuned for more information as it becomes available

2008 NERFVF CONFERENCE

Dates for the conference are October 23—26th. If you have a group of volunteers/staff who will be attending, please let Macy Compton, State 4-H Program Coordinator know so that we can work together in the state to plan some car or van pools. No one should drive by themselves with the price of gas!!

Also please note that they are encouraging everyone to register on-line. There is a link to the brochure and on-line registration on their web site at:

[Http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H.htm](http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H.htm)

Reminder— you must register for the hotel separately by calling (603)625-1000 or 1-800-333-3333, **Promotional code NELFVC**. Hotel is \$109 per night for a single or double; \$119 per night for a triple or quad (price does not include 8% room & meals tax or hotel garage parking fee of \$8 per day).

Questions? Call Michele King at 603-862-2199.

NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The following website has been updated with the 2008 forms for all teen and adult volunteers to download. All volunteers are encouraged to submit registration forms for the NJ Leadership Summit, Saturday, September 27th by Friday, September 19th—space is limited!

[Http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/volunteering/index.html](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/volunteering/index.html)

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 5-11, 2008

National 4-H Week is set for October 5-11, 2008. This year's theme will be "Keeping it Green." With 4-H's connection to environmental efforts, youth participating in environmental science, and 4-H's new partnership with Nickelodeon's The Big Green Help, "Keeping it Green" shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues. The green theme also can showcase 4-H beyond the environmental focus as 4-H's green brand is a direct connection to the organization as a whole.

4-H National Youth Science Day is set to be held on Wednesday, October 8th during National 4-H Week. This is the first-ever day of its kind to encourage 4-H friends, families, community partners, and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. One of the partners for this day is Nickelodeon. An experiment is being created for youth to do in their communities beginning on October 8th. The experiment will be environmental in nature, easy to do, cheap to implement and fun for the youth.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



4-H OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, October 18, 2008

1-4pm

(clubs set-up from 12-1pm and open to the public from 1-4pm)

Each club will have two 5ft x 2ft wide tables

-----Please return the bottom portion-----

Club Name _____

Leader Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Do you need electric for your display? _____

Will you be doing a craft or an activity with the public? If so please explain

Return to Kelly at the 4-H Office 4000 Kozloski Road PO Box 5033 Freehold, NJ 07728
by **October 1, 2008.**



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



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New Jersey Agricultural
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Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
4000 Kozloski Road
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Freehold, NJ 07728-5033

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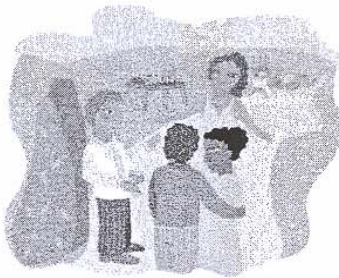
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732-431-7260 ARMA
732-431-7271 FCHS
732-303-7614 Master Gardeners
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*Rutgers Cooperative Extension
of Monmouth County*
MASTER GARDENERS
*and the 4-H YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM*



Invite you to come celebrate a **FREE** children's day at our gardens!



Birds, Bugs & Beyond
Saturday, September 13, 2008
Monmouth County Ag. Building
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold
1:00 - 4:00 PM Rain or Shine

FREE Activities Include:

- Birds
- Butterflies, Bees and Other Insects
- Bunnies
- Puppet Show
- Garden Crafts
- Scavenger Hunt & Games
- Education Displays
- Story-Telling
- Live Music
- Composting & Vermicomposting
- Garden Tours



Enjoy a fun family day and learn about living green!

For more information contact:

The Master Gardeners at 732-303-7614 or 4-H at 732-431-7263



**REMINDER
ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS ARE 11/20/08**



The Monmouth County 4-H Association will be electing officers at the 11/20/08 meeting. If you are interested in running for an officer position, please contact the Association executive board or Meg Whitehouse. (e-mail: Stella Almeida– equine.lady@verizon.net; Swapan Chattopadhyay– swapanc2003@yahoo.com; Meg Whitehouse– Wwhiteh404@aol.com; Ann Grega– Gregaacag@aol.com; Robin Joline– crrabbits@aol.com)

The Association officers are President, External Vice President, Internal Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Association is also seeking members for the following committees: Leaders Recruitment and Training; Ways & Means; Membership; Hospitality, Publicity and Promotion.

ALUMNI NEWS

The quilt raffle was another success this year due to the help and support of everyone! Thank you to everyone for supporting us. We are looking forward to receiving many scholarship applications this year. The winner of the quilt was Kathy Owens. Congratulations Kathy!

The family of Frances Arbaczawski has set up a scholarship in her memory for graduating seniors. This will be a \$500.00 scholarship and the deadline will be the same as the Alex and Louise Basista scholarship deadline which is October 15th.

If you have any questions regarding the applications please contact the 4-H office or Marilyn Kothe, 732-995-9374.

Our next Alumni meeting will be on Tuesday August 26th. The meeting is held at the 4-H office at 7:00pm. Hope you can attend!

4-H CAMP NEWS

Don't forget, for the latest updates on camp, including rundowns of the summer sessions thus far, visit our blog at; <http://nj4hcamp.blogspot.com>

2009 WINTER CAMP SCHEDULE

1/2-1/4	Open
1/9-1/11	Cape May and Middlesex
1/16-1/18	Atlantic, Camden and Ocean
1/23-1/25	Somerset, Warren and Bergen
1/30-2/1	Salem, Gloucester, Burlington, Mercer and Morris
2/6-2/8	Hunterdon, Sussex, Union, Monmouth and Essex

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.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Fair Photo Contest Due/ Labor Day- Office Closed	2 YHC Mtg 6:30pm/Horse Leaders Mtg 7:30pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Livestock Adv Mtg 7:00pm	9 Small Animal Adv Mtg 7:30pm	10	11	12	13 State Small Animal Show
14	15	16 Record Book Peer Review 6:00pm	17	18	19	20 Tri-County Awards Banquet
21	22	23	24	25 4-H Associa- tion Mtg. 7:00 pm/Yearbook Committee Mtg. 6:00-7:00pm	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Achievement Awards Night 6:30-8:30pm	2	3	4
5	6 Livestock Ad- visory Mtg. 7:00pm	7 YHC 6:30pm/ Horse Leaders Mtg 7:30pm	8	9	10	11
National 4-H Week October 5th through the 10th						
12	13 Columbus Day County Office Closed	14 Small Animal Advisory Meeting 7:30 pm	15	16 NJ State Asso- ciation Meeting 10am-1:00pm	17	18 Open House 1:00-4:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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