

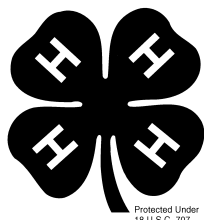


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“My Child Stands Tall in 4-H”

It was breakdown time at the 2006 Monmouth County Fair. 4-Hers, tired but satisfied, gathered their project areas proudly. The sound of whirring drills and hammers blended as 4-H parents, 4-H club leaders and volunteers removed exhibits to store them away for next year’s fair.

At one point, I was helping to take down a club booth from the 4-H information tent. Next to me was a 4-H club leader removing her respective club booth. She shared with me that, while the fair was a great deal of work and commitment, it had all been worth it in light of what 4-H had done for her son. She explained that school had been a source of pain and frustration for him, while 4-H had provided a place of belonging and acceptance. There were cliques in his school, but not in 4-H. There was competition in his school, while in 4-H her son could develop at his own skill level without comparison to others.

In these days at the fair, she had observed her son’s growing confidence as he proudly showed his project animal and developed friendships with fellow club members. She was impressed by the camaraderie among the 4-H’ers and the acceptance they had given to her son, a new 4-H’er.

School had bowed her son’s spirit; 4-H had raised it. With an emotional crack in her voice and some tears in her eyes, she said gratefully, “In these days at the fair, I have watched my son walk taller than I have ever seen him. And I have 4-H to thank for that, thank you.”

I was deeply moved by her words. There was no better thank you I could have received and no stronger reinforcement for me to continue to build Monmouth County 4-H for the years to come. We both smiled, sharing an understanding that required no words. This time the summer sweat blended with a few emotional tears. And that was good. 4-H had profoundly touched this young man’s life, as it had the lives of so many others. Turning back to our club booth breakdown, our rhythm didn’t miss a beat.

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NEW CO-LEADERS: Robin Joline and Robin Torriero with the 4-H Teen Council Club

NEW 4-H MEMBERS:

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| STAGE TO BROADWAY | BACK- | BITS AND BRIDLES |
| Nicklas D. Waladkewics | Emily A. Garey | Sarah Hughes |
| Jessie L. Winzenried | Taylor L. Knudsen | |
| K-9 BONEDIGGERS | | THUNDERHOOFS |
| Jennifer A. Tendler | Ashley L. Reha | |

HIGHLIGHTS OF EARLY 4-H HISTORY

By: Betty Ann Smith, County 4-H Agent, Middlesex County 1990, revised 2000

Taken from the chronology of 4-H that includes 190 noteworthy dates, events, and actions that contributed to 4-H history.

- 4-H Clubs were preceded by corn clubs for boys and canning clubs for girls organized early in this century by public school educators.
- Cooperative Extension Service was created when Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act of 1914.
- A four-leaf clover with H's standing for Head, Heart, Hands and Health replaced a three-leaf emblem after World War I, and the term "4-H" came into common usage.
- National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work was organized in 1921 to encourage private sector support.
- First National 4-H Congress was held in 1922 and the first National 4-H Club Camp in 1927.
- National 4-H Pledge and National 4-H Motto were approved by state leaders in 1927.
- Increased public funding of the Extension Service, including 4-H, was assured by Acts of Congress in 1928, 1935 and 1945, and special appropriations in 1969, 1972 and 1977.
- Extension Committee on Organization and Policy created a 4-H Subcommittee to deal with policies and procedures in 1939.
- County 4-H agents organized a national professional association in 1946.
- 4-H moved rapidly to other countries after World War II.
- International Farm Youth Exchange began in 1948.
- National 4-H Club Foundation organized in 1948, opened the National 4-H Center (a special citizenship leadership training facility) in 1959, at Chevy Chase, Maryland, and became National 4-H Council in 1976.
- Division of 4-H and Young Men and Women's Programs was created in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1952.

Reference: 4-H: An American Idea 1900-1980; Wessel, Thomas & Marilyn.

Source: New Jersey 4-H Leader Training Series E148; Rutgers Cooperative Extension; Section VI: Did You Know? p601-602

Ellen Williams

4-H NEWSLETTER



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4-H Mission Statement

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

Middletown Curry Combs**By**

It was another fun year at the Monmouth County Fair. Some of us even were able to stay in the garage, during one of the storms. The popcorn sales and dunking booth went smoothly as usual. Our most successful fundraiser was the raffle, in which all donations were to be given to the Popcorn Park Zoo. Our club was able to raise \$638 to give to the zoo. Mrs. Jane Hight presented the zoo with the money, of which they were very much appreciative. She even got her picture taken with the zoo staff.

We would like to thank the following Curry Combs for their hard effort with this raffle: Ali and Kendall Axt, Olivia Bundchuh, Faith Bates, Briana Buzzanco, Dolores Cutler, Katie Beirne, Megan Hultberg, Matt Hutchinson, Abbey Lanz, Erin Mauser, Jessica and Christan Sagui, Caitie and Michelle Zavilla. We would also like to thank the club "Above and Beyond" for their help with this successful raffle. The following members went "Above and Beyond" in their efforts: Lauren McNamara, Alyson Kelly, Jamie Kelly and Elyse Ferrari. Our raffle also encouraged the Pet Photo Booth to also donate all of their collections to the Popcorn Park Zoo. We also want to thank the Tack Shelter for being so generous in donating the horse basket with the gift certificate included. We had an Oceanport winner this year. We look forward to another memorable year next year. Good job 4-H!

LIVE AND LEARN**By Mary Bane, Leader**

The Live and Learn club members had a great time at the fair this year. We enjoyed entering many different project divisions: creative crafts, visual arts, creative writing, recycling, veterinary science, textiles, food, pet photo and gardening.

Congratulations to our preppers for a job well done in Prep Court.

We have lots of ideas for the new club year and are looking forward to getting started in September!

Our thanks to everyone who bought popcorn from us!

**GIRLS CIRCLE****By: Shala Druin**

So far in Girls Circle 4-H has come out to Farmingdale to plant a garden; that same day we made strawberry and blueberry smoothies. Thank you to Mr. David Bean for making us a birdhouse.

Another day we made ice cream in a bag and today we're cooking a healthy breakfast and learning about healthy ways to, "Think What You Drink", with the Get Moving Get Healthy Program.

Tonight we're gonna shuck corn on the cob and eat it with dinner. Thank you to Mr. David Krzyzanowski for donating the corn on the cob.



NATURE'S NAVIGATORS**By: Maria F. Wissler**

We've had a busy couple of months, with everyone getting ready for the 2006 Monmouth County Fair. "4-H, 4-You, 4-Me, 4-Fun, 4-Life", the 4-H theme for this year's county fair.

Walter Wissler, on trombone, and myself on flute, were two of the participants in the public presentations, providing musical entertainment. All the presentations were enjoyed by the crowd.

Many of our members entered crafts, baked goods and literary pieces in the 4-H tent for judging. I saw many ribbons on the entries from Nature's Navigators. Good job.

The Nature's Navigators booth was beautifully decorated by Peter Colonna, Paul Yoncak, Tommy Schreiber and myself. Three of our members, Peter, Paul, and Alex Kubiak, together with our leader Lorraine Yoncak put together a dynamite club banner, designed by Peter, which was flying with pride near our booth.

Members, Walter Wissler, Peter Colonna, Alex Kubiak, Paul Yoncak and myself, Maria Wissler, all worked the popcorn machine, earning a tidy sum for our club. We also had some overheated parents working the 4-H food tent. HA, HA. All for a worthy cause!

I am sure that our members are all looking forward to another year of learning, crafting, and having fun with Nature's Navigators. If you are interested in becoming a member of Nature's Navigators, please call Lorraine Yoncak at 732-462-9703.

ANIMAL SCIENCE**By: Meg Whitehouse, Leader**

This county fair was especially great for the Animal Science club since our President Sarah Sakowski was selected 4-H Ambassador along with Diana Vogel. Sarah has been in 4-H for 7 years and has participated in many fairs. We are very proud of Sarah and know that she will be a great ambassador.



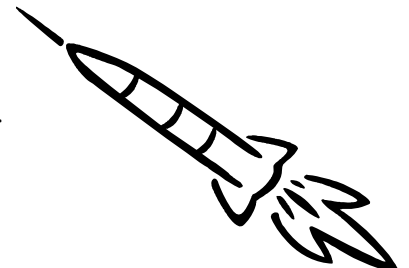
Club members enjoyed participating in the fair. Big thanks to Mary Kate and Tommy Clayton, Maria Elena Martino, Melissa

Whoeler, Erin Panek, Sam & Morgan Martin, Sarah Sakowski, Graham & Jillian Haliskoe, and their families who helped during Fair set up, popcorn sale, dunking booth, food booth, herdsmanship and Fair take down. The fair is a team effort and we all worked together to make it better.

MONMOUTH BLASTERS**By: Chris Whitehouse, Leader**

Monmouth Blasters have had a successful fair. The fair booth was assembled by the members, Tony & Jim Pezullo, Walter Wissler, and Paul Yoncak and received favorable comments from the public. Several persons expressed an interest in joining the club in September. The club thanks the 4-H families who helped during the fair—the Wisslers, the Yoncaks, the Pezzulos, the McKittricks, the Smiths, and the Whitehouses.

The Blasters are anticipating their fall launches at Dorbrook park.



HEARD AROUND THE 4-H CLOVER

RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

By: Lauren Coleman

After the competition season finished, our Rhythmic Illusions rhythmic gymnastics club began practicing and assembling routines for the 2006 Monmouth County Fair. We performed in the 4-H Show Tent on Friday and Saturday night and managed to draw a nice crowd, despite the stormy weather on late Fairday afternoon.

All of the girls—Concetta McLean, Christina Crilly, Katherine Martinez, Amanda Crilly, Kristin Bohnenberger, Lauren Coleman, Cambria Saavedra, Bethany Crilly, Sarah Scheefer, Aarti Shah, and Amanda Tursi—performed either individual routines or group numbers, including routines with the hoop, ribbon, clubs, ball, and rope.

Concetta, Christina, Katherine, Amanda, Cambria, Bethany, Sarah, Aarti, and Amanda did a ribbon/hoop group routine to “Everytime We Touch” by Cascada. Lauren Coleman and Kristin Bohnenberger performed a ribbon/hoop duet to the theme from *Phantom of the Opera*. Concetta McLean and Amanda Tursi also choreographed a ball duet to the techno classic, “Popcorn Song.” It was an especially long weekend for Amanda, who also entered her rabbit in the fair, as part of the 14 Carrot Rabbit Club. Katherine Martinez also performed at the Fashion show, and Cambria Saavedra entered vegetables that she grew herself.

A week before the Fair, three of the gymnasts gave a performance at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. Concetta, Katherine, and Lauren each showcased a few individual routines to the 200-plus crowd, consisting of camp kids and counselors, as well as other 4-H members and clubs.

We are now choosing music and choreographing routines for the upcoming year, and we want to welcome anyone who is interested in giving our club a try. Stop by our website at <http://rhythmicillusions.tripod.com> for more information. We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Monmouth County Fair. Have a safe and fun summer!

FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

By: Arlene LaMarca, Leader

There is so much to look forward to right now; last day of school, summer vacation, swimming, sleeping late and THE MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR. Our club is very excited to be participating in so many activities there. Their dunking booth, herdsmanship, working the food booth and popcorn booths and selling our handmade soaps will surely keep us busy. Sleeping at the fair with our goats is probably the best part of all. We worked hard caring for our animals and we proudly want to show them off. We also look forward to reuniting with the 4-H friends we met last year in the livestock tent and hope to make more new friends.

We are sad however to say goodbye to our friend and club member Megan Phillips. Although Megan only joined us in December she was a real contributor to our club. Megan was our club secretary and newsletter

HEARD AROUND THE 4-H CLOVER

14 CARROT RABBIT

By: Amelia Valente

The 14 Carrot Rabbit has been through a lot these past months, mainly working on things for the Monmouth County Fair. All of us were very excited for the 5 days that would bring fun, togetherness, competition, and happiness. We had many gatherings at members' houses to discuss booth ideas and what we wanted to do for our game (which was the new idea we had this year). First we went to CJ Halpin's house where we had our end of the year party and discussed our booth design. There was a pool to swim in, lots of food to eat, and we also had a water balloon fight! Once we knew what we wanted to do for our booth, we had people volunteer to make letters, a banner, getting pictures, and other things. The day of set up for the rabbit tent (Sunday), we all came to clean food and water dishes, set up the cages, and figure out where we were going to put the small animals. After we had everything set up, we went over to Katherine Sotovilez's house where we painted our game and decided the price of it. Our game was that you would have to try to throw a bunny ping pong into a clover. Though it looked easy, it was quite a challenge. Whoever got a bunny in a clover got a prize. We called our game the "bunny toss". By Tuesday for booth set up, all we had to do was staple everything together and we were done! After that we got our parents to take us out for ice cream which was a lot of fun. The fair came and went and we were very exhausted by the end, however, we were very pleased at how good the game turned out to be. Our meetings will start up again in September, the second Monday of the month at the AG Building at 4000 Kozloski Road. If you are interested in joining our club you can reach our leader Lorraine Yoncak at 732-462-9703. Our club is mainly about learning about rabbits and small animals. We show our animals, bring them to nursing homes, and bring them to other places where we try to collect money for charity. For further information, call Lorraine. Hope to see you in September!



TEEN COUNCIL

By: Lisa Torriero

This year's Monmouth County Teen Council carnival theme at the fair was a huge hit with the little ones. Our colorful display attracted young ones as well as teens.



The dunking booth kept people cool and brought about some good-natured family competition. Teen Council proudly sold 25 popcorn boxes and Mrs. Krzyzanowski hosted the information table. We also sponsored this year's Ambassador Contest—big congratulations to Sarah Sakowski and Diana Vogel! We had our Officers start-up meeting August 16th and worked on our membership drive. Also, 15 new teens signed up for more info on Teen Council. We are trying to expand our membership, so if you or your friends are between the ages of 13-19, give us a try! Our first meeting will be September 20th, with information and icebreakers. This year we plan to recruit as many teens as possible and become a close group of friends. This way, a group of teens can volunteer and give back to the community while still hanging out with friends. SJTC, Winter Camp, and the West Virginia exchange will come up fast this year—so make sure you and your friends join and get your community service hours in! Hope to see you and a few friends on September 20th. Contact Virginia Krzyzanowski at 732-431-7267 for more information on Teen Council.

THE AMIGITOS LOOK BACK ON THIS PAST YEAR

By: Diane Gregorio, Leader

2005/06 was a very busy year for the members of the Amigitos Friends Culture club.

September opened the year with an International Ice Cream Sundae Party. October brought Member Recognition Night while November saw members at Passport to the Americas Diversity Day in Freehold. December had them caroling and distributing cookies to the residents at the Tower Lodge Nursing Home in Belmar. In January they honored Dr. Martin Luther King. In February they rang in the Chinese New Year. March brought Spring Around the World. In April they spent an evening exploring the Caribbean. In May, they marched in the Freehold Memorial Day Parade.

In June they worked on their banner and t-shirts for the County Fair. The club had 100% participation in the fair. Every member participated in or submitted entries in at least 2 categories and all 7 of its members—Cameron, Mackenzie and Joshua Scandrett, Noah and Jonah Resnick and Gabriella and Maria Gregorio—participated in Prep Court.

August found them outside of the Path-mark in Howell where they collected \$157.55 for the Children's Leukemia Foundation through the Cookies for Kids program. With September approaching again, they are making plans for just as exciting an upcoming year.

Amigitos is currently a prep club that is always looking for new members. Current 4-H members and/or friends are welcome. One of its members, Cameron Scandrett, is now going into 4th Grade and they are very excited so they would welcome young standard age students as well. Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 6:30-8:00PM at the Freehold Office. Their first meeting in the fall will be September 8th. If you are interested in finding out more about Amigitos, please contact Diane Gregorio at 732-974-7004 or at dgrego@optonline.net.



HEARD AROUND THE 4-H CLOVER

ROBIN BRUINS RETIRES AS CLUB LEADER

By: Cathy Falconio

My son was recruited into Robin Bruin's 4-H club ten years ago when Dean Bruins served as its president. Robin has led this club through many Nativities, zoos, camp-outs, fundraisers, parades, festivals, charities, livestock shows, club presentations, debates, meetings, craft projects, elections, field trips, cooking classes, exhibitions and many other activities that will take too long to list. Not only has Robin, and her husband Reik, spent their entire lives being involved as 4-H members, leaders, and sponsors, they have also reared their three sons, Dean, Hank, and Robbie to be committed to its goals of achieving and then giving back to their community in a volunteering way.

A short while after we joined, another club was looking to join up with us and we were lucky to add the Waldrons, the Mariolis family, the Eastmans, and the Chattopadhyay family. Throughout these past few years, times were really tough in the lives of some club members, not all ended up happily. However, we are still able to support each other through it all as a club family.

Now our family has grown up. Leah Waldron is attending Rider University, Lexie Mariolis will be at The College of N.J., and Robbie Bruins will begin at Rutgers where his brother Hank, has just graduated from. We wish them all the best of luck.

There are also 3 leaders moving on; Donna Puhalski, whose son, Jesse attended college the past two years, had decided it's time. Beth Mariolis has recently become an RN and found it too difficult these past few years to do both. She also will step down (after showing poultry and goats with her 3 "kids", Erin, Michael and Lexie).

But Robin Bruins grew up in a 4-H club in Delaware, where she rode western. As a young adult, she became leader, went on a student exchange, met and married Reik and moved to N.J. There she again became a 4-H leader in Mercer County for some 15 years. The best was yet to come when she finally initiated a livestock club in Monmouth County. Thank God for small favors.

On behalf of the Chattopadhyay, Eastman, Falconio, Kizis, Mariolis, Myles, Pillar, Puhalski, Ralph, Rosser, Spreat, Waldron, and Weatherbee families:

We are all made better for having Robin Bruins as our 4-H club leader all these years. Thank you so very much for all of those fun filled family memories. We are all most grateful to Robin for the gift she has given to all of us—A PART OF HERSELF.

Due to the efforts of the Monmouth County Livestock 4-H club, a surprise party was given to Robin Bruins at the Monmouth County Fair. Cards, cake, and plaque were presented, but it was not nearly enough thanks.

As your surprise cake read, **"Thanks for the memories."**



Wherever that fork takes you, Robin Bruins, we wish you God's speed.



Left: Rob Bruins, standing behind mom, has graduated & will attend Rutgers next fall



Dr. Dean Bruins was very proud of his mother.



Charlie, Meg & Leah Whitehouse wish Robin well.

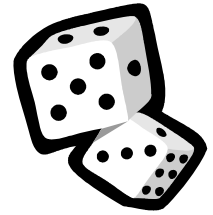


Robin's favorite duty is cow herdsman'ship.

YOUTH CORNER

Against All Odds: The Game of “Medicine-opoly”

By: Alan M. Chen, Summer Youth Worker—4-H Office



You know that expression, “Rome was never built in a day”? Our Rome, our goals in life, will never be accomplished in a day. They can take months, years, or even a lifetime. They were never meant to be easy, either. Otherwise, they are not well-deserved as a lifetime goal. My prime goal in life is to become a physician, a road never easy to take, let alone the fact that it is difficult to make that life-altering decision to enter.

I would like to think of life as like playing Monopoly. (If I were to use an analogy to a board game, you would think I would use the game of Life, but trust me, Monopoly is much more interesting!) When you are young, just beginning the game, you start with very few road blocks. You can get unlucky by landing on income tax here and there, but the responsibilities are minimal. As you continue to circulate the board, others will start to gain properties and the road blocks become more and more difficult and plentiful. When you have successfully won the game, or decide to just stop because it is taking too darn long, you know that you have survived those obstacles.

The fundamental goal in anyone’s life is survival of the fittest, as Darwin expresses. In my case, I feel very fortunate. Figuratively, I have just landed on Community Chest between Pennsylvania Avenue and North Carolina Avenue, on which my college is starting to build multiple houses. I got an “Advance to GO” card and bypassed the looming construction at Boardwalk and Park Place. Not to mention, I also bypassed the pesky seventy-five-dollar MCAT tax in the middle of Boardwalk and Park Place.

In Monopoly, however, you know you are in serious trouble when you have to dodge all the properties in order to stay in the game. Even after I have received the “Advance to GO” card, I know that medical school is waiting for me in the corner of Free Parking, with all the orange and red properties. For those of you who play the game often, you know that *those* are the *killer* properties the opposition should not own.

My only method of survival in the game of “Medicine-opoly” is the Railroads, the motivation. As the scenario may foretell, I should be a goner, with just a handful of property and money. (College students are always very poor.)

And the die just keeps rolling; you can’t stop. Against all odds, you need motivation to keep moving forward and be willing to face the toughest of opposition. Free Parking and GO will be there to help you out. You just need to persist long enough to be fortunate to land on them.

The moral of this article is not to become a doctor or to just survive and you will get somewhere; it is what is behind all the work and dedication that counts. I believe setting the goal, choosing which of the many of Monopolies to play, can be tougher than actually going through it. When you set such a huge long-term goal, such as pursuing any sort of career, you need to dig deep to know that you are willing to make the commitment and follow through. Many physicians do not make this commitment until they are in their thirties, long after they have graduated from college. The commitment for me was not as easy as it may seem either. I sent in my letter of acceptance into the program at the very last moment because it is such a very big step for anyone. If Rome was built in a day, it would not look nearly as beautiful and intricate as if it were built in... well, however long it took to build...

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Rachel Barbara Ebner

I’ve been in 4-H since I was 7 years old. Presently I’m a freshman at Monmouth Regional in Tinton Falls, and I’m 15 1/2 years old. I have 15 hens (chickens) one of which won Best in Show in 2005 at Monmouth County Fair, 7 muscovy ducks, 5 guinea pigs, 3 show rabbits (mini rex) and 2 12 week old puppies. I’ve studied Piano since I was 9 years old. I love to rap and also sketch the rap artists. Other interests are basketball, break dancing, drawing, graffiti, playing video games, and football. I love to make people happy and make them laugh. Four of Rachel’s sketches can be found at the top of page 11. Great job!

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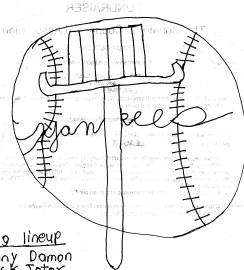


By: Rachel Ebner



Express Yourself...

Chandler Gottlieb, Monmouth County 4-H Arts Camp participant, drew this about his favorite topic, baseball and the Yankees!



- Starting lineup
1. Johnny Damon
 2. Derek Jeter
 3. Gary Sheffield
 4. Alex Rodriguez (A-rod)
 5. Jason Giambi
 6. Hideki Matsui
 7. Melky Cabrera
 8. Bernie Williams
 9. Andy Phillips

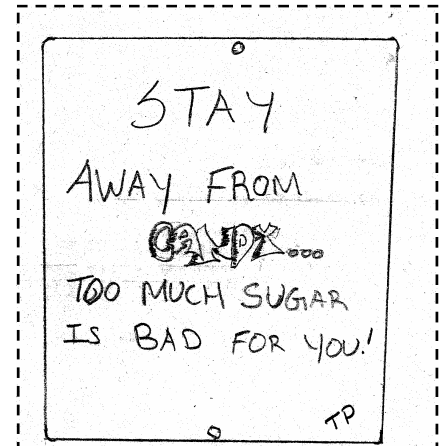
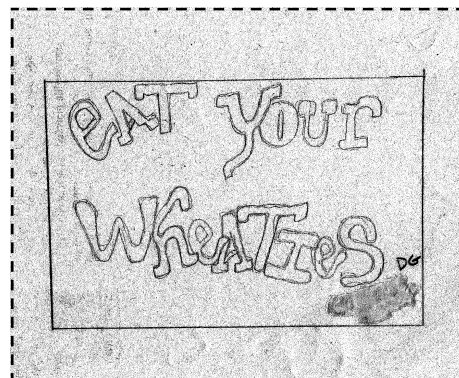
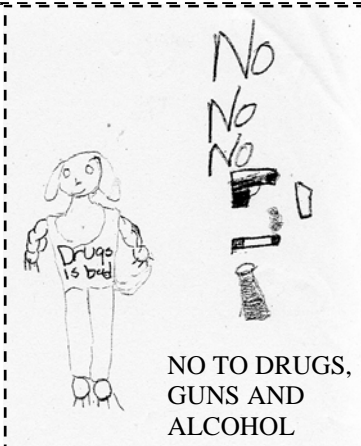
Chandler Gottlieb

Live and Learn

By Ian A. Rios

I call this my "Four Pack Organizer."

It was a cardboard carrying case for glass bottles. I liked the idea for use as a picnic basket. It can also be used as a centerpiece at a dining room table for quick and easy access. This project took me about half hour to complete. Materials I used were a glass bottle drink holder, paper bag, magazine cut outs, and plastic silverware and napkins. Another idea to use my Four Pack Organizer is for a craft carrier. It would be good to put pencils, markers, glue and scissors in.



Artistic illustrations done by youth at Monmouth County Youth Detention Center as part of 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Program Summer 2006



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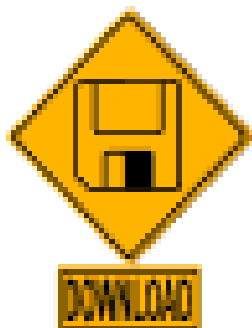
By: **Ian A. Rios**

My name is Ian A. Rios. I'm 9 years old. I'm homeschooled. I have been participating in activities through the Monmouth County Parks for many years. I enjoy building all kinds of models. I build Leggo, K'nex, Erector sets, 3-D puzzles, and wooden boats. I like to be active, and enjoy all types of sports. This past year I was in the Presidential Challenge. I will continue. I play the piano and like art. I participated in the Public Presentation Workshop, the Rabbit Academy, the Family Astro Night and two Science Camps, one with Somerset County "Science Sensational day" and one at Turkey Swamp Park with the Nature Navigators group. I did a Club Presentation and a County Presentation. I earned a "Very Good Ribbon" I thought I was great. Next year I will get the "Great" ribbon and I will go to present at county level. I have also attended some of the cooking classes offered at Freehold. "Yum." I'm waiting for September, to start again. I have completed projects throughout my club, "Live and Learn" to include a collage. We have done planting and growing of plants, from seedlings. Made recycling projects. We all worked in brainstorming for the club banner. We visited the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. This group is lead by Mrs. Mary Bane. This has been a great experience. She is truly a leader who has motivated me to participate in everything possible. I look forward to our next year with Live and Learn and Mrs. Bane. I have learned how to put together a project book and prepare for the county fair. I have learned how to submit entries for judging and awards. I have learned to begin and complete projects. I have learned how to prepare for a presentation. I have been to 2 amazing Science camps. The first was at Somerset County. I look forward to joining them again next year. The second one was organized by Mrs. L. Yoncak from Nature's Navigators. This was the best experience I have had. Thank you Mrs. Yoncak, I hope you keep offering this wonderful camp for years to come. I will also be attending the Performing Arts Camp in August. Monmouth County Parks is offering a Mad Science camp. I'll be there also. Next year I look forward to participating in many more events though 4-H. I want to explore other groups and become involved in more interests. I will become involved in more extracurricular activities that are healthy and fun.

RESOURCES

4-H Volunteers can now go to a new website to learn more about how to volunteer, how to locate 4-H events and conferences, how to download educational youth development resources and more.

www.4hvolunteersusa.org



"4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills."

Macy Compton
State 4-H Program Coordinator

RESOURCES

Coast Day NJ presents... Second Annual Photo Contest \$1000 In Cash Prizes to be Awarded

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium (NJMSC) and NJ Department of Transportation, Office of Maritime Resources are pleased to announce the Call for Entries for the Second Annual *Coast Day NJ* photography contest. Finalist entries will be displayed at *Coast Day NJ*, a statewide celebration of NJ's marine and coastal environment. Below are the contest details. The deadline for entries is September 26, 2006. Contest or event questions should be directed to Claire Antonucci, Coast Day NK Coordinator at 732-872-1300, x22 or antonuci@njmsc.org.

Grand Prize: \$500 American Express Gift Certificate Two Second Prizes: \$250 American Express Gift Certificate

Theme: *Coast Day NJ* celebrates the wonders of New Jersey's marine and coastal environment. The event's mission is to help the public better understand and appreciate how NJ's coastal environment contributes to the quality of life in our state. Your photo should reflect *Coast Day NJ's* mission and its slogan ("A Celebration of the Sea") and depict some special aspect of our state's amazing coast. Winning photos will be published in *The Jersey Shoreline* magazine.

Details: Only entries meeting the following specifications will be considered for judging:

1. 8" x 10" prints only. Color or black and white accepted.
2. Each entry must be mounted on poster or mat board with a 1" border all around. No wood, metal frames or glass should be used.
3. Photographer's name and address must be written directly or securely attached to the back of each mounted photo. Please include email address and a daytime phone number.
4. Enter up to four (4) photos as long as they follow the contest's theme and guidelines.
5. A panel of judges will select finalists. Finalists will be displayed at both *Coast Day NJ* events (Oct. 7—Long Beach Island, Oct. 8—Cape May) where attendees will vote for their favorite photo.

Eligibility: This contest is open to adults, age 18 and above.

Send Entries by September 26, 2006 to:

Claire Antonucci, *Coast Day NJ*
NJMSC, Sandy Hook Field Station, Building #22
Fort Hancock, NJ 07732

Note: NJMSC retains publication rights of all photographs submitted. Payment for use of photos will not be made beyond contest prizes. Photos become the property of NJMSC, returned only if pre-paid, self-addressed mailers are provided by the entrant. In addition to publication in *The Jersey Shoreline*, photos may be used in future *Coast Day NJ* materials including advertising and promotional media. Photo credit (your name) will be given.

THANK YOU

Dear 4-H Kids for Kids,

The Merrill Creek Conservation and Sportsman Club has a charity drawing each month. The winners are chosen from a hat, from names entered by members. My daughter Cathy Crawford has enjoyed the draws so much, that I entered Kids for Kids as my charity. Well, we won again. This is the second time I am glad to give you a donation from our club. This time it is for \$50. As I said before, it's a great things you do, the kids love it, keep up the good work.

Thank you for all your hard work,
Frank Crawford

Dear Emily and Lindsay Hayes,
Lindsay and Emily are Monmouth County 4-H Alumni

Thank you so much for donating your 4-H trophies to the 4-H program. You are fine examples of community service which we foster in the 4-H program. We are very proud of you! Thank you for your generosity. The trophies will be utilized in future 4-H shows and competitions. Please keep us informed of your activities.

Again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent

Dear Sharon Black and Pam Dubrow,

I want to thank you very much for the 3rd City Road Crew's donation of pop tops to the Backstage to Broadway community service project for Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch. 4-H club members appreciate very much your support of this important project. Thank you again for "making the best better" in community service.

Sincerely,
Ellen Williams

Thank you to our 4-H summer interns, Gina Dinh, Melissa Navarro, and Alan Chen for all of their hard work during the summer.



Thank you to all of our 4-H families for their help at the fair. A special thank you to our fair chairs: Robin Joline and Charlie Whitehouse for their tireless dedication at the fair. The divisions chairs were all outstanding in running shows, judging entries, helping display the work of the 4-H'ers, organizing and running the food booth and overall helping to make this fair a success that really highlights the importance of 4-H. Again Congratulations to all 4-H'ers! We are proud of you!



Fort Monmouth Child Development Center



THANK YOU

Dear Monmouth County,

On behalf of the NJ State 4-H Association, I would like to thank you for the gift baskets that were donated at the annual 4-H State fundraiser "Breath of Spring Craft Show and Basket Raffle" which was held March 18, 2006. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Israel
4-H State Association Secretary

Yet another Monmouth County Fair has come and gone, with many opportunities for the 4-H members to shine. While we had some exciting weather and a first-ever evacuation to the equipment barn, this fair will be fixed in our memories for the friendships made and strengthened, the chance to exhibit prized 4-H projects and all the fun had participating in the various events.

On behalf of Monmouth County 4-H Association, please accept my thanks to all the 4-H families who helped on Saturday night during the removal of the large items from the storage barn to the 4-H tents. This is a significant amount of work and it was accomplished quickly and cheerfully.

The Sunday set up went well. As the old saying goes, many hands makes work light. It is always satisfying to watch the fairgrounds come to life as the 4-Hers. Leaders, volunteers and family members build the 4-H areas.

After a full and busy week, all the stuff under tents must be taken down, cleaned and put away for next year's fair.

Especially big 4-H thanks to the members of the Sunday barn and food booth breakdown crew: Chris Cleary, Pete McLoughlin, Katie McLoughlin, friend of Katie, Patricia McLoughlin, Rich Yoncak, Carl Halpin, Leigh Whitehouse, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Smith, Stacy Smith, Ann Grega, Charlie Grega, Ellen Williams, Stella Almeida, Manny Almeida, Joe Zrowka, Kathy Zrowka, Robin Joline, Charlie Whitehouse, and Meg Whitehouse.

As we say every year, the fair is not done until we have packed all the equipment in the barn. That means the food booth equipment, the exhibit booths, the lattice, the dunk tank, all the animal cages and the livestock fencing, the panels, the dance floor, the fans, and all the miscellaneous stuff we need to put on the fair. This year's crew did yeoman's work with less people and still buttoned up the barn by 10:30 PM. Most sincere thanks to you all.

Also, Monmouth County 4-H Small Animal Committee would like to thank Ellen Zrowka and Leigh Whitehouse for raising \$130 from their time in the dunk tank for the benefit of the small animal project. Ellen and Leigh are long time 4-Hers and have been active members of the small animal project for many years.

Meg Whitehouse, President, Monmouth County 4-H Association



THANK YOU



MUCH THANKS TO MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEERS

A special thanks to all of our 4-H'ers, 4-H leaders and 4-H families for their outstanding contribution to the success of the 2006 Monmouth County Fair. You demonstrate the highest level of commitment to 4-H Youth Development.

At the Monmouth County Fair, the Monmouth County 4-H family comes together to celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H'ers and educate the public about 4-H. Much appreciation goes to all of our 4-H volunteers; without you, a 4-H fair of this magnitude would not be possible. Because of the large number of volunteers, it is not feasible to list all by name, but please know you are deeply valued.

Particular thanks goes to our fair co-managers Robin Joline and Charlie Whitehouse who demonstrated fairness, hard work and dedication.

Thanks you again to all who helped us show that 4-H is "4-Me, 4-You, 4-Fun, 4-Life".

LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

Dear Leadership Association,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship for Citizenship Washington Focus. This trip was amazing and thanks to you I had the opportunity to be a part of it. We toured all of Washington, DC. We met with Congressmen and the Senator. We had the chance to meet people from nine other states, who were also attending this trip. I made friends who will last a lifetime. I have new ideas on how to help change what teens believe we should change. I know that I can have a voice that people will listen to. This trip had a major impact on my life, and probably on the other 29 New Jersey delegates. Thank you for helping me fund my amazing trip.

Taryn Leary



Robin Bruins, Donna Puhalski, and Beth Mariolis are all stepping down as leaders of the Monmouth Livestock 4-H club.



Robin has loved the Monmouth County Fair for more than a decade.



Donna & Jesse Puhalski of Cream Ridge took great care of poultry in the Monmouth Livestock tent at the fair...many thanks especially in the heat...This was Donna's last fair as leader.



Robin Bruins (seated in the center) is presented with a cake, card, gifts and a plaque by her 4-H club for all her years leading their members for more than a decade.



DEPARTING AMBASSADOR

By: Jessica Shaw-Koehler

As I look back over my year as Ambassador, as well as my nine years with 4-H, I realize how grateful I am to have had 4-H in my life. When I started as a “prepper”, I couldn’t wait until I became a standard member. Then I remember looking at the older teens and seeing them move on, but not fully understanding all the implications that went along with graduating and leaving 4-H.

Now that I am in the position of the “older teen”, it seems it all took place in the blink of an eye. I started out in the Thunderhoofs, then Cool Crafters, Nature’s Navigators, a brief stint in Horse Science, Mission Impossible is Possible, Backstage to Broadway, Clogging and then Teen Council. I took something from each club, and gave back what I could. All were great learning experiences.

My past year as Ambassador has been a good one. I loved representing 4-H at different functions throughout the state during the year. My platform, making baby blankets to donate to “Project Linus”, has been a success thanks to the many hard-working 4-H clubs and members that contributed their time and work. At the last Fair meeting, I worked with members of and received blankets from: Amazing Animals, Belmar Fun club, Animal Science, Middletown Curry Combs, Knight Riders, 14 Carrot Rabbit, Rhythmic Illusions, Teen Council, and Thunderhoofs. Many thanks to all of you!



As I move on to college and work, I know that I will always carry a little of 4-H with me. Every time I speak in front of a group, I will remember Public Presentations and be thankful for the public speaking skills I have learned through 4-H. Running a meeting correctly, organizing a group, setting goals, writing articles, learning new skills, meeting my best friend—all part of my 4-H experience. Thank you to all those parents who work so hard to keep the clubs running and helping the kids to, “Make the Best Better!” You really DO make a difference.



4-H MEMBERS HOP TO IT

By: Shannon Mullen
Asbury Park Press Staff Writer, August 6, 2006

With its pig races and pie-eating contests, thrill rides and reptile shows, fireworks and fried Oreos, the Monmouth County Fair seems tailor-made for a 12 year-old boy.

It sure appeals to Paul Yoncak, 12, of Freehold Township—with the possible exception of the fried Oreos, which, he has learned, can make you pretty sick if you eat enough of them.

In Paul's view, though, the fair's main attraction isn't the food or the rides or the animals. It's all the time he and his friends in the 4-H youth program's 14 Carrot Rabbit Club get to spend together.

Paul, a skateboarding, Game Boy-playing, animal-loving seventh-grader, refers to the group as his "circle of friends." They are: C.J. Halpin, 12 of Howell; Jen Clayton, 12, of Freehold Township; Katherine Sotovelez, 13, of Howell; Anthony Santoriello, 12, of Freehold; and Amelia Valente, 14, of West Long Branch.

Because they live in different towns, attend different schools and are busy with a variety of other activities besides raising rabbits, they get together infrequently outside of their monthly rabbit club meetings. But during the five days of the fair, they are virtually attached at the hip.

They work, eat, roam the fairgrounds and even sleep together—though "sleep" seems too strong a word for what typically happens inside the small animal tent, where they set up air mattresses and trade stories until the wee hours, their laughter mixing with the barnyard sounds of nearby roosters, horses, one notoriously noisy goose and the occasional groan of a bone weary parent-chaperon.

"The first year I slept out, they didn't get to sleep until 3:30," says Peter McLoughlin of Middletown, whose daughters, Kathleen, 16, and Patricia, 10, show rabbits at the fair. He's used to it now, though getting up at 6:30 for breakfast duty in the 4-H food tent, one of the busiest concessions at the fair, is never easy.

"It's a once-a-year thing," McLoughlin says. That's what makes this week so special for Paul and his friends.

"Great, you're here!"

For a reporter and photographer who spent several days "embedded" with the rabbit club during the fair, which took place July 26-30 at East Freehold Park in Freehold Township, observing Paul's posse in action would prove far more entertaining than any carnival sideshow.

You can learn a lot from a group of 12 to 14 year olds. Such as: "If you get your head chopped off, for two seconds you can see, then you die."

Amelia Valente contributed that tidbit July 25 on the eve of the fair, as 14 Carrot members and their parents gathered at the fairgrounds to set up the club's information booth in one of the 4-H tents.

A warm breeze and the sounds of banging hammers and clanging pipes greeted them when they arrived. Stuffed clown fish prizes were piled high in the amusement area, where workmen were busy bolting together the metal sections of the rides to the buoyant beat of Mexican music.

Approaching the 4-H tent, you could hear the tha-thunk, tha-thunk of staple guns as children and parents from an assortment of 4-H clubs go to work on their respective booths.

4-H is a multifaceted nationwide youth development program administered in New Jersey through county offices of the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension. The four H's refer to "head," "heart," "hands" and "health." Both Monmouth and Ocean counties have 4-H programs involving hundreds of children and adult volunteers in dozens of special interest clubs.

Annual county fairs like Monmouth's are an important marketing opportunity for these clubs. This year, the 14 Carrot Rabbit Club decided to incorporate a (continued on next page 18)



(continued from page 17) children's game into its display, both to generate more traffic and to raise money for charity. The kids envisioned a game in which players would try to toss rabbit-eared pingpong balls onto one of four spinning cloverleaves—representing the 4-H logo—set up in a little pond.

Sal Sotovelez, Katherine's dad, who is an experienced mechanic, worked with them to build the contraption. Projects like that aren't likely to get done in a timely way without some parental stewardship, which is fine by him.

"This is an opportunity to get closer to them, before they jump in a car and drive away from you," he said. Unlike other youth activities, 4-H necessitates regular parent-child interaction.

The driving force behind the booth's completion was Paul's mom, Lorraine Yoncak, who serves as leader of the rabbit club. With Paul and his friends obviously eager to commence their marathon gab fest, it fell to her to keep everyone focused on the task at hand.

It took two hours, but the booth eventually came together. "This isn't that bad," Paul said as the work was winding down. "Years when we didn't plan anything, it was crazy." Afterward, he and his friends, in a state of high anticipation for the fair's opening the following day, talked their parents into taking them out for ice cream.

Rabbits rule

If you're beginning to think the rabbits play a minor role in all of this, think again.

Paul and his friends fuss and fret over their rabbits as if they were their children. Keeping them cool, hydrated, fed, clean and well-groomed occupies much of their days at the fair. And when it comes to having their rabbits judged, as they were the night of July 27, the club members' intent, anxious expressions speak to the gravity of the proceedings.

The heat didn't help anyone's disposition. It enveloped the fairgrounds like a burlap feed bag. Inside the tent, the rabbits flopped down on cold tile squares and curled up to frozen water bottles, while the humans made do with a hot breeze from the heavy duty

floor fans, which sounded like propeller planes preparing for takeoff.

All told, there were 76 rabbits representing 19 different breeds in the rabbit show. It was up to a woman known as "Judge Bunnie" to decide which ones were winners.

Her real name is Rose-Marie Turley, of Freehold Township, and she's been called "Bunnie" since long before she got involved with rabbits. She sat behind a high table for several hours until she had examined each rabbit. She assigned each an "excellent," "very good" or "good" in 17 different categories. The rabbits were called up according to breed and placed into open wooden "coops" that look a bit like mail slots.

The judging concluded, shortly before 9 PM. By that time, a thunderstorm was approaching ominously from the west. "It wouldn't be a county fair without one blowing through," said Paul's mom.

Throughout the fair, 4-H club members take turns manning their respective tents to answer any questions fairgoers might have about the animals. Invariably, the kids hear some real doozies, like the time an adult pointed at a rabbit and asked Paul, "What's that?" "Um, a rabbit," Paul replied, a bit stunned by the question. Kathleen McLoughlin has that one beat. She once heard an adult fairgoer speculate that the dewlap—the thick layer of fat around a female rabbit's neck—"must be where she keeps her babies."

In addition to tent duties, 4-H'ers had shifts selling popcorn, manning the dunk tank and collecting quarters at the rabbit club's bunny toss game, which ultimately was relocated to an area with higher traffic—a shrewd move that netted \$346 for a charitable cause the group will choose later.

With all those responsibilities, not to mention the heat, you might expect Paul and his friends to lose a bit of steam by the end of the day. Yet the reverse was true; the later the hour, the more energy they seemed to have.

With the goose honking, the horses neighing and Joshua Todd's hamster tirelessly spinning its wheel, they talked until 3 AM. And the best part of it was, they still had two more days of fair life yet to come.



IN THE NEWS



GABRIELLE SMITH

(Student volunteer)

Hi, I am Gabrielle Smith. I'm 13 years-old and going into 8th grade. I am very creative, I like to write stories and make movies. I am planning to make a big movie this summer. I have a mom, dad, brother and a cute dog named Isabella. She is very funny and cute. I like to hang out with my friends a lot. We go everywhere to the movies, the mall, and six flags. I like New York. I want to go to college there and live there. I love Coney Island; they have the best snow cones and I saw the freak show with my brother and dad. I also rode the Cyclone, the original wooden roller coaster; it never ends! That's about me, Gabrielle Smith.

ALAN CHEN

(Summer Youth Worker—4-H Office)

Alan Chen is working as a summer intern at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County. He is currently enrolled in the Accelerated 7-year Medical Program (three years undergrad, four years medical school) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and will return in the fall as a sophomore (Class of 2009). Alan graduated from Freehold Borough High School in June of 2005.

Alan's interests include tennis, volleyball, soccer, and creative writing. In the future, he hopes to enter the field of either forensic pathology or surgery.

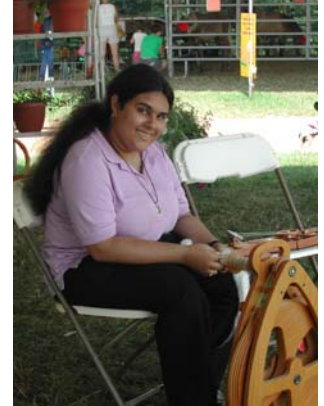


STARS & STRIPES REFLECTIONS—July 9th, Horse Park of NJ Allentown





2006 FAIR REWIND



2006 Monmouth County Fair



2006 FAIR REWIND



**“4-H, 4-You,
4-Me, 4-Fun,
4-Life!”**





TEEN TALK

20 Ways to Change the Social Scene at School

1. Smile or say hello to someone new each day.
2. Eat lunch with a different group at least once a week.
3. If you find you enjoy lunch with different people, start a Friendly Lunch Club.
4. Don't be afraid to be a leader.
5. Start a Shine club in your school.
6. Be a floater.
7. Combat cluelessness and cruelty.
8. Start or run student-led workshops on "obias" and "isms."
9. Organize a multicultural event for your school and community.
10. Take a stand against slurs.
11. Tackle bullying in your school.
12. Create a put-down-free zone at school.
13. Start (or participate in) a Gay-Straight Student Alliance.
14. Encourage peer-to-peer mentoring.
15. Raise awareness about people with disabilities.
16. Tutor other students at your school.
17. Find an issue for activism that cuts across clique and group lines.
18. Be a student/peer mediator.
19. Raise awareness about sexual harassment.
20. Start a Web site that promotes school utility and tolerance.

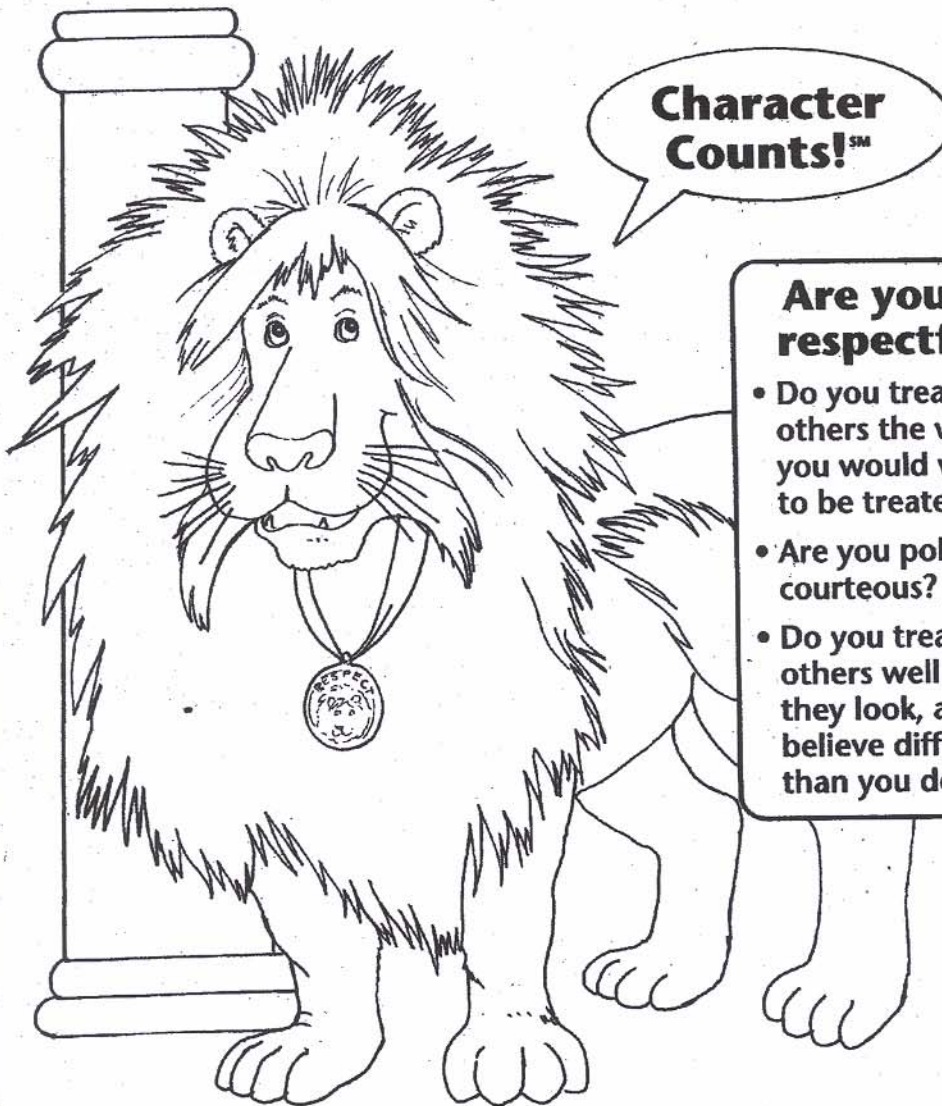
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RESPECT



Are you respectful?

- Do you treat others the way you would want to be treated?
- Are you polite and courteous?
- Do you treat others well even if they look, act, or believe differently than you do?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Record Book Peer Review



We need help in reviewing Record Books this year!

On SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 at 6:30 PM, all the fun will begin. If you can assist in reviewing the record books, please contact Kelly at dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu or (732) 431-7265.

FUNDRAISER for the MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H ASSOCIATION

Rada Cutlery, excellent knives and kitchen utensils.

PROUDLY made in AMERICA, and with a LIFETIME guarantee.

At www.helpourfundraiser.com, please enter **500367** in Internet Ordering, then for password, enter **LEADER**.

You will see a welcome page for Monmouth County 4-H Association. You are now ready to scroll through their inventory and make your online purchase. 40% of all sales are credited to 4-H. We thank you for helping us to continue to support 4-H.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce or Carolyn Timmerman at 732-462-3859 or carolyntimmerman@aol.com.

Take the National 4-H Technology Survey

Speak up and take the National 4-H Technology Survey!

National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters want to know what you think about technology and how you use technology in 4-H. Your ideas and opinions will help the national leadership of 4-H to improve the technology resources that they provide to the 4-H community. It's your chance to speak up and tell National 4-H Headquarters and National 4-H Council what you're looking for!

The survey is open to 4-H members of all ages, including youth, volunteers, and staff! The results will help National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters to make critical decisions about their future use of technology to enhance the 4-H experience.

Complete your survey today! Then, pass on this message to others so they can participate, especially youth in the 4-H community. Encourage as many people as you know to take it!



www.4-Hsurvey.com

For the latest 4-H information, visit the official website of the New Jersey 4-H Program at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT

The American Cancer Society is requesting our support of their October 15th Walkathon in Point Pleasant.

If you would like to reserve the informational packet, contact Denise Knapp, Knight Riders 4-H club leader at: luckyline05@aol.com

4-H INVITED TO DEARBORN FARMS SHOWCASE



4-H club members are invited to do displays and demonstrations at Dearborn Farms, State Hwy. 35, Holmdel on selected weekends in October. Hours of weekend programming are 10:30AM—5:30PM.

If you would like to participate in this event, contact Rita at the 4-H office and she will schedule you for a time. This is a great opportunity for developing communication skills and citizenship.

4-H VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH COURT STREET OPEN HOUSE

The Court Street School and Education Center on Court Street in Freehold is conducting an Open House on September 9th from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. A major goal of this Open House is to recruit 4-H volunteers for the education center. If you are interested in doing a 4-H display or demonstration for this event, contact Ellen Williams at (732)431-7266 or e-mail: williams@rcrc.rutgers.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS


ALL 4-H Prep Members are invited...




January 20th to
TAKE a TRIP AROUND THE WORLD...

 Our journey will begin at **10 AM** in the 4-H office, 4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold


 It will take us to 4 countries as well as 4 different continents

 We will return to our port of origin - **1:30 PM**

 All 4-H Prep Members and their Prep age friends are welcome

 Journey fee is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with 3 or more children

 Adults are welcome as volunteers

 If interested in joining us please contact Kelly Valenti at (732) 431-7265 or Diane Gregorio at (732) 974-7004



UPCOMING EVENTS



NJ STATE 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, & Small Animal Show

**Any questions? Please contact Kelly at (732) 431-7265
or dumas@aesop.rutgers.edu.
Come support the event.**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1006 AT
9:00 AM
Horse Park of New Jersey
Cream Ridge, NJ 08514**

**Show room opens at 7:30 AM
All animals checked in by 8:45 AM
Judging begins at 9:00 AM**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum October 12-15, 2006 SAVE THESE DATES!

Imagine what it would be like to have 300 4-H leaders all in one place, sharing stories, comparing activities, making new friends, and getting all excited about what they're going to try out when they get home. Want to see this in person? You can! It's called the Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum, and in 2006 it'll be in Monmouth County, at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch! It's one of the best gifts you can give yourself, to learn, share, and most of all be inspired and energized about what we do as volunteers.

For more information, visit the state 4-H website (www.nj4h.rutgers.edu) and click on the NERVF link, and visit: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4H_NE_Regional_Forum_News

New Jersey is busy planning the Forum for this October!

Thursday—*SEE* our hosts who will welcome you to our great Garden State—make and take craft projects, social/state swaps.

Friday—*VISION* the sights as you participate in Seminars on Wheels—touring NJ and returning to a seafood dinner and beach party.

Saturday— *SET YOUR SIGHTS* towards hands-on workshops, our traditional auction and quilt sale and a wonderful banquet with great entertainment.

Sunday— *EYES TO THE FUTURE* as inspired by our final speaker.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NERVF

Scholarships are still available to support 4-H volunteer participants who wish to attend.

Contact Ellen at the 4-H Office for more information.

NERVF 2006 Quilt Raffle

The New Jersey State 4-H Association is holding a raffle for this beautiful hand-made quilted sewn by Karen Cito of Hunterdon County. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the 4-H office. The winning ticket will be pulled on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006, at 9:00AM**, at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch as part of the morning program of the Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM SEEKS YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT

If you would like to assist in the funding of this event by paying for a vendor space, contact: Chad Ripberger at ripbger@rcrc.rutgers.edu or Laura Bovitz at bovitz@rcrc.rutgers.edu



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTIN SAGUI

My name is Christin Sagui, I am fourteen years old, going into tenth grade, and am currently the Treasurer of the Curry Combs.

I am running for the 2007 Equestrian of the Year. My platform is to post signs bearing Speed Limit 25 MPH when horses are present.

It is an actual law to observe this, though it is sorely under promoted. After going through local governments for permission, I plan to place these signs at roadways where horses frequently travel or cross. Some of these places would be by Circle A Riding Stables, around the Manasquan reservoir, and on the Preventorium Road trail entrance. If anyone has any other suggestions please send them into the 4-H office.

With enforcing this law, less horse related accidents occur, making the road a safe place for both drivers and riders.

JESSICA SAGUI

Hi, my name is Jess Sagui and I am running for the 2007 Equestrian of the Year. I am 16 years old, a junior in Ocean Township High School. I am Vice President of the Curry Combs, and represent Monmouth County at the State Equestrian of the Year contest.

My platform is to promote 4-H horse events in the newspaper. There will be announcements of shows and competitions as well as their results afterward. When people are aware of horse events and come they can be directed to the show's secretary booth and given an information packet about the competitions, the clubs, and the 4-H program. When people learn about what our members are doing in the program, they may be interested enough to join as well.

The Rutgers University Collegiate 4-H club would like to know if any 4-H members will be attending Rutgers this fall so that they can welcome them to Rutgers. Please contact the 4-H Office if you will be attending Rutgers University this fall.

The Collegiate Club is offering their annual \$100 scholarship to one new incoming Freshman who joins the collegiate 4-H club. For more information contact Macy Compton, State 4-H Program Coordinator at (732)932-7541 or e-mail: mcompton@rcrc.rutgers.edu.

MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES

The Alex and Louise Basista Memorial 4-H Alumni Scholarship

For Eligible 4-H Alumni

Application Deadline: October 15, 2006

For more information contact the 4-H Office at 732-431-7263

5-A-Day Through Theatre and Roleplay

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



5-A-Day Through Theater and Roleplay has just completed a successful summer with many of the Monmouth County schools. Beginning this fall we will have the opportunity to get students excited about eating a healthy diet in 14 of our local schools. 5-A-Day's dedicated troupe members will delight our audiences and assist us through the use of creative arts. If you have a desire to join our troupe, please contact Debbie Hemmann at (732) 577-6689 or email her at hemmann@rci.rutgers.edu.



Fruitful Fun with 5-A-Day!



LINDLEY G COOK 4-H CAMP

FOR FUN...FOR FRIENDSHIP... FOR EVER... FOR EVERYONE ... 4-H!!!



WINTER CAMP REUNION

You've seen us in the Summer, now visit when it's cold!

This event will take place during the Winter Holiday break. Campers and Counselors will lodge in heated cabins and enjoy weather-related activities. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the great times of summer camp while making new memories!



Visit nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu for details and registration forms.



**Lindley G. Cook
4-H Youth Center**

**Presents their 6th Annual
"Halloween Happenings"
Saturday, October 28th
5:00 PM—9:00 PM**

This event will offer families an evening of fun-filled activities including pumpkin painting, a haunted hay ride and trick-or-treating along our torch lit trail. There is no fee for this event.

Call: (973)948-3550 for more information.



Come see the greatest kept secret in New Jersey 4-H!



FAIR CONGRATULATIONS

Animal/Vet Science

Animal/Vet Science

Excellent Tyler Bane
Excellent Amelia Valente

Cavy

American 1st Place Paul Yoncak
Best in Show - American Paul Yoncak
Best Reserve in Show - Mixed
Katherine Sotovetz
Mixed 1st Place Melissa Whoeler
Mixed 2nd Place C.J. Halpin

Goats

Grand Champion Meat Goat
Leigh Whitehouse
Grand Champion Mini Lexie Mariolis
Grand Champion Mini doe
Lexie Mariolis
Grand Champion Mini Wether
Matthew LaMarca
Grand Champion Standard Doe
Bonnie Kizis
Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat
Leigh Whitehouse
Reserve Grand Champion Mini
Lexie Mariolis
Reserve Grand Champion Mini doe
Lexie Mariolis
Reserve Grand Champion Mini Wether
Sandy Smith
Best Dam & Daughter Lexie Mariolis

Jr. Does Meat Goats 1st Place
Leigh Whitehouse
Jr. Does Meat Goats 2nd Place
Jaclyn Maher
Jr. Mini Does 3-6 months 1st Place
Lexie Mariolis
Jr. Mini Does 3-6 months 2nd Place
Lexie Mariolis
Jr. Mini Does 9-12 months 1st Place
Jessie Waldron
Jr. Mini Wether 3-6 months 1st Place
Tyler Ralph
Jr. Mini Wether 9-12 months 1st Place
Matthew LaMarca
Jr. Mini Wether 9-12 months 2nd Place
Jessie Waldron
Jr. Showmanship 1st Place
Jessie Waldron
Jr. Showmanship 2nd Place
Jaclyn Maher
Jr. Showmanship 3rd Place Trevor Ralph
Jr. Wethers Meat Goats 1st Place
Leigh Whitehouse
Jr. Wethers Meat Goats 2nd Place
Kathleen McLoughlin
Spirit Showmanship 1st Place
Devon Ralph
Sr. Does Meat Goats 1st Place
Jaclyn Maher
Sr. Does Meat Goats 2nd Place
Austin Daust
Sr. Mini Dry Doe 1st Place Gracie Spreat
Sr. Mini Dry Doe 2nd Place Sandy Smith
Sr. Mini Milking Doe 1-3 yrs. of age
1st Place Lexie Mariolis
Sr. Mini Milking Doe 1-3 yrs. of age
2nd Place Lexie Mariolis
Sr. Mini Milking Doe 4 yrs. & over
1st Place Lexie Mariolis
Sr. Mini Milking Doe 4 yrs. & over
2nd Place Lexie Mariolis
Sr. Mini Wethers 1st Place Sandy Smith
Sr. Mini Wethers 2nd Place Sean Cook

Sr. Mini Wethers 3rd Place Tyler Ralph
Sr. Mini Wethers 4th Place Tyler Ralph
Sr. Showmanship 1st Place
Lexie Mariolis
Sr. Showmanship 2nd Place
Bonnie Kizis
Sr. Showmanship 3rd Place
Leigh Whitehouse
Sr. Standard Dry Doe 1st Place
Bonnie Kizis

Herpetology

Amelenistic Corn Snake Best in Class
Emily Brady
Fire Belly Toad Best in Class Eric Herner
Green Burmese Python Best in Class
Billy Hemp
Green Burmese Python Best in Show
Billy Hemp
Green Iguana Best in Class
Summer Rae Smagacz
High Yellow California King Snake Best
in Class Mike Gandolfo
High Yellow California King Snake Best
Reserve Mike Gandolfo
Mexican Rosy Boa Best in Class
Diana Vogel
Millipede Best in Class Amelia Valenti

Poultry

2nd Bantam Hen Jessalyn Waldron
2nd Bantam Hen Jessalyn Waldron
2nd Bantam Rooster Susie Eastman
2nd Heavy Waterfowl Jessalyn Waldron
2nd Standard Hen Rachael Ebner
Best Bantam Hen Lauren Myles
Best Bantam Rooster Jessalyn Waldron
Best Developed Youngster
Daniella Pillar
Best Dove Daniella Pillar
Best Goose Leigh Whitehouse
Best Heavy Waterfowl Vita Duva
Best Hen & Chick Susie Eastman
Best in Show Waterfowl
Leigh Whitehouse
Best in Show Poultry Jessalyn Waldron
Best Light Weight Waterfowl
Leigh Whitehouse
Best Medium Waterfowl
Jessalyn Waldron
Best Reserve Poultry Lauren Myles
Best Reserve Waterfowl Vita Duva
Best Show Potential Youngster
Daniella Pillar
Best Standard Hen Rachael Ebner
Best Standard Rooster Rachael Ebner

Rabbits

Best in Show - Belgium Hare
Leigh Whitehouse
Best Reserve in Show - Harlequin
Jennifer Clayton
American Fuzzy Log 1st Place
Maureen Docker
Belgium Hare 1st Place
Leigh Whitehouse
Beveran 1st Place Leigh Whitehouse
Beveran 2nd Place Amelia Valente
Doe in Litter 1st Place Ellen Zrowka
Doe in Litter 2nd Place Ellen Zrowka
Dutch 1st Place Kathleen McLoughlin
French Angora 1st Place Vita Duva
French Log 1st Place
Kathleen McLoughlin
Giant Chinchilla 1st Place
Graham Haliskoe
Harlequin 1st Place Jennifer Clayton

Holland Lop 1st Place Ashley Cordiner
Jersey Wooly 1st Place Vita Duva
Jersey Wooly 2nd Place Clair McKittrick
Lion Head 1st Place
Kathleen McLoughlin
Lion Head 2nd Place Vita Duva
Mini Lop 1st Place Patricia McLoughlin
Mini Lop 2nd Place Ashley Cordiner
Mini Rex 1st Place Clair McKittrick
Mini Rex 2nd Place Amanda Tursi
Mixed 1st Place Sarah Sakowski
Mixed 2nd Place Jennifer Clayton
Netherland Dwarf 1st Place
Abby Hildenband
Netherland Dwarf 2nd Place
Abby Hildenband
Polish 1st Place Ellen Zrowka
Polish 2nd Place Paul Yoncak
Rex 1st Place Abby Hildenband
Rex 2nd Place Samantha Martin
Silver Martin 1st Place Graham Haliskoe
Silver Martin 2nd Place
Patricia McLoughlin

Sheep

Supreme Champion Ewe Rob Bruins
Grand Champion Ewe Rob Bruins
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
Rob Bruins
Aged Ewes 1st Place
Ciara Weatherbee
Aged Ewes 2nd Place
Paige Weatherbee
Aged Ewes 3rd Place Susie Eastman
Aged Ewes 4th Place Susie Eastman
Fall Ewe Lambs 1st Place Rob Bruins
Jr. Fitting 1st Place Ciara Weatherbee
Jr. Showmanship 1st Place
Ciara Weatherbee
Spring Ewe Lambs 1st Place Rob Bruins
Spring Rams 1st Place Rob Bruins
Sr. Fitting 1st Place Susie Eastman
Sr. Fitting 2nd Place Rob Bruins
Sr. Fitting 3rd Place Paige Weatherbee
Sr. Showmanship 1st Place
Susie Eastman
Sr. Showmanship 2nd Place Rob Bruins
Sr. Showmanship 3rd Place
Paige Weatherbee

Small Animal

Best in Show - Ferret Graham Haliskoe
Best Reserve in Show - Hamster
C.J. Halpin
Ferret 1st Place Graham Haliskoe
Ferret 2nd Place Graham Haliskoe
Gerbil 1st Place Melissa Whoeler
Gerbil 2nd Place Melissa Whoeler
Hamster 1st Place C.J. Halpin
Hamster 2nd Place Paul Yoncak
Rat 1st Place Erin Panek
Rat 2nd Place Erin Panek

Arts

Architectural Design

Excellent Linette Reeman
Excellent Ian Rios

Creative Crafts

Blue Ribbon Bobby Adams
Blue Ribbon Tyler Bane
Blue Ribbon John Falconio
Blue Ribbon Clair McKittrick
Blue Ribbon Patricia McLoughlin
Blue Ribbon Ian Rios

Blue Ribbon Melissa Whoeler
Blue Ribbon Maria Wissler
Participation Ronny Adams
Participation Wesley Bane
Participation Cooper Bane
Participation Noah Resnick
Participation Johan Resnick

Creative Writing

Excellent Tyler Bane
Excellent Dennis Bradford
Excellent John Falconio
Excellent Lauren Hoenig
Excellent Kathleen McLoughlin
Excellent Linette Reeman
Excellent Ian Rios
Excellent Alex Sundt
Excellent Crysta Timmerman
Excellent Amelia Valente
Excellent Diana Vogel
Excellent Walter Wissler
Excellent Maria Wissler
Excellent Bobby Adams
Participation Ronny Adams
Participation Wesley Bane
Participation Cooper Bane
Participation Katherine Martinez
Participation Sean O'Neil
Participation Jeanine Reeman
Participation Jonah Resnick
Participation Noah Resnick
Very Good Dennis Bradford
Very Good Patricia McLoughlin
Very Good Dakota Olsen
Very Good Nina Tripp

Graphic Arts

Excellent Linette Reeman
Excellent Crysta Timmerman

Photography

Excellent Diana Vogel
Excellent (Best in Show) Christin Sagui
Excellent (Best in Show) Gracie Spreat
Good Tyler Bane
Prep Cooper Bane
Prep Wesley Bane
Very Good John Falconio
Very Good Abbey Lanz
Very Good Paul Yoncak

Scrapbooking

Very Good & Best in Show
John Falconio

Theatre Arts

Creative Movement Participation
Kathleen McLoughlin
Flute Participation Crysta Timmerman
Flute Participation Maria Wissler
Irish Dance Participation
Patricia McLoughlin
Irish Dance Participation
Kathleen McLoughlin
Mime-Group Participation
Dennis Bradford
Mime-Group Participation
Kristen Capano
Mime-Group Participation
Catherine Roder
Mime-Group Participation Alex Sundt
Mime-Group Participation Nina Tripp
Monologue Participation
Kathleen McLoughlin
Monologue Participation
Summer Rae Smagacz
Piano Participation Rachel Ebner

FAIR CONGRATULATIONS

Theatre Arts (cont.)

Ribbon Dance Participation
Linette Reeman
Trombone Participation Walter Wissler
Vocal Participation Patricia McLoughlin
Vocal Participation
Kathleen McLoughlin

Visual Arts

Excellent & Best in Show
Linette Reeman
Excellent & Best in Show John Falconio
Excellent & Best in Show C.J. Halpin
Excellent & Best in Show Jaclyn Maher
Good Bobby Adams
Good Tyler Bane
Good John Falconio
Good C.J. Halpin
Good Abbey Lanz
Good Clair McKittrick
Good Kathleen McLoughlin
Good Crystal Timmerman
Good Walter Wissler
Participation Ronny Adams
Participation Cooper Bane
Participation Wesley Bane
Participation Lisa Catalfamo
Participation Janae Petitjean
Participation Jeanine Reeman
Participation Noah Resnick
Participation Jonah Resnick
Participation Jack Ribble
Participation Ian Rios
Participation Alexis Smith
Participation Joshua Todd
Prep Ronny Adams
Prep Wesley Bane
Very Good Bobby Adams
Very Good Tyler Bane
Very Good Timothy Catalfamo
Very Good Rachel Ebner
Very Good Abbey Lanz
Very Good Kathleen McLoughlin
Very Good Dakota Olsen
Very Good Gracie Spreat
Very Good Walter Wissler

Container Gardening

Flower Gardening

Excellent Tyler Bane
Excellent Melissa Whoeler
Excellent & 1st Place Clair McKittrick
Good Tyler Bane
Good Ian Rios
Good Melissa Whoeler
Participation Wesley Bane
Participation Cooper Bane
Very Good Clair McKittrick
Very Good Melissa Whoeler

Contests

2006/2007 Ambassador Contest

Sara Sakowski
Diana Vogel

Open Youth Pet Show

Best in Show Summer Rae Smagacz
Reserve in Show Billy Hemp
Cats Largest Cat Chris Cline
Cats Longest Tail Chris Cline
Goats & Sheep Best Groomed
Ellen Zrowka
Goats & Sheep Cutest Ellen Zrowka
Largest Pet 1st Place Rob Bruins
Most Unusual Pet Crayfish Monmouth
Rabbits Longest Hair Clair McKittrick

Rabbits Shortest Ears Clair McKittrick
Rabbits Smallest Clair McKittrick
Reptiles & Amphibians Largest Snake
Billy Hemp
Reptiles & Amphibians Most Colorful
Summer Rae Smagacz
Reptiles & Amphibians Most Unusual
Matt Mervilly
Rodents Best Groomed Rodent
Shannon Smith
Rodents Cutest Guinea Pig
Ronny Adams
Rodents Longest Hair Paige Lischich
Rodents Most Handsome Hamster
Paige Lischich
Rodents Oldest Guinea Pig
Bobby Adams
Rodents Shortest Hair Miranda Powell
Smallest Pet Ant Monmouth

Pet Photo Contest

1st Place John Falconio
2nd Place John Falconio
3rd Place Jess Sagui
Participation Ronny Adams
Participation Bobby Adams
Participation Tyler Bane
Participation Cooper Bane
Participation Wesley Bane
Participation Lauren Hoenig
Participation Lauren Hoenig
Participation Abbey Lanz
Participation Paige Lisanick
Participation Erin Mauser
Participation Clair McKittrick
Participation Tyler Ralph
Participation Ryan Ralph
Participation Christin Sagui
Participation Anthony Santoriello
Participation Mackenzie Scandrett
Participation Joshua Scandrett
Participation Cameron Scandrett
Participation Amelia Valente
Participation Ashley Villoreasi
Participation Paul Yoncak
Participation Ellen Zrowka

Equestrian

Fun Day Horse Show

Costume/Most Original Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Barrel Race 1st Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Command 1st Place Michelle Zavila
Jr. Command 2nd Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Command 3rd Place Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Command 4th Place Abbey Lanz
Jr. Equitation Over Fence 1st Place
Michelle Zavila
Jr. Horsemanship 1st Place
Michelle Zavila
Jr. Horsemanship 2nd Place
Erin Mauser
Jr. Horsemanship 3rd Place Abbe Lanz
Jr. Horsemanship 4th Place Kendall Axt
Jr. Hunter Hack 1st Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Hunter Hack 2nd Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Jr. Horsemanship 1st Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Jr. Pleasure 1st Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Jr. Showmanship 1st Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Pleasure 1st Place Michelle Zavila
Jr. Pleasure 2nd Place Kendall Axt
Jr. Pleasure 3rd Place Abbey Lanz
Jr. Pleasure 4th Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Pole Bending 1st Place
Olivia Bundshuh
Olivia Bundshuh
Jr. Showmanship 1st Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Showmanship 2nd Place
Dolores Cutler
Jr. Showmanship 3rd Place Abbey Lanz
Sr. Barrel Race 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. command 1st Place Matt Hutchinson
Sr. command 2nd Place Christin Sagui
Sr. command 3rd Place Caitie Zavila
Sr. command 4th Place Jessica Sagui
Sr. Horsemanship 1st Place
Caitie Zavila
Sr. Horsemanship 2nd Place
Sarah O'Neill
Sr. Horsemanship 3rd Place
Jessica Sagui
Sr. Horsemanship 4th Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Hunter Hack 1st Place
Jessica Sagui
Sr. Hunter Hack 2nd Place
Christin Sagui
Sr. Pleasure 1st Place Sarah O'Neill
Sr. Pleasure 2nd Place Caitie Zavila
Sr. Pleasure 3rd Place Christin Sagui
Sr. Pleasure 4th Place Jessica Sagui
Sr. Pole Bending 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. Showmanship 1st Place
Matt Hutchinson

Gymkhana

Adult Champion Chris Cleary
Adult Reserve Champion
Cheryl Ruotolo
Adults Barrels 1st Place Chris Cleary
Adults Barrels 2nd Place Bill Cleary
Adults Barrels 3rd Place Cheryl Ruotolo
Adults Bow Tie 1st Place Chris Cleary
Adults Bow Tie 2nd Place Bill Cleary
Adults Bow Tie 3rd Place
Cheryl Ruotolo
Adults Flag Race 1st Place
Amanda Bogert
Adults Flag Race 2nd Place
Chris Cleary
Adults Flag Race 3rd Place
Jessica Tufanello
Adults Key Hole 1st Place Chris Cleary
Adults Key Hole 2nd Place Chris Cleary
Adults Key Hole 3rd Place
Jackie Knapp
Adults Pin Drop 1st Place Chris Cleary
Adults Pin Drop 2nd Place Chris Cleary
Adults Pin Drop 3rd Place
Cheryl Ruotolo
Adults Poles 1st Place Chris Cleary
Adults Poles 2nd Place
Cheryl Ruotolo
Adults Poles 3rd Place Chris Cleary
Jr. Champion Abby Lanz
Jr. Reserve Champion
Raquel Hrabinski
Jr. Barrel Race 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Barrel Race 2nd Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Barrel Race 3rd Place Kacy Moran
Jr. Bow Tie 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Bow Tie 2nd Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Bow Tie 3rd Place Kacy Moran
Jr. Egg Spoon 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Flag Race 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Flag Race 2nd Place Kacy Moran
Jr. Jr. Champion Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Reserve Champion Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Barrels 1st Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Barrels 2nd Place
Amber Henderson
Jr. Jr. Bow Tie 1st Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Bow Tie 2nd Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Bow Tie 3rd Place
Amber Henderson
Jr. Jr. Egg Spoon 1st Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Egg Spoon 2nd Place
Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Flag Race 1st Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Flag Race 2nd Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Flag Race 3rd Place
Amber Henderson
Jr. Jr. Key Hole 1st Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Key Hole 2nd Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Pin Drop 1st Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Pin Drop 2nd Place
Amber Henderson
Jr. Jr. Pin Drop 3rd Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Poles 1st Place
Olivia Bundschah
Jr. Jr. Poles 2nd Place Kelly Moran
Jr. Jr. Poles 3rd Place
Amber Henderson
Jr. Key Hole 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Key Hole 2nd Place
Raquel Hrabinski
Jr. Key Hole 3rd Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Pin Drop 1st Place
Raquel Hrabinski
Jr. Pin Drop 2nd Place Erin Mauser
Jr. Pin Drop 3rd Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Poles 1st Place Abby Lanz
Jr. Poles 2nd Place Raquel Hrabinski
Jr. Poles 3rd Place Erin Mauser
Sr. Champion Julie Couch
Sr. Reserve Champion Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Barrels 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. Barrels 2nd Place Holly Potochbar
Sr. Barrels 3rd Place Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Bow Tie 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. Bow Tie 2nd Place Holly Potochbar
Sr. Bow Tie 3rd Place Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Flag Race 1st Place
Amanda Bavawert
Sr. Flag Race 2nd Place
Kacy Stockman
Sr. Flag Race 3rd Place
Holly Potochbar
Sr. Key Hole 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. Key Hole 2nd Place Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Key Hole 3rd Place Kacy Stockman
Sr. Pin Drop 1st Place
Amanda Bavawert
Sr. Pin Drop 2nd Place Julie Couch
Sr. Poles 1st Place Julie Couch
Sr. Poles 2nd Place Matt Hutchinson
Sr. Poles 3rd Place Jessica Sagui

Health

Health & Fitness/Safety & 1st Aid

Excellent John Falconio
Excellent Lauren Hoenig

Home Economics

Breads

Excellent Tyler Bane

Clothing & Textiles

Excellent & Best in Show
Kathleen McLoughlin
Good Dakota Olsen
Participation Bobby Adams
Participation Ronny Adams
Participation Cooper Bane
Participation Jennifer Catalfamo
Participation Gabriella Gregorio

Fashion Show

Morgan Gottlieb
 Gabriella Gregorio
 Maria Gregorio
 Katherine Martinez
 Jonah Resnick
 Noah Resnick
 Summer Rae Smagacz

Food & Nutrition

Good Stephanie Cole
 Good Morgan Gottlieb
 Good/Very Good Katherine Martinez

Free For All (Food)

Excellent Tyler Bane
 Excellent Gabriella Gregorio
 Excellent Maria Gregorio
 Excellent Sarah Sakowski
 Excellent Mackenzie Scandrett
 Excellent Maria Wissler
 Excellent Walter Wissler
 Very Good Morgan Gottlieb
 Very Good Patricia McLoughlin
 Very Good Joshua Scandrett
 Very Good Cameron Scandrett

Mechanical Science

Woodworking

Excellent Austin Cole
 Good Walter Wissler
 Participation Ronny Adams
 Very Good Bobby Adams
 Very Good Timothy Catalfamo

Natural Science

Natural Collections

Excellent Clair McKittrick
 Good Ian Rios
 Participation Maria Gregorio
 Participation Gabriella Gregorio
 Very Good Rachel Ebner

Recycling

Blue Ribbon Jennifer Catalfamo
 Blue Ribbon Jeanine Reeman
 Blue Ribbon Melissa Wheeler
 Red Ribbon Wesley Bane
 Red Ribbon Cooper Bane
 Red Ribbon Tyler Bane
 Red Ribbon Lisa Catalfamo
 Red Ribbon Maria Wissler
 Yellow Ribbon Olivia Catalfamo

Plant Science

Flower Gardening

Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Excellent John Falconio
 Excellent & 1st Place Rachel Ebner
 Excellent & 2nd Place John Falconio
 Excellent & 3rd Place John Falconio
 Excellent & 4th Place Vita Duva
 Good Rachel Ebner
 Good John Falconio
 Participation Wesley Bane
 Participation Cooper Bane
 Participation Erica Todd
 Participation Joshua Todd
 Very Good Tyler Bane
 Very Good Rachel Ebner
 Very Good John Falconio

Fruits

Good Ian Rios

Herbs

Excellent Vita Duva
 Excellent & 1st Place Rachel Ebner
 Good Vita Duva
 Good Ian Rios
 Very Good Vita Duva
 Very Good John Falconio
 Very Good & 3rd Place Vita Duva
 Very Good & 4th Place Rachel Ebner

Vegetables

Excellent Bobby Adams
 Excellent Rachel Ebner
 Excellent & 2nd Place Rachel Ebner
 Excellent & 3rd Place Rachel Ebner
 Good Bobby Adams
 Good Vita Duva
 Good Ian Rios
 Participation Ronny Adams
 Participation Erica Todd
 Participation Ciara Weatherbee
 Participation Paige Weatherbee
 Very Good Vita Duva
 Very Good Rachel Ebner

Vegetables Growing Containers

Excellent & 1st Place Bobby Adams
 Good Ian Rios
 Participation Ronny Adams
 Participation Ian Rios
 Participation Erica Todd
 Participation Joshua Todd

Prep Court

Participant Bobby Adams
 Participant Ronny Adams
 Participant Cooper Bane
 Participant Wesley Bane
 Participant Lisa Catalfamo
 Participant Jennifer Catalfamo
 Participant Gabriella Gregorio
 Participant Maria Gregorio
 Participant Sean O'Neil
 Participant Hannah Pringle
 Participant Jeanine Reeman
 Participant Noah Resnick
 Participant Jonah Resnick
 Participant Cameron Scandrett
 Participant Joshua Scandrett
 Participant Mackenzie Scandrett
 Participant Alexis Smith
 Participant Erica Todd
 Participant Joshua Todd
 Participant Jamie Walenstein

Public Presentations

Clogging

Participation Johanna Boyce
 Participation Rachel Brand
 Participation Lauren Hoening
 Participation Lindsay Mauser
 Participation Amanda Schaaf
 Participation Christy Schaaf
 Participation Kathy Smith
 Participation Jamie Wallenstein
 Participation Ellen Zrowka

Club Booth & Banner

14 Carrot Rabbit Excellent
 Amazing Animals Excellent
 Amigitos Friends Culture Club Excellent

Animal Science Excellent
 Animal Science, Graphic Arts & Arch. Design Excellent

Backstage to Broadway Excellent
 Belmar Fun Club Excellent
 Free Spirit Goat Club Excellent
 Friendship Club Excellent
 Live & Learn Club Excellent
 Middletown 14 Carrot Small Animal Excellent
 Monmouth Blasters Excellent
 Monmouth Clogging Express Excellent
 Natures Navigators Excellent
 Pet Photo Excellent
 Prep Court Excellent
 Project Areas Excellent
 Raging Reptiles Excellent
 Rythmic Illusions Excellent
 Teen Council Excellent
 The Rising Stars Excellent
 Thunderhoofs Excellent

Gymnastics

Rising Stars Rhythmic Illusions

Participation Kristin Bohnenberge
 Participation Lauren Coleman
 Participation Christina Crilly
 Participation Bethany Crilly
 Participation Amanda Crilly
 Participation Michelle Gagliardi
 Participation Katherine Martinez
 Participation Concetta McClean
 Participation Cambria Savedra
 Participation Aarti Shah
 Participation Sarah Sheaffer
 Participation Amanda Tursi

Variety Show

3rd City Road Crew

Participation Ilyssa DePonte
 Participation Chris Dubrow
 Participation Matt Dubrow
 Participation Matthew Kramer
 Participation Carley Price



Lexie Mariolis graduated this year and still loves to be in the dunking booth after showing her goats. Lexie has been accepted to The College of N.J.



The departing Ambassadors, Jessica Shaw-Koehler and Lauren Hoening. We thank them for their service to 4-H to, "Make the Best Better", in Monmouth County!



Bonnie Kizis did a great job collecting money as well as drawing a crowd for the dunking tank.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hello Everybody,

My name is Sarah Sakowski. Along with me and Diana Vogel, we have been chosen to serve as 2006-2007 Monmouth County 4-H Ambassadors. Being in 4-H for 8 years, I am honored to receive this title, and I am looking forward to representing Monmouth County 4-H throughout the year.



As I stated in my platform, I would like to inform the community about the great leadership and growth opportunities 4-H clubs have to offer. To make this goal a reality, I would like to hold an Open House for the community at the 4-H office sometime this year.

I will be sure to advertise the Open House as much as possible to encourage membership. At the open house, all the participating clubs will be encouraged to "show - off" all of their benefits, activities, and purpose as a club. As one of the 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassadors, I will be sure to showcase that as well. AS a result of the open house, I hope that membership will rise, and we will continue to "Make the Best...BETTER!" with other youth.

There is also one more goal I hope to reach this year. As most of you saw this past ambassador contest, only Diana and I ran for Ambassador. I hope to encourage more applicants in different clubs and telling all the members what being an ambassador is all about.

I am very excited to get this year in full swing! If there is anything you guys need, please let me know. My phone number is 732-591-1875, and my email address is:

americangirl422@aol.com.

Thank you everybody and hope to hear from you all soon.

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all, like me, had a great time at the fair. Anyway, as Monmouth County 4-H Ambassador I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Diana Vogel and I am going into my eleventh year of 4-H in my club, Raging Reptiles. Because 4-H has made such an impact on my life I decided that it was time to give back to the program by going for Ambassador. In order to become Ambassador I needed a platform. Since I have too many friends that are unfamiliar with the 4-H program and look at me in odd ways when I express my enthusiasm for the annual Monmouth County Fair, it was an easy decision to make when I decided that my platform would be to spread the word of 4-H.

My goal with this platform is to educate people, both young and old, about 4-H, what 4-H is, and what we do with it. The purpose of this is to gain new members, leaders, and a general knowledge of the 4-H program. This way 4-H will continue to be a steady tradition for many generations to come.

I have many ideas to spread the word of 4-H which I hope to put into action as soon as I can. One is to get the schools involved. My goal is to have 4-H flyers in as many elementary schools as possible to spike the interest of both kids and parents. I would also like to have a 4-H column in the local newspaper to appear once every couple of months to alert the public about current events with various clubs and opportunities to see our 4-H'ers in action. Finally, at the end of the year, I would like to have an open field day. By making it well-advertised and having as much participation as possible, the public will be able to truly see what 4-H is all about.

As you can see I have many goals for my year as Ambassador and I am excited to go through with them. It is such an honor to hold this position along with Sarah Sakowski and I can't wait to see how our platform effects the future of 4-H.

SEPTEMBER 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 NJ State Show Entries due | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Labor Day Office Closed | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Court Street Open House 10:00-2:00PM; NJ State Sm Animal Show Horse Park NJ |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Record book review, can you assist? 4-H Office 6:30 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Teen Council Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Deadline for Coast Day NJ photo contest | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Keansburg Open House 1-4 PM |

OCTOBER 2006

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 4-H Invited to showcase at Dear- born Farms - 7th & 8th Oct. |
| National 4-H Week - October 1st to 7th | | | | | | |
| 8 4-H Invited to showcase at Dear- born Farms | 9 Columbus Day Office Closed | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Deadline 4-H Newsletter | 14 4-H Invited to showcase at Dear- born Farms 14th and 15th <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">NERVF Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch October 12th—15th 15,2006</div> |
| 15 American Can- cer Society Walk- athon; Deadline 4-H Alumni Scholarship/4-H Invited to Dear- born Farms | 16 | 17 | 18 Teen Council Meeting | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Halloween Happenings 5- 9PM Cook 4-H Youth Center/4-H Invited to showcase at Dearborn Farms 28th & 29th |
| 29 4-H Invited to showcase at Dear- born Farms | 30 | 31 | | | | |



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