

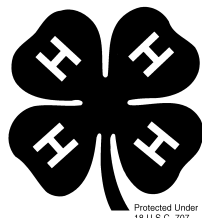


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2007 Monmouth County Fair “Get Caught In Our Web”

Fair Hours:

July 25-26	5:00 pm– 11:00 pm
July 27	5:00 pm- 11:00 pm
July 28	11:00 am- 11:00 pm
July 29	11:00am- 6:00 pm

At the 2007 Monmouth County Fair, you will see the richness of the extensive Monmouth County 4-H web. The fair is a culminating event, which celebrates the achievements and learning of our 4-H'ers throughout the prior year. Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers whose work will be recognized at the fair. Much thanks goes to all of our youth and adult volunteers and staff who contribute to making the fair such a success.

The goals of the Monmouth County Fair include to:

1. Recognize the accomplishments of the 4-H members
2. Showcase the scope of the county's 4-H program
3. Serve as a forum for evaluating 4-H members accomplishments
4. Familiarize the public with 4-H philosophy and programs
5. Encourage teens and adults to become 4-H volunteers
6. Provide an opportunity for the public to participate in a fun, educational, family-oriented event.
7. Obtain funding to assist in supporting 4-H activities throughout the fair

If you are already caught in our 4-H web, know that you are secure in this place of belonging and support. Thank you for all you have done to strengthen the 4-H program by living by the 4-H pledge, thus strengthening yourself, your communities, and 4-H web.

Let us all make the commitment to bring more youth, volunteers, school, and community representatives into 4-H web. Start by inviting them to participate in the wonder of the county fair. And from then through to next year's fair, whether you be a web master, web weaver, or web watcher, be a part of expanding the dynamic 4-H web throughout your communities. See you at the fair.

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4-H Mission Statement

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

Heard Around The 4-H Clover

RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

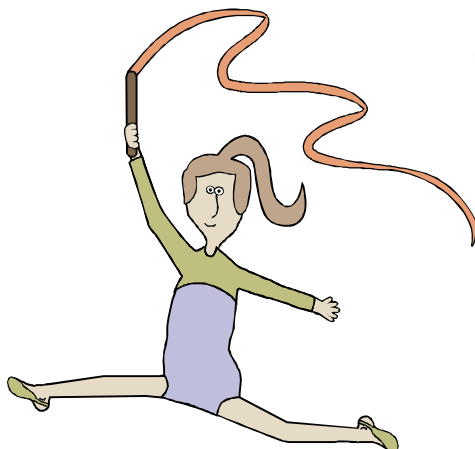
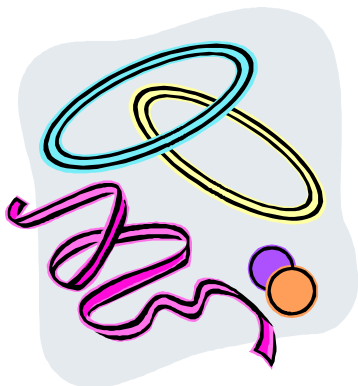
By: Lauren Coleman, Leader

This month, our rhythmic gymnastics club celebrated its third birthday as part of the Monmouth County 4-H organization. We have big plans for this summer, and look forward to carrying them out.

Our club will be performing at the Marlboro Greens Senior Center next week. We last showcased our routines a few months ago at the same location, and were enthusiastically received with lots of applause and dessert. In the next two weeks, five of our club members — Aarti, Katherine, Lauren, Amanda, and Mary will be traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for the 2007 USAIGC National Championships. Last year, the event boasted around four-hundred gymnasts from all over the United States and the Caribbean, and looks to be an exciting event! Best of luck to the five girls as they travel to Florida for this fun and prestigious competition.

Recently, six of our members performed their routines at a small meet held at Monmouth Gymnastics Academy in Morganville. Jeanine Reeman, Mary Tursi, Amanda Tursi, Aarti Shah, Katerine Martinez, and Lauren Coleman each performed three routines and received trophies and a velvet bag with a gymnast embellished on the front.

Another fun opportunity for our club will be our participation in the Monmouth County Fair. This will be our fourth appearance at the fair, which we look forward to all year long as a chance to show off what our members have accomplished. As we have opened another branch of our club in Middletown, we have many new members who will be appearing at the fair for the first time. Come by and cheer us on! Our performance dates are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening (July 26-28) at the 4-H Show Tent. Performances will be at 6:30 and 7:30 PM.



Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

MONMOUTH CLOGGING EXPRESS

By: Jamie Wallenstein and Amanda Schaaf

The Monmouth Clogging Express has had a very busy spring! We attended a clogging workshop in Burlington on May 5th and we also did a demonstration at the Master Gardeners Plant Sale on May 19th. We are very happy to announce that our club has several new members as well as some alumni who have come back to dance with us. We would like to thank JoAnna Tuminello for her great instruction. Also teaching some of our new club members are Lauren Hoenig and Christy Schaaf. We are hoping to perform at Cruise Night in Freehold on June 28th and, of course, we will be performing at the fair. If anyone is interested in learning how to clog, we meet every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM at the 4-H office. That's all for now!



Pictured above are: Kelly Smith; Lauren Hoenig; Melissa Martin; Jamie Wallenstein; Amanda Schaaf and Holly Kasternakis.



Pictured above: Christy Schaaf; Kathy Smith; Maria Wissler; Amanda Schaaf; Jamie Wallenstein; and Melissa Martin.



Pictured above: Christy Schaaf; Lauren Hoenig; Jamie Wallenstein; Maria Wissler; Jessica Nelpazzo; Kathy Smith; and Melissa Martin.



Pictured above: Christy Schaaf; Tiffany Kasternakis; Cathy Smith; Amanda Schaaf; Holly Kasternakis; Jamie Wallenstein; and Melissa Martin.

THUNDERHOOFS

By: Clair McKittrick

We met in May to go over the dates for all the activities coming up for the fair. We also had our record books checked. We reviewed what is required for herdsmanship and how to speak to the public about our rabbits.

We are working on our theme for decorating the booth; there were many different ideas and we will vote on them next month. We made memory boards to keep our photos on. We hope to have lots of pictures from the fair to put on them.

Ashley Reha gave a demonstration on how to make taco chips as the snack for our meeting, and she did a great job! The chips were delicious.

June's meeting will be banner day, the day we make our banners for the booth. This is always one of the most fun meetings of the year, because each person gets to make a banner that really shows off their own style of doing things.



ANIMAL SCIENCE

By: Meg Whitehouse, Leader

The members of the club have participated in many county programs lately including the County Presentations, Memorial Day Parade in Freehold Boro and the Master Gardener Party. We are especially proud to have marched in the Memorial Day Parade where Maria Elena carried the American flag and Erin, Leighanna and Jillian M. rode on the float. We were all thrilled to learn that the 4-H float won first place and a trophy from the Mayor of Freehold.

Kristin's parakeet and Sam & Morgan's bunnies have visited us and we have had many informative presentations on animals.

Our last craft project, thanks to Jillian and Graham, was to decorate small bags to use at the county fair and we are looking forward to the end of the school year and the start of summer. We have a trip planned to a standardbred farm and also Dawn Patrol at Monmouth Park.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

M14

By: Susan McLoughlin, Leader

The members of the M14 club enjoyed showing their animals at the Monmouth County Small Animal Show on May 12th in Belmar. Megan Kelly showed her two American guinea pigs. Andrew Kelly showed his mixed rabbit, Harley, who won Best Reserve of Breed. Katie McLoughlin showed three of her rabbits and two of her guinea pigs. Her rabbit, Ice Cream Sandwich, won Best of Breed for the Mismarked Dutch category. Patricia McLoughlin's mismarked Dutch, Fudgy, won Best Reserve of Breed. It was a great show — we really enjoyed the day!

Now we are getting ready for the County Fair in July. We have been busy planning our club booth and talking about entries and activities at the fair. See you all at the Fair.



Above: Katie McLoughlin and Megan Kelly show their guinea pigs at the Small Animal Show.



Above: Patricia McLoughlin, Megan Kelly, Katie McLoughlin and Colleen McLoughlin (future 4-H'er) at the Small Animal Show



Pictured Right: Katie McLoughlin shows her rabbit, Nolla

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

S.W.A.P.

By: Susan McLoughlin, Leader

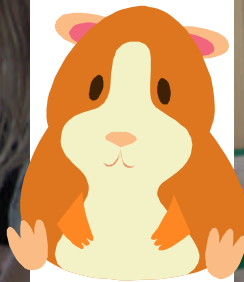
S.W.A.P. has been busy planning our club booth for the fair and choosing what we will enter in the fair. At our June meeting, Monica Bubello gave her presentation on Albino Cornsnakes and Ashley Bubello gave hers on Soccer.

Four of our club members entered the Monmouth County Small Animal Show in Belmar on May 12th. Ashley Bubello showed her guinea pig for the first time and he got Best of Breed under the mixed category. Monica Bubello participated in the Illustrated Talk and did a wonderful job, earning a nice trophy for her hard work. Monica's talk and poster were on guinea pigs. Patricia McLoughlin showed her two guinea pigs for the first time and her teddy got Best of Breed. Patricia also participated in the Illustrated Talk and earned a nice trophy for her hard work. Patricia's talk and poster were on judging rabbits. Good job!

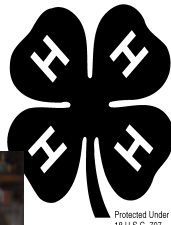
We will see you all at the fair!



Above: Patricia McLoughlin and Ashley Bubello showing their guinea pigs.



Above: Patricia McLoughlin, Ashley Bubello, and Monica Bubello at the Monmouth County Small Animal Show by their posters for the Illustrated Talks.



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Above: Monica Bubello gives a presentation on Albino Cornsnakes.



S.W.A.P. June meeting: Robyn Clark, Monica Bubello, Ashley Bubello, and Patricia McLoughlin.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

PAWS 4 A CAUSE

By: Lee Ann Tursi - Leader

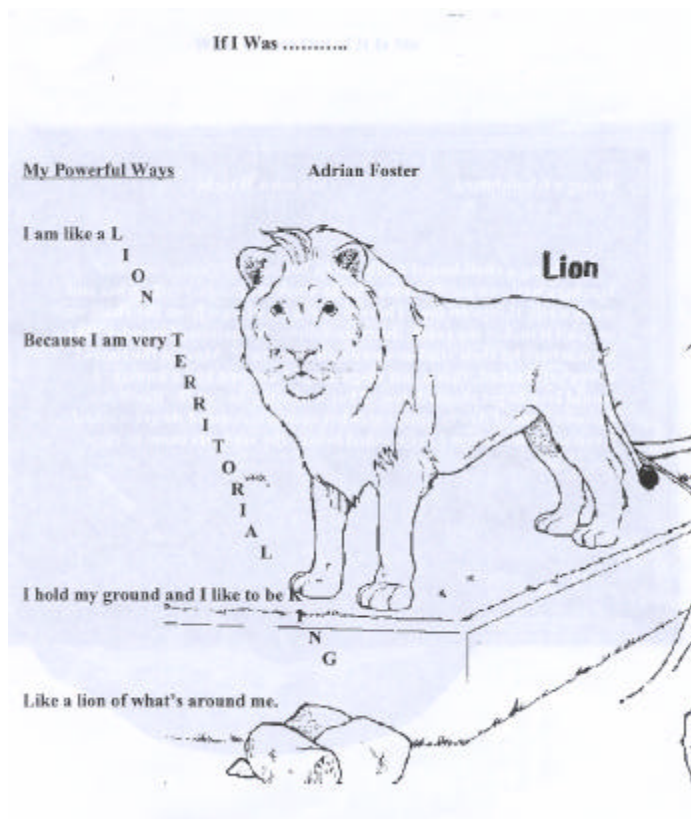
Our club is busy now getting ready for the fair now! We will be working the dunking stool and the popcorn stand from 11:00 to 1:00 on Sunday. We will have a table with things we are selling in front of our 4-H Booth in the 4-H tent on Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and say hi! We will have information about our club for anyone WHO is interested in maybe joining it.

Our club is starting a community service project to raise money to provide pet oxygen masks in 3 sizes to local community fire departments, pet rescue workers, canine unit police officers, etc., anyone who may encounter an injured animal that may need oxygen. Each set of 3 animal sized oxygen masks will cost our club \$ 55. If any 4-Hers or 4-H clubs would like to help us with the fundraiser or donate money, please call the number listed or stop and see us at the fair. We will have a donation jar on our craft table for both days and should have a set of the masks for anyone to see. We are planning on doing some demonstrations using the masks to educate and show the public how important they are.

Since the last newsletter our club has been very active. We had a table at the Master Gardeners Spring Garden Sale, (see our photo with Mary and Johnny). We had Clair, Amanda, Monica, Mary and Katie-Rose work the Bayshore Spring Dog Agility Trials at East Freehold Park. We had our dog fun night after our April Meeting, (see our photo of some of our members making homemade dog biscuits). We also played dog bingo, made edible dog cookies with Oreos and icing, made dog magnets out of dog biscuits, and learned about dog breeds while getting to know each other better. The dog birthday party we had was fun for both the kids and the dogs (who had their own birthday cake). We have lots of great ideas for fun things to do in the future.

Please call Lee Ann @ 732-935-0922 if you are interested!





A 4-H Creative Writing Special interest program was conducted in Spring 2007 at The Asbury park High School, School Based Youth Services Program (SPOT).

The program was conducted by 4-H Agent Ellen Williams. Below are samples of work created by the students and printed in their journal, "Shades and Thoughts on Life".

What Comes Out of It Is Me

This Mouth

Shymira Wright

There is a mouth that said A LOT
But now it seems to be an empty slot.

This mouth opens for all to see
But no one knows what this mouth truly means.

This mouth is now closed; maybe too much has
been exposed?

This mouth is now shut eternally and mumbles
words internally.

The Last Episode

Pop Pop

Ciretta Jasmynne Crudup

It was on April 22, 2004 when they came out and took life away. My father came and gave me the news. I started screaming and crying and saying why.

I went to your funeral, said to myself how I never got to say good-by. As I left the room I remember how you used to come and see all your grandkids.

Seeing you lying right in front of me made me think about how life is too short.

As I grew older I always remember you saying this to me, "Don't take life for granted because you never know what to expect the next day."

As I go from a child to a beautiful woman, I want you to always know that I will always love and cherish you, no matter how far and away you are from me.

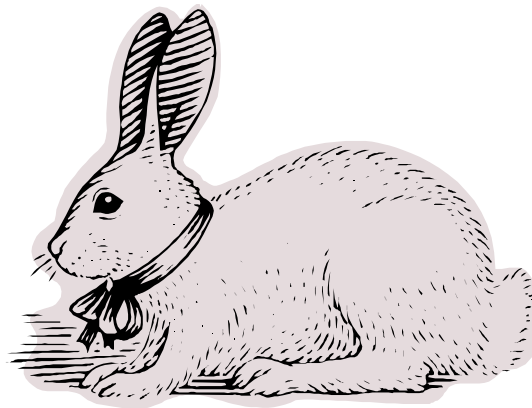
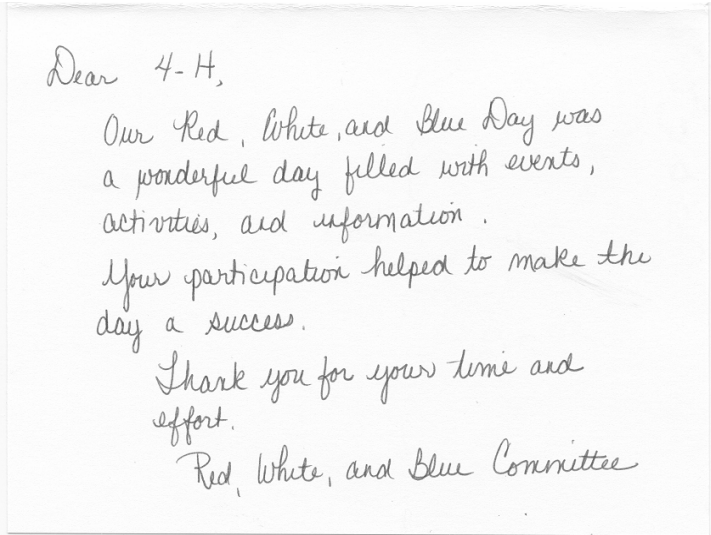
Just like the poem *The Raven* "Never-more, never-more".



THANK YOU

RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY

Thank you to Mr. Randy Martin and 4-H'er Samantha Martin for representing Monmouth County 4-H at the Howell Middle School South Red, White, and Blue Day on April 27th. The Howell students were particularly interested in learning more about 4-H and Samantha's visiting pet rabbit. Thank you to them for, "Making the Best Better" by sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for 4-H.



CONGRATULATIONS

STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to all of our 4-H'ers who participated in State Public Presentations June 9th. Public presentations develop 4-H'ers' communication skills and self confidence. We are proud of our Monmouth County 4-H'ers who attended State Presentations. In order to participate, they needed to have received an excellent rating on the county level. Our Monmouth County 4-H participants were:

Topics:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Kerri Caponetto | Drawing & Coloring Digitally |
| Aimee Domnizky | Nutrition |
| Lauren Sawall | Teen Stress |
| Diana Vogel | The Nightmare Before Christmas |
| Justin Zimmerman | How to Write A Song |

Again, congratulations to our 4-H'ers!





CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

MONMOUTH COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

The Monmouth County Small Animal Show took place in Belmar on May 12th.
We had 193 entries—way to go!

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work in making this show another huge success.

RABBIT

Best in Show—Rabbit Champagne D’Argent C.J. Halpin

Beveren BOB Amelia Valente
 Giant Chinchilla BOB Graham Haliskoe
 Havana BOB Erin Panek
 Jersey Wooly BOB Clair McKittrick
 Jersey Wooly BR Clair McKittrick
 Mini Lop BOB Jennifer Clayton
 Mini Rex BR Clair McKittrick
 Mix BOB Katherine Sotovelez
 Netherland Dwarf BOB Abby Hildebrand

Champagne D’Argent BOB C.J. Halpin
 Harlequin BR Jennifer Clayton
 Holland Lop BR Anthony Santoriello
 Lionhead BOB Leighanna Gash
 Lionhead BR Leighanna Gash
 Mini Lop BR Patricia McLaughlin
 Mis Marked Dutch BOB Kathleen McLaughlin
 Mis Marked Dutch BR Patricia McLaughlin
 Netherland Dwarf BR Graham Haliskoe

CAVY

American BR Kevin Sherman
 Teddy BOB Patricia McLaughlin

Abbyssinian BOB Paul Yoncak

SMALL ANIMALS

Best In Show — Small Animal Ferret Graham Haliskoe

Ferret BOB Graham Haliskoe
 Ferret BR Graham Haliskoe

Mouse BR Amelia Valente
 Rat BR Leighanna Gash



Teen Council members man the food booth at the Small Animal Show. Left to Right: Crysta Timmerman, Austin Cole, Jordan Larkin, April Pierce, Stephanie and Tyler Cole.





CONGRATULATIONS (cont.)

Congratulations Team! Great job representing Monmouth County!

HORSE JUDGING AND HIPPOLOGY—MAY 5th & 6th, 2007

Horse Judging tests the competitors' abilities to accurately place both halter and performance classes and defend their options with sound reasoning. Hippology combines horse judging, the technical knowledge learned in horse bowl, and the practical application of various horse related skills. 4-H members put their knowledge to use as they complete an examination phase, a station phase, a judging phase, and a team problems phase that emphasizes teamwork and planning.

This year's event was hosted by Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. There were 85 competitors from 13 counties. Monmouth County was represented by Abbey Lanz, Erin Mauser and Ashley McKinley on the Junior team and Amy Levine, Jessica Sagui and Christin Sagui on the Senior team. Jacquelyn and Denise Knapp were coaches. The entire team's hard work all year was well rewarded including Abbey's 1st Place Overall in Horse Judging, the Junior Team's 1st Place Overall in Hippology and Christin earning a spot on the NJ Horse Judging team at the 4-H National Round-Up competition next November in Kentucky.



Monmouth County Results

Hippology

Junior Examinations—8th Abbey
 Junior Stations—2nd Abbey
 Junior Judging—4th Abbey
 Junior Team Examinations—Fourth

Junior Team Stations—Second
 Junior Team Judging—Third
 Junior Team Problem—Fourth
 Junior Individual Overall—6th Abbey

Junior Team Overall—First
 Senior Stations—3rd Christin
 Senior Judging—6th Jessica
 Senior Team Judging—Third

Horse Judging

Junior Halter—7th Abbey
 Junior Performance—1st Abbey
 Junior Performance—4th Erin
 Junior Team Oral Reasons—Fourth

Junior Oral Reasons—2nd Abbey
 Junior Team Overall—Second
 Junior Overall—1st Abbey
 Senior Halter—6th Christin

Senior Performance—5th Jessica
 Senior Oral Reasons—9th Christin
 Senior Overall—4th Christin
 Senior Overall—8th Jessica+

RESOURCES



EXTENSION PROVIDES SOLUTIONS TO WILDLIFE DAMAGE THROUGH LAUNCH OF WEB SITE

Whether it's moles in the lawn, squirrels in the attic, or coyotes terrorizing a neighborhood, consumers now have instant access to research-based solutions for helping humans and wildlife coexist—managing problems caused by wildlife through an online resource dedicated to linking people who need information with the experts who have this information.

The eXtension Wildlife Damage Management Web site puts a wealth of information directly on consumers' computer screens. It's an excellent resource for anyone needing information about managing wildlife problems. To take full advantage of the site, register at www.extension.org and choose Wildlife Damage Management.

“People need to understand how to resolve or manage problems caused by wildlife with solutions that are humane, ecologically sensitive and responsible, and economically viable. This site is developed to do just that,” said Robert Schmidt, associate professor and certified wildlife biologist at Utah State University.

The eXtension Wildlife Damage Management Web site has been developed through the collaboration of national recognized wildlife biologists, nuisance wildlife control operators, educators and people interested in the field of human-wildlife relations.

“The backbone of our site is a series of illustrated pages on 65 wildlife species that cause damage or nuisance problems in North America. We included everything from alligators to polar bears. For each species, you can easily navigate through life histories, behavior, damage identification, economics, legal issues, and a complete list of methods for managing wildlife damage,” said Scott Hygnstrom, professor and extension wildlife damage specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The eXtension Wildlife Damage Management Web site also features the following:

- ? **Frequently Asked Questions** allows users to submit queries about wildlife management.
- ?? **Ask the Expert** provides an answer to questions not already available in the Frequently Asked Questions section with a usual response within 24 hours.
- ?? **News & Upcoming Events** keeps the news and calendar of events current at the local, state and national levels.
- ?? **Glossary & Diseases** list terms and illnesses that are commonly found in wildlife damage management.

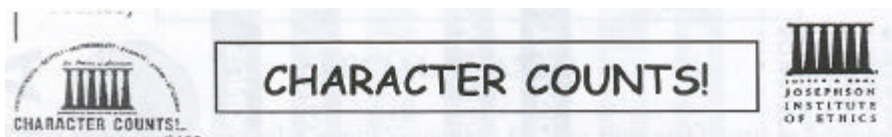
“While many sites say this or that technique works, eXtension provides what actually works and it does all this for free. With the public's growing environmental awareness, the need for quality information is more important than ever. Thankfully, eXtension accomplishes this by providing its information 24/7/365,” said Stephen Vantassel, nationally certified wildlife control operator and project coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

eXtension is an educational partnership of more than 70 land-grant universities helping Americans improve their lives with access to timely, objective, research-based information and educational opportunities. eXtension's interactive Web site, www.extension.org is customized with links to local Cooperative Extension Web sites, Land-grant universities were found on the ideals that higher education should be accessible to all, that the university should teach liberal and practical subjects and share the university's knowledge with people throughout their states.

Educational programs of eXtension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.

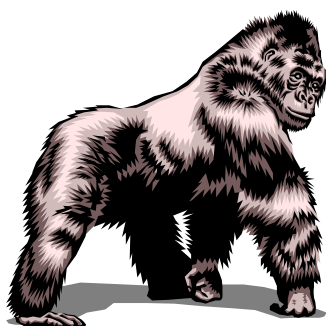
eXtension is a partnership of the nation's land-grant colleges and universities, the United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC).

RESOURCES (cont.)



RESPONSIBILITY (Duty, Accountability, Pursue Excellence, Self-Control) Do what you are Supposed to Do; Persevere: Keep on Trying!; Always Do Your Best; Use Self-Control; Be Self-Disciplined; Think Before You Act — Consider the Consequences; Be Accountable for Your Choices.

Person of Character — Dian Fossey: Primatologist who lived among Africa’s endangered mountain gorillas in an effort to protect them from poachers and halt the destruction of their habitat. **KNOW and DO YOUR DUTY!**



Dian Fossey:

“When you understand the value of all life, you think less about what is past and think instead about the protection of the future.”

IN THE NEWS

DAWN PATROL AT MONMOUTH PARK

By: Meg Whitehouse, Animal Science Club Leader

Some of the Horse club leaders and some members of the Animal Science Club were able to attend the Dawn Patrol at Monmouth Park Racetrack. Dawn Patrol is a backstage tour of the racetrack. We got to see the jockey’s room where the racing silks are kept. Each stable gets to design its own silk shirt which the jockeys wear during the race. They are extremely colorful. We got to see (but not touch) the jockey’s scale which is specially calibrated. Jockeys are weighed with their equipment before and after the race. Next we saw the saddling area where the horses are tacked up prior to racing. We got on a tram and rode through the stable area where we could see the horses being prepared to exercise, or walking back from the track. Some horses were being washed and then walked around until cool enough to go back to their stalls. We got to meet the tour guide’s horse and feed him some carrots. He is a retired race horse and now acts as a “pony” to help train young horses on how to behave on the track. He is very calm which helps to settle the young horses. The tram took us to the starting gate where we got to watch some horses get schooled on how to enter and break from the gate. Did you know that before they can race, horses have to pass a starting gate test and if they pass, they get a special card that allows them to race?

It was a fun and interesting tour and the racetrack provides donuts, juice and coffee. It’s all free but you have to make reservations. Attending were Stella and Debbie Almeida; Denise and Jacquelyn Knapp; Sam, Morgan and Randy Martin; Graham, Jillian, Holly & Gary Haliskoe; and Meg Whitehouse.

IN THE NEWS (cont.)

2007 RABBIT AMBASSADORS ANNOUNCED AT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

By: Nyna McKittrick, Thunderhoofs Club Leader

Congratulations to Clair McKittrick and Paul Yoncak chosen as the 2007 Rabbit Ambassadors for Monmouth County!

The Rabbit Ambassador Program (RAP) is part of a Jersey Fresh Grant designed to help answer questions on the benefits of owning rabbits.

The Rabbit Ambassador Program is spreading throughout NJ, with Ocean County announcing their ambassadors in June. We hope other counties will join in so that we can have a state rabbit ambassador in the near future.

Paul says, "I would like to encourage the Monmouth County 4-H'ers to participate in showmanship, and a Rabbit Bowl. I would like rabbit clubs to go to more events that will promote 4-H. I would also like to decorate the Rabbit Tent to make it look more appealing to the public." Paul goes on to say, "I'm looking forward to this new experience. I hope to spread information about rabbits and 4-H and have fun doing it."

Clair says, "I want to spread the word about 4-H to other children and have them join in the fun by performing community service at libraries, preschools and town celebrations. I would really like to have more people own rabbits because rabbits make such good pets. I would also like to help to see more rabbits in 4-H meet breed standards so that they can compete at American Rabbit Breeders Shows if they choose to." Clair is excited that she will have the opportunity to talk to adults and children about raising rabbits and hopes to gain experience in public speaking.

Good luck to Paul and Clair as they get to be the first ambassadors in the state, and may they enjoy their time and remember it with a smile!

Each candidate was required to have an up-to-date record book, write his or her 4-H story, complete an interview, take a rabbit identification test, take a general knowledge test on rabbits, and bring a rabbit in for a showmanship class competition. Each ambassador will need to attend four functions throughout the year and be available to answer questions about rabbits and 4-H as well as telling how rabbits fit into the Jersey Fresh program. They will also help at the Monmouth County Fair, presenting trophies at the Small Animal Show.





IN THE NEWS (cont.)



4-H BIRD AND BUTTERFLY RAIN GARDEN

Jeffrey Sieminski of Boy Scout Troop 21 from Spring Lake coordinated the planning and construction of the **4-H Bird and Butterfly Rain Garden** at the South East side of the Agricultural Building as his Eagle Scout Project. The hard work and planning began in May of 2006 and came to fruition in June of 2007.

Objectives:

The focus of this garden is to educate the public in three areas:

1. How to create a wildlife friendly backyard habitat for birds and butterflies.
2. How to create a rain garden to filter herbicides, other non-point pollutants and any organic matter in water run off from entering storm drains and natural water sources.
3. To encourage the use of native plants instead of invasive non-native species.

Boy Scouts of America

Because the site was sloped it was necessary for Troop 21 to build a 30 by 90 foot retaining wall of Allen Block and fill it with soil and compost. A gravel path, garden benches, bird houses, feeders and bath are in place. A variety of plants, shrubs and trees which provide food or shelter have been planted. Over 50 troop members volunteered 516 hours and donated over \$4,000.00 in materials.

4-H Continues to Put Down Roots

On May 19th (in conjunction with the Master Gardeners' Spring Fest) 4-H held our first Garden Party. 4-H families and the public were invited to add to the garden by planting native specimens that attract birds and butterflies. After a full day of getting down and dirty, the garden really began to take shape. This demonstration garden will not only educate the public about environmental stewardship, it will serve as a sanctuary for both children and adults to enjoy the beauty of nature for years to come!

If you or your club would like to earn community service hours by helping in the garden please contact Virginia at ext. 7267. Donations of birdseed are also welcome. Always remember to LIVE GREEN and save the planet!

***** SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO LENDED A HAND *****

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County collaborators:

Monmouth County 4-H Clubs, Alumni & Leaders' Associations & Teen Council

Diane Zahorsky, Horticulturist - Master Gardener's Liaison

Spring Fest Committee – Master Gardeners: Native Plant Sale, Educational Day, Children's Garden Games and Crafts

Patrice McCoy, Master Gardener – Bird and Butterfly Expert, Plant Selection

Richard Obal, Agricultural Agent – Native Plants

Bill Sciarappa, Agricultural Agent – Rain Garden

Additional contributors:

Steve Taylor, Manasquan Watershed Association - \$250.00 Grant

20 Local nurseries have donated plantings.

3 Landscape supply companies donated materials and the use of heavy equipment.

6 Town, county, state and federal government agencies contributed materials, man power and expertise.

4 Private Citizens donated items and manpower.



IN THE NEWS (cont.)

4-H BIRD AND BUTTERFLY RAIN GARDEN



Slope on the south east side of the Ag. Building allowed water run off to spill from storm drains into the stream located next to the rear parking lot.



Eagle Scout Jeff Sieminski oversees the construction of a 30' X 90' retaining wall.



Scouts from Spring Lake Troop 21 battle the weather to plant Service Berry Trees which attract birds.



Teen Council member Austin Cole and his dad Tom lay the children's stepping stone paths.



Backstage to Broadway member Nicholas Waladkewics instructs fellow club member Morgan Gottlieb on planting techniques. Nick has experience helping his grandmother garden.



Kreative Kids Club—Mom Maria with daughters Desiree and Daniella put in a hard days work.



Eagle Scout Jeff and his parents come to check out the garden's progress.



Monmouth Clogging Express co-leader Marty Wallenstein pitches in and plants 3 red twig dogwood bushes



Special thanks to the Monmouth County Grounds Crew for rototilling the soil in preparation for the garden party!



IN THE NEWS (cont.)

Memorial Day Parade

Monmouth County 4-H was well represented at the Memorial Day Parade in Freehold May 28th. 4-H spirit and patriotic spirit were abundant as 4-H'ers traveled the parade route and proudly said the 4-H pledge before the reviewing stand. Much thanks to Reid's Sod Farm for again donating use of their truck. 4-H clubs participating in the parade include: Backstage to Broadway; AMIGOS Culture Club; 14 Carrot Rabbit Club; Animal Science Club; and Nature's Navigators. Our Monmouth County 4-H Ambassadors Diana Vogel and Sarah Sakowski, and Equestrian of the Year Christin Sagui proudly greeted the parade watchers.

Special thanks to Denise Knapp for coordinating decorations. We are proud to say that Monmouth County 4-H received first place for Best Float and received the award at a ceremony held in Freehold Boro Hall June 18th. Congratulations and thank you to all for "Making the Best Better".



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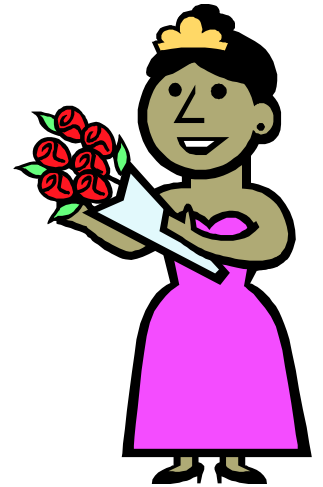
IN THE NEWS (cont.)



AMBASSADORS

Good luck to the 2007 4-H Ambassador Contest Candidates:

Abby Hildebrand
Taryn Leary
Amelia Valente



The Ambassador Contest will take place in conjunction with Prep Court on Wednesday, July 25th—7:00 p.m. in the Show Tent at the Monmouth County Fair.



4-H PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PUPPETRY DAY

On April 28th, Monmouth County 4-H sponsored National Puppetry Day with the Garden State Puppetry Guild. The day was filled with performances by professional puppeteers. We are very proud of our own Nick Waladkewics, a member of the Backstage to Broadway 4-H Club, who did a presentation on Shari Lewis and ventriloquism. We plan to keep our partnerships with the guild. If you are interested in learning more on how to do puppetry with your club or community group, please contact Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent, at williams@aesop.rutgers.edu or call (732)431-7266.



A puppetry resource available to you is “Become a Puppeteer”, part of the Imagination in Action Theatre Arts National 4-HCCS Curriculum.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-H FUNDING

Just a reminder that every time you or anyone living in New Jersey orders on-line from the National 4-H Council Source Book, New Jersey 4-H benefits! Since this was implemented last fall, the state has received \$668.49 (10% of the orders) from the Fair Share program. This money goes directly back to 4-H'ers through assistance with national event scholarships at the state level.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed by ordering this way — keep it up!

On line web site: www.4-hmall.org

6 FLAGS TICKETS STILL ON SALE

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

Monmouth County 4-H Alumni Association Announces

THE ALEX AND LOUISE BASISTA SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION For Eligible 4-H Alumni

APPLICATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 15

To be eligible, 4-H alumni must be:

1. At least twenty (20) years of age as of October 15th, 2007.
2. Have a minimum of three years experience in 4-H.
3. Take a course/program from an accredited institution.
4. Out of county/state alumni send verification of 4-H membership.
5. Recipients of the past scholarship are ineligible for further awards.

The purpose of the Monmouth County 4-H Alumni Association is to collectively and individually support the meaningful perpetuity and enrichment of 4-H activity in Monmouth County. To achieve these goals, this organization will develop activities and programs to encourage and give due recognition to leadership and service. Further, that in this process, we shall cultivate the growth of friendships and acquaintances of people who share the enjoyment and benefits of the 4-H program.

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

Name:.....

Address:.....

City:..... State:..... Zip:.....

Day Phone:(.....)..... Night Phone:(.....).....

e-mail:.....



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



4-H BIKE RAFFLE

Tom Lang, Master Gardener has donated a pink girl’s bike to the 4-H program. It is a used bike in good shape. We thank him for his donation. We will have a raffle to determine who receives the bike. So if you are interested being in this raffle, please complete the form below and mail or fax (732) 409-4813 to the 4-H office by July 30th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

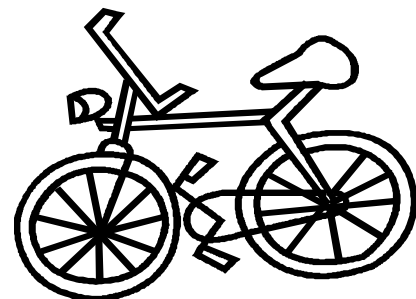
E-Mail: _____

4-H Club: _____

Grade: _____



**Don't forget
bike safety!
Make sure you
wear a bike
helmet.**



For more information on bike safety, refer to Bicycle Adventures (grades K-6) and Kids Easy Bike Care (ages 10 and up) available from National 4-H Council Sourcebook at 4-Hmall.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



Date: 1st TUES
of the MONTH

**Youth
Horse
Council**

Time: 6:30 PM

WANTED:

ALL 4-H'ERS BETWEEN 5th AND
13th GRADE

"To Make the Best Better"

BE A LEADER AND HAVE FUN!!!

- Organize field trips
- Request speakers
- Community service projects.
- **AND MORE!**



CONTACT KELLY (732) 431-7265



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UPCOMING EVENTS



4-H ARTS CAMP August 24-26, 2007

Friday 11 AM—Sunday 12 Noon
Grades K—12

Camp Nomoco—Freehold Township

Come explore 4-H fun with creative arts!



- Drama
- Puppetry
- Music
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Visual Arts
- Set Design
- Writing

Share your talents! Learn new skills!

Cost \$15.00 per camper for entire weekend or \$5.00 per day. Campers have the option to camp overnight or attend day sessions. They can attend one or more day sessions.



For more information, contact Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent at the 4-H Office (732)431-7266

Yes I am interested in going to 4-H Arts Camp at Camp Nomoco on August 24-26, 2007

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Grade in September _____



**Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent
4-H Youth Development
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold NJ 07728**



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UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



SAVE THE DATE....

“NJ 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT”

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

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

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

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

Registrations will be sent to counties August 1st

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



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



THE NEW AND IMPROVED STARS AND STRIPES

For the sixth year, the Monmouth County 4-H Association will sponsor the 4-H Stars and Stripes Invitational Livestock Show at the Horse Park of New Jersey. But this year, many changes are in the works. Joining forces with Allentown's Freedom Fest, our event will now be known as Freedom Fest Fair.

Other changes include a dairy goat show, sheep show and fleece show open to all ages. The traditional Stars and Stripes youth competition include: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy, Fiber and Meat Goats, Poultry and Waterfowl, Small Animals and Sheep. Prep Camp will again offer activities and snacks for Prep-age children. Another event back by popular demand is Adult Showmanship in all species shows featuring the adults in the ring and the youth in charge of the judging.

Premiums are another major change in our show this year. In addition to ribbons and trophies, exhibitors may receive money for their efforts.

If you would like to enter or just come and enjoy the many attractions from lawn mower races to the Wild West Show, check out www.freedomfestfair.com or call the Show Chair Robin Bruins at 609-259-2347. Information about concerts, horse demonstrations and gardening and animal care speakers is available on line. You may also download the Stars and Stripes class lists, rules and entry forms. We would like to have all entries postmarked by July 2nd but if you miss the deadline, call Robin Bruins.

The fair is held at the Horse Park of New Jersey on Rt. 524 in Cream Ridge, NJ, approximately 20 minutes South-West of Freehold. The youth Dairy Goat Show and Judging Clinic will be held on July 13. All other Stars and Stripes events will occur on Saturday, July 14.



ANOTHER CHANCE TO EXHIBIT...A BLUE RIBBON SHOW

If you can't wait until the Monmouth County Fair to exhibit, come to Freedom Fest Fair at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Cream Ridge, NJ from July 10th through the 14th.

Activities for all ages will be held in three divisions: Horticulture, Foods, and Fabric N' Fiber. Classes include: Biggest Green Tomato, Container of 5 vegetables or fruits, Cut flowers, Indoor and outdoor plants, Hay, Muffins, Biscuits, Cake, Pie, Preserved fruits and vegetables, Canned tomatoes, Jelly and Jam, Pillow, Needlework, Quilt, Felted item, and Wool skein. It's free to enter and you will receive a critique on your project so that you can improve it before the Monmouth County Fair. Entry forms and rules are available on line at: www.freedomfestfair.com or you can call Robin Bruins at 609-259-2347.



4-H CAMP NEWS



LINDLEY G COOK 4-H CAMP

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

BRING A FRIEND TO CAMP !



Sharing camp with a friend can be one of the best things you can do in the summertime. When you bring your friend to camp, both you and your friend receive a discount! And, as a 4-H member, you also receive a discount on your registration !

So hurry and register today.

And be prepared to make memories that last a lifetime!



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



100 Struble Road, Branchville, NJ 07826

4hcamp@rce.rutgers.edu

(973) 948-3550 phone (973) 948-0735 fax

Well, it is now that time of year when camp is almost in full summer mode.

June: Staff training for the end of the month

July: Sessions 1-4

August: Session 5-6



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

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Horse Leaders Mtg. 7:30/ YHC 6:30 PM	4 Happy 4th 4-H Office Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Fair Entries & Record Book drop off 8:30 am-7:30pm	17 Fair Entries & Record Book drop off 8:30am—7:30pm	18	19	20	21 Removal of Fair Items from Barn
22	23	24 Club Booth set-up, Food Booth and Ambassadors	25 Monmouth County Fair 5pm-11pm	26 Monmouth County Fair 5pm-11pm	27 Monmouth County Fair 5pm-11pm	28 Monmouth County Fair 11am-11pm
29 Monmouth County Fair 11am-6pm	30	31				

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 YHC 6:30 pm/ Horse Leaders Mtg 7:30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Teen Council Club Officers Start Up Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 State Goat Show	24 State Horse Show	25 State Horse Show
				Monmouth County 4-H Arts Camp 8/24 11am to 8/26 Noon		
26 State Horse Show	27	28	29	30	31	
Arts Camp Ends 12:00 Noon						



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