

THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE



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Come to County Public Presentations March 27th and April 1st

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4-H is recognized as a youth development program which prepares youth to lead productive, satisfying lives. One of the most important ways in which 4-H accomplishes this is through our public presentation program. Through public presentations, youth develop the confidence and communication skills to give speeches, demonstrations and performances before a group. This is significant, in light of the fact that dread of public speaking is among the top fears expressed by Americans. 4-H Alumni credit their current facility in public speaking to their earlier experiences giving 4-H public presentations.

We look forward to your involvement in County Public Presentations. Dates are March 27th and April 1st at 6:30Pm. 4-H'ers, the registration form for entry is on page 37 and is due March 6th. If you are not presenting, but wish to attend to support our presenters, please contact the 4-H office for more information.

Come to County Public Presentations and be a part of celebrating the skills and talents of our 4-H'ers!



**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER – April 17, 2009
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WELCOME NEW LEADERS, MEMBERS & CLUBS

NEW LEADERS:

- Raya Dechev— 100% Steppers**
- Megan McAtasney—Ocean Grown Life Learners**
- Kim Pheifer—Backstage to Broadway**



14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

- Samantha Gross
- Brittany A. Rappleyea
- Brandon A. Roman

ABOVE AND BEYOND

- Kristen E. Tracey
- Krista Wieggers

ANIMAL SCIENCE

- Margaret E. Ragan

BACKSTAGE TO BROADWAY

- Victoria A. Belabe

CURRY COMBS

- Ashley E. Lloyd

FREEDOM FILLIES

- Keegan A. Cytryn
- Klya G. Cytryn
- Quynn L. Cytryn
- Lauren E. Hornfeck
- Lindsey K. Hornfeck

FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

- Annie V. Diaz

GARDEN OF JOY

- Olivia R. Conner-Bennett
- Zoe E. Conner-Bennett
- Khassan T. Dickerson

4-H HEALTH & SERVICE

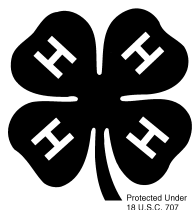
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INDEPENDENT PROJECT

- Clair McKittrick—Dog
- Brittany Pinter—Horse
- Brittany Rappleyea—Horse
- Kathy Smith—Horse
- Katherine Sotovelez—Horse
- Erica Todd—Horse
- Joshua I. Todd—Horse

RAGING REPTILES

- Gautam Boggavarapu
- Gabriella A. Ferraro-Nagri
- Brandon A. Roman



Ellen Williams

Ellen Williams
4-H Agent

Virginia Krzyzanowski
4-H Program Associate

Kelly Valenti
4-H Program Assistant



Mariela Osorio
Monmouth 4-H Cares Program Liaison

Rita Silvestri and Gladys Tarantino
4-H Secretaries

4-H Mission Statement

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

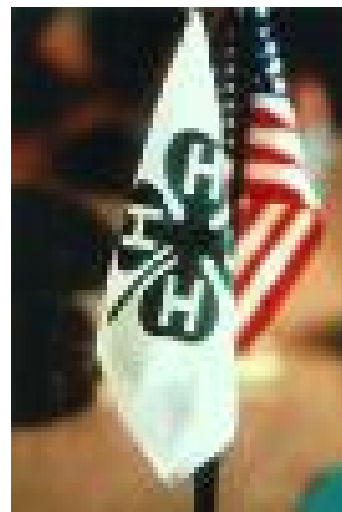
WELCOME NEW LEADERS, MEMBERS & CLUBS (cont.)

KIDS FOR KIDS

- Emily J. Baratta
- Jake R. Brodsky
- Jillian L. Campbell
- Nick P. DeSpirito
- Rebecca G. Gaffney
- Cassie L. Kirk
- Mike D. Kirk
- Alexis L. Koisa
- Brianna M. Pantina
- Taylor R. Poli
- Kelly A. Watters
- Kaitlyn M. Wentworth

**OCEAN GROWN
LIFE LEARNERS**

- Alexandra V. Akes
- Medina Y. Bennett
- Joshua K. Britt
- Samonya Copeland
- Ajahn T. Gonzales
- Jaela N. Marshall
- Louis Pennington, Jr.
- Brando L. Pirog
- Britni E. Pirog
- Joshua Pirog
- Asan Wilson



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- Summer R. Buffin

MONMOUTH BLASTERS

- Brandon Moshett

**MONMOUTH CLOGGING
EXPRESS**

- MacKenzie A. Powers
- Casey D. Young



MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK

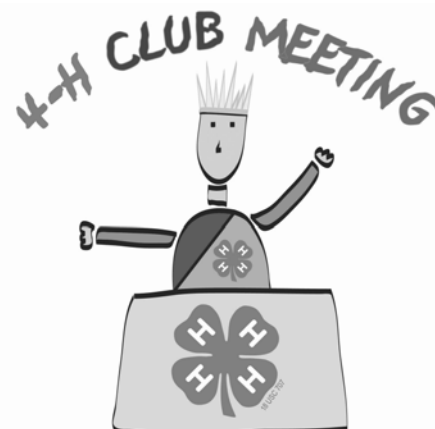
- Abigail J. Mills
- Hannah M. Mills
- Lindsay Mills

4-H MONMOUTH S.E.T.

- Nicholas Bryant
- Alexander N. Kubiak
- William R. Salcedo

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

- Brandon A. Roman



Heard Around The 4-H Clover

BACKSTAGE TO BROADWAY

By: **Briana Pheifer, Vice President**

Backstage to Broadway had a very busy fall. In addition to Ellen and Karyn as leaders, Karla and Kim have also volunteered. And we will need them since the club's membership has been growing by leaps and bounds. All new members are welcome and we've seen a lot of talent.

Our holiday party was a lot of fun. We made a craft to give to a loved one and watched, "The Santa Clause 3". Everyone brought in movie snacks as we enjoyed the movie together.

A few of the older members will be participating in the Hunterdon County "Skill-a-thon" on February 15th. They will be presenting facts and tips on people's number one fear— public speaking. They are putting together a poster board and handing out tip sheets.

What's coming up for the club? While the club will continue to collect pop tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House, we will also be helping to address the needs of the hungry. Stay tuned for more on that at a later date. The club has also been preparing to perform at the Intergenerational Project and S.W.A.P's Arts Show Invitational. Directed by Nick Waladkewics, members of the club play various roles in a courtroom drama. The audience participates by voting what the verdict is. We hope you come see our exciting courtroom scene.

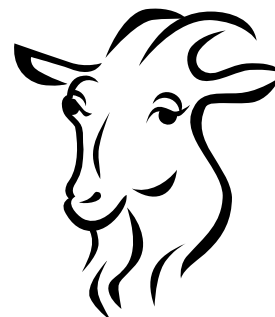


Above: Nick Waladkewics, Briana Pheifer and Amanda Schaaf prepare for Skill-a-thon.

FREE SPIRIT GOAT CLUB

By: **Matt LaMarca**

The 4-H Free Spirit Goat Club continues to be busy this year. Some of our members took part in the Goat Extravaganza in Hunterdon County on January 17th. Carly Eidman won 2nd place in Junior Photography, 1st place for the Poster Presentation Contest and 2nd place for the Junior Skill-a-thon Contest. Our club recently decided to volunteer our efforts to help clean up Turkey Swamp Park, but due to bad weather had to reschedule. We are now all getting ready for our public presentations that are in March. We will also take a trip to Valley Shepherd farm for a spring lambing and a cheese making class. We've accomplished a lot so far and still have lots of plans for the rest of the year.



Congratulations to three of our club members: Patrick Weber, Carly Eidman and Matt LaMarca who earned the Pomona Grange award in January.

THUNDERHOOFS

By: Clair McKittrick

Our January meeting was filled with fun. We made Valentines for the nursing home—5th year! The activities director said they have a party every year and the residents look forward to the cards and candy.

We had a short business meeting and then had some fun. We are still deciding on a theme for the fair booth and will vote on it at our March meeting. Next we talked about upcoming events, Rabbit Academy, The Breeders Symposium and Ag Field Day, plus county presentations and the variety of projects that can be displayed at the fair.

We are off to a good start with our presentations, and look forward to finding out all kinds of new knowledge that our club members talk about.

The meeting ended when the club members made a really neat wire and bead decoration that had tiny red bells on it.

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

By: John Redding

At our January meeting it began as usual, greeting each other and flag salutes. We discussed our plans for the next few meetings. Our study this month was the rain forest. We were given facts about the different types of rain forests, wildlife, plants, temperatures and the amount of rain they get. They are home to half of the earth's animal and plant species and receive at least 75 inches of rain a year.

Most of us did our club level presentations on January 26th so we can be ready for the upcoming county level presentations.

February was for learning about skin. Many members volunteered to bring in animals with different types of skin. We had a snake, hermit crab, bearded dragon, rabbits, geckos, hamster, turtles and more. We learned all the different types of skin do the same thing: protect the insides of the animal from the outside world. Hair and feathers are similar. They both have the protein keratin and grow from follicles. The whale shark has the thickest skin of any animal; it can be 6 inches thick. The average human adult

has 21 square feet of skin and it weighs about 11 lbs. and it is actually replaced every 28 days. Skin is the largest human organ.

March we plan to study about birds and build houses for them. In April we plan to hike at the Jackson Forestry Education Center run by the N.J. State Forest Service. Despite the fact that we still are busy with future plans, we never forget to have fun along the way.

14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

By: Morgan Martin

At our January meeting when we walked in, tables were set up to make Valentine's Day cards. Many of us did. The club sent 30 cards to the Walter Reed Army Hospital for recovering vets and 38 cards to the John L. Montgomery Home in Freehold for senior residents there. It was nice to send these people a cheery note from 4-H'ers. Most of the members in our club gave their club level presentations on January 26th so that we can be ready for the county level presentations coming up soon. We also talked about saving our rabbit's poop to donate to the Master Gardeners so they can use it for fertilizer in their gardens, anything to help others!

Our February collection was to bring in the hygiene kit items that the Paws for a Cause 4-h club is collecting for victims of natural disasters. We are working on making 20 kits to donate to them. We made name tags for our animals' cages at this meeting. Turns out we have a lot of talented artists the tags came out really good. We also have the Rabbit Academy to attend in February and there were a couple of county shows for small animals this month.

In March we are taking our animals to visit the residents at Monmouth Crossing, an assisted living facility in Freehold Twp. Each year we enjoy this visit with the seniors who live there, and they enjoy petting our animals. The Junior Breeders Symposium is on March 21st at Rutgers and many of us attend to learn more about our animals.

We have many animal shows and 4-H events coming up soon and are looking forward to a busy 4-H *Spring*. We hope to see many other 4-H'ers at these events. Keep "Making The Best Better" with your projects!

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

RAGING REPTILES

Leader: Lory Landry

Members: Gautam Boggavarapu, Jeevan Boggavarapu, Ramya Boggavarapu, Brandon Roman, Jesse Manchu, Miranda Landry, Gaby Ferraro-Negri, Daniel Moore, Nikki and Herner.



“Raging Reptiles”, as the name states, is a Herpetology club where kids can share their love of reptiles with each other. The club meets at the Howell Library once a month and does fun things.



We have fun with arts and crafts and snacks . We learn various facts about snakes and lizards through a trivia presentation. We also learn a lot of information regarding habits, care, etc. of these animals from each other. Sometimes we get tempted to ask for more pets from our parents. We have herpetology shows and visits to museums scheduled in the near future. Amongst all of us, we have snakes, different kinds of lizards, sugar gliders, turtles, etc. Please come and visit us during the various fairs.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

Paws For A Cause



Newsletter

By Conor Keenan, Club Reporter

We elected officers at our last meeting!

Megan Tursi – Club President

Shane Peles and Shane Keenan – Club Vice Presidents

Mary Tursi – Club Secretary

Amanda Tursi – Treasurer

Conor Keenan – Reporter

We also have a community service project that we would like to endorse. Courtney Tobio is working on a project for her bat mitzvah, and she needs help. She is collecting dog items to give to a dog rescue group. Details are sketchy, but more information can be gleaned from the Tobio family. If you would like to help, just contact our leader, Lee Ann Tursi.

A New Puppy



This is Lakota

In other news, the Tursi family is fostering a seeing-eye puppy named Lakota. He is a Black Labrador, and he is 8 months old. The family is training him to be obedient until they can give him to the Seeing Eye trainers who will show him how to help the blind.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Ann at 732-935-0922 or by e-mail at Leeanntursi@verizon.net.

Our next business meetings are on February 22nd and March 22nd at the Eatontown Community Center.

Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)



S.W.A.P.

By: Susan McLoughlin, Leader

S.W.A.P. was very busy in December. We went to Lunch Break Soup Kitchen in Red Bank twice in December. On Monday, December 15th we went there to wrap Christmas presents that had been donated for the poor and for foster children. It was moving to see these gifts donated by strangers to children who would receive nothing if it wasn't for the generosity of those who had never even met them. It made us thankful for all that we have. Then, we served the poor their lunch. This was very humbling and rewarding. The girls really enjoyed helping this day.

We returned to Lunch Break again the week after Christmas to help prepare lunch, fix up the pantry, and sort clothing donations that would be given to their clients.

At our December meeting, we had our annual pizza party and gingerbread house making party. We made gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, homemade icing, and candy. There was plenty of laughter that day.

In January, Virginia from the 4-H office came to our meeting and presented the Eating Healthy program. It was interesting and eye-awakening to learn how much sugar there is in so many of our common foods and beverages. It gave us a great deal to think about.



Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

KIDS FOR KIDS

By: Lindsay Klocko and Alysha Zimmerman, Officers

4-H Kids for Kids had to say goodbye to Amy McAlister this winter. Amy, who moved off to Connecticut, has long been a valuable part of our club for many years. She participated in many dance marathons and other Kids for Kids activities since she was only 4 or 5 years old! As with many of our club members, our activities become family events and everyone participates!



Amy was always the first one to volunteer her time and efforts for our club. She has served as both Vice President and President. She loved her Special Friends at the ARC and was gentle and compassionate with them all. Amy truly cared about them. She could always be found out on the dance floor at the Spring Formal laughing and dancing the night away.

We will miss Amy and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors! And she better come back for the Prom!!!

Over this winter, Kids for Kids has done quite a few field trips! We have been busy working along with The ARC of Monmouth. Our trips have included 4 or 5 Movie and Game nights at The ARC and a fun-filled afternoon at St. Dorothea's in Eatontown learning to square dance with our friends from ARC!

Recently, Kids for Kids went to The ARC Center again for another Game Night. At this Game Night Kids for Kids members helped our friends in playing Wii and a tournament was held. We also played basketball and various other board games. Lots of pizza and snacks for all. It was a successful night!

The next afternoon we returned to ARC to help out and join our friends playing Bingo at a Circle of Friends event. Circle of Friends is a great group of ARC participants who attend the Spring Formal. We had a lot of fun making sure everyone won lots of prizes! We are planning on going back to ARC for the next Bingo afternoon in a few weeks.

Kids for Kids just mailed out over 200 Spring Formal registrations to our special friends at ARC! We spent 2 meetings organizing and stuffing all the envelopes! The event will be held on April 17th this year at the Shore Casino. Over 30 registrations are already back after only a week! It's going to be another big year at the Prom!

We are currently planning our main Spring Formal fundraiser—**The Bowl-A-Thon!! This will be held on Sunday, March 1st at the Airport Plaza Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley on Route 36 in Hazlet. It will be running from 2—4 pm.** We had a lot of fun last year with cosmic



Above: Alysha Zimmerman, Lindsay Klocko and Emily Baratta.

bowling and lots of door prizes! The cost is \$20 which includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, soda, and great sub sandwiches for all! We would love to see some other 4-H clubs joining us. If you are interested please call 732-530-4519 for information or there are forms and flyers at the 4-H office in Freehold!



Hope to see you there!



Above: Kids for Kids members hard at work during Bingo.



RISING STARS RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS



4-H OFFERS FREE CLASSES AT ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ian Rios, 4-H Monmouth S.E.T. club has volunteered to perform community service at the Atlantic Highlands Public Library. Ian is teaching other kids how to build using Lego Mindstorms NXT kits. They build robots. He is also teaching programming using his computer laptop.



MONMOUTH CLOGGING EXPRESS

By: Jamie Wallenstein, Vice President, and Melissa Martin, Secretary

As 2008 ends and 2009 begins, our club had a lot to cover. We did some community service around the holidays. We clogged at a nursing home and they really enjoyed our performance. We went out to dinner after that and did Secret Santa! We made a lot of new friends this year and enjoyed it. We also have 5 new members: Casey, Brianna, Emma, Emily, and Mackenzie. Now we are practicing for Burlington, a state clogging event. In late April, every clogging group in New Jersey meets and learns new songs, and performs in the evening. Before our club performs, we go out to dinner. We had a lot of good times this year and we hope to get new members next year!

We elected officers for the new year. Kathy Smith and Christy Schaaf are Co-Presidents, Jamie Wallenstein is Vice President, Melissa Martin is Secretary and Amanda Schaaf is Treasurer.



MONMOUTH BLASTERS



Above: Members of the Monmouth Blasters 4-H club are building rockets at their January 2009 meeting.

VARIETY CLUB



Highlands Variety 4-H club members and club leader proudly display their bird feeders.



Above: Laryn Lewallen provides puppet show fun at the Highlands 4-H Variety Club.

4-H TEEN WINTER CAMP

By: Delaney Gray and Sam Martin

The weekend of February 6-8th nine teens from Monmouth County attended Winter Camp at the 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forrest. Tom S., Clair M., Katy S., Kim W., Paul Y., John V., Ellie O., Delaney G., and Samantha M. enjoyed the winter weather by sledding, ice skating, playing man hunt, and taking a hike around the lake. Indoor activities included archery, beam shot rifles, making and cleaning up meals, ping-pong, watching the fire burn, decorating a sleeping Paul, and teen leadership activities like the Alpha-Beta Game (How's Your Mom?).

The weekend was chaperoned by Amy Barker and Wayne Smith for Monmouth; we thank them both for doing that. Monmouth County was at camp with other teens from Sussex, Union, and Hunterdon Counties for a total of 40 youth present. We thought the cabins were nice, it was a great sledding hill, the frozen lake was pretty, our chaperons were nice and the weather was interesting. We could have done without the skunk smell though.



ANIMAL SCIENCE 4-H CLUB



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On January 10, 2009, I received the Advanced Pomona Grange Award and this was my speech. Ms. Williams asked me to share it with everyone in the newsletter.

By: Melissa Whoeler

MY EXPERIENCES IN 4-H



Hi, my name is Melissa Mari Elizabeth Whoeler, and I would like to say, "Thank you" for selecting me to receive this Advanced Pomona Grange Award. I am extremely pleased and honored to be here today, and to accept this award, which I earned with the help of so many people from our 4-H family. People like Ellen Williams, Virginia Krzyzanowski, Kelly Valenti, and the two ladies who helped guide me, teach me and encourage me every step of the way! My club leaders, two of the greatest people I know, Nyna McKittrick and Meg Whitehouse. These ladies are not just my leaders, my mentors and my role models; they are my friends and my family. I've been in 4-H for over 11 years, all of them spent with these two wonderful leaders.

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I went from a quiet, confused, timid little kid when I entered 4-H, to a more confident young lady, who although I'm not sure what my future holds, is much better able to accept and handle my world. They made me see that I can do anything I want; I just need to keep trying. They gently brought out the best in me by whatever means; and they succeeded. I'm sure most of the time they thought I wasn't paying attention or grasping different concepts, but I was. Maybe it just took me a little longer, but eventually everything came together for me here, in school, and in life in general.

I don't think that I can really express my feelings adequately, or ever truly thank them enough for all they have done for me, and for all the other 4-H'ers they have touched. I'm so extremely lucky to have had these special ladies in my life all these years. We've been through a lot together, and I'll never forget them, and all that they have done for me. You can tell how much I admire them; I just can't say enough about how terrific they are as leaders, but more importantly they are the two nicest people I know. I'm sure at times I've been a real pain in their necks, but they never let me feel that way. We meet only once a month, but if I had a nickel for every time I've called them in between meetings, I'd be a millionaire.

I know I can always call with a question, or problem, or for just about anything and they will always be there for me and help me. They are always only a phone call away. You can't ask for better than that.

Mrs. McKittrick and Mrs. Whitehouse are among the best parts of my life. I want them to know, if they don't already, that I love them and thank them for everything. This is my final year after nearly 12 years as a 4-H'er, but I will not be leaving; rather just changing hats, and will stay on and help in both clubs next year and do the arts and crafts, if Mrs. Whitehouse and Mrs. McKittrick will have me.

While reflecting back on my 4-H career, I remember so many good things, like being with really nice people, especially my best friend Sarah who was with me all the way through, and who introduced me to 4-H. In 1st and 2nd grades we were in the same class, but by 3rd grade we were separated not only into different classes, but sent to different schools. Since we weren't together everyday anymore, and Sarah was already in 4-H, her mother Priscilla had me sleep over on Friday nights and took me with them to 4-H meetings. It was fun, and even though I was not yet a member, Mrs. Whitehouse welcomed me and let me participate. I was hooked and soon became an official Thunderhoof. Best thing I ever did!

Eventually, Mrs. Whitehouse turned the Thunderhoofs over to Mrs. McKittrick whose daughter Clair was also in the group. I happily stayed on with her, but I missed Mrs. Whitehouse. I remember my mother pestering her to start an Animal Science Club, which she eventually did, and my sister and I joined her. It was great being in both groups and having both leaders.

Thru the years I've met so many nice people and learned a lot, and had fun. Each year I enter tons of plants, animals and arts and crafts at the Fair. Over the past 11 years I have earned hundreds of ribbons and awards, which is great, but what is even better is that I was able to show and share my projects with lots of people and hopefully encourage other kids to do the same.

As much fun as all this is, my main thing has always been community service projects. I've been involved in things such as: writing to servicemen and sending them cards and supplies; visiting nursing homes; working on an aids quilt for a classmate who passed on; as well as contributing clothing, food, toys, eyeglasses, pet food and supplies, rip tops, Campbells Soup labels, box-tops for education, books and magazines to name a few.

My biggest project, however, which has been ongoing for six years now, is my Centra State Pediatrics Treasure Chest.

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From age 11 till 12 3/4 I was very sick and spent over 100 days living in hospitals and having tests and surgeries, most of the time at Centra State. When I got out I remembered how it felt and wanted to help other hospitalized kids, so for my Confirmation Community Service Project I made a "Treasure Chest" and filled it with toys for the kids to take home with them when they are discharged. I constantly fill it, but it got hard to do this on my own, so after awhile I asked for help from our 4-H Family and the response was great.

First of all, my Thunderhoofs adopted this project and helped me make and decorate a box which we placed outside the 4-H office. Now, members keep dropping toys off all the time and I bring them over. It's been a real success thanks to everyone.

I started my second volunteer position at Centra State Medical Center in Freehold at 14. I helped out in the Greenhouse Café two days a week from the time I was 14 to 16. I was named "1st Student Volunteer of the Month" ever and I got a plaque and a certificate. At 16, my boss hired me to cook for and serve the doctors, nurses and other employees after school and on Sundays. I'm still there, three years later, working and saving money to go to culinary school. I think I really want to be a chef full-time someday and maybe continue with my horticulture career on the side, raising plants and making flower arrangements and bouquets.

I've never been the kind of person to follow the herd; to dress and act like everybody else, or to do something because all my peers are into it. I don't go places just to "see and be seen", or feel the need to own the latest in technology or the newest Coach bag. I'm my own person and 4-H reinforces the idea to me that this is OK. I'm not materialistic. I prefer a simple life with simple values. And this is OK too.

I've lived my whole life in Morganville and went all through the Marlboro public school system. But, when high school time rolled around I refused to stay at Marlboro H.S. all day, and despite my friends' disapproval and protests, I decided to spend half of each school day at the Career Center in Freehold where I majored in Horticulture for four years. I loved it, made many really good friends, learned a lot, and got a part-time job with a florist. I was a four year member of the FFA, and an FFA officer my last two years. It was a great experience going to all the competitions and FFA events. I was grateful for the opportunity to represent my school. We all did very well throughout.

But the proudest moment of my high school career came last April when I was nominated and then selected for the Norman J. Field Award for Academic Excellence. One student from each middle and high school in Monmouth County is chosen to receive this special honor and I couldn't believe I got to represent the Career Center. As great as this was, it was made even better because in addition to my family coming, the special people I mentioned earlier, my adult 4-H friends Ellen, Kelly, Virginia and Meg were all right there with me. Unfortunately, Nyna couldn't make it, but was there with me in spirit. It was such an honor, and so fitting because these are all the people who have helped encourage me and helped me to succeed, that they should all be with me at this time. It kind of drew everything together for me.

4-H is the greatest organization for kids anywhere. Here everyone is nice. They let you be yourself, and don't make fun of someone who is different. You are free to pursue your own interests by joining any group that offers something in your area, and you are surrounded by adults who care and kids who share your ideas. You are encouraged to take a talent and run with it. My three favorite things are animals, plants and arts and crafts, and here in 4-H I was able to grow, share and expand all these areas. Just look around at the Fair or during club meetings and you can see how happy, friendly and helpful people are.

4-H is a place to learn, grow and be yourself, but you are never left totally on your own to do so; there is always someone nearby to help and guide you. You grow at your own pace; some a little faster; some a little slower (like me), but somehow we all get to where we are going eventually, and it seems like if you stay with 4-H you will be successful. It's a feeling of belonging you get, and it sticks with you, probably forever. What you learn at 4-H is good for a lifetime. I'll always be proud to say I'm a 4-H'er.

Thank you.

4-H MONMOUTH S.E.T.

By: Carla Rios

If you look at Carla's deadly eye
you might think it's a piece of holy rye.

So do not look at her eye
because you might die.
Good bye!





THANK YOU



Jersey Shore Center
Genesis HealthCareSM

3 Industrial Way East
Eatontown, NJ 07724
Tel 732 544 1557
Fax 732 544 1559

February 2, 2009

Dear Ellen:

I just wanted to thank you for allowing the Monmouth Clogging Express perform for our residents over the holidays. They were extremely outstanding. The residents really enjoyed them. It also was so kind of them to bring the goodies as well. Hope we can see them soon..... (Hint Hint)

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lucinda Theobald' in a cursive script.

Lucinda Theobald
Recreation Director

Thank you to all of our 4-H Cloggers for sharing their talent with residents of the Jersey Shore Health Center. Much thanks to our clogging leaders JoAnna Tumminello, Emily Schaaf, Lynn Hoenig, Rebecca Martin, and Stacy Smith for helping our 4-Hers "Make the Best Better".



THANK YOU (cont.)

MONMOUTH COUNTY CARE CENTERS
JOHN L. MONTGOMERY DIVISION



ELIZABETH A. ENGLISH, R.N., M.A., LNHA
ADMINISTRATOR

December 26, 2008

Animal Science 4-H Club
c/o Ms. Meg Whitehouse
480 Colts Neck Road
Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

Dear Members of the 4-H Animal Science Club,

On behalf of the residents at John L. Montgomery Care Center, we would like to thank you for sending the Christmas cards. They were distributed during our Christmas Day dinner and added a special touch to the day's festivities. Our residents enjoyed reading them. It was very kind of you to think of them.

Once again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. It is greatly appreciated. We wish you a happy, healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

John M. Sedor, LNHA
Assistant Administrator

Mary Beth Wiecek
Recreation Therapy Director

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To:

Jennifer Kelder

Formally of Wall Flowers for donating CHARCATER COUNTS! Pillars for the 4-H program.





RESOURCES

RABBIT BREEDING TIPS

By: Clair McKittrick, Rabbit Ambassador

These are some good ideas if you are going to breed your rabbit in the spring or for the fair.

1. To insure maximum fertility, be sure the does have at least 14 hours of light each day, and that bucks are kept in temperatures cooler than 90°.
2. In the spring, rabbit pellets are milled from old hay and may be deficient in vitamin A. Supplementing your does with a dark leafy green a week before that spring breeding will improve fertility, and decrease neonatal losses.
3. Feed nest box kits hay in the nest box daily to insure hay is their first solid food instead of pellets. This will prevent many of the diarrheal diseases and the mystery deaths which can occur starting at 4 weeks of age.
4. Wean litters by moving the does to a new cage as this reduces stress.





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A BACKYARD HABITAT

In winter, birds need a little help with food, water and shelter even more than during the warmer months. By supplying them with these things you can enjoy their visits to your yard from the warmth of your home. Having said that, let's revisit the MCA's conservation article about backyard wildlife habitats... conservation on the smallest scale.

Creating a backyard wildlife habitat is something that has a direct benefit and can give immediate enjoyment. You can contact the National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org/backyard) and follow the requirements listed on their website to register your backyard as a habitat. This website has the step-by-step procedure for online certification, along with links to related information and their book on attracting wildlife to your yard. Soon, the birds should begin to arrive...and continue to arrive throughout the year. Just fill the feeders, clean the bird bath and watch them from your deck or through a window in a nice, warm room.

The requirements for a successful backyard habitat rely on the fact that wildlife needs food, water, cover and space to survive year round. Your yard may already contain some or all of these elements, so with minimal effort and expense you can add landscaping that varies the habitat and food sources. A bird feeder and/or native plants that produce berries, grains, seeds, nectar or nuts will supply food for your visiting birds. It is important to use native and not invasive plants because they are easier to care for and do not adversely affect the environment. Water can be as simple as a bird bath, a larger man-made pond/wetland area or running water. Shrubs, tall grasses, trees or dead branches all can supply cover during feeding or nesting.

Creating your habitat away from commotion will give the birds a sense of space and safety. It is also important to stay within local ordinance restrictions and neighborhood guidelines. Should you plant evergreens, deciduous trees, and let a section of grass grow high enough to produce seeds in your neighborhood, or would you be limited to lower-growing shrubs, flowers and bushes? Once your habitat is complete, the birds can be viewed from the comfort of your own home...year-round.

As you plan your habitat you should have an idea of what birds are likely to visit your area and what type of vegetation and water supply you can set up to attract them. A visit to the Sandy Hook Bird Observatory (www.njaudubon.org) and a talk with their naturalist should give you ideas about birds in your area and how to attract them to your yard. If you need information on birdseed and feeding the birds at your backyard habitat, there are a couple of excellent articles in the Autumn/Winter 2008/09 New Jersey Audubon magazine. A trip to Monmouth County's Deep Cut Gardens (www.monmouthcountyparks.com) should give you a good foundation of proper planting knowledge.

When your schedule and the weather conditions permit, enjoy birding throughout the Monmouth County Park System and Sandy Hook...but by creating a backyard habitat for wildlife, you can enjoy the birds every day from a comfortable chair, regardless of the weather.



RESOURCES (cont.)



Do you have the "H" Factor? Including the H's in your 4-H Story

Writing 4-H stories and record books can be so much fun! When writing these creative pieces, be sure to include the "H factor". What's the *H factor*? It's our *Head, Heart, Hands and Health*. We want to know how the *H factor* has helped improve any new life skills that you are currently learning in 4-H. Here is a small exercise that will help. Just fill in the blank; you'll get the *H factor* in no time!

Head stands for independence.

I learned to use my **head** in 4-H by _____.
What new things did you learn? What decisions did you make? What goals did you achieve?

Heart stands for belonging.

I improved my ability to get my **heart** involved in _____.
How did you connect with others? How did you care for others? How did you resolve differences?

Hands stand for generosity.

I improved my ability to use my **hands** by _____.
How did you work with others? What projects did you do? What new projects did you start?

Health stands for mastery.

I learned to more about **health** by _____.
What accomplishments are you proud of? How have you grown?

That was a good warm up! You are getting the *H factor*! Now write a small creative paragraph of at least four sentences one for each "H". Use lots of verbs (actions words—ex: decided, planned, created, and changed). When complete, show a parent, leader or friend; ask them to check your story for the *H factor*.

Congratulations!!! You are well on your way to more creative 4-H stories and record books!

RESOURCES (cont.)

Resource provided by Cheryl A. Lowe, Woodstown High School Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor

PARLIAMENTARY LAW: WHAT IS IT?

Originally, it was the name given to rules and customs for carrying on business in the English Parliament which were developed through a continuing process of decisions and procedures somewhat like the growth of common law. These rules and customs were brought to America with the settling of the New World and became the basic substance from which the practice of legislative bodies in the United States evolved.

The kind of gathering in which parliamentary law is used is known as a *deliberative assembly*. This expression was used by Edmund Burke to describe the English Parliament in a speech given in the year 1774 and became the basic term for a body of persons meeting to discuss and determine common action. The authority on parliamentary law which is used today is Robert's Rules of Order.

WHO'S ROBERT?

Henry M. Robert (1837-1923) was an engineering officer in the United States Army. He was very active in church and civic organizations wherever he was stationed. In 1863 he was stationed in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and without warning was asked to preside over a meeting, but he did not know how. He felt the worst thing he could do was decline. "My embarrassment was supreme," he wrote. "I plunged in, trusting that the Provident assemble would behave itself. But with that plunge went the determination that I would never attend another meeting until I knew something of parliamentary law."

Robert was later promoted to Major, and found repeatedly that "friction as to what constituted parliamentary law was no uncommon thing". Parliamentary law had become "localized". People from different parts of the country all had their own local customs. The result was that consumed time that should have gone into the work of the societies. Robert felt that these organizations would not be able to function efficiently until there could be better agreement as to what constituted parliamentary law.

Robert began writing his manual in January of 1874 and by October of that year had a manuscript ready to publish. His manual was published in 1875 and we use the third revision, ninth edition today.

WHY USE PARLIAMENTARY LAW?

1. One idea is discussed at a time.
2. Courtesy to everyone.
3. The majority rules.
4. The rights of the minority are protected.

HOW CAN A VOTE BE TAKEN?

Under most circumstances, the type of vote that is taken is left up to the discretion of the chair, unless specified by the type of motion being voted upon. There are 5 accepted ways of taking a vote.

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| 1. voice vote | 4. secret ballot |
| 2. hand count | 5. roll call (may include justification) |
| 3. standing vote | |

CLASSIFICATION OF VOTING

Simple majority: One more than half of the members present.

2/3 majority: 2/3 of the members present

- Motions that require a 2/3 majority to pass limit the rights of the members in some way.

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CAN THE CHAIR VOTE?

No! Except under the following circumstances:

1. To make a tie (motion is lost)
2. To break a tie
3. To make a 2/3 majority
4. To break a 2/3 majority

WHAT IS A QUORUM?

A *quorum* is the number of members that must be present in order to conduct official business. Unless otherwise stated in the bylaws, it is one more than half of the membership of the organization.

ADDRESSING THE CHAIR

The presiding officer is addressed as “Mr. or Madam President”. A temporary presiding officer with an official title would be addressed as “Mr. or Madam Chairman”. The chair only refers to him or herself in the third person, never “I”.

WHAT IS A MOTION?

A *motion* is a formal proposal by a member in a meeting that the *assembly* take certain action.

HOW IS A MOTION PRESENTED?

1. A member “obtains the floor” by:
 - A) Rising and *addressing* the chair
 - B) Being *recognized by the chair*: the chair will recognize a member by announcing his or her name. The member then has the *floor* and may remain standing.
 - When two or more members rise at approximately the same time, all other things being equal, the member who rose first is entitled to be recognized.
2. A member makes the motion by stating “I move that...”, or “I move to”.
3. Another member seconds the motion by stating: “I second the motion”, or simply “second”.
 - A) No recognition by the chair is needed.
 - B) In small assemblies members do not have to stand.
4. The chair “states the questions”, in other words, the chair repeats the motion to the *assembly*. After the chair *states the question*, the motion is now *pending* and open to debate. Before that time the motion belongs to the person that made it.
 - Only one main motion may be pending on the floor of the assembly at any given time!
5. Members debate the motion.
 - A) The member who made the motion has the right to speak first.
 - B) Each member can speak twice on the same question on the same day, but cannot make a second speech on the same question if another member who has not spoken yet desires the floor.
 - C) Debate must be confined to the pending motion, in other words, *stay on the topic!*
 - D) Debate should be courteous, and should not become personal. (continued on next page)



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6. Members vote on the motion.

CAN A MAIN MOTION BE CHANGED?

Yes! During debate a member may rise, address the chair, and upon recognition state “I move to amend the main motion by...”

There are 3 ways to *amend*, or change a main motion:

1. By inserting words
2. By striking out words
3. By striking out and inserting words (substitution)

The chair asks for a second, the amendment is then debated and voted upon. All amendments are voted on before the main motion. *A main motion may be amended twice.*

If an amendment passes, the chair asks for additional debate on the “main motion as amended”. After debate has ended, the vote is taken.

- An amendment *cannot* reverse the intent of the main motion!

CORRECTING MISTAKES

Point of order: When a member thinks that the rules of the assembly are being violated, he/she can make a *point of order*. This calls upon the chair for enforcement of the regular rules.

Point of order:

1. Can interrupt a speaker
2. Does not require a second
3. Is normally ruled upon by the chair
4. No vote is taken

GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT PARLIAMENTARY LAW

Parliamentary Inquiry: A question directed to the presiding officer to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law. If the chair does not know the information, he/she should then refer the inquiry to the parliamentarian

Example: Member: “I rise to a parliamentary inquiry.”

Chair: “State your inquiry.”

Member: “How may a motion be amended?”

ASKING FOR AN ACCURATE VOTE

Division of the Assembly: If a member feels that the chair has made an inaccurate determination of a voice vote, he/she may call for a division of the assembly. This action requires the chair to take the vote again using a more accurate method, i.e.. hand count, or standing vote.

Example: Member: “I call for a division of the assembly.”

Chair: “A division of the assembly has been called for. Madam/Mr. Secretary, will you please assist me in counting the votes.”

- The assistance of the secretary is optional in a small assembly.

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BRINGING A MOTION TO AN IMMEDIATE VOTE

Previous Question: In some situations, a member may decide, for a variety of reasons that discussion should now end and the motion should be voted upon. If every member has not yet debated on the pending motion, passing of the previous question would take that right away. Therefore, this motion requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

Example: Member: “I move the previous question.”

Chair: “There is a motion on the floor, is there a second?”

If a second is received the chair, will then ask for a vote. For motions that require a 2/3 vote, it is a good idea to state this to the assembly before taking the vote so that they understand what is required to pass the motion.

If the previous question passes, the chair then immediately takes a vote on the pending main motion. If the previous question fails, the chair returns to debate on the main motion.

EXTENDING OR LIMITING DEBATE

Limit or Extend Debate: There may be times when the members feel that a particular topic requires more or less debate than what is allowed according to parliamentary law. In such situations, a member may move either to limit debate or to extend debate. Debate may be limited, or extended by:

1. The number of speakers allowed
2. The length of time of debate allowed

This information must be included in the motion at the time that it is made. Like previous question, this motion affects the right of members to express their opinions, therefore it requires a 2/3 vote to pass.

Example: Member: “I move to limit debate to five additional minutes,”

Chair: “There is a motion on the floor; is there a second? (If received) “This motion is not debatable, but amendable; are there any amendments?”

If there are any amendments, they should be handled just like amendments to a main motion. If no amendments are offered, the chair should take a vote on the motion to limit debate. If this motion passes, the chair should then carry on according to the specifications of the motion.

Example: Chair: “The motion to limit debate to five additional minutes passes. Debate will now continue for five minutes. Madam/Mr. Secretary, will you please announce when the time has elapsed.”

DELAYING ACTION ON A MAIN MOTION

There may be times when a satisfactory decision on a main motion cannot be made during the course of a business session. There are several ways to delay action on a motion until some later, specified time.

Lay on the Table: If a motion is pending and time is running out, or if a topic of greater urgency requiring immediate attention arises, a member may move to table a motion. If there are amendments to the motion which are pending at the time the motion is made to table, they will be tabled along with the main motion. Once a motion is tabled, it must be removed from the table either later in the same meeting or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the assembly with the motion to “take from the table”. If this action is

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not taken during the prescribed time, the motion and any amendments are lost.

Example: Member: "I move to lay the motion to have a car wash on the table."

Postpone Definitely: Action on a pending motion may be delayed to a definite day, meeting, hour, or until after a certain event. This information must be specified in the motion to postpone when it is made.

Example: Member: "I move to postpone the motion to send two delegates to the state convention until the March meeting."

* The motion to *postpone indefinitely* will kill a motion forever.

Refer to a Committee: When additional information is needed before an intelligent decision can be made by the assembly, a member may move to refer the pending motion to a committee. A motion may be referred to two types of committees, and this information must be included in the motion to refer.

1. *Standing Committees:* These committees are always in existence. They already have members and a chairman appointed. An example in FFA would be the public relations committee.

2. *Special Committees:* These committees are formed for a specific purpose, to achieve a goal. Once the committee accomplishes its task, it is dissolved.

When referring to a committee, a member must include in the motion when the committee is to report back to the assembly. If a member refers to a special committee, the motion must include the number of members to be in the committee, when the committee is to report back, and that the committee should be appointed by the chair.

Example: Member: "I move to refer the car wash to the fund raising committee to report back to us at our next meeting."

Member: "I move to refer the open house to a special committee consisting of 5 members,

IN MEMORIAM

MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H MOURNS LOSS OF DEDICATED 4-H SEEING EYE CLUB LEADER BARBARA FULLER



Barbara Fuller, leader of the Wagging Wonders 4-H club passed away on February 19th. Barbara had been a dedicated 4-H club leader since 1999. She brought an intense commitment to the Seeing Eye Dog mission and inspired many 4-H'ers by her passion. Barbara coordinated 4-H club community outreach and demonstrations at the county fair and Oceanport Strawberry Festival. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her family. In tribute to Barbara's service, donations can be made to the Seeing Eye Dog Foundation.

Barbara Eckelberry Fuller, 53, of Oceanport, died Thursday, February 19, 2009, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. She was born in Long Branch and grew up in Monmouth Beach before moving to Oceanport. She was a 1974 graduate of Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch. She was an office manager for Michael Friedman, DDS in Oakhurst, Ocean Township for 20 years and was an avid volunteer and puppy raiser for the Seeing Eye Foundation in Morristown where she helped raised nine dogs over 15 years. Mrs. Fuller was a member of the Oceanport United Methodist Church, Oceanport and was a den mother for Cub Scout Pack 58, Oceanport. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Seeing Eye Foundation, Box 375, Morristown NJ 07963.

IN THE NEWS

THE COLTS NECK JOURNAL JANUARY 2009

4-H 2008 TEEN OF THE YEAR CO- WINNERS

Congratulations to Clair McKittrick of Colts Neck, who is a freshman at the Animal and Botanical Academy at Freehold Regional High School; and Jessica Sagui of Oakhurst, who is a freshman at Brookdale Community College.

Jessica represents the Horse Project area and is a Monmouth County 4-H Ambassador. Clair represents the Small Animal Project area and is a Rabbit Ambassador. Each girl has spent countless hours of service to Monmouth County and their community. They submitted their resumes outlining their leadership positions and activities. They also had interviews that assessed their speaking ability, 4-H knowledge, personality, appearance and poise.

Both girls enjoy attending the Monmouth County Fair held each year in July and look forward to the coming year of new experiences and challenges.



Clair McKittrick (left) and Jessica Sagui (right)

ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation is looking for young people from all across the country to serve. We're looking for tweens and teens with unique experiences and opinions to shape the programs of our Kids' Movement and generate fresh ideas on how to make healthy living the norm, not the exception. Applicants must be between the ages of 8-17 years old when membership begins July 16, 2009 and live in the United States, including US Territories. To learn more and apply, visit www.empowerme2b.org. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2009.

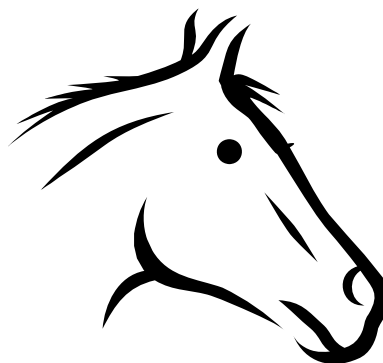
HORSE REGISTRATIONS DUE!

REMINDER: Horse Registrations are due annually and it's that time of the year again! All registration forms are due to the 4-H office **no later than April 1, 2009** (you can bring them with you to the YHC meeting or Horse Leaders Meeting).

Remember, horses must be registered to be eligible for the State 4-H Horse show, fair, trail ride and some other county, state and national events.

Here are some additional tips to ensure your paperwork will be accepted for 2009:

1. Each registration form must be submitted in **triplicate**.
2. All information must be complete, legible and accurate.
3. If applicable, complete the lease/borrow form in **triplicate**.
4. The photo of the animal(s) must be in **color** on each copy and **fit** in the square on the form.
5. The helmet policy must be signed and on file in the 4-H office.
6. The health records and current coggins are not due until April 17, 2009.



IN THE NEWS (cont.)

POMONA GRANGE HONORS 4-H'ERS AT ANNUAL CEREMONY

The Pomona Grange honored Monmouth County 4-H'ers at their recognition ceremony held January 10, 2009 at the Agriculture Building on Kozloski Road, Freehold. They were also honored with a beautiful continental breakfast supplied by the Grange members.

Pomona Grange certificates of merit are awarded yearly to 4-H'ers 7th grade and up who have been recognized by their 4-H club leaders for their project work, leadership and citizenship. Two Advanced Pomona Grange awards are given to two seniors who have previously received Pomona Grange certificates. Jessica Sagui from Oakhurst and Melissa Whoeler from Morganville received the Advanced Pomona Grange Awards. Jessica Sagui is an active member of the Curry Combs 4-H Horse Club and Melissa Whoeler is an active member of the Thunderhoofs 4-H Horse Club and the 4-H Animal Science 4-H Club.

Children named here are the children who were honored with the Certificate of Merit by the Pomona Grange Association: Olivia Bundschuh, Mikala Kocsik, Kassy Kasternakis, Delaney Gray, Jillian Milne, Maria Wissler, Jimmy Pezzullo, and John Redding, Freehold; Sarah Bush, West Long Branch; Carly Eidman and Summer Smagacz, Tinton Falls; Amber Henderson, Ocean; Matt LaMarca, Fair Haven; Ian Rios, Port Monmouth; John Voorhees, Allentown; Patrick Weber, Avon by the Sea; Kimberly Wood and Kathryn Stillman, Howell; Lindsay Klocko and Alysha Zimmerman, Leonardo.

The January 10th ceremony provided an opportunity for 4-H'ers and their families to learn more about the history of Pomona Grange from Anne Willuweit, Pomona Grange 4-H Committee and Diana Keil, Pomona Worthy Master. Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent expressed congratulations and knowledge which inspired the outstanding 4-H work being honored by Pomona Grange. Family members and friends proudly took photographs.



IN THE NEWS (cont.)

ROTARY CLUB 4-H CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Name of Project: Lake Topanemus Clean-up
4-H Club: Nature's Navigators 4-H Club
4-H Club Leader: Lorraine H. Yoncak
4-H Club President: Walter Wissler
Project Completion Date: September 30th/October 1, 2008

Description of Project: 18 4-H members cleaned up debris found in the lake and along the shore. Four canoes and three kayaks were used so the kids could practice their boating skills while performing a community service project of cleaning the lake.

Benefits to the recipients: Roger Kane, chairman of the Lake Topanemus Commission, came to the lake to greet us as we were preparing our boats for the clean-up. He stated that, with a park the size of Lake Topanemus, volunteers are the life blood of the park. 4-H members who volunteer here are very successful with their projects and a big part in making and improving the quality of the park for all that come to enjoy our natural treasure here.

Participants and their feedback regarding what they learned about themselves and the community they served:

Alex Kubiak was surprised at the variety of debris found in the lake, especially the coconut and tire pulled out by Paul Yoncak.

Maria Wissler was pleased to be able to spend a day off from school doing a project for her community that many could enjoy.

John Redding enjoyed exploring the lake shore to find many animals that live in the lake.

The Kasternakis family was pleased that many of their 4-H friends would come to help clean up their neighborhood. They live on Robertsville Road, very near the lake and walk there often.

Many youth from the club discovered that the park is used by many but maintained by a few. They learned that volunteering to help clean it could make a big difference for all that used it. They enjoyed working together, while having fun and learning something about their natural environment. We were fortunate to be there when the lake was stocked with Channel Catfish and the youth helped throw the catfish in the lake.

4-H members who participated:

Jeevan & Rjamy Boggavarapu
 Holly, Kassy & Tiffany Kasternakis
 Brian, Karen & Brenda Reyes
 Janette Reyes
 Diane Schreiber
 Alex Kubiak
 Gregory & Ryan Morrison
 Madison Personette
 CJ Ramos

John Redding
 Tom Schreiber
 Maria & Walter Wissler
 Paul & Lorraine Yoncak, 4-H Leader

Parents who helped supervise:

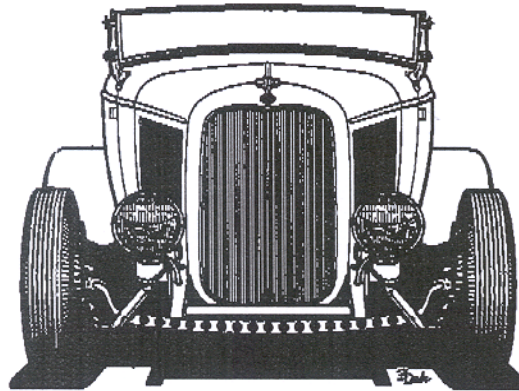
Lucy Kasternakis
 Janette Reyes
 Rose Kubiak
 Diane Schreiber



Coming Down the 4-H Track...



Hot Rod 4-H Car Club



Do you love cars? Want to learn more about cars of the past, present and future? Introducing an exciting new 4-H club led by the owners of world famous Ida Automotive in Marlboro. This club is sure to capture the thrill and excitement of the world of racing.

Start your engines please.....

Forming this spring, this Monmouth County based Hot Rod 4-H Car Club is open to youth grades 4th -13th. Guardians welcome to share in the fun.

Contact Ken Vaccaro, 4-H Club leader at 732-462-3511 or e-mail at kvfsf@optonline.net to sign up for membership and more information.



Anime/Manga Club

of Monmouth County 4-H



***Calling all Anime Otakus from 6th-12th grade
Come join the 4-H Anime club!
Starting February 24th 2009 on every 2nd and 4th
Tuesday of the month, from 5-7pm,
in the conference room of the 4-h building,
Club activities will include: watching anime,
cosplay contests, drawing contests, discussion
groups,
caramelldansen, hare hare yukai and more!!
You are welcome to come in cosplay
and we hope to see you there!***

Monmouth County 4H
4000 Kozloski Rd., PO Box 5033
Freehold, NJ 07728-5033
For more info: milne68@verizon.net
4H office (732) 431-7263

CHEMISTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: AIR-THE SKY'S THE LIMIT ILLUSTRATED HAIKU CONTEST

As part of their Chemists Celebrate Earth Day celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated haiku contest for students in grades kindergarten-12.

A haiku is a three-line poem with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Haikus typically have nature-related themes and do not rhyme, as in the example below.

*Submerged rocks stare back
Through the glistening water
Streaming clean and clear.*

Possible topics related to the atmosphere and chemistry include:

- Wind flowing through valleys, canyons, and over mountains.
- Wind Power-conversion of wind energy.
- Environmental chemistry-keeping the air clean.
- Air Pollutants-fumes from cars and factories.
- Properties of Gas-temperature, density, pressure.
- Gas Phases-water vapor or steam.
- The various layers of the atmosphere.

For contest rules, contact the 4-H office. For more information about contests in your area, contact the American Chemical Society Office of Community Activities at 800-227-5558, X 6097 or earthday@acs.org.

CHEMISTS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

A program of the American Chemical Society (ACS)

April 22, 2009

Theme: "Air—the Sky's the Limit"

If you have a suggestion for a community outreach event that can bring chemists and the general public together for a common cause that will benefit the community, please e-mail earthday@acs.org.

Educational Resources:

www.acs.org/earthday

Look for hands-on activities, safety guidelines, correlation with science education standards, and related articles on the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day website; book and electronic resource lists will also be available on the site courtesy of the "Chemists in the Library" group.

Journal of Chemical Education

The Journal of Chemical Education will dedicate their February 2009 issue to green chemistry, environmental chemistry, and the celebration of Earth Day. The Journal is packed with information, activities and other references to make your celebration a success! Free access will be available to this issue online.

ALL ANIMALS

Reminder:

All (non-horse) animals need to be registered with the 4-H office no later than May 1st, 2009. Included with this newsletter (pg. 37) is the Livestock registration form. All members who have a 4-H project, that includes, Beef, Dairy, Goat, Market Lamb, Wool/Breeding Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Cavy, Herpetology, and Small Animal, need to complete this form. Horse project members do **NOT** need to complete this form. Please note that to participate in the fair and some county and state events, 4-H'ers must have owned the animal by May 1st and have this paperwork on file in the 4-H office. If you need a lease agreement, please contact the 4-H office or visit the county website at:

www.visitmonmouth.com/07050coopext/

All of these forms are available on the site. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at 732-431-7263.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



NATIONAL WILDLIFE ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

National Wildlife is now accepting entries to the 39th Annual Contest. Cash prizes totaling \$25,000—including two \$5,000 grandprizes—plus other gifts will be awarded to the winners in three divisions: professional, amateur and youth. Winning photographs will be published online and a selection will appear in the December 2009 issue of the magazine.

The entrance fee will be covered by 4-H. There is a limit of 20 photos so please don't wait. The contest deadline is July 20th. All photos should be submitted to Virginia Krzyzanowski by July 1st. Your photos can be in any of the following seven categories:

- * Mammals
- * Birds
- * Other Wildlife
- * Backyard Habitats
- * Connecting People and Nature
- * Landscapes and Plant Life
- * Global Warming and Wildlife

For entry details, categories and deadline information, visit www.nwf.org/photozone. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Krzyzanowski at (732)431-7267 or e-mail Krzyzanowski@aesop.rutgers.edu.



**Calling All Monmouth and
Ocean County Schools
OCEAN FUN DAYS
SCIENCE FAIR
Improve Science Skills!
Win Valuable Prizes!**

**Monmouth County entries will be displayed and
judged at Ocean Fun Days on May 17, 2009 at the
NJMSC/NJSG, Sandy Hook**

Calling all Ocean and Monmouth County teachers and students (grades 3-4 and 5-6) who love science, nature and the Jersey Shore! NJ Marine Sciences Consortium/NJ Sea Grant (NJMSC/NJSG), New Jersey Natural Gas, NJ DEP, Division of Parks and Forestry, and NJ Department of Transportation Office of Maritime Resources (NJDOT/OMR) are pleased to announce the Annual Ocean Fun Days Science Fair. This is a great opportunity for Ocean and Monmouth County students to discover new information about the Jersey Shore, share it with others and earn recognition and valuable prizes for their school.

For the registration form contact the 4-H office. Questions? Call Rosemary Higgins at 732-872-1300, Ext. 19 or e-mail: rhiggins@njmsc.org.

Deadline to register is **April 15, 2009**.

REMINDER

**The Monmouth County 4-H Association
will have their next meeting on
March 26th at 7:30 PM**



FAIR BOOKS

**Leaders, if you have not already done so, please come into the 4-H OFFICE
to pick up your 2009 FAIR BOOK!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



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

~Please help the Texas flood victims~

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



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

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

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

**Please contact Donna Peles, Assistant Leader
with questions, comments or ideas!**

732-303-8125

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



4-H COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please check the date you will present:

March 27, 2009 at 6:30pm **OR** **April 1, 2009 at 6:30pm**

I have a conflict with these dates & need to be contacted for a make-up date.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 6, 2009

Note: Please remember that all members are eligible to participate in County Public Presentations as long as they completed a Club Presentation. The presentation you present at the Club level needs to be the same as the County level presentation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the 4-H Office.

Name _____ Grade _____

Club(s) _____

Title of Presentation _____

Brief Explanation of Presentation _____

- I will need to use the power point equipment.
- I will be bringing in an animal for my presentation. It is a _____.
- I am giving a team* demonstration. My partners name is: _____.

*horse teams are only two 4-H members

Category: Please indicate what type of presentation you will be conducting.

- Demonstration** -teaches through showing and explaining. The member describes activity and completes a product using actual ingredients, tools etc.
- Illustrated Talk**-tells how something is done and must include visuals. An illustrated talk is fundamentally the same as a demonstration, except the visual aids (flip charts, power point, transparencies, display board etc.) are used instead of having an actual product.
- Formal Speech**-given from memory with brief notes or an outline on index cards used as an aid. Purpose is to stimulate thought or present a point of view. Equine states this category as Public Speaking.
- Performing Arts**-integrates performing arts with public speaking. The performing arts presentation includes introduction, information on performance content, performance summary and question/answer period. Performing arts includes: puppetry, movement/dance, instrumental, vocal, oral interpretation, gymnastics and double dutch jumping.

Please note that the time frame for presentations is as follows:

Prep Grades 1-3	no time requirement
Grades 4-7	5-7 minutes
Grade 8-13	8-15 minutes*

*Horse Project members presenting on a horse topic need to follow these time guidelines: Team Demos 10-15minutes, Individual Demos 9-12 minutes and Public Speaking 7-10 minutes. Those scoring an excellent will be eligible for State Equine Presentations in addition to the regular State Presentations. For full set of rules contact the 4-H office.

All equipment such as easels, slide projectors, extension cords, etc. must be provided by the presenter.

I will volunteer to be a room host. _____ Yes _____ No
A room host introduces the judge and assists the judge as necessary.

Member's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Leader's Signature



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



**MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL CLUBS PRESENT:**

***MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H RABBIT, CAVY,
SMALL ANIMAL AND HERPETOLOGY SHOW***

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009
TAYLOR PAVILION, BELMAR, NJ**



**FREE DRESS-UP CONTEST
POSTER CONTEST**

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00AM, JUDGING PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM

THIS IS A 4-H SHOW ONLY



ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 PER ANIMAL

**CALL THE 4-H OFFICE FOR A SHOW CATALOG
(732) 431-7263**

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, educational programs are offered without regard to race, sex, disability or handicap, color, national origin, or age. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Afternoon Events

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Second Session (**circle the number of the tract you wish to attend**)

1. Equine – Body Condition Scoring Your Horse
2. Dairy – Hoof Care – Steve Wolfgang, Zinpro
3. Small Ruminants – Goat / Sheep Health Skills – Joanne Bicknese DVM, and Rebecca Potosky

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Third Session (**circle the number of the tract you wish to attend**)

1. Equine – How to read a feed tag and other practical feeding guidelines
2. Dairy – Dairy Cattle Judging
3. Small Ruminants – Hay Quality and Analysis – Steve Komar, Sussex County Ag. Agent

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Wrap up – turn in evaluation form and receive a ticket for a chance drawing for a great prize.

Rabbits

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Registration – Round House

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Rabbits

1. Rabbits 101
 2. Rabbit Health and General Care
 3. Rabbit Nutrition
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MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION

Animal's Species - Please use a separate form for each species (**Check One**):

Beef Dairy Goat Market Lamb Wool/Breeding Sheep Swine Other _____

1. Only animals properly enrolled in the 4-H Office by May 1st will be eligible to show at any County, Regional or State 4-H event.
2. All registered animals must be in the name of the 4-H member. If this is a lease/borrow project, attach a copy of the lease/borrow form.
3. Animals must have been the member's project prior to **May 1** st of the current year or born to a registered project animal.
4. All animals of one species should be listed on one pre-registration form. Each form must be accompanied by a photo or drawing of the animal showing color and markings. (For registered dairy animals a copy of the official breed registration has the markings diagrammed and may be used.)

Member's Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____ **Grade in School as of September 2008 :** _____
 _____ **Name of Club(s):** _____

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

	Name of Animal	Animal's Date of Birth	Breed	Sex	Registration Number/Tattoo/Tag #/ Ear Notches (if applicable)	Lease/Borrow (Circle one)*
1						Yes No
2						Yes No
3						Yes No
4						Yes No
5						Yes No
6						Yes No
7						Yes No
8						Yes No

*Remember to attach a copy of the lease/borrow form.

Member's Signature _____ **Parent or Guardian's Signature:** _____



Return to your county 4-H Office by May 1.



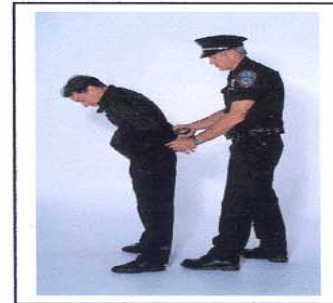
UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



4-H invites you to
**STRENGTHEN
YOUR SAFETY**
by attending a

Self Defense Class for Females
Saturday May 9, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Monmouth County Agricultural Building
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold

Presented by
Howell Township
Police Officer
Fred Bauer



\$5 Youth, ages 13 to 18
\$10 Adults, ages 19 and over

Registration fees will be donated to The Keyport Battered Women's Shelter

Self Defense for Females

Name(s) _____

Street _____ **City** _____ **NJ Zip** _____

4-H Club _____ **Phone** _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____

_____ **Youth at \$5.00 each, #** _____ **Adults at \$10.00 each, Total \$** _____

Please make check payable to: 4-H Office Account

Mail to: RCE of Monmouth – 4-H Department, Attention: Virginia
4000 Kozloski Rd., PO Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728-5033

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Monmouth County 4-H First Annual Arts Show Invitational Hosted by S.W.A.P. 4-H Club

Saturday, April 18th

Begins at 9:30 AM

Agriculture Building; 4-H Department
4000 Kozloski Road; Freehold NJ 07728

Open to all NJ 4-H members registered as
of

February 1, 2009

For more information contact:

Ellen Williams, 4-H Agent

At (732)431-7266, e-mail: williams@aesop.rutgers.edu

Or Susan McLoughlin, S.W.A.P. Club Leader

e-mail: keybuzz@comcast.net



Don't want to wait until the Fair to perform or display your art or creative writing? Now, you don't have to wait any longer.

Ever wish there was a show for the arts, like the small animal or livestock divisions have? Well, now there is!

Entries in: Visual Arts; Performing Arts; Photography; and Creative Writing. Prep entries awarded participation ribbons. All standard entries will receive Excellent, Very Good, or Good ribbons. There will also be a Best in Show award!



You don't need to be registered in an Arts Club. You don't need to have previously shown your art work or performed in any county fair.

Watch for more information in the next newsletter. Ask your 4-H leader for registration forms coming in February.



UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Monmouth County 4-H First Annual Arts Show Invitational



Saturday, April 18, 2009



Doors open at 8:30 am and Judging begins at 9:30 am.
Agriculture Building, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County
4-H Department; 4000 Kozloski Road; Freehold, N.J. 07728

- Rules:
1. Open to all NJ 4-H Members registered as of February 1, 2009
 2. Only one entry per class per member. \$1.00 per entry.
 3. Please complete the registration form below and mail with your check made payable to Monmouth County 4-H Office Account to : Monmouth County 4-H; Agriculture Building, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, 4-H Department; 4000 Kozloski Road; Freehold, N.J. 07728

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Name of club _____ County _____

Grade _____ Number of Years in 4-H _____ Age _____

Please check all classes where you have an entry: (Cost is \$1.00 per entry. Only 1 entry per class.)

Division: Visual Arts:

Classes:

- Drawing -- Pen or Pencil
- Drawing – Charcoal
- Drawing – Pastels
- Painting -- Watercolor
- Painting – Acrylic
- Painting – Oil
- 3-D Sculpture
- Graphic Arts
- Photography
- Other _____

Division: Performing Arts:

Classes:

- Musical Performance (vocal)
- Musical Performance (Instrumental)
- Dance
- Puppetry
- Drama Skit / Monologue
- Other _____

Division: Creative Writing:

Classes:

- Poem
- Short Story
- Essay
- Other _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Please contact Susan McLoughlin at smilesmath@gmail.com (732) 471-0676

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Monmouth County 4-H First Annual Arts Show Invitational

Club Performance Registration Form

Saturday, April 18, 2009



Doors open at 8:30 am and performances begin at 9:30 am.

Agriculture Building, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County 4-H Department;
4000 Kozloski Road; Freehold, N.J. 07728

Rules: Open to all NJ 4-H Members registered as of February 1, 2009

Questions: Please contact Susan McLoughlin at smilesnmath@gmail.com (732) 471-0676

Please complete the registration form below and mail to: Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County 4-H Department; Agriculture Building, 4000 Kozloski Road; Freehold, N.J. 07728

Name of Club _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail: _____

Leader's Name _____ County _____

Type of Performance: (please check)

_____ Drama Skit _____ Dance _____ Musical Score

_____ Rhythmic Gymnastics _____ Puppetry

_____ Other _____

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

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, April 25

10 a.m.–4 p.m. • Rain or Shine • New Brunswick and Piscataway Campuses

A day of fun and learning for you and your family.
Admission, parking, and on-campus shuttles are free.



For more information,
visit rutgersday.rutgers.edu,
or call 732-445-INFO.

4-H KIDS FOR KIDS ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

SUNDAY MARCH 1st

2:00—4:00 PM

Brunswick Zone—Airport Plaza Lanes—Hwy. 36—Hazlet

Cost \$20.00

Includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoes, soda, subs, door prizes. This is our main fundraiser for the 26th Annual Spring Formal for our special friends, Monmouth County's people with developmental disabilities. Funds are raised through your sponsor sheets! Sheets are available in the 4-H office. 4-H Kids for Kids is a Monmouth County 4-H club that has sponsored this Spring Formal for the past 26 years. Over 200 developmentally disabled participants come to the dance every year! Please come join us at the Bowl-A-Thon and support our efforts!

For more information call 732-530-4519 or 4hkidsforkids@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



4-H TEEN COUNCIL SEEDLING SALE *Available now through April 4, 2009*

Evergreen and Deciduous seedlings are once again available by advanced order from the 4-H Teen Council of Monmouth County. This year we are selling four types of evergreens: Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine and Douglas Fir. Kousa Dogwood, Silky Dogwood and Red Bud are the deciduous offerings.

Evergreens are available in bundles of 25 seedlings of one variety. Deciduous seedlings are sold in bundles of 10 seedlings of one variety. All seedlings are one to three years old and approximately 6-24 inches tall.

Pickup date is Sunday, April 19th at the 4-H office, rear of the Agricultural Building on Burlington Road behind the Police Academy (4000 Kozloski Road) Freehold, New Jersey from 9:30AM-1:00PM. Please bring a box if you have a large order. We will not be responsible for trees not picked up on that day.

Please make checks payable to "4-H Teen Council". Mail checks to: 4-H Office, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, 4000 Kozloski Road, Post Office Box 5033, Freehold, NJ 07728-5033. Att: Seedling Sale If you have any questions, call Rita at the 4-H office 732- 431-7263.

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(Please cut at dotted line, and keep the top part for your reference.)

<u># of Bundles</u>	<u>Variety</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	<u>Evergreens:</u> Douglas Fir	\$15.00	_____
_____	Colorado Blue Spruce	\$15.00	_____
_____	Norway Spruce	\$15.00	_____
_____	White Pine	\$15.00	_____
_____	<u>Deciduous:</u> Kousa Dogwood (tree)	\$10.00	_____
_____	Silky Dogwood (bush)	\$ 10.00	_____
_____	Redbud (bush)	\$ 10.00	_____

Total Amt. Enclosed _____ (There
Ck. # _____ **Cash** _____)

will be a \$30.00 fee for any returned checks.)

Name: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE (*Picea pungens*)

This is one of the most popular ornamental evergreen trees, because of its blue color and dense symmetrical growth habit. It will grow to be 60 feet tall. This slow growing tree is a beautiful accent to any yard.

NORWAY SPRUCE (*Picea abies*)

This is a popular, fast growing, pyramidal evergreen tree, which reaches a height of 40 to 60 feet. It is easily grown and will tolerate a wetter soil than the other trees listed.

WHITE PINE (*Pinus strobus*)

This rapid growing pyramidal evergreen tree is one of our most durable native pines. It has delicate, soft green graceful foliage. It is excellent as a background tree or for use as a screen. The mature height is 70-100 feet. Space trees 10-25 feet apart. Will not tolerate wet soil.

DOUGLAS FIR (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

A pyramidal “Christmas Tree” that grows to about 40 or 50 feet tall. Needs sun and good well-drained soil. Not wet or dry site tolerate.

KOUSA DOGWOOD (*Cornus kousa*)

This oriental species of dogwood is more pest resistant and drought tolerant than our native dogwood. The creamy white flowers appear in mid-June and can persist for up to 6 weeks. The fall color is a reddish purple. This slow grower prefers a well drained acid soil in sun or light shade and will grown to 25 feet in height with an equal spread.

SILKY DOGWOOD (*Cornus amomum*)

Silky Dogwood is a native multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub reaching 6-10 feet tall and wide. Yellowish – white flowers in May – June, followed by blue berries in August that will attract birds. Wet site and shade tolerant.

REDBUD (*Cercis canadensis*)

Eastern Redbud is a native multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub which is drought tolerant.. This ornamental has an upright vase shape growth habit and displays pink-lavender flowers in the spring. Redbud is a smaller scale bloomer that reach’s 15ft. tall and 15ft. wide which works well in smaller gardens. Plant in neutral soil with full to part sun..

The 4-H Youth Development is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County and offers membership and educational programs without regard to race, color, national origins, sex, age, or handicap.

CONGRATULATIONS

MINI GRANT YEARBOOK RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to all Mini Grant Yearbook recipients! The yearbook committee is able to support these grants through the ads that are sold. The yearbook committee granted \$1,304.50 in grants to 12 different clubs or ambassadors. The recipients include:

Above & Beyond
 Crysta Timmerman, County Ambassador
 Allied Health & Service
 Horse Science
 Knight Riders
 Raging Reptiles
 Rhythmic Illusions
 4-H Monmouth S.E.T.
 Thunderhoofs
 14 Carrot Rabbit
 Nature's Navigators
 Teen Council

Please sell ads and submit to Paula Sagui at:
 psagui@optonline.net
 by May 1st. The more ads sold the more mini grants can be distributed.

2009 NEW JERSEY 4-H GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA RESULTS

Saturday, January 17, 2009

RCE of Hunterdon County, Flemington NJ
 50 4-H members representing nine clubs from six counties participated. Congratulations to Monmouth County participants:

Photography
 Junior 2nd Place Carly Eidman
 Senior 2nd Place Kelly Shoemaker

Poster Presentation Contest
 1st Place Carly Eidman, Team 12

Skill-a-thon
 8 stations-ADGA Scorecard, Digestion, Injections,
 Judging, Meat Cuts, Parasites, Parts, Toxic Plants
 Junior 2nd Place Carly Eidman



By: Gladys Rios, Leader

4-H Monmouth S.E.T. participated in the 2008 Junior First Lego League. The group entered the Jr. FLL tournament in September 2008. On December 13, 2008 4-H Monmouth S.E.T. earned "The Most Robust Design Award." With assistance from a FLL team they came up with a design to build and construct a Flood Gate Barrier using Lego, a motor, gears and 2-D elements, all parts from Simple and Motorized Mechanisms Base Set.

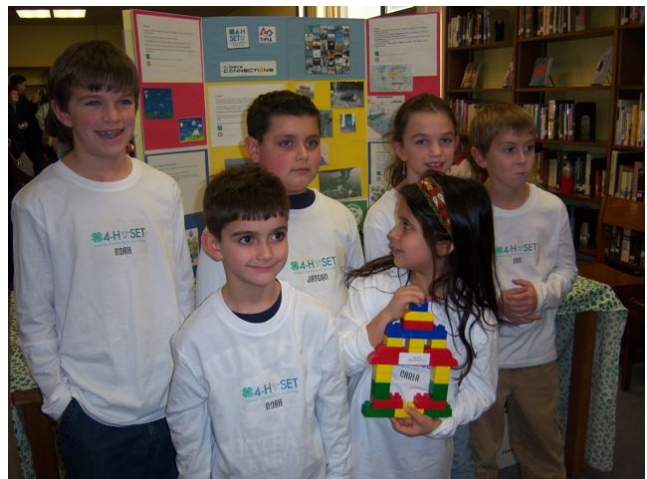
The 4-H team was up against nine other teams at Mount Olive High School in Flanders, New Jersey.

The team members who participated in the tournament were: Noah Lipton, Rachel Lipton, Noah Maghan, Carla Rios and Ian Shotwell.

Congratulations members for your achievement at the 2008 Junior First Lego League Tournament.



Thank you to the 4-H Association, to the 4-H yearbook committee, to the Rotary and to the Jersey Fresh for all of your help and support in making this 4-H group successful by providing them with the most essential tools.





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New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station



Save the Date!

"Becoming an Outdoor Family" Weekend

May 29th—31st at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp

Come join us for this exciting outdoor educational experience for the whole family. Our goal is to promote, address and instill in the general public a basic understanding of environmental conservation, safety and fun in the out of doors. Stay overnight and participate in your choice of over 20 classes!

Expert instructors begin each class with the basics, providing hands-on experience and encouraging participants to ask questions. The variety of experiences includes wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, natural arts, fitness, camping, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing, and much, much more.

Details can soon be found at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu. If you have questions, please call Jim Tavares at (973)948-3550

We hope you can join us.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education
100 Struble Road
Branchville, NJ 07826
(973) 948-3550 www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Livestock Advisory Mtg 7 PM	3 YHC 6:30 PM Horse Leaders 7:30 PM	4	5	6 County Public Presentation Registration due	7
8	9	10 Small Animal Advisory Mtg 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14
						South Jersey Teen Conference 3/13 to 3/15
15	16	17	18 Teen Council Meeting 7:30-9 PM	19	20	21
SJTC ends.						
22	23	24	25	26 4-H Association Mtg 7:30 PM	27 County Public Presentations 6:30 PM	28
						National 4-H Conference 3/28 to 4/2
29	30	31				

National 4-H Conference 3/28 to 4/2

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 County Public Presentations 6:30PM/ By 4:30 PM Due: Horse Stall Applications Horse Registrations Popcorn & Dunking Stool Club Booth & Banner Reg. Food Booth Request Club Games/Craft Request Rabbit Ambassador Applic.	2	3	4
5	6 Livestock Adv Mtg 7:00 PM	7 YHC 6:30 Horse Ldrs Mtg 7:30 PM	8	9	10 Good Friday Cty Office Closed	11
12	13	14	15 Teen Council Meeting 7:30-9 PM	16	17 Horse Health Forms/Coggins/ Kids for Kids Social	18 Monmouth Cty Arts Invitational Ag Building
19	20	21 Small Animal Adv Mtg 7:30 PM Rabbit Ambassador Interview 6 PM	22	23	24	25 Ag Field Day Rutgers State 4-H Dog Show Rutgers
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 4/19 TO 4/25						
26	27	28	29	30		



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