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THE LUCKY 4-H'ERS GAZETTE



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What is a 4-H community?

The 4-H Vision speaks of building a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change. All that is needed to accomplish this is a mix of young creative minds, caring adults and a desire to make a difference in their community and their world. The Monmouth County 4-H youth development program is the place where this can happen. It empowers youth to reach their full potential by learning and working in partnership with caring adult volunteers and professional staff.

Talk to a Monmouth County volunteer that offers their time and talents to the 4-H program and I'm sure they will recall a time when a child accomplished a special task or surpassed their own skill level in a project area. Speak to a youth who participates in the 4-H program and they will tell you about an exciting experience they had, a special 4-H adult that made a difference in their life or a best friend that they met at 4-H camp or the fair. No doubt this positive, cooperative spirit that is so contagious, is that of 4-H. It has grown into a community of over 6 million young people across America including 3,500 staff, 518,000 volunteers and 60 million alumni. 4-H youth participate in fun, hands-on learning activities, focusing on three National Mission Mandates:

- S.E.T.—Science, Engineering and Technology
Healthy Living
Citizenship

It is an exciting time for growth in the 4-H program. As the New Year begins let's remember to focus on the youth, providing them with opportunities to achieve their goals, increase their life skills and develop a sense of belonging in this terrific program—designed specifically for them!

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**NEW LEADERS:****Jodi Purdy:** Co-Leader for Horses-R-Us**Kathy Taler:** Co-Leader for Horses-R-Us**NEW CLUB:** Horses-R-Us - Meets the 2nd Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM at the Bella Rosa Riding Academy in Howell. Call the 4-H office for more information.**ANIME/MANGA**

Sam B. Dresher  
 Brandon M. Paladino  
 Tyler A. Paladino  
 Courtney B. Tobio

Samantha M. Eisenberg  
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 Larissa A. Hernandez  
 Karishma Y. Jaggernaut  
 James Kodi  
 Emily K. Kosinski  
 Erika C. Lau

Jakeway R. Lindsay  
 Sea T. Levens  
 Tyler WR Levens  
 Rose A. Lichtman  
 Joe D. Williams  
 Steven J. Williams

**BACKSTAGE TO BROADWAY**

Alyssa A. Cecere  
 Matthew C. Hilton  
 Juliette A. Muth

Jason Liao  
 Alexander W. Luo  
 Lacey C. Magee  
 Jacob M. Metzger  
 Tina M. Naha

**NATURE'S NAVIGATORS**

Liam C. Cox

**BITS AND BRIDLES**

Lauren N. Semanchick

Maya Ramachandran  
 MaryGrace Rapolla  
 Pinky A. Shah  
 Erica N. Sleifer  
 Tricia Valerio  
 Michael E. Zaykaner  
 Kathy Zhang

**TEEN COUNCIL**

Victoria Rodriguez

**4-H HEALTH & SERVICE CLUB**

James P. Abate  
 Kaden J. Behan  
 Angela N. Bekampis  
 Angelica G. Catani  
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*Macy Compton*

Macy Compton  
 State 4-H Program Coordinator  
 Monmouth County 4-H Interim Contact



Virginia Krzyzanowski  
 4-H Program Associate

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.

## ABOVE AND BEYOND

**By: Natalie Cribbin**

Hi everybody! This is what Above and Beyond has been doing:

**Making Strides:** On October 18, 2009 our 4-H club participated in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk in Point Pleasant, NJ. It was so cold and rainy that some of us didn't go. But we had a party afterwards! We all felt good about raising and donating money.

**ReRun's Open House:** On October 24, 2009 our club helped ReRun with their open house! We all got to work with ex-racehorses. The people that work there rode the horses. All of us fell in love with at least one of the horses. It was a GREAT, LONG day.

**THE DENTIST!** On November 18, 2009 Mike Mullen came to do dentistry on one of the horse's teeth at Serenity at Last Farm.



We learned a lot about horse teeth. Here are just some of the things he taught us: horses loose their teeth three times in their life—at the ages of 3 or 4, 5 or 6, and when they get old. He brought two skulls of the horse head. Some of us now know how to tell a horses age by looking at the teeth. We learned A LOT!



## HIGHLANDS VARIETY 4-H CLUB

**By: Lorraine Kephart, Leader**

Highlands 4-H Variety Club members comments:

Sarah Smith, President, "What I like about 4-H is learning and having fun with everyone and getting along with everyone."

Marissa Procopio, Secretary, "I am proud of myself because I am an honor roll student. I also do a lot of activities and 4-H club is one of my favorites."

Andy Bennett, Treasurer, "I look forward to planting trees. I also look forward to having fun."

Molly Connelly, "I love 4-H club. It makes me happy."

Samuel Herrera, "I would like to play the Dr. Seuss game, play on the jungle gym, and make a black and white house out of paper that will be very tall. I like to eat at 4-H group."

Lynn Kirk, "I like to play."

Ann McGavin, "I live in Highlands, NJ and I am 6 years old. I like all the activities we do at our 4-H club. I really like my 4-H leader and friends."

Makayla Mohr, "I really like the 4-H club."

Alina Souza, "I like the 4-H club because I like to play and learn."

Nyla Winning, "I like 4-H, I like to climb, I like to eat and it is fun."



## Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

### NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

**By: John Redding**

In our November meeting the month's theme was snakes. Once we called the meeting to order the room was abuzz with anticipation. Not only did we learn interesting snake facts, but a few of our members were kind enough to bring their snakes. We didn't have just one or two, but four snakes, and three different species. We then spent the rest of the meeting with the snakes so here's a few interesting facts:

- There are over twenty different snake species in NJ alone.
- Only two of those twenty are venomous
- All snakes are predators and some even eat other snakes, and finally,
- Snakes aren't slimy, it's an urban legend!

As for our December meeting; we started off with the Holiday spirit by playing a Holiday related guessing game. We put items into a stocking and tried to guess what they were by feeling them. Then we got down to business. Pennies for the Planet is still collecting spare change for the Audubon Society. As, for our future plans, we will have our club hike in April, our cardboard boat float in May at Turkey Swamp Park, and our camping weekend will be either Memorial Day weekend or in June (as is tradition). Also next month's theme will be the hairy eight-legged critters we call spiders! We spent our remaining time making Holiday crafts such as sputniks, and making bird feeders out of pinecones, peanut butter, and bird seeds.

**FYI:** There was a Blue Moon on December 31st, New Year's Eve.

### ANIMAL SCIENCE

**By: Johnine Licht**

Our meeting started off with the treasury report and then we went over the different things we had done in the past month. Sara said, "The popcorn park zoo was fun. I haven't seen a monkey in awhile." Mrs. Whitehouse reported, "We mad a donation to the zoo not only from admissions but from the treasury."

We then had everyone who brought in pets go around and introduce themselves. Nick brought in his duck, Tabasco, who had just turned 1 year old. The other pets at the meeting were silky bantam chickens, a ginny pig, and a small dog. Jillian and her family rescued a ferret. We went over upcoming events and fairs. There is the Family Fun Event, the Somerset County Rabbit and Small Animal Show on February 13th, and the County Small Animal Show on April 17th in Belmar. We learned about the good news of Ellen Williams promotion to the Rutgers location and that Macy Compton will now be overseeing 4-H in Monmouth County.

Then Mrs. Whitehouse gave a presentation on how to give a sick pet medicine. Our unenthusiastic volunteer was a large brown rabbit named Mike. Wrapping him up loosely in a towel, she made a "bunny taco" so that Mike could not run away or hurt himself. She then put the medicine in his mouth and rubbed his throat to help him swallow. Sometimes a bunny needs to receive an injection of medicine subcutaneously, or under the skin. In t5hat case just pinch up his skin and inject the medicine. When giving eye medicine, hold the bunny's head still and make sure to drip the medicine down onto the eye. Finally, make sure to keep sick animals isolated from your healthy ones, and at times you may have to wear gloves.

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## Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

### THUNDERHOOFS

By: Clair McKittrick



**Reminder-** You can make a poster to be judged at the Monmouth County Small Animal and Herpetology Show. The show is being held on April 17, 2010 at the Taylor Pavilion in Belmar. The Pavilion is right on the board walk, next to the sandy beach and the ocean.

If you make a poster and can't come to the show, just give it to your leader or leave it at the office so that we can bring it to the show.

Posters can be about anything to do with small animals and reptiles, including care, breeding, how to make a costume, how to get a hutch ready for the winter months, types of cavies, or pretty much anything else you can think of. The class is free and open to all ages. Ribbons for top 1-6 places. Good Luck!

In November our meeting focused on animal anatomy. We looked at the bones in the skeleton of both rabbits and horses. Club members identified bones that were found in both animals and some that were not. We also were lent posters from the horse project. (Thanks a million!), so that we could look at internal organs of the horse, the hoof structure and basic confirmation faults. As you can see our club is growing by leaps and bounds. December was our party meeting. We had wonderful snacks and club members made swags from holly and evergreen branches, and then decorated them with berries and ribbon. Each member got a chance to present their creation and tell something about it to the group. We are looking forward to our next meeting where club members will once again make valentines for the nursing home and we will also have a presentation workshop. We all wish you a Happy New Year 2010.

### 14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

By: Paul Yoncak, President

Winter is here and all of us with animals know that means some extra time with our projects. Oh the fun of shoveling paths to the pens and thawing the water bowls. But that is why we are in 4-H to learn the responsibilities of raising the animals not just the fun of showing and the prizes we win. At our November & December meetings we did go over winterizing for the animals and what feed changes to make so that we keep our furry friends both comfortable and healthy.

We sponsored two club members for a 30 hour famine to raise money for World Vision. So Delaney and Kim earned their extra snacks over the holidays with their famine efforts. We also donated money to the Child Advocacy Center through our member Amelia. When she was the Monmouth County Teen Ambassador this was her platform project and as a great 4-H'er she has continued with the project years after her reign was completed.

Seven members of our club competed in the Rabbit Bowl and placed 1st in the senior and 2nd for the juniors. We had fun and encourage you to participate in or organize a bowl competition for your area of 4-H. It's a great way to learn more about your project and meet others with interest like yours.

The club made Christmas cards for all the residents in the Monmouth Youth Detention Center. They were really touched that we thought of them. We also made cards for residents of a nursing home that had no families. The activities director was very happy to get them so that these people would have something extra for Christmas.

Many of us took our animals to the Ocean County Small Animal show and had a good time. Two more shows are in February, on the 13th Somerset has one and on the 27th Gloucester has a small animal show. On March 20th there is an Animal Symposium at Rutgers many of us have gone to. Check it out it is a great place to learn and you get a touch of college life.

We are all working on our Club Level Public Presentations so we hope to see you at the County level events, misery loves company!

## Heard Around The 4-H Clover (cont.)

### MONMOUTH COUNTY HORSE PROGRAM

By: Stella Almeida, Chair

2010 is off to a great start. First meeting of the New Year was January 5 in the Ag Building. Thirteen leaders were in attendance, and two brand new clubs have been formulated. Welcome "Horses-R-Us" and "Freedom Riders". We also welcomed our Interim Advisor Macy Compton who is the State 4-H Program Coordinator.

The **Horse Leaders meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the 4-H office.** The calendar of state events was presented:

- **January 21, 2010 NJ Animal Waste Management Program** all Livestock owners need to be aware, this is the last seminar which will be held in the Ag Building.
- **January 23, 2010 Model Horse Competition**, chaired by Lillian Shupe, will be held in Hunterdon County. The information for the State Model Horse Show is now on the web site: <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/modelhorseshow>
- **January 30th Equine Presentations** will be held at Loree Hall on the Cook/Douglas campus
- **February 20th Trip to Medieval Times** Tickets are \$37.95. Contact Marie Shoemaker at 732-905-3324. You don't need to be a horse member to attend. Performance 4 PM leave the 4-H office at 1:45 PM.
- **February 27th Horse Bowl/Equine Art Show** is chaired by Mary Lou Barrett and Lillian Shupe and will be held in Burlington County Municipal Office.
- **April 10th Horse Judging and Hippology** will be in Cape May Hippology on Saturday.
- **April 11th Horse Judging** on Sunday in Cape May.
- **April 16th Annual Horse Show 101 "mini course"**. Topic, show rules and dress codes, etc. Must have up to date record book and bring with you especially for participation in the Qualifying Shows.
- **April 25th First Qualifying Shows** Sunday, April 25th East Freehold Park English discipline.
- **May 8th Second Qualifying Show** at East Freehold Park also English discipline. More information will come thru your leaders.
- **Horse Science** has begun, Meg Whitehosue, Denise Knapp and Jackie Knapp are co-chairing.

If you have any questions, please call Stella at (732)542-5152. Please leave your question on her answering machine, so her return call can (hopefully) be your answer and phone tag can be eliminated. Thank you.

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**HORSES**

**By: Natalie Cribbin**

*Horses are tall, horses are sweet;  
Horses can eat all the sweet feed;  
Some people are afraid of these big creatures so neat;  
But people like us connect with them like snap;  
And when horses react perfectly we ...clap!!*

**THANK YOU**

Dear Monmouth County 4-H Association,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship. It was extremely helpful for purchasing expensive textbooks. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,  
John Voorhees

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE STATE 4-H RABBIT SHOW VOLUNTEERS**

Monmouth County Volunteers did a great job in hosting the event. We thank the State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Show Committee composed of volunteers from several counties (Salem, Atlantic, Gloucester, Ocean and Burlington) who planned and implemented the event.

Special thanks to Meg Whitehouse who served as the show coordinator; and the numerous volunteers from Monmouth County who worked hard to transport and set up all of the equipment.

**POPCORN PARK ZOO**

Animal Science 4-H Club  
Monmouth County 4-H  
P.O. Box 5033  
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Dear 4-H Club Members:

On behalf of all the animal at the Associated Humane Societies and Popcorn Park Zoo, I would like to sincerely thank you for your donation of \$50.00.

It is our mission to provide the very best of care for the animals that come through our doors, as well as to make improvements for their comfort and well-being whenever needed. Thanks to everyone's compassion and generosity, we continue to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,  
John Bergmann, General Manager



## RESOURCES

### 4-H S.E.T. INFORMATION

For any of you working on S.E.T. programs, these are some very helpful materials. They are free! All are available on 4-H.org.



Science, Engineering & Technology

**4-H SET Programs**—<http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html> Rutgerscience Saturdays helps to find the scientist in YOU. Explore Our Changing Environment. March 13, 2010 at the Institute of Marine & Coastal Sciences & Environmental Sciences building at 10AM –2PM. Come explore some of the Rutgers research projects related to climate change; the most pressing environmental and social problem of our time. Download the registration form and information at the above web site. Also review the entire calendar.

**4-H SET Competencies**— <http://4-h.org/resources/staff/setcompetencies.html>

4-H SET Competencies are the “demonstrated capacities” that are integral for facilitating high-quality learning environments with meaningful educational outcomes.

**Adapt, adapt, adapt**

**The 4-H SET core competency tools are designed to be flexible.**

**The SET competencies**-The 4-H SET core competencies identify how 4-H youth development professionals and volunteers implement 4-H SET programs that offer eight essential elements-including the mastery of SET.

**4-H SET Competency Self-Assessment**-The 4-H SET Competency self-assessment tool can be used by volunteers and staff to assess their abilities and then develop a plan for ongoing learning.

**4-H SET Competency Cards**-The competency cards are quick ways to identify key knowledge and skill level and areas. Take the cards with you when you are facilitating or ask your coach or mentor to help you as you continue to improve your own 4-H SET skills.

**Training Guide for the Power of the Wind**

**[Http://4-h.org/resources/staff/powtrainingguide.html](http://4-h.org/resources/staff/powtrainingguide.html)**

The Training Guide is fully-scripted to prepare facilitators to use with *The Power of the Wind* Youth and Facilitator Guide to most effectively implement the curriculum.

### EDUCATE TO INNOVATE

By: Ian Rios, 4-H S.E.T. Ambassador

On November 23, 2009 an “Educate to Innovate” campaign was launched. It is a nationwide effort to move American students from the middle to the top of the pack in science and math achievement over the next decade. “Campaign for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (Stem) Education.”

**[Http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-launches-educate-innovate-campaign-excellence-science-technology-en](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-launches-educate-innovate-campaign-excellence-science-technology-en)**

# IN THE NEWS

## 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COVERED DISH SUPPER Saturday, December 5th, Colts Neck Reformed Church



DJ Randy Martin talks with State Board of Agriculture member Hugh McKittrick while Mr. Sakowski looks on.



Melissa Whoeler with her mother Terry and scholarship winner Sarah Sakowski and her mother Priscilla.



Alumni of the year Amy Barker with 4-H Association President Robin Bloom.



Matt Barker with former 4-H Association president Meg Whitehosue.



Monmouth County 4-H Ambassador Clair McKittrick talking about her platform to bring together local charity leaders with 4-H leaders for community service projects.



Scholarship winner John Vorhees who attends Marist college, checks out his 4-H t-shirt and award.



Lorraine Yoncak Master of Ceremonies.



Alumni President Debbie McCandless with Alumni of the year Amy Barker.

# ASSOCIATION NEWS

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**By: Robin Bloom, President**

I hope everyone had a great holiday and a good New Year. At our last meeting (November) we had election of officers. The Association would like to thank David Sagui for the year he was in term for Internal V.P. Taking over Internal V.P. this year is Randy Martin. Congrats! The other officer positions remain the same; Treasurer: Amy Barker; Secretary: Nyna McKittrick; External V.P.: Wayne Smith and President: Robin Bloom.

Our meeting dates for 2010 will be Jan. 28th, March 25th, May 27th, July 15th, Sept. 23rd and Nov. 18th. We meet in the Kitchen Classroom at the Ag. Building. Our meetings start at 7:00 PM. The Association is the backbone of our county program. The purpose of the Association is to help educate the youth of Monmouth County and to provide an opportunity to showcase their projects at the county fair. Our biggest fundraiser for the year is the Monmouth County 4-H Food Booth at the fair. Monies raised from the food booth go to 4-H'ers requesting funding for projects/educational trips, 4-H'ers who apply and get selected for the Association Scholarship, leaders who are going to education programs and or training. We also support programs throughout the year, such as, County Presentations, Members Recognition Night, and Club Fundraisers at the Fair (Popcorn and Dunking Stool).

Stephanie Cole ran the Halloween Family Night this past year, and every other year we have the Leader's Dinner. This year the Leader's Dinner will be held on March 20th. More information to come.

We would like to invite all leaders, teen leaders, volunteers and parents to attend the Association meeting. We also welcome clubs to come out and tell us what they have been doing. Without the help of volunteers, leaders, and parents our county program can not run as smoothly as it does. Hope to see all of you soon.



### Association Constitution & Bylaws

Please take the time to review the new and approved copy of the Association Constitution. It is on the Monmouth County website listed as 4-H Association Constitution & Bylaws 2009.version.doc., as well as, a hard copy in the 4-H office. **Please note that there is a new section in the constitution pertaining to requesting of funds.**

**[Http://www.visitmonmouth.com/07050coopext/](http://www.visitmonmouth.com/07050coopext/)**

- **February 7, 2010 Skill-a-thon Multi-Project Adventure:** Sunday from 1:30-4:00 PM, the NJ Animal Project Advisory Council will be hosting this state wide program. Snow date for the event is February 21. The event will be held at the office of the Burlington county Human Services Building in Westampton NJ contact the 4-H office for more information.
- **February 12, 2010 Ag Day 2010 Essay Contest:** This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing." The national winner will receive \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. For complete contest details rules and entry form visit 2010 Ag Day Essay Contest at <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay/>.
- **February 12th NJ 4-H Cloverbud Logo Design Contest.** To help with the transition of the 4-H Prep Program to the NJ 4-H Coverbud Program NJ 4-H is holding a Cloverbud Logo Contest. Open to all 4-H members currently in grades 4-13. Contact the 4-H office for more information
- **February 20, 2010 The Atlantic County Double 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, & Herpetology Show.** This year there will be two shows. Show A, Country Critters, will hold a Showmanship Contest! Show B, Whiskers, Whistles, & Wabbits will hold a Silent Auction. For a copy of the show catalog, please call the 4-H Office.
- **March 26th and March 31. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS!** Please mark your calendar. They are the two dates for Public Presentations to be held at the Ag Building at 6:30 PM. Please remember that all members are eligible to participate as long as they have completed a Club Presentation. Registration forms can be found on the Monmouth County Website or you can call the 4-H office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H Office. Hope to see you all there

#### **VOLUNTEER AND LEADERS SAVE THE DATE**

- **March 20, 2010** The Leaders Dinner will be held at the Agriculture Building lobby. Please look for your invitation next month.
  - **November 7th, 2010** Thursday, November 4th through Sunday November 7th . NERVF Conference to be held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Lots of great things to do. Check out the website at:  
[Http://www.rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF\\_DE\\_2010.html](Http://www.rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF_DE_2010.html)
  - **4-H Million Trees Project**– to all 4-H Afterschool programs. They are very interested in getting the word out to all 4-H youth in this project, especially the Afterschool programs which represent a large part of the 4-H movement to learn about global climate change and do their part in the climate crisis. Contact Tom Webber at [4hmilliontrees@gmail.com](mailto:4hmilliontrees@gmail.com).
  - **Nyna McKittrick** leader of the Thunderhoofs has successfully completed the "Get to The point With 4-H Presentations" course. Given by the Texas AgriLife Extension. The class provides information to leaders to help club members describe what an Education Presentation is, explain the process of planning an Educational Presentation, distinguish between a good and bad topics, list the contents of a presentation outline, determine what to do and what not to do when presenting, compare professional and non-professional dress. Nyna is an excellent resource for public presentation workshops.
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# CONGRATULATIONS

## THE CAMDEN COUNTY 1ST ANNUAL RABBIT AND SMALL ANIMAL BOWL

**By: Samantha Martin**

No, it's not a bowl full of rabbits. It's a fun and educational competition for all us rabbit and small animal lovers!

On December 5th, Monmouth County's 7 competitors braved 6:00 AM wake-ups to make it to their Camden County destinations—St. Charles Borromeo Church—where Rabbit Bowl was held.

Our young, smart and somewhat bleary-eyed 4-H'ers—Delaney and Ray Gray, Mikala Kosciak, Sam and Morgan Martin, Kim Wood and Paul Yoncak—had practiced for this day and felt prepared and determined to do their best. Soon the competition began with the junior teams going first. Monmouth County's team, the Purple Puffins, (Ray, Mikala and Morgan) faced a team of 4-H'ers from other counties. After 4 rounds of questions like:



Junior Teams

- How long does a Chinchilla live?
- What is a male rabbit called?
- What is it called when a rabbit gives birth?

- **the Purple Puffins came out in Second Place winning a Silver 4-H Bowl!**

Then it was time for the Senior teams to compete, and Monmouth's team, Radioactive Rugburn, (Delaney, Sam, Kim and Paul) was up against the other county's team of four. They were asked questions like;

- What is the average size of a Gerbil's litter?
- What is the only ARBA recognized color for Belgian Hares?
- Where did English Angoras originate?
- and a surprise question about dinosaurs (which they answered correctly, thank you Paul!)

- **the Radioactive Rugburn team came in first place and received a Silver 4-H Platter!**



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Senior Team



All in all, it was a good day for Monmouth's victorious 4-H'ers and

they would accept the challenge of another Rabbit Bowl with pride! Maybe next time, they'll see you

**EASTERN NATIONAL 4-H ROUND UP**

Four teams attended the Eastern National 4-H round Up in November. The state teams did very well, all placing in the top 10.

In Monmouth County congratulations goes to:

**Christin Sagui—6th place high individual in Hippology.**

**Congratulations Christin!**

### **NJ STATE RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, HERPETOLOGY AND POULTRY SHOW, SEPT. 12 AT THE HORSE PARK OF NJ IN ALLENTOWN**

The State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Show was held on September 12th at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown. Seventy (70) youth representing 10 counties participated in this very successful event. There were over 230 rabbit, 45 Cavy, 13 herpetology, 27 small animal and 53 poultry entries.

#### **Rabbit Show Results:**

Belgian Hare	Paul Yoncak	Best of Breed
Beveren	Amelia Valente	Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed
Dwarf Hoto	Samantha Martin	Best of Breed
Giant Chinchilla	Morgan Martin	Reserve of Breed
Jersey Wooley'	Claire McKittrick	Best of Breed
Mixed	Sara Bush	Best of Breed
New Zeland	Delaney Gray	Best of Breed
Silver	Samantha Martin	Best of Breed
Thrianta	Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak	Best of Breed

#### **Cavy Show Results:**

Mixed	Jeevan Boggavarapu	Reserve of Breed
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#### **Herpetology Show Results:**

Lizard	Jeevan Boggavarapu	Reserve of Breed
Snake	Anthony Discepolo	Reserve of Breed

#### **Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship**

**Beginner Grades 4th—6th** Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak Rabbit

**Beginner Grades 9th-13th** Delany Gray Best in Class

**Experienced Grades 9th-13th** Clair McKittrick Rabbit

## 2009 STATE TRAIL RIDE RESULTS

There were 17 riders from 5 different counties. Thank you to the Monmouth County Volunteers. They did a great job hosting the event! Hosting the event involved strong leadership and teamwork. Thank you to all the volunteers throughout the state for their support. Congratulations to all!

### **Best Trail Horse—Junior**

1. Kellie Moran—Martinique
2. Kacie Moran—Special Performance

### **Best Conditioned Horse—Junior**

5. Kellie Moran—Martinique
6. Kacie Moran—Special Performance

### **Best Managed Horse—Junior**

4. Kacie Moran—Special Performance
6. Kellie Moran—Martinique

### **Best Junior Rider**

5. Kacie Moran
6. Kellie Moran

### **Best Conditioned Horse—Senior**

6. Jessica Sagui—The Toolman
7. Christin Sagui—Shadows K. Apollo
8. Abbey Lanz—Mid Summer Night Dream

### **Best Trail Horse—Senior**

2. Christin Sagui—Shadows K. Apollo

3. Abbey Lanz—Mid Summer Night Dream
4. Jessica Sagui—The Toolman

### **Best Managed Horse—Senior**

3. Jessica Sagui—The Toolman
4. Christin Sagui—Shadows K. Apollo
7. Abbey Lanz—Mid Summer Night Dream

### **Best Senior Rider**

4. Jessica Sagui
7. Christin Sagui
8. Abbey Lanz

### **Horsemanship—Junior and Senior**

5. Kellie Moran—Martinique—Junior
6. Kacie Moran—Special Performance—Junior
8. Jessica Sagui—The Toolman—Senior

### **High Point Team**

2. Monmouth

**WAY TO GO MONMOUTH COUNTY!  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

## 2010 NEW JERSEY 4-H GOAT EXTRAVAGANZA RESULTS

The 2010 NJ Goat Extravaganza was held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the RCE of Hunterdon County in Flemington NJ. Forty-seven 4-H members representing nine clubs from six counties participated.

**Goat Themed Art Show** with 103 exhibits (25 drawings/paintings; 14 sculptures/carvings; and 64 photos).

2-D Art (drawing, paints, etc.) - Carly Eidman, 1st place Senior.

3-D Art (sculptures, carvings, etc.) - Carly Eidman, 1st place Senior.

Photography—Carly Eidman, 3rd place Senior.

**Poster Presentation Contest**—12 Teams Topic—Goats in Your Backyard-What does it take to have a goat?

**Team #8**— 1st place Bradley Grayson

**Team #12**— 3rd place Carly Eidman

### **Skill-a-ton**

8 stations—ADGA Scorecard, Breeds, Hoof Trimming, Injections, Judging, Kidding, Milking, Tattooing  
3rd Place Novice Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak

## January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3	4 Backstage to Broadway 7PM	5 Horse Ldrs Mtg 7PM/Teen Small Animal 7PM	6 Monmouth Clogging Exp. 6PM	7 Curry Combs 7PM	8 Nature's Navigators 7PM/Above & Beyond 7PM	9
10	11 Anime/Manga 5PM 14 Carrot 7PM	12 Small Animal Committee Mtg 7:00 PM	13 Monmouth Clogging Exp. 6PM	14 Knight Riders 7:30PM	15 Teen Winter Camp Thunderhoofs 7:30PM/Bits & Bridles 7PM	16 Teen Winter Camp
17 Teen Winter Camp	18 Office Closed	19	20 Teen Council 7:30PM Mon. Clogging Exp. 6PM	21 NJ Animal Waste Management Program/ Curry Combs 7PM	22	23 State 4-H Model Horse Show
24	25 Anime/Manga 5PM	26	27 Mon. Clogging Exp. 6PM	28 Assoc. Mtg. 7PM	29	30 State 4-H Equine Presentation
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## February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Backstage to Broadway 7PM	2 Horse Leaders Mtg. 7PM/Teen Small Animal 7PM	3 Mon. Clogging Exp. 6PM	4 Curry Combs 7PM	5 Animal Science 7:30PM	6
7 Skill-a-thon Adventure 1:30-4 PM Burlington Cty Westampton NJ	8 Anime/Manga 5PM/ 14 Carrot Rabbit 7PM	9	10 Monmouth Clogging Exp. 6PM	11 Knight Riders 7:30PM	12 Ag Day 2010 Essay Contest Deadline/ Cloverbud Logo Design Contest Deadline/ Natures Navigators 7PM/Above & Beyond 7PM	13
14	15 Office Closed	16	17 Teen Council 7:30PM Mon. Clogging Express 6PM	18 Curry Combs 7PM	19 Thunderhoofs 7:30PM/Bits & Bridles 7PM	20 Trip to Medieval Times Leave 4-H Parking Lot 1:45 PM
21 STAC (tentative)/ Woofminster Dog Show 9AM Somerset Cty.	22 Anime/Manga 5PM	23	24 Monmouth Clogging Exp. 6PM	25	26	27 State 4-H Horse Bowl Burlington
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