

Special Points of Interest:

- April 1st Horse Project Registrations Due
- April 6th—Monmouth County Small Animal Show Belmar
- May 1st All Animal Registrations Due
- May 15th Horse Vaccinations Due-Up to Date
- June 1st Animal Project Fair Entries Due
- July 1st Non-Animal Project Fair Entries Due

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The Lucky 4-H'er Gazette

Spring - 2013

Spring brings new beginnings!

As I watch the activity in the 4-H office and visit club meetings and events, one thing that comes to mind is that this program never sleeps. New and exciting events continue to emerge as clubs and project groups plan their spring and summer calendars. Teaching our youth to work together to accomplish their goals is the 4-H way and is very evident. For example, with caring adults assisting; some of the teens are selling seedlings to raise funds to reach their individual and club goals, several animal clubs are in the community sharing their knowledge of raising animals as well as organizing and facilitating a small animal show, we have 4-H rhythmic gymnastic members working together to reach their goal of attending a national competition, and other youth and adults working together to "make the best better" for Monmouth County 4-H.

One major example will be the efforts of so many of you who will come together to help produce an outstanding Fair this year. We are looking forward to seeing all of our youth have opportunities to excel and showcase their projects and talents in July. Nyna McKittrick is our Fair Chairperson this year and is actively seeking help for all of the divisions, so please consider how you can help. Be watching for announcements about upcoming fair meetings and deadlines to submit fair information and entries. Remember that 4-H'ers can exhibit projects in division areas other than their club focus areas. As the teens from SJTC found out, you need to be "ALL IN" to make it work.

Thank you for all you do!
Macy Compton, Interim Monmouth County 4-H Program Coordinator

Join Us!

Monmouth County 4-H
Leader's Association Meeting
Thursday, March 28th at 7p.m and
watch for upcoming meeting dates.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER – June 15, 2013
PUBLICATION will cover July, August, September



NEW 4-H LEADERS, MEMBERS, & CLUBS!

NEW CLUB:

4-H Dog Lover's Club. Learn about dogs and make new friends! You don't have to own a dog to join the fun! Meets at the 4-H building on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Chapel Hill Hoofbeats Horse Club. We love to learn new things about horses! We also participate in many different activities and shows. Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00pm at the 4-H building.

Country Critters. Fun and learning, small animals and craft activities. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Ricks Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge.

Hearts and Horseshoes. The Purpose of this club is to learn about the proper care of horses through hands-on experiences. Meets in Howell at the leaders barn and at the leaders home in the winter.

NEW LEADERS:

Kristine Bergman—Dog Lover's Club; Peg Lanigan & Kim Toris—Chapel Hill Hoofbeats; Alexis Grant—Country Critters; Renee Tanzi—Hearts and Horseshoes

14 CARROT RABBIT CLUB

Kelly M. Beuka
Sarah DeCelle
Lindsay Koller
Terri M. Morgan
Ashley M. Plath
Brianna N. Plath
Tanner Shimko
Chase R. VanDyke
Chloe L. VanDyke
Mason G. Yakow

ABOVE & BEYOND

Natalie S. Cribbin
Katrina M. Kalfayan
Cassandra M. Messores

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Bridget M. Kane
Cathleen E. Kane

ANIME/MANGA

Gabrielle Bibus
Theresa Marie Boyle
Janine M. Milan
Linette E. Reeman
Callyn C. Stockel-Acosta
Stephen M. Whiting

BUDDING CLOVERS

Gabrielle S. Karmazin

COUNTRY CRITTERS

Katie L. Baldwin
Rylee L. DeAngelo
Brandon T. Nuttall
Caroline P. Rasmussen
Erica M. Villone
Sydney E. Villone
Robin A. White

PAW PALS

Nancy Armstrong
Courtney E. Dilley
Shaena Harasty
Caitlin M. Lanigan
William Lanigan
Kayla A. Toris
Taylor N. Toris

4-H FOODIES

Maya I. Salerno

GAME MAKERS

Jason Abahazy
Joshua Arleth
Jeremy H. Lesser

Jonah Resnick
Noah Resnick
Krystal M. Tardif
Jake Wilson

4-H HEALTH & SERVICE

Aparna Alankar
Maria Asimopoulos
Alyssa M. Balzano
Melissa M. Banal
Kelsey R. Bernarducci
Rebecca Cahmpagne
Madison S. DelDuca
Pranaya R. Gade
Andrew Guno
Stephanie Huynn
Taylor Kelly
Kelly E. King
Sarah N. Krogh
Nicole V. Lacap
Kaijone T. Martinez
Taina Negron
Henna Ragoowansi
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NEW 4-H LEADERS, MEMBERS, & CLUBS!

HEARTS & HORSESHOES

Amy E. Funk
Rachel L. Funk
Erin K. Kessler
Sarah E. Mullen
Jordan M. Paoello
Camryn D. Rothery
Emily A. Schulte
Brooke M. Stark
Allison K. Suler
Gianna G. Tanzi
Jacqueline N. Tanzi
Rachel L. Wall

HOOFBEATS

Ryan A. Bruno-Shaffery
Arianna P. Ciccone
Joseph L. Ciccone, III
Angela M. Eastmond
Lila G. Emanuele
Kara G. Forest
Gabby A. Gagliano
Kara M. Gillmann
Jillian E. Haliskoe
Amber R. Henderson
Kelly C. Jennings
Bridgit Kelly
Maya R. Konefal
Caitlin M. Lanigan
William J. Lanigan
Emma McCann
Kacie Moran
Kaitlyn R. Moran
Jenna L. Reid
Olive F. Scaff
Olivia M. Shaffery
Madeline M. Shanley
Kayla A. Toris
Taylor N. Toris
Charlotte M. Walsh
Krista Wieggers

INDEPENDENT PROJECT

Jeanine Reeman

KIDS FOR KIDS

Rachel A. Caballero
Chad M. Freshnock
Devon M. Freshnock
Kristen N. Lenich
Evan C. Noone
Nolan A. Pereless
Spencer J. Pereless
Annmarie V. Russo
Toni Ann Windmaier

KNIGHT RIDERS

Brianna M. Coppinger
Natalie S. Cribbin
Elizabeth V. DiGioia
Aubrey L. Schaale

MONMOUTH BLASTERS

Esteban O. Fuentes
Isabela M. Fuentes
Victor M. Fuentes

MONMOUTH LIVESTOCK

Kayla M. O'Donnell
Amanda M. Tondi
Elizabeth A. Wymbs

MONMOUTH S.E.T.

Judy P. Cusack
Timothy S. Cusack, Jr.
Christian Ian Matty
Amir L. Wells-Crudup
Ayanna C. Wells-Crudup

NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

Angelo K. Kayser-Browne
Brandon J. Kayser
Zachary A. Kayser

PAPER CUTS

Linette Reeman

RAGING REPTILES

Anthony Lopardo

RISEING STARS RHYTHMIC ILLUSIONS

Naomi A. Atherley
Jillian Butt
Vanessa Butt
Melanie Chen
Michaela M. Cruz-Beck
Angela T. Bibilisco
Kathern Ho
Tiffany Ho
Samantha E. Kao
Megan J. Lu
Amy Wang
Annie Wang
Cynthia Zhang
Rinah Zhang

TEEN COUNCIL

Natalie Cribbin
Dan Moore
Ian A. Rios

THE UPPER FREEHOLD TEAM GREEN 4-H CLUB

James L. D'Amore, Jr.
Andrew M. Jackson
Aidan Keppen



**There is always room for
More 4-H Clubs in
Monmouth County!**

**Join one or start one today!
Contact the 4-H Office for
More information.**



HEARD AROUND THE 4-H CLOVER

New Jersey Agricultural Convention

Joshua Todd, Monmouth County's Equestrian of the Year, represented our county on February 6th at the second annual New Jersey Agricultural Convention and Trade Show Youth Delegates Reception held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. Josh's display focused on Jersey Fresh corn and honey. A comparison of sweet corn to dent (animal feed) corn was a perfect subject for our E.O.A.

Special thanks to Nyna McKittrick for baking lots of cornbread which was served during to our agricultural community with local honey donated by the Madzin's FROM THE GARDEN INC. Patty and Drew Madzin also donated many other honey items such as a honey comb and dipper. In addition, the Madzin's generously provided honey gift boxes which Josh presented to the Secretary of Agriculture and Governor Christie from Monmouth County 4-H. You can find out more about the Madzin's farm located in Howell by visiting their website at Local@FromTheGardenInc.com Kudos to Josh for doing such an excellent job!



NATURE'S NAVIGATORS

Just a reminder that the Monmouth County Small Animal Show in Belmar is April 6th, another show is in Middlesex County on April 13th. As a group we decided to have a table at the Earth Day expo on Sunday, April 21st from 8:45 till 1:30. the topic is "Why Trees Matter". We need volunteers to help with the event. We will be matching leaves to trees found in NJ, we will have a tree ring, a game called Nickels for Knowledge, food provided by trees to people and animals, the life cycle of trees, how trees nourish the air and earth, as well as get nourishment. We need volunteers to make a poster of the tree life cycle, and the photosynthesis (nourishment of trees and earth). Angelo and Jeevan are working on the trees/leaves matching. Brandon is working on the animals that live in trees and Zak is working on food that comes from trees.

Congrats to Jeevan, Angelo, Amelie, and Brandon. They are our officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively.

Our next meeting is April 12th at 7:00. We will work on the expo presentation.

HEARD AROUND THE 4-H CLOVER (cont.)

14 Carrot Rabbit 4-H Club

The 14 Carrot Rabbit Club held the 1st meeting of the project year in November. We decided to hold two meetings a month; the first meeting held as a business meeting, to get work done, and a second meeting for an activity meeting. During our activity meeting we would play team building games and do projects corresponding to the club.



When it came time for our December meeting, we had our annual holiday party. Each member brought in a wrapped gift, and we did a gift exchange using a holiday themed story. It was a blast! Rabbits even came to the club dressed up in Christmas outfits. Everyone loved to see those costumes. We ate lots of desserts and snacks, and everyone left the meeting feeling happy and in the holiday spirit.

Yet another way that the 14 Carrot Rabbit Club spread the holiday cheer was visiting Wedgewood Gardens to see the seniors. At the senior center, we sang Christmas carols and brought our rabbits to visit them. They enjoyed petting the bunnies, and seeing all the different varieties and types of rabbits.

The 14 Carrot Rabbit Club has lots of new ideas for field trips and fundraisers for this upcoming year. We are excited to participate in more community service, and have more fun together as a club.

4-H FOODIES

At our last meeting we made a chicken recipe that was really delicious. We also made spinach pinwheels and bruscheta with fresh garlic toast, fresh tomato salsa, mozzarella and gaita olives. We finished with a strawberry trifle in a cup. Strawberry roll on the bottom, tapioca pudding, fresh sliced strawberries, whipped cream (yum!).

We decided to have a brunch theme for the March meeting and everyone is asked to contribute. So far we have a:

French toast casserole that is pre-made and will bake for 40 minutes:

Emma Konefal

Irish Soda Bread & fresh butter (a repeated favorite): Amanda Fasciano

Deviled eggs: Amanda Fasciano

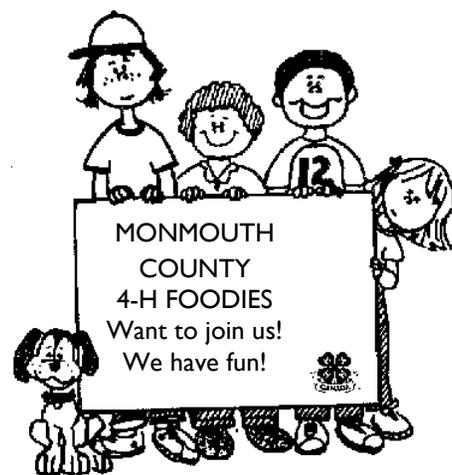
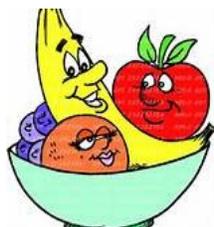
Chocolate chip cookies: Eileen

Fruit Dip: Emma Konefal

We will all help make a fruit salad: All -
we will need: berries, grapes, melon

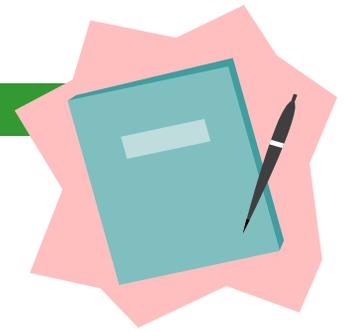
Beverage?

Meat Dish?



Club Reports

4-H Game Makers Club



4H GameMakers learn and share the games and animations they create. We learn programming by starting with Scratch, a free download from MIT and progressed to other software as the members become more advanced.

Experienced members (our Geek Squad) help the new members solve programming issues and they all encourage each other to create more complicated games. New members age 10 and up are welcome to start at any time. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 4:30-6pm at the 4H office in Freehold.

Collier High School participates in the Rutgers Climate Change Summit - group soon to become a Monmouth County 4-H Club!

Check out their fantastic video "It Must Be Global Warming" by Collier High School at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qKJeDfBMk8&feature=youtu.be>

Animal Science Updates

Monmouth County 4-H Teen Animal Safety Ambassador

Having animals and keeping them safe at a public outdoor event like the fair requires experience and preparation. Thank-you to our tent chairs for their year-round planning and key roles at the fair. The extreme weather conditions of the 2012 fair gave us a chance to practice many weather-related emergency scenarios, including no opening, delayed opening, limited and full evacuation!

This however was also the year of best response on the part of members and volunteers. The ability to work together and communicate clearly helps to make this possible. We are seeking teen members who would like to learn more about animal safety, animal health concerns, record-keeping and emergency preparedness. If you are a dynamic teen or know a club member that would be effective in an Animal Safety Leadership role please contact sbrown@njaes.rutgers.edu for more information.

Important Dates for Animal Project Members-

April 1– Horse Project Animal Registrations Due

May 1– All Animal Registrations Due

May 15– Horse Vaccinations Due– Up-to Date

June 1– Animal Project Fair Entries Due

Photos must accompany all animals that are not permanently identified.

Premises Inspection Form is also required to exhibit-

Small Animal, Rabbit ,Cavy and Poultry

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/4Hpoultryrabbitcavyform.pdf>

A Negative Pullorum test must accompany poultry



Volunteer Leader's Wanted!

Kids in Monmouth County Waiting!

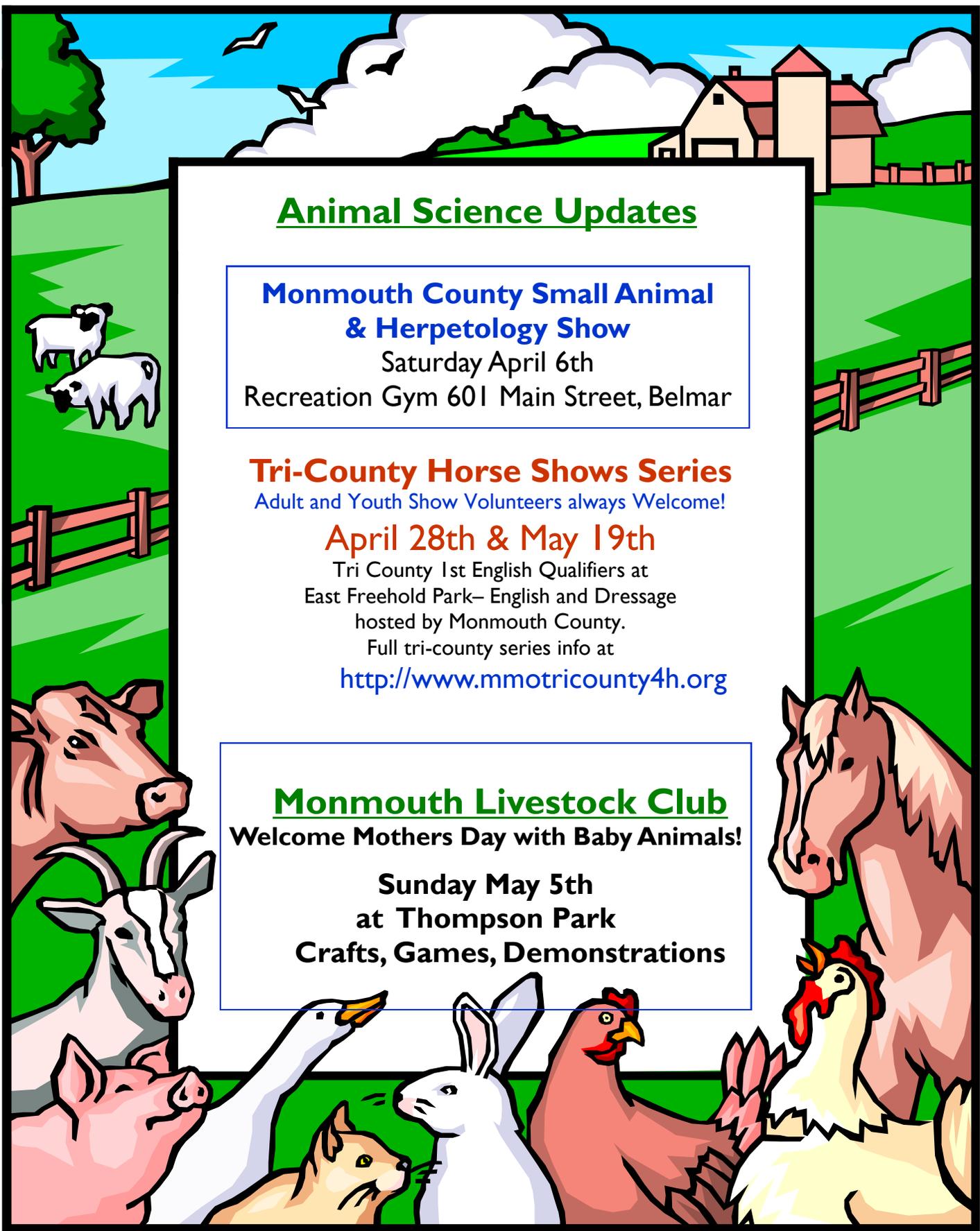
Shooting Sports

Lend your Skills!

Learn more at <http://nj4hshootingsports.org/>

HELP SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL 4-H CLUBS
 BY ADDING **\$1** AT CHECKOUT
May 8th through May 19th
  FIND A STORE NEAR YOU
 AT TRACTORSUPPLY.COM

Buy a clover !! 
 100% of proceeds goes to
 4-H! Or set up a display
 to promote awareness of 4-H.
 Clovers sold between
 May 8th and May 19th at
 the Tractor Supply location in
 Allentown will benefit the Monmouth
 County 4-H Program!



Animal Science Updates

Monmouth County Small Animal & Herpetology Show

Saturday April 6th
Recreation Gym 601 Main Street, Belmar

Tri-County Horse Shows Series

Adult and Youth Show Volunteers always Welcome!

April 28th & May 19th

Tri County 1st English Qualifiers at
East Freehold Park– English and Dressage
hosted by Monmouth County.

Full tri-county series info at

<http://www.mmotricounty4h.org>

Monmouth Livestock Club

Welcome Mothers Day with Baby Animals!

**Sunday May 5th
at Thompson Park
Crafts, Games, Demonstrations**



CLOVERBUD CORNER



Earth Day 2013 is April 22nd!

Incorporate one of these projects listed below and a discussion about the environment into your next club meeting. Outdoor clean-ups are fun team- building projects that make kids feel great! Weigh the trash that you collect and let them know that even younger members can make a big difference!

Many of the project entries at the county fair actually begin in the Spring. Below are some divisions of the fair that Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in. Please keep these in mind on your adventures and see the posted Fair Rule Book for details.

Explore together and enjoy each other

Happy Spring,

Sabrina
4-H Program Assistant

DIVISION 26 - RECYCLING

1. Open to all 4-H members
2. Invent or design a creative, useful, original item from recyclable objects
3. Item must be labeled and have a description of its use
4. Submit 1-3 paragraphs including the nature of the project, length of time spent and any unique aspects about the project



Classes:

1. Item made from natural resources (e.g. fallen leaves as a table centerpiece)
2. Item made from manmade resources (e.g. milk carton as a flower vase)

DIVISION 27 - NATURAL COLLECTIONS

1. Open to all 4-H members
2. Items must be labeled
3. Items must have been collected and display assembled by 4-H member
4. Members must submit 2 to 3 paragraphs describing their collection and tell about any special pieces.
Pieces can be dated if known when acquired.

Classes:

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Shells | 3. Butterflies | 5. Other Natural Collections |
| 2. Rocks | 4. Bugs | |

Special Youth Programs

RU SET?

4-H Science, Engineering & Technology

<http://4hset.rutgers.edu>



THE MONMOUTH 4-H S.E.T. CLUB

The members of the Monmouth County 4-H S.E.T. Club have been preparing for their latest competition. In November they advanced through Regionals by winning the “Overall” recognition. On December 8th at the Mount Olive High School they entered the State level competition. They swept at the New Jersey State Tournament by taking the following awards out of 200 NJ teams:

- 2012 NJ State 2nd place Robot Design WINNERS!
- 2012 NJ State Bowling WINNERS! 1st team to make a STRIKE!
- 2012 NJ Mentor Recognition Award—Ian Rios
- 2012 NJ State Top Donating Team. To assist Sandy victims.



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Inquiry Beyond Borders

Cultivating Future Scientists
Rutgers 4-H sparks a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math in New Jersey youngsters.

Read more.

Cultivating Future Scientists

Robotics. Engineering. Forensics. Welcome to today's 4-H. The 110-year-old youth organization, once focused exclusively on agricultural programming, is now cultivating future scientists as well.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension runs 4-H in every New Jersey county, and its 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) initiative has young thinkers and tinkerers fired up.

On a late summer afternoon, seven youngsters, aged 10 to 13, gather at the home of Gladys Rios, a volunteer who co-leads the Monmouth County 4-H Robotics Club. The children have just returned from a local senior center where they interviewed seniors about everyday obstacles they face, such as getting medicine from a cabinet. This fall, the youngsters are brainstorming solutions and building a miniature proving ground—a Lego-scale senior environment—to assess their ideas to aid the seniors.

In November, they will test their ingenuity, competing in the [First Lego League \(FLL\) 2012 Senior Solutions Challenge](#). Cosponsored by Lego, FLL tournaments use robotics to get 9- to 16-year-old students thinking about careers in science and high-tech. During FLL competitions, the students program Lego robots to complete a given set of tasks such as moving a Lego chair under a table, placing a Lego plant in a garden, or turning off a Lego stove. They also develop and present their own unique robotics solutions, an outgrowth of their summer visit to the senior center. In the photo above, they work on their skills at the home of 4-H volunteer Hope Raymond, who co-leads the Monmouth County 4-H Robotics Club with Rios.

“We see the children trying to figure out problems and when they’re finally able to see that they can solve these problems—getting their robots to get someone something, they realize this can be done in the real world. It’s so fulfilling to see these minds that are so bright.”

- Gladys Rios, Volunteer Leader, Monmouth County 4-H Robotics Club

2013 SOUTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE

By: Linette Reeman

TEEN SCENE

You're sitting in the dark, anxiously waiting to hear who committed the murder. Two names ring out, immediately followed by the presenter saying, "Cuff them." As the two girls are brought up to the podium, you start clapping and cheering. No, you're not witnessing an arrest; you're at the closing ceremony of this year's South Jersey Teen Conference, aptly titled "Get A Clue With 4-H."

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the planning committees (including Monmouth County, who provided the hospitality), SJTC 2013, held from March 1 to March 3 at the Seaview Hotel in Atlantic County, was a rousing success.

The weekend began with an opening ceremony by Gloucester County, who had organized the "murder mystery." This was the second year that there was a short Talent Show during the ceremony, and this year from Monmouth County, McKayla Tyrell and Linette Reeman both participated.

To help engage the 4-H'ers and entice them to talk to each other, everyone was put on a team to solve the murder, and each team was able to make their own T-shirts. In addition to that activity, there was also a "speed-meeting" activity, where 4-H'ers sat in two circles facing each other, and the outside circle rotated until everyone in the outside circle had a chance to talk to everyone on the inside circle. While the "speed-meeting" activity was more involved than the meet-and-greet activities had been last year, there were general complaints that it was difficult to talk afterwards, due to the excessive talking.

However, the "speed-meeting" seemed to work, as the next morning started off with a walk around the hotel grounds, and many new friendships ensued. The beginning part of the second day was spent doing workshops, which included identifying different fingerprints, making a video commercial for SJTC 2013, and getting a chance to learn about and interact with K9 sniffer dogs.

After the workshops, the murder-solving teams split up, and each team was given a list of activities to complete around the hotel. These included things like a photography scavenger hunt, swimming competitions that were done in the hotel's pool, a trivia challenge, and a poetry-memorization contest. As each team racked up wins and completions, they were also racking up points for their team, along with earning clues to solve the murder.

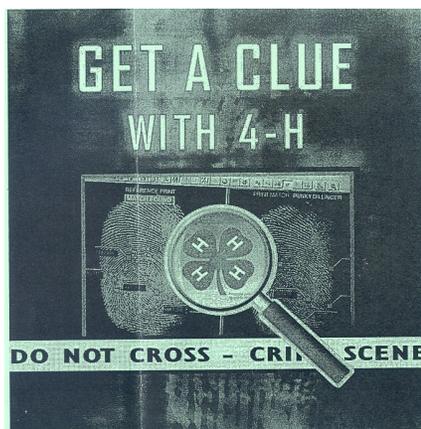
At the end of the day, as it is tradition, SJTC participants were treated to a delicious banquet provided by the hotel and were able to enjoy themselves at a dance, hosted by a DJ who ran karaoke competitions and made sure everyone was having fun long into the night.

4-Hers from all counties agreed that this was the most exciting and interactive SJTC that they had participated in, and by Sunday morning, everyone was ready to head home. The closing ceremony described in the first paragraph was also run by Gloucester County, wherein motivational speaker Gian Paul Gonzales entertained the 4-H'ers with amusing anecdotes and hard-hitting truths, before giving everyone a casino-esque chip, so they would always remember to be "All In!" The ceremony concluded with the final arrest, and then the 4-Hers were sent back to their rooms to pack up the rest of their things and say goodbye to their friends.

The Monmouth County 4-H'ers who went to this year's South Jersey Teen Conference would like to extend a sincere thank-you to Macy Compton, for coming along as a chaperone and providing guidance and help wherever it was needed, and to Virginia Krzyzanowski for helping the Monmouth County SJTC teens make goody bags and decorate the Seaview Hotel as part of their hospitality assignment, and helping us implement other creative ideas to move the process along smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and we hope to see you there next year!!!

“Get a Clue with 4-H” theme for 2013 South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference



Seven of Monmouth County’s 4-H teen members attended the 2013 South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference held March 1-3, 2013 at the Seaview Resort in Galloway, New Jersey. **Sarah Bond**, Marlboro; **Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak**, Millstone; **Daniel Moore**, Marlboro; **Linette Reeman**, Lincroft; **Ian Rios**, Port Monmouth; **Ryan Singh**, Colts Neck and **McKayla Tyrrell**, Freehold joined over 100 4-H’ers from 10 South Jersey counties at the annual conference which has been held for over fifty years.

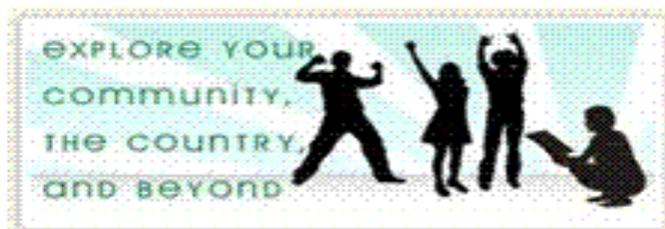
This year’s theme, “Get a Clue with 4-H” revolved around a murder mystery and the techniques needed to solve the crime. The victim and suspects stories were shared with the audience on Friday night to set the stage for the weekend’s activities.

Saturday morning’s CSI workshops offered a variety of choices for the participants to expand their interests in forensics – learning about the important role DNA plays, how a Medico Legal Death Investigator determines the cause of death, work with a bloodhound and his handler to track a suspect or missing person, discovering how evidence from decomposed and buried bodies are gained, and testing your observation skills when witnessing a crime.

Conference attendees participated in fun hands-on team challenges Saturday afternoon to gain points for additional clues; held a formal banquet that evening honoring an outstanding teen from each county and then proceeded to dance the night away with a DJ or had fun in the game room with new friends.

The conference closed on Sunday morning with a vision in motion. Motivational speaker Gian Paul Gonzalez shared how he inspired the New York Giants to win the 2011 Super Bowl. Gonzalez, a 29 year old high school teacher in Union City, NJ spoke from the heart “We are faced with decisions every day at which time we can decide to be fully committed, or all in”. Gonzalez, a former All-American forward, who passed up a professional basketball contract to continue his work with at-risk youth, says he is making a difference every day – his chips are all in!

The South Jersey 4-H Teen Conference is an annual event which brings 4-H members in grades 8-13 together to practice leadership, citizenship and cooperation. It is coordinated by the 4-H Youth Development Program, as part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H offers educational programs to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. For more information about the Monmouth County 4-H program contact the 4-H Office at 732-431-7260 x7264 or visit our website at <http://jnaes.rutgers.edu>



Leader's Helper



All NJ 4-H Club By-Laws Must Be Changed

to include IRS REQUIRED LANGUAGE
AND TREASURIES & FUNDRAISING

Deadline - May 1, 2013

All 4-H clubs, advisory and affiliated groups need to revise their by-laws. There are three paragraphs that the IRS requires to be changed.

There is a Power Point that will explain the process.

Please call your staff Liaison or Gladys in the 4-H Office at (732)431-7260 X 7264 for help and to obtain The Power Point, By-laws template and new Treasuries and Fundraising for 4-H Clubs

All 4-H club treasuries should be audited once a year. 4-H clubs that have a balance of \$100 or more anytime during the year must complete an audit The audit is to be performed by someone outside of the club. Deadline—May 1, 2013!

Monmouth County Fair July 24th -28th

NOTE: MONMOUTH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Next Deadline - June 15th

Calling all leaders and 4-H members! Please help!
the Lucky 4-H'er Gazette.

The Newsletter will once again be scheduled for print on a quarterly basis. All articles, pictures and information must be in by the 15th of the before printing. The Newsletter will be printed and out by the 1st week of the month hopefully.

The deadlines for future newsletters contributions will be as follow:

June 15th- includes events happening in July, August, September

September 15th- includes events happening in October, November and December

December 15th- includes events happening in January, February, and March

March 15th- includes events happening in April, May, June

IN THE NEWS...

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In this milestone fifth year, Rutgers Day will continue performances, tours, exhibits, hands-on activities, and perennial favorites like Ag Field Day, the Engineering Open House, and the New Jersey Folk Festival. Come share in our Rutgers pride by exploring the university's research, education, and service.

Don't miss the new Rutgers Day parade at 11 a.m. on the College Avenue Campus. Floats, jugglers, swing dancers, and even a Quidditch team will parade down College Avenue and through the Voorhees Mall. Cheer on the Scarlet Knight and the Army ROTC Color Guard, and feel the scarlet spirit with the Rutgers Marching Band.

If you're driving to campus, remember that all university parking lots are open and FREE on Rutgers Day. Our roads are clear and our routes are streamlined. The Rutgers Day shuttle is easy to use if you need to travel between campuses.

We look forward to seeing you on the campuses in New Brunswick and Piscataway!



LINDLEY G. COOK 4-H SUMMER CAMP



For many youngsters, the first extensive time away from the family hearth is a sleepaway camp during the summer, like the one offered by the [Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education](#). Each year, for the past 59 years, the center has offered a high quality, fun-filled overnight camp experience to countless youths, grades 4–11. The camp, which is operated by [Rutgers Cooperative Extension](#), is located on 108 acres in beautiful Stokes State Forest, Sussex County, N.J. This annual sleepaway [summer camp](#) welcomes everyone, not just 4-Hers, and at an affordable and competitive price for each of the six one-week sessions. Discounts are available for Rutgers University employees.

Campers participate in weekly sessions that offer a variety of arts & crafts, environmental education, shooting sports, and waterfront activities on Lake

Shawanni, and bunk with their peers in one of eleven rustic cabins provided on the site. Campers will also be able to experience a variety of traditional camp activities like evenings around the campfire, talent shows, learning new games and dances in a safe, non-competitive environment.

James Tavares, director of the camp since 2000, describes the camp experience as one that facilitates real growth for all the participants. "Our research-based, age-appropriate programs use the "learn-by-doing" approach of 4-H to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world."

The summer camp is open to all youth who have completed grades three to ten. Counselor-In-Training positions are available to older kids, teens who have completed grades nine and ten.



The Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center for Outdoor Education, which has been providing outdoor experiences for youth since 1951, is named after Lindley G. Cook, who was the associate director of the New Jersey Cooperative Extension Service from 1945–1958. Cook was the driving force behind the planning, fundraising, and development of New Jersey's first State 4-H Camp. There is no official record of just how many campers and counselors have enjoyed the sleepaway experience from 1951 when the camp first opened, but "since 1982, over 32,000 campers and counselors passed through our gates," said Tavares.

Participation in summer camp is available to all 4–11 graders, whether they live in cities, suburbs, or in rural communities. Register on line, call 973-948-3550 or visit the camp website at: <http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO TEEN NATIONAL TRIP DELEGATES



National 4-H Conference - *Linette Reeman* has been selected as one of New Jersey's delegates to attend National 4-H Conference. It is a special meeting hosted by USDA. The purpose of the conference is to bring together youth and adults to help with strategic planning for the 4-H Program nationally. The event is attended by approximately 350 young people from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. The event is held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland for one week during the beginning of April. Participants spend most of their time at the 4-H Center working in committees discussing ideas and issues. The results of all the discussions is a strategic plan for 4-H along with special plans and projects for individual states. During the event participants will also have an opportunity to visit Congressional Representatives. Delegates are expected to return home and implement their state plan during the upcoming 4-H year.

New Jersey sends 6 4-H members and 2 adult advisors to National 4-H Conference. All interested 4-H members must complete an application form and participate in an interview at the state level. Potential delegates must be in the 10-12 grade at the time of the application.



Citizenship Washington Focus - *McKayla Tyrrell* has been selected as Monmouth County's youth delegate to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in July. It is a leadership program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school age youth. The program is run for seven consecutive weeks during the summer months. It is held at the [National 4-H Youth Conference Center](#) in Chevy Chase, Maryland just outside Washington, D.C. Using Washington, D.C. as a working classroom delegates learn about the government, citizenship and civic education.

New Jersey 4-H sends 40-50 4-H members and 4 adult advisors to Citizenship Washington Focus each year. The learning takes place through energetic workshops, special appointed committees, appropriate field trips (including visits with congressional representatives) and fun social events. Citizenship Washington Focus is a total Washington, D.C. experience. There are approximately 300 4-H members representing 6 different states at the 4-H center during one week of CWF. Participants may only attend this event one time during their 4-H career. All interested 4-H members must be in the 9-12 grade as of the time of application and must go through a local selection process.

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership, youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The planning committee takes advantage of Atlanta's standing as an international city and exposes delegates to as many venues in the city as possible including the Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coke-A-Cola, CNN Center, Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members.

For information about these and other teen opportunities contact Virginia at the 4-H office.



4-H Alumni Dinner

The 4-H Alumni held its annual Dinner on February 22. We enjoyed a corned beef and cabbage dinner and many people brought desserts to share. A new slate of Officers was confirmed.

President- Stephanie Cole
 Vice President (Internal)- Lisa Dillon
 Vice President (External)- Sam Glucksman
 Secretary- JoAnna Tumminello
 Treasurer- Helen Dillon

We honored our Alumni of the Year, Michael Minervini. As a youth, Michael was a member of Teen Council, Red Hots, and Kids for Kids. He was a South Jersey Teen Conference Delegate. As an adult, he has judged Public Presentations at both the County and State level, a Master of Ceremonies for the Ambassador Contest and Clogging Invitational at Fair. Michael is also a tireless supporter of 4-H to the general public. When asked to offer some advice to today's youth he said, "Stay involved and apply what you have learned because it will help you later in life." Sam Glucksman accepted the award on behalf of Michael from Stephany Cole, our current president.



Also honored at the dinner was scholarship winner Paul Yoncak.

***All 4-H Alumni are invited to join our Facebook group.
 Our upcoming meetings are April 23, June 25, and August 27.***

LET'S ALL WELCOME OUR NEWEST 4-H'er

Just wanted to let you know that Amy and Matt Barker welcomed a new little "4-H'er" into the world on Thursday, March 7th - Katherine Ann Barker. 9lbs 2oz and 21 inches long.

Both mommy and daughter are doing well.

Upcoming 4-H Events:

**Monmouth County Small Animal Show
April 6th, Belmar**

**Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center's — 2013 Earth Day Expo
Sunday, April 21st- 8:45 till 1:30**

April 22nd—Earth Day 2013

**April 28th & May 9th—Tri County 1st English Qualifiers
East Freehold Park—English and Dressage
For more information go to: [Http://www.mmotricounty4h.org](http://www.mmotricounty4h.org)**

May 1st—All Animal Registrations Due

**May 1st—Deadline for changes to NJ 4-H Club By-Laws
And Treasuries & Fundraising**

**All 4-H club treasuries should be audited once a year. 4-H clubs that have a
Balance of \$100 or more anytime during the year must complete an audit.
The audit is to be performed by someone outside of the club.**

**Sunday, May 5th—Monmouth County Livestock hosting:
Welcome Mothers Day with Baby Animals!
Thompson Park—Crafts, Games, Demonstrations**

May 15th—Horse Vaccinations Due—Up-to Date

June 1st—All Animal Fair Entries Due

June 15th—Deadline for Next Newsletter

July 1st– Non –Animal Fair Entries Due

Monmouth County Fair July 24th -28th



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