In the past 5 months I have been learning about our clubs and getting to know all of our club leaders, volunteers and members. Everyone’s been great. We have some exciting news about our very own Katie Barnes from “The Hoofers” club, she has qualified for the National Reining Horse Association’s World Championship in OK this December. We wish her lots of luck. I am very excited to announce the start of a new rabbit club, the “West Milford Hare-Raisers”, they are in the process of recruiting new members for their club and will begin meeting in the next month or so. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let me know. 4-H after-school programs are up and running this new school year, teaching the importance of healthy eating, nutrition and physical activity along with science, engineering and technology to youth throughout Paterson. The Passaic County SET Ambassadors have been working hard in the after-school programs and at other 4-H events like the 4-H fair. Passaic County 4-H had a very successful fair at the West Milford Autumn Lights Festival this October. Our large tent allowed our clubs to display several exhibits and take part in demonstrations. Our Passaic County Teen Action Group had a successful first meeting and are looking forward to a very productive upcoming year full of community service projects and fun outings. As Fall ends and Winter begins I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual 4-H Awards Night and Holiday Dinner on Friday December 3rd. A night of celebration and fun. With lots of new and upcoming events I hope you enjoy this issue of 4-H Happenings.

Marycarmen Kunicki
Passaic County 4-H Program Associate

“A Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.” Stanley Horowitz

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Passaic County 4-H Fair at West Milford Autumn Lights Festival

An estimated 15,000 visitors attended this year’s Autumn Lights Festival in West Milford on Saturday Oct. 9, 2010.
Passaic County 4-H Fair at West Milford Autumn Lights Festival

The “I See For You Puppy Club” took home Best in Division for Club Display.

Recruitment for a new Rabbit Club began.

Over 200 youth painted mini pumpkins in preparation for Halloween.
A great big **Thank You** to all the volunteers, club members, and 4-H Staff who assisted in the set up, exhibits, demonstrations and other activities at the Passaic County 4-H Fair.

- 4-H Hoofers Equestrian Club
- I See For You Puppy Club
- Preakness Aggies Club
- Rocking Horse Rockers
- Passaic Power Paws
- Passaic County Science, Engineering and Technology Ambassadors
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension—Master Gardeners

**Special Thanks to:**

Autumn Lights Festival Committee for their hard work in preparing for that day and their donation to the Passaic County 4-H

### Welcome New 4-H Club Members

**The Hoofers**

Kyle VanDerVelden  
Michaela VanDerVelden  
Sierra Wickham

**Passaic Power Paws**

Gabrielle Thompson  
Gale Lyon  
Jenni Lyon  
Kaitlyn Aymar  
Malisa Genuardi  
Nicole Harden

**Preakness Aggies**

Yassmin Rosario  
Yessenia Rosario  
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### New Rabbit Club Coming Soon

**“The West Milford Hare- Raisers”**

Learn about the care of rabbits as animals, as pets, therapy animals, show animals, rodents, and in the natural food chain. Grades 1-12 are welcome to join. Meetings will be held on Monday or Thursday evenings.

For more information about this new club please contact the 4-H office at (973) 684-4786
Club Updates

I See For You Puppy Club

The “I See For You” Seeing Eye puppies have been busy! In August, puppies Tacoma, Quix and Specs visited Camp Wishes and Little Footsteps Childcare in Wayne; the puppies and raisers had so much fun visiting with the campers! The puppies then took their raisers to the West Milford Free Summer Concert Series on the beach in late August. Currie enjoyed listening to the Jimmy Buffett at the concert and playing in the sand with her raisers. Our club members always look forward to Family Day at the Seeing Eye in August, a day dedicated to the volunteer puppy raisers! Sadly, we wish two of our puppies, Tacoma and Becca, well as they have returned to the Seeing Eye for formal training. Meanwhile, we welcome two new German Shepherd pups to our club!!! Congratulations to puppies Puffin and Quix who passed their “Vesting Test” and received their training vest. October was full of fall festivals; puppies Joey, Gaston, Emerald and Puffin attended the Morristown Festival on the Green along with some Morris County puppy raisers and enjoyed walking the streets of Morristown, meeting other Seeing Eye puppies, and the beautiful weather at the festival. Then we had our favorite outing, the West Milford Autumn Lights Festival / 4-H Fair where our club had a booth and a demonstration with the puppies. All the puppies enjoyed walking the busy fair route and resting at our booth while being pet by festival goers. Last but not least, the Seeing Eye hosted a groovy “Woofstock” for the puppies in training filled with tie-dyed shirts, puppy training circles with Seeing Eye instructors, dog rally, arts and crafts, stenciling designs on puppies, tattoos, juno walks, and tons of well behaved puppies in training!

All of the events that our puppies attend are an important part of their training. We have club meetings twice a month to work on training commands, plan new outings, and discuss training techniques. Outings are good training to prepare the puppies for anything and everything they may encounter as Seeing Eye Dogs. Meeting children at camp, loud music and crowds at the concert, large groups of people at festivals, etc, are all excellent fun training events for both puppy raisers and their puppies.

Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful. ~Author Unknown
Club Updates

Preakness Aggies

The Preakness Aggies started the years meetings on October 8th. We made Magazine bowls (bowls made from folding up sheets from various magazines and gluing them together). We entered these crafts and other crafts we made last year at the 4-H fair which was held October 9th as part of West Milford’s Autumn Lights Festival.

This year’s club activities will include field trips, pet therapy at a nursing home and club meetings focusing on star gazing, photography, crafts, public presentations and other activities. At our next meeting Julia Semeraro will present our club’s WEB page which she created this summer and Chelsea Semeraro will have 67 years of Club scrap booking that she has organized and compiled over the last year.

The Preakness Aggies meets twice a month, typically the first and third Fridays of the month.

Respectfully submitted, Chelsea Semeraro, Club President and Junior Leader.

Passaic Power Paws

The Power Paws Club has been going strong. We have quite a few new members and have been learning the basics in training--sit, down, stay, and wait. We have also been learning about rally, which is following signs that have commands written on them. Learning how to train our dogs and work with each other is a lot of fun! We participated at the Passaic County 4-H Fair at West Milford’s Autumn Lights Festival and had a great time. Some of us brought our dogs and did demonstrations and participated in an obedience show. Everyone’s dog behaved so well. It was a great opportunity for our pets to get used to being around different people and many animals. Just like we need to learn manners, so do they. We really enjoyed being in the 4H tent with the other 4H'ers and learning about their clubs also. --By Amanda Piszczatoski

Teen Action Group

The Teen Action Group (TAG) has been on the 4-H radar with our first meeting on October 6th, a total of 13 teens from Paterson and sounding areas attended. On Oct. 29th our very own TAG members created and ran the very spooky Haunted House at the annual Bergen/Passaic County Halloween Party. Many 4-Her’s got a great scare. Many TAG members will be attending Teen Winter Camp in January at Stokes State Forest. Members will be volunteering with some of the following organizations: Passaic County NJ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, The Paterson Family Success Center, Habit for Humanity and Eva’s Kitchen by packing bags of groceries for distribution, building a home and feeding those in need. Other projects will be developed throughout the year. Our next TAG meeting will be held on November 10th. -By Bryan Castro, TAG Club Member
Club Updates

**Hoofers Equestrian Club**

The Hoofers, “AKA Bauer’s Bunch”, are proud to announce that our Katie Barnes has qualified for the National Reining Horse Association’s World Championship in Oklahoma the beginning of December. Katie qualified by coming in 7th out of 50 competitors at her last horse show. The top 8 placing qualified for the World show. Katie was kind enough to bring in compact discs of her past two horse shows including her qualifying run to share with the club. The Hoofers want to wish Katie the best of luck to her and her gorgeous palomino gelding “Wishin’ I Was Fishin”. Go Katie!!!

We also are thrilled to have three new members join the club this past quarter: Sierra Wickham and Kyle and Micheala VanDerVelden. A big welcome to you and we look forward to teaching you a great deal about horses in the months to come.

The Club has been working on their craft keepsake boxes for the county fair. We’ve been having the seasoned members like Ali, Natalia, Amy and Katie show the ropes to our newer members. They’ve shown them how to pick hooves, brush the horses, blanket the horses, and lead the horses and to safely give them treats to name a few things.

We look forward to the new 4-H year and all the exciting things we’ll be learning.

**SET Club**

The Science, Engineering, and Technology ambassadors are teenagers from Passaic County who make up the 4-H SET Club. These SET Ambassadors teach and educate youth ages 5–13 years old, with hands-on projects focusing on science, engineering and technology concepts. Some ambassadors have been assisting science and nutrition instructors in Paterson elementary schools. Topics being taught include how to design and build a super roller coaster, nutrition, healthy eating, and the importance of physical activity.

These 4-H SET club members have been active and busy in and around their communities. They have attended events such as the Passaic County Agency Meet and Great at the Preakness HealthCare Center in Wayne They also participated in the West Milford Autumn Lights Festival, 4-H fair, where over 15,000 people attended enjoying delicious food, fun activities, and great music. The 4-H SET club assisted youth visiting the 4-H tent with pumpkin painting, which included over 200 pumpkins painted by kids of all ages.

SET ambassadors will continue to assist science and nutrition instructors for the remainder of the school year. On November 13th ambassadors will learn how to build straw rockets! By Bryan Castro, SET Ambassador

**Rocking Horse Rockers**

The Rocking Horse Rockers continue to meet regularly while learning to ride and groom horses as you explore the trails of West Milford. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month and follows the 4-H Horse Curriculum. The Rocking Horse Rockers Horsemanship Program meets six days a week with limited membership. This club focused on learning Horsemanship.
**Horse Around on the Equines Science Center’s Game- “Fun on the Farm”.

The Rutgers Equine Science Center, in partnership with New Jersey Department of Agriculture, announces the launch of “Fun on the Farm”- an new interactive educational game to teach youth about science of a horse farm and environmental stewardship. This game is now accessible through Equine Science 4 kids, the youth component of the Center’s website, esc.rutgers.edu.

**Guide Helps Parents Inform Their Children About Online Safety**

Published by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), "Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online" offers parents practical tips to guide their children in navigating the online world. As the guide notes, online means of interaction come with certain risks, including inappropriate conduct, contact, and content. The information that "Net Cetera" provides can help parents empower their children to reduce these risks.

This free resource is available via OnGuardOnline.gov, a Web site maintained by the FTC with support from its partners, among which is the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.


**Teaching Kids the Value of Money**

*EconKids – promotes financial literacy with a touch of fun*

This website provides teachers, parents, and volunteers with ideas for using children's literature to introduce economics to children. We review new books from leading publishers and makes selections for "Book of the Month" and "Top Five" categories.

Unlike many of the existing websites on economics education, EconKids focuses on younger students in elementary school. Its user-friendly design can help to generate quick teaching ideas that are based on current research in economics and education.

http://econkids.rutgers.edu/econkids-home-econmenu-154

**Looking for a Few Good Adults**

**IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO HELP. WE ARE NOW SEEKING MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COMMITED TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH. FOR MORE ON WAYS YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT Marycarmen Kunicki AT Kunicki@NJAES.RUTGERS.EDU OR CALL (973) 684-4786.**
SAVE THE DATE

“Rutgerscience Saturdays”
If you like to dig into science and learn about cool new research and technology, then you will love Rutgerscience Saturdays. With hands on learning experiences with scientists and programs which includes Look to the Trees, What’s in the Water?, You are the Meteorologist and What are clouds made of?
Topic: Explore our Changing Environment
Who: Students in grades 6-9
When: November 20, 2010
Where: Environmental Sciences Building (Rutgers Cook Campus)
Time: 10am-2pm
Cost: $25 per participant, includes lunch and a take-home gift
For registration form or for more information, please go to http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html

“Teen Winter Camp”
It's Time For Some Winter Fun! Passaic County 4-H Teens will once again be joining Somerset, Warren and Bergen County for another weekend full of fun activities such as winter sports, socializing with new people, hiking, campfires, shooting archery, ice skating, playing outdoor games, and hanging out with 4-H friends. Teen winter camp will be held from Friday, January 21, 2011 – Sunday, January 23, 2011 located at the Lindley Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. This event is open to teens in grades 9-13. The cost is nominal and includes all meals and activities. For more information contact the 4-H office at 973-684-4786 or email kunicki@njaes.rutgers.edu..

“North Jersey Teen Conference — Survival of the Fittest”
March 11-13, 2011 – Clinton, NJ
North Jersey Teen Conference focuses on developing skills for your life and future, leadership and personal development. This conference includes workshops, activities, speakers and lots of fun. Open to grades 8-13. Registration information will be available in early December 2010. For more information please contact the 4-H office 973-684-4786 or visit http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/njtc.html

Climate & Environmental Change Teen Summit
Students (grades 9-11) are invited to work with Rutgers University scientists to learn about climate change science to develop community science projects that apply their knowledge of climate change issues in their local communities.
Student teams and their advisors will participate in a series of activities to enrich their understanding of climate change science. Teams of 5-6 students from each school will join together with graduate students and faculty on the Rutgers Cook Campus to discuss climate change research and gain exposure to career and research opportunities in climate change related sciences. As part of the summit, students will engage in planning and implementing climate change related service projects in their local communities.
Climate Change 101: January 12, 2011 (Snow date: January 13, 2011)
What is climate change? How do we know it is happening? How will climate change affect us? What are the solutions? How will we do it?
Student delegates will work with Rutgers scientists to explore the science of climate change. The event will include tours of university laboratories, hands-on activities, and discussions with scientists. Together we will explore how to communicate and discuss climate change in your school community.

“To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan... believe... act!” Alfred A. Montapert
You are cordially invited to the
Annual 4-H Awards Night
& Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 3rd, 2010
7:00-9:00 PM
United Methodist Church
99 Parish Drive
Wayne, New Jersey

Please join the Passaic 4-H members and their families on Friday, December 3rd for our annual awards ceremony and holiday celebration. Help celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members and leaders at our Awards Night.

Please bring your favorite family recipe. RSVP what you will be bringing by returning the response form below to the 4-H office as soon as possible. It may be faxed to us at 973-754-9812, mailed to Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 4-H Office of Youth Development, 317 Pennsylvania Ave., Rm 204, Paterson, NJ 07503, or e-mailed to Kunicki@njaes.rutgers.edu.

______Yes, I will attend the 4-H Awards Night and Holiday Dinner with______family members.

I will bring: (check one and describe)

_____appetizer_____________________________________________________

_____entrée_______________________________________________________

_____dessert_______________________________________________________

(Please bring enough to share with at least 8 people.)

Name__________________________________________4-H Club_________________________

Kindly RSVP by November 26th, 2010!
Upcoming Events

November 2010

Nov 20th – Rutgerscience Saturday (Exploring Our Changing Environment) New Brunswick, New Jersey

Nov 25th-26th – Thanksgiving Holiday (4-H Office Closed)

Nov 26th-30th – National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

December 2010

Dec 3rd – 4-H Awards & Holiday Dinner, Wayne, NJ

Dec 5th – State Teen Action Conference, New Brunswick, NJ

Dec 23rd-24th – Christmas Holiday (4-H Office Closed)

Dec 30th-31st – New Years Holiday (4-H Office Closed)

January 2011

Jan 12th – 3rd Annual Climate & Environmental Change Student Summit, New Brunswick, NJ

Jan 15th – Rutgerscience Saturday (Exploring the Ocean) New Brunswick, New Jersey

Jan 17th – Martin Luther King Day (4-H Office Closed)

Jan 21st-23rd – Teen Winter Camp, Branchville, NJ

Jan 29th – State 4-H Model Horse Show, Flemington, NJ

February 2011

Feb 12th – Rutgerscience Saturday (Geology Rocks) New Brunswick, New Jersey

Feb 13th – 4-H Skill-A-Thon Multi Project Adventures, Belvidere, NJ

Feb 21st – President’s Day (4-H Office Closed)

Feb 26th – State 4-H Horse Bowl & Equine Art Show, Westhampton, NJ

Look for the Winter issue of 4-H Happenings in February
Other Ways to Connect With 4-H

National 4-H Website: http://4-h.org
New Jersey 4-H: http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu
On Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/4-h
On Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/4H

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the 4-H office.

Even if you are no longer an active member, we hope you still want to hear from us.

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