A Note from Your Community Assistant, Kenny

The Fall AND Winter Newsletter is here! Sorry for the delay folks but there's just so much going on here at Passaic County 4-H. We have new programs on the horizon that are in the planning stages. New clubs forming in Passaic County that kids are going to love. And that’s not to mention our yearly staples like Science-Sational Day, NJTC and Public Presentation night which are just around the corner. We’re busy but it’s a good busy and we’re hitting the ground running in 2016.

Record books! We want them! This year we want to see all of our clubs complete record books. Its super easy and helps you keep track of all the cool things your doing in 4-H. Need help finding them? Contact our office, we are always here to help.

Passaic County 4-H’ers made over 750 Valentine’s day cards for Meals on Wheels for this Valentine’s day.

Remember there's someone out there who could use your love!

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the university, Rutgers Day will have a statewide presence in 2016 with programming in Camden, New Brunswick, and Newark. There will be something for everyone at each location! Experience hands-on learning activities, see exhibitions and demonstrations, enjoy entertaining stage performances, and more! We’ll also celebrate Alumni Weekend with Rutgers graduates and their families.

Taking place on the last Saturday in April each year, Rutgers Day is the annual spring event to attend. Everyone is invited, so save the date, April 30, 2016, and check back in early April for more information and to plan your visit.

For more info:
http://rutgersday.rutgers.edu/

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' — Martin Luther King Jr.
Another great 4-H year is in the books and as always we reflect on all our adventures and accomplishments with our Awards Night & Holiday Dinner. With over 100 attendees year Passaic County 4-H is growing bigger and better every year.

Thank you to all of our volunteers leaders who continue to do the very best in their 4-H clubs. And of course all our members who make the Passaic County 4-H program what it is today.

No snow, no problem! For this years 4-H Teen Winter Camp we came prepared, prepared for fun! Winter camp this year was a welcome change of pace for everyone involved and if smiles are an indicator of success then we hit it out of the park. Check out the memorable moments we had throughout the weekend!

Inspired by the popular cooking show, our teenage chefs put it all on the line for culinary glory!
Club Updates — I See For You Puppy Club

Six puppies represented our club at “Pompton Day” in Pompton Lakes on September 6. Mimi, Yoko, Ursula, Zippy, Clipper, and Chekov enjoyed meeting and greeting people and showing off their good manners. On September 13, Xylar and Clipper supported The Seeing Eye by cheering on the participants in the Grand Fondo bicycle race. On September 26, our club went to Ort Farms in Long Valley for a “Fall Farm Day”. Arrow, Chekov, Cagney, Octavia, Ursula, Mimi and Zippy had fun in the corn maze and on a hayride.

West Milford’s annual Autumn Lights festival was on October 10 this year. The beautiful fall weather brought thousands of people to this local street fair. It was a wonderful socialization experience for Cagney, Zippy, Yoko, Breve, Libby and Xylar. Our yearly trip to New York City took place on October 24. It was a very busy day for Arrow, Cagney, Chekov, Clipper, Xylar, Yoko and their puppy raisers. They took the train to Penn Station, walked the busy streets, navigated crowds of people, had lunch in a restaurant, explored Toys R Us Times Square, visited the Empire State Building and Madison Square Garden, and rode the train back home again. What a busy and exciting day!

On November 21, Yoko, Shyla, Arrow, Sheldon, Opie, Zippy, Breve, Ursula, and Clipper went to Rockaway Mall with their puppy raising families. They experienced crowds of holiday shoppers and enjoyed the Christmas decorations. They went up and down the elevator several times, and practiced good manners in the food court.

The “I See For You” puppy club meets at 6:45 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Pompton Reformed Church on Hamburg Turnpike in Pompton Lakes. Everyone is welcome to attend a meeting and learn more about raising a puppy for The Seeing Eye.

West Milford Velveteens

The Velveteens have been busy sharing seeds with both the 4-H community and others in need. We gave out seed packets to all Passaic County 4-H Club members attending Awards Night and we continue to send seeds overseas on various mission trips. We sent seeds on the Nepal mission, which includes a well, out of Ohio on Jan. 14th. These are important missions that are truly feeding people who need the food. We have more missions to our 4-H Liberia friends and more coming up as well, and we are working on getting the seed cases sorted. In other news, Rocky Hazelman of Hazelman Farms generously donated plywood to the club for Arianna’s “Critters Against Litter” campaign this year, where we are recreating the Jungle Habitat animals.

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. - Abraham Lincoln
Club Updates — Junior Council

Passaic County 4-H Junior Council members were very busy during the end of 2015 getting to know each other better at club meetings, participating in community service projects, attending Awards Night, and fundraising. Everyone is getting settled into their new role as club officers and ready to start 2016 with lots of new education, service, and fun activities.

In November we held a food drive and collected food to donate to a food pantry in Paterson. We also held a Feast of Thanks, where everyone brought in food to share and we all shared who and what we were thankful for. In December most of us attended Awards Night, and enjoyed meeting other 4-H’ers from around the County and all the wonderful food. In January five of us attended Teen Winter Camp in Sussex County at the NJ 4-H Camp. The weekend was filled with many fun activities and we all made lots of new friends.

This is only the beginning of my time here in this club and I feel like we've done more fun and educational stuff than I do in my school and we only meet (every second Wednesday) once a month. I’m very excited for all the new upcoming events for our 4-H club.

Teen Crusaders

Wrapping up the 2015 4-H year, many of our teen crusaders helped to emcee the 2015 Passaic County 4-H Awards Night on December 4, 2015. 4-H families from all over Passaic County were invited to enjoy the night with fellow 4-H’ers. Passaic County 4-H’ers were recognized with certificates and pins for their years in 4-H. Those who participated in regional, state, and national events were given special certificates to recognize their hard work at this level. Everyone had a great time hearing about the events from this year and enjoyed a homemade family feast with the potluck dinner contributed by all attendees. We are looking forward to emceeing again next year and seeing everyone at the Passaic County 4-H 2016 Awards Night.

The start of 2016 has had three Teen Crusaders working on the North Jersey Teen Conference (NJTC) planning committee. Preparing for a wonderful weekend focused on “Lights, Camera, Leadership”. Five Teen Crusaders also attended this year’s Teen Winter Camp with six additional Passaic County 4-H’ers and 4-H’ers from Bergen, Somerset, and Warren Counties. The weekend was filled with fun activities including baking, arts & crafts, hiking, and other activities.

The Teen Crusaders are excited for all that 2016 is going to bring!

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.— Confucius
Greetings from the Preakness Aggies club of Passaic County 4-H. The start of the school year coincides with the start of our club after we take a much enjoyed break during the summer, and so far we have had a wonderful year. We continue to meet at the Preakness Health Care Center in Wayne, NJ and have found the health care center to be a warm and welcoming place to hold our meetings. Our club is lead by Michael Semeraro of Wayne, a 41 year veteran to the club, Lori Reilly of Totowa, and Cheryl Imperato of Clifton.

Our members were excited to take an excursion to the Ringwood Manor in Ringwood, NJ during which we enjoyed hiking the trails surrounding the manor. We encountered fall foliage at its peak, beautifully fresh air, and a surprise snow shower on the return hike. While enjoying lunch, it was decided that nothing beats spending an autumn afternoon with a great group of people enjoying a picnic lunch and all that nature has to offer. Our group also toured the manor and ended the day with learning and playing 18th and 19th century children’s games on the manor’s front lawn.

The club has enjoyed numerous craft projects as well. The Mandela sun catchers made from repurposed old cds seem to be a favorite so far. The children are gearing up to recreate a 4-H village made from a variety of recycled materials. They’ve expressed interest in this project since early fall and I can’t wait to see the results!

We welcome all new members to our club. We meet every other Friday at the Preakness Health Care Center from 7-9pm.

Passaic County 4-H’ers On The National Stage!

Every year 4-H’ers have the opportunity to represent their county, community and state at National 4-H events all around the country. Please take some time to read about some of the programs our Passaic County 4-H’ers were able to attend this past year. We are very proud of their accomplishments and hope that future 4-H’ers take advantage of these amazing opportunities.

**National Agri-Science Youth Summit** held January 15-18 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center located in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The purpose of the conference was provide youth with an opportunity to learn about and develop an understanding of the critical role of agricultural science innovation in addressing the world’s most pressing issues.

**National 4-H Congress** is the premiere educational and recognition event for the 4-H youth development program. For over 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth, ages 14-19, a quality educational and cross-cultural experience. The program combines a variety of sessions, seminars, discussion groups and a service learning experience for the delegates. The nation’s most outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators present current and timely information.
Science Pathways Program — Paterson

Science Pathways Paterson has been excitingly working on some fun and amazing projects during the fall & winter seasons. As they use their creativity to design t-shirts with screen printing, which could possibly be the next big item in 2016 spring fashion. So as they tinker away on their soldering projects, Science Pathways meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm-8pm @ the Boys & Girls Club of Paterson & Passaic. For more information, please contact Greg Walker @ 973-684-4786 or walker@aesop.rutgers.edu

Passaic County 4-H would like to welcome our new alpaca club! Welcome to our 4-H family!

Upcoming Events

February

☆ February 20 — NJ State 4-H Horse Bowl Competition, Egg Harbor City, NJ
☆ February 20 — NJ State 4-H Equine Arts Show, Egg Harbor City, NJ
☆ February 20 — NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology, and Poultry Educational Symposium, Clayton, NJ
☆ February 27 — Passaic County 4-H Science-Sational Day, Paterson, NJ (Deadline to register Feb 19)

March

☆ March 11-13 — North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference, Pompton Plains, NJ
☆ March 12 — St. Patrick's Day Parade, Morristown, NJ
☆ March 19 — Discover the Leader in You! Regional Leadership Conference - North, New Brunswick, NJ
☆ March 20 — New Jersey 4-H Equine Presentations, Rutgers EcoComplex Burlington County, NJ
☆ March 26th — Morris County Science-Sational Day, Morristown, NJ

April

☆ April 2 — Junior Breeder/4-H Livestock Symposium, New Brunswick, NJ
☆ April 2 — NJ State 4-H Sheep and Goat Video Contest and Film Festival, New Brunswick, NJ
☆ April 9 — 4-H Shooting Sports Junior Air Rifle Match, Hunterdon County, NJ
☆ April 9-14 — National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
☆ April 16 — 4-H Shooting Sports Junior Archery Match, Warren, NJ
☆ April 16 — Rutgers Science Saturday: Optics @ Marine & Coastal Sciences Building, New Brunswick, NJ
☆ April 22 — Passaic County 4-H Public Presentation Night, Wayne, NJ
☆ April 30 — Rutgers Day, New Brunswick, Camden & Newark

Look for the Spring Issue of 4-H Happenings in May!
Passaic County 4-H Public Presentation Night
Registration Form

Friday, April 22, 2016
6:00 pm

Public Safety Academy
300 Oldham Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Please arrive at 6:00pm for check-in and set-up.

If you would like to present, please return this form by Friday, March 25, 2016:
passaic4h@aesop.rutgers.edu and/or fax to 973-305-8865

Which type of presentation are you giving? (Check One):

Demonstration __________
Group Demonstrations _________
Illustrated Talk _________
Performing Arts_________

NAME: ____________________________________________ CLUB: ___________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________________________PHONE: ___________________________

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YEARS IN 4-H? ______ CLOVERBUD (K-3)? ____ NUMBER OF PAST COUNTY PRESENTATIONS GIVEN: _____

PRESENTATION TITLE: _________________________________________________________________

BRIEF EXPLANATION: __________________________________________________________________
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LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: ______ MINUTES (Cloverbud (Grade K - 3rd) should be 3-7 min. (Grade 4th - 8th) must be 7-15 min. (Grade 9th -13th) must be 10-15 min. Please time yourself; don’t guess)

PLEASE NOTE: The 4-H MEMBER is responsible for providing all equipment needed for the presentation. If you require special assistance, call the 4-H Office 973-684-4786 or email at passaic4h@aesop.rutgers.edu
by Friday, March 25, 2016

_______ YES! I will bring a tray of cookies or other baked goods for refreshments during the presentation of ribbons.

GOOD LUCK AND SEE YOU ON PRESENTATION NIGHT!
Camp registration is open! Early bird rates until March!

Check out what 4-H camp has to offer below and don’t miss out on an adventure of a lifetime!

Session 1: Classic Camp 4th of July (July 4th-9th)
Session 2: Color Wars (July 11th-16th)
Session 3: Out of this World Week! (July 18th-23rd)
Session 4: Spy (July 25th-30th)
Session 5: Heroes and Villains (August 1st-6th)
Session 6: Chaos (August 8th-13th)
Session 7: S’moregasbord (August 15th-20th)

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