A Note From Our Community Assistant, Karen

We’ve had a busy winter and we’re looking forward to a busy and exciting Spring. Over the past few months we’ve been running afterschool programming at the Paterson Public Library. At the Library we’re running the 4-H Get Moving Get Healthy program, a fun interactive way to learn about healthy eating habits and Wiring a House, an interactive curriculum about electricity. In February we ran a special fun with electricity programming at the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton. We are looking forward to welcoming a new AmeriCorps VISTA, Tamieka who will be beginning her term at the end of April. We are also excited about coordinating more programming and fun events throughout the summer to share the 4-H experience throughout the county!!

THANK YOU!!!

National Volunteer Week  April 21-27

In honor of National Volunteer Week the Passaic County 4-H would like to thank everyone who helps to make our program so effective. We would like to extend a special thank you to our club leaders, club and program volunteers, public presentation judges and fair judges. We greatly appreciate your time and dedication. Without your support the Passaic County 4-H program would not be possible. We appreciate all that you do.

“All great achievements require time”- Maya Angelou
2013 Passaic County Public Presentations

Passaic County 4-H held its annual Public Presentation Night on Friday March 22nd at the Passaic County Public Safety Complex in Wayne. Public presentations ranged from “How to Design a Website” to “Sharks”. We would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event a great success!!

Congratulations to all our presenters!!

Matthew Bresnak of the West Milford Velveteens
Trevor Evans of the Passaic Power Paws
Nicole Harden of the Passaic Power Paws
Gabriela Lizarbe of the Teen Crusaders
Payal Shah of the Teen Crusaders

Looking for a Way to Give Back
Why Not Become a 4-H Club Leader

◆ 4-H volunteer club leaders are an essential part of our program.
◆ Spend some time helping to develop youth into responsible and productive community citizens. All it takes is a few hours of your time, every few weeks to have an impact!!
◆ 4-H Clubs are free to focus on ANY topic so share your interest, talents, skills, and experiences with young people and watch them grow!!

For more information contact the Passaic County 4-H office!

“The trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.” - Moliere
Congratulations to all Passaic County 4-H'ers Getting Ready to Graduate

Ethan Bloomer (I See For You Puppy Club)
Bobbi Deboer (Velveteens)
Bryan Harr (I See For You Puppy Club)
Alvaro Lizarbe (Teen Crusaders)
Alexandra Mahasky (Hoofers)
Michael Munoz (Teen Crusaders)
Jhoangel Polanco (Teen Crusaders)
Vanessa Vargas (Teen Crusaders)
Mitch Zahner (I See For You Puppy Club)

Club Update — West Milford Velveteen’s

The kids in the West Milford 4-H Velveteen Rabbit and Farm Club are currently working on a service project with the Beautification and Recycling Committee for Township Clean-up Day April 27th to clean Nozenzo Pond Road, as well as help with the concessions and the games for young children at the free picnic following the at Bubbling Springs for the town clean-up volunteers later that same day. The kids have worked to make posters educating the public on more items that can be recycled, obtaining donations of recycling barrels and garbage bags, getting local businesses to recycle more of their biodegradable waste, as well as obtaining kid prizes for West Milford children who participate in the clean-up. Through their efforts, local businesses have donated items to be given away as prizes for the hard workers, including 25 free pizza slices with a soft drink from both TJ’s and Frank’s Pizza, free bagels, and a free dog grooming from the shop at Pequannock Feed. These and many other prizes, such as free ice-cream cones and school supplies given out during the picnic. Top Prize categories include "Oldest Trash", "Most Valuable Trash", and "Most Unusual Trash", open to anyone who participates in the roadside clean-up.

Separate from these wonderful event, club members have been participating in County Public Presentations, community service projects; including donations to the local animal shelter, cookies and thank you letters to area veterans, and learning about the formal process of changing town ordinances and how to present and work with local government officials. The club has been very busy and is welcoming new club members and possibly a spin off club of young cloverbud members. We are very proud of our clubs work.

“No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.” – Proverb
Club Update — The Hoofers

The Hoofers Club are looking for some new members. If you are interested in learning about horses then this is the club for you. The club covers equestrian interests such as general horse education from horse anatomy, grooming, tacking and riding. The club primarily focuses on the Western riding but we welcome those interested in English riding as well. You do not need to own a horse or to have ridden before to join. The club is open to anyone in grades 4 to 13 who are interested in horses. Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in Pompton Plains. For more information just contact the 4-H office.

Club Update — Passaic Power Paws

We have had a busy time. Trevor and Nicole both entered the Woofminster Dog Show and did great!!! This was Trevor’s first show and he and Snickers did very well. We are proud of all of them!!

Trevor and Nicole also gave their County Public Presentations and both of them earned Excellent Ribbons!!! This was Trevor’s first presentation!! Way to go!!

And our club found a new meeting location!! Thanks Jo-Ann for all your help! We will be meeting at the Preakness Healthcare Center. I think this is going to be a wonderful place to meet. Hazel has decided to take some time off from 4-H and focus on some other activities. We are hoping that she will come back with Bonnie. Hopefully once we are settled in our new location, we can begin to look for a few new members.

Club Update- Preakness Aggies

The Preakness Aggies Club is also looking for new club members. This club has a different theme each year, chosen by club members. Each year the club goes on field trips and participates in many activities and arts & craft projects. Club members participate in public presentations, various community service projects and the 4-H fair. The Aggies club is open to all youth in 1st to 13th grade. Becoming a member of the Preakness Aggies club is a great way to make friends while giving back to your community!! The club meets the first and third Friday of the month in Wayne,. For more information please contact the Passaic County 4-H Office.

“Don’t cry because its over, smile because it happened.”- Dr. Seuss
Club Update — I See For You Puppy Club

This winter has been busy for our club. We welcomed many new puppies: Inez, Nonnie, Valet, Whitley and Hudson! Whitley is the offspring of Quix (who was also raised in our club) and Whitley is being raised by the same family who raised Quix. Congrats to their raiser! Inez and Nonnie are both the 4th puppies that their raisers have raised for The Seeing Eye and Hudson is being raised by a first-time family.

In December, Kristen was placed with a woman in NY and is now a working Seeing Eye Dog, congrats Kristen and her raisers! Fiona had her town walk in March and is hoping to find her forever person soon. Foxy and Duke were both accepted into The Seeing Eye’s Breeding Program and have moved to the Breeding Station in Chester. Be on the lookout for Foxy and Duke babies in the future! A big congrats to their raisers – being accepted into the Breeding Program is the HIGHEST HONOR from The Seeing Eye!

At the 4-H Awards Dinner in December, one of our graduating seniors, Mitch Zahner, was awarded The Seeing Eye’s Best Friend Award! Congrats to Mitch.

In December, George, Ursula and Jenny participated in Operation Toy Train and donated over 50 toys to the USMC Toys for Tots. Ursula also attended a showing of the Sound of Music at the Paper Mill Playhouse with her raisers. In February, George, Yulie, Ursula, and Jenny took their puppy raisers to the Prudential Center to attend a Harlem Globetrotters Game! We also invited other Puppy Raising Clubs in the area and had 32 puppy raisers and 12 puppies attend the game. Also in February we brought the puppies to Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains to visit with the residents at Renaissance Gardens. Nonnie, George, Ursula and Inez all enjoyed meeting the residents and getting pets. Trips like these are great for our pups! The Prudential Center has loud noises, heights, and require the puppies to sit nicely under our seats. Visiting senior citizens allows the puppies exposure to medical equipment, walkers, wheel chairs, etc.

March was an exciting month, filled with St. Paddy’s Day celebrations! First we participated in the Morris County St. Patrick’s Day Parade. George, Yulie, Inez, Ursula and Jenny all enjoyed marching in the parade along with many other puppies and their raisers. Then we also attended the Ringwood St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Nonnie, Jenny, George, Yulie, Whitley, Inez and Ursula all enjoyed celebrating the holiday, round 2! Parades are great exposure trips for our puppies that are filled with distractions including loud noises, bag pipes, costumes, many children, and candy on the ground. These are important things for our puppies to become accustomed with.

An important trip also occurred in April. We were lucky enough to bring Nonnie, Ursula, Inez, and Jenny to Newark Airport to expose the pups to baggage claim, security pat-down, boarding a plane, and walking through the terminals. Coming up later this month is The Seeing Eye’s 3rd Annual Online Auction. Our club has donated an “Ultimate Puppy Starter Kit” for the auction with over $250 worth of essential items needed when welcoming a new puppy into your home. Can’t wait to see how much our donation sells for! To participate in this auction visit www.biddingforgood.com/seeingeye from 4/22-5/1 to bid on hundreds of unique items.

“Information is not knowledge.” -Albert Einstein
Club Update—Teen Crusaders

The Teen Crusaders have been very busy over the past few months. We would like to congratulate the four of our club members who are preparing to graduate in June!

Over the past few months we’ve welcomed new club members and are preparing to have an active summer!! In January, some of our club members attended winter camp, and in March two of our club members, Payal and Gabby presented at Public Presentation Night. Payal and Gabby also qualified for State 4-H Public Presentations in June at Rutgers in New Brunswick. Club members also participated in the 4-H Camp Community Service Day earlier this month. Cleaning up and getting 4-H Camp ready for the summer. We’re looking forward to begin planning our Teen Community Service week this summer and participating in other upcoming 4-H activities in the next few months.

Upcoming Events

May

May 18th – Passaic County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Wayne NJ

May 27 – 4-H Office Closed

June

June 8 – State 4-H Public Presentations, Rutgers, New Brunswick

June 10 – Passaic County 4-H Leaders Meeting, Wayne NJ

July

July 4 – 4-H Office Closed

July 7-13 Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD

July 8-12 Rutgers 4-H Summer Science Program, Rutgers, New Brunswick

Look for the Summer Issue of 4-H Happenings in August

“Adventure is worthwhile in itself.” - Amelia Earhart
It’s Time to Start Thinking About Summer Camp

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is an outdoor education facility for youth development in Branchville, New Jersey, in the heart of Stokes State Forest. Activities range from campfires, talent shows and games to in-depth classes in five subject areas: Creative Arts, Outdoor Education, Shooting Sports, Leadership Development and Water Sports. We also offer a special Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) session that provides fun, hands-on opportunities in S.E.T. education. Rutgers Employees and 4-H Members get $50 off their registration! (discount does not apply to S.E.T. Camp fees) For more information visit http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or email us at 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu. Or, come get a tour of camp at our Celebrate Camp Open House, April 7th from 12 to 4 pm!

The unplugged environment of our camp allows campers to try new things, open new doors, meet new challenges and make new friends. Our community is intentionally small because we want your child to have the individual attention that they need to succeed.

Choose from six fun-filled weeks of summer camp.

July 1-6: 4th of July Celebration
July 8-13: Campfamous!
July 15-20: Chaos
July 22-27: Time Travel
July 29-Aug 3: Color Wars,
August 5-10: Classic Camp S'Moregasbord

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Becoming An Outdoor Family Weekend at Lindley G Cook 4-H Camp

Come join us May 17-19, 2013 in the heart of beautiful Stokes State Forest for an affordable outdoor educational experience for the whole family. This program is a joint effort by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Get Moving Get Healthy Program, NJ 4-H Shooting Sports Program and L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in the spirit of the “Get Outdoors, It’s Yours” National Campaign. Expert instructors begin each class with the basics, providing hands-on learning experiences. The variety of experiences includes orienteering, hiking, natural arts, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing, and much more.

For more information, check out our website at http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/Outdoor_Family or contact us at 4hcamp@njaes.rutgers.edu.
Happenings in the Community

Rifle Camp Park — Nature Center

Located adjacent to Garret Mountain Reservation, Rifle Camp Park is a major recreational component of the Passaic County park system. For information & directions Call 973-523-0024 or visit the website at http://passaiccountynj.org

Public nights at the Astronomical Observatory

☆ May 3
☆ May 17
☆ May 31
☆ June 14
☆ June 28

Children's Workshops

☆ April 30 Gardening
☆ May 21 Hiking
☆ June 18 Rock Collecting

Support Passaic County 4-H

You’re invited to an Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support Passaic County 4-H Leader’s Association

Tickets Cost: $12.00
September 28, 2013 8 am - 10 am
Applebee’s - 1200 Route 23 North - Butler, NJ 07405

Contact the Passaic County 4-H office for more information
Save the Date

Rutgers
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18th 9:30am-2pm
Behind Ski Barn and Gary’s Wines
at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County
1310 Route 23 North—Wayne
Rain or Shine

Special Demonstration on Lawn Mower Maintenance at 12:00 noon
Free Blade Sharpening with a $5.00 purchase at 12:30
Hand tools sharpened for a nominal fee.

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Save on perennials, annuals, herbs, & vegetables
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Get answers to gardening & insect problems, plant diseases, lawn care, deer resistant plants
And much more …

Soil test kits are available

For more information call: 973.305.5740

2013 West Milford Autumn Lights Festival

Mark you’re calendars! Passaic County 4-H will hold our annual 4-H Fair at the 2013 West Milford Autumn Lights Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2013. The festival will be held at Union Valley Road from Shoprite to Bearfort Plaza in West Milford from 10:00 am till 5:00 pm

Clubs Should be preparing exhibits, club displays, fun activities and demonstrations for this day.
JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
It’s never too late to help. We are now seeking motivated individuals who are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of youth. To learn how you can help please contact:

passaic4h@rce.rutgers.edu or call 973-684-4786

How Can You Join the Revolution of Responsibility?

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