



# The Sussex CONNECTION

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Complimentary 4-H Newsletter

2009

N O V E M B E R

## NOTE FROM THE AGENT

Dear 4-H Member, Leader, and Parent:

October 4-H events - Window Display Contest, Pumpkin Contest, Haunted Trail, and Younger Member Fall Retreat have been well attended and lots of fun! Be sure to read the details in this newsletter and visit the photo gallery to view all the excitement. These events have taken the 4-H agent all around the county! Beautiful fall foliage, geese in flight, harvesting of crops, community festivals, horse and riders enjoying park trail rides, schools, youth practicing for upcoming games, historic towns, beaches, libraries with friendly staff and restaurants that offer home cooking delights - remind me why I love living in Sussex County, Delaware!

Kudos to the thirteen clubs that created a window display! Creative, informative and inviting - potential new 4-H members have been calling the 4-H office for more details about joining 4-H! When many voices share the 4-H excitement, the results are always positive.

Daylight Time ends and Standard Time begins each year at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November. Move your clocks **back one hour at the resumption of standard time, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. November is American Diabetes Month, Epilepsy Awareness Month, Family Stories Month, and Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Veterans Day, World Kindness Week, American Education Week, National Family Week and Thanksgiving are also celebrated in November. Research and learn more about these topics! Share what you learn with your 4-H Club.

November 4-H activities include: Club Officer training, Interstate Exchange Trip Interest Meeting, 4-H Youth Day at the University of Delaware Football Game, Archery Shoot, Four Little Clovers Dinner Theater at North Georgetown Elementary School, Special Interest Club Activities - Computer, Livestock, Robotics, Bunny Busters and East Coast Clubs. Check the calendar for dates, times and fill out the necessary forms to sign-up! Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award Nominations and National 4-H Conference Applications need to be sent to the State 4-H Office by December 1.

On November 27<sup>th</sup> Noah Vincent, Rossakatum and Charlotte Passwaters, chaperone will travel to Atlanta, Georgia with the Delaware delegation to the National 4-H Club Congress. Noah was awarded the trip based on his 4-H leadership, citizenship, animal science and field crops project work outlined in his state record book. Noah is a Junior Leader, Junior Council member, counselor, officer of his local 4-H club, and Delmar High School Senior. He is the son of Raymond and Teresa Vincent and Charity Phillips - Congratulations Noah! We look forward to your report on this great experience! Emily Passwaters, Dublin Hill, is a member of the National 4-H Club Congress Design Team and will greet the Delaware delegation in Atlanta!

As the daylight hours decrease and temperatures drop, remember to use safe and healthy practices. Get plenty of rest, eat healthy, exercise and stay well! I look forward to seeing you at the next 4-H event! Enjoy your holiday with family and friends. In closing remember:

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." - *Aesop*

"Kind words can be short and easy, but their echoes are truly endless." - *Mother Teresa*

Yours in 4-H,

Extension Educator, 4-H  
Youth Development

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## NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR – SUSSEX COUNTY

Mon **02 Officer Training** 6:30-7:30 pm; Carvel  
Mon **02 Jr. Council Meeting** 7:30-9 pm; Carvel  
Mon **02 Interstate Exchange Trip Interest Meeting** 8:30 pm; Carvel  
Mon **02 International Foods & Talent Registration** 4:30 pm; Carvel  
Sun **08 Computer Club Group 3:** 2 pm; Carvel  
Sun **08 Archery Shoot** 2 pm; REC  
Mon **09 Leaders' Meeting** 7 pm; Carvel  
Fri **13 International Dinner Theater** Set-up; North Georgetown Elementary  
Sat **14 International Dinner Theater** 6 pm; North Georgetown Elementary  
Mon **16 Livestock Meeting** 7-8:30 pm; Carvel  
Wed **18 Robotics** 6:30-8 pm; Carvel  
Thu **19 Rabbit Club** 6:30-8 pm; REC  
Nov **27- Dec 1 National 4-H Club Congress** Atlanta, Georgia  
Mon **30 Breyer Paint-a-Horse** 6-8:30 pm; REC

## DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR – SUSSEX COUNTY - DRAFT

Tue **01 Nat'l. Conference Application Due** State 4-H office  
Mon **07 Junior Council Meeting** 7:30 pm; Carvel  
Mon **14 Leaders' Meeting** 7 pm; Carvel  
Tue **29 State Holiday Skating Party** 9-11 am; Delaware State Fair Ice Skating Centre, Harrington;  
Cost is \$3.00 (fee covers cost of admission and ice skating rental if skates are needed). All 4-H members are invited to attend. Members may invite a friend (as in the past), but they are responsible for this person while at the event. We will also be conducting a food drive (as in the past) for any 4-H member who would like to bring a food item to be taken to a local food pantry.

## 4-H DAY AT UD FOOTBALL – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 at 12 noon – UD vs. Hofstra

Bring the family! Online tickets for the game may be ordered at the following link:

<http://ev12.evenue.net/cgi->

[bin/ncommerce3/ExecMacro/evenue/ev69/se/DisplayPromoList.d2w/report?linkID=udel&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR](http://ev12.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/ExecMacro/evenue/ev69/se/DisplayPromoList.d2w/report?linkID=udel&RSRC=&RDAT=&caller=PR)

Enter Promo Code "4-H"

## DELAWARE FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

There is a \$2,500 scholarship opportunity for 4-H'ers whose family is a member of the Delaware Farm Bureau. This will be awarded to a college bound student who is pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field. Deadline is April 2010. For more information, please call the Farm Bureau office at 1-800-273-0012 or 697-3183 and ask for Brenda Collins.

## LIVESTOCK CLUB MEMBERS, Leaders and Livestock Enthusiasts

Join the Livestock Club as they welcome Amy Iafolla, Southern States Feed, Sales and Technical Rep., to their November 16 meeting at the Carvel Center at 7 p.m. She will be discussing the Club Master Program and nutrition for your animals. Everyone welcome!

## 4 PYGMY GOATS FOR SALE – Reasonably priced

2 sets of two (will sell in pairs only)

3 Agoute Does (light gray - salt and pepper), 1 registered black Doe

Contact: Sonia at 629-3158 Email: [sonia@desecurlies.com](mailto:sonia@desecurlies.com)

## ENROLLMENT FORMS

Please remember that all enrollment forms and health forms should be completed and turned into the county office by December 1 to remain active in the 4-H system. Please make sure your form is complete and includes the projects you plan to take for the upcoming year. Leaders must review the enrollment forms and sign.



**2010 DELAWARE STATE FAIR THEME  
is "Delaware's Hottest Ticket"**

**STATE 4-H LEADER FORUM, 2010**

The Delaware State 4-H Leader Forum is scheduled for **Saturday, January 23** from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Lake Forest High School. The forum will have workshops that will benefit all 4-H leaders and will provide information and ideas that can be used in working with 4-H club members. It is a great way to network and learn from other 4-H club leaders throughout the state. The cost is \$10.00 and lunch is included. Look for a leader packet by mid-November.

**INTERSTATE EXCHANGE TRIP INTEREST MEETING**

**November 2 at Carvel, Meeting Room 3 - Immediately following Jr. Council Meeting (8:30 p.m.)**

Interstate Exchange Trip Purpose

- Showcase your state and county
  - Meet new people and make new friends
  - See new areas and states
  - Travel experiences
  - Compare 4-H programs and projects
  - Experience different environments
  - Educational aspects
  - Fellowship with Sussex County 4-H'ers
- ✓ Anyone interested in participating in the next Sussex County Interstate Exchange Trip, plan to attend this meeting.
- ✓ You must be at least thirteen years old to participate in this program. The Exchange Trip is a two year commitment. One year the 4-H'er will travel to another state and stay in the home of a 4-H family, and one year the 4-H'er will host a 4-H member from another state in their home.
- ✓ 4-H'er must complete the Interstate Exchange Trip Application Form
- ✓ A \$25 Non-Refundable Deposit is required.
- ✓ Participants are expected to take part in fundraising projects (if necessary)

2009-2011 Interstate Exchange Trip chairpersons, Carla Killmon, Melissa Mitchell and Jacalyn Bradley invite you to come and brainstorm exchange trip possibilities.

**MODEL HORSE PAINTING ACTIVITY**

East Coast 4-H Riding Club announces its first event of the new 2009-10 4-H year! If you love Breyer horses, this is your chance to paint one of your own and take home a model horse keepsake.

DATE: **Monday, November 30, 2009 from 6-8:30 p.m.**

PLACE: **REC Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**

COST: **\$5.00 per person (includes 1 BREYER stablemate, painting supplies and hot dog, baked beans, chips & drink).**



Each 4-H'er will first learn about horse breeds and equine colors. Then, they will create their own special horse, painting with non-toxic water-soluble, acrylic paint. Learning is fun with BREYER's model horse painting kit! STABLEMATE horses are approximately 3 inches tall.

**COME - ENJOY FUN & FOOD – PAINT A HORSE AND LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT HORSE BREEDS AND COLORS!**

Call Rita Lofland at 856-2585, Ext. 560 to sign-up or leave a message. I will need your name, club and phone number. Junior Council members will be assisting with this event. **THIS EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 70 YOUTH OR ADULT TO SIGN-UP – SO CALL TODAY!** We must have a firm commitment by **November 18** due to food costs.

## COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

This year the Computer Club, along with our regular computer meetings, will also be running three workshops for any 4-H member 8-18. Workshops will not run with less than 10 participants and space is limited to no more than 25. The workshops will be:

### Computer Generated Pop-Up Cards - March 14th

(Open to all ages but recommended for 8-12 year olds)

### Inside a Computer Box- a tour of the Computers hardware- June 13th

(Open to all ages but recommended for 13 year olds and older)

These workshops will be from 2- 4 p.m. at the Carvel Center. The price will be \$2.50 per 4-H member, which will include instruction, snack and games. Please sign-up for any of the workshops by calling the 4-H office at 302-856-7303 as soon as possible because space is limited.

## HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION

The University of Delaware's Research and Education Center provides meeting rooms for this program's training classes. There are three sessions from which to choose. Each session lasts three days and attendance for all three days is mandatory. Hours for all classes are 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Registration is **FREE**. **Pre-registration is necessary and recommended to do on-line for safety verification and capability to print-off a copy of your hunter safety card at [www.fw.delaware.gov](http://www.fw.delaware.gov)** or call 302-735-3600 to register. Please arrive 15 minutes early the first day to allow for check-in. Registrations are not taken at the 4-H office or REC facility.

**NOVEMBER:** Tuesday, November 10 \* Wednesday, November 11 \* Thursday, November 12

**This program is NOT sponsored by 4-H, but by McKay Field Office in Smyrna.**

**Please contact them directly at 302-735-3600.**

## 4-H AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM - call Lindsay Hughes at 302-542-9457 for information

**Coming this fall for Grades K-6 at the following locations:**

Burton Village, Rehoboth  
Laverty Lane, Bridgeville  
Clarks Corner, Harrington  
Mifflin Meadows, Dover



**SAVE THE DATE – THE 4-H NERVF  
COMES TO DELAWARE!**

**November 4-7, 2010**

**Delaware offers an Ocean of Possibilities.** Please mark your calendars as Delaware is hosting 4-H Leaders from the Northeast region. It won't be our turn again to host for another 20-30 years, so this event is special! Your help is needed as an attendee, volunteer or 4-H NERVF sponsor! Please visit the 2010 4-H NERVF Web site and get out your 2010 calendars and mark this date as the place to be!

## SUSSEX 4-H JR. COUNCIL

**Sussex 4-H Jr. Council is now on Facebook.** The page is for teens and parents and it will include event updates and reminders and will also include a place for comments and pictures. Ask them to please join our group!

They can find it by searching for the group Sussex 4-H Jr. Council. If you have any questions or want me to type up something, just let me know.

Thanks!

Jill Jackson

Extension Educator, Drug Prevention Program

302-856-2585 ext. 524

## NOVEMBER STATE TEEN COUNCIL REPORT

Greetings and Happy November to all of our 4-H teens around the state! We had a busy month with our first formal 4-H State Teen Council meeting held two weeks ago at the Kent County Extension office! Planning has begun for the State Teen Conference; please hold the date of February 6 for our annual conference which will be held at the University of Delaware in Newark. Registration information will be available in early December.

The State Teen Council officers were able to celebrate National 4-H Week with a visit to Governor Jack Markell's office in Dover. The Governor greeted the officers and took some time to speak with them about his support of 4-H and Cooperative Extension. The officers presented the Governor with a 4-H mug and desk weight.

The next major 4-H State Teen event will be the Barn Dance to be held at the Walther Farm in Newark on Friday, October 30. This event is being co-sponsored by the State Teen Council, the Porter Gang 4-H Club and the New Castle County Jr. Council. Call 302-856-2585 x561 for more information. We hope to see you there!

There will be a State Teen Council Officer meeting held in November and a full Council meeting in December which will be our Holiday party! We hope all members of the Teen council can make it out for either the Barn Dance or the Holiday party!

Thanks for all you do and please pass the good word along about 4-H to friends who you feel may be of interest as you guys are our very best recruiters!

## NOVEMBER STATE VOLUNTEER LEADER UPDATE

Fall is rolling right along and while the times are busy I love getting calls and Emails telling me all of the wonderful things happening in your clubs and committees! Thanks for making National 4-H Week so special last month with your kids doing window displays and service projects throughout the state! The achievement banquets that were held in each county were meaningful and fun for all who attended and without the support you provide as leaders, our youth would not have the opportunities they do to be recognized! THANK YOU!


Planning for the 2010 NERVF continues and I am pleased to announce that committees are working hard on this program. If you feel as though this is an event where you could lend your time and talents, please go to our Web site at: [http://www.rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF\\_DE\\_2010.html](http://www.rec.udel.edu/Extension/NERVF_DE_2010.html)

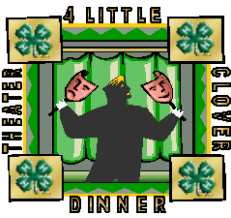
A call for seminar proposals was made earlier this month and applications are available Online as well. We hope that many of you will step forward and show our 4-H leaders attending from other states the kinds of programming which makes Delaware 4-H so special! Our next planning committee meeting is being held on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kent County Extension Office. All are welcome!

Please mark your calendars now for the 2010 4-H State Leader Forum which is being held on Saturday, January 23 at Lake Forest High School. Registration information will be available in the middle of November for this event. The State Forum is always a wonderful day of fellowship and recognition of the work you all do for our 4-H youth. And please don't forget to take some time to nominate one of your fellow leaders for our Salute to Excellence Awards which will be presented at the Forum! Those nominations are due on December 1 and can be downloaded off the State 4-H Web site.

With November and December being such busy months I want to go ahead and thank you now for any and all work you will be doing in your clubs and communities and please keep talking about 4-H to those who may not be familiar with the great work being done with kids in our state. Now more than ever, kids need to be working in partnerships like the ones you provide by leading our clubs. That, along with the knowledge and support we provide through Extension should make 4-H an outlet that every parent wants for their kid! Thanks for another great month!

Warmest Regards,

  
Ernie López



## INTERNATIONAL DINNER & TALENT SHOW ENTRY

Saturday, November 14, 6 p.m. at North Georgetown Elementary  
664 N. Bedford Street, Georgetown

Mail, Fax, or Email this information to the 4-H office by Monday, November 2

FAX: 302.856.1845 \* Email: [rferri@udel.edu](mailto:rferri@udel.edu) \* Additional forms available online. \* Use age as of 1/1/2010

### INTERNATIONAL DINNER

The International Foods is a non-competitive event for 4-H'ers enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition or Exploring 4-H projects. The 4-H'er chooses a recipe representative of a foreign country or different culture, prepares the food, and brings it to the covered dish dinner part of our dinner theater. Each participant is encouraged to dress in the clothing that depicts the nation or culture of their recipe. The food is displayed and each 4-H'er tells their name, what they made and the country they represent. The food is then sampled by all in attendance. Please label your banquet serving ware for easy return that evening. Pre-entry required.

### TALENT SHOW *(Pre-entry required)*

The 4-H Talent Show is the theater portion of the evening. Each club may choose to do a skit, song or dance. Clubs may choose to send a member of the club to represent them in a solo or duet vocal or instrumental selection. This is the time to share your talent with fellow 4-H families. You provide the entertainment for the evening.

### WITCHES, MUMMIES, WEREWOLVES, SPIDERS AND GREAT PUMPKIN SPOTTED AT REDDEN FORREST!

On October 24 immediately after the Pumpkin Contest, twenty-one 4-H campers gathered at Redden Lodge for the Fall Younger Member Retreat. **Great Pumpkin Tiffany Gravenor** and **Counselors: Hunter Murray, Rachel Mayhorn, Joe Anderson, Jackie Arpie, Anthony Lagano, Bethany Killmon, Travis Waller and Mary Lagano** planned, organized, and led the fun educational weekend. Campers were transformed into groups of witches, mummies, werewolves, and spiders! After 4-H Songs, icebreakers, sleeping room set-up, Casper the Friendly Ghost movie, popcorn and juice, campers, counselors and chaperones were ready to snuggle in their bedrolls and sleeping bags for a good night rest!

Campers awoke to a bright sunny Sunday. After a delicious breakfast prepared by the chaperones, rejuvenation activities began. When everyone was energized, campers practiced Public Speaking skills and Halloween Trivia in Public Speaking Class, and built and raced Newton's Car in Science Class. Groups conducted science experiments and made Slime in Goo Lab! This activity was held outdoors so everyone could enjoy the colorful fall foliage. All campers agreed – this was a great project and perfect science lab! An unexpected Animal Science activity emerged when beautiful horses and riders visited camp.

Teamwork competitions got campers up and moving! All were delighted to snack on the brownies and beverage served after Teamwork competitions. Kudos to teamwork competition winners: the Mummy and Witches Groups! Hats off to the Mummies for completing the environmental scavenger hunt first.

The Younger Member Fall Retreat is sponsored by the Sussex Leaders' Association. **Special thanks to: Chairperson:** Debbie Lagano; **Nurse:** Sharon Anderson (also Leader Assoc. President); **Chaperones:** Debbie Lagano, Sharon Anderson, Paul Anderson and Mary Argo; **Registration:** Tiffany Gravenor, Sharon, and Mary; **Icebreakers:** Bethany Killmon; **Trivia:** Mary Lagano; **Movie Snack:** Rachel Mayhorn; **Equipment:** Tiffany; **Class Instructors:** Joe, Jackie, Travis, Mary, Anthony, Hunter, Rachel, and Bethany.

## **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

Thirteen clubs participated in the 2009 Window Display Contest. Judges traveled 153 miles to critique the great displays!! They were so impressed with the creativity and information they learned about Sussex County 4-H. Contest Winners are:

**First Place: Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club**

**Second Place: Bridgeville Mustangs - "Discover 4-H - Discover You"**

**Third Place: Livestock Club – "Shine with 4-H"**

**Honorable Mention: Hollymount: "4-H is Cool"**

Other participants: Archery Club, Banneker Bulldogs, Clover Knights, Cypress Heart & Hands, Dublin Hill, Harbor Lights, Hickory Tree Afterschool Program, Lord Baltimore Helping Hands and Stateline.

**Hats off to these clubs! Visit our Web site for photos of all displays!**

## **4-H PUMPKIN CONTEST MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**One-hundred forty pumpkins to be viewed, bingo, pumpkin toss, jump rope, bubble mania games, food, hayride, and haunted trail** were provided for the two hundred twenty-seven attendees at the Sussex County Pumpkin Contest on October 24. The Sussex County Order of Links sponsors the annual event and the Junior Council provides the "spooky haunted trail." Be sure to visit the [photo gallery](#) and view all the great pumpkin/gourd creations! Due to the weather forecast of rain and heavy winds, the contest was held at the Elbert N. & Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center. All event volunteers met the challenge and created an exciting 2009 Pumpkin Contest Event!

### **Pumpkin Contest Results**

#### **4-H Theme**

**Cloverbuds:** Laraya Horsey, Brynn Hovatter and Erin Carey

**Beginner 4-H'er 8-9: Brooke Joseph, Dublin Hill – Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Priscilla Snell

**Younger 4-H'er: 10-11: Morgan Carey, Bridgeville Mustangs-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Devin Bailey and Aaliyah DeShields

**Older: 4-H'er 12 & Up:** Isabel Wharton, Buttonwood

#### **Character**

**Cloverbuds:** Jack Crowson, Gerald Carroll, Aaron Brown, Chase Handy and Logan Layfield

**Beginner 4-H'er: 8-9: Trevor Pusey, Lord Baltimore-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Andrea Lopez, Alexander Mendez; Kyle Morris, Gelber Sandoval, Stephanie Philcox, Taylor Wroten, Luke Crowson, Devan Hudson, Collin Handy, Andrea Collins, Shannon Layton, Emily Gundry and Dajah North

**Younger 4-H'er: 10 & 11: Micah Magee, Harbor Lights-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Shawn Mitchell, Laurie Wroten and Mia Brown

**Older 4-H'er: 12 & up: Karin Pusey, Lord Baltimore-Premium**

#### **Scariest**

**Cloverbuds:** Cassie Maldonado, Jason Mejia, Dante Bailey, Laron Horsey, Jonathan Bishop, Lilly Ann Mack, Patrick Emmett, Hailey Moore, Emma Moore, Ryan Cummings, Abner Lopez-DeLeon, Elmer Gonzalez-Lopez, Elisa Lopez-Ortiz, Denilson Garcia, Gerardo Roblero, Debora Dionicio, Carlyn DeFord and Christian Ramirez

**Beginner 4-H'er: 8-9: Maxx Hart, Rossakatum-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Jesus Vincente, Eliza Arrenga, Analy Vandurm, Elmer Ortiz, Kyra Johnson, Logan Adams, Garrett Smith, Joseph Mack, Jorny Velasquez, Chris Valesquez, Kel Ordonez and Joanna Velasquez

**Younger 4-H'er: 10-11: Paige Vincent, Rossakatum-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Carlos Perez, Zainey Perez, Alex Carrenza, Johnny Noel, Denilson Ramos, Kevonte, David Magee, Lilly Crowson and Katelyn Collins

**Older 4-H'er: 12 & Up: Ike Wharton, Buttonwood**

**Other ribbon winners:** Ryan Crowson and Zachary Collins

## **Most Creative**

**Cloverbud:** Mary Garcia, Luis Mejia-Ortiz, Esther DeLeon, Adrian Davis, Collin Cunningham, Wesley DeFord, Layne Smith, Lillianna Stump, Jacqueline Webb, Tanner LeCates, Jenna Anger, Seth Layfield, Alexia Carroll, Kinley Elliott, Kaylabeth Lubiniecki and Cassie VanBuskirk

**Beginner 4-H'er 8-9: Alexis Short, Bridgeville Mustangs-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Selena Niz- Chilel, Michael Perez, Yazmin Morales, Cengiz, Elizabeth Holt, Jennifer Hernandez, Makayla, Alma Miguel, Carmen Velasquez, Victory West, Richard Garcia, Angel Castellanos, William Garcia, James Velasquez, Emanuel Castellanos, Daniel Vincent, Mariela Lopez-DeLeon, Cindy Dionicio, Karen Chavez, Bryan Garcia, Eliel Gomez, Olivin Gonzalez, Ian Baylee, Trent Carey, Daniel Tull, Breanna Timmons, Matison Smith, Abi Brown, Meredith Carey and Karen Chavez

**Younger 4-H'er 10-11: Erryn Smith, Dublin Hill-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Tatyanna Nathan, Breana Nathan, Aaliyah DeShields, Rebecca Arpie, Delaney VanBuskirk, Carson Williamson, Colleen Anderson, E.J. Emmett and Morganne Partyka

**Older 4-H'er : 12 & Up: Daisey Wharton, Buttonwood-Premium**

**Other ribbon winners:** Holly Anderson, Amanda Rose, Hunter Murray, Emma O'Donnell, Marian Lynch, Kaitlin Philcox, Stephen Magee, T.J. Magee, Kaitlyn Emmett and Connor Vincent

Premium winners received five dollars and blue ribbon. All participants received a ribbon.

Cloverbud participants received a participation ribbon and Halloween treat bag of goodies.

**Special thanks to: Sponsor:** Sussex Order of Links; **Event Chairperson:** Aaron Jackson, Link President; **Registration:** Jill Jackson, Kathy Carlisle, Amanda Kucharzyk, Kaitlyn Emmett and Connor Vincent; **Pumpkin set-up:** Carla Killmon and Barbara Taylor; **Food:** Carole Vincent, Evelyn Messick, LeRoy Messick, Melissa Mitchell, Wilmer Wilson, Jean Wilson and Jean Ellen Hitchens; **Judges:** Michele Walfred, Carla Killmon, Barbara Taylor, Melissa Mitchell and Jill Jackson; **Games:** Anna Neal, Jean Wilson, Randy Wroten, Robin Wroten, Laurie Beth Wroten, Taylor Wroten, Delaney VanBuskirk, Laura Hill and Roxanne Hense; **Greeters:** Kathy DiSabatino, the happy witch Michele and Mary Argo; **Hayride:** Clay Vincent, Kathy DiSabatino, Lyle Neal and Shawn Mitchell; **Haunted Trail:** Aaron Jackson, Tiffany Gravenor, Joe Anderson, Holly Anderson, Amanda Rose, Rachel Mayhorn, Hannah Mayhorn, Mary Lagano, Angela Lagano, Anthony Lagano, M. Karin Pusey, Travis Waller, Dustin Waller, Hunter Murray, Isabel Wharton, Connor Vincent, Jonah Vincent, Debra Mae Goehringer, Louisa Goehringer, T.J. Magee, Stephen Magee, Zachary Collins, Bethany Killmon and Jackie Arpie; **Photographer:** Michele Walfred; **Behind the Scenes: Link Organization members;** Roseann Ferri, Rita Lofland and Mary Argo and **Parents: for providing costumes, props, equipment and support to 4-H. Decorated pumpkins were to be donated to schools, shut-ins, hospitals, libraries, etc. to help brighten someone's day! October 24 was Make A Difference Day. Kudos to 4-H for providing a Halloween production and donating pumpkins!!**

## **SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for **less than 10 years** at the county or state level. The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the county or state level. Nominations/letters of recommendation **must address the following selection criteria:** Positive impact the nominee has had on 4-H and on 4-H youth; Nominee's ability to work with young people on projects and activities in a way that promotes decision-making, problem-solving, meeting challenges, mastery and youth/adult partnerships; Nominee's innovative approaches to engaging youth and increasing diversity among participants; How nominee exemplifies a "mentor-learner" relationship with participants; Dedication to a safe and inclusive environment; How nominee models character and professional behavior when interacting with participants, families, and community partners; Nominee's innovative approaches to performing volunteer service; Increased funding/resources generated by nominee; Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers; and Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer (that you have observed).

[https://ag.udel.edu/rec/Extension/4H/2010Salute\\_to\\_Excelsence.pdf](https://ag.udel.edu/rec/Extension/4H/2010Salute_to_Excelsence.pdf)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Two outstanding 4-Hers were awarded honors at the Little Miss Apple Scrapple pageant this year. **Alexis Nechay** of Dublin Hill Cloverbuds was awarded the “High on the Hog” award for best interview and **Meredith Carey** of the Bridgeville Mustangs was awarded the “Apple of Our Eye” award for best talent. Congrats to both of these super 4-H’ers.

Congratulations to **Dyllan Hawley** for winning 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Small Engines Competition at the National 4-H Engineering, Science and Leadership Event. This event was held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana on October 4-6.

**CLUB NEWS – Send club news to [rferri@udel.edu](mailto:rferri@udel.edu)**

### BUNNY BUSTERS – reported by Jacqueline Webb

The Bunny Busters are leaping with new members—kids and rabbit. We had 19 bunny lovers present. Christopher and Nicholas Ferri brought their new bunny, Travis Waller has a new Netherland Dwarf and Marian Lynch came with her New Zealand cross that she just got.

We had a great turnout for our guest speaker, Ms. Karen Callahan from Karen’s Rabbits. She talked about the importance of fresh food and water for bunnies. Timothy hay and orchard grass is better than alfalfa. And consistent feeding in the morning or night is good. Housing can be indoor or outdoor, but wire size and fresh air are important. Rabbits should be protected from the sun, rain, snow or other extreme weather. The size cage needed for your bunny should be based on the rabbit’s size.

Jacqueline Webb and Travis Waller talked about their wins at shows in NJ and Easton in September. Anyone with a bunny or wanting a bunny or just interested in a bunny is welcome to join us! And remember research a breed so that we can all learn more about rabbit breeds (Hint—it will be part of the skill-a-thon and it’s in the rabbit project books)! Next meeting will be **November 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the REC building.

### BRIDGEVILLE MUSTANGS – reported by Tammy LeCates

Hold on tight! The Bridgeville Mustangs 4-H Club is off to a great year. We held our monthly meeting on October 15. Jaycie Kerrick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Meredith Carey led the 4-H Pledge. We’d like to say **HOWDY** to the nine new members that joined us: Emily Heilner, Daniel Jones, Rachel Jones, Robert Driscoll, Rachel Driscoll, Caleb Callaway, Emily Ekholm, Molly Ekholm and Katie Ekholm.

Club Leader Marian Carey reported on old business, new business, upcoming events and activities. She also presented pins to last year Leaders and Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds receiving pins were: Jenna Anger, Erin Carey, Meredith Carey, Ryan Cummings, Tanner LeCates, Hailey Moore, Dylan Murphy, Evan Peterson and Alexis Short. Great job!

**Yipee Yipee Yeehaw!** Our window display titled “**Discover 4-H - Discover You**” won Second Place in the county! Now we get to take it to state. A special thanks goes out to all the members that worked so hard at the committee meetings to make this a success.

Mr. Tim Moore held an Electricity Workshop. He made a brief presentation on how electricity provides light. Each member was given a power unit with switch, batteries, two wire nuts and two light emitting diodes (LED) with wire to make their own simple circuit. He showed us how we could use them to light up pumpkin eyes. We had a blast! Thank you Mr. Moore.

We discussed the Pumpkin Contest, Younger Member Fall Retreat, Officer Training, International Foods, Paint-a-Breyer Horse Workshop and other upcoming activities including our Bridgeville Mustangs 8 Week Club Card Fundraiser.

We are looking forward to all the upcoming activities. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m.** See ya there.

### **CLOVER KNIGHTS – reported by Marian Lynch**

The October Clover Knights meeting was a blast! We made felt pumpkins for Halloween. When talking about the plans for the International Dinner, Mr. Bo commented that Nino could make a dish I have never heard about before, "Rigatoni!" At the end of our meeting, Dustin and Travis Waller handed out free pumpkins to decorate for the Halloween Pumpkin Contest!

### **CYPRESS HEART & HANDS – reported by Haylee Wells**

Once again I would like to congratulate our new officers of the year: Tiffany Gravenor, *President*, Angela Lagano, *Vice President*, Kaycee Wells, *Treasurer*, Lauren Coffelt, *Secretary*, Haylee Wells, *Reporter*, and Whitney Records, *Correspondence*.

Also congrats to Brynn, Angela and Tiffany for winning a Trophy, plaque, and or a pin at Achievement Night. Our club would also like to give out a huge, good luck to Brynn and Kaitlyn at the Pumpkin Contest this coming week and hope you both get a ribbon/prize. On October 20 our club went to the Millsboro Nursing Home and made cute little arts and crafts with them, and they made a pumpkin made out of scratch. Lastly, we played a Bag Game where you have to talk about an object for a minute and first Whitney went and had very exclusive details about a skeleton that's made for decoration. Then Kaycee gave descriptive details about a decoration pumpkin.

### **DUBLIN HILL – reported by Davey Peterson**

The October meeting of the Dublin Hill 4-H club was called to order by Nikki Walls. Following the traditional pledges, songs, roll call and reports we welcomed new members, Zach Blankenship, Garrett Larrimore and Matison Smith who were present this evening. The window display, **4-H Make Your Colors Shine Brighter**, was exhibited at the Woodbridge Elementary School. At Apple Scapple the 4-H petting zoo had lots of animals and was very busy. Even with rain, the petting zoo made \$370.80 which will be donated to the Bridgeville Library. The upcoming club activities are the bowling benefit (Nov 11 at Seaford Bowling Lanes 11 a.m.-3 p.m.) The meeting activities were making centerpieces for family night and the club photo contest. The photo winners were: Hunter Baynard (Action, Animal, Flower, Landscape and People), Delaney VanBuskirk (Creative photo), and Davey Peterson (Delaware Scene with Title). Congratulations to the winners! Thanks to Ms. Kim for judging the photos for the club. The meeting adjourned for refreshments after leader comments and reminders.

### **HARBOR LIGHTS – reported by Stephen Magee**

The Harbor Lights meeting was called to order on October 19, at the Lewes Church of Christ at the Point, at 6:30 pm. President Louisa called the meeting to order and we proceeded with the pledges led by our members with October birthdays. Stephen Magee called roll and Micah Magee gave the Treasurer's Report. Harbor Lights has \$174.36.

Guests at the meeting included new member, Natalie Oldham and the Magee's grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, who have all been 4-H members. It was an unusual event to have four generations of 4-H represented. The Junior Leaders then stood and talked about the Haunted Trail and Pumpkin Contest on October 24, at Redden State Forest.

Old Business was then discussed. Our window display was judged and Harbor Lights had 142 points of 150 with a blue ribbon! For new business, we planned for the Talent Show and our winter drama. David Magee adjourned the meeting and Micah Magee seconded.

After the meeting, TJ Magee and Debra Goehringer did a demonstration sewing projects using yo-yos. Then they helped everyone in the club practice sewing. We all ate a delicious snack of pretzels, cupcakes, cookies and drinks.

Next, the younger kids in the club practiced their winter drama, while the older ones took part in the sewing projects. The older kids did an activity in which we sewed yo-yo's together and made little Christmas ornaments. A yo-yo is a piece of circular fabric, which you sew the edges all the way around, and then you pull tight. They make great Christmas tree ornaments. The other kids who are participating in the Art and Photo Contest prepared their photos for the contest. It was a good project.

Harbor Lights is excited for their next meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 9 at the Cunningham's, at 6:30 pm. We will be working on the two dramas and finishing our Christmas craft.

### HICKORY TREE – reported by Rahaven Ayres

Hi, my name is Rahaven Ayres, with the 4-H news. The 4-H has been drawing for a 4-H Art Contest, and we continue to do our regular homework every day. We have also been doing a Lighthouse Science project. It was a lot of fun. We have also been learning about our new leader Ms. Christie. On Thursday, October 22 we will be hosting a “Lights on After School’s” celebration. We are serving sundaes and cookies to our lovely guests. The members will talk about what we do at 4-H. On Saturday, October 24 we will attend the 2009 Sea Witch Festival in Rehoboth Beach. There will be lots of Halloween fun.

### HOLLYMOUNT – reported by Colleen Anderson

Hannah Mayhorn and Holly Anderson led the pledges. Colby Garbutt gave the treasurer's report. Macy Reynolds gave the Jr. Council report. Emma O`Donnell gave the coastal cleanup report. Two-thousand volunteers cleaned the coast this year! Hannah Mayhorn gave the achievement banquet report. Kaitlyn Emmett received a citizenship award, and we are all very proud of her! Emma O`Donnell won the Honorable Mention Exploring 4-H award and Colby Garbutt was given a shooting sports compound bow award. Congratulations to all of our award winners! After our business meeting we broke up into groups and practiced some photography skills to get ready for the county contest. We got some great action, portrait, and trick photography shots! Our talented Cloverbuds and the evil knight.... I mean Mr. Anderson...put on a skit and members took pictures for a six picture sequence story. We also began planning our club skit for the upcoming county Talent Show. We'll have a great time practicing it at our next meeting!

### La CASITA I - reported by Mary Argo

**La Casita 4-H** held their first meeting October 2. Each member created a personal flag that could be posted in the classroom and help others learn about him/her. La Casita 4-H members love to draw so this was a fun activity. Playing with the talking ball and practicing speaking in front of the club made us laugh and learn about our club members. On October 9 we selected and cleaned our pumpkins and reviewed photos and magazines for ideas to decorate the pumpkins. Mrs. Argo reviewed the Pumpkin Contest rules and read us the book, “The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything”. Teams then played Do You Remember? Clomp, Clomp, Wiggle Wiggle, Shake, Shake, Clap Clap, Boo, Boo! - 4-H'ers are learning to use our head, heart, hands and health!!

October 15 was our pumpkin decorating session. Everyone had a great time painting, gluing, cutting, and decorating!! The group wrote a thank you note and colored pumpkin pictures for the Carvel research team. Gracias for donating the pumpkins for our project! Everyone thought La Casita had decorated big pumpkins until Mrs. Argo read “The Biggest Pumpkin Ever” story. Teams 1, 2 and 3 tied in the story challenge game! The bats and Jack-o'-lantern pretzels were yummy and a healthy snack! On October 30 we received our Pumpkin Contest awards and played Halloween Trivia and 4-H Bingo. There are so many projects boys and girls can take in 4-H! It was fun to see the La Casita pumpkins on the 4-H Web site.

### La CASITA II - reported by Ernie López

October was a great month for our kids at La Casita II. There are currently about forty 4-H kids who attend the program each Friday at the First State Community Action building in Georgetown. The majority of these youth are in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. On Friday, October 2 we had a class on deciphering tough words in the English language which really was a benefit to the children in attendance. The following week the youth decorated pumpkins that were entered in the Sussex County Order of the Links Pumpkin Contest held on Saturday, October 24. All pumpkins that were entered received ribbons and a pumpkin entered by Karen Chavez and Cindy Dioncia won a blue ribbon in the “creative” category. Congrats to all of those La Casita kids who participated in the contest.

I'm also pleased to announce that there are a group of older children at La Casita in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who will be taking the lead in a 4-H EYSC community forum program that will be playing out over the course of the next six months. The youth have identified traffic and pedestrian safety as the issue they wish to examine with a focus on making the Spanish population of Georgetown more aware of the importance of public safety. More to come on this important topic!

### LIVESTOCK – reported by Maida Graves

We started our meeting off by electing officers. The four officers that we elected were President, Vice President, Reporter and Photographer. We cast our ballots and the results were in!! Colleen Anderson is the photographer, Maggie Lee is the Reporter, and Rodney Wilson is the new President. The Vice President came to a tie between Joe Anderson and Johnathan Walton. Joe was V.P. last year so we decided that Johnathan would be our V.P. this year. So there we have it, the 2009-10 Sussex County 4-H Livestock Club officers. We ended our meeting by talking about the International Dinner and Christmas parades. The Livestock Club is going to perform a skit and several of the members will be making food dishes for the International Dinner. In addition to that we will be making a float for the Georgetown Christmas parade.

### ROSSAKATUM – reported by Jonah Vincent

The second meeting of the 2009-10 year went wonderful. At the Achievement Event night the Rossakatum 4-H club had a great night – Nathaniel Vincent won \$25.00 for selling the most horse show ads, Paige and Connor Vincent both won buckets for judging in the Livestock Skillathon, Paige also won the Anna Tucker Award as well as the Link's Award.

On November 5 our club will have two guests coming to talk about and help us learn about treatment of broken bones. Mrs. Cherie will be passing out Christmas trees for us to decorate and take to a local nursing home. Also, we are looking for a Christmas float committee and will have sign-ups for who will bring snacks to future meetings. Don't forget to bring red sweatshirts for the Christmas parade.

An upcoming county event is the 4 Little Clover Dinner Theatre on November 14. The next county event is the Fall Retreat/Pumpkin Contest.

Congratulations to our new officers: Noah Vincent, president; Connor Vincent, vice-president; Jonah Vincent, secretary and recorder; Maxx Hart, treasurer; Colby Evans, environmental officer; Paige Vincent, health officer; Nathaniel Vincent, historian; Devan Hudson, photographer; and Jonah Vincent, Connor Vincent, Paige Vincent and Kelsey Lambrose, song leaders.

### STATELINE – reported by Sarah Bell

The Stateline 4-H club held its second meeting of the year on October 7. Parker O'Day led the American pledge, followed by Megan O'Day leading the 4-H pledge. Parker mentioned he won a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal for archery at the achievement dinner/program. A special thanks goes out to all whom attended the window display meetings, and who helped set it up. It looks great! Those 4-H members include Amber Russell, Derek and Logan Adams, Megan O'Day, and Sarah Bell. The theme this year was "Flyin' High With 4-H." The club agreed on a new volunteer activity. Mrs. Pam explained that we would be assisting the residents at the Methodist Manor House to hand out candy to children that come in to trick or treat. Everybody thinks it would be a lot of fun! As the club president, Megan O'Day explained the rules to the Pumpkin contest. Parker also added in that you are not allowed to puncture the pumpkins. Around Christmas time our club decided that we are going to make no-sew fleece blankets to give out to the residents at the Methodist Manor House. Towards the end of the meeting, Emily Gundry showed us her poster that she made for Halloween Safety tips. Great job Emily! Stateline's next meeting will be held on **November 11 at 7 p.m.** at Gethsemane United Methodist Church's fellowship hall in Reliance Delaware. All are welcome to attend!