

4-H Youth Development
Program Update
September 2005

- **Proudly announcing a new Cloverbud!!!**

Grace Emily Cascio; Born: August 27, 2005, 7 lbs, 9.8 oz.

View photos @ <http://mysite.verizon.net/frankcascio>

- **County Fair**

Ulster County Fair is the showcase for the Ulster County 4-H Program. This year 231 youth entered 2356 exhibits/classes! Of this number 1289 were static (non-breathing!) and 1067 were animal entries. (Please note these are total animal classes, NOT total animals!) Developmental concepts present at the County fair include: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity. Just one example in each area:

- Belonging: Youth interact with a caring adult that evaluates their 4-H project (s).
- Mastery: Master Showmanship highlights and challenges showmanship skills
- Independence: 4-H members determine what classes they will enter.
- Generosity: 4-H members serve others while on Barn duty, All Star duty, in the snack bar and milkshake booth

Nearly 100 adults actively volunteer to make the fair “happen”.

- **State Fair**

Ulster County was well represented at the Great New York State Fair! Approximately 80 static items were entered for State Fair judging. Of those entries nine received a “purple” State Fair Outstanding recognition. A team of six teens traveled with the exhibits to welcome fair goers into the Ulster County Booth. In addition, five teens from Ulster Equistars/Pony People helped with Kids & Horses Tent. Animal entries were in the following areas: Horses, dogs (including 15 member drill team), rabbits, poultry, and covies. One of our 4-H Teens, Jaime Churchill earned the honor of representing New York State in Poultry at Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky.

- **4-H Summer Time TOPS**

Judging from the happy faces of the children, the summer 2005 TOPS program at George Washington and John F. Kennedy School was a huge success. With the help of many 4-H’ers and their parents, MaryLou was able to spend the summer teaching a hands-on animal science unit on rabbits, covies, and other small mammals. Every single class meeting involved the children touching an animal, to acquaint youth with live animals. The grand finale was a mock rabbit showmanship class! The judge, Allison Reidy, was truly amazed (and sometimes amused) by the responses from the children. One child, while searching to name body parts was not able to find the rabbit’s “belly button”!

- **Coming Events**

Record Book evaluations, National 4-H Week, the *new* 4-H Year, Achievement Day, Leader’s Rally, New Leader Training, Officer Training, Teen Retreat, State Educators Conference



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