



Northwest VT 4-H Club News

Chittenden County 4-H Club News

SAVVY Horse 4-H Club

This past February we hosted the 2nd annual VLAC Buzz Off. It was held at the Milton Grange. Everyone had a great time setting up and helping. We think it went well and hope even more people will come next year!

We've also been making plans for running the concession stand at the Whispering Pines Tack Swap at the end of March. We're going to be raffling off a hanging grooming bag with horse treats, homemade stamped cards, some grooming supplies and 2 tickets to see the Parelli Natural Horsemanship tour in MA in April.

We're having a lot of fun making the cards to sell and donate. We use a variety of paper, stamps and embellishments to make our very own SAVVY cards. Our plan is to donate the cards to senior citizens. We will also sell them at various functions.

Since CHAMP is getting a new lease on Good Hope stables our club hopes to help them get situated and settled.

Most of our club members will be attending the Parelli Tour in MA in April. It's always inspiring to see Pat and Linda Parelli playing with their horses! Welcome Ryleigh Combs and Catrina Silverstein! We are also accepting new members. ~ Submitted by Rory Merrick

Whispering Pines 4-H Club

We had the wonderful experience of attending the American Youth Horse Council (Feb 28th- March 2nd) in Raleigh, NC. Participating members who went included Larissa Russin, Amber and Andrea Teague, Hillary Fay, Emily Moreau, Jordan Lupien and Celine Graas. Leaders were Lisa Russin, Mary Fay, and Carole Graas.

On March 9th was the State Quiz Bowl Contest. In the Juniors 10-11, Ruth Snow placed 24th while in the Juniors 12-13, Jen Carp placed 2nd. In the Novice Senior Larissa Russin placed 6th and in the Senior division Josie Thomas placed 11th and Hillary Fay placed 22nd.

We are looking forward to our club's annual Tack Sale which will take place on Saturday March 29th. It's always a great time to meet clubs as well as shop for good deals on tack and equipment! Bring your used tack! Written by Celine Graas

Starry Nights 4-H Club

Starry Nights 4-H club has been busy in the past few months. We had business meetings and project meetings, attended competitions/other events and conducted a fundraiser.

We've had several fun and productive meetings this year. In January we discussed the idea of a "business" meeting and Parliamentary Procedures. We also had fun practicing Quizbowl. In February, we discussed goals (what is a goal? good goals vs. bad goals, examples of goals, etc.) and had every member get at least 1 goal signed off by a leader. We also discussed how to fill out a member/horse record book. In our March meeting we discussed our homework article (diseases) and practiced for Hippology competitions.

Many of our members attended Teeth and Sheath day for their horses on February 27th. The attending members held their horses still (or just watched) while the vets did their work. Just before this in our February meeting, our members did a research article on teeth to gain some background knowledge.

Our club also attended several competitions. Many Starry Nights members competed in the **Vermont Large Animal Clinic Buzz-Off** on February 2nd. The members enjoyed themselves and learned a lot from both the medically based questions and the presentation from Dr. Phil. A large portion of our members also attended the **Chittenden County Quizbowl** competition on March 4th and all did very well. Many members, leaders and parents also volunteered at a club food booth there, where snack/breakfast foods were sold. Many club members attended **State Quiz bowl** on March 9th as well. One of our senior members, Katie Turnbull, placed 2nd and is now eligible to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Kentucky on the Quiz bowl Team. Another senior member, Caitlin Ackerman, finished in the top 10. We also had a large Starry Nights turnout at the **Regional Hippology** at the UVM location on March 14th. All of the Starry Nights attendees had fun and learned a lot. *Submitted by Cara Turnbull*

Tailwaggers 4-H Club

The Tailwagger's 4-H group had a Valentine's Day party this year. We all gave and received Valentines and ate assorted homemade goods brought in by the 4-Hers. We have also continued doing crafts. Our most recent was when our club president, Melanie, taught an earring-

making craft. Last week we had Laura Murphy-Macintosh come in to train us for the rock climbing that we will be doing over the next two weeks at Petra Cliffs climbing center. We played many games, including one in which we had to transfer cotton balls from one person to the next using just our noses and Vaseline!

Flying Hooves 4-H Club

Flying Hooves 4-H Club has been very busy this winter. We have done Christmas baskets for families. We had so much fun putting together baskets for parents in need and for children in need. When we got our letter back on how the families liked their gifts, we were so happy for them. We are looking forward to next year's Christmas baskets. We have also done 4-H Quiz Bowl. Everyone did really well for ribbons and enjoyed the competition. We have done a lot of practicing at our leader's house and we went to Essex High School practices. 8 members went to Chittenden County Quiz Bowl. 13 members went to State Quiz Bowl. We have continued to work on our scrap booking. We had a woman come and show us some tips on how to do different things with scrap book materials. She also showed us how to write things on our pages about ourselves. We have had so much fun working together! Submitted By: Mary Williams Flying Hooves 4-H Club Reporter

Addison County 4-H Club News

Lincoln's Clover Riders 4-H Club

The Lincoln's Clover Riders have been very active in the past few months.

At the end of December the Club had its holiday party. We watched the movie, Ratatouille, while we ate snacks. Then we had a Yankee Swap.

In January the Club completed its community service deed at the Lincoln Library. Sue Brown, Wendy Willenbaker & Janet Cloutier read to the children. I was the Fortune Teller of the day. Trish Shepard, Ashley Tatro, Victoria Brown, and Morgan Cote set up craft stations for the children. Jenna Cloutier and Reagan Menard gave out refreshments. We look forward to going back in December. At the end of the day we had our meeting and received our community service pins.

In February the Club had its' first fundraiser. We offered refreshments at the Lincoln Hill Country Holiday talent show.

At our February Club meeting we spent time talking about State Day and preparing projects for the event. Members brought in examples of prior year's projects and reviewed the criteria for judging. Photography examples were also

displayed as members shared what the judges preferred in a photo. Also, Victoria Brown and Morgan Cote taught us how to fold towels into monkeys. Submitted by Anna Willenbaker