



## Club News from NW Vermont

### Addison County Club News

**Lincoln's Clover Riders 4-H Club:** At our first meeting of the year we elected officers. Victoria Brown is our president, Ashley Tatro is our vice-president, Jenna Cloutier is our secretary, and Morgan Cote is our new treasurer. Anna Willenbaker did a presentation on "How to Show Model Horses".

Our Club met again on November 29, 2007 at the Lincoln Library. Out going Club Officers received pins acknowledging their work over the past year. Members also received their club scarves with their earned pins and patches from the following year. The majority of the meeting was spent crafting braided, calico fabric wreaths for each member to take home. Each member received an official 4-H bag. The bag may be personalized for a fun competition to be held on December 29<sup>th</sup> following the monthly meeting and holiday party with a Yankee Gift Swap.

Victoria Brown and Ashley Tatro attended the 4-H Teen Weekend held on November 30. Both returned with great leadership ideas that they believe will benefit the club and other 4-H members.

On December 15, 2007 we had a club outing. It was a field trip to the Burlington Church Street Market place. We got to choose a piece of pottery and paint it at the Blue Plate Ceramic Café. We finished our day by having a nice lunch together. *Submitted by Anna Willenbaker*

**Skyriders 4-H Club:** In Nov. we selected club officers. We sold candy bars as a fundraiser. In Dec. we worked on project books and lunged horses. We did a project of making cookies and swapping them. We all had platters full. *Submitted by Kristyn Little*

## **Chittenden County Club News**

**Whispering Pines Club:** We welcome Amanda Preston, Megan and Sarah Shields, Ruth Snow and Brandon Willey as this year's new members! The club had many members represent Vermont at Eastern States (September). Rider's included Aislinn Lacroix, Amber and Andrea Teague. Josie Thomas was our Teen Leader and Larissa Russin attended the New England Center Program. As a way of giving back to the community, many members volunteered at the Jericho pumpkin carving (October). Later on (December), leaders went and gave up their time to help dress teddy bears at the Teddy Bear Factory! We also had a great group of members represent Vermont at the Eastern States Nationals in Kentucky (November). Josie Thomas and Jordan Lupien did a Team Demo and Amber Teague did an Individual Demo. Marilyn Thomas was the Coach, Cheryl Lupien chaperoned and Mary Fay was the trip coordinator. Some members have already started practicing their Quiz Bowl and Hippology.

*Submitted by Celine Graas*

**SAVVY Horse 4-H Club:** During our first meeting we elected our officers:

Emily Smith - President

Kyle Smith - V. President

Emily Diego - Treasurer

Rory Merrick - Secretary

Every body received their certificates of recognition from last year. This year we chose some community service projects we wanted to do as a club. Some include volunteering at a PMU horse rescue or helping with therapy riding at Trails End Stable. We are also looking forward to helping organize the 2nd annual "Buzz Off" Quiz Bowl competition at the Vermont Large Animal Clinic. Lastly, for crafts we made cinnamon stick votives and decorated Christmas wreaths! *Submitted by Rory Merrick*

**Flying Hooves 4-H Club** has been very busy this fall. We have a number of new members and we are all looking for a fun and active year.

One of the first things that have done is volunteered for the Haunted Forest on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. About 11 people volunteered. At the Haunted Forest, the majority of the people volunteered as guides. I was lucky and was able to act in a scene as Medusa at the wax museum. Although it was pouring rain, everyone worked very well together to get through the afternoon.

Many members of our club went to the annual Halloween show at Enniskerry Farm. We all really enjoyed setting up for costume class. All of the people had very well put together costumes. It was also really fun there because there was a "no stirrup contest" for the barn. It was really cool to see how well people can ride over jumps and riding flat classes.

Another project we have been working on is scrap-booking with Tiffany Couture's mother Jacie Couture. We have learned many techniques for scrap booking pages. Everyone seems to be very creative with their art work. Everyone has worked on a page about themselves and is working on additional pages about other club activities. We are all looking forward to learning a lot more about scrap booking.

The other really important thing that we did was to adopt three families for Thanksgiving. All club members brought in food items for these families's Thanksgiving dinner as well as other food items for breakfast and lunch. The majority of our club also went to one of the leader's houses and made meat pies, apple pies and brownies for them. The families were very thankful for us doing that for them.

We are currently working on providing a Christmas for these same families and giving them presents. We have been able to get a number of the items that they need/ want. We all hope that this Christmas is one of their best. *Submitted by Mary Williams*

**Starry Nights 4-H Club** Though it is early in the year, Starry Nights 4-H club has already had several very productive meetings. One of our first meetings was the election of officers; Caitlin Ackerman is the President, Kyla Ward is the Vice President, Emilie Schweikert is the Secretary, Meaghan Hughes is the Treasurer, Cara Turnbull is the Reporter and Chantel Charlebois is the Scrapbooker/Historian. This year, we decided to have Photographer be a floating position, so people could sign up to take pictures at whatever events they'd be at.

Starry Nights has also held its first Officers Meeting with its newly elected officers. We talked about how we were going to organize our meetings, how to incorporate the new members and make them welcome, how to keep the younger members occupied through "boring" business meetings, etc. We then put these ideas into play in our next meeting a week later.

*Submitted by Cara Turnbull*