

HAPPENINGS

East Rush Community Club

The first East Rush Community 4-H Club meeting of the year was called to order at 2:15 p.m. on March 14.

First was the election of officers. The results are president, Megan Wescott; vice president, Jen Grillo; secretary/news reporter, Ben Hardic; treasurer, Kelly Stockholm; and game and song leader, Kyle Stockholm.

After the election, the leader, Marie Hardic, gave out the pins from last year. The members decided that the dues would be 50 cents each meeting and discussed idea for fund raisers: food booths at the horse shows on May 16 and another in July, and maybe a rockathon if necessary.

The club thought of some new ideas for community service. One idea was to plant flowers and clean up the churchyard. The leader passed out the 4-H code and conduct and registration forms that were to be filled out by each member.

The next meeting was set for April 11. Members must enroll before May 1. The Jones and Chilson families will provide the refreshments for the next meeting.

Baconeer's Swine Club

On Feb. 22, the Baconeer's 4-H Swine Club had their first meeting. The members got their club books back from the previous year.

Next they elected officers: president is Brian Dana, vice president is Mike Snow, secretary is Ronalyn Corbin, treasurer is Miranda Herbert, and reporter is Chad Welch.

After the club elected officers, they discussed the fund raiser. The last thing they talked about was a pig roast at Harford Fair.

North Jackson Ag 4-H Club

The first meeting of the North Jackson Ag 4-H Club this year was held March 15 at the home of John and Bonny Onyon. Families met for a covered dish dinner before the business meeting. The meeting was called to order by former President Matt Pavelski. Pledges were led by Matt Pease.

Elections were held for officers. The results were president, Andre Onyon; vice president, Matt Pavelski; secretary, Abby Onyon; treasurer, Katie Onyon; news reporter, Beth Giangrieco; song/game leaders, Tim Carey, Aaron Onyon, and Kyle Miller; and historian, Sara VanCott.

This year's calendar was discussed, enrollment cards were completed, and projects were chosen for the year. The club will be going bowling April 4, with a meeting and pizza party to follow at Onyon's house. The meeting was adjourned by president, Andrew Onyon.

Pennsylvania 4-H First In Nation

On March 27-29, Pennsylvania became the first state in the nation to host an innovative seminar designed to pave the way for the inclusion of youngsters with physical disabilities into their 4-H shooting sports safety programs.

A NRA/SCI Disability Awareness Workshop was presented as part of the annual Pennsylvania 4-H Shooting Sports Weekend, which attracted close to 100 instructors to Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect.

The workshop was developed and conducted by Dave Baskin, manager of NRA Disabled Shooting Services and chairman of shooting sports for the International Paralympic Committee, which is based in Bonn, Germany. Up until recently these workshops were offered exclusively by the National Rifle Association, but the value that the workshops have provided to members of the hunting, shooting, and outdoor recreation communities resulted in Safari Club International joining the NRA in the nationwide promotion of these innovative educational seminars.

The workshop for the assembled 4-H instructors consisted of two evening sessions. In the first segment, Baskin provided a history of disabled hunting and recreation from the turn of the century up through the dramatic changes immediately following World War II. He continued with an overview of the traditions, customs, and commonly held perceptions of citizens with disabilities, including stories about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the popular cowboy character Hopalong Cassidy.

The final phase of the workshop was devoted to a display and explanation of adaptive shooting and hunting equipment. Baskin demonstrated a unique spring-mounted rifle support stand and two types of mouth-operated trigger mechanisms for those individuals who have diminished motor control function in their fingers. One apparatus was an electric "sip 'n puff" design and the other was a mechanical version.

The NRA/SCI Disability

Ida's Notebook

by
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We've just had a different weekend as our son invited us to his cottage in Virginia. It is along the Piankatank River. Now I had never even heard of that river, so I was surprised to see the enormous expanse of water. The traffic on the way there was very heavy as sometimes there were six lanes in one direction.

Kenneth has done a lot of work on the cottage the past few months and with his wife's help has decorated the rooms beautifully. His daughter helped to wallpaper the rooms and his son helped to put up a new television aerial. So, he really does not rough it when he goes to his cottage to relax. He tells us that he can have a dozen people sleep there at one time.

Awareness Workshop was designed to provide the participants with a better understanding of our disabled population. Pennsylvania 4-H instructors took away a heightened awareness of disability issues and improved skills necessary to teach youngsters with physical disabilities.

We supposedly went to fish. Well, we fished and we fished but did not catch fish. The rockfish that I caught had to be put back in the water as it was not in season. The fish simply were not hungry.

But, we had several long boat rides as he put his pontoon boat with a 50 horsepower motor in the water. It takes a while to go through all the steps of preparing it for the water and then just as long to store it. The salt water must be washed off, the roof lowered and all of the swivel chairs covered to protect them from the weather, etc.

The tide was an important factor as to when we could use the boat. During low tide, the boat settles on the bottom and so we carefully watched for high tide. One day he told me that we could go out and fish at midnight as that was high tide, but I said, "No, thank you."

It was quiet in the woods and we all enjoyed the many birds that came to his feeder. However, one night as I sat alone reading, I heard an awful sound as two raccoons were fighting. It was different.

Moisture Problems In Your Home?

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) - Learn about causes and a range of possible techniques to correct home moisture problems at the "Moisture Problems in the Home" seminar sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension. The seminar will be held Thursday, May 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Extension office, Suite 370 in the Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester. To register, call (610) 696-3500 by May 4.

Condensation on interior windows, wood decay, and growth of mold and mildew on walls or ceilings are sure signs of excessive moisture. Because excess moisture can cause hidden problems as well, a clear understanding of why problems occur is an important first step towards a successful solution. Join Dr. Robert J. Thee, extension agent/housing, for "Moisture Problems in the Home" to learn more about the problem - and the solution!

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