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Dear 4-H members, volunteers, families, and friends,

I just wanted to write a short note to say thank you to everyone in the amazing Morris County 4-H community. By now, you all know that I have left the 4-H office to work as a librarian, something I have always wanted to do. It was not an easy decision for me though, as the people I have met through the 4-H program have been amazing to work with, and have touched my life in many different ways. Over the past five years I have really enjoyed going to work each day and for that I have the 4-H members and volunteers to thank, not to mention the wonderful staff at the office. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching at Cloverbud meetings, interacting with volunteers at the fair, and guiding teens as they move forward in the program. Seeing the dedication and support of the 4-H volunteers, especially during the long days of fair, served as a constant reminder that the 4-H program is a truly amazing thing. I cannot imagine another organization having the dedication and support that the volunteers here do, and am so grateful that I got to be part of that.

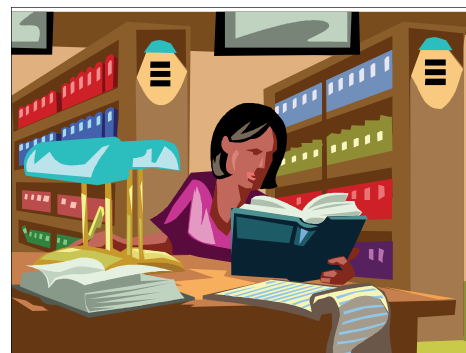


Terri Yost, Program Associate

While I have said good bye to my job at the 4-H office, (and I do miss everyone there!) I have not said goodbye to the 4-H program entirely. I will still be working with the Be the Change club as I have in the past, and look forward to volunteering at other events. I hope to see all of you at Science-Sational Day and Fair, and of course as future club members. So really, this is not goodbye, but "See you later!" The 4-H program will be a part of me no matter where I go in the future, and for that I thank the whole 4-H community.

Best wishes,

Terri



A NOTE FROM THE STAFF



*Rachel Lyons
County Agent*



*Kathy Murarik
Program Associate*

Dear 4-H Families,

The Morris County 4-H staff wishes you a healthy and Happy New Year. 2012 will be filled with lots of exciting opportunities to get involved with activities outside of your club. This newsletter is filled with news about special training opportunities and upcoming 4-H county and state events. We also report on what is happening in your club and we encourage all club reporters to send us your news and pictures.

Much of the success of our program is due to the dedication of our volunteers. Our leaders are willing to share their time and knowledge to making "the best better". We welcome all parents who wish to get more involved to do it this year! Make one of your New Year's resolutions this year to do something that you think will make 4-H even better!

In December we said good by and good luck to Terri Yost who resigned her position as Program Associate to become a librarian at the East Orange Library. Her lifelong dream to be a Children's Librarian has become a reality. Terri will continue on as a volunteer leader for the Be The Change 4-H Club.

Rachel Lyons

Kathy Murarik

RCE educational programs are open and accessible to all. If special accommodations are needed, please contact the 4-H office.

Remember, 4-H is for Everyone, Everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

Discoveries

4-H Member, Parent and Leader's Newsletter

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Spring Ahead to Public Presentations on April 20, 2012

This year Public Presentations will take place on Friday, April 20, 2012 at the County College of Morris. The event will begin at 6:30 pm. Presenters should arrive early to sign in on time.

In anticipation of the event it is strongly encouraged that all prepare in advance. To help all to prepare there will be a **Presentations 101 Workshop on Thursday, March 1st 7-8:30p.m. at the office.** Please call the office to register. Snow date will be Thursday, March 8th.

For some public speaking comes naturally; for others it takes lots of practice.

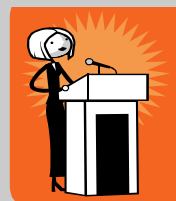
You may choose to do a demonstration, give an illustrated talk, performance or formal speech. The topic can be of your choice. You can do a presentation on an animal, a country, your family traditions, or whatever floats your boat.

Cloverbud members should prepare to present for at least 1–5 minutes. First time presenters should plan for about a 5 minute presentation. Presenters in eighth grade and up should prepare for at least 8–15 minutes. Dogs and other animals are welcome to be a part of your presentation. Please be sure to have your dog on a leash. While we are waiting for the judges to tally up the score we will have refreshments. We ask all presenters to bring a snack to share. Award ribbons will be distributed at the conclusion of the evening. All Cloverbud members will receive a Participation Ribbon for their efforts.

There is also a need for volunteer judges. If you know someone who might be interested in being a judge, please let us know their name and contact information. Training will be provided.

Key advice for Public Presentations:

- 1) **Choose a topic you are familiar with:** By choosing something you know about, you already create a "comfort zone" and will have an easier time delivering your speech in three to five minutes.
- 2) **Practice, Practice, Practice:** Remember that practice makes perfect. When you practice at home in front of an audience (mom, dad, sibling, friend, your dog) you will quickly feel at ease and be prepared to handle your topic with ease on presentation day.
- 3) **Don't Stress:** Public Presentations are fun! Everyone there watching is rooting for you and truly interested in what you're going to say. So take a deep breath and relax! You'll do great!
- 4) **Sign Up Early:** There is a public presentations sign up sheet on Page 4 of this newsletter. Parents: please take the time to help your Cloverbud fill it out and hand it in no later than April 13. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for April 20, in Cohen Hall at Morris County College. Give yourself plenty of time to arrive and register. Plan to park in the upper Parking Lot closest to Dover Chester Road. It is Parking Lot # 8.



All those in 8th Grade and up who receive excellent on their Presentation on the county level are eligible for State Public Presentations. State Presentations will be held **Saturday, June 9th** at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

Please refer to the Public Presentations Registration Form on the next page!

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM**April 20, 2012****County College of Morris****Dover-Chester Road, Randolph, NJ****All 4-H Members (Including Cloverbuds)****Please arrive at 6:00 to check in; Presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.**Return by: **April 13, 2012**

Return to: Morris County 4-H Office
 Attn: Public Presentations
 P.O. Box 900
 Morristown, NJ 07960
 Fax: 973-605-8195
 Email: 4hnmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu

Check which type of presentation you are giving:
☐ Demonstration
☐ Illustrated Talk
☐ Formal Speech
☐ Performing Arts

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ Phone # _____

GRADE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ YEARS IN 4-H _____

PREP MEMBER _____ NUMBER OF PAST COUNTY PRESENTATIONS GIVEN _____

Last Years Presentation Title & Subject: _____

TITLE OF YOUR PRESENTATION _____**BRIEF EXPLANATION** _____

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: _____ MINUTES (suggested times: Cloverbud 1-5 min, 8th Grade & Up 8-15 Min, others 3-15).

****8th Grade & Up* mandatory 8-15 Minutes long with an Excellent Speech for State Eligibility.***

WILL USE SMALL ANIMALS: _____ Yes _____ No Kind: _____
 (small animal, dogs acceptable)

EQUIPMENT: 4-H member is responsible for providing all equipment needed for the presentation.
 If you need special assistance, call the 4-H Office (973-285-8300) before April 8, 2011.

MY LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IS: (Please give the name of your weekly newspaper)

_____ **Yes, I will bring a tray of snacks, hors d'oeuvres or other finger food for refreshment at the Awards Ceremony. (i.e. cheese and crackers, veggie platter)**

Grades 4-13, Check one: _____ **Yes, I would like to be a host/hostess.**
 _____ **No, I would not like to be a host/hostess.**



Hats off & Kudos



Congratulations "4-Her's of the Year"
Christopher Blewett and Jacob Harris



On November 18, 2011 at the annual Morris County 4-H Awards Night Dinner, Christopher Blewett and Jacob Harris were named the new "4-Her's of the Year." Chris and Jake were recognized for being outstanding members of 4-H who continue to show deep involvement and commitment to the 4-H program through local club, county, state and national activities.

For the past 8 years, Chris has been involved in 4-H, mostly through Nature's Keepers 4-H club. He has not only been an active member of this club, but he has also become a teen leader, preparing and leading different club meetings throughout the past three years. If you have stopped by the petting barn at the fair, I'm sure you've seen Chris hard at work talking to the public and caring for the animals. Chris has chaired not only the Herpetology Show but also the Literary division at the fair. He has also attended North Jersey Teen Conference, even working it around taking the SAT last year. As Jane Ellis, one of his leaders stated in her recommendation for Chris, "Chris embodies the best of 4-H by not only striving to make the best better but by always reaching to make his best better.

Jake has been a wonderful representative of not only Herpetology Heroes but also the Morris County 4-H program. Jake saw an opportunity to promote 4-H in his community, and has helped coordinate the 4-H booth at the St. Francis Fall Festival for the past two years. He has competed at numerous herpetology events around the state, and has continually challenged himself to take on more both on the club and county level. Jake has also competed in state public presentations, where he was a room winner. He has also been actively involved with North Jersey Teen Conference. In the words of his leader, Mike Lynch, "Jacob embodies the spirit of 4-H, and as such is not only an asset to the club, but to 4-H on a whole."

Chris and Jake, we applaud your efforts and wish you continued success in your future pursuits.

4-H Notable News



Teen Winter Camp January 27-29

Winter camp is a great getaway for teens to play in the snow. 4-Hers in grades 9-13 from Morris, Salem, Gloucester and Mercer Counties will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp **January 27- 29**. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. The cost for the weekend is \$50.00 and includes meals. Registration deadline is Jan. 13. For more information contact Rachel Lyons at (973)285-8300 x3.



North Jersey Teen Conference

March 9—11

Holiday Inn Select
Clinton, NJ

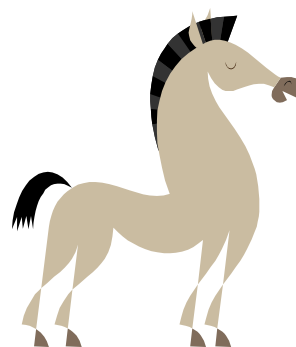
All teens (grades 8 and up) will be sent information in the mail.

A group of dedicated teens have partnered with adult volunteers and 4-H staff to plan and implement this conference.

Call Rachel Lyons for more information
(973) 285-8300 x3

State Model Horse Show

This event will take place on **Saturday, January 28** at the Hunterdon County Complex in Flemington, NJ. If you are interested in entering any model horses, please contact the office for the official registration packet.



State Dog Bowl

Saturday January 21

Burlington County 4-H Building

We wish our Morris County State Dog Quiz Bowl team lots of luck as they defend their 1st place Jr. Dog Quiz Bowl Team title that they won last year. Team members for 2012 from Dogs R' Us include Erin DeBiasse, Kate Dodge, Thomas Matney, Corrine Rybarski, Kent Sanchez, and Morgan Sanchez. They have been busy practicing for the past two months. A big thank you to coach Dawn Del Guercio for all of your hard work.

4-H Notable News

RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, & HERPETOLOGY SHOW

Sponsored by the
Somerset County 4-H Small Animal Clubs

and the

Somerset County 4-H Sidewinders Herpetology Club

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

The Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County

310 Milltown Road

Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3551

If you have any questions about showing rabbits, cavies, or small animals, please contact Laurie Hazen at lhazen07@verizon.net.

If you have any questions about showing herpetology animals, please contact Karen Fisch at (908) 722-3120 or fischfoot@gmail.com

Rutgers Day

Saturday, April 28

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rain or Shine

State Dog Show on the Cook Campus

Enjoy Animal Shows, Garden and Nature
Tours, Performances, Lectures, Children's
Programs and much more

www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu

K-9 Arts Contest

New this year will be a K-9 Arts Contest held in conjunction with the **NJ State Dog Quiz Bowl** on **Saturday January 21** at Burlington County 4-H Center.

You do not have to be a Quiz Bowl participant to enter. Everyone is welcome to submit their entries and have them judged at this event. For more information contact Kathy at the 4-H Office. Your entries can be brought to the show by members of the Quiz bowl team. Deadline is January 9.

New Jersey Safe and Sound

Sunday, January 22 (Snow date 2/5)

1:00 — 4:15

Burlington County

20 Pioneer Blvd Mt. Holly, NJ

Cost: Free!

The first 50 people to register will receive a First Aid Kit.

Workshops to choose from:

- Safety Maze
- Home and Personal Safety
- Disaster Preparedness for your Pets
- What to do Until the Vet Arrives
- Farm Equipment Safety
- Improving Biosecurity at Fairs and at Home

Registration Deadline: Jan. 11 (postmark)

Call 4-H office for more information 973-285-8300 ext 3

Ocean County Small Animal Show

Saturday, Jan 21st

Memorial Middle School

898 Herbert Dr., Point Pleasant NJ

Noah's Ark Rabbit & Small Animal Club

Contact info: Laura Ferrie, Show Superintendent 973-892-0907

wilriker6@msn.com

4-H Notable News

NJ 4-H Equine Arts Show

To be held in Conjunction with the N.J. State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest

Saturday February 25th, 2012

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office Monmouth County

- Open to any 4-H member grades 4 to 13
- Any type of art, craft, or photo may be entered as long as it has an equine theme.
- Entries must be received by 10 a. m.
- Note: To cover expenses, there is a small entry fee this year

Contact the Morris County 4-H Office for further information and registration forms

NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium

Saturday March 31, 2012

Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Cook College

Round House - College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ

- Sessions Geared To Youth and Adults
- \$12.00 per person for all day programs – this includes lunch
- \$5.00 per person for rabbits – Morning program ONLY!
- Sessions on Rabbits, Equine, Dairy and Small Ruminants
- Registrations Due By: March 15, 2012

Atlantic County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal and Herpetology DOUBLE SHOW

Saturday, Feb 18, 2012

David C Wood 4-H Center, Route 50, Egg Harbor City, NJ

Cloverbud Exhibition Only: Grades K-3

Special Participation Awards for Cloverbud Members

Divisions: Intermediate: Grades 4-8

Senior: Grades 9-13

There will be 2 shows; show your entries twice in one day!

Contact the Morris County 4-H Office for further information and registration forms

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For more info 609-984-4389 or email Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us or Debra.Moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us

Plan Ahead For 4-H Summer Camp

L.G. Cook camp is already getting ready for you this summer. Are you ready? Log onto www.nj4camp.rutgers.edu to enroll early. All the forms and information parents need will be right on the website to download. The camp is located off RT 206 in Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ. Early enrollment helps ensure your choice of activities. The camp is for those who have completed third grade through tenth grade. Camp begins on July 2nd and continues through mid-August. This year camp weeks will have themes which include: Patriot Week, Down on the Farm, Decade Week, Everyday is a Holiday, Chaos Week, and Book Week. The basic camp fee for one week is \$500, but there are some discounts for 4-H members, military families and early-birds. A special Teen Week will be held on August 22-27. Campers must be 14 by 1/1/12 and no older than 17 by 8/13/12. See you in the summer!!!



4-H Community Bulletin

ATTENTION
CLUB REPORTERS
DISCOVERIES DEADLINE FOR
SPRING 2012 ISSUE IS
Thursday, March 15th
CLUB WRITE-UPS & PHOTOS
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED
 Email 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu



Ayres Knuth Farm Festival

On Saturday, September 17 Morris County 4-H clubs joined in the fun of celebrating the historically preserved Ayres Knuth Farm. Members of the **Dogs R' Us**, **Phoenix Horses**, and **Puppy Tails** showed off their dogs and rabbits to the hundreds of visitors throughout the day. A great time was had by all!



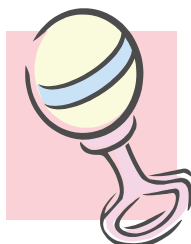
Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Linda Kabis, leader of Puppy Tails 4-H Club, on the birth of her granddaughter, Adele Storm Kurnath.

Adele's mom, Michele, is a former 4-Her.

Adele was born on December 8, 2011 at 7:21PM, weighing 8 lbs, 9 oz and measuring 20" long.

Congratulations to all!



St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2012**; make-up date March 24. All who are interested in marching with their club banner, please call the 4-H office to register. We will meet behind the Morristown Municipal Building between 11-11:30 a.m.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT THE 4-H OFFICE



Club Officer's Training

January 18 7 p.m to 8:30 p.m.

Snow date January 26

Public Presentations Workshop

March 1 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Snow date March 8

(Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Rachel at 973-285-8300 ext. 3 or email 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu)

4-H Rutgerscience Saturday - Astronomy



Sponsored by the Food Science Department

- **Date: April 21, 2012**
- **Location: TBA**
- **Time: TBA**
- **Limit: 50 young people grades 6-9**

Curious about stars and planets? Ever wonder what amazing things exist in the universe? Come explore with Rutgers scientists at this exciting Rutgerscience Saturday. In this program, we will explore the stars and planets with hands on activities and outdoor observations which will encourage young astronomers to think big. Participants will enjoy visiting the Star Lab and making their own telescope. For more information and to register, visit <http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html#astronomy>.

NEW JERSEY BLUEBIRD SOCIETY ORGANIZES TO BENEFIT BLUEBIRDS

NOTE: Jim Newquist is the Morris County Coordinator/ facilitator for the NJBBS. Leaders, if your 4-H club is interested in developing a community based project at a public library or a school within Morris County, please contact Jim at Email: Papanuke@verizon.net and we can work out a club program and a activity to place new bluebird boxes at your location.

Sometimes we just need nature to get us motivated. In this case, concerns for the well-being of our native bluebird motivated a group of individuals to establish the New Jersey Bluebird Society (NJBBS), becoming an affiliate of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS) - the prominent organization dedicated to benefit bluebirds in North America. Until now, New Jersey has been one of the few states without an organized affiliate in the NABS.

Initially, a few individuals from throughout the State met in early February and agreed there was enough interest to organize a chapter. Followup meetings at Batsto Village have lead to affiliating with NABS, designing a logo, initiating construction of a web site, establishment of a Board of Directors and elections of officers. Frank Budney, Union, Union County was elected president; Allen Jackson, Millville, Cumberland County was elected vice president; and, Shelly Cucugliello, Pittsgrove, Salem County was elected secretary/treasurer.

The NJBBS's primary goal is to produce a healthy and productive bluebird population in New Jersey by promoting recommended management practices (proper housing, protection from predators and weekly monitoring). Bluebirds respond well to proper management. The logical approach to help achieve this goal is to establish bluebird trails monitored by volunteers. Bluebird trails can help educate the public about bluebirds while highlighting the work of the NJBBS. Efforts will also focus on bluebird management in back yards, complimenting the trail program.

There are already many individuals in NJ that monitor bluebird trails or provide boxes on their property for bluebirds. The NJBBS encourages the consolidation of all people in NJ with an interest in bluebirds to assist in maximizing efforts to benefit bluebirds.

The NJBBS is presently developing their web site ([http:// www.njbbs.org](http://www.njbbs.org)) and establishing by-laws. As our membership grows so should the bluebird population in New Jersey as results from proper management reflect the efforts of its members.

For information on membership visit our web site or send your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to: Shelly Cucugliello, 964 Willow Grove Road, Pittsgrove, NJ 08316, sccabincat@gmail.com

Membership in NJBBS also affords special membership privileges with NABS (www.nabluebirdsociety.org).

4-H Holiday Caroling

Thanks to all 4-H Club Members For participating in Holiday Caroling on December 10th. We had a wonderful time singing and visiting with the residents at Morris View Nursing Home. Everyone received a 4-H Holiday Card. Thanks to our song leaders Matt Pomel, Bev Hahn, Laura Graham and Amanda Ward. The cookies and punch were yummy. Thank you Martha Bardin for making the punch!

Buckaneers

Reilly McWilliams
Taylor McWilliams
Mic McWilliams
Renee Dollar
Christine Van Sadlers



Dogs R' Us

Danny Kinsky-Lebeda
Charlotte Kinsky-Lebeda
Charlie Lebeda
Kate Dodge
Alicia Mitas
Steve Mitas
Melissa Mitas
Claire Mitas
Kathy Murarik



4-Footed Leaders

Hope LeFrances
Kyle Fillebrown
Martha Bardin
Claire Dempsey
Melissa Baumgartner
Kate Baumgartner
Ginny Haven

Amazing Artists

Kate Dollar
Carrie Davis

Phoenix Horses

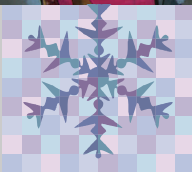
Laura Graham

Teen Council

Rachel Lyons
Lily and Tommy Lyons
Mike Baumgartner
Pat Baumgartner

Radical Rocketeers

Glen Roth



Puppy Tails

Bonnie Lee DiCola
Nancy Brunner
Christian Brunner
Bill Brunner



Knit Wits

Janet Dodge



4-H Board members

Matt Pomel
Bev Hahn

Guests

Amanda Ward
Jo and Rachel Wade



4-H Association News

Election Results

At the October Board meeting the offices of President and Treasurer were up for election. We are happy to report that Beverly Hahn was elected to the position of President and Matt Pomel took on a second term of treasurer.

At the November meeting, the Association Board of Directors welcomed Donna Pomel on to the board as a new Director. Bev Hahn, Matt Pomel and Lisa Seeger were re-elected to the board to serve another term.

Association Holiday Party Recap

The 4-H Association got into the holiday spirit on Dec. 15th at the home of former President Rich Everett. Everyone in attendance agreed that this special Leaders Appreciation get together was so nice and relaxed.



A brief meeting to recap Awards night and discuss a proposal by President Bev Hahn to promote 4-H by doing a winter recruitment night at a local school was followed by each leader and board member being presented with a beautiful 4-H clover ornament. In attendance were Rich Everett, Karen Kolacy, Kathy Murarik, Rachel Lyons, Bev Hahn, Jim Newquist, Glen Roth, JoAnn Falzarano, Lisa Seeger, Matt Pomel, Donna Pomel, Laura Graham, Carolyn Sanchez, Ira Sieber, Rosanne Oblen, Glen Zdroik, and Christine Van Sadars. Thank you Rich for opening your home. A good time was had by all!

Association sets new policy for Financial Support for 4-H Members and Volunteers

The Morris County 4-H Association's Board of Directors has been working for the past year to develop a policy so that 4-H members and volunteers who want to attend events that cost money will know in advance how much financial support the Association will provide. The policy is not yet finalized, but is close enough that we want to start getting the word out about it. We do not want 4-H members and volunteers to pass up educational opportunities due to cost, when financial help is available.

Major national trips for older 4-H'ers, like National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress, will be 100% paid for by the Morris County 4-H Association. North Jersey Teen Conference will be funded at 60%. Even Winter Camp will be funded at 50%.

Also, if you enter in a state 4-H competition that has an entry fee, like the Horse Bowl or the State Small Animal Show, the Association will pay the entry fees.

Money is available for volunteers, too. Volunteers who are required to complete specific training as a condition for volunteering, like Shooting Sports volunteers, will have that training completely paid for up to \$100. Leader Forum attendees will also receive substantial support.

The application process is still being worked on, so if you want to request financial support from the Association, please contact the Association president Bev Hahn (dances-with-hooves@juno.com) or the 4-H office.

4-H Association News

Message from President Beverly Hahn

As some of you know, I was elected president of the Morris County 4-H Association / Board of Directors this fall. I am very excited about this and am looking forward to two rewarding, work-filled years.



As you may know, the Morris County 4-H Association is made up of all Morris County's 4-H leaders, plus individuals who are not leaders who have been elected by the leaders to serve on the 13-member Board of Directors. The Board's primary responsibility is to handle the finances of the Association: paying for the Fair and scholarships and record books and other expenses, and raising money so that we will be able to pay for all that. (Did you know that Fair expenses are about \$40,000?)

The Board members also form the core of the Association members planning and doing the physical work for county-wide activities, such as the Fair, Holiday Caroling, 4-H promotional booths, etc. Board members don't do these things because they're *Board* members, but because they're active members of the Association and keep in contact with the 4-H office and each other. We eagerly welcome other Association members and parents who would like to become involved in these activities! In fact, please see the article about club guest speakers.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." **Helen Keller**

Become a club guest speaker!

The 4-H office is looking for people who would like to talk about their hobbies, activities, and interests at 4-H meetings as guest speakers. This will be a big help to club leaders, especially in Cloverbud clubs where one of the goals is to expose the children to many different topics and activities. This opportunity is open to all adults and older teens, whether or not they're currently involved in 4-H, so please help spread the word! Whatever your interest, from astronomy to zinnias, 4-H wants YOU! If you have something you'd like to tell kids about, please contact the 4-H office and let them know what you'd like to do. 973-285-8300 ext 3

Morris
County 4-H

Speaker's Bureau

Name: _____

I would like to tell 4-H club kids about _____

I am interested in working with kids in grades:

___ K-3 ___ 4-8 ___ 8-12 (Check all that apply)

You can contact me at:

(Phone) _____

(Email) _____

Winter Meeting Schedule

January 19—Board Meeting 7:00 pm

The board would like to invite all leaders to come to this meeting to learn about Time Management

February 16—Association Meeting

This meeting is being dedicated to our first Fair Planning meeting for All Association members and Fair Committee volunteers

Sciencesational Day

Call for Workshop Proposals

SCIENCE-SATIONAL DAY—March 31, 2012

Be prepared to present your workshop to a group of 10-20 youth.

There will be three 50 minute sessions, with several workshops being presented at each time. You will be asked to present your workshop 1-3 times.

1. Lead Facilitator ☐ youth ☐ adult

Name:			
Title:			
Address: Street/city/state/zip			
Phone Numbers:	work	home	cell
Fax Number:			
E-mail Address:			

Co-facilitator ☐ youth ☐ adult

Name:			
Title:			
Address: Street/city/state/zip			
Phone Numbers:	work	home	cell
E-mail Address:			

Please add additional presenter names here.

_____ ☐ youth ☐ adult

_____ ☐ youth ☐ adult

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Science-Sational Day is for youth in grades K-6. Circle the appropriate grades for your workshop.

Grades K-6

Grades 1-3

Grades 4-6

3. Workshop Title

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4. **Proposal Description.** Include the information below in your proposal description. Please use headings! (*Maximum 250 words*)

• **Workshop Objectives:** list the knowledge and/or skills workshop participants will learn.

• **Detailed Description:** what exactly will happen during your workshop (an outline or list of activities). Please be as detailed as possible.

Resources: What kind of resources or curriculum you are using.

The workshop selection committee will give priority to proposals that have an educational focus, incorporate hands-on activities, and will be something that participants will enjoy.

5. **Budget.** Please include a list of materials, and how much they will cost. Also include a break down of cost per child (figure to work with 60 youth). There is a limited budget available for each program. Include any materials that are being donated as well.

Proposals must be postmarked, received electronically (email), or faxed to the Morris County 4-H Office. If you have questions, please contact the 4-H office.

Name Rachel Lyons

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4-H Scholarships and National Trips

Lance Corporal Andrew W. Lubrano 4-H Scholarship

This scholarship is available to High School Seniors who have been involved in 4-H during their four years of high school. Completion of record books is NOT required. This award of \$1,000 is intended to recognize an active, well rounded 4-H member. We encourage all who qualify to apply. Please make sure that you give your leader plenty of time to write the required recommendation to meet the deadline. This scholarship was established in memory of Morris County 4-Her Andy Lubrano who grew up in Randolph Township. Andy's accidental death in 1991 at age 20 in the Marine Corps left friends and family with memories of his fun loving personality, his ease in making friends, and love and respect for family. Applications are available from your leader or the 4-H office. **Entry deadline is Thursday, March 15.**

Seeing Eye Scholarship

The Seeing Eye offers an annual scholarship to recognize members in Raiser Program to the college of arship is open to that have raised puppies, the second the junior or senior year of school. Students can be currently raising their second puppy. Applications will be available in late January 2012 from Seeing Eye leaders.



The Seeing Eye Puppy with a \$1,000 scholarship their choice. This scholarship high school seniors two or more puppies having been during

Citizenship Washington Focus

This year's date for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) will be held July 8–14. It is a great experience for teens in grades 9-12. Check out the website at: www.4hcwf.org if you are interested in learning more about this trip. Participants get to explore the country's capital and learn all about politics and government. Applications will be available in the Spring. Call the 4-H office if you would like an application. Scholarship money is available through the Morris County 4-H Association.

National 4-H Congress

This trip brings 4-H delegates together from all over the country. Youths grades 9-12 can apply. Visit www.national4-hcongress for more info. Applications due in April. Trip planned for Nov 23- 29, 2012

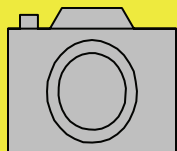


Around The County Club News



Show Off Your Photography Skills!

We would love to see what is going on at your club events!



E-mail us your pictures in a jpeg format and we will include them in Discoveries. Pictures can be sent to 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu. Or snail mail them to:

Morris County 4-H Office

P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07960

ATT: Discoveries Photos

NEW YEAR'S CLUB RESOLUTION

We promise to send all club updates and information to Discoveries to be part of Club News. Other 4-H members like to know what is going on in each of our clubs and this is a great way to do it.

Be the Change

Be the Change is just getting into full swing for the New Year! We are just beginning to start planning our week of camp. Camp is a big deal for Be the Change, it's the one big event for the club that we spend a good portion of the year planning.

For 5 days in the summer, we do different community service activities and learn from our speakers and the experiences we have over camp. Each day has a different theme to follow set by the people in charge of that day so we are reaching as many aspects of the community as we can. At our last official meeting we voted on New Club

Officers. They are —

President: Alin Bojkovic

Vice President: Allie Waldron

Secretary: Cait Brunner

Treasurer: Pat DeBiasse

Health Officer: Zach Becker

We invite anyone in 8th grade or above to join us at one of our next meetings on Wednesday at 7:00-8:30 for Be The Change on:

January 25th

February 25th

March 22nd

- by Caitlyn Brunner



Dogs R' Us

We did a lot so far in the 2011-2012 "Dogs R Us" club. First we had the Ayers Knuth Farm Festival, where we got to meet Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen. Then we won the award for our 4-H Week window display. We had our Halloween party where we got to see residents of Morris View Nursing Home. We also met people at Morris View when 5 of us joined in the 4-H caroling. Everyone there seemed to like petting our dogs. Also around the holiday our club had our annual Holiday party where we got to exchange gifts. Though we are going to all these fun places, we still train our dogs hard every week, first outside and now inside at Paws-ative Experience. Now our business meetings are run by new people. For President we have Morgan Sanchez and Vice President is Corrine Rybarski, Danny Kinskey-Lebeda is our Secretary and Erin DeBiasse is Treasurer. Our Vice Treasurer is Monique Bourgeois and our Vice Secretary is Thomas Matney Our Health Officer is Anne Matney and our Reporter is Kate Dodge. While these things are in the past, we are looking forward to the new 4-H year, starting with training for the 2012 Dog Bowl!

- by Kate Dodge

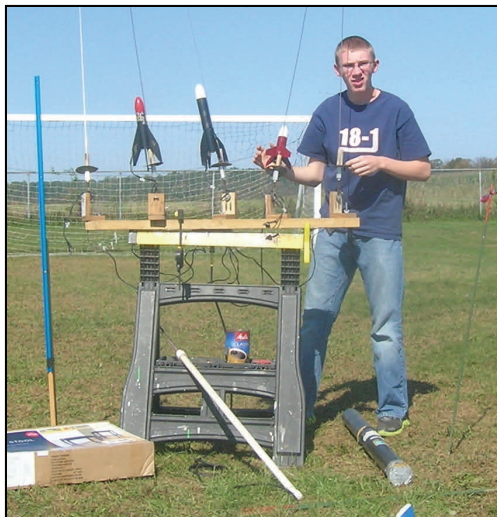


Dogs R' Us Holiday Party 2011

Around The County Club News

Radical Rocketeers

Until further notice, the Radical Rocketeers WON'T be meeting in Mt. Olive the first Tuesday of the month. We WILL be meeting the first Saturday each month, NE branch, Warren County Library, Rt 46, Hacketts-town. Our launches will be on the second Saturday each month, 10am, and the only difference will be location. The next event is our "Snowball Open". Participation in competition is only available to NAR members but, the public/4H is always welcome to "sport launch," or just observe. Coming in February is our next meeting on 4th 10am, NE Branch Warren County library and our infamous "Mountain Lake Launch," Great Meadows, is on 11th, 10AM, "WEATHER PERMITTING." for MARCH we meet on 5th NE Branch WC Library. We don't have any competition scheduled at the moment, so for now figure a "Sport Launch" on 11th, Great Meadows Field of Dreams, Cemetery Rd, 10 AM, "WEATHER PERMITTING."



Radical Rocketeers 4-H club members had a great day at recent launch in Mt. Olive.

We're also hosting the "Chess Club, Every Sat 7PM, Hope Community Center., Jan, Feb, & March. Not sure when the 1st meeting will be but, you can always get "UPDATES" @ OUR SITE: groups.yahoo.com/group/radicalrocketeers".

Any additional questions, feel free to contact me on our web site or (908)-637-8499.

Follow Morris County 4-H on Facebook!

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Knit-Wits

This year Special Olympics has asked people to knit or crochet red and blue scarves to be given to athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters at winter events held in most states. We had a scarf as part of our fair display and another as part of our 4-H Week display at the library, so that anyone could knit a few rows to contribute to the cause. We sent our scarves to **Special Olympics New Jersey** who will distribute their scarves for the following events:

- 2012 Special Olympics New Jersey State Floor Hockey Tournament in Galloway, NJ
- 2012 Special Olympics New Jersey State Winter Games in Vernon, NJ

Today New Jersey announced that they had met their goal of 1400 scarves. If anyone is interested in knowing more they can see the website www.scarvesforspecialolympics.org



Awards Night

4-H Leaders Years of Service

Marcy Braunstein - 1 year - 4-H Learning Club
 Arlene Cronin - 1 year- Claybusters
 Marc Ellis - 1 year - Claybusters
 Patti Handzus - 1 year - Jefferson Cloverbuds
 Gary Heller - 1 year - Claybusters
 Megan Seader - 1 year - Freedom Fields
 Glenn Zdroik - 1 year - Feathered Friends
 Janet Dodge - 2 years - Knit Wits
 Rich Everett- 2 years - Hammerheads
 Laura Graham- 2 years - Phoenix Horses
 Mike Lynch- 2 years - Herpetology Heroes
 Rosanne Oblen- 2 years - Feathered Friends
 Gary Rauco- 2 years - Claybusters
 Lisa Seeger- 2 years - Blueprint Bakers /Edible Engineering Club
 Christen Harm - 3 years - Teen Council
 Keith Small - 3 years - Claybusters
 Terri Yost - 3 years - Be The Change
 Glen Roth - 4 years - Radical Rocketeers
 Marla Weetall - 4 years - The Learning Club
 Jane Ellis - 5 years - Nature's Keepers
 Rachel Lyons - 6 years - Teen Council
 Joanna Kaiser - 7 years - Picatinny 4-H Club
 Kim Blewett - 8 years - Nature's Keepers
 Lyn Danson Smith - 8 years - Allegro School 4-H
 Jim Newquist - 8 years - Radical Rocketeers
 Arlene Parsons - 8 years - Picatinny 4-H Club
 Stan Firer - 9 years - Karing Kids of Morris County
 Jennifer Carberry - 13 years - Amazing Artists/ Buckanears
 Sue Filak - 13 years - Puppy Tails
 Linda Kabis - 13 years - Puppy Tails
 Beverly Hahn - 19 years - Dogs R' Us
 Kathy Murarik - 19 years - Dogs R' Us
 Martha Bardin - 44 years- 4-Footed Leaders

Congratulations to all!!!!

A great time was had by everyone at the 2011 Awards Night celebration at the American Legion Hall in Whippany on Friday, November 18. Over 125 were in attendance to applaud all of our 4-H members for their hard work over the past year. Our leaders were recognized for the years of service and our Cloverbud members graduated. The evening concluded with a touching candle lighting ceremony by the Teen Council members.



Welcome New Club Leaders

Dorothy Velez
 4-H Cloverbud Club

James Scanlan
 Claybusters

Peter Corea
 Karing Kids

Robin McWilliams
 Clogging Club

Awards Night

TEEN COUNCIL

Katelyn Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Alin Bojkovic
Maya Epelbaum
Brittney Forrest
Tessa Masi
Sravani Nanduri
Jen Wells

Clover Awards Winners Clover Awards Winners



NATURE'S KEEPERS

Dominique Benson
Chris Blewett
Gena Blewett
Carly Ellis
Jacob Harris
Melissa Joseph
Jenny Kellam
Vivian Nilsen
Billy Sikes
Samantha Zarzycki



DOGS R' US

Monique Bourgeois
Erin DeBiasse
Kate Dodge
Danny Kinskey-Lebeda
Kent Sanchez
Morgan Sanchez



PUPPY TAILS

Neil MacIntyre
Miranda Meade
Riley Poskitt
Allison Waldron
Samantha Zarzycki

4-FOOTED LEADERS

Katelyn Baumgartner
Hayden Kaye
Alexandra Lion

CONGRATULATIONS

4-Hers!!

Awards Night

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Stephanie Landis
Grace Monteleone
Elizabeth Verge
Clayton Zdroik

Clover Awards Winners Clover Awards Winners



BE THE CHANGE

Charlie Becker
Maya Epelbaum
Diana Hamer
Julia Kolacy
Nicole Reynolds
Allison Waldron



KNITS WITS

Alison Lee
Jamie Mayor
Nishi Naik



CLAYBUSTERS

Scott Ellis
Gary Rauco
Kent Sanchez
Brian Scanlan
Danny Scanlan
Billy Small
David Wales

CONGRATULATIONS
4-Hers!!

HERPETOLOGY HEROES

Gena Blewett
Jacob Harris
Mikayla Harris
Anna Sikes
William Sikes
Wade Zdroik



Awards Night



Special County Awards



ACHIEVEMENT

GRADES 4—8

Stephanie Landis of Feathered Friends
Clayton Zdroik of Feathered Friends
Kate Dodge of Dogs R Us

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADES 4-8

Grace Monteleone of Feathered Friends
Elizabeth Verge of Feathered Friends
Erin DeBiasse of Dogs R Us

ACHIEVEMENT

GRADES 9-13

Kristen Maegerlein of Buckanears
Christopher Blewett of Nature's Keepers
Jacob Harris of Herpetology Heroes
William Sikes of Herpetology Heroes
Zach Becker for Teen Leadership
Caitlyn Brunner for Teen Leadership
Patrick DeBiasse for Teen Leadership
Michael Baumgartner for Teen Leadership

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADES 9-13

Victoria Peterson of Buckanears
Kristen Maegerlein of Buckanears
Melanie Kolacy of Teen Council
Jacob Harris of Herpetology Heroes
William Sikes of Herpetology Heroes

Scrapbook

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD

4-Footed Leaders

Record Book

CLUB TREASURER'S RECORD BOOK

Dogs R' Us

Awards Night



Special Awards



CLARA R. FARST AWARD

Michael Baumgartner



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Mike Lynch

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

Best in Show Honorable Mention

Dog's R' Us Feathered Friends

Participating Clubs

4-Footed Leaders, Radical Rocketeers,
Phoenix Horses, Knit Wits



FAIR THEME & YEARBOOK COVER WINNER

Kristin Maegerlein

LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW W. LUBRANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tessa Masi

WORK & WIN WINNER

Kelly Maegerlein

Awards Night



State and National Events



STATE 4-H DOG BOWL

Kent Sanchez
Morgan Sanchez
Kate Dodge

STATE SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

Jacob Harris
Mikayla Harris
Kristen Maegerlein
Billy Sikes

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

Kate Dodge
Danny Kinskey-Lebeda
Kent Sanchez
Karen Migell

BECOMING AN OUTDOOR FAMILY CAMP

Scott Ellis
Patrick Lundell
Gary Rauco
Billy Small
Brian Scanlan
Danny Scanlan
David Wales

NJ 4-H/OMK LEADERSHIP CAMPOUT

Katelyn Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Allison Waldron

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Maya Epelbaum

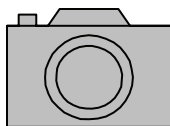
NORTH JERSEY TEEN CONFERENCE

Katelyn Baumgartner
Michael Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Zach Becker
Christopher Blewett
Gena Blewett
Anthony Cordero
Patrick DeBiasse
Carly Ellis
Talia Everett
Diana Hamer
Jake Harris
Larry Jackson
Melanie Kolacy
Aaliyah MacCheyne
Tessa Masi
Billy Sikes
Gabrielle Sullivan
Allison Waldron
Jennifer Wells

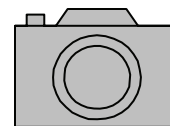
STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Carly Ellis
Jake Harris
Reilly McWilliams
Amanda Pittigher
Samantha Zarzycki

Awards Night



Fair Photo Contest



**1st Place
Grade 4-8**

**Erin DeBiasse
"Girl with Rat"**



**1st Place
Adult Winner**

**Blaine Handzus
Julianne Handzus**

**Best
In Show**

**Blaine Handzus
Julianne Handzus**

And The Runners Up Are...

Grades 4-8

2nd place-

**Kate Dodge
"Morgan and her
Chickens"**

3rd place-

**Erin DeBiasse
"Alpaca"**

Adult

2nd place-

**Michael Dodge
Katharine & Jesse**

3rd place -

**MaryEllen DeBiasse
"Photography
Contest"**

Adult

Honorable Mention

**Karen Kolacy
"All Wet"**

Awards Night



Awards Night



Winner of the 2011 Holiday Card Contest
Nishi Naik
of Knit Wits 4-H Club

Cloverbud Graduates

Alexander Rianhard
 Amy Roberts
 Bryce Tanis
 Hannah Koncsol
 Kyle White



Holiday Card

Contest Participants

Jamie Mayor
 Maddy King
 Daphne King
 Annie Matney

Our Picatinny 4-H members

Jaden
 Jaya
 Christian
 Gabriel
 Jerry
 Katie
 Alyssa
 Kabre
 Cecilee
 Alexia
 Gunner
 Matthew
 Andrew
 Deborah
 Alyssa
 Jerry
 Rachel
 Matthew
 Jacey

***Thank you to all that
 entered!***

Awards Night



Best 4-H Stories



My 4-H Story

Gena Blewett, Grades 4-8

BUSTED!

There is a myth that says if you eat pop rocks and drink soda at the same time your stomach will explode. Pop rocks are a fun candy, when you eat them they fizz and pop in your mouth. They also fizz in any type of liquid. Soda is carbonated and carbonation makes the soda fizz. If you shake the soda the soda will explode out of the bottle if the bottle is opened. The myth is that if you mix soda and the pop rocks the mixture will explode in your stomach. That seemed very interesting to me so I wanted to test it with my 4-H club.

This was one of my experiments that I was going to do with my Nature's Keepers club at the meeting I was going to run. Before I did this I had some research and prep work to do. I knew that I didn't want to try this experiment on myself because if it wasn't a myth I didn't want my

stomach to explode. I looked for experiments like this on YouTube, I found one. Instead of actually eating and drinking the pop rocks and soda, we could use bottles, and balloons. I tried this at home and what was supposed to happen, happened. I knew that this would be a success at my 4-H club so I decided to do this experiment with some other experiments I was going to do with my 4-H club.

I e-mailed all the members and I asked them to bring an empty water bottle to the meeting for a fun surprise. I got all of my supplies together and went to our meeting. Once I told them the myth about soda and pop rocks they got excited. I handed out the supplies and walked everyone through the process: put the pop rocks into the balloon using a funnel. Then pour soda into the water bottles using a different funnel. Everyone kept wanting to eat the pop rocks I had to tell everyone not to. It was a good thing that they got one pack to bring home and eat as well as the one to do the experiment

with. After we cleaned up a few spills of soda we were ready to see if this myth was true or not.

After the bottles and balloons were filled we put the balloon on to the top of the bottle. I had to make sure nobody dumped their pop rocks while they were putting on the balloon. We counted down from three and dumped the pop rocks into the bottle. The balloons started to inflate...only a little. None of the balloons flew off the bottle nor did they explode... Nature's Keepers has busted this myth! They were a little disappointed but happy that when we were done with the experiment most of them decided to drink the pop rock soda mixture! Gross!!! Even though our experiment was a failure we still had lots of fun. I look forward to leading future meetings. Maybe Nature's Keepers can find more myth's to bust.

My 4-H Story

Chris Blewett, Grades 9-13

Ready, Aim, Fire

I was just standing there, waiting for the rush of stampeding fourth graders to enter my room; listening to the clock tic away the last seconds before becoming a teacher for Science Sational Day. I was nervous...how would I do? Would the kids like it? Would this be a success or a flop? My stomach churned as I heard the stampede of footsteps rushing towards me. Was I ready? Here goes nothing.

In the winter of 2010 I was approached to run a Science Sational Day workshop in April. This would be the second time I've been asked to be a leader in this program. I had run other things during my 4-H career but Science Sational Day was still new to me. When I accepted I had no idea what to do.

As I taught this to my 4-H group the previous year I knew I could do it, but I had to find my notes first. Several weeks before the big day, I sat down in front of my computer around ten o'clock at night, believing that I could find my notes within

fifteen minutes. After fifteen minutes passed, I was unable to find them. After another forty-five minutes of squinting under the intense light of my desk lamp, I finally found them. Whew!

I reviewed the instructions and made some changes that would simplify the process. I determined my needed supplies later purchasing them. I then practiced. As I perfected my run through I gained enough confidence to say that I was ready.

The day finally arrived. I gathered my supplies and headed down the road to County College of Morris. As I walked into my classroom the air suddenly turned cold. I walked over to the thermostat and it read a comfortable seventy degrees. I left it alone as I realized that it was just in my mind, my nerves were acting up. I emptied my bag of supplies; I laid out all of my supplies and waited.

My first session had ten kids. They were all wired to make trebuchets. While everyone had enough time to build their trebuchets, they did not have enough time to test fire their trebuchets as we had some technical difficulty. However they all had fun. During my lunch break I revised my

directions and prepped several difficult pieces so that the process would run smoother.

The second session was easier. My modifications were a success. This group was also wired but I was calmer. They all were able to build and launch their trebuchets. We lined them all up and I said "Ready, Aim, Fire" and they launched their trebuchets. They all fired—some didn't go far while others went a few feet. Everyone was smiling when they took their trebuchets to tweak and launch again.

Leading this age group through such a technical process, while difficult and challenging it was also rewarding as it taught me to stay cool under pressure and to be flexible with my plans. So I think that both the kids and I learned something new at Science Sational Day.





Awards Night

Project Book Awards

Grades 4-8

Dog Care and Training Record Book

Katherine Dodge

Erin DeBiasse

Best Dog Care and Training Record Keeper -

Katherine Dodge

Poultry Record Book

Grace Monteleone

Elizabeth Verge

Stephanie Landis

Clayton Zdroik

Best Poultry Record Keeper -

Clayton Zdroik

Horse Record Book

Rebecca Dimichino

Best Horse Record Keeper -

Rebecca Dimichino

Small Animal Record Book

Nadine Ghebreab

Leadership Record Book

Carly Ellis

Patrick Baumgartner

Gena Blewett

Best Leadership Record Keeper -

Gena Blewett

Project Book Awards

Grades 9-13

Seeing Eye Record Book

Katelyn Baumgartner (2)

Alison Waldron

Best Seeing Eye Record Keeper -

Katelyn Baumgartner

Small Animal Record Book

Kristen Maegerlein

Victoria Peterson

Best Small Animal Record Keeper -

Kristen Maegerlein

Herpetology Record Book

Christopher Blewett

Jacob Harris

William Sikes

Best Herpetology Record Keeper -

Jacob Harris

Horse Record Book

Sarah Dimichino

General Record Book, focused on Drama

Rachael Dimichino

Best Record Keeper for Drama -

Rachael Dimichino

Awards Night

Project Book Awards

Grades 9-13

(Continued)

Teen Leadership Record Book

Michael Baumgartner

Anthony Cordero

Patrick DeBiasse

Maya Epelbaum (2)

Christopher Blewett (2)

Jacob Harris

Sravani Nanduri

Brittney Forrest

Zach Becker

Jennifer Wells

Caitlyn Bruner (2)

Melanie Kolacy

Best Record Keeper for Teen Leadership -

Chris Blewett



Morris County 4-H Fair July 19, 20, 21, 22, 2012

Four days of great fun! We're always looking for volunteers and helpers to support our annual Fair.

Our first planning meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in playing a role in helping to make this year's Fair even better, please come to the meeting. There's plenty of jobs to go around!!

Goals of our 4-H Fair

1. Recognize accomplishments of 4-H members during the past 4-H year.
2. Serve as a showcase for the public to observe a wide variety of 4-H projects in action.
3. Present an accurate, contemporary image of 4-H as a relevant, year round non-formal educational program for youth of all backgrounds and interests.
4. Attract 4-H members and adult 4-H volunteers to become involved in the 4-H program.
5. Serve as a medium to educate the public about selected subject matter and issues, particularly those which are related to the expertise of Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program.
6. Allow 4-H volunteers to develop and demonstrate their leadership abilities through planning and conducting the fair.
7. Provide a means for governmental agencies and community organizations to interrelate.
8. Provide free family fun as a service to the community.
9. Raise money to support the 4-H program.

Help out at the Fair

We are so grateful for the many volunteers who help out at the Fair each year. Would you like to help out this year? There are many volunteer opportunities to get involved with. Some of the jobs that need to be filled include:

Fair Announcers
Fair Ambassadors
Hay Ride Drivers
Publicity Announcer
Dress-a-cage/Dress-a-pet contest chair
Poster Paws contest chair
Road Sign Crew
Hospitality Hosts
Fair Photographers

Call the office at (973) 285-8300 x3 if you can help!

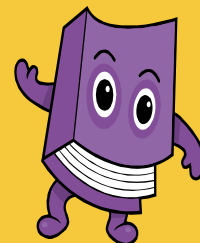
4-H Fair Entry Book

Attention all Division Chairs!

Please review the rules for your division in the 2012 Entry Book with the other leaders in your division, make any necessary changes and send them to the 4-H office for inclusion in the 2012 Exhibitor Guide.

If you need a copy of last year's edition or have any questions, please contact Rachel Lyons. We would like all changes to be in office by March 15, 2012 so we can have the new edition available to members as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help.



Morris County 4-H Fair July 19, 20, 21, 22, 2012

After the Holidays Clean Up

Children's Country Store Items Needed

Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clean out your closets and pack up all of those toys, books, puzzles, etc. that are no longer being played with at your house and donate them to the Children's Country Store for the 4-H Fair. This popular booth sells used games and toys at bargain prices throughout the fair. Last year, thanks to the generous donations of our 4-H families and friends, we collected more than \$1,000.

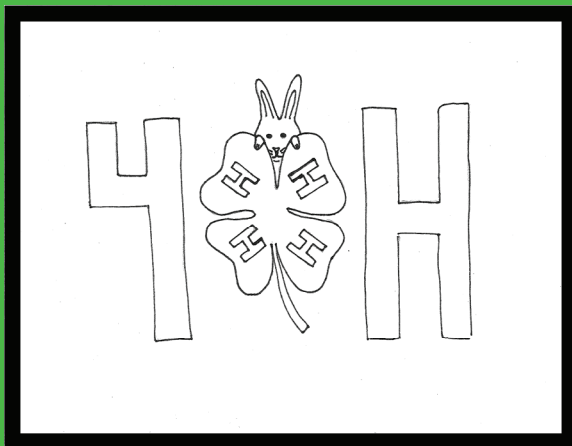
Please pack your items securely in boxes and then put them in plastic trash bags for safe transport. You can bring your items to the 4-H office or directly to the Fairgrounds. Please call the office before coming to make arrangements with Kathy. This is also a fun place to volunteer for a three hour shift.

Fair Theme Cover Design Contest

This year's Yearbook Cover and Fair Theme Contest is open to all 4-H members. Think about what the Fair means to you and come up with a catchy theme and design to reflect your idea. You may enter as many designs as you wish, but each entry must have your name, address and phone number as well as your club's name on the back. The design should fit on a 8 1/2" by 11" sheet of paper with a 1/2 inch border around the edges. Please mail your entry to the 4-H Office by Wednesday, May 16th. The winner will be selected at the Fair Committee meeting on May 17th.

Last year's winning Yearbook Cover Theme designed by Kristen Maegerlein was:

**"Take a Glimpse Back at Morris County 4-H
Hop on Board It's Never Too Late"**



Attention All Clubs!

Don't forget to start thinking about a yearbook page. This is a great way to advertise your club at the fair. Your page can include pictures of your club members, the project that your club does and when and where they meet. A contact number and email is helpful.

Be creative, just remember to use a 8 1/2 " by 11" piece of paper and include a 1/2 inch border around the edges.





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1 New Year's Day	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Deadline for Teen Winter Camp Registration	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day of Service 4-H Office Closed	17	18 Officer's Training 7-8:30 Morris 4-H Office	19 Association Board Meeting 7pm	20	21 State Dog Quiz Bowl Ocean County Small Animal Show
22 NJ Safe & Sound (snow date 2/5) 1-4:15 in Burlington County	23	24	25	26	27 Teen Winter Camp	28 Teen Winter Camp State Model Horse Show in Hunterdon County
29 Teen Winter Camp	30 Deadline NJTC	31				

2012

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 Radical Rocketeers Meeting 10am NE Warren County Library
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, & Herpetology Show in Somerset County
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Association Board Meeting Fair Planning Meeting 7pm	17	18 Atlantic County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal & Herpetology Show
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 NJ 4-H Equine Arts Show
26	27	28	29			

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March

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				1 Public Presentations 101 Workshop 7-8:30 at the Morris 4-H Office (snow date 3/8)	2	3
4	5 Radical Rocketeers Meeting 10am NE Branch WC Library	6	7 	8	9 North Jersey Teen Conference	10 North Jersey Teen Conference St. Patrick's Day Parade
11 North Jersey Teen Conference	12	13	14	15 Deadline for Club Reporters to issue reports in Spring 2012 Discoveries Lubrano Scholarship Application Due	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 St. Patrick's Day Parade (Make-up Date)
25	26	27	28 	29	30	31 Science-Sational Day NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium at Cook College

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Morris County 4-H presents

Science-Sational Day

March 31, 2012
(Register by March 5)
10:00am-3:00pm
County College of Morris
Open to all youth in grades K - 6

Ready, SET, Go Science!

The day will start with a presentation by a MAD SCIENTIST! These awesome experiments and demonstrations will shock and surprise you!



Science Workshops

Have fun with a variety of hands-on workshops. Play with food, bugs, water, soap and other everyday objects. Learn about carbon dioxide, rocks, the environment, and electricity.

Schedule for Science-Sational Day

Check-In and Science Fun	10:00-10:30
Opening Program- Mad Scientist	10:30-11:15
Workshop #1	11:20-12:10
Lunch	12:15-1:00
Workshop #2	1:05-1:55
Workshop #3	2:00-2:50
Wrap Up	2:50
Day Ends	3:00



Registration will begin in early February. Check your mail and the 4-H website for registration materials. Call the 4-H Office with any questions.

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