Attention all Club Members! National 4-H Week will take place October 7-13. Your club can participate in this special week by entering the Window Display Contest. Many clubs use their Fair Club Display. All you have to do is locate a local store, library, or any business that will lend you their window for a week. Show your 4-H spirit and wear your 4-H Club or Morris County 4-H t-shirt to school. Be sure to invite your classmates to the next club meeting. You can even write an article about your 4-H club and send it to your local newspaper. Whatever you choose to do, be sure to show your 4-H spirit.

This year’s Awards Night will take place on Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Place, Whippany. This important night is one in which to recognize all 4-Hers for their accomplishments. It is important for all club members and leaders to be present to support this special event. Please save the date in advance.

We look forward to seeing you all there. See inside page 9 for more details.
Dear 4-H Families,

Wow, it hard to believe that the summer has ended and we are now heading into Fall. Our 4-H Fair was once again a great success. We had great weather except for Friday, and record-breaking attendance of more than 25,000! It was so much fun having fireworks again this year. Thank you all for your dedicated efforts in helping with so many areas. Our 4-Hers did a wonderful job showcasing their projects to the public and caring for their animals. Thanks for making the fair so much fun and educational for the public.

Read all about the BEST IN SHOW results in this issue of Discovers. Our Fair Photo contest winners will be announced at Awards night on Friday, November 16 at the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany. We invite all of our BIS winners to bring their winning project to awards night to proudly display it for all to see.

Think Green for National 4-H Week, October 7-13. Wear your 4-H t-shirt and make sure that your club puts up a window display. You can use your Fair club display. Mark your calendars and join us at some of our upcoming 4-H outreach events.

We wish you all a great start to the new 4-H year and school year. As soon as your club holds elections make sure that your new club reporter sends in an article about your club happenings.

See you at Awards Night!

Sincerely,

Rachel Lyons                    Kathy Murarik                Kelly Allison

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.

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A NOTE FROM THE STAFF

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Hats off & Kudos

Thanks a Million to the Morris County 4-H 2012 Summer Staff

Thank you to our dynamic 2012 summer support staff and volunteers! We couldn’t have done it without you! We really appreciate all of your efforts, especially during the Fair!!!

Thank You
Candice Valdes
Jen Carberry
Kathleen Onorevole
Beverly Hahn
Katelyn DeBiasse - Volunteer
Talia Everett - Volunteer

Welcome New 4-H Leaders
Robin McWilliams
Clogging Club
Colleen Hamilton
Cathy Ellman
Shooting Sports Club
Kathleen Onorevole
Adventure Seekers Cloverbud Club
Elyse Sinko
Feathered Friends

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jan Dimichino

As a youth, Jan Dimichino was a member of Bridal Spurs 4-H Club in Essex County. We know her as a very active volunteer in Morris County 4-H for many years, supporting the involvement of her three daughters in multiple projects and clubs. Last fall she started a club of her own, the Roxbury Riders. Jan’s 4-H leader, Marilese Mihok, came to visit the Morris County 4-H Fair and was very proud to see the influence that she had on Jan’s life and 4-H.

Congratulations Jan!

CLARA R. FARST AWARD

Karen Kolacy

This memorial award captures the spirit of Clara R. Farst, a relentless 4-H volunteer who gave unselfishly to others, without ever looking for recognition in return. The 2012 award goes to Karen Kolacy, who helped out in many ways at this year’s fair. Her “official” Fair jobs were recruiting the many shift workers we need (a HUGE task!) and managing the 4-H Information Station, but she also found time to give a lot of help in the Small Animal Tent.

Congratulations Karen!
2013 Entertainment Books
Have Arrived!
Please come to the 4-H office to pick up your personal copy! The coupons are well worth the effort.
Cost is still $30 per book

Save This Winter Weekend Date
Teen Winter Camp
January 25–27
tentative
For more information on Registration check out our Winter issue of Discoveries

Agricultural Fair Association of NJ Ambassador Contest!
The state’s Agricultural Fair Association holds an annual Ambassador Contest. YOU could be the next State Ambassador!
• Must be age 16 to 21 as of contest day, November 4.
• Each county can nominate one entrant.
• Entrants must submit an essay on “What Agriculture Means to Me” and prepare a three-minute speech on “How I plan on representing New Jersey’s Agricultural Fairs should I be chosen Ambassador.”
• Entrants will be judged on their essay, personal interview, attire/stage presence, and speech.
For complete information and application, contact the 4-H office at 973-285-8300 x 3 or email 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu.
Entries due at the county office by October 9.

Update Your Membership Status
Please contact the 4-H office if you have any questions about membership at (973) 285-8300 x 3.
1. If you are not continuing in 4-H, please contact the office. We need to update our mailing list each fall.
2. If you plan to continue, but in a different club, you must complete a new registration form with the new club information, project enrollment. This form is available from your leader.
3. If your family has moved, changed the primary phone number/email or any other important information, please contact the office.
Keeping your data current is very important. Mailings are costly, thus it is very important that addresses are kept current. Leaders, please check with your members and be sure that they are receiving Discoveries, or if they would like to just receive it via email. If you know a member that has moved over the past year, and they are continuing in your club, please confirm that they have contacted the office about their address change. Thank you for your help in this matter.
Window Display Contest
Enter our window display contest during National 4-H Week, October 7-13 and show your 4-H spirit! Each club is encouraged to place an informative 4-H Display in a local store window. Displays not only tell the public about Morris County 4-H, but also about your club! The idea is to tell as many people as possible about 4-H! Every display is judged and one will be picked as Best In Show. Call the office to register your display by October 4 or return the registration form included in this newsletter.

4-H 50/50 Ticket Sale
Beginning in September, Morris County 4-H will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support our program. One ticket, one dollar, and the winning ticket gets 50% of all ticket sales! The purpose of this sale is to raise funds to financially support youth and adult from your county that participate in state and national 4-H events. The county with the winning ticket will receive 5% of the NJ 4-H Association share, so the more tickets sold the bigger the share for the winning county! Participating counties will also have a chance to win a half scholarship for one teen to attend CWF. The date of the drawing will be announced.

For more information call Kathy at 973-285-8300 x 230
or e-mail: 4hmorris@aesop.rutgers.edu

SAVE THE DATE
Holiday Caroling at
The Morris View Nursing Home
December 8th
1:30-3:30PM
Bring Your Favorite Holiday Treat to Share

Holiday Card Contest
Get in the holiday spirit and enter the Holiday Card Contest. If your design is selected, you will receive 100 cards to send to your friends. All of our 4-H families and friends will get a card as well. Residents of Morris View Nursing Home will also get a card distributed to them during our annual Holiday Caroling Event on December 8.
Entries are due to the 4-H office no later than Wednesday, November 14.
Winner will be announced at Awards Night.
Requirements:
- White paper: ½ sheet size - 5½” by 8½” either vertical or horizontal design.
- Design must be in BLACK ink or marker
- Create and include a HOLIDAY THEME
- Include a greeting for the inside of your card.
- Place your name, address, grade, phone number and club on the back of each entry.

(You CAN enter more than one card!)
Support the 4-H and your local Tractor Supply store!

Get involved with your local Tractor Supply store to raise money and win prizes for your club!

From September 19th to September 30th when you buy a paper clover at your local Tractor Supply store, 70% of the proceeds will be donated to the state and local 4-H. National 4-H Council will receive 30% of the proceeds.

New this year will be a daily Twitter trivia contest with prizes. In addition, clubs that promote 4-H in person at a Tractor Supply store can enter a photo of their event in a drawing to win a 4-H Supply gift certificate and a $500 donation to a county 4-H event. Visit www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits for full rules and information.

For a store near you, visit www.tractorsupply.com/4-H. For more information about the Paper Clover promotion, the Paper Clover toolkit, and how Tractor Supply Co. supports the 4-H, visit: www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/

Use the following username: paperclover@4-H.org and passcode: paperclover.

http://www.tractorsupply.com
Attention 4-Hers!

Record Books Are Due!

The due date to turn in your record books is quickly approaching! Record books must be submitted to your club leaders by

September 30th.

Don’t Forget to:

- Check your math and spelling
- Include your 4-H story
- Put each project book in its own binder or folder
- Make sure your leader and parents sign your books
- Give your books to your leader on time

Leaders must submit books to the office by October 12th for judging.

Join Teen Council!

Are you in grades 8-13? Are you looking for new, fun experiences? Do you want to participate in State and National 4-H trips and events? If the answer is yes, then consider joining Teen Council! We are a group of teens who are concerned about the community and want to make a difference. We do a variety of community service projects, and are always looking for new members!

Teen Council welcomes prospective members to meetings! Drop by to see what we’re all about. For more information, contact the office at 973-285-8300 ex 3.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 7 pm-8:30 pm at the 4-H Office

National 4-H Conference - April 6-11, 2013 - deadline October 24

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together approximately 300 youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. The conference will take place April 6-11 at the National 4-H Youth Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Applicants must be enrolled in grades 10-12 as of September 2012. They must be at least 15 years old, complete an application form and attend a personal interview. Applications must be postmarked or received on or before October 24 in the Morris County 4-H office, and Conference Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, November 17 in New Brunswick. There is no makeup date for interviews. The application and cover sheet can be downloaded at http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hconference/default.asp and you can call the 4-H office for more information.
4-H Outreach Opportunities!

People can't join 4-H unless we tell them about it! Here are two places where we can spread the word:

When: Saturday, September 22, 11-3 pm
Where: Mt. Olive Library

The Mt. Olive Library is hosting a Fall Festival Saturday, September 22 from 11-3 (Rain date, Oct. 6). All clubs are invited to set up a display booth. Animals are welcome. Please contact Jim Newquist, VP of the 4-H Association, at papanuke@verizon.net to confirm your participation.

When: Sunday, October 28, 10-2 pm
Where: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Morristown

On Sunday, October 28th, Morris County 4-H club members are invited to display their projects, animals, and talents at the annual Harvest Festival located at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Last year, visitors enjoyed petting the variety of animals and talking to 4-H club members. Let's inspire others to get involved with 4-H by representing every club! The Harvest Festival will run from 10:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine. To sign up for this fantastic event contact the 4-H office at 973-285-8300 x3 or 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Congratulations Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Delegates
Caitlyn Brunner and Michael Baumgartner

This year, Caitlyn Brunner and Michael Baumgartner represented Morris County at the annual Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). CWF allows a 4-Her to explore the nation's capital in Washington D.C and learn about the country's political system. Thank you Caitlyn and Mike for representing Morris County 4-H as delegates.

Fall Back

This year daylight savings time ends later than usual on November 4, 2012. Be sure to set your clocks back by one hour. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your home smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
All 4-H members and their families are invited to attend Morris County 4-H’s Awards Night/Potluck Dinner Friday, November 16, 2012 at the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany. Please be there by 7 pm sharp. We need to know if you are planning to attend and what food dish you are going to bring. Please RSVP by returning the form in the back of this newsletter or calling the office at 973-285-8300 x3. You may leave a voicemail or email us no later than November 9th at:

4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu
WHAT FUN!
We thank the photographers who took the time to photograph our fair and entered our photo contest. Good luck to everyone! The results will be announced at our Awards Night on November 16th.

As of press time, our entrants included Glenn Roth, Robin Ghebreal, and Eleanor Abramson.

Thanks everybody!

Family Fun Day Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in this drawing to win amusement ride wristbands that were good all weekend. We had a total of 43 participants who entered when they came to Family Fun Day to help with setup.

Deborah DeRosa
Feathered Friends

Kluane Ershow
Feathered Friends

Tracey Alfano
Feathered Friends

Kelly Maegerlein
Buckaneers

Best in Show Club Display by Feathered Friends
FAIR THANKS

Thanks to all our 4-H members, parents, and volunteers.

The 2012 Morris County 4-H Fair was a success.

Except for Friday, the weather was perfect, and we all had a great time showcasing the accomplishments of our 4-H members. Thank you all for making this fair one to remember.

There were 4,486 total volunteer hours. Thank you to ALL of our volunteers, leaders, club members and 4-H Staff. We couldn’t have done it without you!!

Dogs “R” Us - 15 people, 513 hours
Board of Directors - 8 people, 470 hours
Feathered Friends - 28 people, 411 hours
4-Footed Leaders - 12 people, 355 hours
Nature’s Keepers - 14 people, 308 hours
Roxbury Riders - 5 people, 266 hours
Puppy Tails - 25 people, 262 hours
Buckaneers - 12 people, 252 hours
Teen Clubs - 12 people, 225 hours

Herpetology Heroes - 4 people, 169 hours
4-H Clogging - 5 people, 104 hours
Amazing Artists - 2 people, 95 hours
Phoenix Horses - 5 people, 93 hours
Radical Rocketeers - 2 people, 90 hours
Freedom Fields - 2 people, 75 hours
Knit Wits - 3 people, 21 hours
Clover Ups - 1 person, 5 hours
Adventure Seekers - 1 person, 3 hours

No 4-H Club/Group - 35 people, 816 hours
**Child Care—Best in Show**
Rachel Dimichino, Home-made book on World War Two

**Clothing & Textiles**
BIS Beginner Nongarment
Allegro School, Blanket
BIS Intermediate Garment
Miranda Meade, Duck Tape Dress
BIS Intermediate Nongarment Grades 4-8
Claire Dempsey, River System Wall Hanging
BIS Intermediate Nongarment Grades 9-13
Allegro School, Patriotic YoYo Pillow
BIS Advanced Garment
Christina Ennis, Remade Garment
HM - Christina Ennis, Red Wool Coat
BIS Adults
Laura Graham, Jewelry Pouch

**Crafts**
BIS Produced from a Mold
Kelly Maegerlein, Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty)
BIS Ceramics
Katherine Dollar, Clay Mummy
HM - Erin DeBiasse, Lindsay the Crab
BIS Paper
Katherine Dollar, Paper Mache Frog
HM - Rachael Dimichino, Biblical Book Mark Collection
BIS Jewelry
Miranda Meade, Necklace - Sea

**Fine Art**
BIS Grades 4-5
Katrina J. Heller,
Mosaic Hummingbird
HM - Heather Doherty,
Watercolor Tree
BIS Grade 6
Katherine Dollar, Abstract
HM - Katherine Dollar, Forshortening
BIS Grades 7-8
Rebecca Dimichino, EMTS to the Rescue
HM - Miranda Meade,
Watercolor Composite - Fashion
BIS Grades 9-10
Caitlyn Brunner, Scratch Art
HM - Caitlyn Brunner, Computer Generated Picture
BIS Grades 11-13
Crista Cattano, Jim Henson
BIS Adult
Wendy Jo Heller, Charcoal - Elephant
HM - Wendy Jo Heller, Charcoal - Gorilla
BIS Adult Professionals
Jennifer Carberry, "The Toy Maker"

**Foods & Nutrition**
BIS Baked Goods
Brenna Ilg, Cheesecake S’mores
BIS International Food Grades 4-8
Erin DeBiasse, Truffles
BIS International Food Grades 9-12
Allegro School, Pumped Up Corn Salsa
BIS Other Foods
Allegro School, Peanut Butter and Jelly Cupcakes
HM - Allegro School, Garlic Cheddar Biscuits

**General Science**
BIS
Tyler Braunstein,
"Look Out Below - Homemade Parachutes"
BIS Adult
Jane Ellis, Solar Cooker

**Horticulture Best in Show**
Erin DeBiasse, Kalanchoe
Congratulations to all of our
Best in Show winners. We appreciate your hard work and talent!

Literary
BIS Grade 6
Nadine Ghebreal, “Where I’m From”
HM - Claire Dempsey, “Snow Storm”
BIS Grade 8
Morgan Sanchez, Song Lyrics “Gravity”
HM - Miranda Meade, Scary Story
BIS Adult
Beverly Hahn, Poem "Kome’n’ Go"

Model Horses and Horsecraft
BIS Adult
Beverly Hahn, Single Pleasure Harness
HM Laura Graham, Fly Mask

Models
BIS
Patrick DeBiasse, Boat Garage Model
BIS Adult
Stephen Flynn, Rocket Glider

Needlework
BIS Crochet
Katherine Cloutier,
Bunny (multi colored) with Green Snake
BIS Knitting
Nishi Naik, Small Red & White Purse
BIS Adult
Janet Dodge, Shawl (Crochet)
Janet Dodge, Kid Sweater (Knitting)
HM - Karen Kolacy, Throw Blanket

Photography & Digital Photography
BIS, Animals, Grades 4-8
Victoria Cattano, Dragon Fly
HM - Erin DeBiasse, Benjamin Button

BIS, Animals, Grades 9-13
Crista Cattano, Jelly Fish
BIS, Nature
Crista Cattano, Sunset
BIS, Black & White, Grades 4-8
Victoria Cattano, Creek
BIS, Black & White, Grades 9-13
Kluane Ershow, Eastern State
BIS, People
Victoria Cattano, Girl
BIS, Buildings/Architecture
Erin DeBiasse, “Traffic Calming Circle Ahead”
BIS, Adult
Maria Cattano, Clematis

Poster Paws and Claws – Best in Show
Amanda Stephens, Guinea Pig

Woodworking – Best in Show, Adult
James Newquist, Bluebird Box, Own Design

Club Displays
BIS
Feathered Friends
HM - Buckaneers
Club Flags & Banners
BIS
Roxbury Riders
HM - Buckaneers
DISCOVERIES

FAIR BEST IN SHOW 2012

SHOWS & CONTESTS

Dog Quiz Bowl
1st place: Katharine Dodge
2nd place: Morgan Sanchez
3rd place (tie): Corrine Rybarski and Erin DeBiasse

Horse Quiz Bowl
1st place team: Hope Anderson, Mercy Tyne, and Sarah Dimichino
2nd place team: Keziah Anderson, Charity Tyne, Rebecca Dimichino, and Rachael Dimichino

Poultry Quiz Bowl
Winners: Kaily Sinko, Elizabeth Verge, Stephanie Landis, Heather Doherty, and Cassandra Verge

Rabbit Quiz Bowl
1st place team: Amanda Pittigher, Julia Kolacy, and Katherine Dollar
2nd place team: Noelle Ghebreal, Robert Keyser, Victoria Peterson, and Nadine Ghebreal
3rd place team: Justin Tuttle, Evan Bravestin, and Lyndon McCray
4th place team: Genevieve Blewett, Mikayla Harris, and Maria Russell

Dog Show
BIS Obedience: Corrine Rybarski showing Smartie Pants
BIS Junior Showmanship: Corrine Rybarski showing Smartie Pants
BIS Rally: Katharine Dodge showing Jesse
BIS Agility: Erin DeBiasse showing Roxy
BIS Seeing Eye Puppy: Miranda Meade showing Dragon

Show & Contests
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Herpetology Show
BIS: Mikayla Harris, Crested gecko
HM: Jacob Harris, Dumeril’s boa

Poultry Show
BIS: Charlize Sinko, Leghorn
Reserve: Kent Sanchez, Bantam cochin cock
Best Club Breed Pullet: Elizabeth Verge, Rhode Island Red

Rabbit & Small Animal Show
Rabbit BIS: Kristen Maegerlein, Flemish Giant
Reserved: Hannah Vivian, Mini Rex
Cavy BIS: Amanda Stephens, American
Small Animal BIS: Katherine Dollar, Chinchilla
Reserved: Maria Russell, Chinese Dwarf hamster
Thank You for Your Support, 4-H Fair Sponsors

We are grateful to the sponsors that believe in 4-H and so generously donated funds, materials and services to this year’s Morris County 4-H Fair:


We Couldn’t Have Done It Without You!!

Dunk Tank Report

A big thanks to everyone who volunteered for a shift in the dunk tank this year!

Here are all the clubs our volunteers came from:

- Buckaneers
- Clogging Club
- Clover Ups
- Dogs “R” Us
- Fair Committee
- Feathered Friends
- Herpetology Heroes
- Nature’s Keepers

A special thanks to the Mayors who supported us as dunk tank sponsors:

- Mayor William A. Cogger, Chester Township
- Mayor Michael Guadagno, Randolph Township
- Mayor Michael Dachisen, Rockaway Township

Now you see her—now you don’t!
FAIR NEWS

We had 14 clubs march in the Opening Ceremonies Parade of Clubs on Thursday evening, led by the Bonnie Brae Knights Drum Line. This year, as each club passed the reviewing stand at the Info Booth, they were judged on their presentation. These are our proud participants and their awards.

- 4-Footed Leaders—Brightest Smiles
- Blueprint Bakers—Judge's Pick
- Adventure Seekers—Most Colorful
- Buckaneers—Cutest Animal
- Clogging Club—Most Energetic
- Clover Ups—Best Dressed
Dogs “R” Us—Coolest Costume

Feathered Friends—Biggest Crowd

Herpetology Heroes—Best Use of Props

Roxbury Riders: Horsiest

Nature’s Keepers—Loudest Cheer

Teen Council: Best Use of 4-H Clovers

Freedom Fields: Most Creative

The Bonnie Brae Knights Drum Line

Puppy Tails—Most Photogenic

Roxbury Riders: Horsiest
Leader News

Leaders—it’s Record Book time!

Please collect you club members’ record books by September 30. This gives you time to review the content, check for signatures, and work with your members to make sure the books are complete before turning them in to the 4-H office by October 12.

Record books **must** be submitted in order for a member to win an award for their project area (i.e. dog, rocketry, poultry, leadership, etc.) or for special awards like Achievement or Personal Development.

Members who do not submit record books are eligible for Clover Awards, based on your recommendation.

Cloverbud members will receive participation recognition if they turn in books.

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**What is a Clover Award?**

A Clover Award is for those members who are actively involved in 4-H, dedicated to the program, and who grow as a result of their 4-H activities. It is particularly intended for members who are not eligible for project area awards because they have not completed a record book, but not limited to those members.

Some of the things a member may do to show involvement include serving on a club committee, entering or volunteering at the Fair, participating in a community service event (like Holiday Caroling), study for a Quiz Bowl or judging contest, enter the holiday card or yearbook cover contest, etc.

Make sure your members are recognized for their spirit and participation with a Clover Award.

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**President’s Message**

A message from Beverly Hahn, President of the Morris County 4-H Association

I have not missed a Morris County 4-H Fair since 1978, and this year’s weather was among the best we have ever had. Thanks to that and the amazing efforts of our dedicated volunteers, we had record attendance and the best financial outcome that we’ve had in years. Both of these are important, because every Fair visitor is a source of word-of-mouth advertising about 4-H, and the money we make at the Fair supports county 4-H programs through the other months of the year.

When I wrote my President’s Message in June, I predicted that things would go wrong at the Fair. Well, things did, but they were mostly minor, and we’ve had so much practice over the years handling the unexpected that we rolled over these difficulties like a tractor over popsicle sticks. To my delighted surprise, my tongue-in-cheek June prediction actually came true – the wonderful weather led to such big attendance that the Chicken BBQ really did run out of food, on Saturday night, and had to hurry to restock before opening on Sunday. May we have things like this “go wrong” more often!

Seriously, we, just like every other event everywhere, are going to run into problems (think Republican National Convention and Hurricane Isaac) as well as unexpected occurrences that, while good in the long run, require some last-minute scrambling. I am very impressed with the ability of this volunteer corps to roll with the punches and still put on a great Fair.

There was one common thread that ran through the evaluation comments this year, though, that we need to look into: volunteer numbers. We’re a great bunch, and we accomplish wonders, but we’d be even better if there were more of us to share the almost unimaginable task of running an entire Fair. We did what we did this year with just 72 volunteers signing in. That’s a typical number, for our Fair, but as our event keeps growing, we need to draw in new helpers to maintain the quality Fair we want to have.

If we can run a fair like this with 72 people, imagine what we could do with, say, 85 or 90. Spread the fun and excitement of volunteering to more people and we all win.

Leader News

2012 Northeast Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

For the first time ever, the NERVF will be hosted virtually, with a goal of reaching as many 4-H volunteers and staff as possible, to learn, share, and re-energize with new ideas.

Through 3 evening webinars, volunteers will gather in local offices to hear from national experts, participate in group exercises, and learn from others while experiencing new technological advances.

Participants can still gain a bit of Vermont, taking advantage of the virtual auction to bring home maple syrup, Vermont-made Darn Tough Socks, or even a Kindle Fire (not made in Vermont, but very cool nonetheless).

Topics:
- October 29: managing a club with youth of all ages and diverse needs.
- November 5: How to deal with difficult people and how to use teen leaders.
- November 12: Parent issues, including how to include them in 4-H programming and handle challenging ones.

Registration is open NOW! Go to http://www.uvm.edu/extension/4-Hnervf

Club News

Radical Rocketeers

The RR club has been quite busy this summer, with Naram 54 a memory, a lot of cub scout launches, and getting acclimated to our new field has been quite a challenge. Looking forward to more "high powered" model rocket flights and competitions, as the new NAR (National Association of Rocketry) season starts. Our youngsters are starting their "Nartrek" levels, which build upon their skills as they learn to build bigger and more challenging rockets. Working on our club trailer this coming Saturday, in the hopes we can make it weather tight. Then can keep all the launch equipment in it safe and dry. I'm proud to say our club place 12th in the nation in NAR points with 13,797. NAR is recognized as the leading organization in model rocketry. With any luck we'll do even better in this new season! - Glenn Roth

Update Your Club Membership List

Leaders need to return their membership lists with updates to Kelly Allison. An email of current club membership (September 2011 to August 2012) was sent to you in August. If you did not receive this, please let us know.

If you have a parent who is helping at your meetings, please ask them to fill out an Adult Registration form. This can be downloaded from the Rutgers website at http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=4h106

All leaders will be sent re-enrollment forms and new registration forms in September.
Club Name____________________________________
Contact Name__________________________________
Phone #______________________________
Leader’s Name________________________________
Phone #______________________________
Where will you place your display?__________________________
Name of store, school, business, etc.__________________________
Address_______________________________________
What are its hours?
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Directions to Location_______________________________________

Window Display Contest October 7-13, 2012
Judging Sheet

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Circle: 100-90: Excellent 80-89: Very Good 70-79: Good 69-or less: Fair

Total Points_______
Morris County

Annual 4-H Awards Night

When: Friday, November 16, 2012
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: American Legion Post 155

Food: Families with last names starting with A-L, please bring a main dish; Families with last name starting with M-Z please bring a salad.

*Please bring a dish large enough to feed twice the number of people in your group. Please include the necessary utensils to serve your dish. Since there is no kitchen, remember to have all main dishes hot and ready to serve.

Directions to the American Legion Post 155
13-23 Legion Place, Whippany

From Rt. 10
1. Take Whippany Road exit.
2. At first light, go right onto Parsippany Road.
3. Proceed to light and turn left on Mt. Pleasant Ave. (Look for Billy’s Red Room and Post Office on corner).
4. Go to 1st left, Legion Place. American Legion will be on left side of the road.

From Morristown/W. Hanover Ave
1. Turn left on to Whippany Road.
2. Follow Whippany Road until intersection with Parsippany Road and make a left on to Parsippany Road.
3. Proceed to light and turn left on Mt. Pleasant Ave. (Look for Billy’s Red Room and Post Office on corner).
4. Go to 1st light, Legion Place. American Legion will be on left side of road.

RSVP by November 11 to: Morris County 4-H, PO Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900
Phone: 973-285-8300 x 3 Fax: 973-605-8195 Email: 4h.morris@njaes.rutgers.edu

Name______________________________________________________________

Number of people in family group_________

I will bring________________________ (A-L main dish; M-Z salad)

Please call me at ____________________________ with alternative item
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November
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Chanukah begins at nightfall
Holiday Caroling at Morris View, 1:30-3:30

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

16 Last day of Chanukah

17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 Christmas – 4-H office closed

30 31 New Year’s Eve

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