Show Your Club Sprit for National 4-H Week in October

Attention all Club Members National 4-H Week will take place October 4-10. During this week you can show your club’s spirit by helping to prepare a simple club display for our upcoming “4-H Day at the Rockaway Mall,” on October 12th from 12 noon until 4 p.m. This is a Columbus Day holiday, and if some do not have school they are welcome to join us and represent their club at a table in the mall. We will be conducting some small science experiments on this day, as well as answering the public’s questions about 4-H.

You can also 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.

4-H Awards Night to take place on Friday, November 20

This year’s award’s Night will take place on Friday, November 20th at 7 p.m at the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany. This important night is one in which to recognize 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.
A NOTE FROM THE STAFF

Dear 4-H Families,

The new 4-H Year is here and it’s time to hand in your project books to your leaders. National 4-H Week is scheduled for October 4th through the 10th. We invite all of our clubs to celebrate the week by putting up a window display in a local store, library or community center. We want to spread the word that 4-H is a terrific organization.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 39th Annual Morris County 4-H Fair. It was a great event; the weather was very cooperative, no rain or excessive heat. Close to 150 members and adult volunteers entered their projects in the fair. Thank you for sharing your projects with the public. Morris County 4-H displayed 669 projects and/or animals during the fair. Wow! We have received some really terrific entries for the Photo Contest. Our winners will be announced at the Awards Night on November 20th. Next year will be our 40th year and we already have so many great ideas planned to help us celebrate.

Sincerely,

Rachel Lyons                    Kathy Murarik                Terri Yost

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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Hats off & Kudos

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Thank You to our Dynamic 2009 Intern Team! The Fantastic Four! We couldn’t have done it without you! We really appreciate all of your efforts, especially during the Fair!!!

Thank You
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Congratulations Jim!
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 $30 per book

Effective on September 1, 2009 the New Jersey 4-H Prep Program became the New Jersey 4-H Cloverbud Program. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is designed to provide K-3 youth with age appropriate experiential learning activities in a small club setting. These youth may be registered members of a 4-H Cloverbud club or in a standard club with assigned, registered volunteers trained in the 4-H Cloverbud philosophy and curriculum. This program, in the tradition of the Prep Program, will remain non-competitive. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is a nationally recognized program for younger 4-H members. Go Cloverbuds!

4-H Membership Status

Please contact the 4-H office if you have any questions about membership at (973) 285-8300 x3.

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 our 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.

Morris County Breast Cancer Walk

Saturday, October 10
Mack-Cali Business Campus in Parsippany

For more info go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCFY10Eastern?pg=team&fr_id=539834
Window Display Contest
Enter our window display contest during National 4-H Week, October 4-10 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! Friday, October 2nd is the deadline to register.

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 12.

Entries are due to the 4-H office no later than Thursday, November 19.

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 Blewett Family
In the 2009 Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes

Sunday, October 11
At the County College of Morris
9 a.m.

Sign up at this link
http://walk.jdrf.org/walker.cfm?id=87440282
Or go to www.jdrf.org and follow directions to sign up for Team Gena

To donate go to
http://walk.jdrf.org/support.cfm?id=87440282

Thank You

4-H Club Officer's Training Workshop
Morris County 4-H Office
Saturday, November 14th
12-3p.m.
Lunch Provided

Call (973)285-8300 x3 for more information
Puppy Tails

Puppy Tails 4H members and their pups got together to celebrate The Seeing Eye’s 80th anniversary on June 16th. Luckily, Mother Nature provided us with wonderful, rain-free weather for the evening.

The picnic was held at Horseshoe Lake in Succasanna (Thanks Debbie Ehrgott for making the reservations). Many of the 4Hers contributed their talents: Diane Spadola (Joyce) and her family volunteered to do balloon creations, face painting and glitter tattoos. Katie and Jane Ellis made personalized bandanas for the pups. Catherine Crisologo made creative cupcakes. The Zarzycki family made a chocolate doggy cake. Karen Goral made a creative watermelon and a themed sheet cake. The 4H families all brought a covered dish and our club leaders, Sue Filak and Linda Kabis treated us to a 6’ sub and doggy bowls. We even had picture taking throughout the festivities thanks to Shaina and Gail O’Connell. It was a great way to celebrate TSE’s 80th year! Mendham invited all Puppy Tails members and their pups to march in their 4th of July parade. The parade was held on the 4th in the Brookside section of Mendham. The weather was gorgeous and the pups were on their best behavior and a big hit. It was a proud moment for TSE and us puppy raisers!

Sami Zarzycki and Ashley at 4th of July Parade in Mendham

The annual 4H Fair was a huge success! Puppy Tails raised a total of $335.75 selling wood cut outs and puppy bowls. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On August 18th club member Nancy Fritts (Neal) brought a school bus to our weekly meeting. The pups learned to board the bus, sit next to us, ride the bus and exit the bus. It was a great experience for them. Thanks so much Nancy!

Puppy News:

Jade (my pup) and I were invited to a Girl Scout troop meeting at Long Valley Middle School to discuss The Seeing Eye’s Puppy Raising Program. Jade was on her best behavior and a huge hit!

Hope (the vonJena family) was featured on the cover of the most recent issue of The Seeing Eye Guide along with a wonderful feature story about the courageous woman she lives with.

On September 4th, after completing training, Arcie (Sam Zarzycki) transferred to the Breeding Center.

New arrivals: The Crisologo’s will raise Bonnie FGR, Rachel Straub will raise Bays FGR, Allison Waldon will raise Zebrina FLGX, Kyle Faresich will raise Anthony MGS, the Fernandes’s will raise Dirk MLGX, Kristin Miicke will raise Oz MGS (and he will be joining her at Rutgers this semester), Brian Filak will raise Timber MLC, Kristen Kabis will raise Sabrina FLGX.

Pups returning to TSE: The triplets: Simba (raised by the DiCola family), Sunny (raised by the Ever- son family) and Shannon (raised by Linda Kabis), Domino (raised by Cara Lee Goldman), Fritzzy (raised by Renee Michelson), Falcon (raised by the vonJena family) and Jade (raised by me, Robert Tagliaferro).

Puppy Walks: Tim Bartel saw Cricket, Katie Ellis saw Phoebe, the McGlynn family saw Clinton, Samantha Zarzycki saw Arcie take their walks through Morristown.

Puppy Placements: Prada, FGS (Donald Ehrgott) was placed with a 19 year old girl in Alabama.

Submitted by:
Robert Tagliaferro
Puppy Tails, Club Reporter
From Around The County

Radical Rocketeers

At our September meeting we welcomed our new families and talked about all of the events coming up in the near future. We will be participating with 4-H Day at the Rockaway Mall on October 12. We talked about the new health officer position. We also talked about record books being due to the 4-H office on October 15 and Awards night on November 20th.

Submitted by Jim Newquist, leader

Dogs R’ Us

At our July meeting we discussed the yearbook page that Allie Broome did. We all felt that it was great. We talked about our agility jump donation. Allie will be sending a thank you note. We have decided to do “design your own bandana” for the 4-H fair. This was Kate Dodge’s idea. Kate will get all of the supplies. We talked about the judges that will be at the fair dog show.

Submitted by Hannah Takach

Nature’s Keepers Club

Jake Harris of Nature’s Keepers was the only Morris County 4-H member to participate in the State Herpetology Show on September 12 in Allentown, NJ. He entered five reptiles and they all won blue ribbons! “Fang,” his Boa, won Best in Class for snakes and Best in Show! Thanks for making Morris County proud.

Congratulations Jake!
Two New 4-H Cooking Clubs
In Port Morris (Landing, NJ)

For grades 1–3
(For Cloverbuds)
“Blueprint Bakers”
Club meets: 1st Monday of each month 4p.m.-5p.m.

For grades 4–8
“The Edible Engineering Club”
Club meets: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Both Clubs meets at the Leader’s home in Landing.

Are you a parent who would like to assist?
Please call Lisa Sieger for more information (973) 691-0818

New 4-H Herpetology Club

Next Meeting
October 14
7p.m.- 8p.m.
@The Morris County 4-H Office Building

Meetings take place every second Wednesday of each month
Open to grades 4-13 to all those who have an interest in reptiles and amphibians
Call Mike Lynch
973-586-7179
862-432-3273 (cell)

Claybusters
New shooting sports club
Call the office for more information KeithSmall @aol.com

2010 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Get your ideas buzzing and start thinking about topics for the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. 1st place winner will receive a $750 cash prize, 2nd place $500 and 3rd place $250.
The essays must be sent to our office by February 15 and we will forward them all to the state office. Please check the National website for all other rules regarding this contest.
Have fun writing!
www.honeybeepreservation.org/
Get Ready For Awards Night

All 4-H members and their families are invited to attend Morris County 4-H's Awards Night/Potluck Dinner Friday, November 20, 2009 at the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany. Please be there by 7 p.m. sharp. We need to know if you are planning to attend and what food dish you are going to bring. Please use the ‘sign-up sheet’ included at the end of this Discoveries and send it in no later than November 10th or email us at:

4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu

Award Night's activities include:

· Recognition of 4-H winners and participants who turned in Project/Record Book, Scrapbooks, Club Secretaries', Club Treasurers' books, 4-H of the Year Award applications, "I Dare You" Award applications and Club Scrapbooks to their leaders
· Cloverbud (Prep) graduates will receive certificates for graduating into Regular 4-H.
· Recognition of our 4-H Leaders
· State and National 4-H participants will be recognized.
· Our Alumni of the Year and "Friend of 4-H" recipients are thanked and congratulated
· A Potluck Supper is enjoyed by everyone. Remember Salads are brought by families with their last name starting with A-L while Main Courses are brought by those last names starting with M-Z. Teen Council will provide the dessert.
· The Holiday Card Contest Winner will be announced.
The Fair Photo Contest winners and the Best in Show exhibits from the fair will be on display. If you are a Best in Show recipient from this year's Fair, please bring your entry and rosette for display.
WHAT FUN!
There were 3,542 total volunteer hours representing 12 clubs of 140 people as well as 677 hours from 37 additional volunteers. Thank you to ALL off our volunteers, leaders, club members and 4-H Staff. We couldn’t have done it without you!!!

Puppy Tails 563.5 hours,
Buckaneers 562 hours
Dogs ‘R’ Us 403 hours
Nature’s Keepers 387 hours
4-Footed Leaders 323 hours
4-H Board of Directors 182.5 hours
Teen Council 169 hours
Be The Change 133 Hours
Radical Rocketeers 78 hours
Cuckoo 4 Photos 6 hours
Nifty Heelers 5 hours
The Learning Prep Club

Congratulations to all of our Best in Show winners. We appreciate your hard work and talent!
**Childcare**

Best in Show Grades 4-8
Kaitlyn Brunner-Child’s Picture Book

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**Clothing & Textiles**

Best in Show Adult
Jan Dimichino-Civil War Ball Gown

Best in Show Grades 4-8
Rebecca Dimichino-Doll Dress

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**Woodworking**

Best in Show Grades 4-8
Patrick DeBiasse-Bird House

Best in Show Grades 9-13
Brian Bartel- Fish Net

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**Herpetology Show**

Best in Show
Jake Harris-Demon
Honorable Mention
Jake Harris-Jet Blue

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**Fine Art**

Best in Show Grades 4-5
Rebecca Dimichino-Sunset

Honorable Mention Grades 4-5
Kelly Maegerlin-Storyteller Doll

Best in Show Grade 6
Taylor McWilliams 3-D Hand Drawing

Best in Show Grades 7-8
Rachael Dimichino-
Sisters Enjoy a Snowy Day

Honorable Mention Grades 7-8
Kristen Maegerlin-The Jonas Brothers
James Onorevole-Tiger Pastels

Best in Show Grades 9-10
Sarah Dimichino-Six Horses

Honorable Mention Grades 9-10
Alison Waldron-Pug Pot

Best in Show Grades 11-13
Kaitlyn DeBiasse-Chicken Fingers

Honorable Mention Grades 11-13
Chelsea Boyd-Abstract Musical Painting

Best in Show Adult
Elizabeth Waldron-Silk Screened Fabric

Best in Show Adult Challenger
Jen Carberry-Illustration Using Selene
FAIR BEST IN SHOW

**Food & Nutrition**

**Best in Show International Foods**

*Grades 9-13*

Allegro Rm 30 & 33

Italian Marinated Vegetables

**Best in Show International Foods**

*Grades 4-8*

Brenna Ilg

No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bars

**Best in Show Grades 9-13**

Allegro Room 22

Chocolate Peanut Buttercup Cupcakes

**Best in Show Adult Alumni**

Robin McWilliams

Butterscotch Cookies

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**Horticulture**

**Best in Show Grades 11**

Allegro School

Succulent

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**General Science**

**Best in Show Adult**

James Newquist

Poster: Bluebirds return to their nesting box

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**Literary**

**Best in Show Grades 4-5**

Abby McElroy

The Great Pencil Mystery

**Best in Show Grades 8-10**

Sarah Dimichino

The Legend of Kerenina

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**Model Division**

**Best in Show**

Philippe from Allegro

Model Bull Dozer

**Honorable Mention**

Anna Bohan

Triple Zip Rocket

**Best in Show Adult**

Ed Bohan– Rocket A-27-03

**Honorable Mention Adult**

Glen Roth – Spaceman

Jim Newquist–Power of Wind

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**Horse Bowl**

1st Place Team

Jess Rossilli

2nd Place Team

Megan Rossilli

3rd Place Team

Jenny Kellam

4th Place Team

Cheryl Nazarete
FAIR BEST IN SHOW

**Needlework**

**Best in Show**  
Allyssa Wacha – Fairy

**Best in Show Adult**  
Jennifer Carberry – Small Quilt

**Honorable Mention Adult**  
Janet Dodge – Baby Blanket Blue

**Photography & Digital Photography**

**Best in Show Building Photo**  
*Grades 4-8*  
Katie Dodge – Montreal Olympic Bldg

**Best in Show Building Photo**  
*Grades 9-13*  
Crista Cattano – Watershoot

**Best in Show People Photo Grade 4-8**  
Ana Bohan – Green Socks

**Best in Show People Photo Grade 9-13**  
Alix Zudick – Mini Bowling

**Best in Show Animal Photo Grades 4-8**  
Victoria Cattano – Leopard Gecko

**Best in Show Animal Photo Grades 9-13**  
Alix Zudick – Beau on a Boat

**Honorable Mention Animal Photo Grades 9-13**  
Katie Ellis – Animal Photo

**Best In Show Landscape Photo Grades 4-8**  
Julia Kolacy – A Pink Flower

**Best In Show Landscape Photo Grades 9-13**  
Alix Zudick – Inlet to Raquette Lake

**Best in Show Altered Photo Grades 9-13**  
Raymond Dodge – Street Lamp

**Best in Show Adult**  
Vince Cattano – A Walk in the Fog

**Honorable Mention Adult**  
Jen Carberry – Spying Out the Window

**Seeing Eye Bowl**

**1st Place Team**  
Essex II

**2nd Place Team**  
Essex I

**3rd Place Team**  
Somerset I

**4th Place Team**  
4-Footed Leaders

**4-H Club Display**

**Best in Show**  
Puppy Tails
Rabbit and Small Animal Show

**Best in Show Cavy**
Sarah Dimichino/Coronet

**Best Reserved in Show Cavy**
Melanie Kolacy-American

**Best in Show Rabbit**
Marissa DeSimone-Lionhead
Victoria Peterson

**Best Reserved in Show Rabbit**
Rebecca Dimichino-Mixed

**Best in Show Small Animal**
Julia Kolacy-Hedgehog

**Best Reserved in Show Small Animal**
Rebecca Dimichino-Chinchilla

Crafts

**Best in Show Grades 4-8**
Carly Ellis-Original Design-
Lion, Tiger, Bear Totem

**Honorable Mention Grades 4-8**
Reilly McWilliams-Original Design-
Metal Candleholder

**Best in Show Grades 9-13**
Ali from Allegro School -Kit-
Foam House
Nick from Allegro School-Original Design-
Mosaic Tile

**Best in Show Adult**
Laura Graham-Ceramic Pouring Bowl

Poster Paws Contest

**Best in Show 1st Place Grades 9-13**
Alix Zudick

**Honorable Mention 1st Place Grades 4-8**
Rachel Straub

Poultry Show

**Best in Show/Best Overall Poultry**
Morgan Sanchez

**Best in Show**
Morgan Sanchez-Standard Chicken
Patrick DeBiasse-Bantam
Alex Worcota-Game Bird
FAIR BEST IN SHOW

**Dog Show**

Obedience
Allie Broome 200 Point Class
Mimi Bauer-Pulis 160 Point Class

Seeing Eye
Katie Ellis

JR. Show
Hannah Takach

Agility
Allie Broome

Rally O
Allie Broome 1st Place

**Dog Quiz Bowl**

Kate Dodge
1st Place

Shannon Bailey
2nd Place

Hannah Takach
3rd Place

Mimi Bauer-Pulis
4th Place

Alix Zudick
Participation

**Congratulations**

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Winner

Matt Elam

This year, Matt Elam 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 some real interesting facts about the country’s political system. “The program was amazing and it felt great to meet 4-Hers from across the nation,” said Elam. Matt said he learned a lot about the nation’s leaders and the process of national government. “I recommend the program to any teens in 4-H. the experience was incredible and entertaining.”