Morris County 4-H gets ready for annual Awards Night

The annual Morris County 4-H Awards Night will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post 155 in Whippany. “Awards Night is such an important event for our 4-Hers because it allows them to be recognized for what they have achieved in 4-H throughout the year,” said Rachel Lyons, 4-H County Agent.

The County Freeholders will also be there to show their appreciation for the club members’ efforts. The prestigious 4-Her of the Year award will be given to a 4-Her who demonstrates excellence in leadership, citizenship and life skill development. “It is really an opportunity for our members to shine,” said Lyons.

Many other awards will be given out as well including the announcement of the club that wins this year’s Window Display Contest and the winner of the design for the Holiday Card Contest.

Families: please remember to bring main courses if your last name starts with A-L and salads if your last name starts with M-Z.

A good time should be had by all, see you there!!!

4-H Clubs Sign Up for Holiday Caroling at Morris View

Holiday Caroling at the Morris View Health-Care Center on Saturday, December 13. Last year we had a great turn out and lots of fun was had by all. The senior citizens there were happy to have 4-H visit and are looking forward to the holiday entertainment again this year. Members: if you are interested in caroling at this event, bring your best singing voice and perhaps your pet along! Ask your leaders how you can get involved and sign up. See flyer in back for more details.
Dear 4-H Families,

Fall is an exciting time in the 4-H year. It is the time when we stop to recognize our 4-H Members for the achievements they accomplished last year in the program. This year Awards Night will be held on Saturday, November 22. We hope you attend this special event! Be sure to bring the whole family for an evening full of youth recognition.

If you are a member who is continuing from last year we want to congratulate you for the work you have done to achieve that recognition and hope that along the way, you have learned a great deal from the experience.

If you are a club leader, we want to thank you for all your time and dedication to the program—you are the best!

If you are a parent, we want to thank you for championing the principles of 4-H and providing your child or children with the necessary support to participate in 4-H activities.

This time of year also marks the beginning of the holiday season. We hope that you will share the joy of the season with us and the residents of Morris View Healthcare Center at the annual 4-H Holiday Caroling event on Saturday, December 13th.

The 4-H staff wishes you and your family a warm and wonderful holiday season!

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

Leaders—thank you for all your help and years of service to 4-H

1 year
Laura Tarlowe-Animal Guardian Angels
Liz Carlson-Animal Guardian Angels
Mike Moss-The Learning Club
Maria Petti-The Learning Club
Annabeth Prescott-The Learning Club
Marla Weetal-The Learning Club
Glenn Roth-Radical Rocketeers

2 years
Christine Gothmann– Karing Kids
Jane Ellis-Nature’s Keepers

3 years
Vince Cattano-Cuckoo 4-Photos

4 years
Eric Pierce-Lafayette
JoyLynn Leech-Hoof n’ Around
Joanna Kaiser-Picatinny

5 Years
Kim Blewett– Nature’s Keepers
Arlene Carter-Picatinny
Heidi Mitchell-Lafayette
Jim Newquist-Radical Rocketeers
Lyn Danson Smith-Allegro

6 Years
Lynette Mills-Lafayette
Stan Firer-Karing Kids

7 years
John Stochaj-Nifty Heelers
Renee Jones-Lafayette

8 years
Richard Alston-Lafayette
Loreli Stochaj-Nifty Heelers

10 years
Jen Carberry-Buckaneers and Amazing Artists
Sue Filak-Puppy Tails
Michelle Harris King-Lafayette
Linda Kabis-Puppy Tails

11 years
Connie Montgomery-Lafayette

16 Years
Bev Hahn-Dogs R’ Us
Kathy Murarik-Dogs ‘R’ Us

41 Years
Martha Bardin-4-Footed Leaders

New Leaders
Keith Small–Shooting Sports

THANK YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF SERVICE!
The Animal Guardian Angels 4-H Club meets with Dr. Hodes, a veterinarian in Mine Hill, once a month to explore different aspects of the profession. This photo was taken at the veterinarian’s office the day he spoke to us about equine dentistry before we saw an equine dentist at work a few weeks later.

Animal Guardian Angels

Hey everyone! The Animal Guardian Angels have been taking a bit of a break since school has started and it has been so hectic, but our next visit with our veterinary mentor is Saturday the 11th of October. Our last meeting over the summer was at Smith-Haven Alpaca Farm, where Morgan, the daughter of the farm owners, showed us around. We were all amazed at how much work she did around the farm, and how much she knew about all of her alpacas! She taught us about the differences between llamas and alpacas, as well as the different types of alpacas, including the dreadlock-styled suris and wooly huacayas.

At our next meeting with Dr. Hodes we will be analyzing some samples under microscopes. Some of these samples include fecal, urine, and blood from dogs and horses. We also have some DVD’s on difficult calf-birthing, necropsies, and planning for your animal in a disaster that we will watch and discuss at future meetings. Our group is planning to take a trip together over winter break to view the horse exhibit at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. No matter what activities we wind up doing at meetings, the Animal Guardian Angels always gain a ton of knowledge and fun times!

Submitted by,
Stephanie Tarlowe

Radical Rocketeers

Welcome Nick and Spencer Caro and Brenda, Rob & Kevin Chmiel, our newest guests & future members. Remember to bring your rocket kits to build for each meeting. You can save money by purchasing your rocket kit at Michael’s Craft Stores in Flanders at the Trade Zone or the Rockaway Mall. Another good source is: www.rocketreviews.com. Also if you are interested in star-gazing, on Saturday nights, 8:00PM, check out Jenny Jump Park observatory at www.stargazing@jennyjumpark.
Around The County

4-Footed Leaders

The 4-Footed Leaders are back in full swing. Our club set up our window display at the Madison Pet Shop and it looks great. On September 28 we went to the Morristown Fall Festival and even with the overcast the day turned out really nice. Then the following weekend we had Bottle Hill Day. The sun was out and the people all stopped by our booth. We had plenty of dogs to meet: Dollie, Elvis, Whitney, Paisley, Narnia, Nova, Kenya, Yukon, just to name a few and we raised money for the pennies for puppies program.

By- Katelyn B

Dogs R' Us Club News

Our club is busy getting ready for our annual Halloween costume party at Morris View. This is a really fun time when we get to dress up our dogs and play trick or treat games with them. We have had a busy fall doing club activities like the Ayres Knuth Farm Festival and the Noah’s Ark Hike and Howl. Soon it will be time for our club to move its training location to the Paws-Ative Experience Dog School.

Award Night’s activities include:

- Recognition of 4-H winners and participants who turned in Project/Record Books, Scrapbooks, Club Secretaries’ Books, Club Treasurers’ books, 4-H of the Year Award applications, “I Dare You” Award applications and Club Scrapbooks to their leaders.
- 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 Main Courses are brought by families with their last name starting with A-L while Salads are brought by those families with 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.
4-H Community Bulletin

4-H Healthy Recipe

Try this fun, simple recipe with your club during a snack break!

Recipe Ingredients

- Fresh Strawberries
- Mini Chocolate Chips
- Black Decorators’ Icing
- Almond Slivers
- Toothpick
- Red Lace Licorice
- Wedge of Cheese (optional)

1. For each mouse, slice a small section from the side of a strawberry so it sits flat
2. Press a mini chocolate chip into the tip for a nose, using a small dab of icing to secure it in place, if needed
3. Add icing eyes and stick two almond slivers into the top of the berry for ears
4. For a tail, use a toothpick to carve a small hole in the back of the berry and push the end of a piece of licorice lace into the hole. Serve these berry cute treats with small triangles of cheese.

Recipe taken from www.familyfun.com

There is still time to pick up your 2008 yearbook. If you have not had the opportunity to get your yearbook at the Fair there are still a few extra in the office. The office is located at 550 West Hanover Avenue in Morristown. There will also be some extra copies at Awards Night, which will be held on Saturday, November 22. If you would like to contribute ideas, articles or photos to the yearbook please email:

4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu

Thanks for your support!

4-H Clover Country CD

Be sure to go online and order your Country Clover CD. Some of the best country singers out there are all right here on one CD. The CD makes a great gift or collectible for country fans. The cost of the CD is $9.99.

Purchase the CD at:

www.clovercountrycd.com
Big Thanks to the Dogs R’ Us members who promoted 4-H on September 28 at the Ayers Knuth Fall Festival. Talia, Pierce and Theo Everett brought two rabbits for petting. Morgan and Kent Sanchez brought two chickens for people to hold and learn about. Kate Dodge brought her beagle Jesse for everyone to pet. Erin DeBiasse helped promote 4-H to everyone that stopped by the booth. Danny Kinskey-Lebeda helped at the booth and helped clean up. Leader Kathy Murarik brought Libby, her Siberian husky for everyone to pet and see her two different colored eyes. Board member Jo Wade helped with everything.

Photos Contributed by-
Jo Wade
Contest Updates

Best In Show
1st Place
Grade 4-8
2008 Fair Photo Contest Winner
Victoria Cattano
“Close Up Of Golden Retrievers Head”

1st Place Adult Winner
Karen Kolacy
“Morgan Sanchez and Pony”

Thanks To All Of The Fair Photo Contestants
Nancy Brunner
Crista Cattano
Maria Cattano
Victoria Cattano
Jen Carberry
Mike DeBiasse
Linda Kabis
Karen Kolacy
Julia Kolacy
Sally Small
Alixandra Zudick

Attention photo contestants your wonderful photos will appear in the 2009 yearbook!! We appreciate your talent and will definitely put it to use. See all the photo winners on Awards Night, November 22.

1st Place Grade 9-13
Alix Zudick
“Faces at Concession”
State Small Animal Show Winners

We are happy to congratulate three 4-H members of the Buckaneers who represented Morris County 4-H at the State Small Animal Show held Saturday, September 13.

Sarah Dimichino won Best of Breed – Silkie Cavy and Best of Breed Coronet Cavy. Sarah also took first place in the Rabbit Breed I.D. contest Grade 9 - 13.

Melanie Kolacy won Best of Breed – Peruvian Cavy, reserve Best of Breed – Coronet Cavy and reserve Best of Breed – Texel Cavy and her American Cavy won Best of Variety.

Julia Kolacy won Best of Breed – Jersey Wooly rabbit.

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 receive a card as well. Residents of Morris View Healthcare Center will also receive them during our annual Holiday Caroling Event on December 13th.

Entries are due to the 4-H office no later than Thursday, November 20th.

Requirements: White paper: ½ sheet size – 5 ½” by 8 ½” 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.

Good Luck!

Congratulations to our 2008 Window Display Contest Winners

Dogs R’ Us
Display in the Morris Plains Pharmacy Window

Congratulations to our “Clip Contest Winner”

Linda Kabis
Linda found several clips regarding 4-H in our local newspapers!!
Notable News

The Morris County Freeholders recognized National 4-H Week October 5-11 by presenting a proclamation at a Freeholders Meeting on October 7. There were many club members present from Dogs R’ Us, 4-Footed Leaders, Lafayette and Teen Council to receive the proclamation.

Winter Teen Camp

Get ready for another fun filled winter at Teen Winter Camp, January 30 through February 1 at L.G Cook Camp in Stokes State Forest. If you like to hang out with teens from Burlington, Mercer, Salem, Morris, and Gloucester counties, them save this weekend. Contact the 4-H Office to register for a weekend of fun, friends, and activities. (973) 285-8300 x 3.

Photos with Santa and Your Furry Friends

Saturday, November 8 from 9 am—4 pm

No Appointment necessary

Here is an opportunity to have your pet’s picture taken with Santa. The North Jersey Siberian Husky Club is once again holding a picture taking session at the Cherrybrook Pet Supply Store on Rt. 57, Broadway, NJ

For more information contact Kathy Murarik at the 4-H office.

2009 Entertainment Books Available Now

Don’t forget to pick up your 2009 Entertainment Book from the 4-H office! Books cost $25 each proceeds from this sale go to the Lubrano Scholarship Fund.