Spring Issue 2010

**Morris County 4-H Fair coming July 23, 24, 25**

Get Ready for the 2010 Morris County Fair July 23, 24, 25. The Fair will be a fun filled three days with a variety of exhibits.

If you are interested in playing a role in helping to make this year's Fair even better, there's plenty of jobs to go around! Also, be on the look out for the Fair Entry Book and encourage all of your members to enter! Don't forget to start thinking about a year-book page and club exhibit!

For those 4-H club members interested in spending the night at the Fair, applications for Fair sleepovers can be downloaded online at [http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu) or call the office if you are interested in a Fair sleepover application.

**Please see our special Fair section on pages 12-17.**

**Prepare Well for Public Presentations on April 16**

This year's public presentations will take place on Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morris County College in Cohen Hall. Presenters should arrive early to sign in on time. Cloverbud members should prepare to present for at least 1-5 minutes. Presenters in Eighth grade and up should present for at least 8-15 minutes to be eligible for the State Presentations. All other presenters should have at least a 3-15 minute presentation. If you are bringing a dog as a part of your presentation, please be sure to have it on a leash. Any light refreshments to share are appreciated. For more tips on Public Presentations please see page 11.

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**Important Dates**

**County**
- Public Presentations
  - April 16
- Deadline National 4-H Congress
  - April 17
- Rutgers Day
  - April 24

**State**
- Public Presentations
  - June 6
Dear 4-H Families,

Spring is finally here, and that means lots of activity in 4-H! On March 27th Morris County 4-H will be holding its very first Science-sational Day. Public Presentations are April 16, and registration is due April XXOO, so keep practicing! April is also the month for the State Dog show. The State Dog Show is held on the Cook Campus of Rutgers during Rutgers Day on April XXOO. Come down to New Brunswick and join in the fun of Rutgers Day (formerly Ag Field Day). If you are in 8th – 13th grade, be sure to check out the information about the 2009 Be The Change Service Day Camp.

Be on the look out for your 2009 Fair Entry Book, it should be arriving in late April. The Entry Book, along with most other 4-H material, can be found online at http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu.

Happy Spring !!!

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

Thank you to all of our wonderful “bread bakers” who came out on Martin Luther King Day, January 18, 2010- a 4-H day of National Service to bake bread for the homeless. About twenty 4-Hers showed up at the Madison Presbyterian Church and cooked 60 loaves of bread to distribute to Homeless Solutions in Morristown. A great day was had by all who helped.

Kate Dodge pours in the ingredients to help make the bread, Alix Zudick lends a helping hand.

Sisters Samantha and Alysha Zarzycki have fun helping to help knead the dough.
The Rains Came
Marching in for
St. Patrick’s Day

For the second time in Morristown’s history, The St. Patrick’s Day was canceled on March 13, 2010 due to a weekend Nor’easter. The decision to halt the parade came minutes before it was about to begin. Many devoted 4-H club members braved the storm and showed up ready to March anyway.

"Despite the rain, everybody was still in high spirits," said Kathy Murarik, Dogs ‘R’ Us leader.

Thank you to all the members who showed up ready to March. Teen Council: Alix Zudick, Mike Baumgartner, Katie Baumgartner, Anthony Cordero, Patrick, DeBiasse, Melanie Kolacy, Allie Waldron and members of Dogs ‘R’ Us: Erin DeBiasse, Morgan Snchez, Kent Sanchez

See you next year!

Welcome New Club Leaders

Roseanne Oblen
Poultry Club Leader

Rich Everett
Woodworking Club Leader

Laura Graham
Horse Club Leader
Three Morris County 4-H members from Dogs R’ Us participated in the State Dog Quiz Bowl on Sunday, February 28. Kate Dodge, Danny Kinskey-Lebeda and Mimi Bauer-Pulis travelled to Burlington County along with Club Leader Bev Hahn and Coach Dawn Del Guericio to compete against six teams from throughout the state. Although they did not place near the top they had a wonderful time, made new friends and learned a lot from studying over the past two months. Congratulations to all of you for representing Morris County.

-Kathy Murarik

Woofminster Dog Show

Mimi Bauer-Pulis 1st Place Winner in Jr. Showmanship Class, Excellent and Good in Obedience Class

*Kate Dodge also participated in the show and placed 5th in the Obedience Class

State Public Presentations will be held Saturday, June 12th
@ Hickman Hall
Cook/Douglass campus at Rutgers University
**National 4-H Congress**

**Application Deadline April 17th**

This year’s National 4-H Congress will be held on
the weekend after Thanksgiving from
Friday, November 27th to Tuesday, December 1st.
National 4-H Congress is a long weekend for
4-H teens around the nation in grades 9-12 to
come together for a quality, educational and cross-
cultural experience. 4-Hers can only attend this
event only one time in their 4-H career. If you are
interested in going, get on the ball early. Be sure
to download your application online at
www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/leadership/nat4hcongress
Please contact the 4-H office with any questions
(973)285-8300x3.

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**Rutgers Day**

Saturday, April 24
10 a.m.– 4p.m.
Rain or Shine

Enjoy animal shows, garden and nature tours,
performances, lectures, children’s programs
and the annual

**State Dog Show**

www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu

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**Attention Club Leaders**

Please note the importance of having the new
member registration forms filled out in their
entirety. Please encourage new members to
complete the forms to the best of their
ability, including all required signatures. An
incomplete form must be returned to the
potential member before they can be
processed and the member recognized as
official. If possible please check the forms
for accuracy and intelligibility. Also please
remember that all members/leaders/assistant
leaders must be registered before
they are eligible to participate in any 4-H
events, including club meetings. Pertinent
information includes dates of birth for both
youth and adult members. This information
is needed in order to accurately complete our
end of year reports.

Thank you for your help!

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**4-H Notable News**

If you have any notable news, pictures or
comments to send into
Discoveries please email us at:
4h@AESOP.Rutgers.edu

Welcome Keith Small, Gary Rauco and Joseph Beels
leaders of the new Morris County 4-H Club
Claybusters! This is our new shooting sports club, and
we are so excited to have it here! Call the 4-H Office
at for information (973)285-8300 x3.
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 Sunday, July 4th and continues through mid-August. This year camp weeks will have themes which include: The Pirates of Lake Shawwanni, Super Hero Week, Holiday Week, International Extravaganza Week, and Camp Survivor Week. The basic camp fee for one week is $450, but there are some discounts for former members and early -birds.

To register please visit www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/

Science, Environment and Technology Camp
S.E.T. 2010 Camp
Tuesday, June 29 through Friday, July 2

S.E.T camp is a great week-long camp option for 5th -8th graders who would like to learn and experience more with science. This year there will be both a day camp option for $100 per camper and an overnight option at $150 per camper. The S.E.T camp will take place on the L.G Cook campgrounds and will feature such classes as Speed of Light, Designing a Super Coaster, Coral, Oasis, oceans and Lakes (COOL) Camp, Chuck-It, Robotics, CSI Forensics, and Rocketry and Aeronautics. To find out more and download a registration please go online to http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/
BE THE CHANGE CAMP
COMING THIS JUNE!

This year’s Be The Change Camp will take place June XXYY, based out of the Morris County 4-H Office. The camp is sure to be an exciting experience for teens! There will be plenty of community service projects to get involved with. Be sure to sign up early. Call Terri Yost or Rachel Lyons to find out more information about this great opportunity! (973) 285-8300 x3.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS WHO QUALIFY FOR STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

All those in 8th Grade and up who receive an excellent on their Presentation on the county level are eligible for State Public Presentations. State Presentations will be held Saturday, June 6th at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus.

MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE

Morris County 4-H clubs can apply for grants of up to $50 from the county 4-H Association to help pay for educational trips or materials. Mini-grant applications may be submitted any time throughout the year. Call the 4-H Office at (973) 285-8300 ex 3 for more information.
Public Presentations

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 in the back of this newsletter. Parents: please take the time to help your Cloverbud fill it out and hand it in no later than April 17. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for April 16, 2010 at Morris County College.

Please send in your pictures !!

E-mail us your digital pictures in jpg. from your club meetings or trips and we'll include them in Discoveries. Send pictures to 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu or mail a duplicate original to:

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
4-H Office of Morris
P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07960

Check out the New National 4-H website at
http://4-h.org
The site has great 4-H information, links, and resources!
All 4-H Clubs Get Creative!

Don't forget that your club is part of what makes 4-H outstanding! Club leaders and Members please start thinking about the uniqueness of your club and join in the fun creating your very own club page. Clubs should start putting together an 8 1/2” by 11 club page with a 1/2” border around the edges. The page should include your club’s contact information, and tell about your club. You may be as creative as you like. Use black ink or a marker to create your page, as it will be photocopied in black and white. Photos and drawings may also be used. All club pages should be in the office no later than Friday, June 25.

We can't emphasize enough how helpful it has been in the past when all clubs have cooperated with the deadline. We really appreciate all of the clubs’ efforts on this project and look forward to seeing some very creative pages!

4-H Million Trees Project

All 4-H clubs that are looking for a special Spring project, the 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) invites 4-Hers to join with thousands of their peers and become project participants. Clubs can choose a tree species on their own, the number of trees and the place where they would like to plant them. So far 4-H has planted over 84,000 trees in 43 states! The Arbor day foundation is also supporting 4-H in their 4HMT mission. 4-Hers will be able to obtain 12 bare root trees with a special $12 annual membership. To take advantage of this opportunity please go to www.arborday.org/4h.

And, To find out all the details behind this project and register online please visit www.4hmilliontrees.org where they would like to plant them.

Knit Wits Club News

Members present: Emma Wilcox, Megan Kerwin, Chelsea Lentins, Kate Dodge, Lexi Bakalis, Margaret Moutis, Rachel Moutis. Members were given a 4-H registration form to fill out and return next week. Everyone was also given a copy of the general record book, a 4-H pencil, a 4-H note pad, and a 4-H book mark. Five possible names were suggested, a vote was taken and the club name “Knit Wits” was selected. Kate read a description of the officers duties. Each member was asked which office she might be interested in. Elections will be next week. Emma and Megan continued with their projects. Chelsea and Lexi decided to start new swatches. Margaret finished one practice swatch and practiced casting-on. Rachel learned the knit stitch today.

New “Knit Wits” 4-H Club!
A Knitting and Crocheting Club in Whippany NJ
Every Monday 6:30-8 p.m.
Leader: Janet Dodge
Call 973-285-8300 x3
Dogs R’ Us Club News

For the January business meeting we practiced our buzzer techniques while practicing for the New Jersey Dog Bowl. I personally think our team is ready and we are all motivated and want to win. We are all studying hard and are getting most of the questions right. We’re very excited to go down to Burlington and compete hard against the other counties. Our dogs are also progressing and becoming more obedient as the practices go by. We are also excited for the upcoming state fairs and we are preparing quickly for those.

In the month of February, Dogs ‘R’ Us accomplished a lot. We participated in the Dog Bowl which was very fun and educational while practicing and even though we lost it was still a good experience. Our dogs are improving and we are planning to participate in a dog show soon. We are all having a fun time doing everything with our dogs and we are learning too! I think that February was fun and productive. I hope March is better!

Health Officer’s Note

As Spring approaches I would like to remind all of you who do not use year round heartworm preventative...the mosquitoes are back. Therefore, it is time to get your dogs tested and started on their Heartworm preventative. The temperature is also perfect right now for the Distemper virus to flourish. Our wildlife is beginning to stir, and this increases the risk of this deadly virus to our pet’s. It is also a good time to check that your pet’s vaccines are up to date.

Club Health Office-Hannah Takach

And In the News....

*Erin DeBiasse, 9, of Denville, with her 7-year-old standard poodle, Roxy, during a recent meeting of the Morris County 4H Club "Dogs R' Us" at Pawsitive Experience in Rockaway. The club works on dog obedience, junior showmanship, agility and rally training. (Staff Photo: Katelyn Farago, The Daily Record,)

To see the article:
“Kids Learn 4h Club is More Than Just Cows”
Go to this link ...

http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20100224/DRTW/100211052/-1/Category=UPDATES01

*The Daily Record printed this photo and caption on 2/24/10
This section of Discoveries will give you all the important information that you need to know about the upcoming Fair. Take a look and see if there are any volunteer opportunities that interest you, then contact the office and let us know how you can help.

**Purchase Clover Notes for your special 4-Her’s**

Clover notes are special messages/personal notes in the yearbook that you can purchase for your child, grandchild or any 4-Her you know to congratulate him/her for a great 4-H year! 4-H members can even purchase them and send a special message to their fellow 4-H friends.

**COST:**
- Two lines: $5.00
- Five lines: $10.00
- Twelve lines: $20.00

**DEADLINE:**
Friday, May 28

See your leaders or download a form [here](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu)

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**Tricky Tray Gift Baskets**

This year’s Tricky Tray will be held on Saturday night, July 24th at the Fair. The Tricky Tray is one of the most anticipated events at the 4-H year. We are looking for clubs to make baskets and to go to the store’s to collect gifts, and gift certificates. Each club should donate its own tray.

Please Bring gift items to the fairgrounds and deliver them to the Information Booth on Wednesday, July 21 between 7 and 9 p.m., or any time during the day on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Please bring all gift certificates to the office the or fair by Friday July 23! You can turn in gifts up until the set up of the tricky tray on Saturday afternoon.

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**FAIR FILLER**

**or**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**
Club Banner & Display Contest

The 4-H Association is offering a $25 scholarship for supplies and other expenses incurred while preparing the club display and banner. If your club is interested in applying, please call the 4-H office to request an application. We hope every club participates in this event!

Earn an Amusement Ride Wrist Band

For every $500 of sponsorship that you bring in to the Fair, you will receive a weekend amusement ride wristband. This is an opportunity to ride the rides all three days of the Fair for free! Please solicit sponsorships from your places of employment as well as local companies and businesses. (Anywhere you and your family go—the salon, car shop, grocery store, dry cleaner). Please also ask your own family and 4-H club if they would like to sponsor a tent. Private and corporate sponsorship is necessary to meet Fair expenses. We need to over $15,000 for sponsorship. Sponsorship can be as small as $50 and as large as $2,000. Any amount is appreciated. Please contact Kathy in the 4-H office at (973) 285-8300 x3

40th Anniversary Theme Cover Design Contest

Morris County 4-H is celebrating it’s 40th Year Anniversary. This year’s Yearbook Cover and Fair Theme Contest will look to incorporate this fact into the design. Please mail your entry to the 4-H Office by Friday, May 19, 2010. 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. Last year’s winning theme was “4-H will point you in the right direction,” by Elena Halis.
You Can Choose What To Do!

- Bring your camera to the Fair. Anyone can take pictures of anything you think will make great fair pictures. Photos can be entered into a Fair Photo contest.
- Give a Presentation -- All 4-H members who will be giving a county public presentation are invited to present again at the Fair.
- Show your club’s team spirit. Have a club meeting at the Fair, and a private club fair pizza party! Leaders can take the lead on this!
- Ride on all the rides you want! For $20.00, 4-Hers can purchase a fair wristband that allows them to ride on any ride, at any time, the whole weekend of the Fair. Please make your check payable to the Morris County 4-H Association and mail to:

  Morris County 4-H Fair  
P.O. Box 900  
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Don’t forget to sign up and to meet!

Club members and parents are encouraged to sign up for a three hour shift in one or more of the areas listed. (See attached sheets at the end of this newsletter). For everyone who works a shift, they will be entered into the $100 work and win contest.

Also, everyone is welcome to attend the general fair meeting on May 21 and June 18 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H office. All fair committee members are required to attend.

Clip Contest
4-H needs your set of eyes to help look for newspaper articles- “clips”. Next time you open a newspaper be sure to look for any articles regarding 4-H. Cut them out and make sure the name of the newspaper, the date, your name, your club and your phone number are all included. Participants may enter more than one clip, but it may not be the same article. All clips will be entered into a drawing and the winner will be picked at the annual Fair in July during opening ceremonies. The prize will be well worth your effort.

Send Clips to:  RCE of Morris County  
4-H Clip Contest  
P.O. Box 900,  
Morristown NJ  07963
Goals of our 4-H Fair

1. Recognize accomplishment 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.

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 close to $1,000. Please pack your items securely in boxes and then put them in plastic trash bags for safe transport. This is also a fun place to volunteer for a three hour shift. 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.
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? Can you help out this year? Jobs that need to be filled include:

- Fair Announcers
- Fair Ambassadors
- Hair Ride Drivers
- Publicity Announcer
- Shift Worker Scheduling Crew
- Road Sign Crew
- Communications Manager
- Dignitary Reception Refreshments Coordinator
- Division Judges Refreshment Coordinator
- Hospitality Host
- Fair Photographer

Call the office at (973) 285-8300x3

What to wear to the fair:
4-H t-shirts or bandanas. These may be purchased at the Fair Information Booth.

What not to wear:
NO Bare feet, we like your toes, but prefer to see them in sneakers.

What not to bring to the Fair:
No Bicycles
No Retractable Dog Leashes

After a tiring Fair day, it’s time to hit the hay!

4-H would love to have you spend the night at the Fair! Everyone who spends the night needs to fill out a permission slip from the 4-H office.

A copy of this 4-H form can be downloaded off of the eBoard @ www.morriscounty4h.eboard.com. You must have a parent or chaperone staying with you. All permission slips must be signed by you, your parent, your chaperone and your tent manager.

Each adult staying at the Fair needs to sign an Adult Overnight Permission Slip as well. Everything must be completed before the fair and sent to the 4-H office.
1. Where is the Fair and when do I enter my exhibit?

The Morris County 4-H Fair will be held from Friday-Sunday, July 24-26, 2009, at Chubb Park in Chester. All exhibits must be registered in advance of displaying in order to be judged and receive recognition.

2. Where do I put my exhibit?

There will be a large 4-H exhibit tent. The exhibits will be displayed on tables or display boards set up in the tent. The tent coordinators will tell you where to place your exhibit.

3. How do I enter my exhibits?

You will receive a 4-H Fair Entry Book in the mail. Enclosed in this Entry Book are your entry forms. All entries at the Fair must have entry tags. You will receive your entry tags when you bring your entries to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 22, between 4 - 9 p.m. All food entries will be brought to the Chester Public Library on Wednesday night between 7– 9 p.m.

4. How many exhibits may I enter?

4-Her’s are eligible to exhibit in as many divisions and classes as they desire. Some projects may have certain limitations explained under each division. All articles must be made or raised by the exhibitor.

5. How will my entry be judged?

Exhibits will be judged on the Danish System: blue ribbon for excellent, red for very good, yellow for good and white for fair. The Morris County 4-H Fair committee will secure competent judges.

6. What award might I receive?

Morris County 4-H Fair award ribbons will be given for each exhibit entered. A special rosette will be awarded to the outstanding exhibit for each division. Rosettes will be awarded in some divisions. The Best in Show Awards will be given to the exhibitor at the Closing Ceremonies of the Fair.

7. When will I get my award?

An official Fair Awards Ceremony will be held at approximately 3:30 p.m. on July 27. Rosettes and trophies will be awarded to the outstanding exhibits. Danish Ribbons will be given out when the exhibits are judged.

8. When do I remove my exhibits?

Removal of exhibits will be after 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 26. Exhibits **MUST** be on display until then to be eligible to receive awards. You can make arrangements to have your exhibits picked up if you will not be able to get them yourself.

9. What can I do to help make the Fair a success?

Enter your exhibits **BEFORE JULY**. Literary entries are due by July. Attend the Fair and be willing to help whenever needed. Pick up litter and keep the fairgrounds neat and clean. Have a smile on your face and cheery disposition and it will endear you to all the spectators who visit the 4-H Fair.