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

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

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

Best wishes,

Terri

Terri Yost, Program Associate
Dear 4-H Families,

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

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

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

Rachel Lyons                       Kathy Murarik

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

Remember, 4-H is for Everyone, Everywhere!

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

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.
Spring Ahead to Public Presentations on April 20, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key advice for Public Presentations:

1) Choose a topic you are familiar with: By choosing something you know about, you already create a “comfort zone” and will have an easier time delivering your speech in three to five minutes.

2) Practice, Practice, Practice: Remember that practice makes perfect. When you practice at home in front of an audience (mom, dad, sibling, friend, your dog) you will quickly feel at ease and be prepared to handle your topic with ease on presentation day.

3) Don’t Stress: Public Presentations are fun! Everyone there watching is rooting for you and truly interested in what you’re going to say. So take a deep breath and relax! You’ll do great!

4) Sign Up Early: There is a public presentations sign up sheet on Page 4 of this newsletter. Parents: please take the time to help your Cloverbud fill it out and hand it in no later than April 13. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for April 20, in Cohen Hall at Morris County College. Give yourself plenty of time to arrive and register. Plan to park in the upper Parking Lot closest to Dover Chester Road. It is Parking Lot # 8.

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

Please refer to the Public Presentations Registration Form on the next page!
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

April 20, 2012

County College of Morris
Dover-Chester Road, Randolph, NJ

All 4-H Members (Including Cloverbuds)

Please arrive at 6:00 to check in; Presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.

Return by: April 13, 2012

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

NAME: ____________________________ CLUB: ____________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________ Phone #: ____________________________

GRADE: ___________ BIRTHDATE: ___________________________ YEARS IN 4-H _____________

PREP MEMBER _______ NUMBER OF PAST COUNTY PRESENTATIONS GIVEN __________

Last Years Presentation Title & Subject: __________________________________________________

TITLE OF YOUR PRESENTATION ______________________________________________________

BRIEF EXPLANATION ________________________________________________________________

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

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

WILL USE SMALL ANIMALS: _____ Yes _____ No Kind: ___________________________________

(small animal, dogs acceptable)

EQUIPMENT: 4-H member is responsible for providing all equipment needed for the presentation.

If you need special assistance, call the 4-H Office (973-285-8300) before April 8, 2011.

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

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

Grades 4-13, Check one: _____ Yes, I would like to be a host/hostess.

_____ No, I would not like to be a host/hostess.
On November 18, 2011 at the annual Morris County 4-H Awards Night Dinner, Christopher Blewett and Jacob Harris were named the new “4-Her’s of the Year.” Chris and Jake were recognized for being outstanding members of 4-H who continue to show deep involvement and commitment to the 4-H program through local club, county, state and national activities.

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

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

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

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

State Dog Bowl

**Saturday January 21**

Burlington County 4-H Building

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

Teen Winter Camp

**January 27-29**

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

North Jersey Teen Conference

**March 9—11**

Holiday Inn Select
Clinton, NJ

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

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

Call Rachel Lyons for more information
(973) 285-8300 x3
**RABBIT, CAVY, SMALL ANIMAL, & HERPETOLOGY SHOW**

Sponsored by the
Somerset County 4-H Small Animal Clubs
and the
Somerset County 4-H Sidewinders Herpetology Club

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012
The Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3551

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

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

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**New Jersey Safe and Sound**

Sunday, January 22 (Snow date 2/5)
1:00 — 4:15
Burlington County
20 Pioneer Blvd Mt. Holly, NJ

Cost: Free!

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

Workshops to choose from:

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

Registration Deadline: Jan. 11 (postmark)
Call 4-H office for more information 973-285-8300 ext 3

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**Rutgers Day**

Saturday, April 28
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine

**State Dog Show on the Cook Campus**

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

www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu

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**K-9 Arts Contest**

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

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

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**Ocean County Small Animal Show**

Saturday, Jan 21st
Memorial Middle School
898 Herbert Dr., Point Pleasant NJ

Noah’s Ark Rabbit & Small Animal Club
Contact info: Laura Ferrie, Show Superintendent 973-892-0907
wilriker6@msn.com
NJ 4-H Equine Arts Show
To be held in Conjunction with the N.J. State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest
Saturday February 25th, 2012
Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office Monmouth County
- Open to any 4-H member grades 4 to 13
- Any type of art, craft, or photo may be entered as long as it has an equine theme.
- Entries must be received by 10 a.m.
- Note: To cover expenses, there is a small entry fee this year
Contact the Morris County 4-H Office for further information and registration forms

Atlantic County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal and Herpetology DOUBLE SHOW
Saturday, Feb 18, 2012
David C Wood 4-H Center, Route 50, Egg Harbor City, NJ
Cloverbud Exhibition Only: Grades K-3
Special Participation Awards for Cloverbud Members
Divisions: Intermediate: Grades 4-8
Senior: Grades 9-13
There will be 2 shows: show your entries twice in one day!
Contact the Morris County 4-H Office for further information and registration forms

NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium
Saturday March 31, 2012
Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Cook College
Round House - College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ
- Sessions Geared To Youth and Adults
- $12.00 per person for all day programs – this includes lunch
- $5.00 per person for rabbits – Morning program ONLY!
- Sessions on Rabbits, Equine, Dairy and Small Ruminants
- Registrations Due By: March 15, 2012
Contact the Morris County 4-H Office for further information and registration forms

Plan Ahead For 4-H Summer Camp
L.G. Cook camp is already getting ready for you this summer. Are you ready? Log onto www.nj4camp.rutgers.edu to enroll early. All the forms and information parents need will be right on the website to download. The camp is located off RT 206 in Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ. Early enrollment helps ensure your choice of activities. The camp is for those who have completed third grade through tenth grade. Camp begins on July 2nd and continues through mid-August. This year camp weeks will have themes which include: Patriot Week, Down on the Farm, Decade Week, Everyday is a Holiday, Chaos Week, and Book Week. The basic camp fee for one week is $500, but there are some discounts for 4-H members, military families and early-birds. A special Teen Week will be held on August 22-27. Campers must be 14 by 1/1/12 and no older than 17 by 8/13/12. See you in the summer!!!
ATTENTION
CLUB REPORTERS
DISCOVERIES DEADLINE FOR
SPRING 2012 ISSUE IS
Thursday, March 15th
CLUB WRITE-UPS & PHOTOS
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED
Email 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu

Birth Announcement

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

Congratulations to all!

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4-H Rutgerscience Saturday - Astronomy

Sponsored by the Food Science Department

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

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

NEW JERSEY BLUEBIRD SOCIETY ORGANIZES TO BENEFIT BLUEBIRDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4-Footed Leaders
Hope LeFrances
Kyle Fillebrown
Martha Bardin
Claire Dempsey
Melissa Baumgartner
Kate Baumgartner
Ginny Haven

Amazing Artists
Kate Dollar
Carrie Davis

Phoenix Horses
Laura Graham

Teen Council
Rachel Lyons
Lily and Tommy Lyons
Mike Baumgartner
Pat Baumgartner

4-H Board members
Matt Pomel
Bev Hahn

Guests
Amanda Ward
Jo and Rachel Wade
Association Holiday Party Recap

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

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

Election Results

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Become a club guest speaker!

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

Speaker’s Bureau

Morris County 4-H

Name:______________________________________
I would like to tell 4-H club kids about______________
_____________________________________________
I am interested in working with kids in grades:
___K—3  ___ 4-8  ___ 8-12  (Check all that apply)
You can contact me at:
(Phone)_____________________________________
(Email)_____________________________________
**Sciencesational Day**

**Call for Workshop Proposals**

**SCIENCE-SATIONAL DAY—March 31, 2012**

Be prepared to present your workshop to a group of 10-20 youth. There will be three 50 minute sessions, with several workshops being presented at each time. You will be asked to present your workshop 1-3 times.

1. **Lead Facilitator**
   - youth
   - adult

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

- Grades K-6
- Grades 1-3
- Grades 4-6

3. **Workshop Title**

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

   - **Workshop Objectives:** list the knowledge and/or skills workshop participants will learn.
   - **Detailed Description:** what exactly will happen during your workshop (an outline or list of activities). Please be as detailed as possible.

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

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

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

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

**Name:** Rachel Lyons

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4-H Scholarships and National Trips

**Lance Corporal Andrew W. Lubrano 4-H Scholarship**

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

**Seeing Eye Scholarship**

The Seeing Eye offers an annual scholarship to recognize members in the Seeing Eye Puppy Raiser Program with a $1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. This scholarship is open to high school seniors that have raised two or more puppies, the second having been during the junior or senior year of school. Students can be currently raising their second puppy. Applications will be available in late January from Seeing Eye leaders.

**Citizenship Washington Focus**

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

**National 4-H Congress**

This trip brings 4-H delegates together from all over the country. Youths grades 9-12 can apply. Visit [www.national4-hcongress](http://www.national4-hcongress) for more info. Applications due in April. Trip planned for Nov 23–29, 2012.
Show Off Your Photography Skills!

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

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

Morris County 4-H Office
P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07960
ATT: Discoveries Photos

NEW YEAR’S CLUB RESOLUTION

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

Be the Change

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

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

President: Alin Bojkovic
Vice President: Allie Waldron
Secretary: Cait Brunner
Treasurer: Pat DeBiasse
Health Officer: Zach Becker

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

January 25th
February 25th
March 22nd

- by Caitlyn Brunner

Dogs R’ Us

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

- by Kate Dodge
Radical Rocketeers

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

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

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

Knit-Wits

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

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

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

4-H Leaders Years of Service

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

Congratulations to all!!!

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

Welcome New Club Leaders

Dorothy Velez
4-H Cloverbud Club

James Scanlan
Claybusters

Peter Corea
Karing Kids

Robin McWilliams
Clogging Club
Awards Night

Clover Awards Winners

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

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

DOGS R’ US
Monique Bourgeois
Erin DeBiasse
Kate Dodge
Danny Kinskey-Lebeda
Kent Sanchez
Morgan Sanchez

PUPPY TAILS
Neil MacIntyre
Miranda Meade
Riley Poskitt
Allison Waldron
Samantha Zarzycki

4-FOOTED LEADERS
Katelyn Baumgartner
Hayden Kaye
Alexandra Lion

CONGRATULATIONS 4-Hers!!
Awards Night

FEATHERED FRIENDS
Stephanie Landis
Grace Monteleone
Elizabeth Verge
Clayton Zdroik

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

Clover Awards Winners

KNITS WITS
Alison Lee
Jamie Mayor
Nishi Naik

CONGRATULATIONS
4-Hers!!

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

HERPETOLOGY HEROES
Gena Blewett
Jacob Harris
Mikayla Harris
Anna Sikes
William Sikes
Wade Zdroik
Awards Night

Special County Awards

ACHIEVEMENT
GRADES 4—8
Stephanie Landis of Feathered Friends
Clayton Zdroik of Feathered Friends
Kate Dodge of Dogs R Us

ACHIEVEMENT
GRADES 9-13
Kristen Maegerlein of Buckaneers
Christopher Blewett of Nature’s Keepers
Jacob Harris of Herpetology Heroes
William Sikes of Herpetology Heroes
Zach Becker for Teen Leadership
Caitlyn Brunner for Teen Leadership
Patrick DeBiasse for Teen Leadership
Michael Baumgartner for Teen Leadership

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
GRADES 4-8
Grace Monteleone of Feathered Friends
Elizabeth Verge of Feathered Friends
Erin DeBiasse of Dogs R Us

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
GRADES 9-13
Victoria Peterson of Buckaneers
Kristen Maegerlein of Buckaneers
Melanie Kolacy of Teen Council
Jacob Harris of Herpetology Heroes
William Sikes of Herpetology Heroes

Scrapbook

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD
4-Footed Leaders

Record Book

CLUB TREASURER’S RECORD BOOK
Dogs R’ Us
Awards Night

Special Awards

CLARA R. FARST AWARD
Michael Baumgartner

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR
Mike Lynch

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST
Best in Show     Honorable Mention
Dog’s R’ Us     Feathered Friends
Participating Clubs
4-Footed Leaders, Radical Rocketeers, Phoenix Horses, Knit Wits

FAIR THEME & YEARBOOK COVER WINNER
Kristin Maegerlein

LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW W. LUBRANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Tessa Masi

WORK & WIN WINNER
Kelly Maegerlein
Awards Night

State and National Events

STATE 4-H DOG BOWL
Kent Sanchez
Morgan Sanchez
Kate Dodge

STATE SMALL ANIMAL SHOW
Jacob Harris
Mikayla Harris
Kristen Maegerlein
Billy Sikes

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW
Kate Dodge
Danny Kinskey-Lebeda
Kent Sanchez
Karen Migell

BECOMING AN OUTDOOR FAMILY CAMP
Scott Ellis
Patrick Lundell
Gary Rauco
Billy Small
Brian Scanlan
Danny Scanlan
David Wales

NJ 4-H/OMK LEADERSHIP CAMPOUT
Katelyn Baumgartner
Patrick Baumgartner
Allison Waldron

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
Maya Epelbaum

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

STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
Carly Ellis
Jake Harris
Reilly McWilliams
Amanda Pittigher
Samantha Zarzycki
Awards Night

Fair Photo Contest

1st Place
Grade 4-8
Erin DeBiasse
“Girl with Rat”

1st Place
Adult Winner
Blaine Handzus
Julianne Handzus

Best
In Show
Blaine Handzus
Julianne Handzus

And The Runners Up Are...

Grades 4-8
2nd place-
Kate Dodge
“Morgan and her Chickens”
3rd place-
Erin DeBiasse
“Alpaca”

Adult
2nd place-
Michael Dodge
Katharine & Jesse
3rd place -
MaryEllen DeBiasse
“Photography Contest”

Adult
Honorable Mention
Karen Kolacy
“All Wet”
Awards Night

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

Holiday Card
Contest Participants
Jamie Mayor
Maddy King
Daphne King
Annie Matney

Our Picatinny 4-H members
Jaden
Jaya
Christian
Gabriel
Jerry
Katie
Alyssa
Kandre
Cecilee
Alexia
Gunner
Matthew
Andrew
Deborah
Alyssa
Jerry
Rachel
Matthew
Jacey

Thank you to all that entered!

Cloverbud Graduates

Alexander Rianhard
Amy Roberts
Bryce Tanis
Hannah Koncsol
Kyle White
As I taught this to my 4-H group the previous year I knew I could do it, but I had to find my notes first. Several weeks before the big day, I sat down in front of my computer around ten o’clock at night, believing that I could find my notes within fifteen minutes. After fifteen minutes, I was unable to find them. After another forty-five minutes of squinting under the intense light of my desk lamp, I finally found them. Whew!

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

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

My first session had ten kids. They were all wired to make trebuchets. While everyone had enough time to build their trebuchets, they did not have enough time to test fire their trebuchets as we had some technical difficulty. However they all had fun. During my lunch break I revised my directions and prepped several difficult pieces so that the process would run smoother.

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

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

Project Book Awards

Grades 4-8

Dog Care and Training Record Book
  Katherine Dodge
  Erin DeBiasse
Best Dog Care and Training Record Keeper -
  Katherine Dodge

Poultry Record Book
  Grace Monteleone
  Elizabeth Verge
  Stephanie Landis
  Clayton Zdroik
Best Poultry Record Keeper -
  Clayton Zdroik

Horse Record Book
  Rebecca Dimichino
Best Horse Record Keeper -
  Rebecca Dimichino

Small Animal Record Book
  Nadine Ghebreal

Leadership Record Book
  Carly Ellis
  Patrick Baumgartner
  Gena Blewett
Best Leadership Record Keeper -
  Gena Blewett

Grades 9-13

Seeing Eye Record Book
  Katelyn Baumgartner (2)
  Alison Waldron
Best Seeing Eye Record Keeper -
  Katelyn Baumgartner

Small Animal Record Book
  Kristen Maegerlein
  Victoria Peterson
Best Small Animal Record Keeper -
  Kristen Maegerlein

Herpetology Record Book
  Christopher Blewett
  Jacob Harris
  William Sikes
Best Herpetology Record Keeper -
  Jacob Harris

Horse Record Book
  Sarah Dimichino

General Record Book, focused on Drama
  Rachael Dimichino
Best Record Keeper for Drama -
  Rachael Dimichino
Awards Night

Project Book Awards

Grades 9-13

(Continued)

Teen Leadership Record Book

Michael Baumgartner
Anthony Cordero
Patrick DeBiasse
Maya Epelbaum (2)
Christopher Blewett (2)
Jacob Harris
Sravani Nanduri
Brittney Forrest
Zach Becker
Jennifer Wells
Caitlyn Bruner (2)
Melanie Kolacy

Best Record Keeper for Teen Leadership -
Chris Blewett
Morris County 4-H Fair July 19, 20, 21, 22, 2012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for your help.
After the Holidays Clean Up

Children's Country Store Items Needed

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

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

Fair Theme Cover Design Contest

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

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

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

Attention All Clubs!

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

Be creative, just remember to use a 8 1/2 “ by 11” piece of paper and include a 1/2 inch border around the edges.
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Morris County 4-H presents

Science-Sational Day

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

Ready, SET, Go Science!
The day will start with a presentation by a MAD SCIENTIST! These awesome experiments and demonstrations will shock and surprise you!

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

Schedule for Science-Sational Day

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