Morris County 4-H Awards Night 2014

Congratulations to everyone!!

A great time was had by everyone at the 2014 Awards Night celebration at the American Legion Hall in Whippany on Friday, November 14. Over 250 youth members, club leaders, volunteers, friends, and family were in attendance to applaud all of our 4-H members for their hard work over the past year.

Over 330 awards and certificates were presented to our 4-H members, leaders and volunteers! See all the awards beginning on Page 15.

New Changes to the 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process

The New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program is committed to offering high quality educational experiences for young people. Effective Fall 2014, the 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process will include criminal background checks and youth protection training. This process has been designed for the purpose of protecting the young people served by the New Jersey 4-H program as well as volunteers, employees and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

In accordance to the updated Rutgers Protection of Minors Policy, 4-H clubs will require at least two adult leaders to complete the 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process, the Rutgers Protection of Minors training, and pass a criminal background check. Current 4-H club leaders have been instructed on the next steps to meet these requirements. New 4-H club leaders will complete the requirements during their initial appointment process.

The 4-H office is available to answer any questions you may have regarding these changes. We appreciate your support through this important transition.
Dear 4-H Families,

The Morris County 4-H staff wishes you a healthy and Happy New Year. 2015 will be filled with lots of exciting opportunities to get involved with activities outside of your 4-H club. This issue of Discoveries is filled with news about special training opportunities and upcoming 4-H county and state events. There are also 4-H club reports from our members and leaders. 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!

Kathy Murarik                       Kelly Dziak                       Donna Pomel
RCE educational programs are open and accessible to all. If special accommoda-
tions are needed, please contact the 4-H office.
Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

We are pleased to report that our Fall Paper Clover Campaign was a huge success! Morris County’s total sales for the campaign held at Tractor Supply in Flanders was a record breaking $522! Of that amount, Morris County 4-H has received a check for $339, with the remaining amount going to State and National 4-H. 100% of the money raised goes directly to 4-H. A very special thank you to Jim Newquist for manning the table for countless hours and promoting 4-H! Thank you to all 4-H members, club leaders, and families who represented their clubs at the store.

4-H Teen Winter Camp

January 23-25, 2015

Winter camp is a great getaway for teens in grades 9-13. 4-Hers from Morris, Salem, Gloucester and Mercer Counties enjoy sledding, hiking, crafting, singing, playing games, and making new friends at L.G Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. On Friday night, teens play icebreaker games. Saturday is spent exploring the various camp activities. Space is limited, so get your application in early. The cost for the weekend is $65.00 and includes meals. Registration deadline is Jan. 14th.

4-H State Model Horse Show

January 24, 2015
(Deadline: Jan. 17th)

4-H horse club members are invited to attend this unique event. What’s a model horse show? The goal is to take the specific action of a live horse, freeze it in time and portray it in model size. Realism and correctness are the intent. This event is located at the Middlesex County 4-H Center, East Brunswick, NJ. Visit http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/modelhorseshow/ to learn more.

State 4-H Avian Bowl

February 28, 2015

The 4-H Avian Bowl is a double elimination contest for teams patterned after other knowledge bowls. Teams consist of 2-4 members per team for both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Contestants must have a comprehensive knowledge of subject matter for several species of poultry, food safety, physiology, nutrition, eggs and other related subjects. Learn more by visiting http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/avian-bowl/.
Rutgerscience Saturday!
February 7, 2015

Explore the fascinating world of microbes at this hands-on science experience at Rutgers University. Participants in grades 5-8 will discover the amazing properties of microbes, their benefits to humans, and where they can be found. Space is limited. Register at http://4hset.rutgers.edu/calendar/.

4-H State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Educational Symposium
February 28, 2015

4-H members involved in the rabbit, cavy, small animal, herpetology and poultry 4-H project areas will participate in a variety of educational events all in one day. Activities and events planned include: rabbit hopping contest, art show, avian bowl, animalology quiz bowl, skill-a-thon stations, reptile workshop, and poultry and rabbit showmanship workshops. Visit http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/events/ to learn more.

North Jersey Teen Conference
March 13-15, 2015

This conference is open to all 4-H teens in grades 8-13 throughout northern New Jersey. The conference is planned and run through a partnership of 4-H teens and adults. This year’s theme is “4-H World’s Fair.”

The conference will focus on connecting participants with world cultures, foods, and ideas. Workshops and group programs will include interactive and hands-on activities. This is a great opportunity for 4-H teens to strengthen their leadership skills and meet new friends. Contact the 4-H office to learn more. Registration deadline is Jan. 30. Registration materials will be available online shortly.

Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade
March 14, 2015

Join in the fun by marching with your 4-H club in the Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade! Members are encouraged to dress up and march with their club banner. Have an idea for the 4-H float? Be sure to join the 4-H float committee. Interested in marching or serving on the 4-H float committee? Contact the 4-H office at 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu or 973-285-8301.
**Discover the Leader in You!**

**March 21, 2015**

4-H members in grades 6-8th will have fun, meet new friends and develop leadership and personal development skills that they can utilize at home, in school, in their 4-H club, and in their community. The conference will be held at Rutgers University Cook Campus in New Brunswick. Contact the 4-H office for more information!

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**7th Annual Morris County 4-H Sciencesational Day**

**March 28, 2015**

Get ready for fun with science! Youth in grades K-6th are invited to the County College of Morris for a day of hands-on scientific discovery. Workshops are led by adult and teen volunteers with a passion for science. Volunteers are needed to run workshops, assist with registration, help guide participants, and answer parents’ questions. Contact the 4-H office to sign-up!

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**Rutgers Day & 4-H State Dog Show**

**April 25, 2015**

10:00-4:00pm

Enjoy animal shows, garden and nature tours, live performances, lectures from scientists, programming for children and so much more! Cheer on the Morris County 4-H dog club members at the 4-H State Dog Show. The show will be held on the Cook Campus. Visit www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu.

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**4-H Summer Camp Registration Now Open!**

**Early Bird Registration Ends March 14, 2015**

Since 1951, L.G. Cook 4-H Camp has offered hands-on learning for youth and families through a variety of traditional camp activities. Swimming, boating, hiking, crafting, shooting sports, and campfires are just some of the many activities available to campers. To learn more about 4-H Camp and to sign up for this year’s fun visit http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/.

- MICRO Camp — June 29th-July 3rd
- Vikings — July 6-11th
- Jurassic — July 13-18th
- Chaos! — July 20-25th
- Ol’ West — July 27-Aug. 1st
- Spys — Aug. 3-8th
- Camp Smorgasbord — Aug. 10-15th
This year Public Presentations will take place at the County College of Morris at 6:30pm. Presenters should arrive early to sign in on time. In anticipation of the event, it is strongly encouraged that you prepare in advance.

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 10. Public Presentation Day is scheduled for May 1, 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 in June held at Hickman Hall, Cook/Douglass Campus in New Brunswick.

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

May 1, 2015
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 10, 2015

Check which type of presentation you are giving:

- [ ] Demonstration
- [ ] Illustrated Talk
- [ ] Formal Speech
- [ ] Performing Arts

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, 2014.

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.
Science-sational Day

Call for Workshop Proposals

SCIENCE-SATIONAL DAY

March 28, 2015

Proposal Due Date: January 23, 2015

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, depending upon attendance.

1. Lead Facilitator □ youth □ adult

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Please add additional presenter names here.

__________________________________________________________________________ □ youth □ adult
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Science-Sational Day is for youth in grades K-6. Select the appropriate grades for your workshop.

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

3. Workshop Title

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 (plan 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 by January 31, 2014 to the Morris County 4-H Office. If you have questions, please contact the 4-H office.

Name: Kelly Dziak
Address: RCE of Morris County, PO Box 900., Morristown, NJ 07963
Phone 973-285-8300 x3  Email dziak@njaes.rutgers.edu  Fax 973-605-8195
We are pleased to report the election results for 2014:

Matthew Pomel, Donna Pomel, and Jim Trimble agreed to continue serving on the Board for another term.

The Association Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Debbie DeRosa as our newest member.

The 4-H Association got into the holiday spirit on Dec. 7th at the home of Board member Mic McWilliams and his wife Robin, leader of the Spotlight Cloggers 4-H Club. Everyone in attendance agreed that this special Leaders Appreciation get together was so nice and enjoyable. It was fun catching up on club news and program successes.

A brief meeting was held to recap Awards night; all agreed it was a success and we discussed different ideas to accommodate our growing attendance. The group then discussed the changes to the 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process. There were many suggestions for how the 4-H Association could support volunteers through the new process.

The meeting was followed by each leader and board member being presented with a holiday gift. In attendance were 17 Board members and 4-H Club leaders. A special thank you to Mic and Robin for opening their home to us. A good time was had by all!

Don’t let costs deter you from attending an event. The Morris County 4-H Association’s Board of Directors wants to support club members and volunteers interested in pursuing educational opportunities to grow themselves and the 4-H program.

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.

If you want to request financial support from the Association, please contact the Association president Glen Zdroik (portside2@yahoo.com) or the 4-H office.
4-H Holiday Caroling

Thanks to all 4-H Club members, leaders and family for participating in Holiday Caroling on December 7th. We had a wonderful time singing and visiting with the residents at Morris View Nursing Home. Everyone received a 4-H Holiday Card. A big thanks to our song leaders and group helpers! The cookies and treats were yummy. Thanks to all who attended!

4-Footed Leaders
Bonnielee DiCola
Marie Quinn
Mary Schaener
Ellen Trasente

Dogs R’ Us
Katherine Dodge
Corrine Rybarski
Morgan Sanchez

Herpetology Heroes
Mikayla Harris
Anna Sikes

Knit Wits
Janet Dodge

Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Pamela Krijger
Emma Krijger
Jacob Krijger
Peter Krijger
William Krijger

Nature’s Keepers
Dan Dokus
Gabriel Dokus
Lynne Dokus
Jane Ellis
Alejandro Jimenez
Carlos Jimenez
Eliana Jimenez
Yolanda Jimenez
Samantha Zarzycki

Puppy Tails
Bill Brunner
Nancy Brunner

Teen Council
Kelly Dziak

Wing Nuts
Caitlin James
Gemma James
Katherine James

Board Members
Mic McWilliams
Donna Pomel

Guests
Josie
Nancy
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 his love and respect for family. Applications are available from your leader or the 4-H office. Entry deadline is 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 6-12. It is a great experience for teens in grades 9-12. Check out the website at: 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 in grades 9-12 can apply. Visit www.national4-hcongress for more info. Applications are due in April. The trip is planned for Thanksgiving week-end.
ATTENTION CLUB REPORTERS
Discoveries Deadline for Spring 2015 Issue is Friday, March 13
Club news & photos are greatly appreciated
Please submit your club news to 4hmorris@njaes.rutgers.edu

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 our clubs and this is a great way to do it.

Buckaneers
The Buckaneers were happy to meet back up this September. They enjoyed a Halloween party in October with both animals and the members in costume.

For the holidays they made a gingerbread house for the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. They had a special meeting to put the house together which was baked by Jenna Muselik. The club also had a holiday party with a gift exchange for both 2 footed members and 4 footed animals.— Submitted by Johanna Pipoli

Wing Nuts
The Wing Nuts visited Rockport Pheasant farm and learned a lot and had a great time. The Wing Nuts also had a farewell party for club leaders Rob and Julie Kibbe before their big move to Kentucky. The members brought chicken themed gifts and cards. We all wish them good luck in their new home. Many members participated in the holiday caroling party in December.— Submitted by Johanna Pipoli

Dogs ‘R’ Us
At the annual Halloween Party at Morris View Nursing Home, everyone (including the dogs) came dressed up in costumes. We had a parade and then visited with some of the residents.

Shutterbugs
The new Shutterbug club is off to a good start. We have many good members and great leadership. We have recently learned about composition and are enjoying presenting our photos. Come visit us at the Morris County library and discover this new club or look for us taking your picture at many 4-H events!— Submitted by Johanna Pipoli
Puppy Tails

Our first fall club activity was a train ride from Dover to Morris Plains, where we all walked to Friendly's restaurant and had snacks and ice cream while our puppies rested quietly under the tables. It was great for our puppies to ride public transportation and practice laying quietly with each other under the restaurant tables. In early September some club members participated in The Seeing Eye Doggie Dash event; they were part of demonstrations and contests, and members enjoyed meeting Seeing Eye graduates with their families and dogs. Our members and puppies spent many fun hours at Tractor Supply during 4-H week, answering questions and showing off our club display. Club members and puppies also did a demo at the Boy Scout Camporee, enjoyed a hay ride and pumpkin picking at Stony Hill Farms, walked in the East Hanover parade in October, and held a club meeting at the YMCA one Tuesday night. The dogs who attended were exposed to many different things: exercise machines, weight machines, crowded gymnasiums, and being surrounded by people engaged in physical activity. Many new puppies have joined the club, including two standard poodle puppies; being newly introduced to The Seeing Eye program, the puppies are certainly something new! - Submitted by Miranda Meade

Morris Marksmen

In September three senior club members participated the NJ State 4-H Air Rifle competition. It was hard work to get there and a great experience. A month later, the same three senior club members attended the NJ State 4-H Archery competition. Though the day became windy and made for difficult shooting, the members involved had a fun and active day at the competition. The events included field archery, FITA archery ranging from 30, 40, 50 and 60 yards, and 3-D archery. Newly introduced to field and 3-D archery, the competitors were interested to learn how these events ran and gained the knowledge of how to do them for future competitions. Many parent volunteers and an eligible member volunteer attended a three day 4-H training workshop to become certified and junior certified instructors to allow for the addition of new members, including an archery only group. Qualifying members began shooting .22 rifles, adding one more fun experience to the overall activity of the club. For Halloween the club hosted a pumpkin shoot, where members used pumpkins as targets for both archery and air rifle. This was a popular and fun event for all club members. —Submitted by Miranda Meade
Around The County Club News

National 4-H Highlights Local Members

Recognize these smiling faces? That’s because they are Morris County 4-H members Parris Johnson and Maria Russell. Many of our county’s 4-H members took part in a photo shoot hosted by National 4-H in spring 2014. Since then, pictures of several New Jersey 4-Hers have been displayed on the National 4-H website, including Parris and Maria. Morris County 4-H is thrilled to have had so many of our members selected for the photo shoot and to now see our own members representing 4-H on the national level. Congratulations Parris and Maria!

Awards Night

Teen Leadership

Caitlyn Brunner—Teen Council
Kimberly Cronin—Teen Council
Nadine Ghebreal—Buckaneers
Mikayla Harris—Herpetology Heroes
Jessie McLaughlin—Buckaneers
Miranda Meade—Puppy Tails
Shannon Rauter—Teen Council
Maria Russell—Buckaneers

Jr. Shooting Instructors

Patrick Grenz—Claybusters
Ethan Hamilton—Morris Marksmen
Miranda Meade—Morris Marksmen
Danny Scanlan—Claybusters

Teen Shotgun Instructors

Gary Rauco, Jr.—Claybusters
Billy Small—Claybusters
Brian Scanlan—Claybusters
## Awards Night

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Congratulations “4-Her of the Year”

4-Her of the Year is awarded to an outstanding 4-H member who has shown deep commitment and significant involvement in the 4-H program through club, county, state and national activities. The recipient also demonstrates leadership and service to others through their 4-H involvement. For these reasons, the Kimberly Cronin was recognized as the 2014 4-Her of the Year.

For the past four years, Kim has been a 4-H member of the Be the Change and Teen Council clubs. She has served as club Secretary and is currently the club President for Teen Council. Kim has supported the Morris County 4-H program by leading workshops at the annual Science-sational Day, serving as a room hostess at Public Presentations, volunteering as a summer intern at the 4-H office, and assisting 4-H Fair judges as the Crafts Division chairperson.

In addition, Kim has served on the North Jersey Teen Conference planning committee and presented a workshop at last year’s conference. On the national level, she has represented Morris County at the National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus and was selected to attend National 4-H Congress later this month. Her leaders describe Kim as a “hard-working, intelligent, and delightful young lady who excels in anything she puts her mind to.”

Congratulations 2014 4-H Member of Year, Kimberly Cronin!
Hats off & Kudos

Congratulations “I Dare You” Award Winners

The “I Dare You” Award was created by William Danforth in 1941 to recognize young people who have demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership. The award recipients strive to achieve their highest potential and positively influence others through their service. For these reasons, the 2014 “I Dare You” Award recipients are Clayton Zdroik and Shannon Rauter.

Clayton began his 4-H career five years ago when he joined the Feathered Friends club and recently joined the Teen Council club. He has served both clubs as Treasurer and has worked with club leaders to develop budgets, prepare financial reports, and create reimbursement forms. Clayton has also served as Secretary for Feathered Friends and participated in many community service events in both clubs. Clayton has represented Morris County at the state level at Winter Camp and the North Jersey Teen Conference. He currently serves on the NJTC planning committee and plans to lead a workshop at this year’s conference. Clayton's enthusiasm for 4-H, dedication to make the best better, and welcoming attitude make him a valued member of the Morris County 4-H program.

Shannon recently joined Morris County 4-H as a dedicated member of the Teen Council 4-H club. Over the past year, she has rejuvenated the role of Health Officer in Teen Council, coordinated the club's recruitment party, and served as a room hostess at the county Public Presentations. Shannon was selected to represent Morris County at the National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus this past summer. This spring, she will again represent Morris County at the National 4-H Conference. Shannon's club leaders say that "her dedication and enthusiasm is contagious and greatly appreciated not only by her leaders, but by her fellow club members."

Congratulations 2014 “I Dare You” Award winners, Clayton Zdroik and Shannon Rauter!
Awards Night

4-FOOTED LEADERS
Claire Dempsey
Mark Dempsey
Caleb Fornes

AMAZING ARTISTS
Kate Dollar
Carrie Davis

BUCKANEERS
Danielle Doherty
Heather Doherty
Kiera Foley
Nadine Ghebreal
Noelle Ghebreal
Arianne Grevesen
Payton Grevesen
Michael Grilli
Abigail Heinrich
Jessie McLaughlin
Jenna Muszelik
Jenna Muszelik
Angela Nicolaou
Johanna Pipoli
Maria Russell
Cassandra Verge
Elizabeth Verge

CLAYBUSTERS
Kevin Cronin
Kate Dollar
Patrick Grenz
Katrina Heller
Kurt Heller
John Mongrella
Gary Raucy, Jr.
Devin Sambogna
Ian Santucci
Brian Scanlan
Danny Scanlan
Billy Small
Charlie Trigger
Anthony Warga
Jake Wohltman

DOGS R’ US
Erin DeBiasse
Katharine Dodge
Corrine Rybarski
Kent Sanchez
Morgan Sanchez
Sammi Sternstein
Erin Tlack
Kyle Wittemore

FEATHERED FRIENDS
Amelia Alfano
Christopher DeRosa
Cameron Hallihan
Devin Hallihan
Logan Hallihan
Shauna Hudson
Jacob Krijger
Stephanie Landis
Elizabeth Monteleone
Grace Monteleone
Olivia Monteleone
Jenna Olsen
Skye Olsen
Maria Russell
Charlize Sinko
Ashley Tirone
Cassandra Verge
Elizabeth Verge
Kadyn Young
Clayton Zdroik

HERPETOLOGY HEROES
Jesse Harris
Mikayla Harris
Wyatt Harris
Anna Sikes
Billy Sikes
Ruby Sikes
Elizabeth Verge

JUST KID ‘N’ AROUND
Jacob Krijger
Charlize Sinko
Cassandra Verge
Elizabeth Verge

KNITS WITS
Mia Hwang
Awards Night

Nature’s Keepers
Charles Becker
Gena Blewett
Gabriel Dokus
Johnny Eckert
Carly Ellis
Eliana Jimenez
Melissa Joseph
Jennifer Kellam
Katie Kellam
Maximillian Lorentz
Harris Mikula
Katerina VanHeerden
Gage Weckenmann
Samantha Zarzycki

Puppy Tails
Gregory Allen
Jessica Allen
Sarah Allen
Katie Drury
Paul Ehmann
Elizabeth Kaufmann
Miranda Meade
Chiara Ricupero
Giovanni Ricupero
Jennifer Spadola
Robert Tagliaferio

Morris Marksmen
Kate Dollar
Jason Fiumefreddo
Justin Fiumefreddo
Ethan Hamilton
Seth Hamilton
Elizabeth Kaufmann
Miranda Meade

Wing Nuts
Jacob Fugger
Sadie Hoberman
Gemma James
Galen Martin
June Perigo
Elizabeth Scheibner

Teen Council
Katelyn Baumgartner
Charlie Becker
Caitlyn Brunner
Kimberly Cronin
Benton Cheng
Halle Damiano
Erin DeBiasse
Katharine Dodge
Jason Fiumefreddo
Mary Johnson
Parris Johnson
June Perigo
Shannon Rauter
Maria Russell
Clayton Zdroik
Awards Night

ACHIEVEMENT
GRADES 4–8
Christopher DeRosa of Feathered Friends
Devon Hallihan of Feathered Friends
Shauna Hudson of Feathered Friends
Jacob Krijger of Feathered Friends
Jenna Muszelik of Buckanears
Cassandra Verge of Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Cassandra Verge of Feathered Friends
Elizabeth Verge of Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Hanna Vivian of Buckanears
Kadyn Young of Feathered Friends

ACHIEVEMENT
GRADES 9–13
Kimberly Cronin of Teen Council
Miranda Meade of Morris Marksmen
Miranda Meade of Puppy Tails
Morgan Sanchez of Dogs ‘R Us
Clayton Zdroik of Feathered Friends

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
GRADES 4–8
Jacob Krijger of Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Charlize Sinko of Feathered Friends
Charlize Sinko of Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Erin Tlack of Dogs ‘R Us
Elizabeth Verge of Feathered Friends
Elizabeth Verge of Herpetology Heroes

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
GRADES 9–13
Mark Dempsey of 4-Footed Leaders
Jason Fiumefreddo of Teen Council
Justin Fiumefreddo of Teen Council
Mikayla Harris of Herpetology Heroes
Parris Johnson of Teen Council
Shannon Rauter of Teen Council
Maria Russell of Feathered Friends
Corrine Rybarski of Dogs ‘R Us
Anna Sikes of Herpetology Heroes

CLUB SCRAPBOOK AWARD
Buckaneers 4-H Club

CLUB SECRETARY’S BOOK AWARD
Kimberly Cronin of Teen Council

INDIVIDUAL SCRAPBOOK AWARD
Parris Johnson of Teen Council

CLUB TREASURER’S BOOK AWARD
Kate Dodge of Dogs R’ Us
Awards Night

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

Best in Show
Teen Council
Honorable Mention
Puppy Tails

WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST
Also Participating:
Buckaneers
Dogs ’R Us
Feathered Friends
Feathers Together
Just Kid ‘n’ Around
Lil’ Squealers
Morris Marksmen

Great job, 4-Hers!
# Awards Night

## State and National Events

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**FRIEND of 4-H**
Anthony & Sons Bakery

**FAIR ‘WORK AND WIN’ WINNER**
Amie DiCola

**SEEING EYE BEST FRIEND AWARD**
Robert Tagliaferio

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER INTERNS**
Kimberly Cronin
Jason Fiumefreddo
Justin Fiumefreddo
Ingrid Witty

**2014 HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST WINNER**
Cassandra Verge

**Holiday Card Contest Participants**

| Zoya Bharadwaj | Shane Oblen |
| Cameron Cruger | Jenna Olsen |
| Devon Hallihan | Johanna Pipoli |
| Logan Hallihan | Michael Pipoli |
| Shauna Hudson  | Charlize Sinko |
| Emma Krijger   | Kailey Sinko |
| Jacob Krijger  | Lena Stein |
| Brandon Lauchnor | Elizabeth Verge |
| Kayla Mlynarski | Kadyn Young |

*Thank you to all that entered!*
Awards Night

Fair Photo Contest

Grades 4-8
1st Place
Kailey Sinko
“Rosanne and Dairy Queen”

2nd Place
Charlize Sinko
“Sammy and Tinkerbell”

3rd Place
Kailey Sinko
“Charlize Sinko with Keaneae Sinko”

Honorable Mention
Charlize Sinko
“Shane and Oley”

Grades 9-13
1st Place
Julia Kolacy
“Rabbit Petting”

2nd Place
Erin DeBiasse
“Girl Holding Rabbit”

3rd Place
Julia Kolacy
“Rabbit Petting at Cloverbud Corner”

Honorable Mention
Erin DeBiasse
“3D Firework”
Awards Night

Fair Photo Contest

Adult

1st Place
Robin Ghebreal
“Noah and the 4-H Clover”

3rd place
Blaine Handzus
“Goat Kisses”

2nd Place
Caroline Hwang
“Bundles of Love”

Honorable Mention
Beata Papp
“Chick Magnets”

Best In Show
Robin Ghebreal
“Noah and the 4-H Clover”
# Awards Night

## Project Book Awards

### Cloverbud Participation
- Ashley Braunstein
- Cameron Cruger
- Emma Krijger
- Emmalee Miller
- Kailey Sinko

### Grades 4-8

#### Dog Care and Training
- Erin DeBiasse
- Erin Tlack
* Best Record Keeper: Erin DeBiasse *

#### General Purpose
- Tyler Braunstein

#### Goats
- Jacob Krijger
- Charlize Sinko
- Cassandra Verge
- Elizabeth Verge

#### Herpetology
- Cassandra Verge
- Elizabeth Verge

#### Poultry
- Chris DeRosa
- Devon Hallihan
- Logan Hallihan
- Jacob Krijger
- Jenna Olsen
- Skye Olsen
- Charlize Sinko
- Kadyn Young
* Best Record Keeper: Chris DeRosa *

### Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal
- Jenna Muszelik
- Cassandra Verge
- Elizabeth Verge
- Hannah Vivian
* Best Record Keeper: Jenna Muszelik *

#### Seeing Eye Puppy
- Chiara Ricupero
- Claire Dempsey
* Best Record Keeper: Chiara Ricupero *

#### Shooting Sports
- Sophia Cavallo
- Kate Dollar
- Nicholas Evans
- Olivia Evans
- Seth Hamilton
- Ethan Hamilton
* Best Record Keeper: Sophia Cavallo *

#### Teen Leadership
- Halle Damiano
- Erin DeBiasse
- Mary Johnson
- Parris Johnson
Awards Night

Project Book Awards

**GRADES 9-13**

**DOG CARE AND TRAINING**
Katharine Dodge
Morgan Sanchez
Corrine Rybarski

* Best Record Keeper: **Corrine Rybarski** *

**POULTRY**
Shauna Hudson
Maria Russell
Clayton Zdroik

**SEEING EYE PUPPY**
Mark Dempsey
Miranda Meade

* Best Record Keeper: **Miranda Meade** *

**SHOOTING SPORTS**
Miranda Meade

* Best Record Keeper: **Miranda Meade** *

**TEEN LEADERSHIP**
Kimberly Cronin
Jason Fiumefreddo
Justin Fiumefreddo
Shannon Rauter

* Best Record Keeper: **Shannon Rauter** *

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

4-H’ers!!

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Community Service Award

**Placing over 400 Flags on Veteran’s Graves**

Kevin Cronin
Kate Dollar
Patrick Grenz
Katrina Heller
Kurt Heller
John Mongrella
Devin Sambogna
Ian Santucci
Charlie Trigger
Anthony Warga
Jake Wohltman
Awards Night
Awards Night
My name is Charlize Sinko. I am 11 years old and this is my 5th year in 4-H. The 4-H clubs that I belong to are Feathered Friends, Just Kid ‘n’ Around, and Bow Benders. The most important thing I learned in 4-H this year in Feathered Friends is that one act of kindness can change the world.

Did you know that the chickens that lay eggs for the supermarket are treated terribly? They are debeaked and detoed without any pain medication. The hens never see sunshine, grass or even are able to stretch their wings. After two years of living in these horrible conditions the hens are killed.

Ever since I heard about how horrible the hens are treated I decided to get a rescue hen, and I would tell everyone not to buy “sweat shop” eggs. I did a lot of research and could not find a local rescue group that had any chickens. I had almost given up on ever finding a rescue hen.

A few weeks later, I could not believe my eyes, on the news was a story of an anonymous donor who had paid over $50,000 to fly hens rescued from an egg laying factory in California to New York. I immediately went online to investigate that story.

The pictures were worse than I had imagined. Most of the hens were so sick they did not know if they would survive. Most were weak, malnourished and had many parasites. I knew I had to adopt some of these chickens. I found out the hens were going to the Farm Sanctuary in upstate New York.

Adopting the hens was not an easy task. The Farm Sanctuary had a rigorous adoption process that took many months, but I did not give up. Finally, on a snowy day in November, Antonia from the sanctuary drove our new hens to our house. At last, Peggy and Harriet had a loving home.

It is amazing what a little love and the right environment can do for an animal. Peggy and Harriet were beautiful. They had gained weight and were parasite free. They fit into our flock right away. It was like they had always been there.

I know there are many hens just like Harriet and Peggy that are suffering. It seems like the problem is so big nothing will make a difference, but what I have learned is that a small act can make a huge difference in the world. I know everyone had heard that before but I have really experienced it. Just look what it did for Harriet and Peggy and the thousands of hens rescued that day.
My 4-H Story

Morgan Sanchez
Grades 9-13

This year I matured through 4-H. I learned how truly fun volunteering can be, recognized the importance of “behind the scenes” contributions to projects, and improved how I handle my dog.

This year, at the county 4-H Fair I spent the entire time volunteering and had the best experience I’ve ever had. I announced, served food, displayed my animals, and helped in any way I could. Normally, I go on rides at the Fair, but this year I didn’t have time. I did at least one shift every day, and I participated in countless other activities. I had a blast. I had heard many times that volunteering was fun, but I had never had such an amazing experience as this year’s Fair to prove it. I even enjoyed picking up garbage after the Fair had closed.

This 4-H year, I also understood the importance of behind the scenes labor. At 4-H summer camp, I was introduced to the hardships of being a counselor for an entire summer. I realized how hard it can be to put on a happy face and create the fun for the kids no matter how you feel.

After my experience at camp, I appreciated all kinds of contributions and jobs that I never before saw as difficult. It really opened my eyes and inspired me to help people out as much as possible. I am also motivated to volunteer and contribute to the community as much as possible.

Finally, I learned to better handle my dog. He got first place in his classes this past year and I’m so proud of him. I hope to take on a leadership role in my club next year and support new members. This 4-H year has been great and I hope to make the best of my last few years in 4-H.

Morgan and friends served as announcers at the 2014 Morris County 4-H Fair.

Morgan and dog, Sampson, received BIS in several dog show classes at the 4-H Fair including Jr. Show.
**Fair Planning Meeting:** We're always looking for volunteers and new ideas for our annual 4-H Fair, 4 days of fun!

**Our first planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm.** If you are interested in playing a role in helping to make this year's Fair even better, **please come!** There's plenty of jobs to go around!! We look forward to seeing you there!

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### Goals of the Morris County 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 in Morris County.

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### Please Help out at the Fair

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

- **4-H Trivia Quiz Bowl Coordinator**
- **Small Animal Bowl Coordinator**
- **Children’s Country Store Manager**
- **Publicity Chairperson**
- **Cloverbud Corner Presenters**
- **Hospitality Station Manager**
- **Club Display & Banner Chairperson**
- **Crafts Division Chairperson**
- **Dress-a-Pet/Cage Coordinator**
- **Fine Art Division Chairperson**
- **Fair Customer Service Manager**
- **Literary Division Chairperson**
- **Fair Photographer**
- **Models Division Chairperson**
- **Fair Photo Contest Coordinator**
- **General Science Division Chairperson**
- **Hay Ride Driver**
- **Woodworking Division Chairperson**
- **Poster Paws Contest Coordinator**

**Call the 4-H Office at (973) 285-8301 if you can help!**

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### 4-H Fair Entry Book

**Attention all Division Chairs!**

Please review the rules for your division in the 2014 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 2015 Fair Entry Book.

If you need a copy of last year’s edition, visit our website [http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/Fair.html](http://morris.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/Fair.html).

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Dziak at 973 285-8312. We would like all changes to be in the 4-H office by April 1, 2015 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 at 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 saw a profit of over $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 Kathy at 973 285-8311 before delivering items to make arrangements with Kathy. This is also a fun place to volunteer for a three hour shift.

Fair Theme Cover Design Contest

The 2015 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 an 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, April 15th. The winner will be selected by the Fair Committee.

Attention All Clubs!

Don’t forget to start thinking about a Yearbook page.

The 4-H Yearbook is a great way to advertise your club at the Fair. Your page should include pictures of your club members, pictures of the project that your club does, and when and where your club meets. A contact name, number and email is also needed.

Be creative, just remember to use an 8 1/2” by 11” piece of paper and include a 1/2” border around the edges.