

From the Desk of the Agent

Morris County 4-H family suffered a tremendous loss in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Rich and Beth Everett, long time 4-H volunteers, were killed Monday night when a tree fell on their pickup truck.

Rich and Beth have four children, Zoe (19, a sophomore at Rutgers studying Animal Science), Talia (17), Theo (14) and Pierce (11), all four were/are 4-H members. Rich and Beth were both actively involved in supporting the county 4-H program. Rich served as Association President and Fair Chair for years. He also led the 4-H woodworking club in the past. Beth was currently nominated for a 4-H Board position. She could always be found helping out at the Fair wherever needed. Rich and Beth played a role in nearly every aspect of our county 4-H program. They were generous and thoughtful volunteers. Their gifts of time and talent to Morris County 4-H were immeasurable. They touched the lives of thousands in our area. Their service to our community extended beyond 4-H -

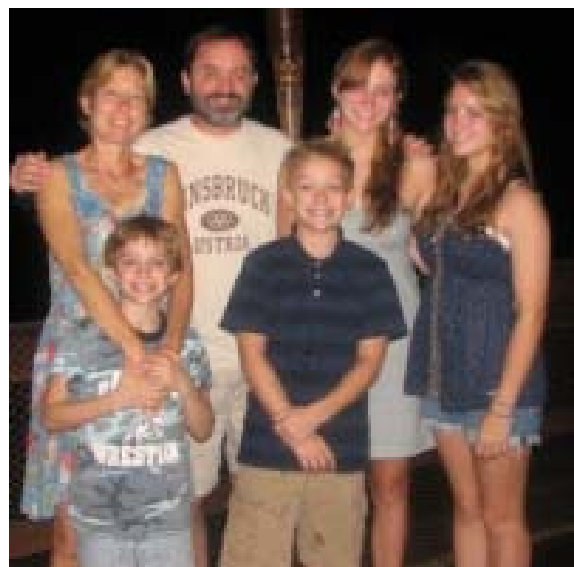
<http://www.dailyrecord.com/viewart/20121030/NJNEWS/310300011/Randolph-couple-killed-during-Hurricane-Sandy-touched-many-lives-> .

To donate directly to the family:

Everett Family Fund
c/o TD Bank
535 NJ Route 10
Randolph, NJ 07869

"My name is Zoe. Before Hurricane Sandy I was a typical 19-year-old student at Rutgers. But then came October 29th. I was studying for an exam, waiting out Hurricane Sandy and then I received a phone call. At 11pm on October 29th, I found out both of my parents had been killed.

They were driving the pickup truck home with my two little brothers sleeping in the back seat. A Hurricane Sandy gust blew a 100-foot tree on the cab of the truck killing both of my parents. My brothers made it out alive but with some bumps and bruises. I needed to get back home to take care of my 3 younger siblings (ages 17, 14 and 11). I finally made it to the hospital in the morning after battling with Hurricane Sandy all night. I was no longer your typical 19-year-old. A moment in time, a second of bad luck, changed my life and my sibling's lives forever."



Reminders



The Next 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 –at 7:30
At the 4-H Office

If you prefer a hard copy mailed to your address, please call the office and confirm your updated contact information so we can send you a paper copy. We will only send paper copies to those families that contact us. We hope that 4-H families take advantage of the Grapevine online and help us save the environment.

The Jr. Breeder loan program

a great program for young adults already participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest livestock loan. Contact the 4-H office for the forms and additional information.



Going to Rutgers????
Going to miss 4-H????
No Need! You can join the Collegiate 4-H Club!
They do much to support 4-H in NJ

Our Mission

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

Family Grapevine
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
Rutgers Cooperative Extension
165 County Route 519 South
Belvidere, NJ 07823
(908) 475-6502
www.warren4-h.org

Alayne J. Torretta, County 4-H Agent
Ruth Riedel, 4-H Program Assistant
Alex Zolla, 4-H Secretary

Council of Presidents

If you are elected as an officer in your club and are in grades 4-13, this meeting is for YOU! The next Council of Presidents meeting/training is Saturday, November 17 from 10 – 1pm at the 4-H office. The Council is the voice of the youth of 4-H!! Come have some fun, learn about Parliamentary Procedure, and share with others what your club is doing! One of the leadership roles the Council has taken on is meeting the 4-H community service requirement for Member in Good Standing Status.

The Council meets 4 times per year:

- Sat. Nov. 17, 2012
- Mon. Jan. 21, 2013
- Sat. May 4, 2013
- Sun. July 14, 2013

Note: Council members, please bring your completed website form to the November meeting. For another form or to R.S.V.P. contact Alayne Torretta
Torretta@rce.rutgers.edu



People want to know about your club online! We will also be posting a picture of your club. Take pictures of your club and vote on which one you want to put online at your next meeting



JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

What is the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility?
It's a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment.

Tell YOUR story at:
<http://www.4-h.org/about/revolution/>



Radical Rocketeers 4-H Club

Meets the 1st Saturday each month, (Except September), 10AM NE Branch Warren County library, Rt 46, Hackettstown.
Contact: Glenn 908-637-8499; email:
garmtn@centurylink.net ;
groups.yahoo.com/group/radicalrocketeers



A **free** way to earn money for 4-H!

GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50 percent of its sponsored search revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers — the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

Start searching Today!

Add our name before you search:
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County 4-H.



Do you know a 4-H'er who...

Has a passion for government, history, political science, working with youth, public speaking, or leadership? If so, encourage them to **apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center!**

Application deadlines are approaching soon, and we want to give **4-H alumni and Collegiate 4-Hers** an opportunity to make a difference during their spring or summer semester. Our PAs will be touching the lives of thousands of high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Wonders of Washington (WOW) or Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) programs in Washington, DC.

We are looking for individuals with at least a high school diploma (preferably some college experience) and a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership. If you know a college student looking for credit towards graduation, National 4-H Council will happily work with the student and the school to make this possible.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:

Wonders of Washington Program Assistant:
www.4hcenter.org/WOW-Program-Assistant
Application due November 16, 2012

Citizenship Washington Focus Program Assistant:
www.4hcenter.org/CWF-Program-Assistant
Application due January 16, 2013

4-H Camp sustained severe damage from the hurricane.

Get your club to head up on November 17th for an all day work day!

www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/

The camp is without power and water at the moment

WARREN COUNTY 4-H CAMPING TRIP

SEPTEMBER 2012



Eight Warren County 4-Hers and their families participated in a fun filled weekend at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in 2012



2012 4-H Achievement Night

Awards were presented at the annual Fall Festival on October 27th. Congratulations to everyone!

AGRICULTURE AWARD

Courtney Sodtalbers & Brittany Smith

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Stacey Giordano, Kaitlin Smith, Pier Semanchik & Brittany Smith

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rachel Danitz, Megan Lay, Brittany Smith & Stacey Giordano

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brittany Smith, Stacey Giordano, Rachel Danitz & Emily Thomas

OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS

Dairy

Brittany Smith

Photography

Tyler Johnson

Poultry

Brooklyn Fellner

Goat

Brittany Smith

Small Animal

Stacey Giordano

Rabbit

Nicole Matlock

Sheep

Brittany Smith

Cat

Alyssa Stout

Swine

Brittany Smith

History

Aran Matthews

Beef

Brittany Smith

Horse

Rachel Danitz

Model Horse

Brittany Smith

Fine Arts

Brittany Smith

Arts & Crafts

Stacey Giordano

Wood Science

Stacey Giordano

Teen Leadership

Stacey Giordano

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Courtney Butrymowicz

Equine Awards

The Rookie of the Year Award

Alexis Grogan

Western Horsemanship Award

Pier Semanchik

English Horsemanship Award

Gracie Klimas and Pier Semanchik

Sportsmanship Award

Nicole DeHerde

Guiding Light Award

Emily Thomas

Michelle Pflieger Memorial

Showmanship and Grooming Award

Courtney Butrymowicz

Challenge Award

Rachel Danitz



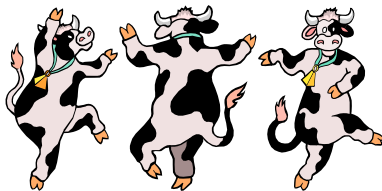
What's Up in

NEW JERSEY 4-H



2013 State Dairy Activity Dates

March 16th- Dairy Quiz Bowl (location TBD)
March 23rd- Livestock Symposium @ Rutgers
April 13 or 20th- Dairy Judging @ Cedar Lane
(Not Confirmed)
State 4-H Dairy Show will go to Salem next year



HOLD THE DATE

NJ Junior Breeder and Young Farmer Symposium

Saturday – March 23, 2013
Rutgers University
School of Environmental and Biological
Sciences
(Round House - College Farm Road, New
Brunswick, NJ)
Feeder Pig Auction 3:30 pm
More Information to Follow
Call 609-984-4389 or Email –
Lynn.Mathews@ag.state.nj.us
Debra.Moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us



50/50 Raffle

The NJ state 4-H Association is selling 50/50 tickets to offset the rising costs of **youth and adults that participating in state and national 4-H events.**

Warren County leaders will be given tickets to sell at the next leaders meeting on Nov. 14

EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

*New Jersey Equine Advisory Board Announces
\$1,000 Scholarship*

The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board offers \$1,000 scholarship to help 4-H & FFA members pursue their equine activities. Members of organizations represented on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board are also eligible. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 & 16 and reside in the NJ.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an application form including an essay on, "How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future." The application can be found at www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf. Consideration of applications will be weighted upon the candidate's financial need.

The deadline to submit the essay is January 2, 2013. It can be submitted to Debra Moscatiello at (609) 984-4389 or debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us.



The E-Quine Expert is a monthly e-publication brought to you by [My Horse University](http://MyHorseUniversity.com) and [eXtension's HorseQuest](http://Extension'sHorseQuest.com). Each issue contains bales of relevant information based on the research and knowledge from world-renowned experts and our online courses and products. Past issues of The E-Quine Expert are available in our [newsletter archives](#).

NJ AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Scholarship for H.S. Seniors Interested in a Career in Agriculture or the Sciences

www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf. Applicants must submit a resume along with an essay answering the question, "How has your involvement within your respective nominating organization helped to shape your future career choice?"

The winner must attend the Annual NJ Bred Equine Breeders Award Luncheon to be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 in Eastampton and will read his or her essay to the attendees.

Please mail application, resume and essay by January 2, 2013 to:
NJDA Attn: Debra Moscatiello
P.O. Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

If you have any questions contact Debra Moscatiello at 609-984-4389 or debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us.



2012 State 4-H Trail Ride Results

Andrew Pryslak represented Warren County 4-H at the recent 26 mile state 4-H trail ride. Congratulations Andrew on placing 5th among the top riders! In addition, he placed 2nd highest of the senior riders with the 2nd best conditioned horse. Andrew and the Monmouth County team placed third overall



Middlesex County 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal Herpetology & Poultry Show

Saturday, December 1 @ 8:30 AM
Middlesex County 4-H Center
645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick

For information packet email
Torretta@rce.rutgers.edu
Questions? call: Middlesex 4-H (732) 398-5261

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Cattle

The PA Dept. of Agriculture informed the NJ Dept of Agriculture about a recent case of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) affecting a dairy farm on the NJ/PA border in Northampton County, PA. The cow had blisters on the oral mucosa and nasal planum. This is not the only occurrence of the disease as more than 30 cases in several states.

If you believe that you may have cattle affected by EHD virus, contact your veterinarian and the State Veterinarian's office at 609-671-6400. An additional resource from the USDA on EHD in livestock and deer can be found at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/emergency_response/downloads/nahems/fad.pdf



NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza Saturday, January 5

Hunterdon County Senior Center
Route 31 County Complex, Gauntt Place,
Flemington
(same location as in previous years).

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/>

(poster/presentation contest, skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, art show, workshop for parents and volunteers, and social) on

NOTE: A TEAM QUIZ BOWL CONTEST HAS BEEN ADDED THIS YEAR. MEMBERS IN GRADES 4-13 MUST CHOOSE TO ENTER THE SKILL-A-THON OR QUIZ BOWL CONTEST (INDICATE PREFERENCE ON THE ENTRY FORM). ALL CLOVERBUDS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SKILL-A-THON.

Most questions will come from the sample questions available on the NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza website –

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/extravaganza/>



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Science, Engineering
and Technology
with
4-H Youth Development



Did climate change cause Hurricane Sandy?

Climate & Environmental Change Teen Summit 2012-13 March 21, 2013

Climate change is a hot topic. Understanding it is a burning need. Students (grades 9-12) are invited to work with Rutgers University scientists to learn about climate change science and to develop community science projects that apply their knowledge of climate change issues in their local communities.

Student teams and their advisors will participate in a series of activities to enrich their understanding of climate change science. Teams of 5-8 students from each school will join together with graduate students and faculty on the Rutgers Cook Campus to discuss climate change research and gain exposure to career and research opportunities in climate change related sciences. As part of the summit, students will engage in planning and implementing climate change related service projects in their local communities.

Climate Change 101 December 6, 2012

What is climate change? How do we know it is happening? How will climate change affect us? What are the solutions? How will we do it?

Student delegates will work with Rutgers scientists to explore the science of climate change. The event will include tours of university laboratories, hands-on activities, and

From Ideas to Action March 21, 2013

Students will learn how Rutgers University is going green including a tour the University solar farm and Rutgers laboratories that are exploring how to make smart plants that can convert their own starches to fermentable sugars, necessary to create efficient biofuels. Students will present their plans of action and results and will be recognized for their work.

Participants will be provided with lunch and snacks on each day of the program. Each team will need to be accompanied by a school appointed adult advisor who will also mentor and guide the team in the implementation of their service project. Student teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis so sign up today.

Contact: Janice McDonnell at mcdonnel@marine.rutgers.edu for more information.

Go to: <http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html> to register for either or both of these programs!



Meet: Warren County Hare Raisers 4-H Club



Our club has: 32 members

Our Officers are:

President Stacey Giordano

Vice President Brittany Smith

Secretary Nicole Matlock

Treasurer Courtney Sodtalbers

The oldest club member is 18 years old

The youngest club member is 5 years old

The one who has completed the most record books in their 4-H Career: Brittany Smith (50 books)

The one who has been to the most WCFFs Courtney Sodtalbers (18 fairs)

The one who has given the most public presentations: Brittany Smith & Courtney Sodtalbers (15 presentations)

Our club voted:

The funniest club member is: Josh Matlock

The most likely to be famous: Stacey Giordano

The most club spirit: Tracy Smith!

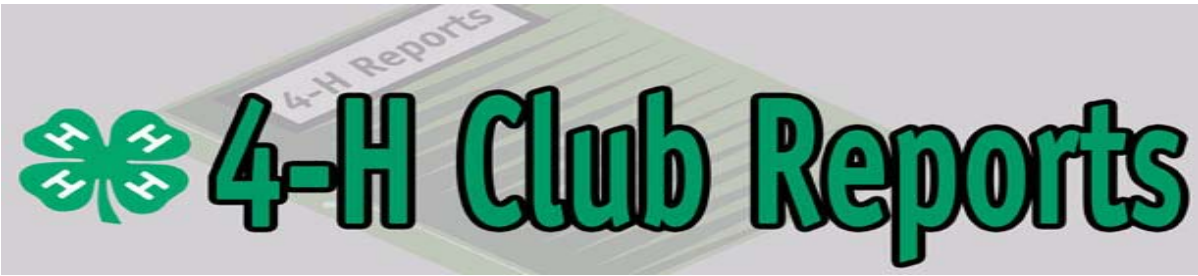
The most likely to be a superhero: Brooklyn Fellner

The most likely to be voted off the island: Brittany Smith

The most likely to not want to be vote most likely on anything: Nicole Matlock

The one who never pays attention: Kayla Suiter

The one who pays most attention: Stacey Giordano



Club reports can be emailed to 4-H@co.warren.nj.us and reports can also be faxed to the County 4-H Office at (908) 475-6514. Need 4-H Club Meeting Report forms? Contact the County 4-H Office and forms will be sent.

Stablemates

June 16th:

The Stablemates June meeting was held on Sunday the 3rd at Naomi and Craig Cronce's house in Harmony. The members planned a field trip to the New Holland auction in August, and discussed the upcoming fair and horse camp. They updated their project books and filled out paper work for the fair. They also made plans for their fair board and decided on a date in July to work on it.

July 13th:

The Stablemates July meeting was held on Sunday the 8th at Megan Lay's house in Great Meadows. The members spent the whole time working on their fair board. They had a photo shoot and started putting the board together, centering around this years fair theme, responsibility. Each member was responsible for a part of the board, so everyone was able to help out and have fun!

August 20th:

The Stablemates August meeting was held on Monday the 20th. The club took a fieldtrip to New Holland Sales in Pennsylvania to watch the horse auction. Window shoppers and buyers both had a great time, and it was a learning experience for everyone. Afterwards, the group headed to the Shady Maples Smorgasbord to have a HUGE lunch.

Submitted by:
Rachel Danitz



Holiday Crafts Workshop

Friday, December 7th, 2012

You are invited to participate in the 4-H Holiday Crafts Workshop scheduled for Friday, December 7th, 2012 at the Warren County 4-H Office starting at 7pm until 8:30pm!

4-Hers will be creating *one of a kind* sugar cookie creations along with a decorative cookie plate! Parents are welcome to stay but are not requested.

If you are interested please bring **2 dozen prebaked, round sugar cookies** ready to be decorated and please fill out the registration form below and return.

We will have enough decorating supplies for 25 participants, so register early!

Registration Form

**Deadline to Register
November 30th!**

Please send the following registration form to the 4-H Office.

Warren County 4-H Dept. 165 County Route 519 South Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949

Participant _____ Grade _____

Club Name _____ Phone # _____

If you are registering others, please list them:

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____



Registration fee of \$8.00 per person is enclosed = \$ _____ (Total)

Make check payable to: Warren County 4-H