4-H CLOVERTALES

September/October 2015

A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset County 4-H

CLOVERMAN

by Ben Fernandez

Hey, the animal noises are all mixed up!

The Black Cat! So you’re the one responsible for all this blaring! Well, I have a spell that will reverse that!

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to... better living.

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER!

POOF!

So, Black Cat, what do you say to that?

WOOF!
Thank You!

Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thank you for a perfect 2015 4-H Fair. We certainly got our 4-H Footprints out there! We know and appreciate how hard you work, how well you work as a team and how committed you are to our youth. We were certainly successful in meeting our goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bringing the community together. We were gifted with gorgeous weather, wonderful attendance, great food; all adding to our own fun and enthusiasm! Make note that the Fair Evaluation Meeting will be Monday, September 21, 7:30 pm.

We have an exciting fall ahead starting off with our BIG Rummage Sale the week of September 14. Then Thursday, October 8, we have our annual “Join 4-H” Open House. Please be sure to invite all your non-4-H friends to attend. Check out this latest issue of Clovertales for other important dates, including Achievement Nights, Wreath Sales, the Holiday Bazaar and the annual Festival of Trees!

As always, thanks for making the best better.

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

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**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.

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

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**Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!**

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. Contact our office at 908-526-6644 for information regarding special needs or accommodations. RCE is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact the State Extension Director’s Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3583.

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We continue to “make the best better” with a record-breaking number of 4-H clubs in Somerset County. Many of these clubs are formed as a result of the interest kids show at both the Fair and Open House. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House so we are planning another one this year.

On Thursday, October 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we're holding the annual “Join 4-H” Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader will receive information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. If your club has no room for new members, we'd like one club in that project to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we'll get another club started. This past year we added Xtreme Bots, Something Fishy, Tail Feathers, American Culture Club, Threads & Thimbles, Cardboard Gamers, 4-H Minecraft, On Target Archery, Clover Explorers and Prep Ensemble. So start planning your “booth” for Open House. We hope your club will be there!

Open House flyers are available on the website and 4-H Center. Put them up in your neighborhood and school. We also need volunteers to help staff the information booth. Call the 4-H office by September 25 to volunteer.

Stop by the 4-H center and pick-up a JOIN 4-H sign for your yard.

**Age/Grade Requirements for Participation in 4-H Youth**

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a policy that utilizes a member's grade to determine eligibility for 4-H club membership, as well as various programs and activities sponsored by the 4-H program at the local, state, and national levels. Youth in grades K-13 may become 4-H members.

A 4-H member’s “4-H Grade” is effective September 1 through August 31 of each year and will automatically advance the next September 1.

Youth enrolled in the 4-H program who skip a grade or are retained a grade may make a decision at the beginning of the new school year (September), as to their “4-H Grade” for participation in 4-H clubs, events and activities. These 4-H’ers may make one of the following choices:

Choose the grade in which they will actually be enrolled in school.

OR

Choose the grade in which they would have been enrolled in school if the decision to skip or be retained had not been made.

4-H members who are non-graded, home-schooled or out-of-school may elect to change their “4-H Grade” based upon their parent/guardian’s perceived changes in their educational progress.

*This shall be a one-time opportunity. The change will be permanent and may not be altered at any time in the future, regardless of future changes in educational progress or other factors.*

**For more information, contact the 4-H Office (908) 526-6644**
Online Registration for 2015

The Somerset County 4-H Office is excited to announce that the New Jersey 4-H program will transition all 4-H enrollments to the 4HOnline enrollment system beginning Sept 1. Beginning this year all 4-H registrations will be done on-line. While we will still have paper forms this year, eventually there will be no more papers to sign at the beginning of each year. Instead, once your information is in the system, you will just have to click on a few buttons and agree to The Code of Conduct each year.

Between now and the end of September, we want to get all the current members and volunteers into the database. To do this, please log on to http://nj.4honline.com. You can use a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Here are a few tips that may be helpful.

- Follow the online instructions to set up a profile
- Once you get to the Family Information page – skip the password management section on the bottom since you will have just set your password when you logged in.
- The Member List page is where all members, volunteers, and adult contacts are added.
  - Select “Youth” for members.
  - Select “Adult” for registered 4-H leaders/volunteers.
  - Select “Contacts” for any adult that is involved with the children’s participation in the 4-H program.
- On the Personal Information page, “Years in 4-H” is the total number of years including Cloverbud (Prep) years.
  - “Grade” is the grade members are just starting since this is for the 2015-2016 year
  - If your school is not listed, it can be added by checking “If you are unable to locate your school . . .” and then adding the school name.
  - If there are multiple 4-H members in one family, be sure to note the box right under the title Youth Personal Information, which allows you to copy parent information from another youth record, so you only have to fill that part out once.
- Add a Club by using the pull down menu. Make sure you click “add a club” after every selection.
- On the Add a Project page, for current Cloverbud (Prep) members, add both Cloverbud and a specific project if appropriate. For instance, Little Woofers 4-H Club member would add both the “Cloverbud” project and “dog”. Years in project is including this year.
- Once you have added the projects, you are finished with the enrollment process for now. Click on “Submit Enrollment” and you are finished. (Don’t worry about the tab for “Groups.” It does not apply to anyone right now.)
4-H National Youth Science Day
October 7, 2015

This event, held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week, encourages 4-H friends, families, community partners and other youth organizations to join together to learn how science can be fun. This year, the National Science Experiment will be Motion Commotion! This 2-part experiment combines a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demo that explores the physical and human factors of motion. If you are interested in learning more about the 2015 National 4-H Science Experiment, please visit the SET website at http://www.fourh council.edu/scienceengineering technology.aspx.

NJ Junior Breeders Fund

The NJ Junior Breeders Fund of the NJ Dept. of Agriculture offers loans to 4-H members to help them purchase livestock. The fund also has a scholarship program. For more information and an application, contact the 4-H Office or go to the website at: www.4HisTops.org.

Forms Needed for Field Trips

All club leaders and 4-H volunteers are required to collect the following signed forms before your club or 4-H group attends any field trips.

♦ 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth (which includes the Code of Conduct)
♦ NJ 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults

Both forms are available on the 4-H website at: http://www.4HisTops.org or the 4-H Center and 4-H Office.

Opportunities for Teens

If you are a 4-H teen, please be sure to check out Clovertales and our web pages throughout the year for these opportunities. For a complete listing, visit: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-Teen-Leadership-Opportunities.pdf

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Prudential, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. We know that many of our 4-H’ers do lots of great volunteer work! The application deadline is in November. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at:

http://www.prudential.com/spirit

NOTICE: NEW DATE

4-H Prep Rally

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Haunted House & Hayride

Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 11:00 PM
Middlesex County Fair Grounds/4-H Center
Cranbury Road, East Brunswick (entrance off Fern Road)
$5.00 Each
$8.00 for Both
Sponsored by: Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council

Somerset County Teens: If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Bovitz, Middlesex County 4-H Agent, at: 732-398-5261

School Enrichment Programs

Somerset County 4-H offers school enrichment programs to any school in Somerset County (all they have to do is ask!).

Last year we visited over 35 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Dinosaurs/Fossils, Bubbles, Germbusters and Worms with a Wiggle.

We now offer 14 different programs for children from pre-school through 6th grade, including the Healthy Living series.

Call the 4-H Office, (908) 526-6644 to ask for our free brochure, or ask to speak to Rachel Bijaczyk or Theresa Hanntz about scheduling a program. They can also be reached by email at bijaczyk@co.somerset.nj.us or hanntz@co.somerset.nj.us.

Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 24
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center
100 Struble Road, Branchville
973-948-3040

Fun-filled activities include pumpkin painting, hay ride, and trick-or-treating along a torch lit trail. Donations of time or funds are appreciated.
www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

Do you want to become a 4-H volunteer?

Serving as a 4-H volunteer is a very rewarding and enriching experience, as well as a serious responsibility. This process will occur as quickly as forms are returned. Some steps may occur simultaneously. All steps must be completed before official appointment is made.

☐ Potential volunteer completes a 4-H Volunteer Application and returns it to the 4-H office.

☐ 4-H staff process the volunteer applications – Background check process started and reference checks are completed.

☐ Potential volunteer completes the background check – Tier 2 fingerprint scanning appointment.

☐ Potential volunteer completes the Rutgers Minor Protection Training.

☐ Potential volunteer participates in orientation.

☐ Potential volunteer completes 4-H Volunteer Registration Form.

☐ After all of the above have been satisfied, you will receive an official letter of appointment and 4-H Volunteer Appointment Agreement to be signed and returned to the 4-H office.

☐ You will become an official 4-H volunteer when the signed 4-H Volunteer Appointment Agreement has been received in the 4-H office.
October is 4-H Wreath Month!

Once the Fair and Rummage Sale are over, it’s time to start thinking about the holidays!!! And that means it’s time to start thinking about selling our 4-H Wreaths. This is a very important part of our fund raising program and helps to support our Fair and maintain the 4-H Center. Wreath packets will be mailed to all members in October!

We did really well with our ad sales this year. Let’s hope to do the same with our wreaths. Start making your list now of potential customers. Information and order forms should be arriving shortly in the mail to all 4-H members. Let’s go for a record breaker!

**Deadline for orders: October 30**

4-H Center Keys

If your 4-H group wants to use the 4-H Center and you need keys, the keys can be obtained from Maryann DelGigante, night manager, from 7-10 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone (908) 526-8242. A $25 check deposit will be required when picking up the keys. It will be given back to the depositor when the keys are returned. All keys must be returned within 48 hours of the activity.

4-H Center Showcase

Your club can recruit new members, display its projects, or promote events in the 4-H Center display showcase. Call the 4-H Office.

Festival of Trees

Get into the Spirit of the Holiday Season!

Come set up a Holiday Tree for Public Display. Individuals, Families or Organizations are Welcome!

Ornaments and/or trees can be donated for sale. *(All proceeds will support our free 4-H Fair)*

Or they can be just for display.

Trees can be themed or varied, handmade or store bought, wild and crazy or traditional.

**Saturday and Sunday, December 12th, 13th**

Come join in the fun!!!

Download an application at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)

Or email: susar@rcn.com

Holiday Bazaar 2015 at the 4-H Center

**Saturday, November 21st, 10 am - 3pm**

**One-Stop Holiday Shopping Opportunity**

More than 40 vendors -- talented crafters and direct sales vendors -- offering something for everyone! Food & snacks are also available for purchase. *This event is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association.*
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 1

National 4-H Conference will be held April 9-14, 2016 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. New Jersey sends a delegation of up to seven 4-H teens and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2015 in order to participate in the 2016 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills, and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return. Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available at the County 4-H Office and on the website. All applications are due in the 4-H Office no later than October 1. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 14 at Rutgers University. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date.

Leadership Washington Focus Applications Due November 2

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) will be held July 18 - 22, 2016 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. It is for 4-H members entering grades 7 - 9. Applications Due November 2.

Activities during the conference will help delegates to:

- Build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action.
- Practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking.
- Work with others to create and accomplish goals.
- Develop an understanding of leadership styles and identify personal style.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation.
- Visit some of D.C.’s most spectacular sights

Rutgers Collegiate 4-H Scholarship Due Oct 1

Rutgers Collegiate 4-H is an organization that provides its members with a sense of identity on campus, enriches their lives through group projects and recreation and develops confidence and leadership skills. The club is offering a $100 book scholarship to an active 4-H’er who will be a first year student at Rutgers University (any New Brunswick campus) in the fall of 2015. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2015. Applications are available on the website.
Record Books

Why complete a record book? A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. A record book is simply a way for you to keep track of what you have learned in your project. A record book will help you—

- Learn how to organize yourself
- Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you’ve learned this year from the goals you’ve reached
- Recognize what things you’ve learned in your 4-H project
- Explain what you’ve learned
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events
- Keep track of costs of your project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Projects with official record books are: Goat, Dog, Herpetology, Horse, Model Horse, Rabbit, Small Animal, Dairy and Sheep.

If your project does not have an official record book, use the general purpose record book titled, “My 4-H Record Book”.

Fall Club Campers Making Footprints All Over LG Cook Camp October 2-4, 2015

By Betty Sommerville

If you’re already in 4-H or new to 4-H & just LOVE anime, manga, drawing, crafts, magic, improv, puppetry, dancing, etc., we’re planning a great weekend away! Come to Fall Club Camp where members of the Anime, Magicians Guild, Puppetry, Woolly Ones, Da Bug Club and a new Fine Arts club will welcome you while kicking back & having great fun together! Any club can come & join in the laughter! The more the merrier!

While there, we will also be maintaining our camp labyrinth by adding more rocks to its path and trimming the Nesbitt trail to and fro. Come & enjoy hiking to Tillman’s Ravine amidst the colorful foliage & soaking up the wonderful ambiance of L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County.

THE COST FOR EACH PERSON IS $58 WHICH INCLUDES ALL MEALS and the camp’s reservation. Checks need to be written out to “Somerset County 4-H Anime Club” with “Fall Club Camp” on the memo line. Members will need to send their 4-H Event Permission forms and the adults their 4-H Overnight Agreement forms to the 4-H Center, 310 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807 before Sept 25. All chaperones must be registered as Tier Two leaders. All adults must be either registered 4-H leaders, or must have a child attending.

If you have any questions, please call Betty Sommerville for more details at 908-635-1951 (cell) or email: pleasantview51@optonline.net. She loves going to club camp!
**Hold the Dates!**

**Achievement Dinners:**

- Arts: November 6
- Livestock: November 7
- Dog: November 8
- Small Animals: TBA

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**NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms due Oct 23**

If your club meets certain requirements, then you qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club. The form is to be completed by the Club leader or president and turned into the 4-H Office by **October 23** to be recognized for last year’s efforts.

If your club has:

- Met regularly, at least once a month and has conducted at least one business meeting a month for 9 months
- Elected club officers to run meetings and at least 5 members in the club who have attended at least 70% of all meetings
- Participated in at least one approved 4-H project and has an approved constitution
- Participated at the 4-H Fair
- 70% of its members who completed their record books and did a public presentation
- Sold Yearbook ads and wreaths, then you may be well on your way to becoming a Somerset County 4-H Honor Club.

Forms, which list all the requirements for Somerset County clubs, are available in the office and on our website, [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

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**Member in Good Standing**

Members must be enrolled as a registered 4-H member by January 1 of the current year to participate in any state or national 4-H event including State Animal Shows, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, Citizen Washington Focus, or compete in the 4-H Fair.

In addition the member must be a “Member in Good Standing”. The criteria for this is as follows:

- Must submit a record book
- Attend a minimum of 70% of club meetings
- Do a public presentation at the club level or higher
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

Let’s all strive to be “Members in Good Standing”!

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**State Teen Action Council Wants YOU!**

Do you want to be involved in 4-H state wide? Are you...

- Currently in grades 9 - 12, a member in good standing, having been in a club for at least 2 years?
- Interested in working in partnership with adults, or have been involved in community service and want to gain outstanding leadership skills?

Then think about joining the NJ State Teen “Action” Council!

**The benefits to joining include opportunities to**

- Become a 4-H State Teen Leader and a positive role model for younger teens
- Speak on behalf of NJ 4-H and share ideas with other teens from around the state
- Take action on statewide projects and be an applicant for state and national opportunities.

For more information and to download full requirements and applications, visit the website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).
Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. Once again 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 80 participants enjoying 5 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about magic, yoga, double-dutch, Civil Air Patrol, hip hop, cooking, art, butterflies and Native Americans.

The week was filled with fun, learning, cooperation and adventure. The program is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

In addition to the RCE staff, the success of the program was made possible by these counselors and counselors-in-training: Elizabeth Bergen, Michele Bergen, Sarah Bijaczyk, Evan Brochinsky, Owen Busler, Brooke Crane, Xiufan Chen, Erica DeProspo, Samantha DeProspo, Madara Dias, Kira Edgar, Rebecca Francis, Alexander Gonzalez, Paige Lamberson, Julie Pirro, Rahul Ramanathan, Noah Rothenburger, Matthew Schueler, Evie Sullivan, Claire Wickman, Greta Wickman; Logistics Coordinator: Cary Brochinsky, Arts Coordinator: Julia Meier; Special helper: Eliza Rothenburger; Teacher Extraordinaire; Harry Brochinsky; Counselor Coordinator Assistant: Jennifer Versfelt; Counselor Coordinator: Conrad Colón.

Members of the 4-H Astronomy Club viewed two bright planets on Monday, June 29th in a rare formation called a “conjunction”. Venus and Jupiter were in a unique position as they were very close together in the western sky just after sunset.

As seen through a powerful 14” telescope, Venus was a bright crescent and Jupiter was a large banded disk with all four of its largest moons visible. As an added bonus, the ringed planet Saturn, along with its moon Titan, was also viewed as it rose in the east.

The observations were done at the 4-H Observatory on the RVCC Campus.

The R/C Car Club supported the Backpacking for Others Program by donating school supplies to fill backpacks for needy kids throughout NJ. The club filled bins with supplies and brought them to the packing night at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Somerville on August 19th. With the club’s help, they were able to fill 382 backpacks!

Pictured: Mike Giorello, Joe Kronmaier, Jeremy Salvato, Jason Smith and Tommy Cerra.
Congratulations!

Once again, Somerset County 4-H’ers proved that you can make the best better! Your project work, exhibits and displays showed the extraordinary effort you put into your 4-H work year round!

We are grateful for the continuing support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders who recognize the value of the 4-H Program and the 4-H Fair. We appreciate the help of all the divisions involved in producing the Fair: Public Information, Roads and Bridges, Facilities and Services, Traffic Safety, Transportation, Prosecutor’s Office, Sheriff’s Office and the Office of Emergency Management.

The Somerset County Park Commission also deserves a hearty thank you. The Rangers, Maintenance and Parking staffs help us in too many ways to count. We are also indebted to Raritan Valley Community College for the use of their parking facilities.

But of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and leadership of the Somerset County 4-H Association, the Fair Managers, Tent Superintendents, Division Chairs, Club Leaders and all the Fair Committees. It is necessary to remember that ALL these folks are volunteers, many taking their hard earned vacations to make our Fair a success.

Thank you to the volunteer Fair Managers: Abner Mathews, Mike Amorosa, Mike Pappas, Walker (Chip) Graham & Joe Shreve.

Thanks to Equipment Operators: Rob Arena, Paul McCall, Greg Snook, Sr., Rob Slovik, Ken Weiss, John Bjugstad; Truck Drivers: Joseph Amorosa, Ralph Diem, John Kopecky, Vinny Russo; Joe Shreve, Greg Snook, Jr., Brian Velcheck, Jim Wood, Sr., Dan Memoli, Scott Weiss; Helpers: Bryce McCall, Noah Rothenburger, Cary Brochinsky, Justin Kopecky, Parker McCall.

Thanks to Bryn Keck, 4-H Fair Assistant for all her help throughout the summer.

Thanks to Kim and Tim Cook for organizing all the commercial space.

Thanks to Ernie Hall for coordinating logistics and to Dawn Hribik & Aaron Callhan for manning the drop off point and providing transportation to clubs, vendors and exhibitors.

Thanks to Holly Dunbar for writing the Alumni Newsletter and organizing the D.A.R. Patriot Awards for Community Service.

Thanks to Annette Smutko, Jeff Weinstein, Jim Wood, Caitlin O’Neill, Jeane Fasullo, Esther Craft, Stuart Farber, Maggie Navatto, Janet Weiss, Lucy Baldi and Chip Walker for planning and running the food tent.

Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim Miholics, Kyle Miholics, Steve Miholics, and Chris Williams for an exciting entertainment schedule, running the Clover Theatre and for setting up the cotton candy tent.

Thanks to Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so efficiently and to these volunteers for helping to greet the public: Kathy Bakes, Jill, Harry and Cary Brochinsky, Heidi Cyr, Pauline Kodack, Ellen Parker, Lynne and Bob Kinc, Pam Christian, Kay Stephenson, Judy Mankowski, Laura Herndon, and Jan Lush.

We can always “Make the Best Better.” All volunteers are welcome to share your thoughts. Please come. Members—help us make the Fair better for you!

We apologize ahead of time if we leave anyone out; we are grateful for the contributions of all.
Thanks to all our volunteers who coordinated and ran events in the Prep Tent.

Thanks to Val Kreutler for keeping the conference room open, making supplies available.

Thanks to Dan Memoli and Scott Weiss for delivering ice in the food tent.

Thanks to Craig Hockenbury and Joseph Heitkamp for helping the electricians.


Thanks to Val Kreutler & Debbie Graham for feeding the Fair Managers.

Thanks to Jim Wood for coordinating all finances.

Thanks to Rob Hanlon & Jeff Taylor and the Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad for being on call at all times.


Thank You to all the Exhibit Judges: Ben Parker, Karen Lang, Kristen Johnson, Matt Thiel, Anne Parsons, Debbie Boyea, Tina Pirro, Jack Teadore, Becky Moore, Shannn Oiler, Patricia & Dick Lant, Doryce Wheeler, Gary Keck, Mellissa Smutko , Scott Weiss, Sharon Toth & Alyson Weiss.
Talented Footprints!

The Clover Theater was filled with talented 4-H Footprints throughout the Fair this year!

4-H members took to the stage during our 2015 Fair’s noon hour of “S4HL - Somerset 4-H Live!” Over the course of the three days we were wowed by the performances of Christine Arcoleo (Violin), Kristine Todd (Violin), Andrew Conover (Unicycle), Nikhita Iyer (Keyboard), Andrew Simmons (Singing), Matt Thiel (Bag Pipes), Owen Gavigan (Keyboard), Hannah Williams (Singing), Jake Kymer (Magic), & Village Hidden in the Clovers Anime & Manga Club (Drumming Circle)

4-H Fair Sponsors

We are very grateful to the sponsors that believe in 4-H and are willing to donate so generously; funds, materials and services, to the 4-H Fair: Auto Sport Honda, Lorraine Barnett, Crown Trophy of Flemington, Ethicon Inc., Dave’s Suburban Disposal, Ferasco LLC, Fulton Bank of NJ, Gems & Steams LLC, Gold Digger Metal Detectors, Harligen Veterinary Clinic, Hunterdon Mill & Machine Supply, Investor’s Bank, Lab Corp., Panek’s Golf Cart Rental, Provident Bank, QuickChek, , Somerset Air Service, Somerset County Education Association, Somerset County 4-H Horse Clubs, Somerville Elks, Spera Electric LLC, Sol Mexican Cantina, Summit Medical (Points Group), The Jointure, Tractor Supply Company, Trends Hair & Nail Design, Verve Restaurant, Wells Fargo.

Thank you to the Landscapers for their efforts to beautify the Fair: JT’s Lawn & Landscaping (Prep Tent), Twelve Oaks (Herpetology Tent) WJR Landscapes LLC (Information Tent) and Hionis Greenhouses (Arts Tent)

4-H Fair Managers Awards

Best 4-H Animal Tent - Dairy Tent
Best 4-H Club Display - Broken Props 4-H Club
Best Outside Commercial Exhibits - JT Landscaping & Frank Mineo Electrical Contractor
Best Inside Commercial Exhibit: Agway
Best Team Work in the Food Booth - Prince Hall Masons (Fish Fry)
Best 4-H Food Booth - 4-H Trainmasters
Best Non-Commercial, Non 4-H Exhibit - Somerset County Library Systems for Excellent Children’s Activities
Most Improved 4-H Tent - Horse Tent
Best Club Activity – Clover Ensemble (Peter Pan Musical)
Special Merit Awards - Holly Dunbar, D.A.R. Patriots
Awards to 4-H Clubs for Community Service ; Heidi Cyr, 4-H Sustainability Projects

Outstanding Service Awards

Jan Lush—Sponsorship
Betty Sommerville - Entertainment
Kim Miholics - Entertainment
Kyle Miholics -Entertainment
Chris Williams -Entertainment
Becky Moore -Herdsmen Supervisor
Jason Metting -Herdsmen Supervisor
Shannon Oiler -Herdsmen Supervisor
Dave Dendler -Park Commission Liaison
Mike Ballow - Park Commission Liaison

Thank you for a great fair!
And the Winners are...

Congratulations to all the 2015 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

ROUND ROBIN

Winners of the 2015 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Kimberley Duffy, Udder Club, Senior Division and Grace O'Sullivan, New Centre Dairy, Junior Division. Other participants were:

Junior: Sydney Billera, Alpaca; Lexi Sacks-Wilner, Cavy; Grace O'Sullivan, Dairy; Megan Jannone, Dog; Carol Ann Perry, Goat; Ashley LiBrizzi, Horse; Evie Sullivan, Poultry; Surya Pillai, Rabbit; Theresa Buzzoni, Sheep Senior: Alex Gonzalez, Alpaca; George Bright, Beef; Todd Gallagher, Cavy; Josh Miller, Dairy; Carolyn Pirro, Dog; Kim Duffy, Goat; Madison Whiting, Horse; Kyrstin Schwarz, Poultry; Daniel Sutherland, Rabbit; MaryEllen Sousa, Sheep.

OPEN DIVISION

Needlework: Junior: Katrina Duque, 5 Excellent, Best in Show Needlework: Junior: Kaite Scheffen, Excellent; Ashley LiBrizzi, 2 Excellent Senior: Molly O'Sullivan, 6 Excellent, Best in Show Needlework: Senior: Aislinn Harte, Excellent; James Meier, Excellent; Maeve Egan, Excellent.

Crafts: Best Of Class: Wil Staats Junior: Megan VanAntwerp 2 Excellent; Julia Nelson, Excellent; Kate McHale, Good; Katrina Durque, Excellent & Very Good; Elijah Staats, Excellent. Senior: Creative Arts: Prep: Abidiel Rincom, Angel Burton, Conrad Kohl Junior: John Todd, Excellent; Kate McHale, Excellent; Katie Scheffen, Excellent; Sophie Winter, Excellent; Ben Fernandez, 2 Excellent; Kevin Rincon, 2 Very Good; Katrina Duque, 3 Excellent & Best in Class Senior: James Clelland, Excellent & Very Good; Julia Meier, 3 Excellent & 5 Very Good, 1st place computer art; Sammi Hall, 3 Excellent, 2nd & 3rd place pencil; Megan Moore, Excellent & Very Good, Best in Show Creative Arts & 1st place pencil; Molly O'Sullivan, Very Good; Emily Ward, Excellent.

Creative Writing: Junior Class Essay: Nikhita Iyer, Excellent, 1st place: Junior Essay; Kristina Todd, Very Good Senior Essay: Ariel Staffin, Excellent, 1st place: Senior Essay; Emily Ward, 2 Excellent, 2nd place: Senior Essay; Julia Meier, Very Good; Maeve Egan, Excellent & Very Good Senior Poem: Rebecca Dry, 7 Excellent, Best in Show Creative Writing, 1st place: Senior Poetry; Sammi Hall, 2nd place: Senior Poetry; Christine Arcoleo, Excellent; Maeve Egan, Excellent; Julia Meier, 2 Excellent, Catherine Schenfeld, 2 Very Good; Kristiana Stiff, Very Good

Woodworking/Wood Science: Junior: Abby Johnstone, Excellent; Nora Johnstone, Excellent Senior: James Meier, 5 Excellent; Cary Brochinsky, 2 Excellent.

Photography: Junior: 4-H Related Projects: Ashley LiBrizzi, Very Good; Megan Vetter, Excellent, Very Good Action: Megan Vetter, Excellent, Good Animals: Nora Johnstone, Very Good, Good; Justin Kavanaugh, Excellent, 2nd Place Animals; Ashley LiBrizzi, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Kate McHale, Very Good; Eliza Rothenburger, Excellent, Very Good; Megan Vetter, 2 Excellent, 3rd Place Animals; Sydney Weber, 2 Excellent, 1st Place Animals, Best in Show Junior Architecture: Nora Johnstone, Excellent; Kate McHale, Very Good, Good; Megan Vetter, Very Good Digital: Elijah Staats, Very Good, Good; Megan Vetter, Excellent Landscape: Abby Johnstone, Excellent, 2nd Place Landscape; Nora Johnstone, Excellent, 1st Place Landscape; Ashley LiBrizzi, 2 Very Good; Kate McHale, 2 Very Good; Eliza Rothenburger, Excellent, Good; Elijah Staats, 2 Good; Megan Vetter, 2 Excellent, 3rd Place Landscape; Sydney Weber, Excellent, Very Good Open: Elijah Staats, Excellent; Megan Vetter, Excellent People: Megan Vetter, Excellent; Plant Life: Allison Adamec, Excellent, Good, 1st Place 4-H Related; Abby Johnstone, Excellent, Very Good, 3rd Place 4-H Related; Nora Johnstone, Good; Kate McHale, Very Good, 3rd Place 4-H Related; Megan Vetter, 2 Excellent, 2nd Place 4-H Related Textures & Patterns: Nora Johnstone, Very Good; Elijah Staats, Good; Megan Vetter, Excellent, Good Senior: 4-H Project Related: Christine Arcoleo, Excellent, 3rd Place 4-H Related Projects; Melissa Bright, Excellent, Very Good, 2nd Place 4-H Related Projects; Maeve Egan, Excellent, Very Good, 1st Place 4-H Related Projects; Alyssa Figliano, 2 Excellent; Molly O'Sullivan, 2 Good Action: Alyssa Figliano Excellent; Molly O'Sullivan, Excellent, Will Staats, Very Good Animals: Christine Arcoleo, Good; Sarah Bijacyzk, Excellent, Very Good; Melissa Bright, Excellent, Very Good; James Clelland, Excellent, Very Good; Kirsten Clerico, Excellent, 2nd Place Animals; Maeve Egan, 2 Excellent, 1st Place Animals; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent; Paige Lamberson, Excellent, 3rd Place Animals; Amber LiBrizzi, Very Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Very Good, Good; Molly O'Sullivan, Very Good; Carolyn Pirro, Very Good, Good; Kristie Rosado, Good; Patricia Schenfeld, 2 Very Good; Will Staats, Excellent Architecture: Christine Arcoleo, Excellent, Good; Melissa Bright, Very Good, Good; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent; Paige Lamberson, Excellent; Julie Pirro, Excellent, 3rd Place Architecture; Kristie Rosado, Excellent, 1st Place Architecture; Patricia Schenfeld, Very Good, Good; Will Staats, Excellent, Very Good; Hannah Williams, Excellent, Very Good Dark Room Prints: Maeve Egan, Excellent, Very Good Digital Prints: Sarah Bijacyzk, Excellent, 1st Place Digital, Best in Show Senior; Melissa Bright, 2 Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, Good, 2nd Place Digital; Molly O'Sullivan, 2 Excellent; Kristie Rosado, Excellent, 3rd Place Digital; Wil Staats, 2 Good;
Landscape: Christine Arcoleo, Good; Melissa Bright, Excellent; Good; James Clelland, Excellent; Maeve Egan, Excellent; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent, Very Good, 1st Place Landscape; Julie Pirro, Excellent; Kristie Rosado, Good; Noah Rothenburger, Very Good, Good; Patricia Schenfeld, Excellent; Wil Staats, Very Good, Good; Hannah Williams, 2 Excellent, 2nd & 3rd Place Landscape Open: Melissa Bright; 2 Very Good; Maeve Egan, Excellent, 2nd Place Open; Paige Lamberson, Excellent, Very Good, 3rd Place Open; Chelsea Obermeier, Very Good; Molly O’Sullivan, Very Good; Noah Rothenburger, Good; Patricia Schenfeld, Excellent; Emily Ward, Excellent, Very Good, 1st Place Open People: Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent, Good; Melissa Bright, 2 Excellent; Maeve Egan, 2 Excellent; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent, Very Good; Molly O’Sullivan, 2 Good; Carolyn Pirro, Excellent; Wil Staats, Good; Emily Ward, 2 Excellent, 1st Place People Plant Life: Christine Arcoleo, Very Good; Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent, Good, 2nd Place Plant Life; Melissa Bright, Very Good; Maeve Egan, Very Good; Alyssa Figliano, Very Good, Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, Very Good, 3rd Place Plant Life; Patricia Schenfeld, Excellent, Good, 1st Place Plant Life; Wil Staats, Excellent, Very Good Story Series: Sarah Bijaczyk; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent, Very Good, 3rd Place Story Series; Molly O’Sullivan, Excellent, 1st Place Story Series; Wil Staats, Excellent, Very Good, 2nd Place Story Series Texture & Patterns: Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent, Very Good; Alyssa Figliano, Excellent, Good; Paige Lamberson, 2 Excellent, 2nd Place Texture & Pattern; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, Good; Wil Staats, Excellent, Very Good, 3rd Place Texture & Pattern; Emily Ward, Excellent, Very Good, 1st Place texture & Pattern

FLEECE and FIBER
Best Fleece Overall Anna Mazzola
Overall Best Color Fleece Kristi Phillipscheck
2nd Place Color Fleece Kristi Phillipscheck
2nd Place White Fleece Richie Granja
3rd Place Color Fleece Richie Granja
2nd Place Llama Fleece Kristi Phillipscheck

SPINNERS CHOICE
Best Llama Excellent - 99 Kristi Phillipscheck
Best Sheep- Excellent - 98 Kristi Phillipscheck
Excellent: Kristi Phillipscheck (2); Anna Mazzola
Very Good: Richie Granja (2); Anna Mazzola, Rebecca Francis & Wil Staats

D.A.R. AWARDS
American History Essay Contest
Theme: "A Child's Journey Through Ellis Island"
Grade 6
1st place: Parvin Kumar
Grade 7
Honorable Mention: Tarun Trivedi and Nabhay Prashad
Grade 8
3rd Place: Roshti Dhanasekar
Honorable Mention: Anastasia Rodrigues

D.A.R. Community Service Award
This national award is presented by DAR chapters to recognize outstanding volunteers in the community.

Abner Matthews, 4-H Fair Manager
for 40 years of service to the 4-H program and the youth of Somerset County.

D.A.R. Patriot Award for Community Service
This local award recognizes outstanding volunteer service and was presented to the following 4-H clubs.

Advanced Art of Filmmaking
Club members organized a Movie Night with members making their own films to be shown to the public.

Broken Props
Club members presented “Try It – Fly It,” a program developed by the club to teach the basics of flight education to elementary school children.

Crazy Frog Hoppers
Members taught three different kinds of jump roping, adapting their routines to be age-appropriate, with the mission of encouraging young people and seniors to try new things.

Just Kidding
Club member Evan Gilmurray organized a service project to benefit the Hugs for Brady program for children with cancer. With the help of club members, Evan collected 150 boxes of colorful band aids and was then asked to expand the project to his school and eventually collected more than 700 boxes of band aids that he was invited to deliver to Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital.

Pawsabilities
Club members hosted a pet food drive during the month of July and then delivered the food and volunteered at the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter.

People Pick-Me-Ups Members of this pet therapy club visited several locations, including Lyons V.A. Medical Center, giving the patients a chance to interact with their animals; they also made thank-you cards and gift bags for the veterans. They collected donations for animal shelters and helped out at the Gress Mountain Ranch, a sanctuary for neglected and abused animals and center for pet therapy training.

Piano/Music Club
Club members brought food bank donations to every meeting, gave programs at local nursing homes and participated in many 4-H fund-raising and community projects.

Radical Rodents
Club members volunteered at Elijah’s Promise soup kitchen, helping to prepare meals to be served to those less fortunate.

Scale Modelers
Club members recycled aluminum cans to raise money that was used to purchase snacks to be sent to U.S. military stationed overseas.

Senior Council
The members of the Senior Council participated in a wide variety of service projects throughout the year, including raking leaves for seniors, roadside clean-ups and a party for SHIP.
Trainmasters
Club members participated in a variety of community outreach programs including train shows. The club’s brass band performed at the Festival of Trees and members helped to repair an outdoor model train layout for an elderly Bridgewater resident.

Village Hidden in the Clovers
Club members coordinated and organized CloverCon 2015, a family-friendly anime and manga event that is open to the public and raised funds for the 4-H program.

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LIVESTOCK COSTUME CLASS:

NEW CENTRE DAIRY: Jacquilin Kirby, Kate Meave, Molly O’Sullivan, Melissa Bright, Kyra Schwarz. SHEEP: FOLD: Richie & Emily Granja, Anna Mazzola, Gianna Casey, Kristi Phillipsheck, Julia McKenna. ALPACA: Scout Lowrie, Melissa Baldi. BRANDBURG LIVESTOCK: Kara Johnson, Wil Staats.

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**DOG CLASSES:**

**Beginner**
1st place Thomas Nettleship and Jack  
2nd place Sophie Twitchell and Zoe  
3rd place Faith Carlson and Teddy  
4th place Rosemary Davidson and Gracie

**Junior Showmanship Junior**
1st place Briana Zeitler and Blizzard  
2nd place Alexandra Baxter and Bella  
3rd place Kate McHale and Whitely  
4th place Greta Wickman and Lily

**Junior Showmanship Junior**
1st place Megan Jannone and Ginger  
2nd place Sophie Winters and Lady  
3rd place Kiera Semcer and Rocket  
4th place Allison Koopman and Daisy

**Best Junior for Round Robin for Junior Division**
Megan Jannone and Ginger

**Junior Showmanship Senior**
1st place James Clelland and Jack  
2nd place Kirsten Clerico and Max  
3rd place Jennifer Clougher and Luke  
4th place Kristen Andrechak and Yori

**Junior Showmanship Senior**
1st place Carolyn Pirro and Cruise  
2nd place Molly Shanahan and Dublin  
3rd place Kate Gallagher and Chase  
4th place Elizabeth Dry and Middie

**Best Junior for Round Robin Senior Division**
Carolyn Pirro and Cruise

**Pre Novice A**
1st place Julia Nelson and Winston  
2nd place Faith Carlson and Teddy  
3rd place Angela Miller and Oreo  
4th place Kaitlyn Randolph and Tinkerbell

**Pre Novice B**
1st place Kate McHale and Whitely  
2nd place Elizabeth Dry and Middie  
3rd place  
Alexandra Baxter and Bell & Julia Meier and Birdie  
4th James Clelland and Louie

**Intermediate Novice**
1st place Molly Shanahan and Bailey  
2nd place James Clelland and Jack  
3rd place Elizabeth Dry and Middie  
4th place Jennifer Clougher and Crystal  
5th place Laura Karg and Maddie

**Novice**
1st place Shannon Reinhart and Olivia  
2nd place James Clelland and Jack

**Advanced Novice**
1st place Kirsten Clerico and Kayla

**Beginner Novice**
1st place James Clelland and Daisy  
2nd place Molly Shanahan and Dublin  
3rd place Sophie Winter and Lady  
4th place James Clelland and Jack  
5th place Christine Jensen and Muffin

**Rally Junior**
1st place Shannon Reinhart and Olivia  
2nd place Kate McHale and Whitely  
3rd place Sophie Winter and Lady  
4th place Kiera Semcer and Rocket

**Rally Senior**
1st place Molly Shanahan and Dublin  
2nd place Sammi Hall and Duchess  
3rd place Molly Shanahan and Dublin  
4th place Jennifer Verselft and Spot

**Agility**
1st place Megan Jannone and Ginger  
2nd place Kate Gallagher and Chase  
3rd place Shannon Reinhart and Olivia  
4th place Kiera Semcer and Rocket

**ARCHERY:**
1st Place Andrea Acevedo  
2nd Place Lacey Lambertson  
3rd Place Eliza Rothenburger

**ALPACA:**
**Jr. Showmanship**
First Place Sydney Billera,  
Second Place Scout Lowrie

**Sr. Showmanship**
First Place Kim Duffy  
Second Place Todd Gallagher  
Third Place Emily Wallace

**Jr. Alpaca Agility**
First Place Kinga Niewiadomski  
Second Place Sydney Billera & Andrea Dolegiewitz  
Third Place Scout Lowrie

**Sr. Alpaca Agility**
First Place Kim Duffy  
Second Place Ben Lewis  
Third Place Emily Wallace

**MARKET LAMB:**
Grand Champion Market Lamb: Teresa Buzzoni  
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: Richie Granja  
Best Owner Bred: Teresa Buzzoni  
Best Sr Market Lamb Showman: Wil Staats  
Best Jr Market Lamb Showman: Teresa Buzzoni  
Best Lamb Sired By a Hampshire: Richie Granja  
Best Purebred Dorset: Wil Staats  
Best On Rail: Richie Granja
4-H Fair Parade

The impressive and well organized parade judges were: Carolyn Rubinfeld, Hannah Williams, Megan More & Jonathan Schramm

Participation Awards:
The Dog Tent: Handled Your Duty Very Well! Lot’s of Participation
Crazy Frog Hoppers: Merrily We Roll Along
Train Masters: Well Rehearsed, Very Precise
The Advanced Art of Film Making: Outstanding Wardrobe Shows Great Skill
The Village Hidden in the Clovers: Leawail, Sugai, Kawaii
Nueva Sensacion: Nos Encantan Sus Decoraciones!
People Pet Pick Me Ups: Adorable, Very Well Mannered
Paws and Claws: The Cat’s Meow, Open to Audience Interaction
Cooking Clubs: Active and Enthusiastic
The Clover Ensemble: Broadway Bound: Flawless Performance
Wattles and Snood: Great Atti-snood! Fine hats
Sidewinders: That Costume Made Hisss-snood! Fine hats
Steampunk: You Set Things into Gear
Chinese Culture Club: Exemplary Performance
RC Cars: You Made Our Hearts Race!
Twirling Clovers: A High Flying Show, Impressive Choreography

State Horse Show Results

Marielle Kowal
2nd Place USDF Intro Level A
1st Place USDF Intro Level B
8th Place English Halter

Bridgett Sona
5th Place Bow Tie—Horse
7th Place Barrel Race—Horse

Madison Whiting
3rd Place Senior Showmanship & Grooming
8th Place English Pleasure Horse - Senior

Amber LiBrizzi
8th Place Senior Showmanship & Grooming
3rd Place Western Halter Mares

Ashley LiBrizzi
4th Place Junior Showmanship & Grooming

Leigha Giranda
6th Place Junior Showmanship & Grooming
2nd Place English Pleasure Pony - Jr. & Sr.

Samantha Eristavi
4th Place Hunter Under Saddle - Horse - Senior
1st Place Hunter Hack - Horse
2nd Place Senior Equitation Over Fences
3rd Place Working Hunter Horse

Maeve Egan
6th Place Hunter Under Saddle - Horse - Senior
1st Place Senior Equitation on the Flat
2nd Place Working Hunter Horse
1st Place Handy Working Hunter Horse

Lauren Steinkopf
7th Place Hunter Under Saddle - Horse - Junior

Keelyn Weber
4th Place Senior Equitation on the Flat

Jennifer Zelnick
10th Place Junior Equitation on the Flat
3rd Place Hunter Hack - Horse
10th Place Junior Equitation Over Fences

Carolina Almeida
7th Place Hunter Hack - Pony
9th Place Senior Equitation Over Fences
7th Place Handy Working Hunter Horse

Solen Lesegretain
8th Place Junior Equitation Over Fences

Charlotte Malgrange
10th Place Handy Working Hunter Pony

Volunteer Opportunity
If any individuals, families or clubs would like to help an elderly or disabled person get the yard ready for winter by raking leaves, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at: 908-541-5715.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

What a perfect 2015 Somerset County 4-H Fair. We had gorgeous weather, our club exhibits were wonderful and the fairgoers loved the hands-on activities. The Name the Animal table was always busy and there were also many great acts on our Prep stage. Everyone who spun Cotton Candy added a sweet touch to the fair. Thank you all for a job well done!

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

NOTICE: NEW DATE
4-H PREP RALLY
Saturday, November 14, 2015

Open House Thursday October 8, 2015
7:00 until 8:30 pm at the 4-H Center.

4-H Fair Thank you...
Thank you to Jill, Harry and the Brochinsky clan, our Prep tent supervisors. Thanks to all of the Prep (Cloverbud) clubs who set up a club exhibit. A huge thank you to all of our Prep members and their families who staffed our information table, activity table and the cotton candy tent. A warm and furry thank you to Lucy Baldi and the Name the Animal crew. Thanks to Betty and the entertainment crew for booking many of the wonderful acts that were on our Prep stage. A LOUD shout out to Elizabeth Frank for a great job in helping with the Prep Graduation Ceremony. A sweet thank you to Theresa Prenenski, Ginger & Tom McGrath, our Cotton Candy coordinators & spinning teacher and all of our wonderfully pink spinners. Last but not least, thank you to Steve & Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for the setup of the PA system in the Prep tent and setting up the pink cotton candy fence. You have all once again made the best better!
Congratulations Prep (Cloverbud) Graduates!

A graduation ceremony was held in the Prep tent at the 4-H Fair on Thursday August 13th for the Prep club members who will be entering the 4th grade in September. They can now move up to a standard 4-H club. The graduates were Amanda Abbruzze, Aubrey Bartolotto, Evan Berry, Cody Booker, Melany Borodkin, Cassie Burnett, Manuel Cadra, Wesley Chan, Ryan Dale, Heather Davis, Amelia Dayton, Kavya Dhanasekah, Evie DeWeis, Emily Dickholtz, Calum Dingwall, Veronica Dryl, Annalies Eindhoven, Sushanth Elangovan, Autumn Esler, Gianna Esposito, Thomas Funke, Joseph Galioto, Luke Galioto, Paul Galioto, Carly Galvin, Sudarshan Ganapathy, Emily Granja, Mia Hausser, Madison Hou, Kaden Kechula, Hiya Khan, Carlo LaSpina, John Lawler, Brian Lee, Skylar Leung, Daniel Liang, Asher Lindsey, Fiona Liu, Drew Macias, Natalie Marlow, Emma Marsh, Sophie Maurer, Grace Mazet, Jack Miller, Jiya Mody, Gina Mortillo, Nitlos Nalliannan, Aarav Nirmal, Cait O'Sullivan, Mason Pan, Davis Perry, Kenneth Riker, Abdiel Rincon, Pallavi Routray, Billy Sawyer, Justin Tullo, Jonathan Vega, Selina Verbanas, Daniel Walsh, Katharine Walto, Derek Wang, Ian Yu, Maya Zavatsky. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H'ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

Club meetings will begin again in October. Please let me know if your club day, time or room changes for the 2015/2016 4-H year. Also let me know if you will be accepting new members. If you have a parent that would like to help you co-lead your club please have them call Julie Augustine in the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for a walk through the steps to become a new leader.
The BIG 4-H Rummage Sale

Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(908) 526-6644

Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19, 2015
9 am - 3 pm
(Saturday Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at 1/2 Price 1pm-3pm)

Donate…
De-clutter your home NOW and save your best treasures for the sale!

Donations Accepted:
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 14-15-16
9 am - noon & 6 pm - 8 pm
(Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

www.4HisTops.org

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BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2015
Drop Off – Sept. 14th - 15th - 16th; 9:00 am - 12 noon; 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18th & 19th 9am-3pm
Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at ½ Price Until 3pm – Saturday, Sept. 19th
Clean Up 9am-12pm – Sept. 20th

DONATIONS NEEDED:
Paper and plastic grocery bags

Sale Items Accepted:
- Gently used clothing
- Bedding, Linens, Fabric
- Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs
- Antiques, Collectibles, New Gift Items
- House wares
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Infant goods
- Furniture that is easily moved
- Flat Screen TV’s Only
- Laptops Only

Items NOT Accepted for Sale:
- Car tires or rims
- Baby furniture and car seats not up to safety code
- Encyclopedias, magazines
- Upholstered furniture, mattresses, built-in furniture, press wood furniture
- Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent
- Computer monitors, all printers (dot matrix, laser, ink jet), large and heavy copiers, fax machines
- Air conditioners; air purifiers/vaporizers; humidifiers
- Larger, older models & built-in microwave ovens
- Framed pictures with broken glass, unframed mirrors or loose glass
- Halogen lamps without safety guards
- Large appliances and tube TV’s
- Sinks, toilets, toilet seats, tubs
- Storm doors, screen doors, windows, & window screens
- Venetian blinds or shades; drapes/curtains with foam rubber, fiberglass, or rubber backs
- Wall-to-wall carpeting, rugs without binding
- Hazardous waste, flammable items

Broken or dirty items will be refused.
4-H Open House!
Thursday, October 8  7:00 - 8:30 pm
Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Come on in!
Find out what today’s 4-H program has to offer YOU! Over 70 different clubs including animals, pet therapy, science, cooking, sewing, and robotics. You will develop leadership and public speaking skills, and participate in community service activities. Make new friends and have fun!

4-H is where there's fun in learning and learning is fun!

Who can join?
Kids in Grades K-3 can join 4-H Cloverbuds
Kids in Grades 4-13 can join a standard 4-H club
Parents and other adults can volunteer to help

Representatives from our numerous 4-H clubs will be here to tell you all about 4-H and to help you get signed up.

For more information:
Call the 4-H Office: (908) 526-6644 or Visit us online at www.4HisTops.org

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NJ 4-H Association
Autumn Antique Show

Sunday, October 18, 2015
10 AM - 4 PM
Somerset County Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater

Admission: $7/person
Food available for purchase
Benefits the New Jersey 4-H Program

A wide range of antiques spanning the past 2 centuries presented by experienced antique dealers.

Show Managed by:
Ellen Katona & Bob Lutz
856-459-2229
ellenbob360@gmail.com

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