See You at the Fair!

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Get Inspired!... 4-H
Presidents Message

On behalf of the Somerset County 4-H Association, Rich Norz, President, would like to send out a big thank-you to everyone who helps make our Somerset 4-H program the “BEST”. Starting with our prep members and including everyone heading off to their second year of college, he feels that every one of you is truly better than the best. He would also like to thank all our terrific club leaders; who provide the guidance to help shape our lives. He wants to recognize all of the office staff; Lisa, Carol, Barb, Lucille, Val, Rachel, Rosemary, Lillian, Marian, Georgeanne, and Jennifer. They help guide the 4-H programs throughout the year. Rich wants all of you to remember the great work the 4-H Association’s committee members, and building night managers, MaryAnn DelGiagante, provide us throughout the year. And last but not least; Rich reminds us to give a big thank you to the County Freeholders, the Park Commission, the commercial exhibitors, the food vendors, and everyone else who helps make the Somerset County 4-H Fair great.

In closing Rich would like to congratulate all Somerset County 4-H members on all their achievements throughout the last year, and say what an Honor and Privilege it is for any adult associated with Somerset County 4-H to be working with such a terrific group of young people.

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

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

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Research & 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.
Activity Schedules and Map
Division Chairs: Please submit division schedules to the 4-H Office as soon as possible, and remember, the enclosed map is tentative!

2005 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide
This document was mailed earlier in the year. It is important to review the yellow pages in the front. Review your division guidelines, and any Open Divisions in which you are interested. Most Open Division entries are judged prior to the Fair. Check the listing for each division in the Exhibitor's Guide for details and if pre-registration is required. Prep members may participate non-competitively and will receive 4-H Fair participation ribbons. All 4-H members are welcome to participate in any Open Division.

Yearbook and Catalog
Be sure to say thanks to Jim Roselli, Sandy Clare, Cheryl McLaughlin, Joe Bakes, Pauline Kodack, Joanna Lieuallen, Dawn Hribik, and Bob Horton for a terrific 2005 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog. Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center mid-August. The businesses that purchased ads would be happy to see one. If you happen to be going that way, why not drop one off?

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts
4-H members (or volunteers) with $50 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25 or Wednesday, August 10.

Event Permission Forms
Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete the Event Permission Form. Give both copies to your leader. Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only. If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents. Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available at the 4-H Center day and evening.

Fair Supplies
Fair supplies will be available at the 4-H Center starting the first week of August. These include:
- Exhibitor tags/cards, livestock exhibit cards
- Exhibitor buttons for 4-H members
- Danish ribbons for classes. Rosettes, trophies and medallions for outstanding work
- Green participation ribbons
- Non-competitive club ribbons
- Leader ribbons to be worn as identification
- Division Banners for tents
- Judges food tickets and identification ribbons
- Forms to report show results, awards, interesting stories (for Clover Tales and the Press Notebook in the Information Tent)
- “No Dogs Allowed” signs for inside tents
- Event permission forms
- Labels for supplies to be stored in pole barn

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 20.

Press Releases
There will be a PRESS BOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news. Division chairs are encouraged to report judging results in this book. We can also use this as a vehicle to tell our story. Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. We cannot guarantee they will print our stories, but the more information we make available, the more we can hope to spread the word!
Fair Improvement Grants
The 4-H Association will give divisions/tents monetary grants to make the fair better. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website, somerset.rcre.rutgers.edu/4hfair. Due August 1.

S4HL! Takes on Our 4-H Stage!
The 3rd annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) features the band “Scheme” with our own 4-H’er Sarah MacCombie. During the daily noon-time talent-fest, they’ll rock out as the house band for other 4-H’ers. Get inspired to show off your own talent and take on the stage, too! Let us all know what song is in your heart or dance your dreams away! For more inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2005 Exhibitors’ Guide. It’s not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238). We’re all looking forward to seeing you up there shining!

Let’s Get Scootin’!
The 4-H Country Kickers Club invites any 4-H’er (young & young at heart) to come learn some basic Country Line Dancing. With the steady & patient teaching of Georgeanne Valis, our 4-H secretary & head-teacher at The Colorado Café, anyone can get scootin’ in no time at all. Rehearsing on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in the Lounge & the 2nd & 4th Fridays in the gym, the club aims to perform as part of our Fair’s Thursday noon-time Somerset 4-H Live! Again at the Show Mobile at 7-7:30pm, the dances will also be open to fairgoers to have some foot-stomping fun! Interested? Call Betty Sommerville, 281-5238.

"Down on the Farm" Obstacle Course
How fast can your team do daily farm chores? Using strategy and team effort, teams will be asked to stack hay bales, dodge cow pies, and fill milk bottles. Each team, organized that day, will have 3 members of different ages. Look for details in the Dairy tent at the fair. The contest will be Wednesday afternoon in the show tent and is open to all 4-H'ers. Call Nancy Kirby, 369-1009 for details.

Presentations
All 4-H’ers are invited to give a public presentation in the prep tent. Preppers always enjoy seeing the "big kids" in action and for Preppers, this is a great place to gain experience. Call the 4-H Office, 526-6644 to schedule a time. Scheduling is flexible. All participants will receive a participation ribbon.

Herdsmen
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade in the spring or older sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen Supervisors are Debbie and Rich Norz, 4-H Assoc. Members, and Club Leaders.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 15 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted!
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsman orientation meetings, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. or August 10 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

Volunteer Workforce Yellow Pages
The Fair is successful because of the many, many volunteers that assist, including you and your club. In addition to working within your division, plan to volunteer to help other areas. The electricians need lots of help, as do the food and commercial tent committees. You may help either setting up or cleaning up! Call the 4-H office or these teams directly to volunteer. If your club has been assigned a responsibility that you can NOT fulfill, please call the 4-H Office, 526-6644.
Rules and Procedures

Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately!

Injuries or Illness
The Rescue Squad is on the fairgrounds at all times and available for any health emergency. They may be reached by radio from the Information Tent or by any Park Ranger, Fair Manager or Staff. All injuries must be reported on an Incident Report form available in the Information Tent.

Fair Hours
The Fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Therefore, all exhibits must be in place during those hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exhibits must be ready by 10 a.m. on Wednesday and no one is to take down or remove exhibits until after 10 p.m. Friday.

Delayed Opening: If there is a weather alert, call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, 7 am – 8 am for further information. Listen to WCTC – 1450 AM and WMCP 98.3 FM.

Early Closing: If it becomes necessary to close the fair early, an official announcement will be made over the PA system. An announcement for a meeting in the Food Tent will be made. Send ONE adult from your project area for information and procedures.

Parking
• Weather permitting, there will be parking on the fairgrounds. If there is inclement weather or other events beyond our control, which prohibit parking on the fairgrounds, additional shuttle buses from Raritan Valley Community College will be added as needed. THIS INCLUDES MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS BEFORE THE FAIR.
• Tuesday before the fair when everyone is unloading, please do not leave vehicles along the roads. Unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot. This will decrease the congestion and allow traffic to flow more freely.
• AVOID THE FUSS, ENJOY THE BUS
• Buses will run to and from the fair grounds from Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the fair.
• Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
• On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward
• DROP-OFF during fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
• One trailer per division will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds in a designated trailer parking area. See Carol Ward for permit. Trailers must be dropped there before 10:00 am Wednesday and not moved until after 10:00 pm Friday. The Park Commission has requested any additional trailers be parked by the river provided the parking lots are open.

4-H Animal Projects & Petting Areas
• Each animal petting area will be required to post signs about the need for hand washing after petting animals. Hand washing stations will be provided on the fairgrounds. All divisions with petting areas need to instruct fair visitors to use the hand washing stations, particularly after petting animals and before eating.
• All exhibitors need to clean and disinfect equipment prior to coming to the fair.
• Livestock and equine trailers will be asked to unload animals on Tuesday, go home, and return on Friday evening after 10:00 pm. One trailer per division will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds in a designated area. We recommend trailers be disinfected before and after they transport animals to and from the Fair.

We expect that our exhibitors and the public will understand our need to protect their health, and the health of the animals on display at the fair. We thank all of you for your cooperation.
A Great Success Last Year -
2nd Shift on Saturday

Each club should plan to send a few people for a second shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsman and other helpers leave the fairgrounds around 9 or 10 a.m., the electricians and fair managers are left to continue the clean up on their own. Last year each club sent one or two well rested people at 10 a.m. Clean up went much faster, everyone was home by 1:00 and everyone felt supported and appreciated. Call the 4-H Office to sign up.

Member Responsibilities

- Complete projects and bring to the Fair. (Some projects are judged before the fair. Check Exhibitor’s guide.)
- Get signatures and apply to be a herdsman on time.
- Design, set up and clean up club exhibit.
- Set up projects, displays, boards/stalls.
- Decorate tent area.
- Staff tent (with club leaders and parents.)
- Help set up & take down cinder blocks/ planks in food tent. Volunteer where needed.
- Wipe tables in food tent – sign in at food tent committee booth and receive free food tickets.
- Raise and lower the flaps each day. On Friday night after the Fair, do not remove the flaps.
- Leave ideas for interesting stories in the "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Give your Event Permission Form to your leader.

Adult Responsibilities

4-H Parents & Guardians

- Support the efforts of your child(ren)
- Assist club leaders with Fair responsibilities
- Assist in other areas as needed by volunteering for jobs outside your division
- Pick up Bumper Stickers in the 4-H Center lobby or the 4-H office to advertise the Fair.
- Sign Herdsman Applications
- Complete health and permission forms

Parents - please support the efforts of your children as they prepare for the fair. This is their big day! It is a time for them to exhibit their accomplishments with pride. We have an old saying around here, "4-H is a family affair, and in 4-H, you're part of the family." Share the 4-H experience with your child. Please consider assisting your child's club leader or helping with other tasks at the fair. Read this letter for ideas or call your leader or the 4-H office. If you haven't already, we would love to have you join us!

4-H Club Leaders

- Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
- Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters
- Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair
- Assign roles/responsibilities
- Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.
- Keep phone numbers & emergency numbers of club members accessible at the Fair at all times.
- There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent. Appoint someone to keep this book up to date with results of all judging events for reporters from local newspapers and Clover Tales. Interesting story ideas are welcome too!
- Organize club effort to help in other parts of the Fair (See yellow pages)
- Sign Herdsman Applications
- Assign parents or teens to Saturday, 2nd Shift at 10 a.m. Call the 4-H Office to sign up

Division Chairpersons

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2006 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible or make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
• Order ribbons ASAP. Pick them up at the Center before your show.

Tent Superintendents
• Oversee set-up and take-down
• Design layout and designate electricity
• Oversee the activities and schedule in the tent

County 4-H Staff & 4-H Fair Managers
• Oversee general operations of the 4-H Fair. Feel free to call them with questions or concerns.

4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews - 526-2950
Britt Powell – 526-6773
Peter Hirsch – 874-5476
Scott Szakacs – 732-968-4322
Tony DeVergillo - 658-4153
Mike Amorosa - 231-9585
Jim Wood - 369-6429
Mike Pappas - 722-3352

Thank you to all the members, parents and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy to making the 4-H Fair a success.

Food Tent News
Still Looking for a Place to Help?

Milkshake Booth
Where can you go on the fairgrounds to meet your old friends? Why the milkshake booth of course! Alumni, leaders, 4-Hers and parents make it a point to stop by for a chocolate or vanilla shake. So why don’t you volunteer at least one hour to help at the milkshake booth? While you are there, not only will you be having fun making and serving shakes, but you will also have an opportunity to speak with people you haven’t seen all year. Help is needed from 4 to 10 PM all three nights of fair. No experience is necessary; we supply aprons. Bring a friend. Clubs can sign up to work together. Parents, this is an opportunity for you to get to know each other. The milkshake booth is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association to help fund the fair. Call Nadine Powylan 908-722-6918 to volunteer.

The 4-H Association will sell baby back ribs supplied by a local restaurant. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to call Ruth Slovick (908-369-3944) to volunteer for a shift. No cooking involved!

Fair Set Up
Fair supplies will be moved to the fairgrounds Saturday August 13, 8-1. Each division/tent should call the 4-H Office to schedule a time. There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the pole barn to the fairgrounds. It is extremely important that volunteers be in the parking lot at the center to identify and load materials belonging to their division and unload at the fairgrounds.

By Monday, August 15, everything needed should be at the fairgrounds. Anything not labeled and left at the 4-H Center or in the parking lot will be discarded. Please label leftover supplies or they will go!

After tents are secure and electricians have completed wiring, 4-H clubs are permitted to set up fencing, exhibit boards, etc. Club exhibits must be set up by Tuesday evening before the Fair. Please remove all old staples from boards before putting up your display. Everyone is responsible for their own tools and equipment.

Fair Clean Up
SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS
Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night. Remove all new staples after taking down your display. Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels, rake or clean litter from tent areas.

Friday night, August 19 and/or Saturday morning, August 20, all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided. Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn. There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn. Divisions are expected to have a representative at the pole barn and at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn. Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!
And in Other News...

The Great 4-H Alumni Search

The Great 4-H Alumni Search is on! From High Point to Cape May and Salem to Hackensack, we are looking for all 4-H alumni who grew up in New Jersey or who currently live in New Jersey. Our goal is to identify 20,000 4-H alumni by the end of the year. Help us reach our goal by telling us about yourself and sharing your favorite 4-H memory. Please visit the New Jersey Great 4-H Alumni Search web page at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/alumnisearch/ and complete the 4-H Alumni Information Form. Forms will also be available in the 4-H Fair Info Tent.

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

August is the time for 4-H members from throughout the state to showcase their project animals. Mark your calendars now for these culminating events.

Remember, you do not need to have an animal project to come to the shows. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on other 4-H members from your county.

State 4-H Rabbit & Small Animal Show

**Date:** Saturday, August 20  
**Time:** 9:00 am (tentative)  
**Location:** Middlesex County 4-H Center  
**Contact:** Kevin Mitchell  
  mitchell@rcre.rutgers.edu or 973-948-3040

State 4-H Market Lamb Show and Sale

**Date:** Saturday, September 24  
**Time:** Show – 2:00 pm, Sale – 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Salem County Fairgrounds  
**Contact:** Debi Cole  
  dcole@aesop.rutgers.edu or 609-625-0056

State 4-H Sheep Show

**Date:** Sunday, September 25  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Salem County Fairgrounds  
**Contact:** Debi Cole  
  dcole@aesop.rutgers.edu or 609-625-0056

State 4-H Dairy Show

**Date:** Tuesday, August 23  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Sussex County Farm & Horse Show  
**Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@rcre.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

State 4-H Goat Show

**Date:** Thursday, August 25  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds  
**Contact:** Chad Ripberger  
  ripberger@rcre.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833

State 4-H Championship Horse Show

**Date:** Friday, August 26-Sunday, August 28  
**Time:** vary - check 4-H Web site for details: nj4h.rutgers.edu  
**Location:** Horse Park of New Jersey  
**Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@rcre.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

For more information about the shows contact your county 4-H Office or the New Jersey 4-H Website - www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/animalsci/index.html. On the Website just click on the appropriate animal species. The rules and entry forms for the show will be available on the Website.
HURRAY FOR...

State Horse Judging & Hippology

Results

Junior Division: Congratulations to Justin Dagnall who placed:
Horse Judging: 4th place Junior Team Oral Reasons; 1st place Overall Junior Teams
Hippology: 2nd place Individual Junior Written Exam, phase A; 1st place Junior Team Problems, phase D; 1st place Overall Junior Team Scores; 6th place Overall Junior Individual Scores

Senior Division:
Congratulations to Elyse Geibel who placed:
Horse Judging: 1st place Senior Performance Individual; 4th place Senior Team Oral Reasons; 3rd place Overall Senior Team Scores, 1st Place Overall Senior Individual Scores
Hippology: 2nd place Senior Written Exam, phase A; 4th place Senior Stations, phase B; 3rd place Senior Team Problems, phase D; 4th place Overall Senior Team Scores; 1st place Overall Senior Individual Scores

Congratulations to Loretta Rose Giovannucci who placed:
Horse Judging: 4th place Senior Team Oral Reasons; 3rd place Overall Senior Team Scores
Hippology: 3rd place Senior Team Problems, phase D; 4th place Over Senior Team Scores

State 4-H Dog Show

Congratulations to these winners:

Obedience
Pre-Novice A: Elizabeth Frank, 2nd place; Kristen Obermeier, 3rd place
Pre-Novice B: Jessica Brygier, 1st place; Emma Boganski, 3rd place; Brian Franchuk, 5th place
Intermediate Novice: Elise Schwer, 2nd place; Andrea Ortu, 4th place

Seeing Eye
Puppies 6-9 months: Becki Lane, 1st place
Puppies 10-12 months: Ryan Clare, 2nd place
Puppies 13 months & up: Meredith Kollmer, 2nd place, Camille Tinley, 3rd place, Meghan Hartmann, 4th place

Junior Showmanship
Grades 4-6, Inexperienced: Daniel Basile, 1st place; Trey Ford, 3rd place
Grades 4-6, Experienced: Emily Diettmann, 1st place; Kyle Graham, 2nd place; Kylie Berko, 4th place
Grades 7-9, Inexperienced: Thomas Hilbert, 2nd place; Grades 7-9, Experienced: Nathalie Schlosser, 2nd place; Amanda Weinstein, 4th place
Grades 10 & Up, Experienced: Brittney O’Brien, 1st place; Gabrielle Chaya, 2nd place; Bryn Keck, 3rd place; Kelly Allison, 4th place

Agility
Leash Optional, Medium: Sarah Monn, 1st place
Leash Required, Small: Elizabeth Frank, 1st place, Kylie Berko, 2nd place
Leash Required, Medium: Wendy Franzyschen, 1st place

4-H State Presentations

On June 4, Rutgers University hosted the 2005 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers, who participated in the state contest: David Allison, Elyse Geibel, Gwen Brown, Sophia Chen, Alex Kulick, Iren Ning, Brittney O’Brien, Sam Callahan, Jayson Kolb, Shilpa Deshpande, Julia Christine Hill, Charlie Johnson, Christian Kinney, Robby Slovik and Justin Dagnall.

The Outstanding Plate Award Winners for Somerset County were: Sam Callahan and Elyse Geibel.
Astronomy Night

"I can see Jupiter!", a child exclaimed as a cloud broke and the planet Jupiter came into view for the 30 adults and children that attended the 4-H Astronomy Night during the evening of May 14th.

The 4-H Space & Astronomy Club hosted its first Astronomy Night of 2005 that evening, which began in the gym at 7:30. Club members Nick Asch, Kyle Savarese and Asher Marks gave presentations on the space topics they follow as members of the club. This included the James Webb Telescope, the Cassini Mission to Saturn and the discovery of new planets.

Following the presentations everyone moved outside where club leaders Paul Cirillo and Jim Roselli had two large telescopes set up to view the planets Jupiter and Saturn.

The weather and sky conditions were good enough for everyone to have a chance to see the moons of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn!

The Space & Astronomy Club plans to hold more Astronomy Nights during the year. To learn more about the club and its future Astronomy Nights visit their web site at www.geocities.com/SC4HAstro.

New Club Forming!

Do you like to dance? Do you like to plan events? A new club is forming with the purpose of planning events to help recruit more 4-H members as well as advertise Somerset County 4-H. Event ideas include dances, parade floats, etc.

If you are in 8th grade and older and might be interested in learning more information, then please contact Lisa Rothenburger at (908) 526-6644 or rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu.

Rutgers University - Cook College

Class of 2005

Congratulations to these former Somerset County 4-H members on their college graduation

Lauren N. Kolb
Virginia M. Quick
Mary McLaughlin

2005 Outstanding 4-H'ers

Seven 4-H members were selected and will be recognized at the July 20th 4-H Association meeting and at the 4-H Fair for their accomplishments. Congratulations to:

Erin Posbergh
Jason Metting
Matt Puskas
Kyle Miholics
Kelly Allison
Shannon Zimmitti
Bryn Keck

They have made wonderful contributions to the 4-H program.

And congratulations to these outstanding Alumni, also being honored for their many contributions throughout the years to the 4-H program.

Britt Powell
Craig Hockenbury
4-H Volunteer Highlights

Pauline Kodack
Volunteer for July

RESIDENCE: “Branchburg”

FAMILY: “Married to a wonderful man; 1 daughter member of 4-H Woolly Ones, 1st year in College at University of the Arts, Dance major; 2 step-sons one in Graduate school for Biological Research, one will attend George Mason Law School.”

OCCUPATION: “Admin. Assistant to the Executive Director of Midland School located in North Branch”

HOBBIES/SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES: “Having fun with sheep and kids in Woolly Ones Sheep Club; Ballet lessons at NJ School of Ballet in Somerville; Riding my 4-gear bicycle all over the beautiful back roads of NJ; will read anything I can get my hands on”

FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN 4-H… “August of 1996 we moved to Somerset Co. from Bergen Co. We visited the 4-H Fair every single day and spent most of our time in the sheep tent. My daughter and I spent the first 9 years of her life in the Bronx and then North Arlington and never had any pets – the fair, the animals, the kids, and the leaders we encountered were so open, friendly, and so much fun that we decided there and then that this was the place we wanted to live!”

INVOLVEMENT IN 4-H AND COMMUNITY TODAY: “Co-Leader of the Woolly Ones Sheep Club, member of the 4-H Association, provider of Herdsmen and fair managers breakfasts, 4-H catalog committee; Volunteer and active at various Midland activities.”

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER… “Helping at the Milkshake Booth during heavy rains and having the entire Food Tent singing songs to bring in people! Preparing herdsmen breakfast with Sandy Clare and Lenore Bruno as we scrambled 13 dozen eggs. Seeing my daughter compete in the Round Robin as Senior Showman for the Sheep Division.”

FAVORITE ASPECT OF VOLUNTEERING… “People don’t know that… I had never heard of 4-H before coming to Somerset County.”

IF I HAD MORE TIME I WOULD… “Volunteer more for my community, my country and my world… To Make The Best Better!”

Brenda Esler
Volunteer for August

RESIDENCE: “Lifelong Bridgewater resident”.

FAMILY: “immediate family is my husband, John, and our two parakeets, Greenie and Stella, aka, “The Peeps.” Newest member to be announced…”

OCCUPATION: “Assistant Director at the Somerset Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependency”

HOBBIES/SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES: “Creative projects like making beaded jewelry and sewing. Decorating, gardening and other home improvement projects have also become a new hobby since moving from a condo to a house last summer.”

FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN 4-H… “about 5 years ago when I met Lucille Razzano at an agency fair. I approached her hoping to recruit 4-H youth to help with a teen program run by the agency where I work. Instead Lucille recruited me as a 4-H volunteer!”

INVOLVEMENT IN 4-H AND COMMUNITY TODAY… “Co-leader for Senior Council and chaperone for Winter Camp and lock-ins. Encourage support of 4-H through my position at the Somerset Council; e.g., by sponsoring children’s entertainment at the Fair.”

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER… “the fun we have at the Senior Council snow-cone booth”

FAVORITE ASPECT OF VOLUNTEERING… “Getting to know so many dedicated 4-H’ers and being inspired by the positive examples they set.”

PEOPLE DON’T KNOW THAT… “I’ve got a bun in the oven!”

IF I HAD MORE TIME I WOULD… “join Association”
The Chinese Culture Club

By Tiffany Tai & Chris Chu

The Chinese Cultural Club raised money for the tsunami victims. Donations were given by many of the club members and their family in all, the fundraiser was a great success. In total, $2,269.75 was donated towards the tsunami relief efforts. The club would like to remind other organizations that although the main crisis is over, many countries in Southeast Asia are still trying to rebuild and need all the help that they can get from the United States. The club also held elections on May 8, 2005. New officers are as follows: President: Chris Chu; Vice President: Ben Lu; Secretary: Tiffany Tai; Treasurer: Steven Fang; Co Editors: Jessica Zhao & Kevin Chang. Congratulations to the new officers.

Senior Council

By Molly Mulrooney

Senior Council held another drumming circle on May 14th and worked on preparing for the Lock-In that was taking place on May 21 – 22. A road clean-up was held on May 1st and Senior Council successfully helped at Safe Night on April 2nd. They also helped out at the Foothill Acres spring Carnival on May 22. At their next meeting, they will be tie-dying club shirts.

4-H Cattleman’s Club

By Joshua Bruss

The 4-H Cattleman’s Club got their shadow boxes for the display. They are busy working on their project reports and looking at dates for a field day. They are starting to prepare for the fair and made a list of what kind of tools they will need for the fair.

Wattles & Snood Poultry Club

By Rachel Cowan

The club will be holding 2 meetings in June. At the first meeting, the club discussed showmanship for the fair. They had a guest speaker who showed everyone how to hold a chicken properly. Later on in the month, they will have another meeting to participate in the Poultry Quiz Bowl.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents

By Shannon Merrill

The Mighty Cavits & Rodents will be participating in the Cumberland County Show on July 9. They worked on the requirements for the display board. Presentations were given by Caroline Rubinfeld about therapets, Jessie Rack on how to be a good 4-H’er, Sarah Ongaro on rabbit litters, Kaylen and Kira Whitney explained about nesting boxes, Justin Alpaugh gave a presentation on salmonella, Julie Gallagher on rabbit health care and Brian Rubinefeld on guinea pigs. The club is holding a picnic on July 23 and members signed up to bring different foods. The club finished their meeting with a presentation by Jen Schlittler on her dog.

Happy Tails

By Teresa Pecina

Happy Tails members, old and new, are all awaiting the arrival of the 4-H fair. The year has flown by and they are excited to share what they have accomplished this past year. Everyone is sure to enjoy the rabbit displays in their tent. Many people will be at the fair, and new members are excited about participating for the first time. What a great way to spend a day!
The Prep Page

Dear 4-H Prepper,

It's FAIR TIME! By now, most of you are getting your stuff ready to exhibit. The Fair is a special time to show what you did this year. It's a time, too, for you to watch over the prep tent and talk about 4-H to the fairgoers.

All preppers going into 4th grade can attend a graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 18th at 7pm. Look for a letter telling all about it and be sure to return the information sheet to let us know if you will be coming.

Be very proud to be a 4 H'er in Somerset County...I'm proud of you! See you at the Fair!!!

Mrs. Kreulier
4-H Prep Coordinator

Thank you!

We had a great time at 4-H Family Weekend Camp in June. The sun was shining, the games were fun and the food was terrific, (thanks to Mrs. Posbergh, Erin, Chris, Mrs. Kosaka, Robert, and the folks that helped in the kitchen). Thanks to Mrs. Bijaczyk and Mrs. Gilligan who were in the Craft Barn where kids made stuff like sand bracelets and necklaces, torches, and leather craft. The fish were biting (even a turtle!) and the hike was awesome. If you weren't there...you missed it! Maybe next year...

Yakety-Yak

News from Shelby Sharkey, "MAD SCIENTISTS"

"In attendance: Justin, Meghan, AJ, Emily, Ana, Zachary, Shelby and Sarah. Topic was Magnetism led by Shelby's mom...learned about magnetic field and force, repelling and attracting...made a heart refrigerator magnet craft...fished for a prize"
More news from the “MAD SCIENTISTS”

In May, the club learned about Simple Machines. Hands-on stations were led by the Larson Family. One fun station was outside the 4-H center where one lever was used to lift the adults. Kate wrote: “Cary, Kathleen, Ana, Allyson, and Emily were at the June meeting. Talked about science exhibit for the 4-H Fair. We also planned what we are going to put in our 4-H tent.”

The March meeting of the “4-H FRIENDS” took place at the Keller’s home. They discussed a trip to the pet store for a reptile demonstration. They received a thank you note from the animal shelter for the donation of dog and cat products. Everyone practiced making their own square for the quilt project they will exhibit at the fair.

Ali Dineen sent the April news: “made paper airplanes at Kyle’s house.”

News from Catholic Charities “Triangle Tigers SACC”
By Britney Merino, Secretary
and Keisha Kauffman, Reporter

“Mary Ann from 4-H led the meeting. (4/7/05) She did Germbusters. We learned about bacteria and viruses. How they get inside you and how you can prevent their spread. We learned about blood cells and antibodies. We learned about food safety. We looked under a ‘magic’ light to view the ‘germs’ on our hands. Then we washed the best we could and looked again. Some of us could have done better! We are doing a take home project in which we will design our own germ.”

“We made kites and flew them outside (5/5/05). First we cut out garbage bags in the shape of a kite. Second we decorated the kite with crayons. Third we taped straws to hold up the kite. Fourth we punched strings into the sides and put strings on the kite. Next we tied a longer string on. Then we went out by the playground and flew them.”

“Today we made windsocks (6/2/05). First we decorated a piece of paper. Second then we taped it, punched holes, and stapled it. Third we put ribbons on the windsock. Finally we caught wind with it and ran around with it.”
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**RCCE Summer Adventure Weeks July 18 - 22**

- July 18: Horse Project Advisory Committee Meeting
- July 19: 4-H Association Meeting & Outstanding 4-H'er Reception
- July 22: 4-H Fair Manager Meeting

**RCCE Summer Adventure Weeks July 11 - 15**

- July 15: 4-H Fair Board Applications Due

**Events**

- Citizenship Waiving (July 10 - 16)
- Independence Day (Office Closed)
- 4-H Fair Manager Meeting (July 7, 30 PM)
- SAW Intern Training

**Important Dates**

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