4-H CLOVERTALES
A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset

September/October 2005

GET INSPIRED!... 4-H
Dear Volunteers, 4-H members, parents, and everyone else,

If we may quote from the movie The Incredibles, “THAT WAS TOTALLY WICKED!” We can’t even begin to express our gratitude for all the hard work, and dedication you folks put into this year’s fair. It was by far the best we have had in a long time. You put so much time and effort into this event and it showed. The 4-H’ers were wonderful, the exhibits were awesome, and the 2005 Fair really Made The Best Better. We only heard positive comments from fairgoers, county employees, and others. Our volunteers were so cooperative and helpful. Even clean up on Saturday went fast - there were so many helpers!! Of course, having nearly perfect weather and a new electrical system certainly made this fair a more pleasant one for you, the electricians, and the fairgoers.

With so many visitors to the fair, we are sure that clubs had many new kids interested in joining 4-H. This is just a reminder that 4-H goes by grade and not age - so Prep Kids are 1st - 3rd graders and standard clubs are for 4th - 13th graders - regardless of the child’s age. Remember that 4-H Open House is October 5th (not that you have to wait that long for new members to join). And don’t forget to send in the new member registration forms right away. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thanks for your commitment and dedication to the Somerset County 4-H Program.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

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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.

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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.
Leaders' & Parents' Outlook

Join 4-H Open House - October 5

4-H is alive and growing in Somerset County! This is evident by the number of boys and girls who expressed interest in joining 4-H at the Fair. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House and we are planning another one this year.

On Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we're holding the annual Join 4-H Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader has already received information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. Even if your club has no room for new members, we'd like your club to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we’ll get another club started. We hope your club will be there!

Please pick up some Open House flyers from the 4-H Office and put some up in your neighborhood and school. Thanks!

We also need volunteers to help with refreshments, registration, and to staff the information booth. Call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644 by September 16 to volunteer.

Age/Grade Requirements for Participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a policy that utilizes a member’s grade rather than age 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.

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 already 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 progresses.

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.
# 4-H Center Keys

If your 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.

# Member Registration Forms

As your club starts the new year please remember that youth who want to join your club need to complete a member registration form. Forms may be obtained for the 4-H office or 4-H Center night manager.

# State Event Deadlines

County offices are required to submit registrations for state events in a timely manner. Registration due dates set by your county office helps them to meet the state deadlines.

Any registrations received after the county cut-off date will not be eligible for state events.

### Volunteer Related Web Sites

The Volunteer Management Report, a monthly publication of the Stevenson, Inc. recently put out a special index of volunteer related web sites. Here are some that may be of interest to leaders and their clubs:

- **Youth in Philanthropy** is sponsored by Foundation Center and features a section for adults in youth service. [http://youth.fdncenter.org](http://youth.fdncenter.org)
- **ZOOM into Action** is a multimedia campaign that motivates kids to volunteer. Kids who write to ZOOM about their volunteer projects have a chance to be featured on the popular PBS show. [http://wgby.org/zoom](http://wgby.org/zoom)
- **Family Cares** includes a wide range of family-oriented service projects and fun activities that teach kids civic-mindedness. [http://www.familycares.org](http://www.familycares.org)
- **Youth in Action Network** includes news, events, action alerts and more for youth and educators. Youth organizations can also get free homepages here. [http://www.youthlink.org](http://www.youthlink.org)
- **Youth Service America** provides resources and ideas for youth community service. [http://www.vsa.org](http://www.vsa.org)
- **Youth Volunteer Corps** provides service opportunities to youngsters. [http://yvca.org](http://yvca.org)
Shop 'Til You Drop
Benefits 4-H Association

Hold this date: Tuesday, October 18, 2005. That’s the day Lord & Taylor at the Bridgewater Commons is having their Benefits Bash and it’s a win-win for the 4-H Association, as well as all our shoppers.

The 4-H Association will be selling tickets for this private sale day at $5.00 each. All monies go directly to the Association. This is 100% profit. Go to Lord & Taylor on October 18 and with your special 4-H ticket receive a 15% discount pass on everything in the store, good all day long, plus a special coupon that allows you to buy anything at 20% off. And as a special guest of Lord & Taylor’s, you are welcome to join all the special events being held that day, including complimentary book signings, contests, children’s events, special sales and more!!

As a special incentive, the organization selling the most tickets can earn an additional $2000, so please, even if you are not sure you can attend, consider purchasing a ticket. However, even if you can stop in for a moment or so, Lord & Taylor is also offering an additional $2000 for the organization that has the highest attendance. Tickets can be purchased by anyone, so tell all your family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for the 4-H Association to earn funds and a great way for all clubs and their families to have a fun-filled day shopping at Lord & Taylor and even exploring the Commons!

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 21 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Nutrition Comes Alive, Germ-busters, Dinosaurs/Fossils and our newest program Brain Games for Indoor Recess. We offer 12 different programs for children from pre-school through 6th grade. In addition we offer lesson plans and resources.

We also offer 5 different Teacher Workshops throughout the school year, Project Learning Tree, Project Wild, Character Counts, Eat Smart-Keeping Kids Healthy and Family ASTRO.

Call the 4-H Office, (908) 526-6644 to ask for our free brochure, or ask to speak to Lucille Razzano about scheduling a program.

Community Service Idea

Somerset County Law Enforcement & Public Safety Community Day – Oct. 2

This third annual event is intended to bring the community of Somerset County together to strengthen the police/community public safety partnership and to inform the public of various countywide public safety initiatives. This community minded event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain date Oct. 9, at the Somerset County Historic Courthouse Complex Grounds. At the same time, you and your family can enjoy the annual fall Somerville Street Fair, which will be in progress all day. For information for your club to participate, call the 4-H office.
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 14

The “4HUSA Web Crew” was created in 2004 to redesign, supervise, manage and market the National 4-H Web site — www.4husa.org. The purpose of the site is two-fold: marketing to enhance and more accurately reflect the national image of 4-H; and the creation of an interactive online community for 4-H members. The site embodies the message, “4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.” It features timely and interactive elements and demonstrates the size, diversity and value of the 4-H adventure. It is a “one-stop” Web site for 4-H.

Eligibility/Criteria: Candidates will be 4-H members/young alumni (14+ years old) with demonstrated expertise in Web site content, design and management. Candidates for the Web Crew may be nominated or self-nominated. State 4-H leader and/or county 4-H agent recommendation or statement of support for nominees is required. We are currently looking for members who specialize in specific areas such as journalist, writing, reporting, content management, graphic design, multimedia development, game development, website supervision and networking with 4-H staff and members.

Help Plan
Summer Adventure Weeks Camp

We are looking for teens, 8th grade and higher to help us plan for the 2006 Summer Adventure Weeks Day Camp. If you are interested in learning more, and possibly being a counselor or counselor-in-training, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at Rothenburger@rcse.rutgers.edu, by Friday, October 14.
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.

- Learn how to organize yourself
- Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you’ve learned this year from the goals you reached
- Recognize what things you learned in your 4-H project
- Explain what you’ve learned
- Keep track of costs of your project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events

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, then you should be using the general purpose record book titled, “My 4-H Record Book”.

Just a reminder, as a non-profit group, your 4-H club has several responsibilities with its treasury. The club treasury and those working with it need to comply with federal, state, and local regulations and policies. If you have more than $100 you will need an outside audit, and the report must be kept on file at the 4-H office by November 1st. The New Jersey 4-H Leader Training Series has a fact sheet that will explain the process. The 4-H agents can also help you.

4-H Fair Pictures

There was a ton of pictures taken during the fair! If you haven’t developed your prints yet, be sure to order duplicates for our Yearbook and Catalog Committee. The pictures may be left at the 4-H Center Office or given to your leader to drop off on their visit to the 4-H Center.

If you took digital photos, please send them to Valerie Kreutler at: kreutler@co.somerset.nj.us, so they can be placed in our Yearbook and Catalog Committee file.

A Somerset County 4-H Cat Club is forming in Somerset (Franklin Township). The club will meet monthly in members’ homes. The 4-H Cat Club will teach the members about cat health, care and related topics. One to two additional members are sought, preferably from the Somerset/Hillsborough area. Contact Karen Ferguson (732) 873-0931.

Say Cheese!
NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms Due by October 28

If your club meets certain requirements, then you qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club. Contact the office for a fact sheet. The form is be completed by the Club leader or president and turned into the 4-H Office by October 28 to be recognized for last year’s efforts.

4-H Center Showcase

Show off! Your club can display its projects, achievements, or anything else in the 4-H Center display showcase. Sign up for a month – just call the 4-H Office.

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 October 31, 2005. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available in the 4-H Office and at the 4-H Center.

Hold the Date!

The ARTS Tent Achievement Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars now!

National 4-H Week – October 2-8

Somerset County wants to get the 4-H year off on the right foot, and we are celebrating National 4-H Week. Why don’t you join in the 4-H fun? Besides coming to the “Join 4-H” Open House on October 5, why not have your club do something exciting to promote 4-H. Decorate a window, wear your 4-H shirt; what else can you do?

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.

You’re Invited Leaders’ Social

Tuesday, September 27
7:30 – 9:00 pm
4-H Center

Come join us for a fun filled evening. Get together with current friends Make some new ones.

Play “Social Round Robin” The results will surprise you!

This invitation is open to all… leaders, co-leaders & junior leaders.

If you would like to bring a dessert or goodie to share, please feel free to do so!

Please RSVP: 908-526-6644 by September 23
Bring a friend to the...

4-H OctoberFest

Calling all 6-7-8 graders
Come have fun at a 4-H Dance
October 1, 2005
7:00 - 10:00 pm
Somerset County 4-H Center
Hold the Date
Details will follow shortly and be posted on the web

Hoof Beats Members:
Change of Meeting Time:
Every 3rd Wednesday
Yellow Room

Any questions, please contact:
JoAnne Van Nuys-Marcine
908-369-7697

science
Achievement
Night

Hold the Date!!!
December 9
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hurray for...

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to SSP Architectural Group, Inc.; Stephen Kowalski of SSP Architectural Group; Anna Chigir-inksaya of SSP Architectural Group; Facilities Division of Somerset County Park Commission; Leslie Holzmann, Deputy Director Somerset County Park Commission; Somerset County Sheriff’s Department; Somerset County Public Information; Mike Niemec and Staff of Bank of America; Road & Bridge Division of Somerset County Dept. of Public Works, Outback Steakhouse, Criminal Investigation Division-Forensic Unit of Somerset County for their continuous support of Somerset County 4-H.

Patrick Dugan Wins Scholarship

Patrick Dugan is the recipient of a $1000 scholarship from the Seeing Eye, Inc. Patrick raised 6 puppies through the 4-H K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club. These puppies then go on to be trained as guide dogs for the blind. Guide dogs help the blind move with dignity and independence. Puppies raised in loving homes always make the best dog guides.

Top Sales Yearbook & Catalog

Congratulations…

Kyle Miholics, Kelly Allison, Jocelyn Leung, Irene Ning, Rebecca Moore and Thomas Plotkin for receiving the 2005 Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship and Christopher Williams for receiving the Jim Rudowski Scholarship.

Fashion Review

At the 2005 4-H Fashion Revue held at the 4-H Center on June 7, Shannon Merrill was judged Best-of-Show wearing a plaid sun-dress. Katie Winters was awarded Best-in-Unit II with an historical skirt. Both girls are members of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice Club. Megan Evers of the Gingersnaps was named Best-of-Unit I.

Shannon Merrill received a gift certificate from Fabric Land for having the best-constructed garment at the mini Fashion Show at the Fair.

Summer Adventure Week

Thank you and congratulations to the RCE Summer Adventure Weeks Teen Interns and Interns-in-Training, all participants, chaperones and the entire RCE staff. This year, the children that attended learned about nutrition, gems, history, team building and forensic science. They traveled to the Stirling Mines, Waterloo Village and during the second week, the campers went to visit a forensic lab.

The week was filled with fun, learning, cooperation and adventure. The program is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County. The success of the program is made possible with the help of volunteer chaperons, teen interns and interns-in-training and all the RCE staff. Teen interns included: Erin Posbergh, Jason Metting, Vinita Tandon, Anthony Kosaka, John Chen, Michelle Yu, Laura Kleiman, Mark Regan, Jocelyn Leung, Robby Slovik, Tiffany Tai, Jessica Rack, Shannon Zimmitti, Andy Dudinsky, Matt Batzer and Sara Vasudeva. Special thanks to Terri Yost for coordinating Summer Adventure Weeks.
People Pick-Me-Up Wins Award

People-Pick-Me-Ups was chosen by the Build-A-Bear Foundation as a Huggable Hero, after one of their members, Alyssa Ciecwicz, along with the input from leaders and other members, wrote an article explaining what the club is all about. People-Pick-Me-Ups has about 20 members between the ages of 9-18. The objective of People-Pick-Me-Ups is to reach out to those who need attention and kindness. Each month the kids bring animals (rabbits, cats, dogs, hamsters) to nursing homes, hospitals and camps providing a touching, interactive and joyful experience to people that are often forgotten or experiencing difficulties.

The club all received their own bears, along with a check for $1000 that will be donated among St. Hubert’s Animal Shelter, Cornell Medical Center-Lupus Research and the 4-H Association. A photograph of the club will appear in the Build-A-Bear calendar for 2006.

4-H’ers Rosin Up Their Bows

Kudos to 4-H members from Hillsborough, who along with their family and friends, organized themselves as the Hillsborough Strings Ensemble and performed at the Fair. Many thanks to Linda Ferry for leading this effort. Band members were Kathy Hill, Thomas Chen, Shelly Wang, Maegan Ferry, Colleen Ferry, Alex Kenny, Alison Laesig and Jennifer Fanders.

Hurray for... All You made the best better!

Thanks to these 4-H’ers who were counselors at camp this year: Erin Posbergh, Matt Batzer, Tom Talty

Somerset County 4-H’ers who attended the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp at Stokes State Forest this year are: David Allison, Nicholas Asch, Taylor Au, Daniel Basile, Brianne Bishop, Randy Bishop, Molly Booker, Lauren Breffeilh, Nicole Breffeilh, Kate Breffeilh, Timothy Brewer, Thomas Budd, Brian Budd, Alvin Chiang, Erica Devin, Michael Duan, Alex Franchuk, Brian Franchuck, Elizabeth Frank, Conor Kelton, Rachel Lin, Gavin Mazzaglia, Trevor Mazzaglia, Savannah Mignella, Sarah Ongaro, Hayley Owens, Sarah Plotkin, Chris Posbergh, Rosanne Rosinski, Grace Rosinski, Eric Sellers Stephanie Szela, Amanda Weinstein.
Another Great Fair!

Fair Evaluation Meeting
September 12th, 7:30pm
4-H Center

We can always “make the best better.” Members, parents and all volunteers welcome to share your thoughts. Please come. We have lots of “lost & found” and catalog photos to be returned.

Everyone involved deserves a blue ribbon for cooperative teamwork!

Special Thanks to Our 2005 4-H Fair Managers

Abner Matthews
Peter Hirsch
Mike Amorosa
Tony DeVergillo
Scott Szakacs
Britt Powell
Jim Wood
Mike Pappas

Tent Superintendents, Division Chairs, and Club Leaders deserve many thanks for organizing tents, shows and projects so that each 4-H member had a proper place to display their projects and an opportunity to learn from the judging process.

Thanks to Chris Giraldi, Greg Snook Sr, Greg Snook Jr, Pete Amorosa, Mike Amorosa, Jim Wood, Scott Szakacs, and Robert Arena for driving the equipment needed to move the supplies.

Thanks to Electricians Britt Powell, Tony DeVergillo and their team, Joanne Powell, Lee Taylor and son, Craig Hockenbury, Russ Balliet, Chan Leung, Tim McLaughlin and Linda Au.

Thanks to Dave Rieur, Mike Hribik and Dawn Hribik for manning the drop off point and providing transportation to clubs, vendors and exhibitors.

Thanks to Mike Pappas for arranging the buses.

Thanks to Ruth Slovik, Jim Wood, the food committee and helper Robbie Slovik for organizing the food tent.

Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim and Kyle Miholics, and Chan Leung for an exciting entertainment schedule and to Kathy and Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so efficiently.

Thanks to Debbie and Rich Norz, Pauline Kodak, Sandy Clare and Russ Balliet for supervising and cooking for the herdsmen. And thanks to Herdsmen, David Allison, Kelly Allison, Justin Alpaugh, Kandace Alpaugh, Janice Artifitch, Jessica Aulisio, Katherine Balliet, Taylor Barrett, Matt Batzer, Meghan Behr, Kimberly Bergen, Julia Bergen, Gwen Brown, Margaret Bruno-Metzger, Angelina Bruno-Metzger, Kelly Brygier, Ryan Clare, Bridget Connolly, Becky Contarino, Anna Mae Coolbaugh, Amy Cruser, Kaitlyn Darabant, Lauren Darabant, Shilpa Deshpande, Caraline Egan, Jack Egan, Keith Espineira, Kayla Farber, Jason Fenyar, Katie Flannery, Jake Forktus, Jennifer Frank, Tiffany Freuler, Julie Gallagher, Laura Gianino, Fred Gunther, Ernie Hall, Shawn Harrity, Meghan Hartmann, Alma Hasanovik, Julia Hill, James Hobbie, Catherine Illuzzi, Kaitlyn Janisch, Charlie Johnson, Heather Kastner, Aaron Kauder, Bryn Keck, Kathleen Kerwin, Stacey Kodack, Jason Kolb, Vanessa Lavoie, Patti Lennell, Sarah MacComb, Chelsea Maciborski, Katie Maglia, Danielle Marcine, Emily McLaughlin, Caitlyn Merrill, James Metting, Jason
Metting, Molly Mulrooney, Briana Mulrooney, Jason Nicoletti, Brittney O’Brien, Andrea Ortu, Erin Posbergh, Benny Przewozny, Christopher Puskas, Matt Puskas, Jake Quick, Jessica Rack, Paul Rasmussen, Nathalie Schlosser, Samantha Schurick, Alise Schwer, Ashley Serridge, Robbie Slovik, Garret Spork, Thomas Spork, Al Stahoski, Kelly Steimle, Rob Steimle, Chris Thompson, Camille Timley, Ashley Tursky, Alyssa Varsalone-Basile, Alex Von Nessen, Alyson Weiss, Shannon Zimmitti for a job well done.

Thanks to the 4-H Sidewinders for picking up smoke detectors and 4-H Somerset Sentinels for putting out the fire extinguishers.

Thanks to Nadine Powylan, for chairing the Milkshake booth again where proceeds support all Somerset County 4-H. Thanks to Janice Chaffiotte and Maggie Navatto for organizing the corporate volunteers.

Thanks to Robert Hanlon and the Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad for being on call at all times.

Thanks to all the Somerset County divisions that help before, during and after the fair, Engineering, Emergency Management, Public Information, Bridges, Facilities and Services, Traffic Safety, Roads, Transportation Vehicle Maintenance and Sheriff’s Department.

Thanks to Nancy Kirby for organizing the Farm Chore Competition.

Thanks to Al Stahoski for organizing the landscaping by Duke Farms.

“Entertainment 4 U” The 4-H Entertainment Committee applauds the many people involved in performing at our different venues: The Show Mobile Main Stage, Prep Tent, Clover Theater, and the Food Tent Stage! Scheduling a diverse array of talent that appeals to 4-H members, their families and friends, and to fairgoers, of all ages is always a creative challenge.

We especially want to thank those involved in making the third annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) a successful daily noon hour at the prominent Show Mobile Main Stage. Our house band, Sam Handwich & the Yum Yums, with our own 4-H’er Sarah MaCombie as their bass player, rocked! Kudos, also, to the following 4-H Performing Arts Open Division participants: Courtney Coleman & Savannah Mignella (dance solos), Jocelyn Leung (keyboard solo), Charles Kennedy (Tae Kwon Do presentation & demo), the Hillsborough Strings Ensemble, Christi Kinney (vocal solo), and Kyle Miholics & Chris Williams (drum & violin duet). The 4-H Country Kickers Club, instructed by Georgeanne Valis (our 4-H secretary), brought a bit of extra energy to the fair with 4-H teens, parents, and fairgoers strutting their stuff! A special thank-you goes out to Christi, Jocelyn, and Chris & Kyle, who were kind enough to repeat their wonderful S4HL performances on the Food Tent Stage on Friday evening! That’s entertainment… 4-H style!

Thanks to the Park Commission for their continuing support and cooperation. We are most grateful for the new electrical connections.

Thanks to Linda Au for recruiting and thanking sponsors.

Thanks to New Centre Dairy, Woof, Wags n’ Whiskers, and Go-Kart Clubs for help setting up and taking down main areas of the fair.

2005 4-H Fair Manager Awards:

Best 4-H Animal Tent- Poultry
Honorable Mention - Beef
Best Non Animal Tent- Prep
Honorable Mention - Trains
Best Outside Commercial Vendor- Gate Way Church
Honorable Mention - Maple Hollow Landscaping
Best Inside Commercial Vendor - Love Your Pet
Honorable Mention - Physical Therapy
Best Food Tent Booth- Bound Brook Methodist Church
Best Non 4-H, Non Commercial- Board of Agriculture
Honorable Mention - Master Gardners
Outstanding Service - Lisa Rothenburger, Carol Ward, Lillian DeLazzari, Greg Snook, Greg Snook Jr., Robert Arena, Chris Giraldi, Pete Amorosa
Best Effort in a 4-H Tent - Herpetology,
Outstanding Service - Middlebush Volunteer Fire Dept.
County Armed Forces Wall of Honor

2005 4-H Yearbook & Catalogs...

are here! Stop by and pick one up for any commercial display advertisers who bought ads from you. This is a great way to say “thank you” for their support. There are not enough books for every “Friend” or “Sponsor”, but the commercial advertisers should receive one!
Thanks to all the 4-H’ers, volunteers and parents who sold 4-H ads and to all who made this yearbook and catalog possible.

**Yearbook and Catalog Committee Coordinators:**

Catalog Coordinator – Robert Horton  
Catalog Layout – Jim Roselli, Joanna Lieuallen  
Ad Sales – Dawn Hribik, Joanna Lieuallen  
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Thanks to all the Yearbook and Catalog Top Selling Individuals: Joseph Amorosa, Cody Gerlach, Jay Kolb

**Outstanding Individuals:**

Over $600.00: Bridget Connolly, Katie Flannery, Bryce Gerlach, Paige Lamberson

Over $300.00: Dawn Hribik, Amanda Weinstein, Sandra Clare, Stacey Kodack, Ashley Miller, Jayce Anderson, Peony Chan, Lisa Magulak, Eric Grohn, Alyssa Varsolone-Basile, Nathalie Schlosser, Emily Gerlach

**Top Salespersons - Business Card:**

   Cody Gerlach  
   Bridget Connolly

**Top Salespersons – Friends & Sponsors:**

   Brianne Bishop  
   Tricia Lyn Smith

**Top Selling Families:**

   The Amorosas  
   The Gerlachs

**Top Selling Club - Friends & Sponsors:**

   Wags n’ Whiskers  
   Mighty Cavits & Rodents

**Top Selling Club – Ads:**

   Senior Council  
   4-H Cattleman’s Club

**Outstanding Clubs:**

Senior Council, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, Wags ‘n Whiskers, Woolly Ones, Sidewinders, RC Car Club, Wattles & Snood

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who sold all types of ads for this year’s 4-H Yearbook and Catalog. Profits helped pay for the book, sponsor “free family fun” at our 4-H Fair, and help pay to maintain our 4-H Center. Many members also received some great prizes for their sales efforts.

**2005 Yearbook & Catalog T-Shirt Winners:**

If you sold $50.00 or more in ads, come to the 4-H center to get your catalog t-shirt.

"A gentleman is always kind, courteous and honorable."

As the 2004-2005 4-H year comes to a close, we remember these gentlemen…

**Bob Kreutler,** our friend who taught Native American crafts and dance at Prep Camp.

**Tom Everett,** an alumnus of New Centre Dairy 4-H Club, committed supporter of 4-H and agriculture in Somerset County.

**Walt Raymond,** lifetime member of the 4-H Association, Horse Club leader and dedicated member of the food tent and wreath committees.
Congratulations to all the following 2005 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2005 Somerset County Round Robin event were: AJ Stahoski, Junior Division and Caitlyn Merrill, Senior Division, both of the Udder Goat Club.

Cake Decorating – Tyana Truong, Best of Show rosette.

Arts & Crafts – Courtney Coleman, Best of Show rosette & runner up; Alex Franchuk & Bridget Connelly won Very Good. Prep participant was Sarah Bijaczyk.

Creative Arts – Kyle Graham, Best of Show rosette; rosettes won by Margaret runo-Metzger, Courtney Coleman, Jadelyn Truong, April Anderson & Katherine Pirro. Ribbons won by Kyle Graham, Margaret Bruno-Metzger, Cortney Coleman, Jadelyn Truong, Bridget Connolly, Mariel Kennedy, Julia Kennedy, Katherine Pirro, April Anderson, Jessica Hodge & Menaca Deolekar.

Creative Writing – Caitlyn Merrill, Best of Show rosette; runner up by Margaret runo-Metzger, Courtney Coleman, Jadelyn Truong, April Anderson & Katherine Pirro. Ribbons won by Kyle Graham, Margaret Bruno-Metzger, Cortney Coleman, Jadelyn Truong, Bridget Connolly, Mariel Kennedy, Julia Kennedy, Katherine Pirro, April Anderson, Jessica Hodge & Menaca Deolekar.

Needlecraft – Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Show rosette.

Photography – Best of Show medallion won by Angie Philipshek; runner up RJ Stockwell-Wurm. Best in Class Caitlyn Merrill & Angie Philipshek; runner up Jonathan Calabrese. Blue ribbons won by Angie Philipshek, Amy Williams, Emily McLaughlin & RJ Stockwell-Wurm.

Woodworking – Best of Show rosette was awarded to Chris Williams. Ribbon awarded to Willie Somerville.

Clothing Construction – Shannon Merrill, Advanced: Best-in-Unit; Megan Evers, Best-in-Unit I; Jadelyn Truong, Best in Unit II; Ribbons awarded to Caroline Merrill, Ramya Kumar, Jordan Chaffiotte, Katie Winters, Tyana Truong, Menaka Deolekar, Simone Chaffiotte & Emily Staats.

Dairy Food Demonstration – Katherine Balliet, Best of Show rosette, blue ribbons Caitlyn Merrill & Lauren Dara-bant. Rosette, Caroline Merrill, runner up rosette. Jadelyn Truong, Jen Fulton, Megan Evers, Tyana Truong, ribbon winners. Unit 2 – Katie Winters, Best of Unit rosette. Unit 4 – Shannon Merrill, Best of Unit rosette. Unit 6 – Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Unit rosette.

Mini Fashion Revue – The following club members participated in the Mini Fashion Revue at the 4-H Fair: Jadelyn Truong, Tyana Truong, Shannon Merrill, Caroline Merrill, Sugar n’ Spice; Megan Evers, Gingersnaps; Simone Chaffiotte, Jordan Chaffiotte, Sewing Class. Sara Memoli, Sugar & Spice was narrator.

Fishing – Excellent ribbons were awarded to Mollie Booker, Jonathan Ajamian, Hannah Kwiatek. Prep Participant was Daniel Ajamian.

Herpetology Club –

Sam Callahan Best of Show
Sam Callahan 1st Place Exotic Lizard
April Anderson 2nd Place Exotic Lizard
Katherine Pirro 3rd Place Exotic Lizard
Shawn Harrity Exotic Lizard Participation
Brian Zelkovsky Exotic Lizard Participation
Scott Hammell 1st Place Exotic Snake
Paul Rasmussen 1st Place Native Frog

Go Kart Time Trial –

Overall Winner
Billy Griffith

Rookie Class
Gregory Matarazzo 1st place

Light Weight Race Class
Tyler Bobal 1st place
Billy Griffith 2nd place
Luke Johnson 3rd place

Medium Weight Race Class
Chris Puskas 1st place
JJ Artfitch 2nd place
Kevin Matarazzo 3rd place

Heavy Weight Race Class
Charlie Johnson 1st place
Jimmy Fulton 2nd place
Dale Artfitch 3rd place
Alpaca Agility –
Brook Gallagher 1st Junior Agility
Erica Devlin 2nd place
Deanna Farber 3rd place tie
Katie Fenyar 3rd place tie
Alyson Weiss 1st Senior Agility tie
Kandace Alpaugh 1st Senior Agility tie
Kayla Farber 2nd place

Alpaca Showmanship –
Erica Devlin 1st Junior Showmanship
Brooke Gallagher 2nd place
Katie Fenyar 3rd place tie
Deanna Farber 3rd place tie
Kandace Alpaugh 1st Senior Showmanship
Kayla Farber 2nd place
Alyson Weiss 3rd place

Small Animals –
Kandace Alpaugh Small Animal Best of Show
Christi Kinney Small Animal Best Reserve
Sarah Stamets Rabbit Best of Show
Shawn Brownell Rabbit Best Reserve
Ashley Gallagher Guinea Pig Best of Show
Kira Whitney Guinea Pig Best Reserve

Dog Show -
Obedience Pre-Novice A
Chris Furmato 1st place
Tom Hilbert 2nd place
Kylie Berko 3rd place
Daniel Basile 4th place

Obedience Pre-Novice B
Wendy Frantzhen 1st place
Elizabeth Frank 2nd place
Emma Boganski 3rd place
Amanda Weinstein 4th place

Obedience Novice
Sarah Monn 1st place
Christina O’Brien 2nd place
Keith Espineira 3rd place
Alma Hasanovic 4th place

Obedience Graduate Novice
Natalie Schlosser 1st place

Obedience Intermediate Novice
Sarah Monn 1st place
Katie Flannery 2nd place
Jessica Brygier 3rd place
Brian Franchuk 4th place

Obedience Advanced Novice
Gabrielle Chaya 1st place

Obedience Open
Molly Mulrooney Exhibition

Junior Showmanship
Kylie Berko 1st place 1st year
Melanie Boyea 2nd place 1st year
Tom Hilbert 3rd place 1st year
Kristen Obermeier 4th place 1st year

Junior Handler - Junior
Amanda Weinstein 1st place
Alexa Berko 2nd place
Katie Flannery 3rd place
Elise Schwer 4th place

Junior Handler – Senior
Nathalie Schlosser 1st place
Molly Mulrooney 2nd place
Kelly Allison 3rd place
Bryn Keck 4th place

Best Overall Junior Handler– Nathalie Schlosser

Blue Ribbon Winners - Beginner Dog - Daniel Basile, Kylie Berko, Melanie Boyea, Rachel Cantlay, Trey Ford, Christopher Furmato, Tom Hilbert, Kristen Obermeier

Poultry Results
Shanna Clifford Grand Champion Bantam Bird
Chris Walsh Reserve Champion Bantam Bird
Caitlin Barrett Grand Champion Waterfowl
Elise Schwer Reserve Champion Waterfowl
Benny Przewozny Grand Champion Standard Bird
Chris Posbergh Reserve Champion Standard Bird
Amy Crusier Grand Champion All Other Species
Erin Posbergh Best Fancy Trio
Chris Posbergh Best Fancy Pair
Brian Kleszyk Grand Champion Commercial Poultry
Brian Kleszyk Reserve Champ. Commercial Poultry
Jason Fenyar Best Dozen Eggs
Lisa Magulak Largest Egg
Erin Posbergh Oddest Egg
Taylor Barrett Best Science Project/Sr. Div.
Caitlin Barrett Best Science Project/Jr. Div.
Veronica Izirarry Best Feed Bag Project
Scott Inkrote Senior Poultry Showman
Chris Posbergh Junior Poultry Showman

Train Results
Scratchbuilt Structures
Brian Zarnowski - Best in Show

Special Projects - Andres Ortiz - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Mike Rossi, Teddy Spulick, Shawn Wild, Mark Powell

Custom Decorated Car - Tyler McGillick - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Joseph Shreve, Thomas Presley, Alexander Frey, Chris Barany
**Module Results**
- Andrew Purzycki - Best in Show 5th year
- Michael Goetjen - Best in Division 4th year
- Brian Zarnowski - Best in Division 3rd year
- Alexander Frey - Best in Division 2nd year
- Andres Ortiz - Best in Division 1st year

*Ribbon winners:* Bryan Toth, Mike Amorese, Brian Rubenfeld; David Kleszyk, Joseph Shreve, Thomas Presley, tylor McGillick, Chris Barany; Mike Rossi, Teddy Spulick, Shawn Wild, Mark Powell, Matt McLawrence

**2005 Dairy Show**

*Jersey Classes*
1st in all categories: Ashley Tursky
- Class 1-Senior Yearling Heifer
- Class 2-Junior Champion
- Class 3-Grand Champion Jersey

*Holstein Classes*
- Class 4-Junior Heifer Calf 1st Danny Philipscheck
  2nd Matt Puskas
  3rd Eric Gandolfe
  4th Lindsay Gandolf
- Class 5-In. Heifer Calf-Winter 1st Brittney O’Brien
  2nd Angela Philipscheck
  3rd Christina O’Brien
  4th Jessica Brygier
  5th Katherine Baltiet
- Class 6-Sr. Heifer Calf-Fall 1st Meghan Behr
  2nd Matt Puskas
  3rd Alyssa Varsalone-Basile
- Class 7-Jr. Yrlg Heifer-Summer 1st Matt Puskas
  2nd Jake Quick
- Class 9- In. Yrlg Heifer-Winter 1st Matt Puskas
  2nd Lindsay Gandolfe
  3rd Jake Quick
- Class 10-Sr. Yrlg Heifer-Fall 1st Alyssa Varsalone-Basile
- Class 11-Junior Champion Reserve Champion Brittney O’Brien
- Class 12-2 year olds-not in milk 1st Ashley Tursky
  2nd Julia Hill
- Class 14-Aged Cow 1st Matt Puskas
  2nd Chris Puskas
- Class 15-Senior Champion Reserve Champion Matt Puskas
- Class 16-Grand Champion Reserve Champion Alyssa Varsalone-Basile
- Class 17-Best of Show Matt Puskas

*Class 18-Dam/Daughter 1st Matt Puskas*
*Class 19-Owner Bred 1st Matt Puskas*
*Class 20-4-H Farm Herd 1st Norz Hill Farm*
*Class 21-Beginner Fitter 4-8 1st Danny Philipscheck
  2nd Angela Philipscheck
  3rd Christina O’Brien*
*Class 22-Beginner Fitter 9-13 1st Katherine Baltiet
  2nd Brittney O’Brien*
*Class 23-Beginner Showman 4-8 1st Danny Philipscheck
  2nd Angela Philipscheck
  3rd Christina O’Brien
  9-13 1st Katherine Baltiet
  2nd Brittney O’Brien*
*Class 24-Jr. Fitter 1st Julia Hill
  2nd Chris Puskas*
*Class 25-Jr. Showman 1st Chris Puskas
  2nd Julia Hill*
*Class 26-Sr. Fitter 1st Ashley Tursky
  2nd Alyssa Varsalon-Basile
  3rd Meghan Behr*
*Class 27-Sr. Showman 1st Ashley Tursky
  2nd Alyssa Varsalon-Basile
  3rd Matt Puskas*
*Class 28-Best Fitted Animal Ashley Tursky*
*Class 29-Adult Showman & Tag-Along Awards Adult-Brynn Kirby*
*Tag-along-Alexa Basile, Alex Norz & Kristie Philipscheck*

**Goat Show Results**
- Samantha Schurick Junior Champion Doe
- AJ Stahoski Reserve Jr. Champion Doe
- Samantha Schurick Standard Dam/Offspring
- Roxanne Rosinski Best Cared For Project
- Angie Philipscheck Beginner Showmanship
- Roxanne Rosinski Beginner Fitting
- Lauren Aarabant/AJ Stahoski Jr. Showmanship (tie)
- Samantha Schurick Junior Fitting
- Caitlyn Merrill Senior Showmanship
- Kelly Fitzsimmons Senior Fitting
- AJ Stahoski Senior Champion Milking Doe
- Kelly Fitzsimmons Res. Sr. Champ. Milking Doe
- Danny Philipscheck Jr. Champion Nigerian Milking Doe
- Angie Philipscheck Sr. Champion Dry Doe
- AJ Stahoski Res. Sr. Champion Dry Doe
- Samantha Schurick Jr. Champion Nigerian Doe
- Charlie Hoffman Sr. Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
- Laura Davidson Res. Sr. Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
- Joseph Hoffman Jr. Champion Nigerian Wetter
- Nicole Philips Res. Sr. Champion Wetter
- Roxanne Rosinski Nigerian Dam/Offspring
- Hoffman Family Nigerian Dam/Offspring
Sheep Results

Champion Beg Meat Fitter: Shanna Clifford
Champion Jr Meat Fitter: Desiree McLaughlin
Champion Sr Meat Fitter: Katie Maglia
Champion Jr Wool Fitter: Desiree McLaughlin
Champion Sr Wool Fitter: Angelina Bruno-Metzger
Champion Hampshire: Stacey Kodack
Champion Suffolk: Katie Maglia
Champion Dorset: Caraline Egan
Champion Corriedale: Margaret Bruno-Metzger
Champ Purebred Meat Ewe: Katie Maglia
Champion Meat Ram: Bridgett Connolly
Champ Grade Meat Ewe: Desiree McLaughlin
Champ Purebred Wool Ewe: Stacey Kodack
Champion Wool Ram: Margaret Bruno-Metzger
Champion Grade Wool Ewe: Katie Maglia
Champ Purebred Ewe Overall: Katie Maglia
Champion Ram Overall: Margaret Bruno-Metzger
Champ Grade Ewe Overall: Desiree McLaughlin
Champion Dam & Lamb: Caraline Egan
Best Pair: Margaret Bruno-Metzger

Supreme Champ Sheep of Show: Katie Maglia
Champion Owner Bred: Katie Maglia
Best Beginner Wool Fitter: Jenny Hunt
Best Beginner Showman: Christy Hunt
Best Jr Showman: Jack Egan
Best Sr Showman: Angelina Bruno-Metzger
Keeper of the Flock: Sarah Lamont
Sportsmanship Award: Desiree McLaughlin
Finest White Fleece: Stacey Kodack

Market Lamb

Champion Market Lamb: Erin Posbergh
Res Champ Market Lamb: Stacey Kodack
Sr Showmanship: Sarah Lamont
Jr Showmanship: Desiree McLaughlin
4-H Owner Bred: Sarah Lamont
Best on the Rail: Erin Posbergh

Broken Props Results

Airplane Construction
Blane Sloan: Best in Show
Eric Sellers: Radio Control Glider
Danny Lent: Radio Control Sport Airplane
Roddy Lent: Radio Control Scale Airplane
Lane Sloan: Line Control Airplane
Tim Chaya: Glider Contest

People’s Choice
Blane Sloan: Grand Winner
Matt Knoblauch: Wednesday (tie)
Nick Zandenel: Wednesday (tie)
Blane Sloan: Thursday
Danny Lent: Friday

Special Commendation: Jack Werner for completing construction of his Aerostar 40 airplane on Friday afternoon of the fair, followed by his very successful first flight during the final flying demonstration on Friday evening.

K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club

Puppies 4-5 months
Ryan Clare: 1st Place
Nicole Emerson: 2nd Place
Nigel Lane: 3rd Place

Puppies 6-9 months
Camille Tinley: 1st Place
Meredith Kollmer: 2nd Place

Puppies 10-15 months
Becki Lane: 1st Place
Vicky Hill: 2nd Place
Ryan Clare: 3rd Place
Lauren Nash: 4th Place

Puppies 16 months & older
Meghan Hartmann: 1st Place
Meredith Kollmer: 2nd Place
Patrick Dugan: 3rd Place

Prep Participant: Moira Dugan
Best in Show & Best Senior Handler: Meghan Hartmann
Best Novice Handler: Lauren Nash
Best Junior Handler: Becki Lane

Midland 4-H Photography Club

Best in Show - Runner Up
R. J. Stockwell-Wurm: Lamington Impressions

Best in Class
R. J. Stockwell-Wurm: Lamington Impressions
Jonathan Calabrese: Don’t Fence Me In

Excellent
Jesse Engesser: Very Good
Patrick Frawley: Matthew Huang
James Henry: Wesley Fleming
Steven Lingel: Michael Reed
Michael Iannaccone: Michael Iannaccone

Black & White Very Good
R. J. Stockwell-Wurm
Dear 4-H Prepper,

The 4-H Prep Tent at this year's Fair was truly "inspiring"! The fair managers awarded our tent a special rosette! You can all be very proud. The club exhibits were wonderful and the fairgoers loved the hands-on activities. Thank you for a job well done!

By now you are back to school and ready for another 4-H year. I'll be looking forward to hearing all about what you are doing. Be sure to send me the "scoop" about what you are learning at club meetings or field trips so I can tell everyone in the Yakety-yak section of our page in Clovertales. O.K.

Mrs. Kreutler
4-H Prep Coordinator

Congratulations Prep Graduates!

A Graduation ceremony was held at the 4-H Fair on Thursday, August 18, for prep club members who will be entering 4th grade in September. They can now move up to regular membership in standard project clubs. The graduates are: Sarah Martin and Taryn O'Leary (The Pet Club), James Cavallaro (Happy Tails), Jonathan Ulassin, Kelsey Graham, Amy Miller, Jake Howell, William Cooley, Rachel Cooley, Rebecca Cooley, Bridget Toolan, and Carolyn Pirro (Lucky Clovers), Zach Larson, Ana Melentijevic, Shelby Sharkey (Mad Scientists), Brian Kober (Funtastics), Sarah Keller (4-H Friends), David Ajamian (Hook 'em and Cook 'em) and Abigail Clinton and Michelle Uminski (Little Rascals).

GOOD LUCK kids! Be proud to be older 4-H'ers, be responsible in your clubs, learn your subject, and now it's your turn to teach the younger preppers.
Special Thank you...

Many, many thanks to Pat Sullivan and Mrs. Debbie Graham who coordinated the entire Prep division. A great big thank you to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams who set up the cotton candy booth and to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGath who coordinated the cotton candy effort. Thanks to all the prep clubs who set up exhibit boards, staffed the prep tent, conducted workshops, made cotton candy and dismantled everything after the fair. A great big hug to "Kreutler's Kamandos" (Kyle, Joey, Ryan and Greg) You guys were such a big help! This fair showed how much cooperation 4-H people have to make things happen. You are all truly "inspiring". THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

Recognition for Community Service

Certificates for Outstanding Community Service were presented at the Fair to the following prep clubs:

**LUCKY CLOVERS** The members made cards and collected supplies for the troops in Iraq.

**4-H FRIENDS** They made dog biscuits for the SAVE No Kill animal shelter in Princeton. They also donated a gift basket with kitty litter, toys and cat food.

**TRIANGLE TIGERS SACC** The members collected pennies for the victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka.

**POCKET PET PREPPERS** They collected money in shaker cans at the Hillsborough Stop and Shop for the Somerset County Animal Shelter. They also set up a small petting zoo at the open house for the Foothill Acres Nursing Home in Hillsborough.

Thank you, kids, for showing how much you care.
School Enrichment Programs

We offer school enrichment programs to any school in Somerset County (all they have to do is ask!) The following schools/after school agencies enjoyed a 4-H program during the 2004-2005 school year. A special thanks to the 4-H Volunteers and Master Gardeners who presented or helped to present programs in addition to those conducted by the 4-H Staff. We hope to see you again next year!

- Bedwell School, Bernardsville
- Bradley Gardens School, Bridgewater
- East End School, No. Plainfield
- Elizabeth Avenue School, Franklin
- Green Brook Middle School, Green Brook
- Hamilton School, Bridgewater
- La Fayette School, Bound Brook
- MacAfee School, Franklin
- Pine Grove Manor, Franklin
- Robert Morris School, So. Bound Brook
- Rock Brook School, Montgomery
- Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset County
- St. Ann’s School, Raritan
- St. Elizabeth School, Bernardsville
- Stony Brook School, Branchburg
- Stony Brook School, No. Plainfield
- Van Derveer School, Bridgewater
- West End School, No. Plainfield
- Weston School, Manville
- Whiton School, Branchburg
- Woodland School, Warren

Senior Council
by Molly Mulrooney

Senior Council will be hosting the Arts Achievement Dinner in the fall. Activities this summer included providing representation at the United Ways, Party in the Park in June and helping with kid games at the fair. Other fair activities included sno-cone scheduling and assisting with the fair exhibit. The council participated in a t-shirt tie-dying project in July. The shirts will be part of their wardrobe for the fair!

Sheepfold
by Cathy Christy

In June, the Sheepfold 4-H Club took a tour of the Valley Shepherd Creamery located in Long Valley. This was an opportunity for the club to learn about a sheep dairy. The members viewed the milking parlor, the cheese shop, the ewe barn and the lambing areas. They got to taste samples of sheep cheese.

Happy Tails
by Colleen Ferry

The 2005 4-H Fair was another great one! Happy Tails received a blue ribbon for their exhibit in the small animals’ tent. It was a wonderful way to top off the club’s first full year. However, the new year is approaching, and we look forward to voting for new positions. We look forward to the ‘Join 4-H’ Open House Night on October 5th. New members are always good to have. The More the Merrier! Members who showed rabbits and other small animals at the Fair will attend an Awards Dinner in October, where they will receive their ribbons and trophies.

4-H Cattleman’s Club
by Joshua Bruss

At the last club meeting, the members discussed the upcoming schedule for the 4-H Fair and those of age signed up for Herdmen’s duties. They also talked about Leader Expectations. Other subjects for discussion included their shadow box display, the field day at Dunwalke Farm, and the upkeep of record books.

Chinese Culture Club
by Kevin Chang and Jessica Zhao

This year was like no other for the 4-H Chinese Culture Club at the Somerset County 4-H Fair. The club had a booth in the food tent and was led by 4-H leader Leticia Chan, Janet Chu, and Chris Chu, the club’s student council president. Aside from the two original items, spring rolls and the much loved tapioca bubble tea, rice pockets were introduced.
Some of the crowd had not even heard of some of the things the Chinese Culture Club had sold, but once they gave some of the products a try, they would ask for more. A customer in particular comes to mind, as he remembered the bubble tea and openly expressed his liking for it. Every hour on the hour after his first buy, he would return asking for another bubble tea.

The volunteers for the food tent booth included 4-H Chinese Culture school student council members, devoted parents, and other student volunteers. This year was the club’s third year running in the food tent and it appears as if they are going to stay for future years.

The Chinese Culture Club also participated with a booth in the Arts Tent. A number of activities were offered to the public. People were given the opportunity to use chopsticks and to pick up various objects with them. Members of the club made demonstrations on origami and Chinese knotting and taught visitors as well. Chinese calligraphy was also offered, and club members showed off their skill, making bookmarks. Visitors could have their name written in Chinese. A total of 600 people requested Chinese calligraphy bookmarks during the three nights.

Environmental Eagles

by Ann Harris

The Environmental Eagles 4-H Science Club is looking forward to starting its 3rd year at the Auten Road Intermediate School. This year, in addition to studying science in the outdoor classroom and doing nature craft projects, the club hopes to take field trips to the Teracycle plant in Trenton, do a tree identification and dish garden workshop with the professionals at Duke Farms, and enjoy the tradition of Arbor Day presentations for the school.

Mad Scientists

by Karen Ferguson

The Mad Scientists had a display in the 4-H Fair Prep tent. The display highlighted some of their events from this year, like magnets, 4-H camp, Science-sational Day, Prep Rally, electricity, computers and dinosaurs. During their shift at the fair, they helped children build dinosaurs with model clay. Their 1st meeting is sometime in September at the 4-H Center. New members welcomed.

4-H Cat Club

by Karen Ferguson

The Somerset County 4-H Cat Club is forming in the Hillsborough/Somerset area. The 1st meeting will be held in September. They have room for 1-2 more members. This club will have a prep division. Most meetings will be held in members’ homes so members’ families must be willing to host and participate. The club will do a 4-H cat project. Prospective members with a cat are encouraged to contact the 4-H office.

4-H Country Kickers Club

by Betty Sommerville

The Club enjoyed good weather & good times dancing at the Fair. Performing during Thursday's S4HL, they went through several of their rehearsed songs and again later at 7pm. After this later performance they invited Fairgoers to come down from the bleachers and learn on the spot an "easy" dance. It was good clean kickin' fun for everybody! Starting up in September, the club is still looking for new members to join us up in the Lounge on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday nights & in the Gym on the 2nd & 4th nights 7-8:30pm. Let's get kickin'!

Young Artistes

Arts & Crafts Club

by Jennifer Hodge

The Club will be holding its first meeting September 22, 7:00 at the 4-H Center. New members are welcome and encouraged to come. The Young Artistes are also planning to be at Open House and will be hosting the ARTS achievement dinner.
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**Schedule of Events (September 2005):**

- **24**: State 4-H Market Fair (Salem County Fairgrounds)
- **25**: State 4-H Sheep Show (Salem County Fairgrounds)
- **26**: 4-H Leader's Social Event
- **27**: Arts肿T Leadership Meeting
- **28**: 4-H Association Meeting
- **29**: 4-H Fair Evaluation Meeting
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