Dear Volunteers, 4-H members and parents,

We can’t even begin to express our gratitude for all the hard work and dedication you folks put into this year’s Fair. 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 2006 Fair really helped to showcase what Somerset County 4-H is all about. We only heard positive comments from fairgoers, county employees, and volunteers. Our volunteers were so cooperative and helpful. Even clean up on Saturday went fast—there were so many helpers!! Of course, having perfect weather made this fair pleasant for all. We will have a Fair Evaluation meeting on Monday September 11th at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Center. Please feel free to join us and share any ideas you have for next year.

Did you notice the newly painted trestle bridge on Route 202? Did you notice the web address? Our web address is www.4HisTops.org (which links back to the somerset.rce.rutgers.edu site). So, we are continuing that theme. Starting in September our theme for Somerset County 4-H is…

4-H is TOPS

We are going to be using this theme wherever and whenever we can. On promotional materials, on marketing brochures, in club displays and at the 60th 4-H Fair in 2007. Join us in promoting 4-H is Tops to everyone you know.

Thanks for your commitment and dedication to Making the Best Better in the Somerset County 4-H Program.

Sincerely,

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.
Introducing 4-H is Tops!

From now on we’ll kick off with the announcement of the new theme in September and use it on all promotional materials, in club displays and at the 60th 4-H Fair in 2007.

Join us in promoting “4-H is Tops!” to everyone you know. And be sure to use the new website: www.4HisTops.org.

“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 Thursday, 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 them up in your neighborhood and school. Thanks!

We also need volunteers to help with refreshments and to staff the information booth. Call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644 by September 15 to volunteer.

Another Reason to Celebrate!

The railroad trestle on Route 202 has been repainted! Did you notice the web address? 4-H is Tops is now in plain sight for everyone to see. The Somerset County 4-H Association is proud to sponsor this historic landmark.

Congratulations to all who helped make this happen.

Leader Round Table

Please join us for the Leaders Round Table on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 pm.

We will talk about the County Awards system and how you can help us recognize your outstanding club members.
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.

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

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://wgbv.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

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

Youth Service America provides resources and ideas for youth community service. http://www.ysa.org

Youth Volunteer Corps provides service opportunities to youngsters. http://yvca.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.rce.rutgers.edu.pubs/index.asp or at the 4-H Center or 4-H Office.

Member Registration Forms

Please make sure ALL new members to your club receive a New Member Registration form. It is up to them and their parents or guardians to complete the form and return it to the 4-H office. They will receive notification from the office when the form has been received.

All members must be registered by January 1, 2007 to compete in state 4-H events.

4-H and Lions Clubs Working Together

...a unique recycling program

• Support the collection of eyeglasses for the needy
• Please drop off used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses to the 4-H Office by October 1. We’ll take them to the NERVF conference.
• The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution to developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible.
• Contact the (state 4-H office) for more information: 732-932-5000 x 601

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.

Attention all 4-H Volunteers!

The 2006 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held in Long Branch, NJ, on October 12 - 15. NJ only gets to host this event once every 13 years, so this year will be extra special for all NJ 4-H Volunteers!

This Forum is guaranteed to boost your 4-H spirit as we boast about NJ New Visions. Come for the fun and lots of hands-on-learning opportunities. Scholarships are available from the Somerset Co. 4-H Association. Call the 4-H Office for a registration form or you can obtain the form on line: http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/nervf/

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.
New Scholarships Available in Memory of Tom Everett

The Somerset County Board of Agriculture is proud to announce the creation of 2 new scholarships in memory of Tom Everett. These annual scholarships were created to honor Tom’s personal and agricultural legacy, his initiative and leadership, and seek to recognize those individuals whose goals are synonymous with Tom’s living definition of success.

$2000 Academic Scholarship

The applicant (or parent if applicant is under 21) must be a current member of the NJ Farm Bureau. He/she must be enrolled in the academic rank of sophomore or above at any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university when receiving the scholarship. The applicant must be majoring in an agricultural subject area or other related field and intend to pursue a career in production agriculture or in a field related to agriculture.

$500 Continuing Education Scholarship

The applicant (or parent if applicant is under 21) must be a current member of the NJ Farm Bureau. He/she will be attending an accredited or approved seminar, workshop or conference related directly to production agriculture or a field related to agriculture. The committee will review both the applicant and the seminar for eligibility. The scholarship will be awarded on March 1 of the following year and will be transferred only after the applicant has attended the approved conference. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

The procedure for applying for either scholarship, in addition to applications, is available, both at the 4-H Office or online at http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu. Please contact either Carolyn Morella or Nicholas Polanin for more information: 908-526-6293.

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 25 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Nutrition Comes Alive, Germbusters, Dinosaurs/Fossils and 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 Teacher Workshops throughout the school year. Club leaders are welcome to participate. This year we will offer Project Learning Tree, Project Wild, Project Wet, 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 – Sunday, October 1st

This fourth 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. 1, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain date Oct. 8, at the Somerset County Historic Courthouse Complex Grounds. The United States Air Force will perform a fly-by tribute during the opening ceremonies. 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 will be held March 24-29, 2007 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 2006 in order to participate in the 2007 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 County 4-H Office no later than October 16. Group and individual interviews will be held on Saturday, November 18 at Cook College. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date. Call the 4-H Office for further information.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship Available

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. Community Service is an important part of Collegiate 4-H and the Rutgers Chapter is working on the national community service initiative of “Building Better Communities through YOUth”. Currently our projects include judging county presentations and county record books, helping with state public presentations, participating at Ag. Field Day, presenting workshops and judging candidates at SJTC, working around the state as requested and helping here at Rutgers with service projects.

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 2006. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is September 15, 2006. Please contact the 4-H office for an application.

Youth Development Day

TCNJ college's third annual Youth Development Day for high school students is coming up. Irene Ning, 4-H alumnus and TCNJ student would like to invite Somerset County 4-H. The day includes 3 leadership workshops, a keynote speaker, and group discussions.

The conference will be held on Wednesday, November 8 from 9:00am-2:00pm, and the cost is $7.00 per person including lunch.

Irene hopes 4-H members can participate; when she first helped out last year, she thought of it as a mini-congress or CWF. She feels it would be a great experience for 4-H’ers. Unfortunately, there is no special transportation provided, so a suggestion might be that those teen clubs interested pool their resources and ask a leader/parent to chaperone/drive.

Any questions, please contact the 4-H Office for Irene’s phone number and/or email.
### Club Corner

**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.

- 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”*. 

### Club Treasuries

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 regulation 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 Yearbook & Catalog

There was a ton of pictures taken during the fair! Not to mention all the pictures you take all year long at various club functions. Hang on to those photos! We are designing a new way of doing the Yearbook & Catalog for 2007. Now each club will help in the design of their page so the pictures YOU really want in the Yearbook are the ones printed. No more second guessing. So hang on to all those pictures and start picking your favorites.

Also, make sure you keep your membership list accurate and up-to-date. We will need this information, also for the yearbook pages.

### National 4-H Week – October 1-7

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 a 4-H shirt; what else can you do? Check out the website at: [www.national4hheadquarters.gov/](http://www.national4hheadquarters.gov/)
NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms
Due by October 27

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 27** to be recognized for last year’s efforts. Forms, which list the requirements for Somerset County clubs, are available in the office and on our website, [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

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.

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, 2006**. 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.

October is 4-H Wreath Month!

Now that the fair is 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 keep our fair totally free!

We broke records this year with our ad sales, let’s hope to do the same with our wreaths. Start making your list now of potential customers. Order forms will be arriving shortly in the mail.

Let’s go for another record breaker!

Deadline for orders: **October 31**

Pick Up for Wreaths: **November 25 - 28**

Association Wreath Decorating: **November 29**

Achievement Dinners:

- **Small Animals**: October 22
- **Livestock**: November 4
- **Dog**: November 5
- **Arts Tent**: November 9
- **Science**: January 5, 2007
Hurray for ...

Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding 4-H'er 2006

Gwen Brown
Caitlyn Merrill
Brittney O’Brien
Andrea Ortu
Jake Quick

Stars & Stripes Rabbit Show

Sarah Stamets  Best Reserve in Show
              Best of Breed
Caitlyn Merrill  Top Showman, Division 4
                Round Robin Winner
                Best of Breed
Shannon Merrill  Best of Breed
Caroline Merrill  Best Reserve of Breed

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Southern Tent, The Printmaking Council of NJ, Amie Gallagher, Jerry Vinski, Will van der Veen from Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, Tom Davidson from the Children’s Museum, Robert Arena, Greg Snook, Sr., Greg Snook, Jr., Chan K. Leung, Leroy Gunzelman and the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management for their continuous support of Somerset County 4-H.

Fashion Review

At the 2006 4-H Fashion Revue held at the 4-H Center on June 13, Megan Evers of the Gingersnaps was judged Best-of-Show wearing a poncho. Tyana Truong of the Sugar 'n' Spice Club was awarded Best-in-Unit III with a fancy knit top. Jordan Chaffiottte of the Gingersnaps won Unit II with pajama bottoms and a drawstring bag. Mellissa Smutko of the Sugar 'n' Spice club was named Best-of-Unit I with a skirt.

All of the winners received gift certificates from Fabric Land for having the best-constructed garment at the mini Fashion Show at the Fair.

Somerset County Day Camps
Summer Adventure Week
Week of Wonders

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 “kool” foods, astronomy, bugs, dinosaurs, wildlife, birds, farming and snakes & snails! Their trips included Honey Hollow Environmental Center, Poricy Park, Insectropolis and several farms in NJ.

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, counselors or counselors-in-training and all the RCE staff. Teen interns included: Angela Chen, Veronica Irizarry, Clarissa Chu, Sara Vasudeva, Lauren Kirchofer, Sarah Martino, Andy Dudynsky, Katie Fenyr, Michael Hulbert, Joey Shreve, Patricia Lin, Anthony Kosaka, John Garlipp, Michelle Yu, Clara Luo, Mark Regan, Sara Memoli, Stephen Fortin, Sonika Shankar, Willie Sommerville and Trevor Mazzaglia.
Somerset County 4-H’ers who attended the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp at Stokes State Forest this year are: Taylor Au, Randall Bishop, Mollie Booker, Daniel Brown, Thomas Budd, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Erica Devlin, Sarah Fenwick, Alexander Franchuk, Brian Franchuk, Elizabeth Frank, Eric Grohn, Conor Kelton, Rachel Lin, Trevor Mazzaglia, Savannah Mignella, Sarah Ongaro, Hayley Owens, Sara Plotkin, Andrew Puntillo, Grace Rosinski, Roxanne Rosinski, Douglas Rybczynski, Kaitlin Schwartz, Joseph Schreve, Ryan Schreve, Jay Tobia, Amanda Weinstein, Michael Wu, April Yeager, Dennis Yi, Jason Zamorski.

Haunted House

Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 10:00 PM
Middlesex County Fair Grounds/ 4-H Center
Cranbury Road, East Brunswick
(entrance off Fern Road)
$2.00 Admission
Sponsored by:
Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council

Haunt ed House

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

Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 28
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center
100 Struble Road, Branchville
973-948-3550
Free Admission

Clubs and families may sponsor a cabin by decorating it, providing treats and manning it during the evening. Call Jim Tavares, Camp Director at: 973-948-3550.
Another Great Fair!

As we pack up the 2006 4-H Fair everyone seems to have an idea for next year. But what happened this year? Did you learn something new? Did you surprise yourself in any way? Did you make a new friend? Did you thank your parents and leaders for their hard work?

Our hope is that members grew in self confidence and developed their skills; that the adults involved enjoyed working cooperatively to present this opportunity to the kids and the community.

Fair Evaluation Meeting
September 11th, 7:00pm
4-H Center

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!

Special Thanks to Our 2006 4-H Fair Managers

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

Thanks to Electricians Britt Powell, Tony DeVergillo and their team, Joanne Powell, Lee Taylor and son, Craig Hockenbury, Chan Leung, Tim McLaughlin, Joe Shreve, Scott Szakaes, and Jesse.

Thanks to Becky Moore, 4-H Fair Intern, for her dedication, creativity and resourcefulness.

Thanks to Dawn Hribik and Kim Germek for organizing all the commercial space.

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 and the hot air balloon.

Thanks to Lisa Darby, Jim Wood, and Rose Oldenburg, and the food committee for organizing the food tent.

Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim and Kyle Miholics, Chris Williams, Mark Esposito, Matt Batzer, Ernie Hall 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 and Sandy Clare for supervising and cooking for the herdsmen. And thanks to Herdsmen, David Allison, Justin Alpaugh, Kandace Alpaugh, Chelsea Anderson, Tom Armstrong, Matt Batzer, Kimberly Bergen, Julia Bergen, Alexa Berko, Nicole Breffeilh, Angelina Bruno Metzger, Jessica Brygier,

We especially want to thank those involved in making the fourth annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) a successful daily noon hour at the prominent Show Mobile Main Stage. The 2006 4-H Fair Entertainment Committee would like to applaud the talent of our 4-H youth! Kudos to those of you who took to the stage during the "S4HL Hour" this year -- Jam Sandwich, with Sarah MacCombie, Eline Nijveldt and Ashley Ward, and Andrew Puntillo, Brian Zelkovsky, Mariel Kennedy, Daniel Basile, Ben Parker, Christi Kinney, and the 4-H Country Kickers! We hope to see even more of you up there next year!

Thanks to the Park Commission for their continuing support and cooperation.

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
Best Non Animal Tent– Science
Best Outside Commercial Exhibit– Aerocampion
Best Inside Commercial Exhibit - Commerce Bank
Best Food Tent Booth- Bound Brook United Methodist Church
Outstanding Service - Kyle Miholics, Joe Shreve, Becky Moore, Kim Germek, Dennis Razzano and the Somerset County Park Commission garbage crew
Best Effort in a 4-H Tent - Prep
Outstanding Educational Tents - Master Gardeners, Board of Agriculture
Special Awards for Enthusiam & Creativity - Val Kreutler, Kim Miholics, Betty Sommerville

2006 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!

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, and the Clover Theater! 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.
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 Committee Members, Joanna Lieuallen, Sarah Hochreiter, Robin Brygier, Dawn Hribik, Joe Bakes, Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack, Abner Matthews, Sue Posbergh, Erin Posbergh, Chris Posbergh, and Cheryl McLaughlin.

Thanks to all the Yearbook and Catalog Top Selling Individuals: Joseph Amorosa, Cody Gerlach, Jay Kolb, Mitchell Korman, Taylor Johnson.

Outstanding Individuals:

Over $600.00: Dawn Hribik, Ian Glicksman, Ashley Rose Miller, Joshua Bruss, Paige Lamberson, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Bridget Connolly, Brian Rubinfeld

Over $300.00: Matt Ramachandran, Ashley Thompson, Desiree McLaughlin, Amanda Weinstein, Joanna Lieuallen, Jake Quick, Emily Gerlach, Ashley Miller, Justin Dagnall, Michael Pappas, Kathleen Kerwin, Jessica Brygier, Caleb Bruss, Wendy Franszhen, Cary Brochinsky, Levi Bruss, Gina Callari, Kyle Graham, Sarah and Charlie Fenwick

Top Salespersons - Business Card:

Cody Gerlach

Top Salespersons – Friends:

Mitchell Korman

Top Salespersons – Special Messages:

Jay Marion
Cary Brochinski

Top Selling Families:

The Amorosas
The Gerlachs

Top Selling Clubs:

Senior Council
4-H Cattleman’s Club

Outstanding Clubs:


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.

2006 Yearbook & Catalog T-Shirts:

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

4-H Fair Sponsors


It is impossible to measure the gifts given by 4-H Leaders.

As the 2005-2006 4-H year comes to a close, we remember these leaders...

Carl Hockenbury
Sophie Goszka
Congratulations to all the 2006 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2006 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Emma Courtney, Poultry Plus, Junior Division and Cody Gerlach, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, Senior Division.

Clothing & Textiles—Year 1 – Taylor Brusky, Best of Show rosette, blue ribbon, Mellissa Smutko, blue ribbon, Nikki Colarusso, blue ribbon, Sara Memoli, blue ribbon; Year 2 – Jordan Chaffirotte, Best of Show rosette, 2 blue ribbons, Megan Evers, blue ribbon, Caroline Merrill, blue ribbon, red ribbon; Year 3 – Menaka Doelekar, Best of Show rosette, blue ribbon, Tyana Truong, blue ribbon, Jadelyn Truong, red ribbon

Needlecraft—Brianna Mulrooney, red ribbon, Desiree McLaughlin, yellow ribbon, Danny Philipscheck, yellow ribbon

Food & Nutrition—Unit 1 – Mellissa Smutko, 4 blue ribbons, 1 red ribbon, Jordan Chaffirotte, 4 blue ribbons, 1 red ribbon; Unit 2 – Caroline Merrill, Best of Show rosette, 6 blue ribbons, Sara Memoli, 4 blue ribbons, 2 red ribbons, Jadelyn Truong, 5 blue ribbons, Tyana Truong, 4 blue ribbons, 1 red ribbon; Unit 3 – Katie Winters, 5 blue ribbons; Unit 5 – Shannon Merrill, Best of Show rosette, 5 blue ribbons; Unit 7 – Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Show rosette, 5 blue ribbons

Dairy Foods—Unit 11 – Mellissa Smutko, Best of Show rosette, blue ribbon

Crafts—Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Show rosette, 4 blue ribbons, Hannah Kwiatek, Tri-Color rosette, Courtney Coleman, Tri-Color rosette, Desiree McLaughlin, blue ribbon, yellow ribbon, white ribbon, Angela Philipscheck, 2 yellow ribbons, Danny Philipscheck, yellow ribbon, Prep participants: Sarah Bijaczyk, Kristi Philipscheck

Creative Arts—Nathalie Schlosser, Best of Show rosette, Tri-Color rosette; Desiree McLaughlin, Tri-Color rosette, 2 blue ribbons; Kyle Graham, 2 Tri-Color rosettes; Chris Posbergh, Tri-Color rosette, blue ribbon; Courtney Coleman, blue ribbon; Jadelyn Truong, 3 blue ribbons; Ashley Ward, blue ribbon; Kelsey Graham, blue ribbon; Alex Franchuk, blue ribbon; Hannah Swiatek, red ribbon; Danny Philipscheck, red ribbon; Katherine Pirro, yellow ribbon; Carolyn Pirro, yellow ribbon; Prep participant: Sarah Bijaczyk

Woodworking/Wood Science—Desiree McLaughlin, red ribbon

Photography—Carolyn Pirro, Best of Show rosette; Class 1 - Nature: Eric Lorenz, Best in Class rosette; James Henry and Eric Lorenz, Tri-Color rosettes; Class 2 - Landscape: Ashley Ward, Best in Class rosette; Steven Lingel, Tri-Color rosette; Class 8 - Experimental: Matthew Sarbic, Best in Show rosette; Jese Engesser, Tri-Color rosette

Creative Writing—Ashley Ward, Best of Show, Carolyn Pirro and Ashley Ward, Tri-Color rosettes

Fishing – Excellent ribbons were awarded to Jon Ajamian, Daniel Ajamian, Hannah Kwiatek, Alex Oldenburg. Prep Participants were Jason Zarnski, David Furmato.

Go Kart Time Trial—Overall Winner: Rookie of the Year

Rookie Light Weight
Randy Sixt 1st place
Travis Kalupanowich 2nd place
Devon Sixt 3rd place
Brian Scher 4th place
Al Niehlowioki 5th place
John Oborne 6th place

Rookie Medium Weight
Douglas Rybczynski 1st place
Brandon Gano 2nd place
Zack Mahon 3rd place
Daniel Peterson 4th place
Dan Lang 5th place

Light Weight Race Class
Liz Cockburn 1st place
Tyler Bobal 2nd place
Gregory Matarazzo 3rd place

Medium Weight Race Class
Liz Cockburn 1st place
Chris Puskas 2nd place
JJ Arftitch 3rd place
Kevin Matarazzo 4th place

Heavy Weight Race Class
James Fulton 1st place
Charlie Johnson 2nd place
Dale Arftitch 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

Best of Breed winners: Ashley Gallagher, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Brian Rubinfeld, Brianna Glowinski, Kira Whitney, Kalen Whitney, Brooke Gallagher, Ben Parker, Eric Kinney, Joey McNulty, Sarah Ongaro, Missy Race, Caitlyn Merrill, Sarah Stamets

Best Reserve of Breed winners: Kalen Whitney, Missy Race, Lars Rasmussen, Jessie Rack, Brianna Glowinski, Sarah Stamets, Ashley Gallagher, Ben Parker, Allie Kraehenbuel, Sarah Ongaro

Dog Show -
Obedience Pre-Novice A
Jackie LaCorte 1st place
Callie Biely 2nd place
Kelsey Graham 3rd place
Veronica Moditz 4th place

Obedience Pre-Novice B
Elizabeth Frank 1st place
Kristin Obermeier 2nd place
Carolyn Pirro 3rd place
Melanie Boyea 4th place

Obedience Novice
Ashley Miller 1st place (highest scoring dog)
Wendy Franzyschen 2nd place
Ashley Ward 3rd place
Andrea Ortu 4th place

Obedience Intermediate Novice
Emma Boganski 1st place
Brian Franchuk 2nd place
Mollie Booker 3rd place
Elizabeth Frank 4th place

Obedience Advanced Novice
Ashley Miller 1st place

First Year Showmanship
Carolyn Pirro 1st place
Kelsey Graham 2nd place
Jessica Casterline 3rd place
Casey Hennessy 4th place

Junior Showmanship
Lexie Berko 1st place
Sarah Martino 2nd place
Wendy Franzyschen 3rd place
Daniel Diettman 4th place

Senior Showmanship
Nathalie Schlosser 1st place

Gabrielle Chaya 2nd place
Ashley Miller 3rd place
Tiffany Freuler 4th place

Best Overall Junior Handler –
Nathalie Schlosser

Beginner Obedience Participation Rosettes - Anna Black, Allison Becker, Callie Biely, Jessica Casterline, Sean Diettman, Sarah Fenwick, Holly Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Graham, Abigail Hunnewell, Jackie Lacorte, marah Martino, Amy Miller, Verinica Moditz, Allie Mostella, Carolyn Pirro, Colleen Ridder, Joseph Shreve, Ryan Shreve, Sharon Toth, Scott Weiss

Poultry Results
Shanna Clifford Grand Champion Bantam Bird
Kalen Tierney Reserve Champion Bantam Bird
Elise Schwer Grand Champion Waterfowl
Caitlyn Barrett Reserve Champion Waterfowl
Emma Courtney Grand Champion Standard Bird
Alexandra Wick Reserve Champion Standard Bird
Chris Posbergh Grand Champion Commercial Bird
Chris Posbergh Reserve Champ. Commercial Bird
Chris Walsh Best Science Project

Train Results
Scratchbuilt Structures
Alex Frey - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Thomas Presley, Joey Shreve

Special Projects - Mark Barrameda - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Matthew Ramachandron, Ken Rosario, Joseph Czernikowski, Joe Monaco, Scott Pantalone, David Oberne

Custom Decorated Car - Ted Spulick - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Shawn Wild, Mike Rossi

Senior Projects - Brian Rubinfeld - Best in Show
Ribbon winners: Bryan Toth, Michael Goetjen, Mike Amorese

Module Results
Bryan Toth - Best of Show 4th, 5th, 6th year
Thomas Presley - Best of Show 3rd year
Ted Spulick - Best of Show 2nd year
Mark Barrameda - Best of Show 1st year

Ribbon winners: Michael Goetjen, Mike Amorese, Brian Rubenfeld, Brian Zarnowski, Joey Shreve, Alex Frey, Mike Rossi, Shawn Wild, David Oberne, Joe Monaco, Carl Rall, Joseph Czernikowski, Scott Pantalone, Ken Rosario
**Dairy Show Results**

**Guernsey Classes**
Kathy Hill, Grand Champion; Jr. Champion

**Jersey Classes**
Julia Hill: Grand Champion; Jr. Champion
Ashley Tursky: Reserve Champion; Sr. Champion

**Holstein Classes**
Matthew Puskas: Best of Show; Grand Champion; Sr. Champion
Christopher Puskas: Reserve Champion; Reserve Sr. Champion
Meghan Behr: Jr. Champion

**Junior Heifer Calf**
1st Jessie Brygier
2nd Christina O’Brien
3rd Kelly Steimle

**Intermediate Heifer Calf**
1st Brittney O’Brien
2nd Alyssa Varsalone-Basile

**Spring Yearling Heifer**
1st Ashley Tursky
2nd Ashley Tursky
3rd Jacob Quick
4th Matt Puskas
5th Danny Philipscheck

**Intermediate Yearling Winter**
1st Brittney O’Brien
2nd Jessie Brygier
3rd Angela Philipscheck
4th Christina O’Brien

**Senior Yearling Fall**
1st Meghan Behr
2nd Alyssa Varsalone-Basile
3rd Matthew Puskas

**2 Year Olds-not in milk**
1st Matthew Puskas

**Aged Cow**
1st Christopher 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

**Beginner Fitter**
1st Kathy Hill

**Junior Fitter**
1st Angie Philipscheck

**Senior Fitter**
1st Alyssa Varsalone-Basile

**Beginner Showmanship**
1st Kathy Hill

**Junior Showmanship**
1st Jessie Brygier

**Senior Showmanship**
1st Brittney O’Brien

**Adult Showmanship**
1st Brynn Kirby

**Best Fitted Animal**
1st Ashley Tursky

**Tag-Along Awards:** Alexa Basile, Alex Norz, Hunter Norz, Kristie Philipscheck

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**Beef Show Results**

**Junior Fitting**
1st Bryce Gerlach
2nd Jessica Gilliam
3rd Emily Gerlach
4th Joshua Bruss

**Senior Fitting**
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Charlie Johnson
3rd Benny Przewozny
4th AJ Stahoski
5th Jake Quick
6th Matthew Puskas

**Hereford Heifer I**
1st Emily Gerlach
2nd Jake Quick

**Hereford Heifer II**
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Bryce Gerlach
3rd Josh Bruss
4th AJ Stahoski

**Grand Champion Heifer**
Bryce Gerlach

**Reserve Champ Heifer**
Benny Przewozny

**Medium Frame Steers**
1st Charlie Johnson
2nd Jessica Gilliam
3rd Benny Przewozny
4th Matt Puskas

**Large Frame Steers**
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Benny Przewozny
3rd AJ Stahoski

**Grand Champion Steer**
Benny Przewozny

**Reserve Champ Steer**
Benny Przewozny

**Cow/Calf Pair Champ**
Jake Quick

**Grand Champ Brood Cow**
Matthew Puskas

**Reserve Champ Brood Cow**
Matthew Puskas

**Jr. Showmanship**
1st Bryce Gerlach
2nd Joshua Bruss
3rd Emily Gerlach
4th Jessica Gilliam

**Sr. Showmanship**
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Matthew Puskas
3rd Charlie Johnson
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### Fitting Divisions

#### Senior Wool Fitter
- 1st: Angelina Bruno-Metzger
- 2nd: Margaret Bruno-Metzger
- 3rd: Shanna Clifford
- 4th: George Goceljak

#### Junior Wood Fitter
- 1st: Desiree McLaughlin
- 2nd: Christy Hunt
- 3rd: Gina Callari
- 4th: Christy Hunt
- 5th: Shanna Clifford

#### Senior Meat Fitter
- 1st: James Hunt
- 2nd: Bridget Connolly
- 3rd: Desiree McLaughlin

#### Junior Meat Fitter
- 1st: Desiree McLaughlin
- 2nd: Bridget Connolly
- 3rd: George Goceljak
- 4th: Gina Callari
- 5th: Shanna Clifford
- 6th: Shanna Clifford

#### Beginner Meat Fitter
- 1st: Shanna Clifford

### Showmanship Divisions

#### Senior Showmanship
- 1st: Sarah Lamont
- 2nd: Margaret Bruno-Metzger
- 3rd: Carline Egan
- 4th: Bridget Connolly
- 5th: Jack Egan

#### Junior Showmanship
- 1st: Desiree McLaughlin
- 2nd: Gina Callari
- 3rd: Chris Posbergh
- 4th: Jenny Hunt
- 5th: Shanna Clifford
- 6th: Christy Hunt

#### Beginner Showmanship
- 1st: Cayce Clifford

### Market Lamb

#### Grand Champion
- Sarah Lamont

#### Res Grand Champion
- Shanna Clifford

#### Senior Showmanship
- Sarah Lamont

#### Junior Showmanship
- Christy Hunt

#### Beginner Showmanship
- Cayce Clifford

#### Best Owner Bred
- Sarah Lamont

#### Best Fit
- Sarah Lamont

#### 1st Heavy Weight
- Shanna Clifford

#### 2nd Heavy Weight
- Desiree McLaughlin

#### 1st Light Weight
- George Goceljak

#### 2nd Light Weight
- Christy Hunt
Herpetology Club –

Katherine Pirro  Best of Show
Katherine Pirro  Best in Class - Lizard
Shawn Harrity  2nd Place - Lizard
Scott Hammell  Best in Class - Snake
Paul Rasmussen  2nd Place Snake
Margeaux Bull  Best in Class - Frog
Brian Zelkovsky  4 Excellent Ribbons for Lizards
Dan Brown  Excellent Ribbon for Gecko

Goat Show Results

Caitlyn Merrill  Junior Champion Doe
Samantha Schurick  Reserve Jr. Champion Doe
Samantha Schurick  Standard Dam/Offspring
Alex Barre  Best Cared For Project
Ian Glicksman  Beginner Showmanship
Coleen Ridder  Beginner Fitting
Paula Hoffman  Junior Showmanship
Paula Hoffman  Junior Fitting
AJ Stahoski  Senior Showmanship
Caitlyn Merrill  Senior Fitting
Caitlyn Merrill  Senior Champion Milking Doe
Kelly Fitzsimmons  Res. Sr. Champ. Milking Doe
AJ Stahoski  Sr. Champion Dry Doe
Paula Hoffman  Jr. Champion Nigerian Doe
Joe Hoffman  Res. Jr. Champ Nigerian Doe
Paula Hoffman  Sr. Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
Charlie Hoffman  Res. Sr. Champ Nig. Dry Doe
Charlie Hoffman  Jr. Champion Nigerian Wether
Roxanne Rosinski  Sr. Champion Nigerian Wether
Nicole Phillips  Res. Sr. Champion Wether
Charlie Hoffman  Nigerian Dam/Offspring
Angie Philipsheck  Champion Pygmy
Danny Philipsheck  Res. Champion Pygmy

Congratulations

Clovertales has been chosen by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents as the 2006 National Award Winner for a Periodical Publication. This is very exciting and the first time Somerset County has received this honor. Kudos to all who make it happen!

Hurray for ... ALL

You made the best better!

Thank You

4-H

Volunteers

Make a World of Difference
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 2005-2006 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!

- Albright School, Bernards
- Adamsville School, Bridgewater
- Auten Rd. School, Hillsborough
- Bedwell School, Bernardsville
- Bernardsville Middle School, Bernardsville
- Bradley Gardens School, Bridgewater
- East End School, No. Plainfield
- Elizabeth Avenue School, Franklin
- Green Brook Middle School, Green Brook
- Hamilton School, Bridgewater
- John F. Kennedy Primary School, Raritan
- La Fayette School, Bound Brook
- MacAfee School, Franklin
- Milltown Rd. School, Bridgewater
- 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

Chaps & Spurs by Kaitlyn Janisch

The Club met in July to prepare for the Fair. Discussions included new Club t-shirts for the Fair and what showmanship classes members would like to see at the Fair. Classes were considered for younger members as well as those without horses. Presentations were given by Kaitlyn Janisch on Hosteiner Horse, which included a history, characteristics and usages of the breed; and by Anya Cyr-Ohngemach on “Horse Colors”.

Happy Tails by Colleen Ferry

Happy Tails had an awesome Fair this year! Our exhibit received a blue ribbon of excellence, The Club would like to thank Joyce, John, Megan and Matt Gardner and Maegan Ferry. for their help to create the new park benches for the Small Animal tent’s petting zoo area. The Happy Tails Club looks forward to their September meeting and then to the busy month of October. They welcome new members to the club from Open House on October 5. They are looking forward to the Awards Dinner where everybody who showed their animals receives their ribbons. Until next month: Happy Tails!

Bring on the Puppets & Clowns by Betty Sommerville

Following a tradition of revisiting Nursery Rhymes, the 3P1U 4-H Puppetry Club again entertained fairgoers in the Arts Tent. They then hosted the squawking of the very hungry Chicken Twins before their finale of “Little Red Riding Hood”. After a breather, the Clowning Around 4-H clowns did their thing, topping it off with their skit of “4-H Idol” and ending with their amazing parachute games. What larks!

New Knitting Club Forming by Pam Christian

Anyone interested in knitting is welcome...whether you have always wanted to learn but never had the opportunity or if you’ve been knitting for years and are looking for a fun group to get together and share ideas with. Come see what’s it’s all about at Open House Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, to coincide with the Swift Twisters Arts & Crafts Club. This will give the crocheting and crafting members endless choices to match their creativity!
Dear 4-H Prepper,

The 4-H Prep Tent at this year’s Fair was terrific! The fair managers awarded our tent a special rosette for our effort! 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

4-H Fair Thank you...

Many, many thanks to Mr. Dave VanSkiver who coordinated the entire Prep division and was assisted by Mr. James Thomson. Thanks to all the prep clubs who set up exhibit boards...specially the Barrameda Family, Grahams, Kwiatek and Ajamian families, the clubs who 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 especially Hannah and Kelsey) You were such a big help! A great big thank you to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams who set up the cotton candy booth and to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath who coordinated the cotton candy effort. This fair showed how much cooperation 4-H people have to make things happen. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!
Congratulations Prep Graduates!

A Graduation ceremony was held in the Prep Tent at the 4-H Fair on Thursday, August 17th for prep club members who will be entering 4th grade in September. They can now move up to regular membership in standard 4-H clubs. The graduates were Kyle Coleman (4-H Friends), Daniel J. Spear, Matthew Race and Matthew Pirella (Funtastic Prep), Keshav Patel (Exploding Stars), Fiona McNamee (Chaps & Spurs), Elise McKean (Mighty Cavits & Rodents), Paige Lamberson (Wattles & Snood), Emily Nielwocki (Woof), Rachel Spinrad (Happy Tails), Jason Zamorski and David Furmato (Hook em & Cook em), Jay Vogelaar, Case Vogelaar, Caleb Bruss, and John Gilliam (4-H Cattlemans), Moira Dugan (Seeing Eye Puppies) and Nik McClosky.

Be proud to be older 4-H'ers. Learn more about your subject matter but never forget the other skills you will need to develop...Integrity, Initiative, Flexibility, Perseverance, Organization, Sense of Humor, Effort, Common Sense, Problem Solving, Responsibility, Patience, Friendship, Curiosity, Cooperation, Caring, Courage and Commitment. It is up to you, now, to teach the younger 4-H'ers and be role models for them. GOOD LUCK, kids!

4-H is TOPS!

Have you been under the bridge with the big "4-H is TOPS" sign? Well, that's going to be our theme now. Many years ago, some of our leaders thought that it would be a good idea to tell everyone what they already knew...that 4-H is Tops! This year will be filled with wonderful opportunities and 4-H events that will culminate at the 60th 4-H Fair in August of next year. That's right! Next year we will celebrate the 60th Somerset County 4-H Fair. You are not going to want to miss that!
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