4-H is TOPS!
Fall in Somerset County 4-H

Fall is an exciting time of year for the Somerset County 4-H Programs. We have just held a very successful Open House and many of our clubs have invited new members to join them. If you are a new member- Welcome!

Fall is also a time when we stop to recognize our 4-H Members for the achievements they accomplished last year in the program. The Livestock, Dog, Arts & Science and Horse awards events are all coming up soon. Congratulations to all of our members for their achievements last year!

If you are a club leader, we want to thank you for all your time and dedication to the program- you are the Best!

We look forward to a great 4-H year with new and old members alike and hope that this will be one of the most memorable years you have in the program. Let’s Make the Best Better!

Sincerely,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent
October was 4-H Wreath Sale Month!! If you did not order one, please call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644. We may have extras! The proceeds help keep the fair free! The clubs receive $1.00 for each wreath they sell.

Burn off those Thanksgiving dinner calories. Come join the fun in helping unload wreaths on Friday, November 23 at 7:30 am.

Club leaders should pick up wreaths:
- Saturday, November 24, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Monday, November 26, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Each club should plan to decorate their own wreaths. To keep wreaths fresh, do not store on concrete, which absorbs moisture. Please call Maryann Del Gigante, night superintendent, 7-10 pm, Monday-Friday, at least a day before you plan to pick up your ribbon, wire and cones.

Wreaths should be delivered to the customers by December 5. Keep $1.00 per wreath for your club treasury if payment is made to the 4-H Association by December 14. Clubs making payment after December 15 should keep only 50¢ per wreath. Clubs making payments after December 31, 2007 will not receive money for selling wreaths. Leaders: Money drop-off days, December 10-12, 7 - 9 pm, 4-H Center. The 4-H office will accept money if these dates are inconvenient.

The Somerset County 4-H Youth Development Program and the Board of Chosen Freeholders are once again teaming up to sponsor a special career program for 6-7-8 graders on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

Since County Government performs many different functions, there are many types of careers represented by it. Therefore, participants do not have to be interested in a government job to take part. Participants will be matched with a County Division that matches a career interest. The students will then spend the day “shadowing” a high-level Division official to learn about that career type. The program is open to both Somerset County 4-H members and non-members who are county residents. Preference will be given to students who have not participated before. There is no charge.

Application forms are available at the 4-H Office, with the Night Center Manager or online at www.4HisTops.org. Completed applications are due December 7, 2007. For more information, call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644.
Family ASTRO Leader Training  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2008**

The goal of the Family ASTRO program is to train educators, astronomers, youth group leaders and anyone else who is interested in helping children and adults explore astronomy together. Participants will learn to lead family astronomy events on a variety of topics. Family ASTRO is about making science fun for the whole family!

Participants are asked to commit to doing at least two family events with groups of five or more families before the end of June 2008. Take-home kits for families can be purchased at the training for $10 per kit or ordered at a later date. Activities are appropriate for youth in grades 3 and up.

Training will be held at the Raritan Valley Community College, located in North Branch, beginning at 9:00 am and ending approximately 4:00 pm. The fee per person is $150 and includes 2 Family Leader Kits, supplies, breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available.

For more information about Family ASTRO and to obtain a registration form see our website at [http://www.raritanval.edu/planetarium/familyastro](http://www.raritanval.edu/planetarium/familyastro) or contact Lisa Rothenburger, County 4-H Agent, at the Somerset County 4-H office at (908) 526-6644 (email: rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu). Registration deadline is January 11, 2008.

Get Moving - Get Healthy NJ  
**Thursday, March 13, 2008**

This educator workshop, brought to you by Family and Community Health Sciences, will teach you how to implement Get Moving-Get Healthy New Jersey (GMGH) in your classroom or school. GMGH is a statewide initiative to get kids, families and individuals to eat well and be physically active. Participants will learn about hands-on activities and lessons for the classroom such as food labels to make decisions, healthful snacks, controlling portion sizes and increasing exercise. Participants receive copies of the lessons, camera-ready masters, background materials, and resources for the classroom. Activities support the NJ core curriculum standards. Participants may then borrow the GMGH learning kit from Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

We will also show other curricula. *The Power of Choice* from the USDA to promote healthful eating and exercise in early adolescent youth. *Eat Smart, Play Hard™* campaign is geared to children ages 8-12.

Training will be at the 4-H Center, beginning at 9:00 am and ending approximately 3:00 pm. The fee per person is $25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information and to obtain a registration form, call Family and Community Health Sciences at (908) 526-6295. Registration deadline is March 3, 2008.

Project Learning Tree  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

Project Learning Tree is an award winning environmental education program designed for teachers and youth leaders working with students kindergarten through 12. Discover over 175 hands-on activities that help teach science, math, language arts, social studies and other subjects like animals and habitats.

Training will be held at the 4-H Center, beginning at 9:00 am and ending approximately 3:00 pm. The fee per person is $25 and includes lunch and the Learning Tree Workbook.

For more information contact the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644. Registration deadline is February 6, 2008.

2008 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events

The 2008 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events is being prepared now. It will include state and countywide events for the upcoming calendar year. It should also include major club events (such as achievement dinners). If you have any ideas or contributions, let us know. If you’re not sure if your event should be on the calendar, give us a call. The 2008 Calendar will be mailed in December with the January/February newsletter.
Rummage Sale a Success  

by Joe Bakes

The second BIG rummage Sale, held September 14 - 15, at the Ted Blum 4-H Center, has solidified the fundraiser as an annual event. It was bigger and better and raised more money than the first sale in 2006. We had more volunteers, better donations and more customers.

Lead by 4-H Program Coordinator, Rachel Bijaczyk and BIG Committee organizers, Kim Miholics and Betty Sommerville, our hard-working volunteers earned more than $12,000 for the fund to make repairs and improvements to the 4-H Center.

With separate rooms this year for books and collectibles, the flow of customers was more efficient. And many made stops at the bake sale, organized by Cathy and Nathalie Schlosser, and the snack bar, run ably by Sue MacCombie and Elaine Mulrooney.


Beyond the sale itself, the event benefited many area nonprofit organizatins, which were invited to take whatever they wanted from what was left over. The rest went to other upcoming sales, including the Visiting Nurse Association’s big sale in Fare Hills.

The rummage sale committee is full of ideas for next year to make our third sale even bigger and better. New committee members are welcome; contact chairman Joe Bakes at 908-725-4246 or josbak@copydesk.org.

Read on the next page how your club can help make the first annual Tricky Tray Basket Auction a huge success!
Wreath Decorating

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An Opportunity to Help the 4-H Association

The BIG Committee is hosting a Tricky Tray basket auction on March 2, 2008 to raise funds for repairs to the 4-H Center. Your club can help in this effort by donating a basket of prizes for the event. Baskets should have a theme, all items should be new and in original packaging and the value of the contents should be at least $20. Your club might want to choose a seasonal or holiday theme, or donate a basket of paper goods, jigsaw puzzles, items for pets or a theme that represents your project area in some way. Be creative! Your basket should be turned in to the 4-H Office by February 1. For more information, contact Barbara Navatto at (908) 526-6644 or Holly Dunbar at (732) 465-5896 or h.dunbar@ieee.org

United Way for Holiday Cheer

Clubs are needed to help share holiday joy with those less fortunate by helping Somerset County United Way's Gifts of the Season program. Information on specific individuals in need in Somerset County is provided by local health and human services agencies. For more information on the Gifts of the Season Program, please contact Irene Natale at (908) 253-6511 or e-mail irene.natale@scuw.org

Gift Drop Off: Thursday & Friday, December 6 & 7 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Gift Sorting & Tagging: Monday, Thursday, and Friday, December 10 - 13, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 - 12, 9:30 am - 7:00 pm. For more information on volunteering opportunities including sorting and packing gifts during the week of December 10, please contact Lisa Galonardo at (908) 253-6503 or e-mail lisa.galonardo@scuw.org

Wrapped in Love Drop Off: Thursday & Friday, December 6 & 7, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Help share the warmth this winter with those less fortunate by collecting donations for this annual drive that takes place in November and December. NEW socks, gloves, hats, scarves and coats are needed most! Used coats ONLY will be accepted. For more information, please contact Yvette Choma at (908) 253-6513 or ychoma@uwscty.org
DAR Scholarships Available for Seniors

The New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is offering the following scholarships to high school seniors who will graduate in 2008. Application forms are available at the 4-H Office, or you may contact Holly Dunbar at (732) 465-5896 or h.dunbar@ieee.org.

Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship: High school seniors who are US citizens and plan to attend an accredited college or university and major in Political Science, History, Government or Economics may apply. One award of $2,000. Deadline to apply: January 2, 2008.

New Jersey DAR State Scholarship: $2,000 awarded to a High School Senior who is also a US citizen. The award is based on academic record, financial need and participation in community service. Deadline to apply: December 20, 2007.

Just Keep Swimming:
Reaching Goals

The 11th annual Somerset County Youth Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 92 East Main Street, Somerville in Conference Rooms 3A-3B, 2nd Floor, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The conference is designed by teens for teens. The Somerset County Youth Council sponsors it. There is no cost to attend but you must pre-register. Dinner is included. It’s open to all teens in 7th - 12th grades. For more information call Sarah Murchison at 908-704-6300 or email at: murchis@co.somerset.nj.us

4-H Senior Member
Winter Camp
Register by January 11th

Members in grades 9-13th will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 25 - 27, 2008. This year, Somerset will go with teens from Bergen and Warren Counties. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Cost for the whole weekend is only $50.00. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Lisa Rothenburger, 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 or rothenburger@ree.rutgers.edu
4-H Project Record Books

All club members should be using state approved record books. These are available at the 4-H office for $2.00 each or as a free download at http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/pubs.html

- Horse Project Record Book - 4H52
- Goat Project Record Book - 4H245
- Sheep Project Record Book - 4H246
- Bird and Poultry Project Record Book - 4H263
- Rabbit, Cavy, and Small Animal Record Book - 4H241
- Herpetology Project Record Book - 4H243

- Dog Care and Training Record Book - 4H242 (Note: Seeing Eye project members may want to use this or the general purpose record book, 4H239, based on club leader discretion)
- Dairy Record Book - 4H252
- Model Horse Project Record Book - 4H244
- Clothing & Textiles Project Record Book – 4H262

For projects which do not have an approved Record book, members are encouraged to use “My 4-H Record Book” a general-purpose record - 4H239.

Meeting Reports for Around the County

We always want to let everyone know the exciting events of your 4-H club. Meeting reports can be mailed to us, ATTN: Georgeanne Valis, dropped off at the 4-H office, or in the evening to Maryann Del Giagante, night superintendent at the 4-H Center, or emailed to us at: valis@co.somerset.nj.us

We will put your club meeting news in Clover-tales-Around the County section or on the Prep Page.

Available Resources On-Line

Visit the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System website to find resources for your 4-H project area.

The National CCS curriculum is used throughout the US and is found in hard copy. But there are additional on-line resources all volunteers can access for many of the different project areas. Please visit this site and see what resources it offers for your club meetings.

http://www.n4hccs.org/

4-H Members can do a project on their own as an independent project member.

Loans available for Livestock Club Members

Did you know that the New Jersey Junior Breeders Loan program can help 4-H members get the funds to purchase livestock? These low interest loans are available for purchasing breeding stock. It is a good way for youth to develop a positive credit rating and become eligible for college scholarships. If you want more information, please contact the 4-H Office and ask for the Junior Breeder Loan information.
Essay Contests for All Ages

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the following contests. For each, prizes will be awarded on the local, state and national levels. Complete rules are available at the 4-H Office or for more information contact Holly Dunbar at (732) 465-5896, or h.dunbar@ieee.org.

AMERICAN HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST
This contest is open to students in grades 5 -8. The topic is: "I Spy - Espionage During the American Revolution." The essay should be typed, 300 to 600 words for students in grade 5; 600 to 1,000 words for students in grades 6-8. Dates count as one word. A title page and bibliography should be included (these are not included in the word count). The deadline is December 31, 2007. Please note: Somerset County was home to a famous counter-spy during the Revolution. John Honeyman of Griggstown supplied George Washington with critical information prior to the crossing of the Delaware and the Battle of Trenton.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST
This contest is open to all high school students. The topic is: "How did the four voyages of Columbus change our perception of geography and alter world economics." The length of the essay should not exceed 750 words. The essay should include a bibliography listing all the references utilized (not included in the word count). Prizes will be awarded on the local, state and national levels. The deadline to enter is December 31, 2007.

NATIONAL JR. AMERICAN CITIZENS CONTEST
This contest is open to pre-school through 12th grade students who may enter as individual or a group. The theme is "America's Everyday Heroes" and all entries should reflect this theme. The deadline to enter is January 10, 2008. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- **Poster:** Minimum size 8-1/2 x 11", maximum size is 22 x 28". Original artwork.
- **Stamp Design:** Design a postal stamp based on the theme in a 5 x 7" format on white paper.
- **Banner (group entry only):** Use a 1:3 ratio, maximum size is 16 x 48". Banners may be paper or fabric.
- **Photographic Essay:** Submit not more than 25 photographs illustrating the theme, mounted on 8-1/2 x 11" paper and bound in a three-brad composition folder. Brief captions may appear on each page.
- **Community Service:** Entries should consist of not more than 15 color photos with a descriptive text of 500 words or less. Identify all photos with captions. Entries should be presented in a three-brad binder.
- **Poem:** An original poem, any style, of 300 words or less, on 8-1/2 x 11" paper.
- **Short Story:** Original short story of 500 words or less, in first or third person, on 8-1/2 x 11" paper.

Public Presentations 2008

More and more members are participating in Public Presentations each year and the quality of those Presentations continues to improve.

**Save the dates- April 1-2-3, 2008,** to have your presentation judged or critiqued. Before you begin, you might want a few easy tips on how to give a better presentation.

Workshops will be Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 pm and Friday, January 25, 4:00 pm.

An additional workshop will be offered Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 pm for those interested in using power point visuals as part of your presentation. Call the 4-H Office to register. If your club would like an informal workshop at a club meeting, call Barbara Navatto at the 4-H Office.

Essay Contest About Honey Bees

The American Bee Keeping Federation, Inc. is sponsoring a 4-H Essay Contest with cash prizes. The topic of this year’s essay is: The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community”.

A complete set of rules is available at the 4-H Office. Entries need to be submitted to the 4-H Office no later than January 16.

Want to learn more about bees? Then join our new Beekeeping Club! Call the 4-H Office for more information.
HURRAY FOR...
Open House a Huge Success!

The twentieth annual “Join 4-H!” Open House was held at the 4-H Center on October 4, during National 4-H Week. Approximately 300 people came to learn more about 4-H and join 4-H clubs.

The following 4-H clubs were represented at the “Join 4-H” Open House to encourage new members to join: 4-H Beekeeping Club, Broken Props Model Airplanes, 4-H Go-Kart Club, Somerset Trainmasters, Somerset Sentinels, 4-H Space & Astronomy Club, 4-H Whiskers, Paws & Claws, K-9 Leaders See Eye Club, People Pick-Me-Ups, Wattles & Snood Poultry Club, Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, New Centre Dairy, Creations Alpaca Club, Just Kidding, Sidewinders Club, Chaps & Spurs, Stablemates, Woolly Ones, Clowning Around, Pretty Cool Puppet Club, 4-H Country Kickers, Chinese Culture Club, Twirling Clovers, 4-H Young Artists’, Gingersnaps, 4-H Senior Council, Discovery Prep Club, Mad Scientists, 4-H Prep Craft Club, Prep Chefs and the Tae Kwon Do Prep Club.

A special thanks to Annette & Mellissa Smutko, Emily Ward, Kathy Memoli and Ruth Schmidt for serving the refreshments, and to Tina Pirro and Viola Ning for helping at the information booth.

New clubs starting this year will be the Beekeeping Club, the ATV Club and the 4-Seasons Outdoor Club. We are working on starting a Photography Club and adding new Dog and Small Animal clubs. In our Prep Division, we have the Prep Chefs Cooking Club and three new Prep Clubs forming. If you would be interested in helping with one of these new clubs, please contact the 4-H office.

State 4-H Horse Show Results

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Teen Volunteer Fair

Thanks to Kaitlyn Zimmitti and Beth Kavanaugh for manning a 4-H booth at the third annual Teen Volunteer Fair at the Bernards Township Library. There was a lot of interest generated for 4-H and visitors to the booth were encouraged to visit us at Open House.

Congratulations...

To Justin Dagnall for competing in the State 4-H Equestrian of the Year contest in August. Justin represented Somerset County well.

Thank You...

Thanks to Mike Pappas, Laura Graham, Brianna Mulrooney, Amy Frank, Britt & Joanne Powell, and Steve & Jan Miller for helping to “get the clover out” and promote 4-H at the Branchburg Country Fair in September.
Dear Somerset County 4-H:

My name is Lt. Evangeleine Eckert and I am writing on behalf of the Fallugan Surgical to thank you for the wonderful blankets you sent to our hospital. They are currently laying on the beds of our American Ward.

They are a lovely addition and brought a little warm touch to a drab room.

It is things like these that make all the difference in the world to our patients. You have no idea what a huge impact it makes on staff and patient morale. Thanks again for all you do.

Very respectfully,

Lt. Evangeleine Eckert
for Fallugan Surgical

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**Radio Control Car Club Results**

**Congratulations to:**

**Indoor Season - September 2006 - June 2007**

**Stock:** Eric Marion, 1st; Tom Kimsey, 2nd; Paul Cavallaro, 3rd; Anthony DeBaro, 4th

**2wd Truck Stock:** Jay Marion, 1st; Anthony DeBaro, 2nd; Charles Fenwick, 3rd; Tim Brewer, 4th

**2wd Truck Modified:** Charles Fenwick, 1st; Randy Bishop, 2nd; Eric Marion, 3rd; Trevor Mazzaglia, 4th

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**Clover on the Go!**

On September 8, Somerset Valley YMCA, Hillsborough, hosted an Open House for their members and invited 4-H to help in their celebration. The 4-H Country Kickers came and danced, and then participated in an aerobics class! Wattles & Snood Poultry Club was also there strut their stuff with some pretty cute chickens! Best of all, current reigning Dairy Princess, Erin Posbergh, made an appearance to put out the good word about milk and 4-H.

On October 2, “Preppy” stepped out and made the scene at the county freeholders meeting to accept the Proclamation for National 4-H Week. His expanded role this year will be as the official Goodwill Ambassador for Somerset County 4-H. Watch for him at future events, and perhaps you’ll get your picture taken with him. He’s very accommodating about sharing the limelight.
**Dairy Princess Crowned**

In August, Erin Posbergh was crowned 2007-2008 Somerset County Dairy Princess. Julia Hill was crowned alternate. Erin has been a 4-H’er for the past thirteen years and has been a member of the following clubs: The Four Leaf Clovers, 4-H Exchange, Senior Council, and Woolly Ones.

Erin's grandfather and grandmother, John & Pat Wengryn, owned WenHall Farms and milked 50 Registered Holsteins at the site which is now RVCC.

Julia is also a 4-H member. She is involved in the New Centre Dairy Club and 4-H Exchange. Julia has been in 4-H for five years.

Both Erin and Julia will be participating in the NJ State Dairy Princess Contest in November. Good luck Erin and Julia!

**4-H Alumni Serving in Iraq**

We salute our 4-H Alumni serving in Iraq. If any clubs or individuals would like to send a special “hello” to these alumni, information is listed below. APO address are standard USA postage. If you send a package you need a Customs Declaration form that can be picked up at the post office desk. Remember cards and packages are always welcomed to those far from home.

Peter Salfeety was a member of the Somerville 4-H Trailblazers for 10 years before he went to West Point.

**Captain Peter S. Salfeety**
Bravo Battery FS/2SCR
Camp Taji
APO, AE 09378

Richie Cruz was a member of 4-H Senior Council before he joined the 101 Airborne Military Police. Richie is married to Katie Kavanaugh, also another 4-H alumnus. They recently became proud parents of a son. For information on how you can contact Richie, please call the 4-H Office. Thank you.

**4-H Volunteer Highlights**

**Harry & Jill Brochinsky**

**Residence:** Bridgewater

**Family:** Cary, 9 (Trainmasters), Evan, 6 (Prep Chefs), Dale, 3

**Occupation:** Harry is a high school science teacher; Jill is an occupational therapist

**Hobbies/Spare Time Activities:** Harry loves model trains, Jill plays volleyball

**First became involved in 4-H...** In 2004 to run the Mad Scientists Prep Club

**Involvement in 4-H and community today...** Prep Chef Leaders, Hamilton School PTO

**Most memorable experience as a volunteer...** Running our first meeting and having it go so well.

**Favorite aspect of volunteering...** Seeing the kids really enjoy an activity we have planned.

**People don’t know that...** Jill played basketball in college and Harry ran track in college.

**If I had more time I would...** Harry: Do more for 4-H, go camping and hiking more often.
Jill: Complete photo albums and family videos.
Plan Now for Summer Camp

If you know someone thinking about going to camp this summer, a gift certificate to Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp makes a great holiday present. Located just off Route 206 in Sussex County, about 1 1/2 hours from Bridgewater, this camp offers environmental, arts, and sports activities each week. The cost of a week is $325 until February 1, $340 until April 1 and $355 after April 1. For non-4-H members, please add $20.00 per week. Check the website for updates at: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu. Members and friends may attend any one of the following weeks (not just during preference week).

Summer Camp Session One - July 7 - 12
Summer Camp Session Two - July 14 - 19
Summer Camp Session Three - July 21 - 26
Summer Camp Session Four - July 28 - August 2
Somerset County Preference Week
Summer Camp Session Five - August 4 - 9
Summer Camp Session Six - August 11 - 16

4-H Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by January 11th

9-13th graders from Somerset County will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 25 - 27, 2008. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. If you did not receive an application, please call the 4-H Office. Cost for participants is $50.00. Scholarships are available. This year we are sharing the weekend with Warren and Bergen county 4-H’ers.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or Rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu

L.G. Cook 4-H Camp
Ambassador Training

Who better to spread the word about camp than you, our current campers? On Saturday, December 15th, 2007, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, camp will be sponsoring an ambassador training at the Somerset County 4-H building. By attending this training (open to current summer campers that have attended a session at least one summer out of the last two) you will become skilled in recruiting new campers and eligible for some terrific camp prizes (based upon the number of new campers you help sign up) including the chance to earn a free week of camp. Lunch will be provided.

For registration and more information, please visit the website at: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu.
The 61st Fair

New Awards - The special 60th Fair Awards were a hit! If you would like to help choose awards for 2008 and beyond, join us January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Large Conference Room at the 4-H Center.

Alumni - The special 60th Alumni display was also a hit and plans are to continue to display photos and memorabilia! Please let us know if you have anything special to add to the display.

Sponsorships - As expenses rise, new sponsors are always appreciated.

If you would like to help in any of these areas, please call Barbara Navatto at the 4-H Office.

Exhibitor Guide

Read through your division(s) in the 2007 Exhibitor Guide and if you see anything you would like to change, please bring it to the attention of your leader. Leaders, please discuss proposed changes with your division chairs. Division chairs are asked to send changes to the 4-H Office by January 30th so they can be made to the 2008 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide.

Club Photos Due by March 31 for 2008 Yearbook & Catalog

Club leaders will be responsible for submitting a maximum of 6 of your best photos for your club’s page in the 2008 Yearbook & Catalog. Photos need to be good quality, showing your members in action shots preferably, and a positive representation of your club and the 4-H program. Include a descriptive one sentence statement for each photo specifying what’s happening without naming names.

If you need help with a photo-taking, contact the 4-H office and we’ll try to send someone out to take a group photo...just give us a week’s notice.

Final photo selection for inclusion will be at the discretion of the Catalog committee.

Helpful Teens

Thanks again to Senior Council for washing all the Fair banners!
Dear 4-H Prepper,

Welcome to all the new boys and girls who have joined 4-H Prep clubs. I look forward to another fun and exciting year. Saturday, January 5, 2008, is our Prep Family night. This is when we celebrate the New Year. Hope to see you all there. Read all about our upcoming events in this issue.

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

Yakety - Yak

Harry Brochinsky was the previous leader of the Mad Scientist Club. He has moved to the 4-H Prep Chef Club.

The Mad Scientist Club has been taken over by Stephen Rothenburger, who has moved from the 4-H Tops Club.

Paula Barrameda was the leader of the 4-H Prep Craft Club. With the graduation of her daughter from prep, she has moved on to a standard club. The Craft Club has been taken over by Elaine Carlsen.

The All 4-H Club that is run by Mike & Sage Pappas has changed it’s name. They are now known as 4-H Discovery.

We are working on starting several new clubs at the 4-H center and at off-site locations. I will keep you all posted as the clubs form and more information is available.

Good luck to all our new advisors, members and clubs. Welcome back to all our returning 4-H’ers and their families.
Save the Date…

**PREP FAMILY NEW YEAR’S PARTY**
Saturday, January 5, 2008
5-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center
Each family coming brings a covered dish to share.
Dancing/Games/Crafts
Confetti, streamers, noisemakers!

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**4-H PREP RALLY**
Venture to a new dimension and discover “The Night Sky”
Saturday, March 1, 2008
9a.m.-2p.m.
Depart from Clover Airport (4-H Center)
• Read more about this in the Jan./Feb. Clovertales

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**4-H FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND**
L.G. Cook 4-H Camp
Fishing, hiking, boating, crafts and more!

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Until next year… be safe, have fun and be sure to tell us all about what you are doing in your club. From everyone at the 4-H Office, have a happy holiday season.
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- MUST BE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED AS A 4-H CLUB MEMBER AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008 TO EXHIBIT AND COMPETE AT THE 2008 4-H FAIR AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY STATE 4-H EVENT!
4-H Cattleman’s Club
by Cody Gerlach

At the last meeting, the Club discussed its September camping trip. Members had a lot of fun. The Club is considering purchasing a scale they can use at the fair. Other topics included the Club booth for Open House and the upcoming wreath sale. Future fundraising ideas were brought up, including a car wash. The Club is working on thank you cards for all those that helped at the fair. A holiday party is being planned at the Chinese buffet.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Megan Kouril

MCR is looking forward to a great 4-H year! At their first meeting, the Club discussed goals for 2008, upcoming events, displays they want to create and shows they want to attend. They also welcomed new members.

Check Out These New Clubs!

4-H Beekeeping Club: Explore the art of beekeeping, how to collect honey and what makes a bee buzz!

4-H ATV Club: Learn how to handle an ATV safely, how to upkeep and maintain an ATV.

4-Seasons Outdoor Club: An outdoor club focusing on hiking, fishing, rocks and gems.

3 New Prep Clubs: These will be general clubs exploring lots of subjects to feed the young 4-H mind!

Prep Chefs: Prepppers are given a chance to discover the wonders of a kitchen and learn some great simple recipes to test on the whole family!

What To Do In Case of Inclement Weather

If your club meets at the 4-H Center and you are a club leader, please contact the 4-H office before 4:30 at 908-526-6644 or the building manager between 7-10 pm at 908-526-8242, to let her know if you will cancel your meeting that night. You are also responsible for contacting your club members to let them know you will cancel. If you are a 4-H member in doubt, contact your 4-H club leader.

New Year’s Club Resolution

We promise to send all club updates and information to Clovertales to be part of Around the County. Other 4-H members like to know what is going on in each of our clubs and this is a great way to do it!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
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