4-H is TOPS!
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 2007 Fair really helped to showcase what Somerset County 4-H is all about. We heard positive comments from fairgoers, county employees, and volunteers. Everyone cooperated well when we had to evacuate the fairgrounds due to inclement weather. We will have a Fair Evaluation meeting on Monday, September 10th at 7:30 pm at the 4-H Center. Please feel free to join us and share any ideas you have for next year. We welcome your suggestions for 2008!

We are continuing our theme of **4-H is TOPS!** for 2008. Keep checking our website for the latest information. Our website is [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

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

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**4-H Mission Statement**

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

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

“Join 4-H” Open House - October 4

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 4, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we’re holding the annual “Join 4-H” Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader will receive information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. 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. This year we are introducing 4 new clubs to our 4-H family: a Beekeeping Club, an ATV Club, a Slot Car Club and already going strong, our Double Dutch Club! We hope your club will be there!

Please pick up 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 14 to volunteer.

Currently, 4-H SET projects reach more than 5.9 million youth in urban, suburban and rural communities across America. In order to address our nation’s challenge, 4-H is committed to involving 1 million new young people in SET projects over the next five years.

Somerset County 4-H already does a great job incorporating Science, Engineering, and Technology into our clubs, camps, school enrichment and special interest programs. But we want to continue to grow and involve more youth and more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more information, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at Rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu or visit the SET website at http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/scienceengineeringtechnology.aspx
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.

NJ 4-H Leadership Summit
Saturday, October 6

The New Jersey 4-H Leadership Summit, will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center located on Douglas Campus, on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Open to all adults and teen volunteers in 8th grade or higher, the goal is to provide 4-H volunteers with personal, interpersonal and group development opportunities. Exciting workshop topics will focus on the essential elements of 4-H youth development, as well as information about “What makes our NJ 4-H program a success?”

Registration forms are available in the 4-H office or online at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu. Deadline to register is September 28. The cost is $20.00 per person, which includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments as well as all workshop materials.

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 24 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, Get Moving-Get Healthy NJ 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.
The **BIG** 4-H Rummage Sale
Ted Blum 4-H Center
Friday & Saturday, September 14 & 15
9am - 3pm
(½ Price Saturday 1pm - 3pm)

- **Donations Accepted**: Monday, Sept. 10 through Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 9am-noon & 6pm-9pm (at the back door of the gym)

- **“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale (for donors & volunteers only!)**: Thursday, Sept. 13 from 6pm-9pm

- **Volunteers Needed!** To help set up and clean up. Please contact Kim Miholics (908) 359-4934 or miholicsksk@patmedia.net.

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**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 24 - 27**

Association Wreath Decorating: **November 28**

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**Shop for a Cause Benefits 4-H Association**

Hold the date: **Saturday, October 13, 2007**.

Macy’s at the Bridgewater Commons is having their Shop For A Cause and it’s a win-win for the 4-H Association and shoppers.

Tickets are available now at $5.00 each. All monies go directly to the 4-H Association. This is 100% profit. You donate $5 to the Association and receive a shopping pass for October 13. The shopping pass entitles the shopper to special savings on select merchandise throughout the store in addition to regular and sale merchandise specials. The shopping pass also entitles shoppers to an all day discount for 10-20% off many items in the store. There will be entertainment, special events and prizes.

Shopping passes can be purchased by anyone, so tell all your family and friends. Call or stop by the 4-H office (908)526-6644. Shopping passes will also be available at the BIG Rummage Sale, September 13-15.
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://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu/4h/pubs.html or at the 4-H Center or 4-H Office.

4-H Center Keys

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

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, 2008 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

State Event Deadlines New for 2007-2008

State deadlines will require applications being postmarked or received on or before the deadline date. No exceptions will be made. Any applications received after the county cut-off date will not be eligible for state events.

This was a decision made by the 4-H Department for all state 4-H events.

Somerset County Law Enforcement & Public Safety Community Day – Sunday, October 7th

This fifth annual event is intended to bring the community of Somerset County together to strengthen partnerships with our public safety professionals and to enjoy fun and educational activities. This community minded event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 7, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Somerset County Historic Courthouse Complex Grounds. The United States Air Force will perform a fly-by tribute during opening ceremonies. At the same time, you and your family can enjoy the annual Somerville Fall Festival, which will be in progress all day. For information for your club to participate, call the 4-H office.

The Pre-Fair Party a Success!

Over 55 people attended. Participants had fun eating a wide variety of desserts, seeing friends and meeting new friends. Prizes were given to winners who completed 4-H quizzes and a scavenger hunt. Members and adults represented the following clubs: Gingersnaps, Clowning Around, Four Leaf Clovers, Puppet Club, Country Kickers, Wattles and Snood, 4-H Prep Craft Club, Woof Dog Club, Whiskers, Paws and Claws, Criations, Radical Rodents, Sugar & Spice, Crazy Frog Hoppers, TOPS Prep Club, Exploding Stars, Woolly Ones, Space & Astronomy, Young Artistes, Pocket Pet Rescue and the Somerset Sentinels., as well as office staff and 4-H Association members. For a first time event, the turn out was great. Thank you to those that attended and those that wanted to attend, but couldn’t.
National 4-H Conference applications due - October 15

National 4-H Conference will be held March 29 - April 3, 2008 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 2007 in order to participate in the 2008 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 15. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 17 at Rutgers University. 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 their 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 South Jersey Teen Conference, 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 2007. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is September 14, 2007. Please contact the 4-H office for an application.

K-9 Club Members Earn Girl Scout Gold Awards

Meagan McFadden, Laura Bodnar and Kelly Thorp, of the K-9 Seeing Eye Puppy Club, have each earned their Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts, with their seeing eye puppy projects.

In addition to providing a nurturing environment, which includes lots of love, attention, discipline and encouragement for their puppies, members teach them basic obedience commands and expose them to the world in which they will eventually work by going on club-sponsored trips and activities. All this creates a strong foundation for the dog’s formal training as a Seeing Eye dog.

Also working on her award is Meghan Hartmann.
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

The 2007 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog was super! Thanks to the Editors, James Thomson and Susan Dodge, and committee that worked so hard.

Thanks to all the leaders and members that sent in photos and club lists. Hang on to your '07 Fair photos and remember to start taking new photos of club events as they happen throughout the year. More information about the 2008 Yearbook and Catalog will follow in future Clovertales.

Be sure to stop by and pick up 2007 copies for any commercial display advertisers who bought ads from you. This is a great way to say "thank you" for their support. Every advertisers should receive one.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who sold ads. Profits helped pay for the book, sponsor "free family fun" at the 4-H Fair and help to maintain the 4-H Center. If you sold at least $50, you may pick up your T-shirt at the 4-H Center.

The Great World Wide Star Count

This international event encourages everyone to go outside, look skywards after dark, count the stars they see in certain constellations, and report what they see online. This inaugural Windows After Dark event is designed to raise awareness about light pollution and the night sky as well as encourage learning in astronomy. All the information needed to participate is available on the Star Count Web site. The Star Count uses a simple protocol and an easy data entry form. At the conclusion of the event, the submitted data will be analyzed and a map will be generated highlighting the results of this new citizen science campaign. Mark your calendars and plan on joining thousands of other students, families, and citizen scientists counting stars this October! The Great World Wide Star Count will be held from October 1st through October 15, 2007. For more information http://www.starcount.org or contact starcount_info@ucar.edu
NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms
Due by October 26

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 26 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

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, 2007. 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.

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.

Club Officers Training
Thursday, October 25
7:00 - 8:30 pm

4-H Club Officers make the meeting!

If your club meetings are not as exciting as you’d like, this workshop will help. Good officers, who know their jobs, are the key to successful meetings.

All present and future Club Officers are invited. Have fun while learning to lead productive, enjoyable meetings. The meeting will be held at the 4-H Center. Call the 4-H Office to register.

Hold the Dates!
Achievement Dinners:

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4-H TOPS Camp

Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 80 participants enjoying 4 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about great tasting healthy snacks, rocketry, bugs, dinosaurs, wildlife, birds, and what can be found in a stream.

Thanks to these 4-H clubs that participated: Woolly Ones, Udder Club, K-9 Seeing Eye Dogs, Radical Rodents, Poultry Plus, Sidewinders Woof, Wags ’n Whiskers and Broken Props.

The week was filled with fun, learning, cooperation and adventure. The program is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County. In addition to the RCE staff, the success of the program was made possible by these counselors and counselors-in-training: Meghan Hartmann, Isha Vaseduva, Jesse Engesser, Samantha Schurick, Joey Shreve, Chris Posbergh, Ryan Clare, Christine Martino, Emily Susko, Sara Vasaduva, Katie Fenyar, Kenji Huang, Willie Sommerville, Amanda Weinstein, Kim Wolf, Anthony Kosaka, Sarah Martino, Bryn Keck, Thomas Duh, Brianna Mulrooney, Lars Rasmussen and Patty Lin.

Mark your calendars for the week of June 23, 2008 for another exciting week of TOPS!

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Duke Farms Foundation, Stephanie Werrlein of Ethicon, Megan Durant of Ethicon, Theresa Prenenski, Ginger McGrath, Angela Menoutis and Donna Smolucha for their continuous support of Somerset County 4-H.

Fashion Revue

At the 2007 4-H Fashion Revue held at the 4-H Center on June 5, Brianna Mulrooney of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice Club was judged Best-of-Show modeling a tailored jacket. Caroline Merrill, also of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice Club was judged Best-in-Advanced Unit. Megan Evers of the Gingersnaps was awarded Best-in-Year 3; Melissa Smutko and Katie Kouril, both of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice were judged Best-in-Year 2 and Best-in-Year 1, respectively.

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

State 4-H Goat Results

Congratulations to these Somerset County 4-H’ers who placed in the recent State Goat Show.

**Samantha Schurick:**
3rd place Senior Showmanship & Fitting
Best in Show - Senior Doe
1st Place Dam & Daughter - Dairy
Senior Champion - Sannen Breed

**AJ Stahoski:**
2nd place Senior Showmanship & Fitting
Junior Reserve Champion - Sannen Breed
Senior Reserve Champion - Sannen Breed

**Jay Winters:**
Junior Champion - Sannen Breed
State 4-H Dairy Show Results

Congratulations to these Somerset County 4-H’ers who placed in the recent State Dairy Show.

**Tom Armstrong:**
3rd place Junior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
2nd place First Year Showmanship Grades 7 - 11

**Matthew Puskas:**
2nd place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
2nd place Spring Junior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
2nd place Junior Bred by Exhibitor - Holsteins
1st place Produce of Dam - Holsteins
5th place Experienced Showmanship Grades 10 - 13

**Christina O’Brien:**
5th place Fall Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
3rd place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 8 - 9

**Joseph Martinelli:**
3rd place Spring Junior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
3rd place First Year Showmanship Grades 7 - 11

**Jessie Brygier:**
1st place Spring Junior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
5th place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 8 - 9

**Brittney O’Brien:**
1st place Winter Senior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
2nd place Experienced Showmanship Grades 10 - 13

**Danny Philipsheck:**
1st place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Brown Swiss
1st place Junior Champion Brown Swiss
Grand Champion Brown Swiss
5th place Beginning Showmanship Grades 5 - 7

**Emily Milz:**
1st place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6
2nd place Champion Showmanship

**Jenn Frank:**
1st place First Year Showmanship Grades 7 - 11
3rd place Champion Showmanship

**Angela Philipsheck:**
4th place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 8 - 9

Results from County Dog Shows

**Sharon Toth:**
3rd place Pre-Novice A Obedience - Middlesex Co.
2nd place Pre-Novice A Obedience - Ocean Co.
1st place Beginner Junior - Middlesex Co.

**Emma Boganski:**
2nd place Novice Obedience - Middlesex Co.
1st place Pre-Novice B Obedience - Middlesex Co.
4th place Beginner Junior - Middlesex Co.
1st place Pre-Novice B Obedience - Ocean Co.
2nd place Novice Obedience - Ocean Co.
1st place Junior - Ocean Co.

**Veronica Moditz:**
3rd place Pre-Novice B - Middlesex Co.

**Alexa Berko:**
1st place Open - Middlesex Co.
2nd place Open - Ocean Co.

**Amanda Weinstein:**
1st place Advanced Senior - Middlesex Co.
2nd place Advanced Senior - Ocean Co.

**Kristen Obermeier:**
3rd place Inter. Novice Obedience - Middlesex Co.
3rd place Novice - Middlesex Co.
1st place Intermediate Novice Obedience - Ocean Co.
1st place Novice - Ocean Co.

**Wendy Franzyschen:**
1st place Novice Obedience - Ocean Co.
1st place Open - Ocean Co.

**Andrea Ortu:**
3rd place Open - Ocean Co.

**Melanie Boyea:**
2nd place Novice - Ocean

**Jackie LaCorte:**
2nd place Pre-Novice B Obedience - Ocean Co.
Somerset County 4-H’ers who attended the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp at Stokes State Forest this year are: Astrid Albert, Taylor Au, Allison Becker, Nachiket Bhujbal, Mollie Booker, Benjamin Carlsen, Patty Chan, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Erica Devlin, Brian Franchuk, Alex Franchuk, Elizabeth Frank, Kelsey Graham, Eric Grohn, Conor Kelton, Rachel Lin, Trevor Mazzaglia, Allie Mostello, Jill Newbold, Andrew Puntillo, Doug Rybczynski, Ryan Schreve, Joseph Shreve, Jay Tobia, Janine Tobia, Amanda Weinstein and Jason Zamorski.

Vespers Island:
LG Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes Forest, has been restored in memory of Ted Blum. Please join us Sunday, September 30th. Camp will be open for tours and visiting at 1:00 pm. We will celebrate Ted’s contributions to Camp and 4-H at 2:00 on Vespers island. Light refreshments will follow in the Recreation Hall. Please help us spread the word. Call the 4-H Center, 908-526-6644, if you plan to attend.

Haunted House
Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 11:00 PM
Middlesex County Fair Grounds/4-H Center
Cranbury Road, East Brunswick
(entrance off Fern Road)
$3.00 Admission
Sponsored by:
Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council
Somerset County Teens: If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Bovitz, Middlesex County 4-H Agent, at: 732-398-5261

Halloween Happenings
Saturday, October 27
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center
100 Struble Road, Branchville
973-948-3550
Free Admission
Clubs and families are needed to sponsor a cabin by decorating it, providing treats and manning it during the evening. Call Brian Dougan, Program Director, at: 973-948-3550.
This Was a Memorable 60th Somerset County 4-H Fair!

The Fair is possible because of the sponsorship of the 4-H Association and their outstanding volunteer leadership. Thank you to all Association members. This is such a superb event because of the cooperative support from leaders, parents and 4-H members. Everyone involved is to be congratulated.

The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes the value of 4-H in producing caring, competent citizens and the value of a free, family oriented, annual event. We are grateful for their continuing support and the help of the many county divisions involved: Engineering, Emergency Management, Public Information, Bridges, Facilities and Services, Traffic Safety, Roads, Sheriff's Department and Transportation.

The Somerset County Park Commission has been a partner with 4-H for nearly 50 years. They have generously shared their land, personnel and services with 4-H. We appreciate their commitment to helping us “Make the Best Better.”

Thanks to Raritan Valley Community College for sharing their parking lots, especially during the heavy rains!

Fair Evaluation Meeting
September 10th, 7:30pm
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 2007 4-H Fair Managers

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

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 Mike Amorosa for supervising the pole barn.

Thanks to Chris Giraldi, Greg Snook Sr, Greg Snook Jr, Pete Amorosa, Dave Rieur, Dale Arftich, Scott Szakacs, Joe Amorosa, Rob Arena, 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, Craig Hockenbury, Chan Leung, Tim McLaughlin, Joe Shreve, Scott Szakacs, Linda Au, Russ Balliet and Ron DeChirico.

Thanks to Kelly Allison, 4-H Fair Intern, for her sharing her many talents with us.

Thanks to Dawn Hribik for organizing all the commercial space.

Thanks to Abner and Kitty Mathews for replumbing the food tent.
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 Deb Norz for organizing the pie eating contest.

Thanks to Holly Dunbar for writing the Alumni Newsletter.

Thanks to Tina Pirro and Doug Pitney for working on the 60th Fair awards.

Thanks to the Szackacs family for organizing the pie and cake booth.

Thanks to Elaine Stanis and Pete Hirsh for putting up the displays in the alumni tent.

Thanks to Mike Pappas for arranging the buses and the hot air balloon.

Thanks to Ruth Slovik, Jim Wood, Caitlyn O’Neil, Rob Slovik, Rose Oldenburg, and the food committee for organizing the food tent.

Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim and Kyle Miholics, Chris Williams, Joe Navatto, Ernie Hall and Chan Leung for an exciting entertainment schedule.

Thanks 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.


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

Thanks to Janet Kolb, for chairing the Milkshake booth. Thanks to Pam Christianson for organizing the corporate volunteers.

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

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.

Thanks to the Oasis Committee, Tina Pirro, Janet & Erin Szackacs and Deb Graham for feeding the troops.

**You’ve Gotta Love a Parade!**

The 2007 Fair Entertainment Committee would like to thank all those involved with making the 60th Fair Parade such a success!

Thanks to Joe Bakes for scheduling the Bridgewater Police Department Honor Guard, Civilian Air Patrol Color Guard, Somerset County Sheriff’s Color Guard, the vintage WW II plane fly-over and the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office Pipes & Drums Corps. We thank them for their participation.

Thanks to Mike Pappas for coordinating the line-up of Color Guards and 4-H members at the starting line!

Our 4-H Color Guard of Destiny Pappas & Erin Kopecky from the “All
4-H Prep Club: made 4-H proud - leading the 4-H brigade!

A big “thank you for participating” goes out to all club members who marched - including the following clubs: 4-Leaf Clovers, Somerset Sentinels, 4-H Space & Astronomy, 4-H Whiskers, Paws & Claws, Wags & Whiskers, Woof, Poultry Plus, Wattles & Snood, Radical Rodents, Just Kidding, Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock, Sidewinders, Chaps & Spurs, Hoof Beats, Pocket Pets Rescue Home, Creations, Clowing Around, Pretty Cool Puppetry, Country Kickers, Gingersnaps, Radio Control Cars, and Crazy Frog Hoppers.

The debut appearance of the big puppet "Cora Belle Clover Gal” at the parade finish ended the event on a very high (tall… get it?) note! It just can’t get any better than that!

Or can it? If your club or division would like to plan next year’s parade, in an effort to make this event an annual tradition, contact the 4-H Office!

4-H Performers Shine!

It was another great year for the talented 4-Hers who performed during the Fair's noon time hour of "Somerset 4-H Live!" We heard & appreciated this year's "house band", Uncut Diamonds with 4-H'ers Tyana & Jadelyn Truong & Melissa Ribaudo and their bandmate, Vena Jeedigunta. Other performances were Mellissa Smutko's dancing & gymnastics, Eline Nijveldt's saxophone playing, Nigel Lane's drumming, 4-H Country Kickers' dancing, Christ Kinney's singing, Daniel Basile's guitar & trumpet playing, Gianna DiCorcia's cheering, Alexandria Kanellos' singing, Ben Parker & the Broadway Babies' singing, and Jonathan Lin, Emily Ma, Evanna Wang & Jennifer Chen's quartet playing.

During the 6 pm VIP Hour Stephanie Christian sang patriotic anthems, the Twirling Clovers performed their routines with great style and Courtney Coleman created a special lyrical dance. Good show, everyone!

4-H Fair Sponsors


And the landscapers all deserve a blue ribbon for their efforts to beautify the Fair: Amble Side Gardens-Clover Theater, Duke Foundation - Beef Tent, Goat Tent, Information Tent, Hionis Greenhouse, Inc. - Arts Tent, Moss Landscaping- Cotton Candy Tent, Prep Tent, Daisy Garden Center-Poultry Tent.

In Memory Of:

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

As the 2006-2007 4-H year comes to a close, we remember:

Genevieve Erhardt
Diane Pernini
Irene Sanders (Krom)
Theresa Thiel
John Wengryn
Congratulations to all the 2007 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2007 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Ashley Ward, Wags ‘n Whiskers, Junior Division and Britney O’Brien, Wags ‘n Whiskers, Senior Division.

Clothing & Textiles—Year 1 – Melissa Ribaudo, Excellent; Kristen Wells, Excellent; Katie Kouril, Excellent; Brinda Rajan, Excellent; Year 2 – Melissa Smutko, Excellent; Nicole Calaruso, Excellent; Year 3 – Jordan Chaffiotte, Excellent; Megan Evers, Excellent; Advanced - Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Show; Tyanna Truong, 2 Excellents; Jadelyn Truong, Excellent, Caroline Merrill, Excellent

Needlecraft—Shannon Zimmitti, Best of Show, Excellent, Very Good; Brianna Mulrooney, Runner Up Best of Show, Excellent; Elizabeth Frank, Excellent, Very Good

Food & Nutrition—Unit 1 – Sarah Fenwick, Best in Unit, 5 Excellents; Melissa Ribaudo, 4 Excellents; 1 Very Good; Unit 2 – Melissa Smutko, 3 Excellents; 2 Very Goods, 1 Good; Unit 3 – Sara Memoli, Best in Unit; 5 Excellents; Caroline Merrill, 4 Excellents, 1 Very Good; Jadelyn Truong, 5 Excellents; Tyana Truong, 3 Excellents, 2 Goods; Unit 4 – Shannon Merrill, Best in Unit, 5 Excellents

Crafts—Brianna Mulrooney, Best of Show, Excellent, 2 Very Goods; Elizabeth Frank, Runner Up Best of Show, Very Good; Joseph Martinelli, Very Good; Hannah Kwiatek, Good; Kristi Philipsheck, Prep Participation

Creative Arts—Nathalie Schlosser, Best of Show; 4th Best of Show, Excellent; Sarah Fenwick, Runner Up Best of Show; Mollie Booker, 3rd Best of Show; Hannah Kwiatek, Excellent; Katherine Pirro, Excellent; Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Very Good; Joseph Martinelli, Very Good; Alyson Weiss, Very Good; Chris Posbergh, Very Good; Jadelyn Truong, 2 Goods; Elizabeth Frank, Good; Julianna Pirro, Prep Participation

Photography—Caroline Rubinfeld, Best of Show; Nature: Carolyn Pirro, Best of Class, Excellent; Meagan Ferry, Excellent; Jesse Engesser, Excellent; Erik Loreng, 2 Excellents; Katherine Pirro, Excellent, Very Good; Matthew Santori, Excellent; Amy Williams, 4 Very Goods; Landscapers/Man Made Objects: Chris Dionne, Best of Class; Hannah Davelman, Excellent, 2 Very Goods; Erik Loreng, Excellent; Desiree McLaughlin, Excellent; Angie Philipsheck, Excellent; Carolyn Pirro, Excellent; Katherine Pirro, 2 Excellents; Jessie Brygier, Very Good; Will Hermann, Very Good; Danny Philipsheck, Very Good; Carolyn Rubinfeld, 2 Very Goods; Animals: Danny Philipsheck, Best of Class, Very Good; Jessie Brygier, 2 Excellents, Very Good; Meagan Ferry, Excellent; Angie Philipsheck, 2 Excellents; Carolyn Pirro, Excellent; Katherine Pirro, 2 Excellents; Action: Carolyn Rubinfeld, Best of Class, Excellent; Mollie Booker, Excellent; People: Carolyn Rubinfeld, Best of Class, Excellent; Mollie Booker, Excellent; Meagan Ferry, Excellent; Hannah Davelman, Very Good; Amy Williams, Very Good; Project Related: Angie Philipsheck, Best of Class, Very Good; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Excellent; 3 or More Pictures Telling Story: Carolyn Rubinfeld, Excellent; Experimental in Black & White: Desiree McLaughlin, Best of Class, Excellent; Black & White: Carolyn Rubinfeld, Best of Class, Excellent; Amy Williams, Best of Class, Very Good, 2 Goods; Jenn Frank, 4 Excellents, Very Good, Fair; Desiree McLaughlin, Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair; Joseph Martinelli, Fair; Digital: Patrick Frawley, Best of Class; Ian Crowe, Excellent; RJ Stockwell-Wurm, Excellent; Wesley Fleming, Excellent; Elizabeth Frank, 2 Excellents, Computer Enhanced: Joseph Martinelli, Best of Class, 2 Excellents, Very Good; Desiree McLaughlin, Best of Class, Excellent, Good

Creative Writing—Senior: Ashley Ward, Best of Show, 2 Excellents; Shannon Zimmitti, Excellent; Junior: Katherine Pirro, Best of Show; Allie Mostello, Excellent; Genevieve Puglisi, 2 Excellents; Carolyn Pirro, Excellent, Very Good; Aishni Rao, Excellent; Erik Loreng, Very Good

Cake Decorating – Gabrielle Chaya, Best of Show; Shannon Zimmitti, Excellent
**Small Animals –**

- Alison Kraehenbuhl  Small Animal Best of Show
- Nicholas Suk  Small Animal Best Reserve
- Sarah Ongaro  Rabbit Best of Show
- Sarah Stamets  Rabbit Best Reserve
- Brooke Gallagher  Cavy Best of Show
- Missy Race  Cavy Best Reserve

**Rabbit Results:**

**Best of Breed winners:** Tim Goetjen, Sarah Stamets, Katie Fenyar, Sara Ongaro, Ashley Gallagher, Shannon Merrill, Caitlyn Merrill, Missy Race, Katie Kouril, Nicholas Spalluto, Eline Nigveldt

**Best Reserve of Breed winners:** Elise McKean, Sarah Stamets, Katie Fenyar, Missy Race, Sarah Ongaro, Alison Kraehenbuhl, Tim Goetjen, Nicholas Spalluto

**Cavy Results:**

**Best of Breed winners:** Brooke Gallagher, Kalen Whitney, Missy Race, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Kira Whitney

**Best Reserve of Breed Winners:** Brooke Gallagher, Elise McKean, Missy Race, Kalen Whitney, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Kira Whitney

**Small Animal Results:**

**Best of Breed winners:** Kira Whitney, Alex Kinney, Ben Parker, Nicholas Suk, Alison Kraehenbuhl

**Reserve Best of Breed winners:** Ben Parker, Kristen Manahan

**Showmanship:**

- Missy Race  Senior Rabbit
- Tim Goetjen  Junior Rabbit
- Sara Ongaro  Senior Cavy
- Lauren Fox  Junior Cavy
- Carolyn Rubinfeld  Senior Small Animal
- Kathryn Papalski  Junior Small Animal

**Best Junior Project:** Elise McKean

**Best Sr. Record Book:** Sara Ongaro

**Best Jr. Record Book:** Colleen Ferry

**Dog Show -**

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**Best Junior Handler**  Brittney O’Brien

**Highest Scoring Dogs**  Kelsey Graham/Brian Franchuk

**Participants in Beginner Obedience:** Mollie Booker, Melissa Bright, Becky Czekaj, Samantha Depierro, Gianna DiCorcia, Danny Maher, Christine Martino, Brenna Massey, Jill Newbold, Amy Rose Padula, Sarah Stamets, Chris Yanoso

**Participants – Little Woofers Prep:** Dominick Basile, Austin Biely Owen Booker, Camantha Cavallaro, Kirsten Clerico, Gia DeFex, Margaux Winchock, Brien Batori, Amy Susko, Samantha Eristavi, Emily Helm, Alyssa Franchino, Erica Franchino

**Poultry Results**

**Best Junior Showman**  Brian Kleszyk

**Best Senior Showman**  Lisa Magulak

**Champion Waterfowl**  Chris Walsh

**Reserve Champion Waterfowl**  Taylor Barrett

**Champion Standard**  Veronica Irizarry

**Reserve Champion Standard**  Alex Wick

**Champion Bantam**  Christopher Walsh

**Reserve Champion Bantam**  Rachel Cowan
Dairy Show Results

**Guernsey Classes**
Kathy Hill, Grand Champion

**Jersey Classes**
Julia Hill: Grand Champion

**Brown Swiss Classes**
Danny Philipscheck: Grand Champion

**Holstein Classes**
Brittney O’Brien: Grand Champion; Best of Show
Alyssa Varsalone-Basile: Reserve Grand Champion
Matt Puskas: Best Bred by 4-H Exhibitor

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Best Fitter: Kelly Steimly
Adult Showmanship Award: Meredith Quick

**Special Adult Showmanship Award From 1st Fair 1947**
Mrs. Nancy Hodge Weinberg

Tag-Along Awards:
Lizzie McGrath, Kristie Philipscheck, Alexa Basile, Alex Norz, Susie Norz, Michael Milz, Emma Hill

**Beef Show Results**

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CLOVERTALES
### Sheep Results

| Supreme Champion Sheep of Show | Sarah Lamont |
| Reserve Champion | George Goceljak |
| Best Overall Owner Bread | Sarah Lamont |
| Best Pair | Lauren Fox |
| Champion Dam & Lamb | Shanna Clifford |
| Champion Hampshire | George Goceljak |
| Champion Dorset | Chris Posbergh |
| Champion Suffolk | Bridget Connolly |
| Champion Hair Sheet | Desiree McLaughlin |
| Champion Natural Colored | Gina Callari |
| Champion Romney | Chris Posbergh |

### Ram Division

| Champion | Desiree McLaughlin |
| Reserve Champion | Chris Posbergh |

### Purebred Ewe Divisions

| Champion Overall | George Goceljak |
| Reserve Champion | Chris Posbergh |

### Purebred Ewe Meat Division

| Champion | George Goceljak |
| Reserve Champion | Chris Posbergh |

### Purebred Spring Ewe Lamb: Meat

| 1st | Chris Posbergh |
| 2nd | Bridget Connolly |
| 3rd | Christy Hunt |

### Purebred Yearling Ewe: Meat

| 1st | Desiree McLaughlin |

### Purebred Aged Ewe: Meat

| 1st | George Goceljak |
| 2nd | Gina Callari |
| 3rd | Bridget Connolly |
| 4th | Christy Hunt |
| 5th | Christy Hunt |

### Purebred Ewe Wool Division

| Champion | Gina Callari |
| Reserve Champion | Chris Posbergh |

### Purebred Spring Ewe Lamb: Wool

| 1st | Chris Posbergh |

### Purebred Yearling Ewe: Wool

| 1st | Lauren Fox |
| 2nd | Shanna Clifford |

### Purebred Aged Ewe: Wool

| 1st | Gina Callari |

### Grade Ewe Divisions

| Champion Overall | Sarah Lamont |
| Reserve Champion | Lauren Fox |

### Grade Spring Lamb: Meat

| Champion | Sarah Lamont |
| Reserve Champion | Lauren Fox |
| 1st | Lauren Fox |
| 2nd | Sarah Lamont |
| 3rd | George Goceljak |

### Grade Yearling Ewe: Meat

| 1st | Sarah Lamont |

### Grade Aged Ewe: Meat

| 1st | Sarah Lamont |
| 2nd | Jack Egan |
| 3rd | Gina Callari |

### Grade Ewe Wool Division

| Champion | Shanna Clifford |
| Reserve Champion | Gina Callari |

### Grade Spring Ewe Lamb: Wool

| 1st | Gina Callari |
| 2nd | Lauren Fox |
| 3rd | Jenny Hunt |
| 4th | Shanna Clifford |

### Junior Wool Fitting

| Best Overall | Gina Callari |

### Junior Meat Fitting

| Best Overall | Chris Posbergh |
| 2nd | George Goceljak |
| 3rd | Shanna Clifford |
| 4th | Gina Callari |

### Senior Meat Fitter

| Best Overall | Sarah Lamont |
| 2nd | Jack Egan |
| 3rd | Desiree McLaughlin |
| 4th | Christy Hunt |
| 5th | Bridget Connolly |

### Beginner Fitter Meat/Wool

| Best Overall | Lauren Fox |
| 2nd | Bryce Gerlach |
| 3rd | Cody Gerlach |

### Beginner Showmanship

| Best Overall | Bryce Gerlach |
| 2nd | Cody Gerlach |
| 3rd | Lauren Fox |

### Junior Showmanship

| Best Overall | Gina Callari |
| 2nd | Chris Posbergh |
| 3rd | Shanna Clifford |
| 4th | Jenny Hunt |
| 5th | George Goceljak |

### Senior Showmanship

| Best Overall | Jack Egan |
| 2nd | Sarah Lamont |
| 3rd | Desiree McLaughlin |
| 4th | Erin Posbergh |
| 5th | Caraline Egan |
Herpetology Club –
Paul Rasmussen  Best of Show
Katherine Pirro  1st Place - Lizard
Karise Vaporakis  2nd Place - Lizard
Matthew Race  3rd Place - Lizard
Paul Rasmussen  1st Place - Snake
Paul Rasmussen  2nd Place Snake
Scott Hammell  3rd Place Snake
David Furmato  1st Place - Frog
Sarah White  First Place - Toad

Goat Show Results
Junior Showmanship  Nicole Phillips
Senior Showmanship  Samantha Schurick
Best Cared-For Project  Caitlyn Merrill
Beginner Showmanship  Debra Winters
Beginner Fitting  Laura Davidson
Junior Fitting  Kelly Fitzsimmons
Senior Fitting  Kelly Fitzsimmons
Senior Champion Milking Doe  Samantha Schurick
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Dry Doe  Joe Hoffman
Sr Champion Pygmy Dry Doe  Angie Philipscheck
Res. Sr Champ. Pygmy Dry Doe  Danny Philipscheck
Junior Champion Doe  Caitlyn Merrill
Reserve Junior Champion Doe  Samantha Schurick
Jr Champion Nigerian Doe  Dylan Thomson
Jr Champion Pygmy Doe  Roxanne Rosinski
Sr Champion Pygmy Wether  Laura Davidson
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Wether  Tori Gaffney
Sr Champion Pygmy Wether  Alex Barree
Standard Dam & Offspring  Caitlyn Merrill
Pygmy Dam & Offspring  Angie Philipscheck
Nigerian Dam and Offspring  Charlie & Paula Hoffman

Race Medium:  1st  Randy Sixt
               2nd  Luke Johnson
               3rd  Tyler Bobal
               4th  Brandon Gano
               5th  John Oborne

Race Heavy:  1st  Douglas Rybczynski
             2nd  J.J. Artfitch
             3rd  Kevin Matarazzo
             4th  Zack Mahon
             5th  Daniel Peterson

Race Super Heavy:  1st  Charlie Johnson
                  2nd  Jimmy Fulton
                  3rd  Dan Lang

Broken Props Model Airplane Club
Best in Show  Ken Hayward
Radio Control Glider  Jay Tobia
Radio Control Trainer/Sport  Eric Grohn
Radio Control Scale  Ken Hayward
Control Line Sport  Matt Knoblauch
People’s Choice Award  Dan Memoli/Ken Hayward

Hook ‘em & Cook ‘em
Jon Ajamian  Blue Ribbon - Tackle Box
Daniel Ajamian  Blue Ribbon - Poster
Steven Ajamian  Prep - Poster

K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club
4 – 5 months:  1st place  Erica Devlin
6 – 9 months:  1st place  Meghan Hartmann
               2nd place  Meredith Kollmer
               3rd place  Becki Lane
10 months & up:  1st place  Meredith Kollmer
                 2nd place  Moira Dugan
                 3rd place  Will Hartmann/ Catriona Coffey

Livestock Costume Class Participants
Mighty Cavits & Rodents: Carolyn Gold, Todd Gallagher, Brooke Gallagher, Whitney Kalen
New Centre Dairy: Alanna Staffin, Kristi Philipscheck, Alex Hunt, Lizzy McGrath, Angie Philipscheck, Danny Philipscheck, Emily Milz, Joe Martinelli
Radical Rodents: Ali Krachenbuehl
Just Kiddin’ Goat Club: Megan Kouril, Tori Gaffney
Udder Goat Club: Sandra Forktus, Debra Winters, Jay Winters
Chaps & Spurs: Karli Anne Carter
Dear 4-H Prepper,

Despite Friday's weather the 60th anniversary of our Fair was outstanding. The Prep Tent was flowing with hands-on activities and really terrific shows for the fairgoers to enjoy. The club exhibits were wonderful. You can all be very proud for a job well done!

By now the prep clubs should be getting back in the swing and ready to start a new 4-H year. I'll be looking forward to hearing all about what your clubs are doing. Be sure to send me your club meeting reports so we can share your exciting news with the other clubs in the Prep section of Clovertales.

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

A BIG Thank you for another great job by our Prep Tent Coordinator Dave Van Skiver and his assistants Amy & James Thomson. Thanks to all the prep clubs who set up exhibits boards...A huge thank you to all the clubs who staffed the information table, the craft table, the cotton candy booth and helped to dismantle everything after the fair. I could not have done it without you. A terrific job by Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams who set up the cotton candy booth. A wonderful job by Tracy Hartman, our cotton candy coordinator. A special thank you to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath our past cotton candy coordinators who can back this year to help spin cotton candy. Thanks to Joe Shreve for his help with the entertainment in the prep tent. The Fair shows how much cooperation 4-H people have to give to make things happen. Our volunteers went above and beyond. 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 16th for the prep club members who will be entering the 4th grade in September. They can now move up to a Standard 4-H club. The graduates were Steven Ajamian, Clair Barramdea, Elizabeth Bergen, Michele Bergen, Austin Biely, Cary Brochinsky, Sylvia Calabrese, Faith Cannizzo, Samantha Cavallero, Joey Cermenaro, Andrew Cronce, Haven DeAnglis, Erica DeProspo, Alisson Dineen, Samantha Eristavi, Jon Garaffa, Kyle Hannon, Aislinn Harte, Taylor Johnson, Erin Kopecky, Rebecca Korsgaard, Jonathan Lin, Chelsea Linke, Nicole Maggio, Sean Maggio, Vinay Mantha, Corinne Mastrella-Presti, Ashley Miller, Noni Miller, Michael Milz, Amy Musselman, Sarah Parr, Kristi Philipsheck, Cassandra Pilla, Shruti Ramanathan, Kyrstin Schwarz, Courtney Sunder, Amy Susko, Patrick Thyne, Jay Vogelaar, Kali Vaporakis, Emily Ward, Matt Whalen and Margaux Winchock. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H’ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

The Mad Scientists were busy in June and July. They built parachutes of different shapes and sizes to see which ones fell the slowest, learning about the forces that make flight possible. Members made Ooblik, which is made from cornstarch, water and food coloring. They discovered that it looks runny and flows like water but you can’t make it splash. They ended their year with a pin & pizza party.

The All 4-H Club had Dave Rieur present Gems & Stones to the club. They also went to the passport agency and learned all about passports.

The Chaps’n’Sprs made stick horses. They used yarn for the mane. Everyone’s horse looked different. Then the preppers colored in a big horse.
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 2006-2007 school year. A special thanks to the 4-H Volunteers 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!

- Albrook Montessori School, Bernards
- Adamsville School, Bridgewater
- Bedwell School, Bernardsville
- East End School, No. Plainfield
- Elizabeth Avenue School, Franklin
- Franklin Park School, Franklin Park
- Hamilton School, Bridgewater
- John F. Kennedy Primary School, Raritan
- La Monte School, Bound Brook
- MacAfee Road School, Franklin
- Milltown School, Bridgewater
- Mt. Horeb School, Warren
- Pine Grove Manor, Franklin
- Robert Morris School, So. Bound Brook
- Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset
- St. Ann’s School, Raritan
- Sampson G. Smith School, Somerset
- Stony Brook School, Branchburg
- Stony Brook School, No. Plainfield
- Van Derveer School, Somerville
- Watchung Avenue Presbyterian
- West End School, No. Plainfield
- Weston School, Manville
- Whiton School, Branchburg
- Woodland School, Warren

Mighty Cavits & Rodents by Megan Kouril

At the July Meeting, animal health forms were passed out and health checks begun. The Club received entry forms for shows in Camden and Cumberland counties as well as our own 4-H Fair. The Club was really excited about the upcoming Fair.

Wattles ‘n Snood by Katie Fenyar

The Club discussed the setup for the upcoming Fair and what tools they would need. Baby ducks are expected to be at the fair this year. The tent will also feature hatching baby chicks. Pollurum testing was held the first week of August and health forms are being collected for those chickens being brought to the fair. Members were reminded that they are responsible to care for all animals in the tent, not just their own. There will be an egg hunts held during Fair days. The Club will be sponsoring a pretzel booth in the food tent. In addition, the tent will feature a petting zoo and hold bird quizzes offering prizes. In addition to Fair planning, the Club had a presentation on the breed Silkie.

4-H Cattleman’s Club by Joshua Bruss

The Club discussed the upcoming Fair display and tent display. Then they updated each other on their various projects. Everyone is doing well. The meeting ended with everyone filling out and turning in their permission slips and entry forms.

In their first meeting after the fair, the Club held its elections for the year: Bryce Gerlach, president; AJ Stahoski, vice-president; Emily Gerlach, secretary; Jessica Gilliam, treasurer; Cody Gerlach, reporter; Caleb Bruss, Case Vogelaar, Jay Vogelaar, photographers. The Club also discussed an upcoming camping trip being planned.

Radical Rodents by Ben Parker

In August the Radical Rodents participated in the 4-H Fair. The display got an excellent. Members marched in the parade carrying a banner they had made. Thursday afternoon the Club did a presentation in the Prep Tent. The Club had 2 members perform at 4HL and of course, 2 members participated in Round Robin Showmanship. Best of all, everyone had a great time at the Fair!
Woof Dog Club
by Kristen Obermeier

The Woof Dog Club sponsored dog biscuit sales in Somerville at Ace Hardware and PetSmart. Monies earned support “Bones for Boone” a program that supports dogs in the K-9 Unit in Somerset County. This year the Club presented the K-9 Unit with a check for $750.00.

Woolly Ones
by Jack Egan

Everyone had a great time at the Fair this year. The Woolly Ones would like to say goodbye to Angelina Bruno-Metzger, Bridget Connolly, Caraline Egan and Erin Posbergh. “You all have been important in making the Woolly Ones a great club. We’re going to miss you and hope you come back to visit as much as possible!”

Senior Council
by Beth Kavanaugh

Senior Council is sending out a BIG thank you to Joe Navatto, Stan Franzyschen, Elaine Mulrooney and family and Sue MacCombie for the enormous amount of hours they put in at the snow cone booth!

The 4-H Young Artistes Club
by Jennifer Hodge

The Club had a great time at the 2007 60th Anniversary 4-H Fair. We got to decorate our own booth in the Arts Tent with a tropical theme using fish, fishing nets and exotic birds promoting our arts and crafts. Each night we volunteered in the Art Tent. We created 4-H puzzles with children of all ages. Our theme was "Become a piece of 4-H". We cut, glued, colored and displayed puzzle pieces into 4-H Clovers using the 4-H Pledge: My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater Loyalty, My Hands to larger Service, and My Health to better Living for my club, my community, my county, and my world. Our club members had a great time meeting and working with new children and volunteering their time at the fair.

Members volunteered in the food tent working in the Pie and Cake Booth to benefit the Arts Program. They also helped to clean up and learned that helping others can be fun.

The Young Artist Club is looking forward to a new year starting with Open House on October 4th at the 4-H Center. If you are interested in Arts and Crafts please come visit with us at Open House.

Thank you for a great fair!
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#### Event Schedule

- **29th (Tuesday)**
  - 4-H Fair Parade
  - 4-H Fair Dinner

- **28th (Monday)**
  - 4-H Fair Plans Meeting
  - 4-H Fair Planning Meeting

- **27th (Sunday)**
  - 4-H Fair Day

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**Note:**
- All events are subject to change.
- Check official 4-H calendars for the most accurate dates and times.
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**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK – OCTOBER 7 - 13**

**OCTOBER 4-H WREATH SALE MONTH**
"Join 4-H!" Open House

Thursday, October 4       7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Who can join?

- Kids in Grades 1-3 can join 4-H Prep
- Kids in Grades 4-13 can join a standard 4-H club
- Parents and other adults can volunteer to help

Come on in!

Find out what today’s 4-H program has to offer YOU!

In 4-H, you can learn about science, go-karts, animals, rocketry, clothing, creative arts, food & nutrition, while developing leadership skills and public speaking and much more. Best yet, you can have FUN and meet new friends too!

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

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

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

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