4-H is TOPS!
Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thanks for a great 4-H Fair, 2008! We know and appreciate how hard you work, how well you work as a team and how committed you are to our youth. We were certainly successful in meeting out goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bringing the community together.

Please join us at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, September 15th and be sure to complete the volunteer survey in this issue.

Don’t forget to invite all your non-4-H friends to Open House!

With sincere gratitude,

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 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 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.

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Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.
With several new clubs started this past year, this has been a record breaking year for Somerset County 4-H. Many of these clubs formed as a result of the interest kids showed at both the Fair and Open House. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House and we are planning another one this year.

On Tuesday, **October 7, 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. If your club has no room for new members, we’d like one club in that project to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we’ll get another club started. Both our PAWSabilities Club and Hippity Hoppity Happy Handlers came to be as a result of interest in Open House. In addition to these clubs we have new clubs in beekeeping, horses, photography, 4-H Helping Hands and just recently martial arts. We also started 5 new prep clubs. And come out to join our brand new Magic 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 19 to volunteer.

The 2008 National 4-H Week theme this year will be “Keeping It Green.” With 4-H’s connection to environmental efforts, youth participating in environmental science, and 4-H’s new partnership with Nickelodeon’s The Big Green Help, “Keeping It Green” shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues. The green theme will also showcase 4-H beyond the environmental focus as 4-H’s green brand is a direct connection to the organization as a whole.

This day, to be held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week (this year it will be October 8) each year, is the first-ever day of its kind to encourage 4-H friends, families community partners and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. One of the partners for this day is Nickelodeon. **An experiment is being created for 4-H to do in our communities beginning October 8.** The experiment will be environmental in nature, easy to do, cheap to implement and fun for all.

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/
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, September 27

The New Jersey 4-H Leadership Summit, will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center located on Douglas Campus, on Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 am until 4:00 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 learning opportunities, updated curriculum displays and networking and sharing of successful programs.

Registration forms are available in the 4-H office or online at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu. Deadline to register is September 19. 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 31 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 and Project Wild.

Call the 4-H Office, (908) 526-6644 to ask for our free brochure, or ask to speak to Rachel Bijaczyk about scheduling a program.
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 fundraising 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 29 - December 2
Association Wreath Decorating: December 3

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.
**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, 2009 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

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**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.

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**2ND Annual Pre-Fair Party Was a Hit!**

The Second Annual Pre-Fair Party was a success! Over 40 Members, Parents and Leaders joined together on August 1, 2008 in the gym at the 4-H center to kick-off the Fair. Everyone brought desserts to share. Drinks were provided by the Four Leaf Clovers. Members and parents competed in lots of Hula Hoop games – such as the longest time twirling around the waist, the longest time twirling around the arm, etc. Some members were also able to tumble through a rolling hula hoop! Attendees also completed a trivia contest. All winners were awarded prizes. Everyone worked together to get ready for the Fair by installing batteries in the smoke alarms for the tents. The labyrinth that was created by members and leaders at this year’s Club Camp in April, was unveiled. People were able to relax and walk this meditation tool. The Pre-Fair party provided a great opportunity for new parents and new leaders to mingle and ask questions about the Fair, as well as for other members, parents and leaders to socialize. The extra desserts were donated to be sold at the Pie and Cake booth at the Fair. Keep an eye out for the date for the Third Annual Pre-Fair Party to be held in August 2009…we hope you will be able to make it!

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**Association News**

All the officers have agreed to hold their positions for the 08-09 4-H Year. Thank you to President, Rich Norz; Vice President, Joe Bakes; Treasurer, Jim Wood; Assistant Treasurer, Jeane Fasullo; Recording Secretary, Caitlin O'Neill and Corresponding Secretary, Janet Kolb.

In September, the Association welcomes new members Jan Lush, a leader of the Trainmasters and Harry Brochinsky, a leader of Prep Chefs. Luke Johnson of Go-Karts, will be the newest youth representative.

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**State Event Deadlines for 2008-2009**

State deadlines 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 applies to all state 4-H events.
Where did that Ace of Hearts go? How do we get it back? Learn this and other exciting magic tricks when you join our brand new Magic Club meeting here at the 4-H Center, 7:00 pm in the Red Room, the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. The Magic Club will be exploring all kinds of magic tricks, starting with card tricks and rope tricks, and by Fair time, you will be dazzling the public with your performances!

This club is open to all grades 1-13! For more information, contact Lucille Razzano at the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644 or razzano@co.somerset.nj.us

Abracadabra, here is the Ace of Hearts! Oh, oh, that “sawing-in-half” trick needs work!

We would like to start a 4-H club that will be part of the First Tech Challenge or First Lego League Robotics Competition.

If you are interested in participating, or would like to be a leader or advisor, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu

The Young Artistes’ Arts & Crafts club is looking for a co-leader to help with projects. If you are interested, please contact Lucille Razzano at 908-526-6644 or razzano@co.somerset.nj.us.

We have exciting new clubs forming in the fall. Make sure you and your friends check them out at Open House…

Martial Arts Club

Ultimate Frisbee & Community Service Club

Magic Club

Robotics Club

Horse Science Club

2 New Prep Clubs
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 17

National 4-H Conference will be held March 28 - April 2, 2009 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 2008 in order to participate in the 2009 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 17. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 22 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 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 2008. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2008. Please contact the 4-H office for an application.

Opportunities for Teens

If you are a 4-H’er who has recently become a “teen” or are new to 4-H and are in grades 8 - 13, please be sure to check out Clovertales and our web pages throughout the year for these opportunities.

Trips
National 4-H Conference
Citizen Washington Focus
National 4-H Congress

College Scholarships
4-H Association Scholarships
4-H Prep Scholarship
4-H Trainmasters Scholarship
James Rudowski Scholarship
Joseph & Florence Klimas Scholarship
Rosania, Staats, Smith Memorial Scholarship

Recognition Opportunities
Outstanding 4-H’er

Leadership Opportunities
4-H Tops Camp Counselor
4-H Fair Herdsman
Record Books

- 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".

4-H Yearbook & Catalog

The 2008 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog was super! Thanks to Kelly Allison and Susan Dodge, and the committee that worked so hard.

Thanks to all the leaders and members that sent in photos and club lists. Save your '08 Fair photos and start taking new photos of club events as they happen throughout the year.

Be sure to stop by and pick up 2008 Yearbooks for any commercial display advertisers who bought ads from you. This is a great way to say “thank you” for their support.

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.

Every 4-H Club Must Have a 4-H Charter

If you are a new club, you need to obtain a 4-H Charter Application from the office. This includes a checklist of basic information that is required of a 4-H group. Please fill out the application and submit it to the office.

We will get it processed. In the event that a 4-H group falls below the basic 4-H requirements as outlined in the charter application, the charter will be revoked and the 4-H group will need to reapply for chartering and agree to meet the requirements.

Fundraising and Club Treasuries

If your group plans on fundraising at anytime, they will need to obtain an EIN by filling out an IRS SS-4 Form. These forms are available at the 4-H office.

The only 4-H clubs that will be exempt from receiving an EIN and filing with the IRS will be those 4-H clubs or groups that will never raise funds, do not have a bank account in the name of 4-H, and will not collect monies in the name of 4-H (including club dues).

Groups that choose not to raise any funds must still be chartered (authorized to use the 4-H name and emblem) and must sign a waiver relinquishing their right to raise funds or have a bank account in the name of 4-H.

All clubs with an EIN MUST submit a financial review to the County 4-H office no later than December 31, 2008.

The office staff will be happy to help club leaders through this process.
NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms Due by October 24

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 24 to be recognized for last year’s efforts.

If your club has:

★ Met regularly, at least once a month and has conducted at least one business meeting a month for 9 months

★ Elected club officers to run meetings and at least 5 members in the club who have attended at least 70% of all meetings

★ Participated in at least one approved 4-H project and has an approved constitution

★ Participated at the 4-H Fair

★ 70% of its members who completed their record books and did a public presentation

★ Sold Yearbook ads and wreaths

Then you may be well on your way to becoming a Somerset County 4-H Honor Club.

Forms, which list all the requirements for Somerset County clubs, are available in the office and on our website, www.4HisTops.org

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, 2008. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: http://www.prudential.com/spirit

Hold the Dates!

Achievement Dinners:

Livestock November 1
Dog November 2
Arts Tent November 6
Science January 9, 2009

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.
HURRAY FOR...

4-H TOPS Camp

Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. Once again 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 80 participants enjoying 5 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about snakes, teambuilding, great tasting healthy snacks, wildlife, magic, electricity, slime, liquid nitrogen, dry ice worms, Chinese culture, martial arts and puppets.

Thanks to these 4-H clubs, members and leaders who participated: Betty Sommerville, Debi & Kristin Johnson, Luke Johnson, Brianna Mulrooney, Erin Posbergh, Sue Posbergh, Sue Schurick, The Norz Family, Ashley Ward, Chinese Culture Club and Martial Arts Club. Thanks also goes to Master Gardeners Barbara Berger, Marylin Hulme, Judy Pfister, Eleanor Dean, Melanie Naumoff, Lydia Dodd and Cynthia Aiken.

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: Erum Ahmad, Melanie Boyea, Samaiyah Brookins, Kim Chan, Clarissa Chu, Jesse Engesser, Katie Fenyar, Anthony Kosaka, Patricia Lin, Michelle Ma, Trevor Mazzaglia, Allie Mostello, Dhilati Oza, Nicole Phillips, Chris Posbergh, Samantha Schurick, Joey Shreve, Willie Sommerville, Isha Vasudeva, Amanda Weinstein and our Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Branchburg Dept. of Public Works, for the loan of bleachers for the fair for over 10 years; Middlebush Fire Dept. for having a food booth for over 47 years; Ferris Brothers for donating tablecloths for the food tent for over 20 years; Catherine Cmil of Cablevision for her generous and thoughtful coverage of the Fair; and Jim Jordan of WDVR for his creative live coverage of the Fair.

Gerlachs attend Junior Nationals

Congratulations to Cody, Bryce and Emily Gerlach who along with 3 Sussex Co. 4-H members, attended the Junior National Hereford Exposition in Kansas City, MO. They participated in judging contests, quiz bowl, showmanship and a fitting contest, as well as actual cattle shows. The quiz bowl team made it to the semi-finals. They all did a great job representing the state of NJ. Thanks to the parents for all the hard work they did to help the Juniors attend and special thanks to 4-H for the loan of materials.

Fashion Revue

At the 2008 4-H Fashion Revue held at the 4-H Center on June 30, Jadelyn Truong of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice Club was judged Best-of-Show modeling a sundress. Melissa Smutko, of the Crazy Frog Hoppers was judged best in Year 2/3. Megan Kouril, of the Sugar ‘n’ Spice Club was the best in Year 1.

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 Dairy Show Results

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

Mary Ellen Sousa:
4th place Junior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
5th place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6

Christina O’Brien:
7th place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
2nd place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 9 - 10

Joseph Martinelli:
3rd place Fall Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
4th place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7 - 8

Jessie Brygier:
9th place Fall Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
3rd place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 9 - 10

Brittney O’Brien:
3rd place Two Year Old Cows - Holsteins
6th place Experienced Showmanship Grades 11 - 13

Danny Philipsheck:
1st place Winter Senior Yearling Heifers - Brown Swiss
1st place Junior Champion Brown Swiss
Grand Champion Brown Swiss
5th place Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7 - 8

Kristi Philipsheck:
9th place Winter Senior heifer Calves - Holsteins
6th place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6

Elizabeth Frank:
11th place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
2nd place First Year Showmanship Grades 7 - 9

Jenny Frank:
6th place Fall Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
5th place Experienced Showmanship Grades 11 - 13

Myranda Bond:
5th place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
4th place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6

Peyton Bond
8th place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
1st place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6

Elizabeth McGrath
4th place Winter Senior Heifer Calves - Holsteins
2nd place First Year Showmanship Grades 4 - 6

Lauren Yutko
2nd place Summer Junior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
1st place First Year Showmanship Grades 7 - 9

Alanna Staffin
2nd place Spring Junior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
2nd place Beginning Showmanship Grades 5 - 6

Alexander Hunt
3rd place Winter Senior Yearling Heifers - Holsteins
1st place Beginning Showmanship Grades 5 - 6

Somerset County - 4th place County Herd

State 4-H Goat Show Results

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

Jay Winters:
6th place Dairy Goat Novice Showmanship & Fitting Junior Champion Grades

Debra Winters
2nd place Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship & Fitting
2nd place Meat/Fiber Goat Jr. Showmanship & Fitting

AJ Stahoski
1st place Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship & Fitting Junior Champion Sannen
Senior Champion Sannen

Samantha Schurick
2nd place Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship & Fitting Junior Reserve Champion Sannen
Senior Reserve Champion Sannen

Dylan Thomson
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, Melanie Boyea, Hillary Cadra, Patty Chan, Rieson Cheng, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Erica Devlin, Brian Franchuk, Elizabeth Frank, Kelsey Graham, Eric Grohn, Casey Hennessey, Alex Hunt, Andrew Hunter, Conor Kelton, Alison Kraehnbsuhl, Rachel Lin, Brenna Massey, Allie Mostello, Jill Newbold, Andrew Puntillo, Victoria Roman, Ariel Schwalb, Joseph Shreve, Ryan Shreve, Jay Tobia, Alexandra Wick, Jason Zamorski, and Brad Zdroik.

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

Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 25
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 the 4-H camp at: 973-948-3550.
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.

Special Thanks to our 2008 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, Paul McCall, Pete Amorosa, Dave Rieur, Scott Szakacs, Joe Amorosa, Rob Arena, and Robert Arena for driving the equipment needed to move the supplies.

Thanks to Electricians Tony DeVergillo, Britt Powell, and their team, Craig Hockenbury, Chan Leung, Tim McLaughlin, Joe Shreve, Scott Szakacs, Russ Balliet and Steve Dragos.

Thanks to Kelly Allison, 4-H Fair Assistant, for her work on the catalog and with the Fair.

Thanks to Dawn Hribik, Kim Germak and Becky Moore for organizing all the commercial space.

Thanks to Abner and Kitty Mathews for plumbing 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 Holly Dunbar for writing the Alumni Newsletter.

Fair Evaluation Meeting

September 15th, 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!
Thanks to the Szackacs family for organizing the pie and cake booth.

Thanks to Kelly Allison, Becky Moore and Katherine Balliet for putting up the displays in the alumni tent and to Pete Hirsch for building the backdrops.

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


Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim and Kyle Miholics, and Chris Williams for an exciting entertainment schedule.

Thanks to Kathy and Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so efficiently.

Thank you to the horse and dog clubs for welcoming new clubs and the alpaca tent for welcoming the cat club.

Thanks to Steve & Kim Milholics, Kyle Milholics and Chris Williams for building the cotton candy fencing.


Thanks to the 4-H Somerset Sentinels for putting out the fire extinguishers.

Thanks to the Kolb family, for chairing the Milkshake booth.

Thanks to Pam Christian 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, Deb Graham and the 4-H Prep Chefs for feeding the 4-H troops.

Thanks to Deb Norz for organizing the pie eating contest and to Erin Posbergh for organizing the milk chugging contest.

Thanks to Neha Deshpande for creating brochures and posters for Somerset County CART.

Thanks to Joey Shreve for helping with every aspect of set-up and take-down.

Thanks to Dave VanSkiver and the legions of 4-H’ers that participated in the 2nd annual 4-H Fair Parade.

Thanks to Astronomy Club for exceptional interactive displays.

Thanks to Harry Schmidt for the woodworking display.

Thanks to Dukes Farm for the electric car display.

Thanks to Hillsboro Farm for the hayride and Norz Hill Farm for the equipment display.

Thanks to the Courier News for uploading our photos to MyCentralJersey.com

And thank you to Abner Mathews for photographing the entire fair.
Once Again, 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, saw & appreciated performances by Chris Pawlikowski (Space & Astronomy) on the saxophone, David O'Borne (Trainmasters & Go-Kart Clubs) on the saxophone, the 4-H Country Kickers' line dancing, Joey Cermenaro (Hook 'Em & Cook 'Em) presenting his guitar, Mellissa Smutko (Crazy Frog Hoppers) dancing, the Crazy Frog Hoppers' double dutch jump roping, the Chinese Culture Club Ensemble's playing several Chinese folk songs (featuring the Er-hu, a unique Chinese instrument), Nigel Lane (K-9 Leaders) with his bagpipes, and Mollie Booker (Woof) with Rachel Moditz tap dancing.

During the 6 pm VIP Hour Stephanie Christian sang patriotic anthems and the Twirling Clovers performed their routines with great style! The Chinese Culture Club Ensemble played during the final moments of WDVR’s live broadcast of their “This is the Moment”.

Good show, everyone! We hope to see you all again next year on our 4-H stages at the Showmobile and Clover Theater.

4-H Fair Sponsors

We are very grateful to the sponsors that believe in 4-H and are willing to donate so generously; funds, materials and services, to the 4-H Fair: Stevenson-D’Alessio American Legion Post 12, Ethicon, Sanofi-Aventis, Verizon Communications, National Starch, Suplee, Clooney & Co., Ortho’McNeil, Raritan Valley Grange #153, Somerville Elks, Somerset Hills Vet Services, Woman’s Club of Hillsborough, E&B Distributors, The Amwell Agency, Schilke Construction Company Inc., Bridgewater Dental Associates, JAT Computer Consulting Inc., Kathy & Kirk Batzer, Raritan Valley Orthodontics, The Big Little Railroad Shop, Courier News, Dr. Karin Derfuss of Bridgewater Animal Hospital, Hillsboro Farm, Norz Hill Farm, PODS, Shanahan’s Stationary & Office Supplies.

Managers’ Awards

Best 4-H Animal Tent Sheep & Poultry (tie)
Best Non-Animal Tent Science
Best Outside Commercial Ahn’s Taekwondo
Best Inside Commercial Love Your Pet
Best Interactive Commercial Mila’s Music Studio
Best Educational, Non-4-H, Non-Commercial Board of Agriculture

Merit Award Somerset County F&S Dept.
Merit Award Courier News
Best Effort Master Gardeners Bonnie & Dave Johnson, Carol Murphy
Best Effort Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Best Effort Cotton Candy, The Miholics
Best Effort Family, Chris Williams

Best Food Booth Boy Scout Troup #185, Cheese Steaks
Outstanding Service Jim Dunwiddie, Park Commission
Outstanding Service Dave Lindsay, Park Commission
Outstanding Effort Joey Shreve
Outstanding Effort Robby Slovik
Outstanding Effort The Kolb Family, Milkshakes

And the landscapers all deserve a blue ribbon for their efforts to beautify the Fair: Twelve Oaks, Daisy Garden Center & Sculpture, Hionis Greenhouses, Fratesi Masonry, Duke Foundation, Rolling Acres Flower Farm.

Market Lamb Sale: Thank you to the following buyers for supporting our sale: Mannion’s Pub, Belle Mead Garage, Friends of 4-H, Board of Agriculture, George Goceljak, Belle Mead Co-op, Honorable Christy Todd Whitman, Senator Kip Bateman, Fred Gunther, Mary McLaughlin, Al Stahoski, Cheryl & Harrie Copeland, VanCleef Engineering, Helen Rosania and Gary Rosania.

Thank You!
Congratulations to all the 2008 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2008 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Colleen Ridder, Wags ‘n Whiskers, Junior Division and Caitlyn Merrill, Udder Club, Senior Division.

Clothing & Textiles—Year 1 – Kimberley Uminski, blue; Jenny Versfelt, blue; Megan Kouril, 2 blue; Year 2 – Katie Kouril, blue; Melissa Ribaudo, red; Year 3 – Mellissa Smutko, blue, red; Year 4 - Megan Evers, blue; Year 5 - Jadelyn Truong, blue; Tyana Truong, blue, red; Prep Participation - Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs

Needlecraft—Kelsey Graham, Excellent, Best in Division Class; Tyana Truong, Excellent, Best in Division Class; Samantha DePierro, Very Good; Kristen Johnson, Very Good

Food & Nutrition—Unit 1 – Megan DeMichele, Best of Unit, 5 blue; Jenny Versfelt, 4 blue, 1 red; Jennifer Amorese, 1 blue; Kelly Liston, 1 blue; Unit 3 – Mellissa Smutko, Best of Unit, 5 blue; Unit 4 – Caroline Merrill, Best of Unit, 1 blue; Sara Memoli, 4 blue, 1 red; Prep Participation - Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs

Crafts—Chris Posbergh, Excellent, Best in Show; Emily Ward, 3 Excellents; Jenny Versfelt, Excellent; Kristi Philipsheck, Excellent, Danny Philipsheck, 2 Excellents; Angie Philipsheck, Very Good

Creative Arts—Elizabeth Frank, Best of Show, Best Junior Division, 3 Excellents; Nathalie Schlosser, Best Senior Division, 3rd Place Senior Division, 4 Excellents; Kyle Graham, 2nd Place Senior Division; Excellent; Laura Williams, Excellent, Excellent; Erica Devlin, Excellent, Very Good; Kristen Johnson, Very Good, Jill Newbold, Fair; Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Excellent, Alysson Weiss, 2 Excellents, Jadelyn Truong, Excellent, Very Good; Prep Participants: Julianna Perro, Owen Booker, Christina Freeman

Woodworking/Wood Science—Daniel Peterson, Excellent, Best in Show; Joseph Shreve, Excellent, Reserve Best of Show, Very Good; Danny Philipsheck, Very Good; Kristi Philipsheck, 2 Goods; Angie Philipsheck, Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, Very Good; Kristen Johnson, 2 Very Goods; Sarah Bijaczyk, Very Good

Photography—EJ Collins, Best of Show; Jr. Nature: Erik Lorenz, Best in Class, Excellent, 2 Very Goods, Good; Danny Philipsheck, Excellent; Joe Martinelli, Excellent; Carolyn Pirro, 2 Excellents, Good; Mollie Booker, 2 Excellents, Very Good; Elizabeth Frank, 3 Goods; Samantha DiPierro, 2 Very Goods; Jr. Landscapes: Carolyn Pirro, Best in Class, 2 Excellents, Very Good, Good; Mollie Booker, Excellent, Very Good; Elizabeth Frank, Excellent, 2 Goods; Samantha DePierro, Excellent, 3 Very Goods; Ryan Shreve, Very Good, 2 Goods; Hannah Davelman, Excellent; Joe Martinelli, 2 Excellents, 1 Very Good; Allie Mostello, Excellent; Jr. People: Samantha DePierro, 2 Excellents, 3 Very Goods; Jr. Project Area: Danny Philipsheck, Best in Class, Excellent; Kristi Philipsheck, Excellent, Very Good; Thomas Shafer, Very Good; Scott Weiss, 2 Very Goods; Animals: Carolyn Pirro, Excellent, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Excellent, 2 Very Goods, Good; Action: Carolyn Pirro, Very Good, Samantha DePierro, Excellent; Sr. Nature: Mellissa Smutko, Best in class, 2 Excellents, Good; Marissa Scalzo, Excellent, Very Good, EJ Collins, Excellent, Amy Williams, Very Good, Good, Melissa Ribando, Good, Carolyn Rubinfield, Good; Sr. Landscapes: EJ Collins, Best in Class, Excellent; David Geller, Excellent, Alyson Weiss, Excellent, Very Good; Melissa Ribando, Very Good; Mellissa Smutko, Very Good, Good, Merissa Scalzo, Excellent, Good; Sr. Animals: Amy Williams, Best in Class, Excellent, 3 Very Goods; Marissa Scalzo, Excellent; Neha Deshpande, Excellent, Very Good; Alyson Weiss, Excellent, Good; Melissa Ribando, Very Good; Sr. Story Series: Carolyn Rubinfield, 2 Very Goods, Alyson Weiss, Good; Sr. Darkroom: Carolyn Rubinfield, 5 Excellents; Digital Prints: Patrick Frawley, Best in class, 2 Excellents; Carolyn Rubinfield, Excellent; David Geller, Excellent, Jesse Quatrone, Excellent, Very Good; Joseph Garvey, Excellent; Julia Janicek, Very Good, Ryan Hudak, Very Good

Cake Decorating – Jenny Versfelt - red

Demonstrations at Fair - Jenny Versfelt & Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs

Produce Creations - Zach Larson, Rosette
Small Animals –
Alison Kraehenbuehl  Small Animal Best of Show
Jennie Strick     Small Animal Best Reserve
Claire Pasquale   Rabbit Best of Show
Sarah Ongaro     Rabbit Best Reserve
Kira Whitney      Cavy Best of Show
Brooke Gallagher  Cavy Best Reserve

Rabbit Results:
**Best of Breed winners:** Michael Kinney, Katheryn Papalski, Allie Mahon, Elise McKea, Erica Kinney, Sarah Stamets, Claire Pasquale, Samantha Fisch
**Best Reserve of Breed winners:** Alison Kraehenbuehl, Ben Parker, Alexandra Lyons, Eline Nijveldt, Sarah Ongaro, Matt Race, Missy Enos, Elise McKea

Cavy Results:
**Best of Breed winners:** Brooke Gallagher, Kira Whitney, Jonathon Schramm, Lars Rasmussen
**Best Reserve of Breed Winners:** Brooke Gallagher, Kalen Whitney, Missy Race, Brian Rubinfeld, Kira Whitney

Small Animal Results:
**Best of Breed winners:** Kira Whitney, Christi Kinney, Jennie Strick, Ben Parker, Alison Kraehenbuehl
**Reserve Best of Breed winners:** Ben Parker, Jennie Strick, Lars Rasmussen

Showmanship:
Missy Enos  Senior Rabbit
Elise McKean  Junior Rabbit
Sarah Ongaro  Senior Cavy
Jon Schramm  Junior Cavy
**Best Junior Project:** Katie Kouril
**Best Senior Project:** Megan Kouril
**Best Sr. Record Book:** Kira Whitney
**Best Jr. Record Book:** Tim Goetjen

Dog Show -
**Junior Show/Senior**
1st  Lexi Berko
2nd  Wendy Franzysen
3rd  Elise Schwer
4th  Emily Dietmann

**Junior Show/Junior**
1st  Colleen Ridder
2nd  Sarah Fenwick
3rd  Allison Becker
4th  Jessica Casterline

**First Year**
1st  Elizabeth McGrath
2nd  Alyssa Blumberg
3rd  KerryAnn McKenna
4th  Laura Williams

Pre-Novice A
1st  James Clelland
2nd  Kristen Maher
3rd  Max Schisler
4th  Alyssa Blumberg

Pre-Novice B
1st  Sarah Stamets
2nd  Sarah Fenwick
3rd  Kylie Berko
4th  Allie Mostello

Novice
1st  Emma Boganski
2nd  Kristen Obermeier
3rd  Emily Diettman
4th  Mollie Booker

Intermediate Novice
1st  Sarah Stamets
2nd  Kelsey Graham
3rd  Nicole Breffeilh
4th  Emily Dietmann

Best Junior Handler  Lexi Berko

K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club

**Class A**
1st place  Camille Tinley
2nd place  Becki Lane
3rd place  Will Hartmann
4th place  Ryan Clare

**Class B**
1st place  Meghan Hartmann
2nd place  Grace Demmer
3rd place  Kaileen Campbell
4th place  Tim Dugan

**Class C**
1st place  Moira Dugan
2nd place  Erica Devlin
3rd place  Vicki Jankoski

**Class D**
1st place  Ryan Clare
2nd place  Kara Moditz
3rd place  Stephen Hill

**Best in Show**  Meghan Hartmann
**Best Novice Handler**  Vicki Jankoski
**Best Junior Handler**  Moira Dugan
**Best Senior Handler**  Erica Devlin

**Hook ‘Em & Cook ‘Em**
**First fish caught this year**  Sarah Fenwick
**Most fish caught**  Elizabeth Frank
**Biggest fish caught**  Elizabeth Frank
Beef Show Results

Junior Fitting
1st Case Vogelaar
2nd Jessica Gilliam
3rd Jay Vogelaar
4th Joshua Bruss
5th Emily Gerlach

Senior Fitting
1st Bryce Gerlach
2nd Charlie Johnson
3rd AJ Stahoski
4th Cody Gerlach
5th Tom Armstrong

Grand Champion Heifer
Bryce Gerlach

Reserve Champion Heifer
Case Vogelaar

Hereford Heifers
1st Bryce Gerlach
2nd Cody Gerlach
3rd Jessica Gilliam
4th Case Vogelaar
5th Tom Armstrong

Angus Heifers
1st Case Vogelaar

Grand Champion Steer
Cody Gerlach

Reserve Champion Steer
AJ Stahoski

Lightweight Steers
1st AJ Stahoski
2nd Joshua Bruss

Midweight Steers
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Tiffany Freuler
3rd Emily Gerlach
4th Julie Schlesinger
5th Jack Egan

Intermediate Weight
1st AJ Stahoski
2nd Jennifer Weinberg
3rd Case Vogelaar
4th Charlie Johnson
5th Tom Armstrong

Heavyweight Steers
1st Jennifer Weinberg

Grand Champ. Cow/Calf
Jay Vogelaar

Reserve Champ. Cow/Calf
AJ Stahoski

Hereford Cow/Calf
1st AJ Stahoski
2nd Charlie Johnson
1st Jay Vogelaar

Angus Cow/Calf
1st Jay Vogelaar

Grand Champ. Dry Cow
Luke Johnson

Junior Showmanship
1st Emily Gerlach
2nd Jennifer Weinberg
3rd Joshua Bruss
4th Jay Vogelaar
5th Case Vogelaar

Senior Showmanship
1st Cody Gerlach
2nd Bryce Gerlach
3rd Charlie Johnson
4th AJ Stahoski
5th Tom Armstrong

Junior Obstacle Course
1st Joshua Bruss
2nd Case Vogelaar
3rd Caleb Bruss
4th Jay Vogelaar

Senior Obstacle Course
1st AJ Stahoski
2nd Cody Gerlach
3rd Jack Egan
4th Tom Armstrong
5th Tiffany Freuler

Team Fitting Contest
1st place: Bryce Gerlach, Julie Schlesinger, Melissa Vogelaar, Jay Vogelaar, Tom Armstrong; 2nd place: Cody Gerlach, Joshua Bruss, Case Vogelaar, Jessica Gilliam; 3rd place: Jack Egan, Emily Gerlach, Jennifer Weinberg, Levi Bruss, Caleb Bruss

Criation Alpaca Club

Senior Showmanship
1st Alyson Weiss
2nd Angie Philipscheck
3rd Hillary Cadra

Junior Showmanship
1st Brooke Gallagher
2nd Deanna Farber
3rd Kristi Philipscheck

Senior Agility
1st Angie Philipscheck
2nd Anya Cyr-Ohngemach
3rd Alyson Weiss

Junior Agility
1st Danny Philipscheck
2nd Brooke Gallagher
3rd Deanna Farber

Parent Class
1st Christopher Ohngemach, Stuart Farber
2nd Kathy Alpaugh, Heidi Cyr
3rd Ken Weiss

Prep Participation
Todd Gallagher

Livestock Costume Class Participants
Elise McKeen, Jay Winters & Jimmy Basille, Missy Enos, Karlee DiTaranto, Kyren Whitney, Emma Carmody, Kylen Carmody & Alex Norz, Kristen Johnson, Myranda & Payton Bond & Lizzy McGrath, Mary Ellen Sousa, Tanasia Barbaragallo, Emily Milz & Debra Winters, Deanna Farber, Taylor Giattare & Brook Gallagher, Alex Lyons, Chelsea Obermeier, Megan Kouris, Sandi Forktus, Dylan Thomson, Jenna Juechter, Angie, Danny & Kristi Philipscheck, Kayla Seeley, Katheryn Papalski, Sylvia Calabrese, Megan Moore & Melissa, Alana Staffin, Brian Rubinfeld, Christine Papalski, Todd Gallagher, Sean McGrath, Alex Hunt, Carolyn Rubinfeld
Sheep Results

Supreme Champion Sheep of Show Gina Callari
Reserve Champion Sarah Lamont
Best Overall Owner Bred Sarah Lamont
Best Pair Lauren Fox/Gina Callari
Champion Dam & Lamb Shanna Clifford
Champion Hampshire Gina Callari
Champion Dorset Chris Posbergh
Champion Suffolk Christy Hunt
Champion Baby Doll Alyssa Figliano
Champion Natural Colored Gina Callari
Champion Romney Chris Posbergh

Purebred Ewe Wool Divisions
Champion Overall Gina Callari
Reserve Champion Chris Posbergh

Purebred Ewe Meat Division
Champion Christy Hunt
Reserve Champion Chris Posbergh

Purebred Yearling Ewe: Meat
1st Chris Posbergh
2nd Gina Callari
3rd Lauren Fox

Purebred Aged Ewe: Meat
1st Christy Hunt
2nd Christy Hunt

Purebred Ewe Wool Division
Champion Gina Callari
Reserve Champion Chris Posbergh

Purebred Spring Ewe Lamb: Wool
1st Gina Callari

Purebred Yearling Ewe: Wool
1st Gina Callari
2nd Alyssa Figliano

Purebred Aged Ewe: Wool
1st Gina Callari
2nd Shanna Clifford

Grade Ewe Divisions
Champion Overall Sarah Lamont
Reserve Champion Jenny Hunt

Grade Ewe Meat Division
Champion Sarah Lamont
Reserve Champion Shanna Clifford

Grade Spring Ewe Lamb: Meat
1st Sarah Lamond
2nd Gina Callari
3rd Lauren Fox
4th Shanna Clifford
5th Lauren Fox
6th Gina Callari

Grade Yearling Ewe: Meat
1st Sarah Lamont
2nd Christy Hunt
3rd Lauren Fox

Grade Aged Ewe: Meat
1st Shanna Clifford
2nd Shanna Clifford
3rd Chris Posbergh
4th Sarah Lamont

Grade Ewe Wool Division
Champion Jenny Hunt
Reserve Champion Gina Callari

Grade Spring Ewe Lamb: Wool
1st Gina Callari

Grade Aged Ewe: Wool
1st Jenny Hunt

Senior Wool Fitting
Best Overall Gina Callari
2nd Shanna Clifford
3rd Chris Posbergh

Senior Meat Fitting
Best Overall Chris Posbergh
2nd Sarah Lamont
3rd Shanna Clifford
4th Gina Callari
5th Christy Hunt

Beginner Fitter Wool
Best Overall Alyssa Figliano

Beginner Showmanship
Best Overall Alyssa Figliano

Junior Showmanship
Best Overall Jenny Hunt
2nd Lauren Fox

Senior Showmanship
Best Overall Chris Posbergh
2nd Gina Callari
3rd Jack Egan
4th Desiree McLaughlin
5th Sarah Lamont
6th Christy Hunt

Market Lamb Results

Grand Champion Shanna Clifford
Reserve Champion Lauren Fox

Grade Ewe Divisions
Champion Overall Shanna Clifford
Reserve Champion Lauren Fox

Grade Ewe Meat Division
Champion Sarah Lamont
Reserve Champion Shanna Clifford

Grade Spring Ewe Lamb: Meat
1st Sarah Lamond
2nd Gina Callari
3rd Lauren Fox
4th Shanna Clifford
5th Lauren Fox
6th Gina Callari

Winner of Owner Bred Jennifer Hunt
Junior Showmanship Jennifer Hunt
Senior Showmanship Sarah Lamont
Herpetology Club –
Katherine Pirro 1st Place - Lizard
Katherine Pirro 2nd Place - Lizard
Matthew Rasmussen 1st Place Snake (N)
Matthew Rasmussen 2nd Place Snake (E)
Scott Hammell 1st Place - Frog

Goat Show Results
Junior Showmanship
Katherine Pirro 1st Place
Scott Hammell 2nd Place
Matthew Rasmussen 3rd Place

Senior Showmanship
Katherine Pirro 1st Place
Paul Rasmussen 2nd Place

Best Cared-For Project
Paul Rasmussen 1st Place

Beginner Showmanship
Matthew Rasmussen 1st Place

Beginner Fitting
Paul Rasmussen 1st Place

Junior Fitting
Matthew Rasmussen 1st Place

Senior Fitting
Matthew Rasmussen 1st Place

Junior Champion Milking Doe
Paul Rasmussen 1st Place

Reserve Champion Milking Doe
Scott Hammell 2nd Place

Sr Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Dry Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Jr Champion Pygmy Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Res Jr Champion Pygmy Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Sr Champion Pygmy Doe Dry Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Sr Champion Pygmy Milking Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Res Sr Champion Pygmy Milk Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Junior Champion Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Reserve Junior Champion Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Jr Champion Nigerian Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Reserve Jr Champion Nigerian Doe
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Jr Champion Pygmy Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Sr Champion Pygmy Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Jr Champion Nigerian Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Scott Hammell 1st Place

Sr Champion Nigerian Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Sr Champion Pygmy Wether
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Dairy Dam & Offspring
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Pygmy Dam & Offspring
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Nigerian Dam and Offspring
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Pygmy Beginner Fitting
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Pygmy Junior Fitting
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Pygmy Senior Fitting
Scott Hammell 1st Place

Radio Control Car Year End Results

Stock:
1st Eric Marion
2nd Charles Fenwick
3rd David Modrowsky

2wd Truck Stock
1st Jay Marion
2nd David Modrowsky

Broken Props Model Airplane Club
Best in Show
Danny Memol

Radio Control Glider
Ben Lechta

Radio Control Sport
Danny Memol

Radio Control Scale
Ken Hayward

In-Pilot Instruction
Ken Hayward - Excellent

Significant Improvement
D. Memoli/A. Lubin - Good

Radio Control Glider: 1st Eric Marion
2nd Charles Fenwick
3rd Tim Glowinski

2wd Truck Modified:
1st Eric Marion
2nd Randy Bishop
3rd Tim Brewer
4th Charles Fenwick
5th John Oborne

Unlimited:
1st Tim Brewer
2nd Joe Callahan
3rd Randy Bishop
4th Jake Vitaliano

Wattles & Snood Poultry Club
Best Standard
Kali Vaporakis

Best Bantam
Kyrstin Schwarz

Featherleg Best of Class
Kyrstin Schwarz

Clean Leg Best of Class
Kyrstin Schwarz

American Best of Class
Samantha Wallace

Asiatic/Continental Best of Class
Kali Vaporakis

English Best of Class
Kykstn Schwarz

Duck Best of Class
Elise Schwer

Duck Best of Class
Elise Schwer

Record Books
Seniors: 1st-Rachel Cowan, 2nd-Veronica Irrazary, 3rd-
Lisa Magulak

Juniors: 1st-Kyrsln Schwarz & Molly Cowan, 2nd-Brian
Kleszyk, 3rd, Samantha Wallace

Round Robin
Junior: Kyrstin Schwarz; Senior: Veronica Irrazary

Eggs: Best Dozen- Katie Fenyar; Oddest: Alexandra
Wick; Smallest: Kyrstin Schwarz

Fair Fashion Revue
Jadelyn Truong 1st Place
Mellissa Smutko 1st Place
Megan Kouril 1st Place

Other Participants: Jenny Versfelt, Megan

Evers, Brianna Ferrulo-Szakacs, Kimberly

Uminsky, Tyana Truong, Katie Kouril, Melissa Ribaudo
**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 2007-2008 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
- Bedwell School, Bernardsville
- Franklin Park School, Franklin Park
- Hamilton School, Bridgewater
- John F. Kennedy School, Raritan
- La Monte School, Bound Brook
- MacAfee Road School, Franklin
- Midland School, Branchburg
- Milltown School, Bridgewater
- Mt. Horeb School, Warren
- Old York School, Branchburg
- Pine Grove Manor, Franklin
- Robert Morris School, So. Bound Brook
- Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset
- St. Ann’s School, Raritan
- Sampson G. Smith School, Somerset
- Smalley School, Bound Brook
- Somerset School, No. Plainfield
- St. Elizabeth School, Bernardsville
- Stony Brook School, No. Plainfield
- Triangle School, Hillsborough
- Van Derveer School, Somerville
- Watchung Avenue Presbyterian
- West End School, No. Plainfield
- Weston School, Manville
- Whiton School, Branchburg
- Woodland School, Warren

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**PAWSabilities Dog Club**

*by Donald Rasmusson*

Jeff Weinberg, the Club’s Vice President, won 2 ribbons at the Middlesex County Dog Show held June 28th. Jeff received an excellent in dog grooming and a beginner “A” for showmanship. Congratulations, Jeff on a great job. You and Max have made us all proud!! And kudos goes to Elisabeth Weidemann who guessed the correct number of Dog Biscuits at the Fair.

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**Outstanding Club Exhibits**

These clubs had outstanding club exhibits at this year’s Fair:

- Radical Rodents
- Wags ‘n’ Whiskers,
- Twirling Clovers
- K-9 Seeing Eye Club
- Whiskers, Paws & Claws
- New Centre Dairy
- Woolly Ones
- 4-H Trainmasters
- 4-H Go-Kart Club
- Radio Control Car Club
- Midland Photography Club
- The 4-H Exchange Club
- Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock

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**Go-Kart Club**

The Club held 3 driving clinics in July and 2 in August. Members were all making last minute adjustments before the Fair. Record books were completed and tent duties were assigned. Numbers were drawn for tent placements. Tents were set up and hay bales were placed and on August 10, members did a track break-in. Then it was Fair-Time! The Club had a great time at the fair. They want to thank everyone who helped get the track ready after all the storms, especially Emmet, Chris and all the parents. You are the BEST! Remember it’s never too early to get ready for the 2009 Fair!

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**Thank you for a great fair!**
Dear 4-H Prepper,

This year’s 4-H Fair was a HUGE success! A special thank you to all the preppers and their families who worked so hard in the prep tent and cotton candy tent. Our prep tent had really terrific hands-on activities presented by the prep clubs. We also had some fun entertainment on our stage for all the fairgoers to enjoy. Everyone who spun cotton candy added a sweet touch to the fair. You can all be very proud of a job well done.

By now your 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 in Clovertales with the other prep clubs.

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

Many, many thanks to Dave Van Skiver, our prep tent supervisor and his assistant James Thomson. They do so much in the set-up, take down and general running of our tent. Thanks to all the prep clubs who set up exhibit boards... a huge thank you to all the members and their families who staffed the information table, the activity table, the cotton candy tent and who helped to dismantle everything when the fair was over. Thank you to Betty Sommerville who booked the entertainment to our prep stage. Kudos to Tom Davidson and the Children’s Museum for the fun exhibit and activities in our prep tent. A sweet thank you to Theresa Prenenski, our cotton candy coordinator and all of our wonderful spinners. AND a very, very special thank you to the Miholics family for obtaining, painting and setting up the beautiful new fence in the cotton candy tent. Also, thank you to Chris Williams for helping the Miholics family with the tent.

Again, A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who had a hand in making this year’s fair WONDERFUL. Our volunteers truly went above and beyond. I could not have done it without you!
Congratulations Prep Graduates!

A graduation ceremony was held in the prep tent at the 4-H fair on Thursday August 14th 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 Kristen Andreychak, Marianna Arango, Melissa Baldi, Levi Bruss, Ryan Burkart, Grace Carlsen, Tyler Chen, Allison Conway, Sarah Coulson, Hemang Dama, Brianna Delacruz, Melanie DelaCruz, Rebecca Dry, Barbara Follett, Alexander Fox, Todd Gallagher, Alessio Giannobile, Kelly Greco, Justin Havel, Ryan Havel, Emily Helm, Elysia Jennings, Christine Jensen, Brianna Jeremiah, Jenna Juechter, Shawn Kavanaugh, Eain Kelton, Tommy Kober, Steven Kyle, Sage Lau, Abbigael Lesuiewski, Olivia Massey, Hannah McCray, Dillon Monti, Courtney Neary, Renske Nijveldt, Johnny Nodes, Brendan O’Connell, Chelsea Obermeier, Gabriel Palmieri, Frank Pellegrino, Griffin Pendergraph, Mark Pirella, Colin Reese, Rita Sasse, Emerson Schiemann, Timothy Schwed, Charles Sharkey, David Spinrad, William Staats, Devin Sun, Gavin VanSkiver, Charlotte Vitale, Chip Vitale, Evan Weiner. 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 Prep Chef Club 07/08/08 – Cookies & Cream ice cream was made at the clubs last meeting. The club also practiced their craft for the activity table in the prep tent. They made paper pizzas and chef hats.
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**October 4-H Wreath Sale Month**
Support 4-H with your numbers!

All volunteers, parents, leaders, and teen members:

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions and return this survey to the 4-H office.

I am a (check all that apply):

____ 4-H club leader  _____ parent  _____ general 4-H volunteer
____ teen member  _____ Other ________________________________

**Fair Information:**

Number of volunteer hours preparing for the 4-H Fair: ____________ hours.
Number of volunteer hours spent at the 4-H Fair: ____________ hours.
Number of volunteer hours spent for set-up/take down of 4-H Fair: ____________ hours.

**General Club 4-H Information** (use another page if needed)

Name of club(s) _____________________________________________

How much time do you spend each month preparing for club meetings ________ hours.
How much time do you spend each month at club meetings ________ hours.
What professional services were donated to your club (judging, educational programming, training, etc.)

________________________________________________________________________________________________.

Please estimate how much time was donated ________________________.

What other services were donated to your club by other volunteers, parent resources, etc.

________________________________________________________________________________________________.

Please estimate how much time was donated ________________________.

What other goods were donated to your club either during the year or fair (food, craft supplies, office supplies, awards, etc.)

________________________________________________________________________________________________.

**Other 4-H Information** (use another page if needed)

I also volunteer for the 4-H _____________________________ and spend _______ hours per month working with this group or committee.
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