Thank You!

Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thanks for a great 4-H Fair, 2009! 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 our goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bring the community together. Even with the wet and muddy Fairgrounds you all kept smiling, and working hard. It was great to show the public how wonderful our 4-H Family is!

Please join us at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, September 21st and again at 4-H Open House on Oct. 8.

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

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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.

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.
We truly “made the best better” this past year with a record-breaking number of 4-H clubs in Somerset County. Many of these clubs were 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 so we are planning another one this year.

On Thursday, October 8, 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. This past year we added Lego Robotics, Hip Hop Dance, Secret Magical Magicians, the environmental Green Team and a Shooting Sports Club. We also started several new prep clubs. So start planning your “booth” for Open House. We hope your club will be there!

Open House flyers are available on the website and 4-H Center. Put them up in your neighborhood and school. 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 25 to volunteer.

The 2009 National 4-H Week theme this year will be “Celebrate 4-H.” The focus will be on making the public aware of the many contributions 4-H has to offer today’s youth. 4-H is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H’s mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship. 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation’s 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 100 years.

Help spread the word! Celebrate 4-H!

National 4-H Week
October 4 - 10, 2009

To be held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week, encourages 4-H friends, families, community partners and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. This year’s experiment will be Biofuel Blast. The experiment will introduce youth all around the nation to Biofuels. Millions of young people will actively participate in demonstrations of how organic materials can be converted to fuel. For more information about this year’s experiment, visit www.4-H.org.

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 about the 2009 National 4-H Science Experiment 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 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 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.

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 30 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Nutrition Comes Alive, Dinosaurs/Fossils, Germbusters and Brain Games for Indoor Recess.

This year we will be adding Astronomy/Space Exploration for grade level 3 - 6, where students will make a star-finder to find the constellations and planets, learn the reason for the seasons and explore the latest missions to space. We will also be adding Explore the World of “Hydrogels” for grade level K - 3. What are Hydrogels, were are they found and what do they do? Student swill learn about hydrogel polymers and their ability to absorb water up to 500 times their own weight.

We now offer 14 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.

Teacher Workshops

This year we will be offering 2 new Teacher Workshops: Astronomy & Space Science and the Power of Wind where participants will learn to think like an engineer and learn about alternative energy! In addition we will also be offering: 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.
The **BIG** 4-H Rummage Sale
Ted Blum 4-H Center
Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19
9am - 3pm
(½ Price Saturday 1pm - 3pm)

- **Donations Accepted:**
  Monday, Sept. 14 through Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm
  (Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

- **“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale (for donors & volunteers only!):**
  Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6pm-9pm

- **Volunteers Needed!** To help set up and clean up. Please contact Linda Au at (908) 252-6950 or Linda.Au@verizon.com

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**“Clovers All Over” National Campaign**

From October 5 - 18, selected AGWAY stores will be selling paper clovers to their customers for $1 or more at the register. Fifty cents from each $1 donation will be sent to each participating state’s 4-H program.

AGWAY stores in our area that have already signed on are Raritan Valley Agway, Raritan (located across from the train station) and Tingley Rubber Corporation in South Plainfield. When shopping in these stores, please consider purchasing a Clover to help fund our state programs.

State programs that benefit from these fund raisers include: Citizen Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress.

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**Information Available on Food Allergies**

Food allergies are very common today. It’s likely that one day you will have a child with food allergies in your club or at an event. Children and adults with food allergies can have serious or even fatal reactions if exposed to allergenic foods. As a 4-H leader, you are responsible for the safety of children in your care. To help you keep these children safe a new RCE fact sheet, *Children with Food Allergies: A Guide for Youth Group Leaders*, is now available. This fact sheet will help you better understand food allergies and most of all, offer precautions you can take to help keep children safe.

You can access the fact sheet at: http://somerset.rce.rutgers.edu

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**4-H Center Showcase**

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.
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, 2010 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

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.

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 free and maintain the 4-H Center.

We did really well with our ad sales this year, 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 a record breaker!

Deadline for orders: **October 30**

Pick Up for Wreaths: **November 30 - December 1**

Association Wreath Decorating: **December 2**

Forms Needed for Field Trips

All club leaders and 4-H volunteers are required to collect the following signed forms **before** your club or 4-H group attends any field trips.

♦ 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth (which includes the Code of Conduct)

♦ NJ 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults

Both forms are available on the 4-H website at: [http://www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) or the 4-H Center and 4-H Office.

3rd Annual Pre-Fair Party Was a Hit!

The 3rd annual Pre-Fair Party was held on July 31st. Members, leaders, parents, siblings and 4-H office staff mingled and mixed at this annual event. Some members made projects to enter in the Open Craft Division, while others just enjoyed the pre-fair camaraderie.

Along with having fun, the attendees helped get ready for the Fair by counting and bagging ribbons and 4-H tattoos. Participants also counted and bagged marbles and punched holes in lots and lots of paper cups for Mrs. Bijaczyk’s school program activities. Look for this event to occur again next year!
National 4-H Conference will be held March 20 - 25, 2010 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 2009 in order to participate in the 2010 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills, and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return. Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available at the County 4-H Office and on the website. All applications are due in the County 4-H Office no later than October 16. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 21 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. 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 2009. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2009. Please contact the 4-H office for an application.

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

This NEW $500 scholarship is open to any 4-H Senior who is a current, active member of 4-H and is planning a career in agriculture or science. Contestants must submit a resume and an essay on the topic: “How has your involvement within 4-H helped to shape your future career choice?” Deadline for submissions is December 15. For more information, visit the website or contact Debra Moscatiello at 609-984-4389 or debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us

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
James Rudowski Scholarship
Joseph & Florence Klimas Scholarship
Rosania, Staats, Smith Memorial Scholarship
4-H Trainmasters Scholarship
Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship

Recognition Opportunities
Outstanding 4-H’er

Leadership Opportunities
North Jersey Teen Conference
4-H Tops Camp Counselor
Winter Camp
Club Corner

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”.

4-H Yearbook & Catalog

The 2009 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog was super! Thanks to Kelly Allison, Joanna Lieuallen and the committee that worked so hard.

Thanks to all the leaders and members that sent in photos and club lists. Save your ‘09 Fair photos and start taking new photos of club events as they happen throughout the year.

Be sure to stop by and pick up 2009 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 help 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.

Members Needed

These clubs are looking for new members now. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please call the 4-H Office:

- Kings Riders Horse Club
- Hoofbeats Horse Club
- Karate Club
- Shooting Sports Club
- Model Making Club

Join Now!

Baby Sitting Courses Offered

This course provides youth (ages 11-15) with the information & skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or guardians. This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid.

The dates for these classes are September 26, October 24 or November 21. All classes are held at the American Red Cross located on 14 West Cliff Street in Somerville. The course is 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Cost of the course is $60.00. To download a registration:

http://greatersomerset.redcross.org/babysitter_registration.pdf

Any questions, please contact Barbara Patterson at 908-725-2217, ext. 234.
**Hold the Dates!**

**Achievement Dinners:**

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**NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms Due by October 23**

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 23** 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](http://www.4HisTops.org)

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**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.

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**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 **November 2, 2009**. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: [http://www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit)

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**Teens:**

Do you want to be involved in 4-H state wide?

Are you...

- ⇒ Currently in grades 9 - 12, a member in good standing, having been in a club for at least 2 years.
- ⇒ Excellent in public speaking skills based on the state level
- ⇒ Worked in partnership with adults, been involved in community service and have outstanding leadership skills

Then think about joining the NJ State Teen “Action” Council!

The benefits to joining include opportunities to

- ⇒ Become a 4-H State Teen Leader and a positive role model for younger teens
- ⇒ Speak on behalf of NJ 4-H and share ideas with other teens from around the state
- ⇒ Take action on statewide projects and be an applicant for state and national opportunities.

For more information and to download full requirements and applications, visit the website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)

First meeting is October 18 in Middlesex County.
**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 teambuilding, Healthy Living, Seeing Eye puppies, Chinese culture, RC cars, martial arts, goats and goat milk products, community service and more.


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: Nachiket Bhujbal, Melanie Boyea, Samaiyah Brookins, Kim Chan, Erica Devlin, Thomas Duh, Anthony Kosaka, Ryan Le, Michelle Ma, Trevor Mazzaglia, Pallavi Myanampati, Chris Posbergh, Samantha Schurick, Willie Sommerville, Pratyusha Srikakulam, Isha Vasudeva, Debra Winters, Logistics Coordinator Joey Shreve, and Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

**Fashion Revue**

At the 2009 4-H Fashion Revue held at the 4-H Center on June 9, **Megan Evers** of the Gingersnaps Club was judged Best-of-Show modeling a sundress. **Katie Kouril**, of Sugar ‘n’ Spice was judged best in Year 2/3. **Rita Sasse**, of the Crazy Frog Hoppers was best in Year 1.

**State 4-H Horse Show Results**

**Kylie Dickinson**
- 3rd place Intro Level Test B
- Junior Dressage

**Julianna Nienart**
- 7th place Training Level Test 1 Junior Dressage
- 7th place Junior Showmanship & Grooming English
- 4th place Western Pleasure Pony

**Carol Anne Bekus**
- 2nd place Pole Bending Pony
- 2nd place Keyhole Pony
- 8th place Barrel Race Pony
- 3rd place English Pleasure Pony
- 8th place Junior English Equitation over Fences

**Nicole Hoffman**
- 9th place Bow Tie Horse

**Elizabeth Hobbie**
- 2nd place Senior Showmanship & Grooming English
- 10th place Senior Showmanship & Grooming Western

**Neha Deshpande**
- 3rd place Senior Showmanship & Grooming English
- 2nd place Senior Showmanship & Grooming Western
- 6th place Senior Western Pleasure
- 4th place Senior Western Horsemanship

**Taylor Cox**
- 9th place English Pleasure Pony
- 7th place Hunter Hack Pony
- 9th place Junior English Equitation over Fences
- 8th place Handy Working Hunter Pony
- 3rd place Western Pleasure Pony

**Justin Dagnall**
- 10th place Senior English Equitation on the Flat
- 10th place Hunter Hack Horse
- 10th place Senior English Equitation over Fences
- 2nd place Working Hunter Horse

**“Join 4-H” Open House**

**Thursday October 8**

7:00 - 8:30 PM
State 4-H Dog Show Results

Best in Show Obedience Elizabeth Frank
Best in Show Junior Show Amanda Weinstein
Best in Show Agility Kristen Obermeier

Showmanship
Junior Show Grades 10 - 13, Experienced
1st Amanda Weinstein
4th Wendy Franzynshen

Junior Show Grades 10 - 13, Inexperience
1st Jenna McBride

Junior Show Grades 7 - 9, Experienced
1st Carolyn Pirro
2nd Colleen Ridder
4th Melanie Boyea
HM Kristen Obermeier
HM Emma Boganski

Junior Show Grades 7 - 9, Inexperienced
2nd Sarah Lerch

Junior Show Grades 4 - 6, Experienced
2nd Elizabeth McGrath

Junior Show Grades 4 - 6, Inexperienced
1st Gabe Bateman
2nd James Clelland

Seeing Eye Puppies 10 - 13 Months
3rd Becki Lane

Obedience
Pre-Novice A - Grades 9 - Up
2nd Sarah Lerch
3rd Rachel Moditz

Pre-Novice B - Grades 4 - 8
2nd Sarah Fenwick

Pre-Novice B - Grades 9 - Up
2nd Nicole Breffeilh

Intermediate Novice
2nd Christopher Furmato
4th Brenna Massey

Novice
2nd Emma Boganski
4th Melanie Boyea

Advanced Novice
1st Elizabeth Frank
3rd Emma Boganski
4th Kristen Obermeier

State 4-H Dairy Show Results

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

Angela Philipsheck:
Champion Showman
Experienced Showman

Myranda Bond:
Beginner Showman

Elizabeth McGrath:
Holstein Dam & Daughter

2nd Place Team State 4-H Dairy Clip-Off:
Elizabeth Frank, Elizabeth McGrath, Kathy Hill

State 4-H Goat Show Results

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

Debra Winters
Junior Champion, Sannen
Reserve Jr. Champion, Sannen
Senior Champion, Sannen
2nd place Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship & Fitting

Dylan Thomson
Champion Dairy Wethers & Dairy Does over 24 mos.,
4th place Meat/Fiber Junior Showmanship & Fitting

Jay Winters:
4th place Dairy Goat Junior Showmanship & Fitting

AJ Stahoski
4th place Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship & Fitting

Samantha Schurick
2nd place Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship & Fitting
Senior Reserve Champion Sannen
Somerset County 4-H’ers who attended the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp at Stokes State Forest this year are: Allison Becker, Nachiket Bhujbal, Mollie Booker, Ashay Chandra, Patty Chan, Ricson Cheng, Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Erica Devlin, Brian Franchuk, Elizabeth Frank, Nicholas Gagliardi, Marta Goraczniak, Andrew Hunter, Brenna Massey, Rachel Moditz, Jill Newbold, Andrew Puntillo, Ryan Shreve, Evan Weiner, Alexandra Wick, Jason Zamorski.

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 31
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.
Squish, Squish…

Despite the weather, we had a terrific fair! The outstanding cooperation and flexibility of everyone involved and the dedicated leadership of the 4-H Association produced another memorable event. Congratulations!

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.

Fair Evaluation Meeting
September 21st, 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 2009 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, even if it meant moving things around a bit this year.

Thanks to Mike Amorosa for supervising the pole barn.

Thanks to Robert Arena, Greg Snook Sr, Paul McCall, Pete Amorosa, Dave Rieur, Scott Szakacs, Joe Amorosa, Rob Slovik, Ralph Diem, Charlie Johnson and Pete Hirsch for driving the equipment needed to move the supplies.

Thanks to Electricians Tony DeVergillo, Britt Powell, and their team, Craig Hockenbury, Chan Leung, Joe Shreve, Scott Szakacs, Russ Balliet, Lee Taylor and Jeff Taylor.

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. Read it at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

Thanks to the Szackacs-Torres 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.

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Thanks to the Courier News for uploading our photos to [MyCentralJersey.com](http://MyCentralJersey.com)

And thank you to Abner Mathews for photographing the entire fair.
Got a Clover Theater Stage? Got 4-H Talent?

This year, instead of singin’ & dancin’ on the Showmobile Main Stage, 4-H members performed in the Clover Theater during the 2009 Fair’s noon hour of ”S4HL - Somerset 4-H Live!” We don’t know if it was the change of venue, the fact that 4-Hers are just awesome, or both… but the talent just couldn’t be beat!!! From the youngest performers, Julia McKenna (with a set of pipes you wouldn’t believe from a 6-year-old) & Owen Gavigan (4-H’s own little “Piano Man”), to our “three-peat” teen performer, Sophia Young (who produces a sound from her flute likened to song birds), we were just wowed! We really appreciated the talents of our wonderful instrumentalists Savern Lau (Di Tze), Tim Brewer (guitar), Christine Arcolea (violin), Michael Duan (Er Hu), Noah Lerch (drums), David O’Borne (saxophone), Joey Cermanero (guitar), & Hannah Davelman (fiddle). Thank you, also, to our vocalist Deanna Farber (Miss Broadway-Bound!) and to the gymnastic talents of Kristen Maher & dancer Melissa Smutko. We also appreciated the footwork talents of the 4-H Kickers, Caitlyn Sun (with her graceful Chinese ribbon dance), Isha Pandya (looking lovely for her traditional Indian dance), and Molly Booker (tapping her way across the stage). And we were in awe of Evanna Wang and her mastery of the Chinese yo-yo! What a year! What a fair!

Got 4-H talent? Oh yeah, we do! We hope to see you all (and more!) back again next year on our 4-H Clover Theater Stage! 4H’ers…Keep that talent coming!!!

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, Suplee, Clooney & Co., Raritan Valley Grange #153, Somerville Elks, Somerset Hills Vet Services, Woman’s Club of Hillsborough, E&B Distributors, The Amwell Agency, 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, Harlingen Veterinary Clinic, Lorraine Barnett, Anderson Farms, Ash’s Flower Farm, ATM Center, Bagel Garden, Bagel Stadium, Beckman Homestead Farm, Belle Mead Farmers, Campbell Supply Co., Cats Only Inn, Children’s Museum of Somerset County, Crown Trophy of Flemington, Derwood Farms, Forensic Evidence & Recovery, Hillsborough Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. #2, Home Goods of Hillsborough, Johanna Foods, Kity Kare Curl, Laine Farms, Learning Express, McDonalds, McFinn Birmans, Middlebush Farms, Midland School, Readington Farms, Redelico’s Paint & Decorating Center, RQL Farms, Shop Rite of Branchburg, Shop Rite of Hillsborough, Sutton Farm, Gabby’s Pizza, Hankel Corporation, Hillsborough Elementary School, Hillsborough Hobby Shop, Hillsborough Twp. Dept. of Public Works, Tractor Supply of Ringoes, Vollers Excavating, Wawa of Hillsborough, Wegmans of Bridgewater, Williams Company, Shop Rite of Bridgewater.

And the landscapers all deserve a blue ribbon for their efforts to beautify the Fair: Twelve Oaks, Daisy Garden Center & Sculpture, Hionis Greenhouses.

Market Lamb Sale: Thank you to the following buyers for supporting our sale: Belle Mead Garage, George Goceljak, Esq., Belle Mead Co-op, Mr. Fred Gunther, Ms. Mary McLaughlin, Mr. Al Stahoski, Mr. Harrie Copeland, Van Cleef Engineering, Laine Farms (Mr. & Mrs. Jim Laine), Mrs. Helen Rosania, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Vollers.

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Sanofi-Aventis, Dow Corporation and Ethicon for their collaboration with Somerset County 4-H in promoting the SET program; Ethicon, for it’s support of our Healthy Living Program; Glen Gerber, for supplying the roll-off truck used to transport horse stalls at the Fair; Linda Au, for her continual efforts with resource development that has brought in thousands of dollars for the Fair; the Somerville Elks for their continued support of the Fair; Stevenson-Delessio Post 12, for their continued support of the Fair; Raritan Valley Grange #153 for their continued support of the Fair; and Verizon for their continued support of the Fair.
And the Winners are...

Congratulations to all the 2009 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2009 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Emily Gerlach, Cattleman’s Club, Junior Division and Tiffany Freuler, Wags ‘n’ Whiskers, Senior Division.

Clothing & Textiles—Unit 1 - Lauren Lee, blue; Morgan Rinn, blue; Zena Aldabaugh, blue; Sydney O’Shaughnesy, blue; Christine Arcoleo, red, Jennifer Amorese, blue; Rita Sasse, blue, Emily Ousoulisoglou, red; Kim Van Houten, blue; Izzie Maddock, red, Megan DeMichele, blue; Unit 2 - Megan Kouril, Blue; Jennifer Versfelt, blue, Kimberly Uminski, blue; Unit 3 – Katie Kouril, blue, Melissa Ribaudo, blue; Unit 4 - Mellissa Smutko, blue, participant; Unit 5 - Megan Evers, blue; Unit 6 - Jadelyn Truong, blue; Tyana Truong, red.

Needlecraft—Julia Meier, Excellent; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Very Good

Food & Nutrition—Unit 1 – Rita Sasse, Best of Unit, 5 blue; Unit 2 - Jenny Versfelt, 3 blue, 3 red; Jennifer Amorese, 1 red; Megan DeMichele, Best of Unit, 6 blue; Unit 4 – Mellissa Smutko, Best of Unit, 5 blue; Unit 5 – Sara Memoli, Best of show, 5 blue, 1; Prep Participation - Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs

Beekeeping—Craig Ferrante, 2 blue; Alexandra Skurka, Prep participation

Crafts—Emily Ward, Excellent, Best in Division, Jr.; Laura Williams, Excellent, Best in Class; Linnea Warlick, Excellent; Marissa Scalzo, Excellent, Carla Scalzo, Very Good; Stephanie Gombas, 2 Very Good; Grace Valentin, Very Good; Becca Francis, Fair; Nic Francis, Kara Johnson, Prep Participation

Creative Arts—Kristin Obermeier, Best of Division Jr., 2nd Best of Class, 2 Excellent; Rebecca Korsgaard, 2nd Best of Division Jr., Excellent; Julianna Nienart, 3rd Best of Division Jr., 2 Excellent; Grace Valentin, Best of Class, Excellent; Emily Milz, Excellent, Very Good; Julia Meier, 2 Excellent; Kate McGann, 2 Excellent; Katherine Genirs, 2 Very Good; Stephanie Gombas, Very Good; James Clelland, Good; Emily Ward, Excellent, 2 Very Good; Samantha Pellicane, Very Good; Susanna Tremper, 2 Good, Michael Milz, Good; Charles Sharkey, Excellent; Chelsea Obermeier, Very Good, Becca Francis, Fair; Elizabeth Frank, Best in Division Sr., 2 Excellent; Linnea Warlick, 2nd Best of Division Sr., Best of Class, Excellent; Alyson Weiss, 3rd Best of Division Sr., Best in Class, 2 Excellent, Good; Roxanne Rosinski, Excellent; Jadelyn Truong, 2 Excellent, Good; Katherine Pirro, Very Good; Nathalie Schlosser, Excellent; Tyana Truong, Excellent, Very Good; Prep Participants: Juliana Pirro, Kara Johnson

Creative Writing—Kietra Wiggins, Best in Show, Excellent; Ashley Ward, 2nd Best in Show, Excellent; Megan DeMichele, 2 Excellent; Sydney Lehrhoff, Excellent, Julia Meier, 2 Excellent

Woodworking/Wood Science—Daniel Peterson, Excellent, Best in Show, Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, Excellent, Reserve Best of Show, Joseph Shreve, Very Good, Emily Milz, Good, Deanna Farber, Good

Photography—Juniors: Nature: Paige Lamberson, Excellent, Alyssa Peterson, Excellent; Landscapes: Amy Miller, Best in Class, Excellent; Paige Lamberson 2nd Best of Show, Excellent, Good; Jill Newbold, 2 Excellent, Very Good, Good; Carolyn Pirro, Excellent, 2 Good, Very Good; Megan Kouril, Very Good, Allie Mostello, Very Good; Alyson Weiss, Good, Mollie Booker, 2 Good, Megan DeMichele, Good; Animals: Susanna Tremper, Excellent, 2 Very Good, Good; Jill Newbold, Very Good; Seniors: Nature: Erik Loreng, Best in Class, Excellent; Very Good, Good; Joe Martinelli, Excellent; Mellissa Smutko, Excellent, Very Good; Amy Williams, 2 Very Good, Good; Michael Milz, Very Good, Marissa Scalzo, Very Good, Good; Megan Kouril, Very Good, Allie Mostello, Very Good; Alyson Weiss, Good, Mollie Booker, 2 Good, Megan DeMichele, Good; Landscapes: Joe Martinelli, Best in Class, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Ashley Ward, 2nd Best in Show, 2 Excellent, Good; Amy Williams, 2 Very Good, Good; Mollie Booker, Very Good, 2 Good; Katherine Pirro, 3 Very Good, Good; Alyson Weiss, 2 Very Good, Good; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Very Good, 2 Good; Allie Mostello, Very Good; Debra Winters, Very Good; Elizabeth Frank, 2 Good; Marissa Scalzo, Good; Mellissa Smutko, 2 Good; Emily Milz, 2 Good; Animals: Emily Milz, Best in Show, Best in Class, Excellent; Joe Martinelli, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent; Debra Winters, Excellent, Good; Hannah Davelman, Excellent, Very Good; Michael Milz, Good; Marissa Scalzo, Very Good, 2 Good; Alyson Weiss, Very Good, 2
Good; **People:** Molly Booker, Best in Class, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Elizabeth Frank, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent; Marissa Scalzo, Very Good; Melissa Ribaudo, Very Good; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Very Good; Alyson Weiss, 2 Good, Hannah Davelman, 2 Good; **Story Series:** Joe Martinelli, Best in Class, Excellent, Very Good; Allie Mostello, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Very Good, Marissa Scalzo, Very Good, Elizabeth Frank, Very Good; **Darkroom:** Sydney L...
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**Best Junior Handler**

| Tiffany Freuler |

**Beef Show**

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Supreme Champion Sheep of Show Chris Posbergh
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Best Overall Owner Bred Chris Posbergh
Best Pair L. Fox/D. McLaughlin
Champion Dam & Lamb Chris Posbergh
Champion Hampshire Lauren Fox
Champion Dorset Chris Posbergh
Champion Suffolk Christy Hunt
Champion Baby Doll Alyssa Figliano
Champion Natural Colored Chris Posbergh
Champion Romney Chris Posbergh
Champion Katahdin Becca Francis

Purebred Ewe Wool Division
Champion Overall Chris Posbergh
Reserve Champion Kristi Philipsheck

Purebred Ewe Meat Division
Champion Chris Posbergh
Reserve Champion Desiree McLaughlin

Purebred Baby Doll Division
Champion Alyssa Figliano
Reserve Champion Hannah Williams

Purebred Ram Division
Champion Lauren Fox
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Grade Ewe Divisions
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Grade Ewe Wool Division
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Senior Wool Fitting
Best Overall Chris Posbergh

Senior Meat Fitting
Best Overall Christy Hunt

Beginner Wool Fitting
Best Overall Kristi Philipsheck

Beginner Meat Fitting
Best Overall Becca Francis

Junior Showmanship
Best Overall George Goceljak

Senior Showmanship
Best Overall Gina Gallari

Market Lamb
Class One
1st Place Christy Hunt
2nd Place Desiree McLaughlin
3rd Place Angela Philipsheck
4th Place Will Staats

Class Two
1st Place Shanna Clifford
2nd Place Chris Posbergh
3rd Place George Goceljak
4th Place Lauren Fox

Grand Champion/Best Bred Christy Hunt
Reserve Champion Shanna Clifford
Best Senior Showman Shanna Clifford
Best Junior Showman George Goceljak

Fiber Division
Best Overall Shanna Clifford
Finest Natural Alyssa Figliano
Finest White Hannah Williams
Blue Rosettes/Fleece Chris Posbergh
Lauren Fox
Becca Francis
Jenna Jueter

Blue Rosettes/Alpaca Kara Moditz
Kara Miltz

Alpaca
Senior Showmanship 1st Alyson Weiss
2nd Deanna Farber
3rd Anya Cyr-Ohngemach

Junior Showmanship 1st Kim Duffey
2nd Deanna Farber
3rd Kristi Philipscheck

Senior Agility 1st Danny Philipcheck
2nd Alyson Weiss
3rd Angie Philipcheck
1st Scott Weiss
2nd George Bright
3rd Stephanie Duffey

Junior Agility

Herpetology
David Furmato Best of Show
Josh Miller Reserve Best of Show

Best of Category
Exotic Snake
Exotic Lizard
Native Snake
Exotic Turtoise
**Goat Show**

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**Glider Competition:**

Gene Sellers, Ken Hayward, Steven Modrowsky, Marsh Hayward, Dan Memoli, Nick Heitkamp

**Eggs:**

- **Best Dozen:** Kyrstine Schwarz
- **Smallest:** Stephanie Duffy
- **Largest:** Lisa Maguluk
- **Egg Craft:** Emily Milz

**Record Books**

Seniors: 1st-Lisa Maguluk, 2nd-Rachel Cowen, 3rd-Molly Cowan
Juniors: 1st-Kyrstine Schwarz, 2nd-Alexandra Wick & Chris Walsh

**Goose Best of Class:**

- Best: Chris Walsh

**Round Robin**

Junior: Kyrstine Schwarz; Senior: Elise Schwer

**Goose Best of Class:**

- Best: Chris Walsh
Dear 4-H Preppers,

Although the weather was a little soggy, the Fair was great fun for all who attended. A special thank you to all the preppers and their families who worked so hard in the prep and cotton candy tents. 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.

Soon your clubs should be getting back into the swing and ready to start a new 4-H year. This year we will be welcoming Cloverbud members as we transition to that new name. Also, you may now accept kindergarteners if you wish!

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

Many thanks to Dave Van Skiver and Harry & Jill Brochinsky, our prep tent supervisors. 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 braved the weather to staff our information table, activity table and cotton candy tent. Thanks to the fair entertainment committee for all the wonderful entertainment that was booked on our prep stage. Kudos to Tom Davidson and the Children’s Museum for the fun exhibit and activities they brought to our tent. A sweet thank you to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath, our cotton candy coordinators and all of our wonderful spinners. And a very, very special thank you to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for setting up the cotton candy fencing.

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 13th 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 Jimmy Arias, Nicholas Barras, Alexa Basile, Dominic Basile, Brien Batori, Ethan Berberabe, Jared Berberabe, Julian Bjugstad, Jacob Blumberg, Owen Booker, Anne Caridi, En Yauh Chou, Kirsten Clerico, Michael Clerico, Elizabeth Dietrich, Yusaf Elmenshawy, Alyssa Espinosa, Alyssa Franchino, Nic Francis, Christina Freeman, Susan German, Mikaela Given, Joseph Gualtieri, Liam Harte, Brian Horch, Julia Kasica, Neal Kheshgi, Ryan Kheshgi, Patricia Kolodziejski, Kevin Kruge, Luke Leonard, Johnny Malteah, Mona Mahapatra, Connor Michaels, Eliana Neuwirth, Alex Norz, Gianna Novak, Laura Oborne, Jessica Paolillo, Destiny Pappas, Stephanie Patullo, David Petersen, Thomas Phan, Juliana Pirro, Ethan Proffitt, Emily Raber, Matthew Ray, Sonia Ricketts, Alex Rishty, Noah Rothenburger, Christopher Ruhnke, Travis Saraka, Shannon Schulz, Kyra Schwarz, Kayla Seeley, Molly Shanahan, Summer Smith, Bridgett Sona, Ariel Staffin, Daniel Stracquadaine, Katherine Strzalka, Daniel Sutherland, Francesca Torraca, Justin Walsh, Jennifer Williams. 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 - 06/23/09 – The Club had a pot luck dinner and pinning ceremony. What a great way to end the year!
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**October 4-H Wreath Sale Events**

- Monday, October 18: 4-H Wreath Sale Kick-off Meeting in 4-H Extension Office at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, October 19: 4-H Wreath Sale Drop-off at 5-7 pm.
- Wednesday, October 20: 4-H Wreath Sale Kick-off Meeting at 9-11 am.
- Thursday, October 21: 4-H Wreath Sale Drop-off at 5-7 pm.
- Friday, October 22: 4-H Wreath Sale Drop-off at 5-7 pm.
- Saturday, October 23: 4-H Wreath Sale Kick-off Meeting at 9-11 am.
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Wattles 'n' Snood
by Stephanie Duffy

Fair was the topic of the last meeting and when members had to be there to help with set up. The decision was made to again have ducklings in the tent. The Club worked on Fair displays. Two members gave presentations. One was on Cochins and Millie Fleurs and the other was how to keep chickens safe from mites. All members received green Wattsles ‘n’ Snood pens!

Senior Council
by Katherine Pirro

This past summer Senior Council was involved in several events. Members both helped out and donated food for the Tick Tock Charity event in July. This event helps feed the less fortunate. The Club also held a blood drive where they donated 10 gallons of blood over a 10 week time frame. Members also committed to being herdsman at this past Fair.

Market Lamb News

Despite inclement weather and change of venue due to show ring conditions, excitement was high as auctioneer Harrie Copeland called the sale with assistance of bid taker TR Shotwell and announcer Mark Kirby. Members selling lambs were Shanna Clifford, Chris Posbergh, Desiree McLaughlin, Lauren Fox, Angela Philipscheck, George Goceljak and Will Staats. After Fair, members attended a carcass evaluation meeting where they got to see the finished product and were given hints on how to raise a quality animal.

Outstanding Club Exhibits

These clubs had outstanding club exhibits at this year’s Fair:
- Kings Riders
- Woolly Ones
- Somerset Trainmasters
- Just Kidding Goat Club
- Radio Control Car Club
- Go Kart Club
- Wattsles ‘n’ Snood
- 4-H Senior Council
- K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club
- Criations

Parade of Clubs
by Ellen Parker

Thank you to all who participated in this years Parade of Clubs! Over a dozen clubs marched on Friday afternoon while Joe Bakes provided a narration that gave highlights of all the club tents at the fair. Each club was given a participation ribbon with the following special designations. Special thanks to our parade judges David Allison and Jess Allisio!

Parade of Club Results:
- Little Woofers: Best Use of Stuffed Animals
- Discovery Prep: Best Greeting
- Trainmasters: Nicest Club T-Shirts
- Small Animal Tent: Best Banner
- Pawsibilities: Coolest Hat
- Sidewinders: Best Song about Snakes
- Just Kidding: Muddiest Boots and Biggest Smile
- Prep Chefs: America's Next Top Chef
- Chinese Culture Club: Most Elaborate Costume
- Crazy Frog Hoppers: Most 4-H Animation and Spirit
- Country Kickers: Cutest Dance, Best Group
- Waddles and Snood: Best Chicken Dance, Judges Choice

Volunteer Opportunity

If any individuals, families or clubs would like to help an elderly or disabled person get the yard ready for winter by raking leaves, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at: 908-541-5715.

Thank you for a great fair!
Dated Material