Welcome to Monday
Welcome to 2010

It’s a new year and a time to reflect on our successful past and look forward to an exciting new year.

In the fall, we trained many new club leaders; we started a new dog obedience club, two more Lego clubs, Shooting Sports club, Fiber club, Scale Model club, Mad Scientist club and a Kindergarten club. We gained new members in our horse, livestock, small animal and Prep/Cloverbud clubs. Welcome to all!

Looking forward we can see that our growing 4-H program will be able to offer more fun and educational events and activities. We are putting more emphasis on the Science Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living and Citizenship mission mandates. Did you attend the First Lego League challenge? Does your club have a Health Officer yet? Did you know we are going to have Llamas at the Fair next year?

There is more to come, so read your Clovertales and weekly e-mail messages for more exciting activities coming in the future. We will be seeing you at one of our fun events this winter!

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
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On our cover: This year Clovertales will feature on its covers all our clubs “in action” as they meet throughout the year. This issue we featured Monday clubs. Watch for our cameras Tuesday clubs, we’re coming your way for March/April!

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.
## Health Officer Training

**February 19**

You may have seen the posters “Become a 4-H Club Health Officer” in the various rooms at the 4-H Center. Having a “Health Officer” in each club is a new initiative funded by the National 4-H Council and the Wal-Mart Foundation.

If your club does not have a “Health Officer” yet, plan to appoint or elect one before February. Health officers will provide leadership for the Health “H.” They will be responsible for educating, inspiring, and leading club members in “Health for Better Living.”

The initial training for 4-H Club Health Officers will take place on Friday, February 19 at 7 pm at the 4-H Center. During the training, the health officer will learn how to add healthy activities to their club meetings. Any interested leaders are welcome to join the training.

## Martin Luther King Day of Service

**January 18**

4-H is partnering with the Corporation for National Service to participate in the 2010 MLK Day of Service that will be held January 18. It is the intent to kick off a year of service for 4-H members, leaders and their families as they engage in their communities to make a lasting, positive impact.

The theme this year is: 4-H: Mobilizing Head, Heart, Hands & Health to Assist Families Coping with Tough Times. A “toolkit” with all the information needed to help your club participate is available on the website: [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

## 4-H Rutgers Science Saturdays

This spring there will be 4-H Rutgers Science Saturday programs for youth to come to the university and spur their interest in science and in their everyday lives. Subjects will include:

- **Exploring Our Changing Environment** - March 13
- **Geology Rocks** - April 10
- **Understanding Microbes** - May 15
- **Insects of NJ** - June 5

There will be take home activities. This also opens RU to 4-H youth. Check out the website for more information and dates and times of programs: [http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html](http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html)

## Presentation Judges Needed March 19-23-24-25

You have helped or watched your child or club members do many presentations, you know when they are doing a good job and you know how they can improve their presentations. 4-H needs you to pass along this expertise! 4-H Presentations are **March 20, 24, 25, 26**. Please call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 to volunteer. Training will be provided.
**New Jersey 4-H Junior Breeder Symposium**  
**March 20 at Cook College**

The Junior Breeder/4-H Livestock Symposium to be held on Saturday March 20th on the Cook Campus of Rutgers University. There will be three tracks: Equine, Large Ruminant and Small Ruminant. The equine track includes an Equine Chiropractor, Equine Massage Therapist and a Farrier to talk about Hoof Care. Large Ruminant track will include First Aid, Dairy Cattle Judging and Dairy Nutrition. There will also be small ruminant courses on Parasites, Goat to Coat, Animal Parts and Cheese Making.

Registration information will be available in January. For more information, contact Carol Ward at the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644.

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**Food ‘N Fun Luncheon**  
**February 20**

Register by February 12

Choose a theme, plan a menu and come prepared for a party! Plan to participate in the Food ‘N Fun Luncheon, **February 20**. This covered dish luncheon is open to **ALL 4-H CLUBS**. Contact Mrs. Razzano for more details at 908-526-6644 or razzano@co.somerset.nj.us

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**Welcome New Clubs**

- Crazy Mad Scientists
- Scale Model Club
- Doggone Crazy Dog Club
- Fiber Club
- Somerset 4-H Rifle Team
- Kindergarten Club
- Lego Robotics Prep/Cloverbud Club
- Lego Robotics Club

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**What To Do In Case of Inclement Weather**

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

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**Power of Wind, January 20**

Power of Wind is part of the National 4-H Curriculum Collection and is designed for youth in grades 3 - 8. Teachers will learn to think like an engineer - to use the scientific design process to design, create, build and test wind powered devices. This program is a great way to learn about alternative energy. **Registration deadline is January 13, 2010.**

Training for all workshops will be held at the 4-H Center, beginning at 9:00 am and ending approximately 3:00 pm. The fee per person is $25 and includes lunch and all handouts and workbooks. For more information contact the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644.

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**Project Learning Tree, February 17**

Project Learning Tree is an award winning environmental education program designed for teachers and youth leaders working with students kindergarten through 12. Discover over 175 hands-on activities that help teach science, math, language arts, social studies and other subjects like animals and habitats. **Registration deadline is February 3, 2010.**

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**Project Wild, March 17**

Project Wild is an interdisciplinary environmental program with over 175 activities that help teach all core standard subjects. Activities presented take students from awareness to action and emphasize student interaction with the natural environment and conservation using the outdoors as a classroom. **Registration deadline is March 3, 2010.**
While many people were out shopping on Black Friday, five Somerset County 4-H members were on their way to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the 2009 National 4-H Congress. Dan Lang, Lisa Magulak, Christina O’Brien, Chris Posbergh, and Amanda Weinstein were part of the NJ delegation who joined approximately 900 4-H’ers from 44 States and Puerto Rico. 

Accept the Challenge was the theme of this year’s 4-H Congress. 4-H’ers came together to learn about community involvement, cultural diversity, and service to others. Highlights of the trip included speakers such as Dan Clark, and the current Miss America, Katie Stam. Delegates had nightly dinners, including a gala dinner on the last evening. 4-H’ers gave back by providing community service at various projects such as leaf raking, assisting in local classrooms, sorting books, etc. Our Somerset 4-H’ers especially enjoyed learning about 4-H programs in others states and the many creative workshops, such as Operation Military Kids, Get Moving-Get Healthy, and the Life of Bees. They also had the opportunity to tour Atlanta, visiting the CocaCola plant, and the world’s largest aquarium. Our delegates were able to make new friends and connect with old ones. They came home ready to "Accept the Challenge" and help bring a positive ‘change’ to others. They would recommend this trip as a highlight of your 4-H experience.
Financial Help for College

Applications are being sent, and acceptance letters are coming soon—but how will you pay for college? Check out these available scholarships offered through Somerset County 4-H. Applications are available at the 4-H office and on line at www.4HisTops.org.

**Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarship**
The Somerset County 4-H Association is offering five $1000.00 scholarships to 4-H'ers for college, vo-tech, etc. To apply, students must be a high school senior or a college freshman. They need to be a Somerset County 4-H member in good standing and they must have a letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader. Applications are due in the office by April 1.

**Somerset County 4-H Prep Scholarship**
Somerset County 4-H Prep is offering a $500.00 scholarship to a 4-H'er who started out in our Prep Program. To apply, students must be a high school senior or a college freshman. They need to be a Somerset County 4-H member in good standing, have contributed to the 4-H program and demonstrated mentoring relationships within 4-H and they must have a letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader. Applications are due in the office by April 1.

**Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Club Scholarship**
This scholarship recipient will receive a grant of $1000 provided they have been accepted for a regular course of study at a college or technical school, taking courses with an interest in a career in science. Recipients need to be a current member in good standing of a current Somerset County 4-H Club. Applications are due in the office by April 1.

**Rob Fellow Memorial Scholarship**
Sponsored by the Somerset 4-H Trainmasters Club, this recipient will receive a grant of $1000 provided that they have been accepted for a regular course of study at a college or technical school, are taking courses with an interest in a career in science. This fund was established by the family. Applications are due in the office by April 1.

**Joseph J. and Florence E. Klimas Scholarship**
The Joseph J. and Florence E. Klimas Scholarship is awarded annually to a Somerset County 4-H Alum, entering his/her junior or senior year in college, having declared a major in education. Letters of recommendation from a 4-H adult volunteer and a professor are also necessary. Mrs. Klimas is a former Somerset County 4-H Leader and Branchburg Middle School teacher. This fund was established by her son, Scott Goodell, and his family. Applications are due in the office by April 1.

For those interested in studying agriculture, plant science, animal science, landscape architecture or other related field, these scholarship applications are available in our 4-H office:

**The Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship**

**$2000 Academic Scholarship.** This applicant must be enrolled as a sophomore or older at an accredited college or university. He/she must also be a NJ resident majoring in an agricultural subject area and must intend to pursue a career in production agriculture or related field. The applicant's parent must be a current member of the NJ Farm Bureau.

**$500 Continuing Education Scholarship:** This applicant or parent, if under 21, must be a current member of the NJ Farm Bureau and will be attending an accredited or approved seminar, workshop or conference related directly to product agriculture or related field. Both applications are due in the office by January 31.

**The Edward Rosania, William Staats, Peter Smith Memorial Scholarship**
A one time grant for the encouragement and promotion of agriculture endeavors. Applicants must be a member in good standing in a Somerset County 4-H Club, demonstrate community involvement and personal growth and must have a letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program or the Somerset County Board of Agriculture. Applications are due in the office by July 15.
In November, the key leader for each club should have received a computer printout of what we have in our database for your club. This database is used for all of our mail lists and to verify eligibility for the Fair and state 4-H events. Young people are not registered members until we receive their application and have it in our computer. Any youth not registered by January 1st, will not be able to participate in competitive events at the Fair or state level; national 4-H event or any county recognition, award or scholarship. We will send a list of members eligible for the Fair and state events, to you, after the first of the year. You may add members during the year to receive Clovertales and participate in non-competitive 4-H events.

Public Presentations March 19-23-24-25

All members should plan to participate in public presentations held at the 4-H Center. You may do a demonstration, give an illustrated talk, performance or formal speech.

Presentations help you to find out more about your favorite subject, allow you to entertain or teach others, practice speaking skills and learn from the judge’s critique. Most of all they are easy and fun!

If any clubs would like help with presentations, please contact Barb Navatto at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us.

Achievement Dinners in January

Science Achievement Night
Friday, January 8, 7 pm - 9 pm

Horse Achievement Banquet
Sunday, January 17
set up time 4:00 pm

Call your leader for details.

Calling All Artists:

The NJ 4-H Program is sponsoring an art contest to design a new “Cloverbud” logo as 4-H makes the transition from Prep to Cloverbud. Check out the website for information and registration: www.4HisTops.org.

Club Financial Reports – due January 30

Be sure to send in your Club Financial Reports!

In September, Key Club Leaders should have received financial reporting forms. If you are a new club leader, or have misplaced your forms, please call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, to receive an additional form or you can download forms from our website: www.4HisTops.org and go under Forms & Publications. Because you are using the 4-H name and emblem you are obligated to report any money collected throughout the year.

Remember the Veterans! February 14

The veterans hospitalized in VA facilities would be thrilled if you mailed them Valentines this February. This is a great club project. Mail your cards or pictures to the Lyons Medical Hospital, 151 Knollcrost Rd., Lyons, NJ 07939.

Need to Reach the 4-H Center at Night?

The 4-H Center Night Manager is

Maryann DelGigante
Phone: 908-526-8242

7-10 pm Monday - Friday.
What is a Tricky Tray? Also known as a basket raffle; items are offered in groupings or baskets and are put on display with a collection container next to each. People pay an admission fee to attend the event and receive tickets to place in the collection containers of the prizes they would like to win. At the conclusion of the event, a winning ticket is drawn for each “basket”.

We need baskets! 4-H clubs are requested to donate prizes or a gift basket for this event. All items should be new and in original packaging if possible. While prizes are referred to as “baskets,” you do not need to have your donations in an actual basket, volunteers can package your items for the event. Individual prize items will be accepted and grouped with other items to create baskets. Gift certificates and gift cards are needed, too! All donors will have their names listed in the event program.

To donate a basket: The most popular baskets are those that have a theme, such as puzzles, books, paper/party goods, bath items, baby items, a season or holiday, etc. Perhaps your basket could reflect your club’s subject area: grooming supplies and toys for a pet, cooking or baking utensils, sporting goods. The value of a basket should be $20 or more. Be creative!

Baskets should be dropped off at the 4-H Center by February 8.

Calling all volunteers! Adult volunteers are needed to:

- Solicit donations from businesses
- Package prizes
- Set up in the late afternoon/evening on Saturday, March 6 or the morning of Sunday, March 7
- Assist at the event

Have Questions?
For more information or to volunteer, contact Barb Navatto, navatto@co.somerset.nj.us, (908) 526-6644, or Annette Smutko, Annette.L.Smutko@gsk.com (908) 575-0974.

Proceeds will be used for repairs to the 4-H Center.

The first annual BIG Vendor& Craft Expo and Festival of Trees was a great success. There was a nice variety of vendors with quality merchandise and the trees decorated by the clubs were absolutely charming.

A BIG thank you to Kim, Steve & Kyle Miholcs, Sue and Bill MacCombie, Pauline Kodack, Gina Callari, Shanna Clifford, the Juechters, the Philipcheeks, the Staats, the Francis’, Erin Torres, Elaine Mulrooney, Pam and Chris Williams, Bob Petrosky, Dave Rieur, Betty Sommerville, Jeff Weinstein, Jan Lush and Joe Bakes, and the many families who donated baked goods.

To all of the clubs and individuals that donated decorations and trees: The Four Leaf Clovers, 4-H Country Kickers, Woolly Ones, Pretty Cool Puppet Club, K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club, New Centre Dairy, 4-H Magician’s Guild, Gingersnaps, Pocket Pet Rescue, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Prep Chefs, Exploding Stars, Rachel Bijaczyk, Georgeanne Valis, the 4-H Office and all of our valued volunteers that helped to make this event a successful one.
**Beautiful Wreaths - Great Sales!**

Somerset County 4-H members sold 3432 wreaths this year. This is the oldest 4-H fundraiser in Somerset County. Our wreath sales helped to build the 4-H building and help maintain it and the 4-H programs.

Special thanks to all those who helped unload wreaths Thanksgiving Friday, those that helped hand out the wreaths to the clubs and wreath committee members: Jeane Fasullo, Judy Hennessey, Ruth Schmidt, Mark Kirby and their helpers: Scott Szakacs, Lynn Draper, Joe Shreve, Chan Leung, Stuart Farber, Ernie Hall, Richard Hall, Joe Martinelli and Bob Kinch.

Thanks to the following for decorating the wreaths sold by the Association: Becky Moore, Jeff Weinstein, Sue Schurick, Janet Szakacs, Erin Torres, Roth Slovik, Rich Norz, Alex, Suzie and Megan Norz, Caitlin O’Neil, Jan Lush, Sandy Clare, Betty Sommerville, Maggie Navatto, Beth Kavanaugh, Pauline Kodack, Abner and Kitty Mathews, Nancy Kirby, Patty Egan, Robin Brygrier, Val Kreutler, Debbie Johnson, Karen Lang and the 4-H Country Kickers: Jennifer, Rebecca and Susan Williams and Alyssa, Denise, Dan and Glenn Pederson. Many hands make easy work. Lots of smiles and a good time by all!

Thanks to Kathy Marrus for ribbon donations.

Thanks to Senior Council for selling snacks. The proceeds will benefit the Somerset County Food Bank.

Top selling clubs this year were Woof Dog Club, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Radio Control Cars, PAWSabilities and Chaps & Spurs. Thanks for making the best better for next year!

*Mark Kirby, 4-H Association*

**Many Thanks…**

Thank you to Citigroup for wiring bows and cones for the 4-H Association wreaths.

Thank you to Esther Craft, Ruth Schmidt, Erin Torres, Janet Szakacs, Jeane Fasullo and Mark Kirby for taking the supplies and teaching the Citigroup volunteers how to prepare the bows and cones.

**Somerset 4-H Live: Revisited**

Despite the mud, the talent showcased on the 2009 Clover Theater state was simply amazing -- in fact, so much so that we need an encore! Therefore, the 4-H Entertainment Committee is staging a reprise on the afternoon of April 25, 2010 - inside - at the 4-H center - on dry land. Mark your calendars and come out to applaud our 4-H kids and their unique talents at the 2-hour “S4HL: Revisited” Coffee House.

Got 4-H talent! Oh yeah, we do! Let’s put on a great show and without worrying about the weather (or parking)! Betty Sommerville will be calling you to book your time and talent.
HURRAY FOR...

Congratulations to the Following 4-H’ers on Their County 4-H Achievement Awards

Achievement: Nicole Breffeilh, Sarah Lerch, Joe Shreve, Angie Philipscheck, George Goceljak; Citizenship: Chris Posbergh, Lauren Fox; Clothing & Textile: Christine Arcoleo, Emily Ousouljoglou, Megan DeMichele, Rita Sasse, Kimberlee Van Houten, Mellissa Smutko, Izzy Maddock; Community Service: Roxanne Rosinski; Alexandra Wick, Elizabeth Frank, Trevor Mazzaglia, Jeff Hu, Will Sommerville, Joe Shreve, Megan DeMichele, Christina O’Brien, Kristi Philipscheck; Dairy: Christina O’Brien, Jessica Brygier; Dog Care: James Clelland, Amanda Weinstein, Chris Furmato; Food & Nutrition: Rita Sasse; Healthy Lifestyle: Izzy Maddock; Leadership: Roxanne Roskinksi, Dan Lang, Sara Memoli, Wendy Franzyschen; Personal Development: Ben Parker; Jill Newbold, Alyssa Blumberg, Jeff Hu; Poultry: Kyrstin Schwarz; Public Speaking: Melanie Boyea, Gina Callari, Brian Franchuk, Michael Maglione, Kristen Obermeier, Chris Posbergh, Colleen Ridder, Kathy Hill, Daniel Philipscheck, Joseph Martinelli; Rabbit: Alisa Kraehenbuehl; Reporter: Stephanie Duffy, Kali Vaporakis; Teen Leader: Conrad Colon, Amanda Weinstein, Veronica Irizarry, Lisa Magulak, Alexandra Wick, Ashley Ward; Vet Science: Jack Egan, Chris Posbergh, Shanna Clifford; Visual Arts: Chelsea Anderson, Amy Miller, Kelsey Graham

4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to these Clubs who qualified this year for Honor Club:

Woolly Ones
Radical Rodents
Wags & Whiskers
4-H Cattleman’s Club
Whiskers, Paws & Claws

Does your club and its members have what it takes to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club? Check out our website at: www.4HisTops.org and click under Forms and Publications. You can download the Honor Club Form and start striving to meet it’s criteria!

Kudos Goes to...

Criations Alpaca Club for attending an Officer Training in December. This training will help them conduct meetings more efficiently and productively. If your club would like to schedule a training, please contact Barb Navatto at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us.

Congratulations

At the recent NJ Agricultural Fair Association Ambassador Contest, Christina O’Brien represented NJ Freedom Fest and Justin Dagnall represented the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

Dan Lang was recognized at the Princeton Agricultural Leadership Award Dinner.

National 4-H Conference Delegates Chosen

Chris Posbergh and Sara Memoli have been chosen as delegates of a team of six, to represent NJ at the 2010 National 4-H Conference. Congratulations are in order for all candidates who applied for doing an exceptional job during group and individual interviews. Judges agreed these were some of the finest 4-H members in the state. The team will represent NJ well during Conference and will bring back new ideas and vision for the state program.
Club Camp Weekend 2010

Do you love camp? How about trying Club Camp in April? This camp weekend offers the opportunity for 4-H’ers, parents and leaders to interact outside of their regular meetings. Activities may include hiking, fishing, archery, and just hanging out together. Club camp is held at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Branchville, Sussex County. Registration forms and information packets will be available at the 4-H Office and on the website. This is a great chance to spend time together. Contact Sue Posbergh at 908-304-6435 or ksec@att.net for more information. This year Club Camp will be April 16, 17 and 18th. The cost, including food, will be $42.00.

Here are some details:

Check in time:
After 5:00 PM, Friday, April 16

Check out time:
Before 2:00 PM, Sunday, April 18

A 4-H Event Permission Form or a 4-H Adult Overnight Agreement/Release Form needs to be completed for each participant. Return completed forms and a check payable to L.G. Cook 4-H Camp, to the 4-H office by April 2. Forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.4HisTops.org.

4-H TOPS Camp

Totally Outrageous Program for Summer

Totally Outrageous Programs
Explore the world of science, arts and nature.

Totally Outrageous Games
Ball Games, Hoola-Hoops, Relay Races and more!

Totally Outrageous Snacks
Make your own nutritious and delicious snacks!

Totally Outrageous Crafts
Let your imaginations soar; your creative juices flow!

Totally Outrageous Fun!
Make new friends and have fun!!!

For Children Grades 1-6
June 28 - July 2, 2010
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Cost: $200.00

Space is limited so register early
Scholarships available

Registrations available on-line
Camp held here at the Ted Blum 4-H Center.

Winter camp is a fun get away for teens to play in the snow and meet 4-H’ers from other clubs and counties. 4-H’ers in grades 9-13 from Somerset, Warren and Bergen Counties will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 22 - 24. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. The cost for the weekend is $50.00 and includes meals. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or email: Rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu

CAMP CONNECTION

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Family Camp June 4-5-6

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp is a wonderful time to have fun and spend time with your club, family and friends. ALL Somerset County 4-H Families are invited for a special Weekend at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County… June 4 - 6, 2010.

There will be time for fishing, boating, arts and crafts, hikes, games, great food in the dining hall and lots of fun and songs around the campfire. Cost is $60 per person. Camp scholarship funds are available. Please inquire at the 4-H office for an application.

There will be brochures and information on registration available at the 4-H Center by May. Take time out of your busy days to enjoy time away and with your family… that’s what memories are made of!

4-H Summer Camp - Early Bird Prices!

The Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is located off Route 206 in Stokes State Forest in Branchville, NJ. Camp is open to all youth who have completed third grade through tenth grade. Camp weeks begin July 4 and continue through mid-August. All sessions begin Sunday afternoon with check in at 4:00 pm. Check out is Saturday morning with a special closing ceremony for parents at 10:00 am.

Enroll early to ensure your first choice of dates and activities. Registration forms are online at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu on the "forms" page and should be sent directly to Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp. You will then receive a parent's packet and a class description list. Return these to camp ASAP so you get the classes you want.

The basic camp fee for one week is $450. However, if you are a 4-H member you receive a $50.00 discount. If you register and pay by March 1, 2010, you are entitled to another $50.00 Early Bird Discount. There is also a multi-family member discount of $25.00. Please check the website or call the camp directly if you have questions about camp fees. Some scholarships are available through the Somerset County 4-H Office. Please call our office (908) 526-6644 to inquire.

This year camp weeks will have themes which may include: Life on the Farm, Color Wars, Pirates of Lake Shawanni and Camp Chaos.

For more information or any questions, please contact Guy Weber, Program Director at: weber@njaes.rutgers.edu or call: 973-948-3550.

Go to the 4-H camp website for details.
Kings Riders  
*by Kate McGann*

Elected officers are:
- President, Linnea Warlick
- Vice-President, Kelly Difiglia
- Treasurer, Stephanie Goombas
- Secretaries, Kate McGann, Catherine Genirs
- Club Reporter, Marissa Scalzo
- Historian, Cara Scalzo
- Librarian, Susanna Tremper

New members were welcomed. The Club participated in a fundraiser, “MyArtCards” where everyone got to draw “horsey” all occasion cards. The club thanks Mary Ann McGann for coordinating this. Members are being asked to work on a farm display for participation in the February Model Horse Show in Hunterdon. Everyone received a sheet on stable management. Subjects discussed were Open House and a future website for the Club. Marissa Scalzo attended the meets for Hippology and gave a presentation. Kayla Steinkopf did a demonstration about dressage. Other discussions included the Festival of Trees, Winter Camp and the great job the club did selling wreaths. The guest speaker for November was Louis Almeida from Cedar Ridge Stables. Leader, Patricia Anderson read a short horse story from the book, *Stone Soup.*

Cattleman's Club  
*by Alanna Staffin*

The Club has been pretty busy since the start of the year! Members participated in a camping trip, that although there was rain, they all had a great time. The Club is planning to attend a feed demonstration the end of November and working on ideas for a charity project. In December there will be their holiday party. Members are going out for Chinese and also exchanging gifts. In January the Club will be going to the PA Farm Show. Mrs. Ogle has been teaching members how to care for a sick cow. The Club enjoyed decorating wreaths and wrote letters to soldiers away for the holidays. Other future plans include working on presentations and having a guest speaker to talk about livestock nutrition.

4-H Country Kickers  
*by Betty Sommerville*

The more the merrier with Kickers! The Club welcomes new members Triniti, Shruti, Amy, Hannah, Hoai-An, Darcy & Justin. At each meeting members work at getting everyone up to speed with dance repertoire from Cotton Eyed Joe to Thunderfoot. The Club participated in the Festival of Trees with the only cactus tree! Come see them strut their stuff at next year's BIG Basket Bonanza! Yippee Ki Yi Yay!

Sidewinders  

The Club elected leaders and officials. Members are planning to decorate wreaths on November 30. A holiday party is planned for December with everyone bringing in snacks and playing games.
Senior Council  
by Chris Posbergh

Elected officers are: President, Sara Memoli; Vice-President, Wendy Franzyschen; Corresponding Secretary, Jason Ning; Recording Secretary, Chris Posbergh; Treasurer, Amanda Weinstein; Reporter, Katherine Pirro; Historian, Will Sommerville. The club participated in the fall leaf clean-up and will be selling hot cocoa and snacks during wreath decorating. Members are preparing for their annual SHIP Holiday Party.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents  
by Megan Kouril

The Club welcomed new member Kendra. Members went over the rules and by-laws and how to keep a record book. Wreath decorating plans were discussed. Members were awarded their year pins.

4-H Magician's Guild  
by Glenn Valis

The Magicians have been around for a year now and what a year this has been. Conrad Colon, the Club's junior leader and president, is a very knowledgeable magician and has done a fantastic job training new members to do many magic tricks. The Club performed for the first time at the Fair and did a great job. This year new members have been welcomed so there are more than a dozen magicians. Members co-hosted the Arts Achievement Dinner, doing close up magic before dinner and providing the entertainment for the evening. They have become very good at performing! They are polished and smooth and are getting used to speaking to large crowds. Members made a magic tree for the Festival of Trees, decorated with playing card cubes and other trick material. And don't forget the rabbit in the hat for the topper! The Club is planning to perform for the prep clubs in December.

Whiskers, Paws & Claws  
by Will Philips

At the last meeting members brought their cats to show. Margaret showed Bobo, Mikayla introduced Licorice, Chester made a star entrance with Will and Kitty was shown off by Lauren. Parents started tying bows for wreaths and found it to be a challenging task! The Club will meet next to decorate wreaths.

Hoofbeats  
by Sarah Lerch

Members discussed volunteer opportunities and shared these ideas: Visiting and raising money for a horse shelter; raising money for injured horses, adopt a road, 4-H Festival of Trees. The Club will be going to Black Horse Stables to have an educated talk about the parts of a horse. Members participated in a show and tell by bringing in important items to them and talking about them. The Horse Achievement Dinner will be January 17 with everyone bringing a covered dish.

Just Kidding  
by Jenna Juechter

Elected officers are: President, Roxanne Rosinski; Vice-President, Emma Roos; Treasurer, Alex Barree; Secretary, Laura Davidson; Communications, Nicole Phillips; Journalist, Jenna Juechter; Mascots, Jacob, Isaac, Alanna. The recent Livestock Achievement dinner was discussed and the upcoming holiday party in December.

Sheepfold  
by Cathy Christy

The Sheepfold 4-H Club brought lambs to the North Branch Reformed Church for a petting zoo at the church’s ribbon cutting ceremony for their new playground. Many church members enjoyed petting the lambs and having their pictures taken. Club members, Lauren Fox and Evie Delia participated in the event and are members of the church.
Happy Holidays to you and your family. Another year has come to an end and a new exciting one lies ahead. Remember to let us know what your clubs are doing so we can print it in Clovertales. Don't forget to keep an eye out for all the exciting events that are coming up in the New Year.

I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at our New Year's Party on Saturday, January 9th at the 4-H Center. The fun begins at 5:00 pm with tattoos and crafts, followed by a pot luck dinner and ice cream sundaes. Back by popular demand will be DJ Mike. He will help us ring in the New Year with music, dancing and confetti.

Mark your calendars for Saturday March 6, 2010. That is the date of The Rally. The theme will be "Around the World". The workshops will take us to 4 different countries. More information to follow.

I would like to welcome our newest club, The Prep Lego Club. They will start meeting in January.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year

Mrs. Darby
4-H Coordinator

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The Kindergarten Club - In November, Katherine Pirro came and spoke with us about having reptiles as pets. She brought two leopard geckos named Star and Comet. She also brought a Mexican Black Snake named Pedro. We learned what makes reptiles good pets and about how to care for them. Christopher and Tri-An liked the snake best. Victoria, Dale, Travis, James and Megan liked the lizards a lot.

The Prep Chefs - In November some of the Prep Chefs went apple picking at Melick's Town Farm. For our cooking activity, Francesca and her mom led the group in making Sugared Apple Circles and Apples Smiles. Evan H. looked silly with his marshmallow teeth. The Prep Chefs contributed to the Festival of Trees with a Cooking Tree.
**The Crazy Clovers** - In October, the year started off with 10 members and a Show-N-Tell activity. All 4-H members sat in a circle as each person had the chance to tell or show the group something interesting about him/herself. Everyone was attentive and learned new and interesting things. Light refreshments were served. On November 9th, members stamped out Thank You cards to be used for the upcoming holidays or anytime they want. Each member will send a Thank You note to our soldiers overseas. Our next meeting involves making Shrink Dink Holiday ornaments.

**The Little Crafters** - In November, our club worked very hard making holiday and get well cards for our troops in Afghanistan. The kids really put their hearts into their cards. Some of the cards will be distributed to our troops recovering at Walter Reed Hospital where a friend of our co-leader is a patient.

**Knowledge Explorers** - In October, Julia and her mom taught the group about bullying and how to identify bullying behavior and how to best avoid being bullied by others. Later in the month we learned about proper protocols used to run a meeting and how to write and pass our own laws. In November, our guest speaker, Selina Kidney showed us how to make our own chocolate candies. It was a very yummy experience. Most recently the club took a trip to Merck & Co. in Summit to learn about renewable resources. Patrick Scanlon gave us a brief tour, Karl Varnai told us about different types of renewable energy and Anu Kunapuli talked about recycling. After the presentation, everyone got to try out different toys and displays that run on solar powered energy. There were even books and take home projects for everyone.

**Little Woofers** - The charter members of the Little Woofers have graduated and moved into other clubs. This year the Little Woofers welcomed 12 new members. Everyone has been learning a lot about training and getting ready for the first dog show of the year. We have a terrific group of older 4-H project members working with us on training. Thanks to all of them for carrying on the 4-H tradition by teaching our preppers/cloverbuds.

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**Save the Dates**

**Prep/Cloverbud New Year’s Party**
Saturday, January 9, 2010
5:00 - 8:00 pm

**Rally – “Around the World”**
Saturday, March 6, 2010
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Family Camp**
Friday, June 4 - Sunday, June 6, 2010

*More Information to Follow*
2010 4-H Fair Theme

Last year, you chose "Got 4-H". We need something new for this year. We would like EACH club to submit ONE Fair theme idea to the 4-H Association. The Association will choose from all the submissions for the 2010 theme.

Please submit your theme idea with the name of your club, to somersetcounty4H@co.somerset.nj.us no later than January 15.

Keep in mind that this will be the publicity theme for the Fair only and clubs will use this in Fair displays. All ideas are welcome, so start “brainstorming” now!

2010 Yearbook and Catalog

Please start to take photos of 4-H’ers in action. March 31 is the deadline for submission of Club photos. Send a maximum of 6 photos of your club, including a descriptive statement for each photo. Do not include member names. You may take your own photos and email them to yearbook4h@yahoo.com or send hard copies. You may borrow the digital 4-H camera. Volunteer photographers are also standing by if you would like to invite one to your club event. Call the 4-H Office if you need assistance.

Photos need to be of good quality, showing your members in action shots preferably, and a positive representation of your club and the 4-H program.

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

Fair Planning Meeting

All members, leaders and parents are invited to attend February 15 at 7:30 for the first fair planning meeting of 2010. Please come and share your ideas and ask questions.

We are always looking for ways to “Make the Best Better”!

4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

Attention all Division Chairs! Please review the rules for your division in the 2009 Exhibitor Guide with the other leaders in your division, make any necessary changes and send them to the 4-H Office for inclusion in the 2010 Exhibitor Guide. The 2009 version is available on the website at: www.4HisTops.org/4hfair/.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Navatto. We would like all changes to be in the office by January 29, 2010 so we can have the new edition available to members as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.
Day of show: (908) 256-8242
For Information: (908) 256-6773
Submit entry by 10:30 am - Pick up after 2:00 pm
$2.00 per entry
$2.00 per entry
Doll competition: 28 categories
Lunch Counter Free Parking
(available all day)
Elizabeth Place
$3.00
$3.00
Applicable

Bridgewater, NJ 08807
310 Milltown Road
Red Bluff 4-H Center
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
February 27, 2010
Saturday
30th Annual Doll & Teddy Bear Show
Somerset County 4-H Exchange

Concessions available all day.
$1.00 Children under 12
$3.00 All

Admission

Directions to the 4-H Center:

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