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NOW THINK FAIR!
President's Message

Welcome to the 63rd Somerset County 4-H Fair!

I would like to welcome one and all to the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

As always, we are grateful for the support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County Park Commission. We want to thank everyone who works with the Somerset County Extension office for they are the people that truly make our program happen. As always, we have a great big thank-you for all of the Somerset County 4-H volunteers for their tireless efforts and last but not least, for our 4-H members, who beyond a doubt, make the best better!

This will be the last welcome I will be writing as president of the Somerset County 4-H Association. Let me say, the last six years of being president have been a tremendous experience. Leading the program that has given so much to me, my family, my community, my country and my world, has truly been an honor!

Enjoy the Fair,

Rich Norz
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

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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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4-H is a Family Affair, and in 4-H, You're Part of the Family.

**Parents**...Please support the efforts of your children as they prepare for the fair. This is their big day! It is a time for them to exhibit their accomplishments with pride. We have an old saying around here, "4-H is a family affair, and in 4-H, you're part of the family." Share the 4-H experience with your child. Please consider assisting your child's club leader or helping with other tasks at the fair. Read this newsletter for ideas or call your leader or the 4-H office. If you haven't already, we would love to have you join us!

All 4-H families and Fair volunteers should have a plan for inclement weather, including a means of communication and a designated place to meet.

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Get Ready for the Best 4-H Fair Ever!

Show your 4-H Club Spirit with banners, T-shirts, mini-floats, a cheer or a song! Each club that marches will receive a participation ribbon and a special designation such as Most Creative, Loudest Cheer, Best Animal Representation, etc. (No live animals please)

Let's have ALL the clubs participate in this year's longer, more exciting parade! Watch the Weekly emails for more details.

**Date:** Wed. Aug. 11th

**Meeting Place:** Outside the Mechanical Science Tent

**Meeting Time:** 5:30

**Parade Starts:** 5:45

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Opening Ceremonies

Once again, all 4-H members and their families are invited to help cut the ribbon! Join the celebration at 10:00 am Wednesday of the Fair, at the bridge in front of the Information Tent.
Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2010 4-H Fair

Prep/Cloverbud members in grades K-3 are allowed to participate and exhibit, but will not be judged or allowed to compete. There is no competition in Prep/Cloverbuds.

All 4-H members, grades 4-13, wishing to compete in the Somerset County 4-H Fair will:

- Be officially registered in a standard Somerset County 4-H Club and actively engaged in a 4-H project by January 1, 2010.
- Have attended 70% of the meetings of their 4-H Club.
- Have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.
- Have completed a record book of their 4-H project and/or 4-H activities for the year and submitted this record to a Club Leader.

Junior Divisions – grades 4-8 (4-H members do not start a new grade until September)

Senior Divisions- grades 9-13 (Members must have completed 9th grade to be in a Senior Division)

If a member has attended meetings and submitted a record book but joined Somerset County 4-H after Jan. 1, 2010 or has not given a formal or informal presentation, that member may exhibit, but not compete or be judged.

CHECK DIVISIONS FOR SPECIFIC RULES and REQUIREMENTS

Visit [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org). Here you will find:

- Herdsmen Applications for kids and adults
- Click Fair and find:
  - Rules for everyone
  - Market Lamb Information
  - The Exhibitor Guide divided by project and open divisions. This section also contains the requirements to compete at the Fair and
    - Goals of the Somerset County 4-H Fair
    - Roles & Responsibilities of All Participants
    - General Rules & Requirements for Exhibitors
    - Club Exhibit Score Sheet
    - 4-H Fair Awards
    - 4-H Fair Sales Policy
    - 4-H Fair Grievance Policy
    - Fair Permission Forms
    - Improvement Grant Applications

The map and schedule will be updated by the middle of July.
**Member Responsibilities**

- Complete projects and bring to the Fair. (Some projects are judged before the fair. Check Exhibitor’s guide.)
- Get signatures and apply to be a herdsman on time.
- Design, set up and clean up club exhibit.
- Set up projects, displays, boards/stalls and decorate tent area by Tuesday before Fair.
- Staff tent (with club leaders and parents.)
- Help set up & take down cinder blocks/planks in food tent. Volunteer where needed.
- Wipe tables in food tent – sign in at food tent committee booth and receive free food tickets.
- Raise and lower the tent flaps each day. On Friday night after the Fair, do not remove the flaps.
- Leave ideas for interesting stories in the “Press Notebook” in the Information Tent.
- Give your Event Permission Forms to your leader. These are available to download on the website.

**Adult Responsibilities**

**4-H Parents & Guardians**

- Support the efforts of your child(ren).
- Assist club leaders with Fair responsibilities.
- Assist in other areas as needed by volunteering for jobs outside your division.
- Pick up Bumper Stickers in the 4-H Center lobby or the 4-H office to advertise the Fair.
- Sign Herdsman Applications.
- Complete health and permission forms.

**4-H Club Leaders**

- Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
- Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters.
- Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair.
- Assign roles/responsibilities.
- Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.
- Keep phone numbers & emergency numbers of club members accessible at the Fair at all times.
- There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent. Appoint someone to keep this book up to date with results of all judging events for reporters from local newspapers and Clover Tales. Interesting story ideas are welcome too!
- Organize club effort to help in other parts of the Fair (See yellow pages).
- Sign Herdsman Applications.
- Assign parents or teens to Saturday, 2nd Shift at 10 a.m. Call the 4-H Office to sign up.

**Division Chairpersons**

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2011 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible or make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.
- Order ribbons ASAP. Pick them up at the Center before your show.

**Tent Superintendents**

- Check that your supplies from the pole barn have been delivered to the appropriate site. If there is a problem, please notify a Fair Manager.
- Oversee set-up and take-down.
- Design layout and designate electricity needs.
- Oversee the activities and schedule in the tent.
- Keep herdsmen’s personal belongings to a minimum.

**County 4-H Staff & 4-H Fair Managers**

- Oversee general operations of the 4-H Fair. Feel free to call them with questions or concerns. See Directory for phone numbers.

Thank you to all the members, parents and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy to making the 4-H Fair a success.
Attention: All Rabbit, Alpaca, Sheep and Dog Club Members...

Please save your fleeces and fibers, from your current 4-H project animal, for show and judging at the fair. Entries must be brought to the sheep tent at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning of the fair. Judging of all entries will take place in the sheep tent during Sheep-to-Shawl on Thursday. Awards will be presented to all entrants.

If you have questions or need additional information, please email Pauline Kodack: pmkodack@verizon.net.

4-H Talent: Green & Growing

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent on the Clover Theater stage! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 8th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H'ers. Check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2010 Exhibitors Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at jlsomm@comcast.net (put "4-H talent" in the subject line).

Fashion Revue

Thursday, August 12, 7:00 pm at the Showmobile on the Fairgrounds

Any 4-H member who has constructed a garment or accessory as a 4-H project and has had that project judged in the sewing division or an open division, may participate. This is an opportunity to display your creativity and craftsmanship to the public! Call the 4-H Office to register by August 4.

Pie Making Workshop

Friday, August 6, 7:00 pm, at the 4-H Center

Bake for the Pie and Cake Booth at the Fair which supports all the 4-H Arts Clubs and Activities. Sign up with Erin Torres at erinrd79@yahoo.com. Please bring fruit fillings or fresh fruit already pared and sliced, 2 mixing bowls and a rolling pin.
Event Permission Forms

- Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two Event Permission Forms.
- Give both copies to your leader.
- Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only.

If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents. Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available from the website: www.4HisTops.org.

Yearbook and Catalog

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center mid August. Please be sure your advertisers get one. Say thanks to Joanna Lieuallen, Kelly Allison, Abner Mathews, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare and Joe Bakes for a terrific 2010 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts

4-H members (or volunteers) with $100 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26 or Tuesday, August 3.

Herdsmen

- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen Supervisors are Debbie and Rich Norz, 4-H Association members.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 9 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted! Applications are available online: www.4HisTops.org
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsmen orientation meetings, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. or August 3 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must be a registered volunteer and complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

Fair Supplies

Fair supplies will be available at the 4-H Center starting the first week of August. These include:
- Exhibitor tags/cards, livestock exhibit cards
- Exhibitor buttons for 4-H members
- Danish ribbons for classes. Rosettes, trophies and medallions for outstanding work
- Green participation ribbons
- Non-competitive club ribbons
- Leader ribbons to be worn as identification
- FAIR OFFICIAL name badges for tent superintendents, division chairs and committee chairs
- Division Banners for tents
- Judges food tickets and identification ribbons
- Forms to report show results, awards, interesting stories (for Clover Tales and the Press Notebook in the Information Tent)
- “No Dogs Allowed” signs for inside tents
- Event permission forms
- Labels for supplies to be stored in pole barn

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 25

Limited Fair Improvement Grants Due August 1

The 4-H Association will consider giving divisions/tents monetary grants to make the Fair better. Please remember that Fair grants are limited and clubs must have sold ads/and/or wreaths. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website: www.4HisTops.org/4hfair.
Help Spin Cotton Candy at the Fair!

If you volunteer to spin cotton candy during the fair, you will receive a free tee shirt and a cotton candy. Volunteers who spin cotton candy need to be at least 16 years of age. Ticket takers can be younger. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa Darby at the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644.

Milkshake Booth

Help is needed from 4 to 10 PM all three nights of fair. No experience is necessary; we supply aprons. Bring a friend. Clubs can sign up to work together. Parents, this is an opportunity for you to get to know each other. The milkshake booth is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association to help fund the fair. Call Janet Kolb, 908-369-4865 or Lynn Draper, 908-722-4885, to volunteer.

Egg Hunt at the Fair

The Poultry division held this event the past 2 years and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Steve Fenyar if your division would like to participate, 908-359-7288.

Fair News for 4-H Alumni

Holly Dunbar is collecting information for the fourth annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni Newsletter. All alumni are encouraged to send a brief update about what they are doing now or a photo (old or new). This publication was a hit last year and if you have any news or ideas for reaching Alumni, please call the 4-H Office or email Holly at hdunbar@ddcf.org.

If you wish to help assemble a photo exhibit to be used at the Fair, please call the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

The 4-H Association Oasis Committee supplies drinks and meals for the Fair Managers and electricians working on the Fairgrounds from the Wednesday before the Fair until Tuesday evening before the Fair. This committee supplies the Tuesday lunch for everyone. They are there again the Saturday after the Fair with breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers. Members decide what they will provide on which day. If you or your club would like to help fund or provide a meal, please contact Tina Pirro at kmpirro@msn.com to be involved in the planning. The Oasis Committee is partially funded by the 4-H Association.

Landscapers Needed!

The Somerset County 4-H Association is looking for quality landscapers, garden centers or landscape designers to donate their expertise and materials for decorative plantings and mulch beds at the entrances to the 4-H Exhibit tents during the Somerset County 4-H Fair. The displays will be accompanied by an 8.5 x 11 inch sign with the company name and logo for an estimated 20,000 people to view for 3 days. If you are a landscaper or know a landscaper, this is a great opportunity to show off your craftsmanship! Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more details.

Press Releases

Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news.
**Fair Set Up**
The Fair Managers will move supplies to the fairgrounds very early the Saturday morning before the Fair. Everything in the pole barn that has a division label on it will be placed in the appropriate tent. Horse club members will help at the pole barn at **6 am** and Dairy club members at **8 am**.

After tents are secure and electricians have completed wiring, 4-H clubs are permitted to set up fencing, exhibit boards, etc. Club exhibits must be set up by Tuesday evening before the Fair. Any leftover supplies should be placed on a pallet and shrink wrapped. Please make every effort to hide your leftovers and pallets in your tent. If this is impossible, please label them and contact a Fair Manager Tuesday evening to have them returned to the pole barn. Trash should be marked for the dumpster.

**Keep It Neat!**
Every year 4-H members, parents and leaders are welcome to turn their tents into their home-away-from-home during the three days of fair. However, it is important to remember that this home is on display to the public and that personal items should be stored out of public view.

**How to Pack a Pallet**
- Position pallet on the ground so the tines of the forklift fit between the slats.
- Make sure top of the pile is flat enough to place another pallet on top. DO NOT build a pyramid.
- Shrink wrap VERY tightly, especially PVC pipe and wire cages.
- Do not allow anything to hang over the edges.
- Do not put rented tables (those labeled Miller Party Supply) on any pallet.
- If you have delicate items, do not put them on pallet. Please make other arrangements for their storage.
- Label clearly. Tent superintendents will receive labels in their tent packets. If you need more, please let the 4-H Office know ahead of time.
- If you have questions, ask a Fair manager or forklift operator. They are willing to help you make the job go smoothly.

**Fair Clean Up**
SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS
- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- Rake or clean litter from tent areas.
- **Friday night, August 13 and/or Saturday morning, August 14,** all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

**2nd Shift on Saturday**
Each club should plan to send a few people for a second shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsmen and other helpers leave the fairgrounds around 9 or 10 a.m., the electricians and fair managers are left to continue the clean up on their own. Last year each club sent one or two well rested people at 10 a.m. Clean up went much faster, everyone was home by 1:00 and everyone felt supported and appreciated.

**Volunteer Workforce Pages**
Check out the following Workforce Pages and see where you can help.
2010 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR
VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

If your club can NOT fulfill the responsibility listed, please call the 4-H Office, 526-6644. Everywhere you see “Need Help” is a place YOU can make a difference.

Prior to the Fair
4-H Fair Managers and Office Staff
- Tent contract
- Publicity
- Layout
- Shuttle bus
- Golf Carts
- Porta-Jons
- Bumper strips/promo items
- Bleachers
- Portable radios
- Highway signs
- Permits: construction, electric, food
- Security/traffic/parking
- Schedules/maps
- Electricity/smoke detectors
- Ribbons/trophies/medallions
- First Aid/Fire
- Opening Ceremonies/4-H Hour
- Fork Lifts/Trucks

Wednesday-Friday, August 4-6, Evenings
1. Move electrical supplies to Fairgrounds Need Help
2. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents Dog Clubs (8/6 6:30 p.m.)
   Report to: Tony DeVergillo
   Dawn Hribik

Saturday before the Fair, August 7
1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair Fair Managers, horse, dairy
   Mike Amorosa
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn All Divisions
   Mike Amorosa
3. Electric (unpacking bulbs & wiring) Trainmasters (9:00 am)
   Tony DeVergillo
   Need Help
4. General Electric Help (No experience needed) (9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm)
   Craig Hockenbury
   Need Help
   Tina Pirro
5. Man Volunteer Oasis
6. Install Show Tent fence
7. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
   Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
   Sue Posergh
   Science and other Clubs

Sunday before the Fair, August 8
1. Fire extinguishers Somerset Sentinel 4-H Club
   Mike Amorosa
2. Prep Tent set-up 4-H Prep Clubs
   Harry Brochinsky
3. Electric (stringing wire in tents)
   Teen Volunteers
   Bryn Keck
   Two Volunteers per tent
   Electricians
   Laura Graham
4. Exit and No Smoking Signs
   Arts and other Clubs
   Joe Bakes
5. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up
   Need Help
   Janet Kolb
   Committee, Go-Kart Club
6. Info. Booth set-up
   Senior Council
   Maggie Navatto
7. Milkshake booth set-up
   Trainmasters
   Bryn Keck
8. Install recruitment kiosks Need Help
   Kyle Miholics
9. Install hand sanitizers
10. Cotton Candy set-up

Monday before the Fair, August 9, 6:30 p.m.
1. Show Tent set-up Livestock Clubs
   Pauline Kodack
2. Food Tent set-up Food Tent Committee
   Rob Slovik
Tuesday before the Fair, August 10, all day (call your leaders for times)

1. 4-H exhibits set-up 4-H Club Members 4-H club leaders
2. Food Tent set-up Food Vendors Food Tent Committee
3. 4-H Herdsmen Meeting 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members Debbie and Rich Norz
4. Tables/chairs for divisions Division Chairpersons Sign-out in Garage/gym
5. 4-H Information Tent contents Need Help Joe Bakes
6. Bench seating for the public Teen Volunteers Bryn Keck

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - August 11, 12, & 13

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed. Come one, come all! 4-H Agents
2. 4-H Performances Need 4-H talent Betty Sommerville
3. Food Tent tables cleaned ALL clubs or individuals Bryn Keck
4. Herdsmen breakfast 6:30-8:30 am Need parents Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack
5. Parade Wed. 5:00 at RC car tent All clubs and individuals Ellen Parker
6. Opening Ceremony Wed 7:00 pm. Come one, come all! 4-H Agents
7. Milkshake booth/evenings Need Help Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb
8. 4-H Herdsmen Meetings 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members Debbie and Rich Norz
9. Man Information Booth Need Help Joe Bakes

Friday night after the Fair

1. Tables/chairs returned 4-H Center All Divisions Division Chairpersons
2. Exhibit boards, pens & blocks stack on pallets, wrap, label All 4-H Clubs Scott Szakacs
3. 4-H Info. Tent dismantled Need Help Joe Bakes
4. Milkshake booth dismantled Need Help Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb
5. Food Tent dismantled Herdsmen, Need Help Scott Szakacs
6. Prep boards dismantled Prep Clubs Harry Brochinsky
7. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled Need Help Dawn Hribik
8. Cotton Candy dismantled Need Help Kyle Miholics

Saturday morning after the Fair - Aug 15 - We Need You!!

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m. Fair Managers Mike Amorosa
2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs All Divisions (Need Help) Electricians
3. Remove bench seating Need Help Fair Managers
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds All 4-H Clubs (Need Help)
5. Return Info.Booth papers to Center Need Help Joe Bakes
6. Dismantle Show Tent Livestock clubs Pauline Kodack
7. Fire extinguishers returned Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club Mike Amorosa
8. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn Need Help Scott Szakacs

Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, Two Reps from each Club Electricians
   finish moving everything to Center Pete Hirsch
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink) Need Help Tina Pirro
3. Wash Golf Carts Need Help Abner Mathews
4. Final Clean Up in food Tent Need Help Abner Mathews
Rules and Procedures

Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child, notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately!

Injuries or Illness
The Rescue Squad is on the fairgrounds at all times and available for any health emergency. They may be reached by radio from the Information Tent or by any Park Ranger, Fair Manager or 4-H Staff. All injuries must be reported on an Incident Report form available in the Information Tent.

Fair Hours
The Fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Therefore, all exhibits must be in place during those hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exhibits must be ready by 10 a.m. on Wednesday and no one is to take down or remove exhibits until after 10 p.m. Friday.

Delayed Opening: If there is a weather alert, call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, 7 am – 8 am for further information. Listen to WCTC – 1450 AM and WMGQ 98.3 FM.

Early Closing: If it becomes necessary to close the Fair early, an official announcement will be made over the PA system. Notification thru the chain of command, as outlined in the Emergency Procedure, will begin as soon as the decision is made. If the Fair will reopen, the same procedure will take place.

Parking
- Weather permitting, there will be parking on the fairgrounds. If there is inclement weather or other events beyond our control, which prohibit parking on the fairgrounds, additional shuttle buses from Raritan Valley Community College will be added as needed. THIS INCLUDES MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS BEFORE THE FAIR.
- Tuesday before the Fair when everyone is unloading, please do not leave vehicles along the roads. Unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot. This will decrease the congestion and allow traffic to flow more freely.

AVOID THE FUSS, ENJOY THE BUS
Buses will run between the Fair grounds and Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the Fair.
- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
- On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward
- DROP-OFF during Fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Germ Busting in the Animal Tents
- All divisions with petting areas need to instruct fair visitors to clean their hands before and after petting the animals and before eating.
- Each animal tent will be given two hand sanitizing stations and posters.
- All exhibitors need to clean and disinfect equipment prior to coming to the Fair. This includes trailers.

Livestock and Horse Trailers
- Please plan to unload animals on Tuesday night and take trailers home, and return on Friday evening after 10 pm or park in designated lot by ball field.
- One trailer per division will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds in a designated area. This trailer will not be moved until Friday evening after 10 pm. See Carol Ward for permit.

Only Fair officials and approved volunteers who have direct responsibility for the Fair set up are permitted on the grounds the week before the Fair.
Emergency Procedures

Please read the **thunderstorm and lighting procedures** on the next page carefully. Leaders should remind families to have an emergency plan. As you can see in the Chain of Command, tent superintendents will be called upon to help relay information to the members and the public in your tents. FAIR OFFICIAL name badges will be available at the 4-H Center before the Fair. All tent superintendents, division chairs and Fair committee chairs are asked to wear them whenever you are on the Fairgrounds. This will enable visitors and 4-H families to identify people that can answer questions or give directions. In the event of an emergency, a badge will give authority to your directions. Thank you for helping to make these emergency procedures work smoothly.

**FAIR CLOSING**
The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission will decide whether or not to close the Fair, based on the severity of the weather and the condition of the parking lots. They will notify the chain of command.

If the Fair is closed:

1. The Public Address Announcer will make an announcement from the information tent
2. Buses will not bring people to the Fair and all parking lots on the Fairgrounds will be closed.
3. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters
4. The Drop Off points will continue to operate, but only to pick up people leaving
5. The 4-H Center driveway will only be used as a drop off/pick up.
6. A Sheriff’s officer will direct traffic at the 4-H Center. Parking will be extremely limited.

**FAIR REOPENING**
The Fair will reopen only when The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission agree and pass the word along. Parking lots may or may not open immediately.

### 2010 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency
- Mike Amorosa- Fair Manager Liaison to the Park Rangers
- Joe Bakes- Public Address Announcer
- Mike Pappas- Fair Manager Liaison to Bus company, County Transportation,
- Joanne Vuoso, Public Information Officer and vendors in the small county tent.
- Britt Powell- Fair Manager Liaison to Dawn Hribik, Commercial Chair and Chris Ireland, First Aid.
- Tony DeVergillo- Fair Manager Liaison to Betty Sommerville, Entertainment Chair
- Rob Slovik-Fair Manager Liaison to the Food Tent Committee
- Abner Mathews- Fair Manager Liaison to the Sheriff’s Officers
- Dave Rieur- Liaison to the tents/activities by the brook and flying field, sno-cones
- Barbara Navatto- 4-H Staff Liaison to the 4-H Office.

4-H Office will notify the Association Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds and some County Departments 4-H Staff, with the help of tent superintendents, will inform divisions and tents.

- Carol Ward- horse, dogs, sheep, goats, dairy, beef, poultry, and show tent
- Lisa Rothenburger- Trains, mechanical sciences, rc cars, go-kart track, small animal
- Bryn Keck- Arts, Board of Ag
- Lisa Darby- Prep, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy
- Rachel Bijaczyk- Science, Master Gardeners, Herpetology
All 4-H families and Fair volunteers should have a plan for inclement weather, including a means of communication and a designated place to meet.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area. A severe thunderstorm by definition is a thunderstorm that produces 3/4 inch hail or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour. The size of the watch can vary depending on the weather situation. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They are normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review severe thunderstorm safety rules and be prepared to move to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Watch for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.

2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.

3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.

4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.

5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued when either a severe thunderstorm is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or a spotter reports a thunderstorm producing hail 3/4 inch or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning. Lightning frequency is not a criteria for issuing a severe thunderstorm warning. They are usually issued for a duration of one hour. They can be issued without a Severe Thunderstorm Watch being already in effect.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Warning for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.

2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.

3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.

4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.

5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. **DO NOT STAY IN A TENT.** (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)

6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.

7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
2010 4-H FAIR DIRECTORY

4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews - 526-2950
Britt Powell - 526-6773
Peter Hirsch - 874-5476
Scott Szakacs -732-558-8209
Tony DeVergillo - 658-4153
Mike Amorosa - 231-9585
Mike Pappas - 722-3352

Finances- Jim Wood
Food Tent – Annette Smutko, Caitlyn O’Neil,
Fair Mgr Liaison-Scott Szakacs
Office contact-Barb Navatto

4-H Information - Joe and Kathy Bakes, 725-4246
Fair Mgr Liaison - Pete Hirsch
Office contact-RoseMary Fleming

Herdsman Supervisors - Rich & Deb Norz, 369-8586
Fair Mgr Liaison-Britt Powell,
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Herdsman Breakfast- Pauline Kodack-704-9253
Sandy Clare-722-3465
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Commercial- Dawn Hribik, 725-6292
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Mathews
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Ads - Joanna Lieuallen, 231-8849
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Photos -Joe Bakes, 725-4246
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Entertainment - Betty Sommerville, 281-5238
Kim Miholics
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Parade- Dave Van Skiver
Ellen Parker
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Sponsorship – Linda Au, 658-4165
Office contact- RoseMary Fleming

Milkshakes- Lynne Draper, 732-205-5428
Janet Kolb, 369-4865

Fair Mgr Liaison- Scott Szackacs
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Logistics -Dave Rieur, 281-6561
Fair Mgr Liaison- Abner Mathews

First Aid, Fire-Christopher Ireland
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Amorosa

Corporate Volunteers - Pam Christian-369-3572
Office Contact- Lisa Darby

Volunteer Oasis - Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027
Erin Torres
Fair Mgr Liaison - Pete Hirsch
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Electrician’s Workforce- Tony DeVergillo- 685-4153
Britt Powell- 526-6773
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

PA Systems- Kyle Miholics,
Fair Mgr Liaison- Tony DeVergillo
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Fair Photographer- Abner Mathews

Tent Superintendents
Horse – Carol Maciborski, 732-469-6295
Office contact-Carol Ward

Alpaca/Cat – Janet Weiss, 393-2762
Office contact-Carol Ward

Dog- Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027
Jeff Weinstein, 281-2595
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Sheep- Mary McLaughlin, 392-4063
Office contact-Carol Ward

Poultry- Steve Fenyar, 359-7288
Office contact-Carol Ward

Dairy- Rich Norz, 369-8586
Office contact-Carol Ward

Beef-Michelle Ogle, 781-5576
Office contact-Carol Ward

Goats- Al Stahoski, 359-8569
Office contact-Carol Ward

Mech. Science-
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

RC Cars- Chris Heckman, 369-3583
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Science-Sue Posbergh, 707-4631
Office contact- Lisa Rothenburger

Arts- Laura Graham, 369-5190
Office contact-Rachel Bijacyk

Prep- Harry Brochinsky, 252-0797
Office contact-Lisa Darby

Small Animal- Laurie Hazen, 722-4948
Office contact-Carol Ward

Herpetology- Karen Fisch, 722-3120
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Show Tent – Pauline Kodack, 704-9253
Office contact-Carol Ward

Model Trains-Doug Pitney (973) 635-8923
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Sno-Cone – Beth Kavanaugh, 439-3751

Ice Cream – Debbie Norz, 369-8586
Cotton Candy-Lisa Darby

Board of Agriculture – Joanne Powell, 526-6773
Alumni-

Open Divisions- Office Contact- Rachel Bijacyk
And in Other News...

Association News

Thank you to Rich Norz!

After a record breaking six years, Rich Norz will be stepping down as President of the Somerset County 4-H Association. During his tenure, Rich has tried to bring the Association together; focusing on building camaraderie, fundraising for 4-H Center improvements, gaining use of the property next door, and supporting the 4-H program. Many teens know him and his wife, Debbie, as herdsmen supervisors and many dairy club members have leased his animals. In 2004, Rich and Debbie were named Outstanding Alumni. Rich's willingness to always try to make the best better is what made him a successful leader and made the Association a strong force behind Somerset County 4-H. As he and Debbie continue to support their own 4-H'ers, Alex, Suzie and Megan, we look forward to many more years of Norz family involvement.

Yearly 4-H Room Request Due in August

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2010/11 from MaryAnn DelGigante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Monday the 2nd, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. The evening superintendent may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

August is the time for 4-H members from throughout the state to showcase their project animals. Mark your calendars now for these culminating events.

Remember, you do not need to have an animal project to come to the shows. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on other 4-H members from your county.

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Tuesday, August 17
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Salem County
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp

State 4-H Goat Show
Date: Thursday, August 26
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger
ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 27 - Sunday, August 29
Time: vary - check 4-H website for details
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show
Date: Saturday, September 11
Time: 9:30 am animal check in
Location: Salem County
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

For more information about the shows contact your county 4-H Office or the New Jersey 4-H Website - www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/animalsci/index.html. On the Website just click on the appropriate animal species. The rules and entry forms for the show will be available on the Website.
Mark your calendar and plan to attend…

Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

November 4 - 7, 2010

Please be sure to connect to the NERVF website for updates on registrations materials, their blog, information on hotel accommodations, trips planned, a quilt that will be raffled, and more. Louisa Cole, a volunteer from Hunterdon County will be honored at this event as the Regional 4-H Lifetime Volunteer for the Northeast Region.

Check it out! http://nervf2010.blogspot.com/

Thanks to a grant from the National 4-H Council and Monsanto, scholarships are available to help offset the cost of attending this event. Full details are available on the website at http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2010-NERVF-Scholarship.pdf. Deadline for applying is July 15.

4-H Club and Special Activity Insurance Coverage

Below is the link for the American Income Life Insurance Company that is the approved company for the National 4-H Council for over 6 decades. For pennies a day, leaders, members and parents involved in any 4-H activity can be covered, often absorbing deductibles if an accident should occur. Easy to use forms for blanket accident insurance may be found at www.AmericanIncomeLife.com or call 800-849-4820 to request plan brochures designed specifically for 4-H.

Our Experience at North Jersey Teen Conference
by Matthew Thiel & Jake Vitaliano

So, we thought, could last year really get any better? Well it did! 2009 was our first year in the NJTC program. We had a lot of fun, but we were still new to the experience. Now in 2010, we made a lot of new friends and shared more good times with them. There was so much packed into those two and a half days we wished NJTC could have been for a week.

Our favorite part of the NJTC experience was during the T.R.A.I.L. or Teen Russia/American International Leadership workshop. The workshop was both fun and inspiring. We now want to travel to many different countries and educate youth on 4-H and leadership. During the workshop, activities included leadership games and a talk with Kate and Yana in Russia using oovoo. Participants received an informational folder on how to participate in the Russian experience.

We really enjoyed the extra curricular activities in addition to the workshops. There was the Real World 4-H Challenge, where we replicated going to college and starting a family. There was also a dinner-dance on Saturday. There was a game room, a dance room and a swimming pool. These were well used during free time to hang out with friends.

We felt that the 2010 NJTC was so improved from 2009 that we can’t wait to see what 2011 will bring! We have made new friends while renewing old friendships. Everything is more fun through 4-H.

NJ 4-H Walking Challenge

Walk NJ Point-to-Point! Anyone involved in 4-H can participate including their family and friends. From now until September 11, pick an 8-week period and walk from “High Point to Cape May Point”. You learn about exercising, being healthy and most of all, having fun!

Complete information and registration packets are available on the website: www.4HisTops.org or go directly to the Get Moving website at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/getmoving

Good Luck 4-H’er’s
Cloverbuds’ New Logo

Congratulations to Katharine Dodge from Morris County’s Dogs R Us 4-H Club for submitting the winning design for the new Cloverbud logo.

Important Dates for Horse Members!

- 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 11 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members who qualify is Monday, July 19th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Tuesday, July 27th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room (for all members who plan to bring a horse to Fair)

Treasuries & Fundraising Policy

Just some general reminders for success and safety in 4-H fundraising:

**Raising Funds for a Specific Goal:** Fundraising will be done only to meet a specific 4-H club or program goal (i.e., purchasing supplies for a club project; funding a community service project; sponsoring members to attend an educational conference or 4-H camp). Money raised during the course of a 4-H year will be spent that same year, unless a long-term goal with a specific timeline is stated. Raising money should not be the club's primary activity and is not a requirement for club success.

**Informing County 4-H Office:** 4-H clubs must submit a Fundraising Worksheet to inform the county 4-H office of fundraising plans in advance to avoid conflict with other 4-H fundraising efforts and program goals. If the 4-H staff determines there is a conflict with other efforts or program goals, or is not informed of the fundraising plans, he or she may choose to deny support or permission for the fund-raiser.

**Meeting Legal Requirements:** Fundraising activities must meet legal requirements within the local municipality, county and state. The adult leader should contact the appropriate municipality to ensure compliance with local jurisdiction prior to any fundraising planning and must be able to produce documentation (i.e., permit) when requested.

**Safety Factors:** Door-to-door solicitation of funds is not permitted. Adult leaders should consider the personal safety of all youth when planning fundraisers. Precautions should be taken when needed. It is implied that adult supervision of any fundraising, as with any 4-H event, is necessary.

Another issue that is implied is that any fundraising will be properly identified with quality signage and all participants should be able to explain the purpose of the fundraiser. It’s important to uphold the positive image of 4-H.

More information can be found on the website at: [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/policies/club-treasuriesandfundraisingpolicy-12-16-08.pdf](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/policies/club-treasuriesandfundraisingpolicy-12-16-08.pdf)

In addition, the same information is outlined in the Treasurer’s Record Book.

NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp

**August 20 - 22**

4-H and Military Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to participate in the NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp, August 20 - 22 at the Monmouth County Nomoco Family Campground in Freehold. Come ready to explore outdoor adventures, participate in building life skills and best of all, make new friends!

This free event is sponsored by the NJ 4-H State Teen Action Council and NJ Speak Out for Military Kids. Registration forms are available at the 4-H office or on the website www.4HisTops.org. **Deadline to register, August 13.**
Hurray for...

2010 Outstanding...

4-H’ers:
Lisa Magaluk  Angela Philipsheck
Desiree McLaughlin  Chris Posbergh
Sara Memoli  Willie Sommerville
Christina O’Brien  Ashley Ward

Alumni
Rivi Israel
Maggie Navatto

2010 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
Jessica Brygier, Sara Memoli,
Christina O’Brien, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Elise Schwer,
Amanda Weinstein

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship: Bryn Keck

4-H Prep Scholarship: Willie Sommerville

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship:
Christina O’Brien

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship:
Scott Pantalone

Ad Sales Update

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled $45,000!, much more than was anticipated near the deadline. Thanks to everyone that pushed just a little harder to make it happen!

Special recognition to these top salespeople who sold more than $1000 each: Caleb Bruss, Levi Bruss, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Taylor Johnson and Brian Rubinfeld.

4-H State Presentations

On June 12, Rutgers University hosted the 2010 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers, who participated in the state contest:
Daniel Basile, Tanasia Barbagello, Anya Cyr-Ohngemach, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Hannah Davelman, Laura Davidson, Alessandra DelPrinciple, Michael Duan, Deanna Farber, Elizabeth Frank, Kristen Johnson, Jenna McBride, Sara Memoli, Kristen Obermeier, Jade Palmieri, Isha Pandya, Angela Philipsheck, Daniel Philipsheck, Matthew Ramachandran, Lars Rasmussen, Madeline Reese, Colleen Ridder and Matt Thiel.

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Alessandra DelPrinciple, Sara Memoli, Colleen Ridder, Isha Pandya, Elizabeth Frank, Jenna McBride
Results From State Dog Show

Veronica Moditz
HM Best in Show; Obedience 160 pt.
1st Intermediate Novice
4th Agility, Leash Required, Large

Carolyn Pirro
1st Best in Show; Junior Show
1st Junior Show Grades 7-9, Experienced

Sarah Stamets
1st Best in Show; Rally
3rd Junior Show, Grades 7-9, Experienced
1st Rally, On-lease, Grades 7-Up

Shannon Kile
4th Pre-Novice A, Grade 9-Up

Sarah Fenwick
2nd Pre-Novice B, Grade 4-8

James Clelland
3rd Pre-Novice B, Grade 4-8

Nicole Breffeilh
3rd Intermediate Novice
3rd Agility, Lease Optional, Large

Sharon Toth
3rd Novice
2nd Junior Show, Grades 10-Up, Experienced

Mollie Booker
2nd Advanced Novice

Kristen Obermeier
3rd Advanced Novice

Emma Boganski
4th Advanced Novice

Kathy Hill
1st Seeing Eye Puppies 4-5 months

Catriona Coffee
4th Seeing Eye Puppies 10-13 months

Rebecca Dry
4th Junior Show Grades 4-6 Inexperienced

Kirsten Clerico
2nd Junior Show, Grades 4-6, Experienced

Gianna DiCorera
4th Junior Show Grades 7-9, Inexperienced

Kara Moditz
HM Junior Show, Grades 7-9, Inexperienced

Amy Miller
4th Junior Show, Grades 7-9, Experienced

Aaron Callahan
HM Junior Show, Grades 7-9, Experienced

Jenna McBride
2nd Junior Show, Grades 10-Up, Inexperienced

Colleen Ridder
1st Junior Show, Grades 10-Up, Experienced
3rd Rally, On-lease, Grades 7-Up

Dan Basile
3rd Junior Show, Grades 10-Up, Experienced

Kristen Maher
4th Agility, Leash Required, Medium

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National Volunteer Week

Accepting the Proclamation for National Volunteer Week is (l. to r.) Master Gardeners: Laura DePrado, Jeannette Kayel, Jody Friedman, Susan Atwater, Katy Shoemaker; 4-H Fair Manager Mike Amorosa; Deputy Director, Robert Zaborowski; 4-H Fair Manager Peter Hirsch; 4-H Fair Manager, Abner Mathews
New Centre Dairy Celebrates 80 Years!

Members gathered around the Somerset County courthouse on Tuesday, June 8 as New Centre Dairy was honored by the county freeholders commemorating their 80th anniversary, making them the oldest 4-H club in Somerset County and the 3rd oldest in the state. The club also received a special state citation presented by Senator, Kip Bateman.

New Centre Dairy was started by a group of youngsters who lived around New Centre Road in Hillsborough. Meetings were rotated at each member’s house and afterwards they would go out to the barns and check on each other’s projects. This type of mentoring continues to this day.

In the late 1970’s, with diminishing farmland, New Center Dairy started the county loan-a-calf program. This program allows youth who do not have the resources to raise a dairy project, the opportunity to have a project through leasing or borrowing. This way members gain firsthand experience in the management and showing of dairy cows through the cooperation of local dairy owners.

Today New Centre Dairy has 18 members and yes, 1 does live on a dairy farm. Many thanks go to Norz-Hill Farm and Derwood Farms. Without their valuable help and support, the program could not exist.

A BIG thank you and congratulation to the Somerset NJTC teens. At NJTC all counties were challenged to plan and implement a community service project. The Somerset teens chose to create a community service project that would be a fund-raiser to help keep the Somerset County 4-H Fair free. To meet this need, they created the Somerset County 4-H Family Fun-a-Thon. They recruited other club members and hosed a fun day of events for children. Over 100 children attended the event and the NJTC teens raised $300 towards the Fair. They are planning to possibly sponsor a golf cart at the Fair.

Thanks go to Lisa Magulak, Katherine Pirro, Carolyn Pirro, Willie Hartmann, Colleen Ridder, Will Philips, Gina Callari, Shanna Clifford, Katie Kouril, Megan Kouril, Matt Thiel, Willie Sommerville, Dan Lang, Amanda Weinstein and Jake Vitaliano. Special thanks to teen leader Christina O’Brien and team leader Shannon Zimmetti.

Thanks to these clubs and members who gave of their time and skills Bryn Keck; Cary Brochinsky (photos) Harry Brochinsky; Brendan Shannon and Matthew Saharko of Rockit DJ; St. Ann’s of Hampton Bag Pipers; Wags ‘n Whiskers: Aislinn Harte, Ashley Ward; 4-H Magicians Guild: Conrad Colón, Ricson Cheng, Betty Sommerville, Glenn Valis, Justin Kavanaugh, Paige Lamberson; 4-H Country Kickers: Courtney Coleman, Emily Raber, Lisa Smith, Summer Smith, Rebecca Korsgaard; Sidewinders: Elizabeth Dietrich, Juliana Pirro, Noah Rothenburger; Wattles ‘n’ Snood: Reid VanDerMeiren, Kathy Magulak, Lisa Magulak; K-9 Seeing Eye Club: Lauren Hartong, Tracy Hartmann, William Hartmann; Mighty Cavits & Rodents: Ally Mahon, Kelly Vaughn, Matt Race; 4-H Somerset Servos: Randy Thiel, Jeff Steele, Jack Steele, Ryan Digricoli, Branchburg Beef & Dairy: Christina O’Brien.
Secret Mystical Magicians
by Glenn Valis

Fair performances have been determined and members are busy preparing for their shows. In between magicians have been helping at various events including Taste of Somerville, the Trainmasters Show, 4-H Family Fun-a-Thon and TOPS Camp.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Matthew Race, Ally Mahon, Katie Kouril

The club welcomed new members. Discussions included the Fair and a club field trip to Turtleback Zoo. Three members gave presentations. Discussions included club t-shirts and various dates before Fair. Health checks are planned for the end of July. Fair conditions were discussed. Members were encouraged to bring frozen water bottles and cage fans. Members raising indoor pets need to start acclimating them to be outside. The club began designing their posters for Fair.

Doggone Crazy
by Robert Williams

Doggone Crazy has been doing many things. Members have started training at Camp Bowwow. The club made treats to sell at the Rutgers’ Campus. They are also making treats to sell at both the Woof and the Wags & Whiskers dog shows. Members have been doing presentations and one member’s presentation will be shown in Texas!

4-H Cattleman’s Club
by Alanna Staffin

The club has been very busy. At the last meeting, a discussion was held about the trip to Brown’s Feed. Members felt they had learned a lot. Brainstorming began on a theme for the 4-H Fair tent. The club held a carwash in June. Funds earned will be used by the club to take a field trip to Great Adventure. There was a Field Day on June 12 where members worked with cattle and on the Fair display. Member projects are doing well and everyone is busy training their animals. Already the club can’t wait until Fair. Members are planning a camping trip in September.

New Centre Dairy
Members kicked-off their celebration of their 80th year by visiting the Somerset County courthouse where they received citations from both county and state government. The club is going to build a igloo and flying cows out of milk jugs and are planning a big time event in their Fair tent to celebrate this milestone.

Chinese Culture Club
by Kevin Hsieh

Chinese Culture Club School ended June 13. Everyone was excited to see the graduates off and is looking forward to the graduation ceremony and the fun day at RVCC. The club wishes everyone a great summer!

4-H Go-Kart Club
by Ryan Zaborowski

This year 9 rookies have joined our club, 7 who will be participating in the Fair. Every year the club is invited to run the Karts in the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in Somerville. As always they are the last to go but the crowd stays to watch the Karts go by and members had a great time. The club also participated and drove their Karts in the Manville Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Other than driving over candy and a few simple breakdowns the parade was great! The crowd loved the Karts and some people were jumping along the sidewalks for them as they drove by.

Sheepfold
by Cathy Christy

The club provided a petting zoo at the Raritan Nursing Home for their celebration in May of Nursing Home Week. Many of the residents enjoyed visiting with the animals.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

IT’S FAIR TIME! It’s time once again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. What a great way to show the fairgoers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year than with a club display in the prep tent. It is also a time for the members and their families to watch over the prep tent, spin cotton candy and talk to the fairgoers about our 4-H program. All Preppers going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 12th, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Information will be distributed containing all the pertinent details. Please be sure to let us know if you will be attending.

Our Preppers are a very important part of 4-H and we are proud of each and every one of them. Although we will miss them, it will be exciting to see our graduates move into a standard 4-H club.

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Family Camp!

Friday June 4th - Sunday June 6th, was the Somerset County 4-H Family Camp weekend and what a weekend it was! Friday was a fun night of meet and greet and ice breakers. Saturday we had a full schedule of fishing, crafts, archery, hiking, a class on bubbles, the amazing race, s’mores, four corners, our annual torch march, ice cream sundaes and closing out the day singing songs around the campfire. Sunday we got in some last minute fishing before departing the camp.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Brochinsky family for taking charge of the food for camp and running a smooth kitchen. Also, many thanks to Dave Van Skiver for leading the hikes, Ellen Parker and Paul Monti for taking charge of the campfire, Rachel Bijaczyk for teaching our bubbles class, Amy Frank for organizing the Amazing Race, Elizabeth Frank for leading songs and torch march, Maggie Navatto for teaching the archery class and everyone else who helped out in the kitchen, dining hall and made sure that camp was in tip top shape upon our departure.

I hope to see you all again next year at the Somerset County 4-H Family Camp.
Yakety-Yak!

**Knowledge Explorers** - In February we finished up our chromatography experiment. We learned that xylem and phloem are tissues that transport water and sugars through plants, similar to the way that nutrients and/or toxic substances are transported and absorbed by our cells. In March, Alex, Ben and Mrs. Herdon presented on airplanes and how aerodynamics affects the flight of planes. We built our own planes and tested their flight. Then, from what we learned, we made adjustments on our planes to improve our flights in direction and distance. March ended with Mrs. Iroudamassany and Tim’s presentation on Volcanoes. By their shapes, the volcanologist can tell how powerful and dangerous a volcano can be when they erupt. We made our own volcanoes and watched them erupt. In April we made colorful slime with Larry and Mrs. Shue. Next, using water tension principles, we conducted experiments to predict what it takes to break water tension. On May 24th Steve Humphrey was our guest presenter. He is an experienced rocket maker and helped club members assemble rockets from kits. Everyone learned about the different parts of the rockets and how they are important in making the rocket fly straight and high. After assembly everyone decorated their rockets. We will launch our rockets in June.

**Crazy Clovers** - We had a crazy fun time this month! It started with a self defense demonstration given to us by the Somerville Karate School on S. Bridge Street. The kids learned some great self defense techniques. Next, we visited the Printmaking Council of NJ in Branchburg. The kids were able to paint with natural materials and stencils to create a mono print. Also, they toured the art gallery to witness firsthand the many facets of “art”. We ended the month with a wonderful visit to the Country Hills Fire House where they climbed on the trucks, tried on the gear, rang the bells and learned about fires and fires and fire safety.

**Prep Chefs** - Some of the Prep Chefs and their families, including Evan, Eliza, and Ashley toured Valley Shepherd Creamery in Long Valley. We learned how cheese is made and got to sample some different varieties. We also saw lots of fluffy little lambs. For our May meeting, Gillian and her mom led the club in making filled dough recipes using a choice of vanilla-sugar, cheese, or beans. We’re looking forward to our pot-luck dinner and pinning ceremony in June.

**Kindergarten Clovers** - In May, the Kindergarten Clovers were visited by Mrs. Posbergh, her daughter Erin and two lambs. We learned how to take care of sheep. We also got to keep some of the wool that was sheared from their mothers. Then we played a fun game of foxes, sheep, and sheep dogs. Next month we will have our pot-luck supper in North Branch Park - Yum!
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**Notes:****
- **July 3**: 4-H TOPS Camp Open to New Members
- **July 4**: Independence Day
- **July 5**: Office Closed
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As we continue our BIG push for BIG money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really BIG way!

The 2010 Rummage Sale is going to be even BIGGER & BETTER than last year! There are two ways that you can be involved:

- **Donate…** De-clutter your home NOW and save your best treasures for the sale!
- **Volunteer…** Be a part of the effort and a part of the fun! Help accept, sort & price donations during the pre-sale days… Work the sales floor during sale days… or… Be an “angel” and help with the clean up on Sunday!

**The BIG 4-H Rummage Sale**

Ted Blum 4-H Center  
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
(908) 526-6644  
Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18, 2010  
9am-3pm  
(½ Price Saturday 1pm-3pm)

- **Donations Accepted:**  
  Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 13-14-15 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

A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2010
Set Up – Sept. 13th–16th
“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale – Thursday, Sept. 16th 6pm-9pm
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 17th & 18th 9am-3pm
½ Price Sale – Saturday, Sept. 18th 1pm-3pm
Clean Up – Sept. 19th

To volunteer… contact Rachel Bijaczyk at bijaczyk@co.somerset.nj.us
Please provide her with the precise dates/times you are able to help out. Thank you!

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
Publicity -- Pre-sae -- distribute flyers, hang posters
Food Concession -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- sell food
Bake Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- donate or sell baked goods. Management team needed.
Set Up – Monday through Wednesday -- accept/sort/price donations -- 9am-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Set Up – Thursday -- finish sorting/pricing donations -- 9am-5pm (2-hr shifts)
Pre-sale for Donors and Volunteers -- Thursday 6pm-9pm -- cashiers, sales floor help -- 5pm-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Public Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- cashiers, sales floor help, parking attendants -- 8am-4pm (2-hr shifts)
Clean -- Sunday 1pm-job completed -- final cleanup & packing up of items to send to the VNA

DONATIONS NEEDED:
Paper and plastic grocery bags
Baked goods
Sale Items Accepted:
Gently used clothing
Bedding, Linens, Fabric
Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs
Antiques, Collectibles, New Gift Items
Housewares
Toys
Jewelry
Infant goods
Furniture that is easily moved

Items NOT Accepted for Sale:
Car tires or rims
Baby furniture and car seats not up to safety code
Encyclopedias, magazines
Upholstered furniture, mattresses, built-in furniture
Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent
B/W computer monitors, computer monitors smaller than 14”, dot matrix printers, large and heavy copiers
Air conditioners; air purifiers/vaporizers; humidifiers
Larger, older models & built-in microwave ovens
Framed pictures with broken glass, unframed mirrors or loose glass
Halogen lamps without safety guards
Large appliances
Sinks, toilets, toilet seats, tubs
Storm doors, screen doors, windows, & window screens
Venetian blinds or shades; drapes/curtains with foam rubber, fiberglass, or rubber backs
Wall-to-wall carpeting, rugs without binding
Hazardous waste, flammable items

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE FUN!
Donate Your Items and/or Volunteer Your Time
THANK YOU!
Both sides of this form must be completed by all youth participating in overnight activities, field trips, events requiring group transportation, and any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program where it is deemed necessary by the adults (paid 4-H staff and/or registered 4-H volunteer leaders) responsible for the youth participants. The form should be submitted prior to the event and kept by the chaperone for at least 90 days after the event. The form has five parts: (1) information about the participant and activity, (2) parental permission and liability release, (3) medical emergency authorization and health information, and (4) behavior agreement and (5) media policy. Be sure to complete all five parts and sign where requested!

**Information about the Youth Participant and Activity**

Name of youth participant: ___________________________  Birthdate: ___________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Telephone number: ___________________________  4-H county: ___________________________  Grade: ___________________________

Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________

Name of activity/event:  **Somerset County 4-H Fair**

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event:  **Somerset County 4-H**

Location of event:  **North Branch Park**

Date and time of participation of individual named above:  **August 11-12-13, 2010  10:00 am - 10:00 pm**

**Parent Permission and Release of Liability**

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its chaperones will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

**Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to dispense the prescription drugs and/or over the counter medications listed below in accordance with the instructions provided on the label (prescription drugs) or below (over-the-counter medications). In case of sudden illness or an accident to the above named participant requiring immediate treatment or surgery while he/she is a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H chaperone(s) to take such action as seems appropriate to protect the health and physical well-being of the above participant. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected by the chaperone(s) to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve the health and physical well-being of the above named participant. All efforts will be made to contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) in case of emergency.

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The following information is provided as an aid to the chaperone(s) in dealing with the well-being of the participant. The participant has the following health conditions: (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.).

Health conditions: ___________________________________________

Medications/Instructions: ___________________________________________

Health Insurance: Company ___________________________________________

Group# ___________________________________________

ID# ___________________________________________

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

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Behavior Agreement

The 4-H Code of Conduct outlined below is in effect for all youth activities involving Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development. It applies to all participants in 4-H activities, with participants defined as 4-H members of any age or grade, all other registered youth and adults, and all other individuals who take part and/or attend 4-H events.

Participants who fail to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct may be subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Immediate corrective action will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants at the event. Additional disciplinary action may be taken upon further investigation of the infraction or incident. Participants in county events shall be subject to policies developed at the county level. Participants in state and national events shall be subject to the policy and process outlined in the “4-H Event and Activities Disciplinary Policy,” which can be found at www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/policies.

If an individual continually disrupts the group or engages in illegal behavior, he or she will be given an opportunity to discuss the problem with the chaperones before more drastic action is taken. If, after discussion, the behavior continues, or in the opinion of the chaperones it would be detrimental for the individual to continue with the group, he or she will be sent home at the participant’s expense.

4-H Code of Conduct

1. The health, safety, and welfare of others must be respected at all times.
2. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Profanity, foul or abusive language, inflammatory statements, derogatory comments, or physical alterations toward any group or individual are not permitted.
3. Participants are expected to be present and participate at all scheduled program activities. Participants are required to wear nametags when dispensed.
4. All participants are expected to be on the site of the event at all times. Unauthorized use of vehicles during an event is prohibited.
5. Participants are responsible for following the instructions of all 4-H staff and event chaperones.
6. All behavior or language of a sexual nature at 4-H events is inappropriate and unacceptable. Dignified and respectable behavior is expected at all times.
7. Curfew hours must be strictly followed.
8. Behavior during unscheduled free time is subject to the supervision of 4-H staff and chaperones.
9. Dress code standards previously set for the event must be met by all participants (i.e., no sexually suggestive, culturally insensitive, tobacco or alcohol industry sponsored shirts, inappropriately cut shirts, shorts, pants or skirts, etc.).
10. Possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications may be dispensed by adult chaperones only with written authorization provided by the parent/guardian on the 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth filed for the event.
11. With the concern for the well-being of self and others, smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited.
12. Care and respect for property, personal and institutional, is expected at all times. Theft, possession of missing property or damage to property is prohibited.
13. Unauthorized possession, distribution or use of weapons, ammunition or fireworks is prohibited.
14. Honesty is expected at all times from 4-H members. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism and forgery are inappropriate actions.

I HAVE READ the Behavior Agreement and 4-H Code of Conduct above and discussed it with my son/daughter. I understand and agree to the conditions set forth. I accept the cost and responsibility of having my son/daughter returned in the event it is necessary.

| Signature of participant in event | Date | Signature of parent or guardian | Date |

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

- No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose. I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.
- No, do not use my name for any purpose.


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