Wonderful Wednesdays!
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.

The Leader's Prayer

Let me…

Love them with all my heart,

Guide them with all my strength, and

Help them with all my hands,

to foster the growth of each individual,

and our success as one.

J. Fisher

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol Ward
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

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**Leaders May Nominate Outstanding 4-H’ers - Applications Due June 1**

Members in 11th or 12th grade should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at [http://www.4HisTOPS.org](http://www.4HisTOPS.org), in Maryann’s Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 15 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

**Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 4**

Each year at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, individuals, groups, and businesses are recognized for their support of 4-H. This award is for the support of the 4-H program year-round. If you have suggestions, please contact the 4-H office to submit a nomination. Give us the name and short justification of why this individual, family, business, or group deserves this award. Due by June 4. Send your nomination to any 4-H staff person.

**Save the Date!**

There will be a Science, Engineering & Technology youth-adult partnership training forum, July 14 - 17 at Jackson Mills 4-H Camp in West Virginia. Teams of youth and adults are invited to attend.

Information and registration forms will be available on the website or at the 4-H Office. Leaders will be notified through our 4-H Weekly Email.

**Important Dates**

- Outstanding 4-H’er Form: June 1
- Outstanding Service to 4-H: June 4
- State Presentations: June 12
- Herdsman’s Applications: July 9

**Fair Exhibitor Guide Update**

The 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide will be available on the website after May 1. There will be only a limited number of hard copies available for those who request them.

The guide will be divided into sections and divisions. To reference the Guide you will go to [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) and click the link for the Somerset County Fair. On the right side of the Fair page will be links and the Exhibitor Guide will be listed in the links. The link will navigate to a page with the Guide listed in sections.

**Hold the Date!**

After 25 years, Lucille Razzano, Somerset County 4-H Program Coordinator, will retire July 1. There will be a dinner in her honor on Friday, June 18th at 6:30 at Madeline’s in Bound Brook. If you would like an invitation or would like to participate in any way, please call the 4-H Office. The more the merrier! We want to be sure she knows how much we appreciate her service to the 4-H program.
BIG Basket Bonanza a Brilliant Benefit

The 4-H Association is happy to report that once again the BIG Basket Bonanza was a huge success and the proceeds were more than last year! Sincere thanks to all the 4-H volunteers and members that worked the event and/or donated money or materials to make it happen:


Thanks to the 4-H Clubs that were here that day and worked very hard:

The 4-H Udder Club, Somerset County 4-H Senior Council, The 4-H Country Kickers: Zena Aldabagh, Elizabeth Dietrich, Sandy Forktus, Pamela Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, Sammi Hall, Ashley Huntley, Kristen Johnson, Rebecca Korsgaard, Lauren Le, Dan Memoli, Sara Memoli, Pallavi Mynampati, Hoai-An Nguyen, Sydney O’Shaughnessy, Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Abby Pollard, Becky Pollard, Emily Raber, Sam Ross, Christina Ryan, Darcy Schulz, Samantha Schurick, Summer Smith, Mellissa Smutko, Pratyusha Srikakulam, Andrew Vadimski, Amanda Weinstein, Debra Winters, Jay Winters, Jennifer Williams, Rebecca Williams, Emmaline Yang

Thanks to all the 4-H Clubs that donated money or baskets:


Thanks to these organizations for supporting the 4-H Program:

Middle Earth Station House Adjustment Program, Midland School Students, RCE Family & Community Health Sciences, RCE of Somerset County, Master Gardeners of Somerset & Hunterdon Counties, Friends of the Somerville Library.

And a special thank you to over 100 other individuals, businesses and organizations that donated to this event.
### Alumni Newsletter for Fair

Holly Dunbar, 4-H horse club alumna and 4-H Association member, is looking for news of 4-H alumni for this year’s edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Many Somerset County 4-H parents, leaders and other volunteers are alumni, and we are asking them to take a minute to send an update on what they are doing now, how they are supporting 4-H today, or to share a favorite memory of their days in 4-H.

- Did you attend 4-H camp? If so, can you briefly describe a favorite memory from your days at camp?
- What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
- What was the most important lesson that you learned from your 4-H experience?
- Do you encourage your children or other young people to participate in 4-H? Why?
- Did 4-H provide a start to your current career?
- How do you support 4-H now and why?

This is your chance to reconnect with old friends and help us tell the story of how our involvement in 4-H has impacted our lives. Please send your response to one of the questions above, or any information that you would like to share with alumni, to Holly at hdunbar@ddcf.org. Be sure to include your name and the name and project area of your club, along with the name of the county where you were a member. Thank you!

### Mark These State 4-H Show Dates...

#### Dairy:
- August 17: State Dairy Show in Salem County

#### Goat:
- August 26: State Goat Show in Hunterdon County

#### Equine:
- June 27: Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
- July 11: Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
- August 21: Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth Co.
- August 27-29: State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

#### Small Animals:
- September 11: State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show in Salem County

### Freedom Fest Fair

#### July 6 - 11, 2010

**Featuring…**

**The Stars and Stripes Livestock Show**

**July 10, 2010**

At the Horse Park of New Jersey in Cream Ridge, N.J.

**Open Show for All (not just 4-H members)**

Youth Shows: Beef and Dairy Cattle, Dairy, Fiber and Meat Goat, Poultry, Small Animal & Sheep Shows

Open Sheep and Fleece Shows and American Dairy Goat Association Shows

Cash Awards  ♦  Educational Exhibits

If a club would like to do an activity such as grooming or handling, there is a monetary offer for the activity.

*For more Information please contact:*

Kevin and Reni Melvin
609-947-3719
stonemanorfarm@gmail.com

### Mark your calendar and plan to attend…

#### Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum

**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.

In March 2010, Chris Posbergh and I attended the National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, Maryland. We applied to the state 4-H office and after being interviewed, we were chosen along with four other delegates to represent NJ 4-H on a national level. The trip was one of the best experiences I have ever had and I would go again in a heartbeat. In fact, in a couple of years I hope to attend another National 4-H Conference as a College Facilitator. We met people from all over the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, and made great new friends. The conference was held while Congress was voting over the new Healthcare changes, so we were there to discuss it and see the process firsthand. The conference consisted of many small group meetings; how to improve 4-H, learning about 4-H across the country, and to create ideas as to how 4-H can help to achieve the USDA and NIFA goals for 2010. There was a whole day spent touring Washington, DC and despite the rain, we enjoyed seeing all the famous monuments. The final day was spent on Capitol Hill. We met with NJ congressmen and their top aides from both the House of Representatives and the Senate in order to remind them of the importance of 4-H. We even got a chance to sit in the House Gallery and overlook the Representatives that were presenting. The Conference ended with a closing banquet at the Smithsonian’s Museum of American History and a speech from the Under-Secretary of Agriculture.

I would recommend this trip to any 4-H member. The experience will only come around once in a lifetime and it opens doors for you that you never knew were there. The National Conference features some of the top 4-H’ers from across the country and, in my opinion, it showcases what 4-H is truly all about: diversity, knowledge, learning, open-mindedness, new experiences and memories that will last you for a lifetime!
North Jersey Teen Conference

By: Willie Sommerville

On March 5, 88 teens from 9 different counties came together at the Fairfield Executive Inn/Best Western, for the 3rd annual North Jersey Teen Conference. Its theme, “The Game of Life: 4-H Edition” had a goal of teaching 4-H teens about issues big and small when they graduate from high school. Planned by 4-H adults and teens, the planning team from our county included: Dan Lang, Katherine Pirro, Amanda Weinstein, Shannon Zimmitti and me. This year, our county had the largest number attending with 19. They were myself, Megan Kouril, Katie Kouril, William Hartman Jr., Jake Vitaliano, Matthew Thiel, Andrew Hunter, Lisa Magulak, Christina O’Brien, Amanda Weinstein, William Gilligan, Gina Callari, Shanna Clifford, Maryann Bowen, Dan Lang, Will Philips, Carolyn Pirro, Katherine Pirro, and Colleen Riedder. Our chaperones were Lisa Rothenburger and Shannon Zimmitti.

The weekend started off with the parade of counties then several ice breaker games, like speed meeting and raccoon circles. The project for Friday was for each county to brainstorm a new community service project. The project that was deemed the most original would get money to get their project up and running.

On Saturday all the teens enjoyed a healthy breakfast before going to their 3 chosen workshops which were taught by either teens or adults. Georgeanne Valis, Katherine Pirro and Amanda Weinstein once again taught line dancing resulting in a performance on Sunday morning. Dan Lang and Shannon Zimmitti conducted an Interviewing workshop as well as a De-Stress Technique workshop. Other workshops offered included exploring different cultures and preparing for college. After one last workshop, teens participated in the Real World 4-H Challenge. We were broken up into groups and sent off to various rooms to complete challenges that mimicked real life that a person might deal with after graduation.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dinner-dance. After the buffet dinner, each county was invited to come up to the podium and speak about their county and their involvement with teens. Then everyone had an amazing time dancing with a great DJ, which included musical chairs, the limbo, and a conga line!

On Sunday morning Dan Lang and myself emceed the closing program. Bobby Kolesar of Middlesex County, presented a wonderful slideshow of the conference. Alayne Torretta, the Warren County 4-H Agent lead the closing activity of raccoon circles. At the end, the NJTC Planning Committee was recognized for their outstanding work to create this year’s conference. Everyone had a great time meeting new people and learning more about important issues in the outside world. As everyone gathered to say their goodbyes in the lobby, the teens were looking forward to seeing everyone again next year at the 4th annual NJTC.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Anyone sixteen or older may volunteer to be a counselor for one or more weeks this summer. Mandatory counselor training is available. Visit the Camp Website for more information: http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/

Intern Opportunities Available

Unpaid Summer Internship positions will be available at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office this year, for high school and college students. Please contact Carol Ward at the 4-H Office. 908-526-6644.

Aspiring Leaders Summit

Forty students will have the opportunity to explore their roles as leaders on local, state, national and global views; interact with a diverse group of peers from all over NJ and discuss college admission with Rutgers University Representatives. For more information: http://www.youthengagementproject.org/uploads/Aspiring_Leaders_Information_and_Application_Package.pdf
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit Now

Now is the time to start planning your club’s exhibit. What would be fun for a visitor to do at your exhibit in your 4-H tent? Pick a committee to dream up an exciting display to attract visitors and to show others what you have learned!

Remember the 2010 4-H Fair theme…
4-H: Green & Growing

Does My 4-H Story Really “Tell My Story”?  

Does your 4-H story really capture what you have learned and done in 4-H? Or does it just give bare facts that don’t truly represent the experience you are writing about? No doubt, you have developed important life skills, like teamwork and concern for others. So let your story tell that! Before you sign off on your 4-H story, ask yourself some questions: Does my story just include the basic details (who, what, where, when, why)? Or have I included the life skills I learned through the experience? Refer to your Targeting Life Skills wheel to identify the life skills you have learned (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/lifeskills/previewwheel.html). Through 4-H you “Make The Best Better”. Let your story celebrate the best in you! For an example visit our website at www.4HisTops.org.

From an article by Ellen Williams, Expressive Arts 4-H Agent

Spring Club Camp Musings
By Betty Sommerville

A bit chilly and a tad rainy, but it was still a delightful getaway to our L.G. Cook Camp up north where it always feels familiar in spite of any “changes.” On Friday night, we ate lots and played in and about the newly done “Game Room,” then slept a few hours to wake up with the birds to a full day of activities on Saturday. Pancakes and bacon, followed by grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, and later on a full ham dinner with sundaes. Earlier that day, Dave Van Skiver led most of us on an “all downhill” 3 ½ hour hike to Hidden & Buttermilk Falls, so food and sleep both worked their charms on us that night. On Sunday, we all tramped through the woods to dedicate the newly-named “Heart Clover Labyrinth” with a wooden plaque by Nicole Penney. Lots of photos were taken of our gang: Pamela, Sally & William Gilligan, Laura Graham, Alex Hunt, MJ Capps, Rose Oldenburg, Rebecca, Angela & Andy Korsgaard, Teddy & Nicole Penney, Cullen, Gavin & Dave Van Skiver, and Willie & Betty Sommerville. The clubs represented were 4-H Country Kickers, Four Leaf Clovers, Helping Hands, Knowledge Explorers, Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry, Senior Council, and Trainmasters. Best news yet, new recruits to camp included two kids and two adults who already want to come back with us again in the Fall. We all love our 4-H camp!

Fundraising Activities

If your club is going to be participating in fundraisers beyond the 4-H Wreath Sales and Yearbook Ad Sales, please let the 4-H office know. Thank you!!

Please check our website for our Fundraising proposal and worksheet.

Foods Judging – July 31

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 9:00 and 11:00 am on July 31. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2010 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members may also have their food and nutrition units judged at this time. Pre-register with the 4-H Office by July 16.
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations! They are:

**Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock**
- Ryan Digricoli
- Luke Johnson
- Dan Lang
- Kara Moditz
- Hailey Kirsch
- Christina Muniz
- Robert Williams

**Cattleman's Club**
- Caleb Bruss
- Joshua Bruss
- Levi Bruss
- Rachel Staffin
- AJ Stahoski*
- Jennifer Versfelt

**Chaps & Spurs**
- Kristin Johnson*
- Sharon Toth*
- Caleb Bruss
- Joshua Bruss
- Levi Bruss
- Rachel Staffin

**4-H Country Kickers**
- Samantha Fisch
- Michael Duan

**Chinese Culture Club**
- Michael Duan
- Elena Gao

**Crazy Frog Hoppers**
- Juliana Pirro
- Mellissa Smutko*

**Creations**
- George Bright
- Hillary Cadra*
- Taylor Ciattarelli
- Anya Cyr-Ohngemach*
- Deanna Farber*
- Ashley Gallagher*
- Brook Gallagher*
- Ben Lewis
- Scott Weiss

**Doggone Crazy**
- Shannon Bain
- Tanasia Barbagello*
- Stephanie Duffy
- Emma Hands
- Mollie Booker*
- Elizabeth Frank*

**Gingersnaps**
- Jennifer Versfelt

**4-H Go-Kart Club**
- Daniel Patterson*

**Hippity Hoppity Happy Handlers**
- Elizabeth Dry
- Rita Sasse

**Hoof Beats**
- Destini Benson
- Elizabeth Bergen
- Michele Bergen
- Anna Brown
- Taylor Cox*
- Alexis Davide
- Neha Deshpande
- Leigha Girdana
- Amber LiBrizzi
- Brianna LiBrizzi
- Sarah Lerch*
- Shauna Morrissey*
- Jessica Nunn
- Jade Palmieri*
- Olivia Rowland
- Allison Semanchik
- Sarah Rusk*
- Alyssa Valvano
- Madison Whitney
- Claire Wickman

**Just Kidding**
- Alex Barree
- Laura Davidson*
- Taylor Johnson
- Justin Kavanaugh
- Destiny Pappas
- Jason Steinberg
- Christina O'Brien*
- Angie Philipheck*
- Kristi Philipheck
- Daniel Philipheck*
- Mary Ellen Sousa
- Alanna Staffin
- Ariel Staffin

**K-9 Leaders**
- William Hartmann
- Stephen Hill

**Kindergarten Clovers**
- Dale Brochinsky

**Little Woofers**
- Rachel Blumberg

**M.A.S.H. Rifle Club**
- Michael Milz

**Mad Scientists**
- Sunny Cheng
- Francesco Fazio
- Rahul Ramathan

**4-H Magicians Guild**
- Ricson Cheng
- Shawn Kavanaugh

**Mighty Cavts & Rodents**
- Todd Gallagher
- Megan Kouril
- Ashley Miller
- Melanie Quick
- Mathew Race
- Austin Raymond
- Kelly Vaughn

**New Centre Dairy**
- Melanie Boyea
- Jessi Brygier*
- Emily Hill
- Kathy Hill*
- Alex Norz

**PAWSabilities**
- Samantha Pellicone

**Plastic Modelers Club**
- Mekaela Given
- Colin Reese
- Madeline Reese*

**Pocket Pet Rescue**
- Melissa Baldi
- Sarah Bijaczyk
- Alyssa Franchino
- Erica Franchino
- Chelsea Obermeier

**Prep Chefs**
- Evan Brochinsky
- Eliza Rothenburger

**Radical Rodents**
- Aurora Baker
- Brianna Clowinski
- Eric Kinney*
- Michael Kinney
- Lars Rasmussen*
- Jonathan Schramm*

**Radio Control Cars**
- Owen Booker
- Brian Kober

**Senior Council**
- Anand Arikareyula
- Daniel Carballeria
- Gregory Dahl
- Alex Franchuk
- Pam Gilligan
- Sally Gilligan
- Megan Kerper*
- Ryan Le*
Public Presentations on March 19-23-24-25 (continued)

Sara Memoli*  Joni Ning  Alyssa Paterson*  Samantha Roos*  Christina Ryan  Willie Sommerville

Sidewinders
Katherine Pirro*  Noah Rothenburger

Somerset Sentinals
Andrew Evans  Matt Thiel*

Somerset Trainmasters

Shannon Schultz  Anthony Siniscalco

Stablemates
Stephanie Christian*  Ashley Thompson*

Sugar ’n Spice
Melissa Ribando*  Jadelyn Truong

Twirling Clovers
Becca Francis

Udder Club
Emily Milz*  Debra Winters

Wags & Whiskers
Daniel Basile*  Dominic Basile  McKenna Brennan  Alessandra DelPrincipe*  Emma Gara  Shanna Gryder  Aislinn Harte  Erin Kopecky  KerryAnn McKenna*  Amy Miller*

Jill Newbold  Isha Pandy*  Carolyn Pirro  Colleen Ridder*  Hailey Waldron  Ashley Ward*  Emily Ward  Laura Williams

Wattles & Snood
Kim Duffy  Reed VanDerMeiren

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Margaret Cyr*  Hannah Davelman*  Kietra Wiggins

Woof
Kristen Andreychak  Gabe Bateman  Kylie Berko*  Lexi Berko*  Alyssa Blumberg  Emma Boganski*  Nicole Breffielh  Jessica Casterline  James Clelland

Kristen Clerico  Gianna Dicorcia  Rebecca Dry  Jordan Drugenio  Sarah Fenwick*  Barbara Follett  Christopher Furmato*  Kelsey Graham*  Emily Helm  Shannon Kile  Jackie LaCarrie*  Noah Lerch*  Kristen Maher  Victoria Marconi  Jenna McBride*  Veronica Moditz*  Kristen Obermeier*  Stephanie Patullo  Amanda Weinstein*

*These 4-H’ers have received an invitation to State Presentations on June 12

Thank You to All the Presentation Judges!

4-H Science-sational Day

This year Science-sational Day was truly Sen-sational! There were 13 workshops covering a broad range of science subjects which included our always popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Try It-Fly It and Alka Seltzer Rockets. New this year were workshops on kitchen “magic”, sheep, karate and robots. Other workshops featured force and pressure, the art of chromatography, experiments with color, writing secret messages and a return of Star Labs.


Special thanks to all the members of the Sidewinders Club who came with their pets.

Thanks to these assistants who helped the day run smoothly: Rachel Bijaczyk, Georgeanne Valis, Beth Kavanaugh, Gladys Rio, Tracey Hartmann, Ruth McKean, Thomas Duh, Dhilati Oza, Christy Duprey, Elise McKean, Willie Hartmann, Patty Chan, Clarissa Chu, Paige Lamberson, Sarah Bijaczyk, Stephanie Ho, Phillip Shwae, Melissa Smutko, Pamela Gilligan, Dan Peterson, Megan Kerper, Pallavi Mynampati, Samaiya Brookins, Asiya Fricke, Ian Rios, Will Philips.

Many thanks also to Debbie Norz and the Exchange Club for providing lunches and Janet Chu and the Chinese Culture Club for assisting with clean up after the event.

Woofminster Dog Show Results

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## State 4-H Equine Art Show

Congratulations to our winners:

**Marissa Scalzo**  
5th place, Senior Dimensional

**Kayla McNulty**  
4th place Junior Flat Paintings

**Kayla McNulty**  
2nd place Junior Dimensional

**Angela Howard**  
5th place Junior Color Flat

**Marissa Scalzo**  
6th place Junior Color Flat

**Ashley Thompson**  
3rd, 5th, 6th place  
Junior Photography - 8th grade

## NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl, held in Burlington County.

**Seniors**
- Christina O’Brien tied for 3rd place
- Gina Callari tied for 4th place
- Joe Martinelli 5th place

**Junior Teams**
- Danny Philipsheck, Mary Ellen DeSousa, Alanna Staffin, Ariel Staffin - 3rd place

*Many thanks to Nancy Kirby for coaching the team.*

## State 4-H Horse Bowl Results

Congratulations to our winners:

**Senior Division**

**High Individuals Overall**
- Kristin Johnson 8th place
- Neha Sika 9th place

**Junior Division**

**High Individuals Overall**
- Ashley Thompson 3rd place

**High Team Overall**
- Somerset/Warren - Ashley Thompson, Samantha Eristavi, Kristi Murguly, Brittany Smith

*Special thanks to Judy Hennessy for coaching the teams.*

## Results of Dairy Clip Off

**Congratulations!**

**Senior Teams**
- 1st Place - Joe Martinelli & Emily Sigle
- 2nd Place - Jessi Brygier & Christina O’Brien

**Junior Teams**
- 1st Place - Mary Ellen Sousa & Devon Suiter
- 2nd Place - Elizabeth Frank & Lizzy McGrath

**Beginner Teams**
- 1st Place - Alex Norz & Cary Brochinsky

## State Dog Bowl

**Seniors**

**Team Placements**
- Somerset County 1st place  
  Ashley Ward; William Hartman

**Individual Placements**
- Ashley Ward 2nd place  
  William Hartmann 3rd place

**Juniors**

**Team Placements**
- Somerset/Burlington 3rd place  
  Christie Duprey; Shanna Gryder

**Individual Placements**
- Christie Duprey 1st place

## Small Animal Show - Herpetology

**Best in Show**
- Josh Miller - Blue Tongue Skink

**Best Amphibian**
- David Furmato - White Tree Frog

**Native Snakes**
- 2nd Place - Katherine Pirro - Mexican Black King

**Native & Non-Native Turtles & Tortoises**
- 3rd Place - Jillian Fisch - Eastern Hermann’s Tortoise

**Native & Non-Native Lizards**
- 3rd place - Juliana Pirro - Leopard Gecko
- 4th place - Matthew Fisch - Leopard Gecko
## Broken Props - Indoor Glider Night

Congratulations to our winners:

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## State 4-H Equine Presentations

Congratulations to:

**Marissa Scalzo**, who placed 3rd in Senior Individual Presentation for her presentation on Horse Photography.

## State Horse Judging and Hippology

### Senior Horse Judging

- **Kristin Johnson**: 9th place Halter Individual
- **Isha Pandya**: 10th place Performance Individual
- **Isha Pandya**: 10th place High Ind. Oral Reasons

### Senior Hippology

- **Kristen Johnson**: 7th place Exam Phase
- **Kristen Johnson**: 8th place Station Phase
- **Kristen Johnson**: 9th place Overall Individual

### Junior Horse Judging

- **Ashley Thompson**: 9th place Performance Division

### Junior Hippology

- **Ashley Thompson**: 1st place Exam Phase
- **Ashley Thompson**: 1st place Station Phase
- **Kristi Murguly**: 3rd place Judging Phase
- **Kristi Murguly**: 1st place High Individual Overall
- **Kristi Murguly**: 7th place Judging Phase

### Junior Team

- **Somerset Team of Ashley Thompson, Samantha Eristavi, Kristi Murguly and Cara Scalzo** places 2nd in Team Problems Phase and was the High Team Overall.

## Food ‘n Fun Luncheon

The gym was hopping with fun-filled parties on February 20 for the annual Food ‘n Fun Luncheon.

Diverse themes included Hook ‘em & Cook ‘em’s All American 4th of July Picnic; K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club’s Olympics; Sugar ‘n Spice’s Game Night; Gingersnaps’ Mad Hatter’s Tea Party; and Senior Council’s Bed & Breakfast.

Every member scored big with a blue ribbon! For all the clubs that did not attend…YOU DON’T KNOW THE FUN YOU ARE MISSING!

## State Dairy Judging

These Somerset members participated in the State Dairy Judging Contest.

### Juniors:
- Mary Ellen Sousa
- Alanna Staffins

**Alanna placed third in “Reasons”**.

### Seniors:
- Elizabeth Frank
- Christina O’Brien

**Christina placed fourth in “Reasons”**.

Thanks to Nancy Kirby for coaching these members.

## S4HL Revisited

The 4-H Center was rocking on April 25 as 16 acts came together to reprise their 2009 Fair performances. Both morale and funds were raised by this first time event! Over 30 families attended to watch these talented 4-H’ers without having to get mud on their shoes! And the many choices of baked goods donated were awesome! The 4-H Entertainment committee would like to thank all those that helped so generously with donations, time and talent to make this event so successful. Look for these performers as well as several new 4-H acts when Fair comes around again!
Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Somerset County 4-H Family camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

June 4, 5, 6, 2010
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Cost is $60 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Scholarships available. You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. But by all means...plan on coming. Call or stop in at the 4-H Office for a registration packet They are also available in the 4-H Center lobby or on the website. Your packet will be in the mail to you as soon as we get the request. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

4-H TOPS Camp

June 28 - July 2, 2010 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Totally Outrageous Program for Summer

Totally Outrageous Programs - Totally Outrageous Games
Totally Outrageous Snacks - Totally Outrageous Crafts
Totally Outrageous Fun!

Explore the world of science, arts and nature with a different theme every day. Make your own snacks, let your imaginations soar and your creative juices flow with different activities. Themes this year include dinosaurs, gems, wind power, bees, Get Moving-Get Healthy, carnival, field day and 4-H day.

Any boy or girl completing grades 1 - 6 may enroll even if he or she is not in 4-H. The cost is $200 and includes programs, snacks, games, fun and more. Scholarships are available. Space is limited. For more information or to receive our brochure/registration packet, call 908-526-6644 or email: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us Forms also are available on line at: http://www.4HisTops.org.
4-H Summer Camp 2010
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest

Located 1½ hours from the Somerville Circle, 4-H Camp is one of the most beautiful places in NJ. Nestled on 108 acres of state forest there is an 8 acre lake with swimming and boating, a large dining hall with terrific food, 11 cabins that can house up to 16 campers each, a craft hall with many activities and, most important, a caring, well trained and experienced counselor staff. 4-H Camp has everything boys and girls in grades 3-10 could want to do for a week, including crafts, dances, camp fires, fishing, swimming, hikes, shooting sports, and lots of other kids for company.

Register now! Summer camp will run for six one-week sessions, Sunday -Saturday, from July 4-August 14. The camp schedule is packed with fun & exciting activities from dawn to dusk. Campers wake each day at 7:00 am and are busy until “Lights Out” at about 10:00 pm. On the website there is a sample Daily Schedule, a week in Review, as well as Activity (Class) Descriptions to give you an idea of some of the activities available. You will also be able to view photos of the buildings and activities and download a detailed packing list.

Programs and Activities Offered: Swimming, canoeing and kayaking, riflery, archery, rope courses, team building, volleyball, ping pong, leadership, counselor-in-training, drama, camp newspaper, arts & crafts, batik/tie-dye, ceramics/pottery, drawing/painting, woodworking, backpacking, nature/environment/water study, camping/camp fires, fishing, hiking, survival skills, and many more!

To register for camp you may download and fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form on the website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the 4-H Office and we will print one for you. The basic registration fee is $450, however there are many discounts offered including special discounts for registered 4-H members, multiple family member discount and a discount if you bring a friend. More information can be found on the camp website: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

Camp has a special home...on the web that is. Besides all the great information located on the website, camp has an additional online home, one that provides the most up to date information on programming and other happenings at camp. That new home is the official blog for camp and it can be found at http://nj4hcamp.blogspot.com

The camp blog will enable camp to provide frequent updates as well as weekly recaps of the summer program (and you can even "subscribe" and be notified when new blogs have been posted). The new blog will also give a spot to talk about upcoming events and so much more. So don't delay, check it out now! ...and tell a couple of friends about it.

Camp Open House
Trying to decide if you want to go to camp? Come and meet the Summer Camp Staff, take a tour and participate in a variety of activities. Free, rain or shine. Open to the whole family!! Please call to schedule a tour: 973-948-3550.
Green & Growing Talent

We're on the look out to load the S4HL noon hours with 4-H performances! The 2010 Fair Entertainment committee is in search of talented 4-H’ers (in prep or standard clubs) who would like to perform on the Clover Theater Stage.

It’s easy to be eligible! If you didn’t already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2010 Exhibitors’ Guide.

All interested 4-H’ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 15. Let’s celebrate our super Fair with talent!

4-H Fair Herdsmen

Application Due July 9

All project areas are encouraged to send teens to sleep overnight on the fairgrounds. Their job is to make sure everything; animals, exhibits, and equipment, is safe and secure for the night and that the grounds are clean. Rich and Debbie Norz are the Herdsmen Supervisors and Pauline Kodak makes a great breakfast each day (food suggestions welcomed). A Bridgewater police officer is also present all night.

4-H members, who have completed 8th grade and older may apply. Applications are available at the 4-H Office/4-H Center and on the website and are due back by Friday, July 9. Members need permission and approval signatures from parents, a 4-H Leader, a 4-H Agent, and approval from a Herdsmen Supervisor. Late applications will not be accepted. Everyone selected to be a herdsman must attend one of two Herdsmen Orientation Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on either Monday, July 26 or Tuesday, August 3.

Registered volunteers may also serve as herdsmen. They must complete the Adult Herdsman application. All forms are available on our website: www.4HisTops.org.

Limited Fair Grants Available

The 4-H Association is happy to consider funding requests from clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds necessary to display your project or maintain safety at the Fair. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2010.

Clubs requesting grants must have sold ads and/or wreaths.
Fair Planning Meeting
May 26, 2010, 7:30 pm 4-H Center

Get the whole scoop and have your suggestions heard. Fair Managers will discuss the following topics:

- Funding & Budget
- Traffic & Parking
- Security & Safety
- Club Responsibilities & Yellow Pages
- Supplies/ribbons available at the 4-H Center
- Planning & prep prior to Fair
- Activities & Opportunities during the Fair

- Packing Up, Friday
- 2nd Shift Clean-Up, Saturday morning
- Food, Commercial & Entertainment Committees
- Publicity & Sponsorships
- Maps & Schedules
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

Member in Good Standing Requirements

All 4-H members are expected to meet the following standards each year to be eligible to compete at the Somerset County 4-H Fair and any state 4-H event. In addition, you must meet these requirements to be eligible for county pins. These are the minimum requirements. Your club or division may have additional requirements (check Fair Exhibitor Guide).

- Must have been a registered 4-H project member by January 1.
- Attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings.
- Complete a 4-H project, doing one’s own work with minimal assistance from parents or others.
- Give a community, club or county 4-H public presentation.
- Complete a project record book.

Space for Commercial Vendors

Parents, friends or ad customers may be interested in having a commercial booth at the fair. Space is limited, but the rental prices are good and the exposure is terrific. Contact Dawn Hribik, 908-725-6292, and reserve your space now or visit our website for more information.

Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

Several years ago, the 4-H Association established a Volunteer Oasis Committee. This committee provides meals and water for the Fair Managers, electricians and other volunteers that are on the fairgrounds the entire week before the Fair, wiring tents, etc. This eliminates having to take time out to go home or pick up food. This year, they are looking for clubs or individuals who would like to help by cooking or providing a meal, part of a meal, or snack. If you or your club is interested in helping, please contact Tina Pirro at 732-906-2027 or kmpirro@msn.com.

Ad Sales

Thank you to all that purchased and sold ads. 4-H’ers who sold ads - remember to take a copy of the Yearbook & Catalog to your ad customers as well as green supporter ribbons, available at the 4-H Center. If you sold $100, be sure to pick up your t-shirt at the 4-H Center after August 1.

The 4-H Prep Chefs are already planning to help! Thank you!
Open Divisions For All 4-H'ers!

Show off your creative talents:

- Creative Writing
- A Fiber Division for Sheep, Alpaca, Rabbits, Dog and Goat Club members
- Horticulture/Agriculture
- Woodworking
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Needlecraft
- Photography
- Veggie Creations: Create a creature or a scene at home using at least 3 types of vegetables, fruits, seeds or beans and bring it to the Fair for judging. This contest is sponsored by the Family and community health Sciences of RCE and will be held in the Board of Agriculture Tent. All 4-H members or team of members may enter. You must pre-register by Friday, July 30, 2010 by calling 908-526-6295. members bring their finished entry to the Board of Agriculture Tent by 11:45 am Wednesday for judging.

Visit www.4HisTops.org to see the 2010 Somerset County 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide for all rules and requirements.

How Sweet It Is!

Once again, the Prep Division will oversee the cotton candy tent at the 4-H Fair. As always, we need your help. Please register to spin cotton candy by calling Lisa Darby at (908) 526-6644 between 8:30am and 3:00pm Monday - Friday at the 4-H office. Our volunteers are very important to us and we always appreciate all of your help. Remember, everyone that spins will receive a free Cotton Candy tee shirt.

Adults to work the Milkshake Booth!!!

Did you know that the 4-H Association runs the Milkshake Booth? All of the profits help keep the 4-H Fair free. Any adult may volunteer to help in the booth. In the past we have had parents, aunts, uncles, corporate volunteers, even grandmas & grandpas. It is so much fun that it is a well kept secret.

There will be a sign-up chart in the lobby of the 4-H Center starting in May. Early birds, get the best choice. Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie. Sign up for an hour or two and help to keep the 4-H Fair free.

Musicians needed for the 4-H Opening Day Parade of Clubs!

Do you play an instrument? Can you march? Then we need you to lead our parade! Any instrument will do, from brass to drums to woodwinds to strings! The parade will set up at 5:30 on opening day and will be over by 6:00

For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com

4-H FAIR WELCOME PARADE

All clubs are encouraged to participate in this years Opening Day Parade of Clubs! Each club will receive a participation ribbon and a special award such as Best Cheer, Cutest Dance, Most Spirit, etc. So bring out those crazy hats, costumes, banners, noisemaker and instruments! (Sorry, no live animals). The parade will be narrated as it meanders through the fairgrounds. Meet outside the Mechanical Science Tent at 5:30 on Opening Day for a 5:45 parade. More details in the July/August issue of Clovertales. For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com
Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Katie Kouril & Ally Mahon

New member, Tim Weimann, was welcomed to the club. New business included upcoming shows, such as the Roots & Shoots Festival, a club trip to the zoo in April, the display case which the club will be setting up in May, and a committee was established to work with the new Fair theme. Mandatory fair meeting dates were set. In March the meeting had ended with some members doing presentations. Those that participated in County Presentations discussed their experience in April. The April meeting ended with a game of bunny trivia.

Criations Alpaca Club
by Kim Duffy

The Criations had a long winter with every meeting being canceled by snow! The club was finally able to meet at the farm the beginning of March. Members saw the huge llama, Bailey, who has replaced Daredevil as the largest in the pack. The vet explained to members the different diseases alpacas can carry and how to clip their nails. The club also learned how to treat pink eye and other related eye diseases as they watched the vet doctor an alpaca. Members felt they learned a lot their first day back and can’t wait to get back to the farm!

New Centre Dairy Club
by Ariel Staffin

Presentations were discussed, lease papers and various field trips the members would like to participate in. The club ordered new t-shirts in tie-dyed green. Members are collecting gallon milk bottles to make an igloo for the Fair. The club will participate at a judging practice at the Norz Hill Farm. Members went to the Livestock Symposium and had fun. Look for New Centre Dairy in the news for their 80th anniversary!

Cattleman’s Club
by Alanna Staffin

In March the meeting started with a discussion of the new Fair theme. Members are asked to come up with 2 tent ideas. The upcoming car wash at Applebees on May 22 was discussed. The club began coming up with ideas for fun field trips that included amusement parks, curling, tubing, laser tag, bowling or a basketball game. Mrs. Ogle presented a workshop on what to do with a “downer” cow or a cow that’s sick and won’t stand up. In April members had a field day where they learned how to halter-break an animal and had a clipping demonstration. Members voted to go on a field trip to Great Adventure in July. To raise funds, in addition to the carwash, the club is participating in a feed presentation and considering ideas such as a bake sale or flea market. Participating in a mock show was also discussed.

4-H Senior Council
by Alex Franchuk

Members welcomed Alex Wang to the club. Members were thanked for their valentines to the veterans. Alex presented the Health Officer report on portion sizes. Subjects discussed were Teen Conference, Citizen Washington Focus, Tricky Tray, Food & Fun Luncheon, St. Patrick’s Day parade, 10K run at Duke Island Park. The Club is going to take a ½ page ad in the yearbook as well as a donation to 4-H. The meeting ended with a discussion on presentations.

Just Kidding
by Jenna Juechter

Old business discussed was the rescheduled holiday pizza party and the goat extravaganza. Under new business members talked about presentations. Other than prep members, all members in this club are required to do a presentation to be eligible to show. Tips were discussed to improve presentations including eye contact, speaking loud enough and picking a topic that you are not only interested in but know something about. The club is considering donating a goat to the Heifer Organization.
Chaps ‘n’ Spurs
by Samantha Eristavi

Kristin Johnson discussed county presentations. It was suggested members practice their presentations at the club meeting.

Registration papers need to be in the office by April 1. The upcoming tack sale in March was discussed with the suggestion that members bring baked goods to sell. Other business included a discussion on the ad sales campaign. Members were given a worksheet on horses and Molly Kelly, Kayla McNulty and Bridget Sona did a presentation on horse markings and breeds.

Sidewinders
by Karen Fisch

Sidewinders members presented their pets to the 5th and 6th graders at Auten Road School in Hillsborough for the school’s annual ARIS Science Fair on March 13. Members were also on hand at the 4-H Science-sational Day to teach the many children attending about reptiles and amphibians. This is one of the most popular workshops of the day.

Kings Riders
by Patricia Anderson

Kayla Steinkopf is the new health officer for the club and gave a wonderful presentation on “How to be Healthy”. Kayla also shared a yummy cookie recipe to make for the horses. Ten members and their parents participated in the county tack sale. For this year’s fundraiser, members are currently selling at the Dover Saddlery, boxed gift cards that they designed.

Broken Props
by Nick Heitkamp

The Broken Props Model Airplane Club held its annual Indoor Glider Fun-Fly on March 31. The club flies the same gliders used for the Try It - Fly It presentation from Science-sational Day, as well as custom gliders of the same size. Club members, parents, leaders, and friends of the Club built gliders and competed with standard hand-launch gliders and with rubber-band powered planes. Club leader Gene Sellers was the official judge.

4-H Country Kickers

The Kickers have sure been busy kicking up their heels this spring. They performed both at the Emeritus Senior Living Facility and then at the BIG Basket Bonanza. They sure do look sharp in their new shirts! Next up is S4HL: Revisited at the end of April. The club is starting to learn new dances for this year’s Fair!

4-H Magicians Guild
by Glenn Valis

The magicians have been busy learning new tricks, improving on their performances and doing shows for practice. Recently they performed their magic for an adult retirement community and did a balloon animal workshop for the Raritan library’s children’s program. Members have been developing their skills in a variety of animals. In addition to spending time doing card tricks, they have been working on mentalist tricks, improving their balloon objects, and are now learning how to create magic using plain old paper! Look for them at the Fair where they will be doing half hour shows daily.

Puppet Adventures at 4-H
by Betty Sommerville

For the third year, The Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club helped make the 12th annual National Day of Puppetry a great success at the 4-H Center. Co-hosting the event with the Garden State Puppetry Guild, new and old members of the club conducted two of the three morning workshops: Paper Puppets with Betty Sommerville and Paige Lamberson and Puppet Manipulation with Willie Sommerville, William Yan, and Pamela and Sally Gilligan. During the free afternoon of puppet shows, the audience was delighted with the Chinese Culture Club’s three lions’ dance, a peaceful Punch & Judy show, the club’s “Jack & the Beanstalk,” and dancing marionettes. The finale was the Franklin Township Conerly Road School’s giant Peace Dove “flying” with the flock of newly-made dove puppets around the circle of folks young and old gathered in the gym.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

On Saturday March 6, 2010 we held our annual K-3 Rally. The day started off with hands-on activities and the children having their passport picture taken. This year we traveled around the world to visit India, Ireland, Norway and China/Taiwan. Each workshop offered interesting and fun activities native to that country. The children also got an opportunity to sample a variety of different foods. We had a great time while learning about different countries “Around the World.”

Thank you to our workshop presenters; Joann and Ryan from Ireland; Ram, Uma, Hema, Latha and Shruti from India; Debbie, Kristen and Luke from Norway; and Janet, Timothy, Patricia, Rachel and Clarissa from China/Taiwan.

We certainly can’t forget all of the adult and teen helpers that helped to make the day such a huge success: Jill, Stephanie, Carol, Debbie and Ann our pilots, Amy my lunch coordinator, Lisa, recess coordinator and all of the teen helpers: Pamela, Sally, Cary, Chris, Willie, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nicole and Melissa.

Happy spring!

Lisa Darby
4-H Prep Coordinator

Reminder

The registration packets for Family Camp which will be held Friday June 4th to Sunday June 6, 2010, are available in the lobby of the 4-H building or on line at www.4HisTops.org. If you have any questions please call me at the 4-H office at (908) 526-6644

Yakety - Yak

Creative Splats (fine arts) - At our first meeting, March 2, we did a name exercise with shapes creating an abstract drawing. We also choose the name for our club. On March 16 we traced, cut and painted shamrocks for St Patrick’s Day. On April 6 the leader read Where the Wild Things Are and had the kids draw 3 different images pertaining to a scene in the book. Next meeting we will build on these images and join them to make one frame.
More Yakety - Yak

Prep Chefs - In February, the Prep Chefs made banana crepes led by Hoai-An and her mom. The children enjoyed wrapping up the bananas and eating the fried treat with ice cream. YUM! On March 4 our meeting was led by Eliza and her mom. We made ice cream cone cupcakes and two kinds of smoothies. Evan, Calie, and Ashley were judges for the smoothie taste test and everyone had fun decorating the cupcakes. On March 18 Ashley and her mom lead the group in making English muffin pizzas. They were easy to make and tasted so good. The club also completed a Prep Chefs crossword puzzle and discussed ideas for the 4-H Fair. Everyone came up with lots of great suggestions. In April Giavanna and her family led the Prep Chefs in making quesadillas and indoor s’mores. The activity was fun, kid friendly and very gooey. Watching the marshmallows grow in the microwave was pretty cool. In May the club is planning to go to Valley Shepherd Creamery.

Little Crafters - At our April meeting we did a dual project. Using empty iced tea bottles that we had decorated, we planted sunflower seeds. Many of our members have already had the sunflowers begin to sprout! Then, so that there was no waste, we took the bottle caps and used them to create refrigerator magnets...it was very green!

Exploding Stars - We've enjoyed doing many experiments this year, including Blue Goo, Groovy Lava Lamps, and Fizz Goes the Acid. Our most recent experiment on April 13, was very explosive: Volcanoes. Thanks to Justin Kopecky and his mom for a great experiment.

Crazy Clovers - We had a great time this past month. In March the Ouda family taught us how to make volcanoes. We all witnessed the eruption of 2 volcanoes and got to take home our own to set off. Also in March we visited the Somerset Veterinarian office and had a very interesting talk about the dangers to dogs. We got to see an animal x-ray and view some ear "Stuff" under a microscope. Everyone contributed an animal toy/food item towards our basket donation to the Somerset Animal Shelter. After the vet we all met for pizza! April started off with a great hands-on meeting from the Somerville School of Music. Everyone got to try out the drums, piano, and guitar and we even learned to read a little bit of music.

Kindergarten Clovers - In February Christina and Jessi from the New Center Dairy club came and taught us about cows. We got to make butter by shaking heavy cream until it turned into butter. Marbles made the cream turn to butter faster. Christopher, Tri-An, Dale, Sammy and Henry got a great workout shaking up the heavy cream. In March Elizabeth, Sarah and Sarah’s dog, Sophie from the Woof dog club came to talk about dog showmanship. Elizabeth explained how the dogs are judged in the dog shows. Sarah and Sophie showed us all the commands they have learned. We also welcomed Julia and Henry to our club. In April Mrs. Sommerville, Willie, Paige and Will of the Pretty Cool Puppetry club came to our meeting and taught us how to make envelope puppets. It was a lot of fun.
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**Important Dates**

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- **31 May**: 4-H Fair Planning Meeting
- **1 June**: Horse Health Forms Due in County Office

**Deadlines**

- **29 May**: 4-H Fair Planning
- **28 May**: 4-H Building 
- **27 May**: 4-H Outdoor Fun Day
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**4 - H TOPS Camp - June 28 - July 2**

**NJ SET Camp - L.G. Cook - June 29 - July 2**
Directions to the 4-H Center:
Concessions available all day.
$2.00 children under 12
$4.00 adult
Admission

Sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Hallmasters Club
Proceeds to benefit the Somerset County 4-H Hallmasters Club.

Applebee’s Hillborough Promenade
$6 - $8
Saturday, May 22nd
8 am - 12 pm

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4-H Spring Train Show
Annual
Bridgewater, NJ
310 Milltown Road
4-H Center
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
June 19-20, 2010

Car Wash