4-H Clovertales

A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset County 4-H

September/October 2010

Fabulous Fair!
Thank You!

Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thanks for a wonderful 2010 Somerset County 4-H Fair! We know and appreciate how hard you work, how well you work as a team and how committed you are to our youth. We were certainly successful in meeting our goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bring the community together. We finally had the great weather we have all been hoping for. It was great to show the public how wonderful our 4-H Family is!

Please join us at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, September 21st and again at 4-H Open House on Oct. 7th.

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

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

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

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

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.
We continue to “make the best better” with a record-breaking number of 4-H clubs in Somerset County. Many of these clubs are formed as a result of the interest kids show at both the Fair and Open House. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House so we are planning another one this year.

On Thursday, October 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we’re holding the annual “Join 4-H” Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader will receive information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. If your club has no room for new members, we’d like one club in that project to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we’ll get another club started. This past year we added Crazy Mad Scientists, Plastic Modelers, BottleBots, Doggone Crazy Dog Club, 4-H Fantastic Fiber Club, Creative Splats and the Kindergarten Clovers. So start planning your “booth” for Open House. We hope your club will be there!

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

We also need volunteers to help with refreshments and to staff the information booth. Call the 4-H office at 908 526-6644 by September 25 to volunteer.

This event, held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week, encourages 4-H friends, families, community partners and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. This year’s experiment will be 4-H2O. The experiment will introduce youth all around the nation to water quality and climate change. Millions of young people will learn about carbon dioxide and discover how we as a nation can reduce our environmental impact. For more information, visit www.4-H.org.

Somerset County 4-H already does a great job incorporating Science, Engineering and Technology into our clubs, camps, school enrichment and special interest programs. We want to continue to grow and involve more youth and more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about the 2010 National 4-H Science Experiment please contact Lisa Rothenburger at Rothenburger@rce.rutgers.edu or visit the SET website at http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/
A Letter from Our New 4-H Association President, Joe Bakes

It is my privilege to address you as the new president of the Somerset County 4-H Association, following in a long line of dedicated volunteers who have continued over the decades “to make the best better.”

Outgoing president Richie Norz has presided over six years of growth in our program, bringing tremendous energy and a renewed spirit of camaraderie. He deserves our thanks and congratulations!

I begin my tenure buoyed by the success of the 63rd Somerset County 4-H Fair, which continues to be a miracle produced by the devotion and hard work of countless volunteers. We were blessed by good weather – for the most part – this year, resulting in wonderful attendance. From my post in the Information Tent, I heard visitor after visitor praise the unique family atmosphere and extensive free offerings of our Fair. I congratulate the Fair managers, our wonderful 4-H staff, especially fair coordinator Barbara Navatto, the division and committee chairs, the hundreds of volunteers, our partners and sponsors, including our Freeholders and county government and the Somerset County Park Commission and its employees, and of course our 4-H’ers, who are very special young people.

It’s all about the 4-H’ers as we embark on another year. They are the reason we come together as a community, and their success in our program and in their future endeavors is the only reward we seek. In the more than 20 years my family has been involved in Somerset County 4-H, the 4-H’ers have never failed to fulfill our highest expectations. We couldn’t be prouder of the outstanding individuals who represent our program.

We are facing some challenges as we move forward, but nothing that Somerset County 4-H has not encountered and overcome before. These are daunting economic times, so we must continue to be careful in our expenditures and energetic in our fund-raising. I cannot stress enough the importance of full participation in our wreath and ad sales and our special events, such as the rummage sale.

The foresighted acquisition of the property next door by the freeholders offers us an opportunity to expand to meet the future that we must approach thoughtfully and carefully. We will talk about this further once all the paperwork is completed.

Your new vice president, Harry Brochinsky, and I plan to visit club meetings to introduce ourselves and to talk a little about the role of the 4-H Association. I look forward to seeing you all and to the continued success of Somerset County 4-H.

To Make the Best Better,

Joe Bakes
Age/Grade Requirements for Participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a policy that utilizes a member’s grade to determine eligibility for 4-H club membership, as well as various programs and activities sponsored by the 4-H program at the local, state, and national levels. Youth in grades K-13 may become 4-H members.

A 4-H member’s “4-H Grade” is effective September 1 through August 31 of each year and will automatically advance the next September 1.

Youth enrolled in the 4-H program who skip a grade or are retained a grade may make a decision at the beginning of the new school year (September), as to their “4-H Grade” for participation in 4-H clubs, events and activities. These 4-H’ers may make one of the following choices:

Choose the grade in which they will actually be enrolled in school.

OR

Choose the grade in which they would have been enrolled in school if the decision to skip or be retained had not been made.

4-H members who are non-graded, home-schooled or out-of-school may elect to change their “4-H Grade” based upon their parent/guardian’s perceived changes in their educational progresses.

This shall be a one-time opportunity. The change will be permanent and may not be altered at any time in the future, regardless of future changes in educational progress or other factors.

For more information, contact the 4-H Office (908) 526-6644.

School Enrichment Programs

Somerset County 4-H offers school enrichment programs to any school in Somerset County (all they have to do is ask!).

Last year we visited over 30 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Dinosaurs/Fossils, Bubbles, Germbusters and Worms with a Wiggle, for example.

We now offer 14 different programs for children from pre-school through 6th grade.

Call the 4-H Office, (908) 526-6644 to ask for our free brochure, or ask to speak to Rachel Bijaczyk about scheduling a program. She can also be reached by email at bijaczyk@co.somerset.nj.us.

NJ Junior Breeders Fund

The NJ Junior Breeders Fund of the NJ Dept. of Agriculture offers loans to 4-H members to help them purchase livestock. The fund also has a scholarship program, for more information and an application, contact the 4-H Office.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Prudential, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. We know that many of our 4-H’ers do lots of great volunteer work! The application deadline is November 1, 2010. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: http://www.prudential.com/spirit
The BIG 4-H Rummage Sale
Ted Blum 4-H Center
Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18
9am - 3pm
(½ Price Saturday 1pm - 3pm)

- Donations Accepted:
  Monday, Sept. 13 through Wednesday, Sept. 14 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. 16 from 6pm-9pm

- Volunteers Needed! To help set up and clean up. Please contact Marian Kaufman at (908) 526-6644 or kaufman@co.somerset.nj.us

Greetings from Theresa Hanntz!

Thank you to everyone who has offered me such a warm welcome into the 4-H community of Somerset County as your new Healthy Living Program Coordinator! In the coming months, I plan on meeting with Health Officers to discuss ideas for club meetings and share resources. Remember to keep records of any activities you have done with your club so far. Please contact me at hanntz@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644 if I can assist you in any way.

Get Moving Get Healthy: Back to School

Make a healthy start to the new school year! Packing a lunch from home is a nourishing and cost effective way to fuel your mind and body. Here are some small tips that will make a big nutritional difference:

- Make sandwiches on whole grain bread using lower fat deli meats such as turkey. Dress with light mayo or mustard.
- Munch on baked chips, air-popped popcorn, trail mix or veggies and dip for a snack.
- Bring a side of fresh fruit such as an apple, strawberries, or grapes.
- Sip on low fat milk, water, or 100% fruit juice.

4-H Center Showcase

Your club can display its projects, achievements, or anything else in the 4-H Center display showcase. Sign up for a month – just call the 4-H Office.
**Member Registration Forms**

Please make sure **ALL** new members to your club receive a New Member Registration form. It is up to them and their parents or guardians to complete the form and return it to the 4-H office. They will receive notification from the office when the form has been received.

All members must be registered by January 1, 2011 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

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**4-H Center Keys**

If your 4-H group wants to use the 4-H Center and you need keys, the keys can be obtained from Maryann DelGigante, night manager, from 7-10 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone (908) 526-8242. A $25 check deposit will be required when picking up the keys. It will be given back to the depositor when the keys are returned. All keys must be returned within 48 hours of the activity.

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**October is 4-H Wreath Month!**

Once the Fair and Rummage Sale are over, it’s time to start thinking about the holidays!!! And that means it’s time to start thinking about selling our 4-H Wreaths. This is a very important part of our fund raising program and helps to keep our Fair free and maintain the 4-H Center.

We did really well with our ad sales this year, let’s hope to do the same with our wreaths. Start making your list now of potential customers. Order forms will be arriving shortly in the mail to all 4-H members. Let’s go for a record breaker!

Deadline for orders: **October 29**

Pick up wreaths at the 4-H Center: **November 27 - 30**

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**Forms Needed for Field Trips**

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

- 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth (which includes the Code of Conduct)
- NJ 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults

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

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**Taking the Lead**

The 2010 National 4-H Week theme this year will be “Taking the Lead.” The focus will be asking the public to look to their local 4-H and find young people taking the lead in addressing today’s challenges. 4-H is where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, youth find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their community.

Help spread the word! Celebrate 4-H as youth step up and take responsibility for their futures - and ours.

**National 4-H Week**

**October 3 - 9, 2010**
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 15

National 4-H Conference will be held April 2 - 7, 2011 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. New Jersey sends a delegation of up to seven 4-H teens and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2010 in order to participate in the 2011 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills, and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return. Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available at the County 4-H Office and on the website. All applications are due in the County 4-H Office no later than October 15. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 20 at Rutgers University. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date. Call the 4-H Office for further information.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship Available

Collegiate 4-H is an organization that provides its members with a sense of identity on campus, enriches their lives through group projects and recreation and develops confidence and leadership skills. The club is offering a $100 book scholarship to an active 4-H’er who will be a first year student at Rutgers University (any New Brunswick campus) in the fall of 2010. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2010. Please contact the 4-H office for an application.

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

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

Opportunities for Teens

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

Trips & Leadership Opportunities

- National 4-H Conference
- Citizen Washington Focus
- National 4-H Congress
- North Jersey Teen Conference
- Teen Winter Camp
- 4-H Tops Camp Counselor

College Scholarships

- 4-H Association Scholarships
- 4-H Prep Scholarship
- Joseph & Florence Klimas Scholarship
- Rosania, Staats, Smith Memorial Scholarship
- 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship
- Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship

Recognition Opportunities

Outstanding 4-H’er
Why complete a record book? A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. A record book is simply a way for you to keep track of what you have learned in your project.

- Learn how to organize yourself
- Learn how to set reasonable goals for yourself
- Appreciate what you’ve learned this year from the goals you reached
- Recognize what things you learned in your 4-H project
- Explain what you’ve learned

- Keep track of costs of your project
- Gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships
- Complete applications and resumes for jobs and college
- Meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events

Projects with official record books are: Goat, Dog, Herpetology, Horse, Model Horse, Rabbit, Small Animal, Dairy and Sheep.

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If your project does not have an official record book, then you should be using the general purpose record book titled, “My 4-H Record Book”.

4-H Food & Fitness Ambassadors

Are you in grades 8 – 13? Are you interested in an exciting new leadership opportunity? Do you like talking to people and sharing information? Are you interested in learning about eating healthy and being active? Then becoming a 4-H Food & Fitness Ambassador may be right for you. **What is a Food & Fitness Ambassador?**

Since 2005 county 4-H Food & Fitness Ambassadors have promoted healthy eating and encouraged people to engage in physical activities through displays at county fairs, family fun events and other community events. They also provide leadership to the 4-H Club Health Officer program. Again for the 2010-2011 year, clubs are encouraged to incorporate health, fitness and safety activities into their monthly meetings by electing a Club Health Officer to facilitate these activities.

We are looking for two to three teens to serve as additional Somerset County 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassadors. Their primary responsibilities will be:

- Attend the training at the RCE of Monmouth County office on October 2.
- Promote the concept of 4-H Club Health Officers to the clubs in our county.
- Work with county 4-H staff to coordinate a training for your county’s Club Health Officers.
- Take responsibility for the Food & Fitness display at the Fair. This includes set-up and take-down and staffing during prime visitor hours during the Fair.
- Recruit other 4-H members to staff the display at Fair.

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Food and Fitness Ambassador, please contact Theresa Hannzt at the 4-H office for an application and details about the training session on October 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the RCE of Monmouth County Office. Applications are due to the 4-H office by Friday, September 24.

Theresa can be reached at: hannztz@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644
Hold the Dates!

Achievement Dinners:

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NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms
Due by October 22

If your club meets certain requirements, then you qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club. The form is to be completed by the Club leader or president and turned into the 4-H Office by October 22 to be recognized for last year's efforts.

If your club has:

- Met regularly, at least once a month and has conducted at least one business meeting a month for 9 months
- Elected club officers to run meetings and at least 5 members in the club who have attended at least 70% of all meetings
- Participated in at least one approved 4-H project and has an approved constitution
- Participated at the 4-H Fair
- 70% of its members completed their record books and did a public presentation
- Sold Yearbook ads and wreaths

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

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

Fall Club Camp
October 8 - 10

By Betty Sommerville

Did you know that a rock labyrinth was created last fall up at our 4-H Camp? Here's your club's chance to come and add more rocks to it! Come and enjoy the relaxed camaraderie of other 4-H folks, as well as the colorful leaves, at LG Cook camp in Sussex County. Deadline to reserve is October 1. **The cost is $42 per person, which includes meals.** Members will need to complete and bring with them their 4-H event permission forms, and adults their 4-H overnight agreement forms. If a club leader is unable to attend, a parent volunteer may come instead. Call volunteer leader Betty Sommerville for more details at 908-281-5238 or email her at jlsomm@comcast.net.

Teens:

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

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

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

The benefits to joining include opportunities to

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

For more information and to download full requirements and applications, visit the website at www.4HisTops.org

First meeting: October 17  Location: TBA
HURRAY FOR...

4-H TOPS Camp

Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. Once again 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 82 participants enjoying 5 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about Dinosaurs, Teambuilding, Healthy Living, Bees, Power of Wind, Chinese Culture, Magic, Line Dancing, Sheep, Goats, How to Produce a Movie and more!

Thanks to these 4-H clubs, members and leaders who participated: Harry Brochinsky, Betty Sommerville, Courtney Coleman, Amanda Weinstein, The 4-H Country Kickers; Conrad Colon, Justin Kavanaugh, The 4-H Magician’s Guild; Christina O’Brien; and the Chinese Culture Club.

The week was filled with fun, learning, cooperation and adventure. The program is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

In addition to the RCE staff, the success of the program was made possible by these counselors and counselors-in-training: Nachiket Bhujbal, Sarah Bijaczyk, Melanie Boyea, George Bright, Samaiyah Brookins, Dana Christensen, Clarissa Chu, Conrad Colon, Erica Devlin, Asiya Fricke, Rachel Lin, Michelle Ma, Pallavi Myanampati, Dhilati Oza, Willie Sommerville, Pratyusha Srikakulam, Jennifer Versfelt, Amanda Weinstein, Scott Weiss, Debra Winters, and Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

“Join 4-H” Open House
Thursday October 7
7:00 - 8:30 PM

State 4-H Horse Show

Congratulations to these 4-H horse club members who participated in the recent State 4-H Horse Show. Results will be posted in the next issue of Clovertales.

Michelle Bergen
Carol Anne Bekus
Taylor Cox
Justin Dagnall
Neha Deshpande
Samantha Eristavi
Julianna Neinart
Sarah Rusk
Ashley Thompson
Linnea Warlick

Somerset County 4-H Association

Festival of Trees

Get into the Spirit of the Holiday Season!
Come set up a Holiday Tree for Public Display.
Individuals, Families or Organizations are Welcome!

Ornaments and/or Trees can be donated for Sale.
(All proceeds will go to support our free 4-H Fair)
Or They can be Just for Display.
Trees can be Themed or Varied,
Handmade or Store Bought
Wild and Crazy or Traditional,
Saturday and Sunday, December 11th, 12th
Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807
Come Join in on the Fun!!!
Download an application at www.4HisTops.org
Or email: susar@rcn.com
State 4-H Dairy Show Results

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

Lauren Yutko
1st place Experienced Showman
1st place Holstein Summer Jr. Yearling Heifers

Ariel Staffin
1st place First Year Showman
5th place Winter Sr. Heifer Calves

Alex Norz
1st place Holstein Spring Jr. Yearling Heifers
3rd place First Year Showman
3rd place Winter Sr. Heifer Calves

Christina O’Brien
4th place Experienced Showman
4th place Summer Jr. Yearling Heifers

Jessica Brygier
5th place Experienced Showman
4th place Spring Jr. Yearling Heifers

Joseph Martinelli
3rd place Intermediate Showman
3rd place Fall Sr. Yearling Heifers

Alana Staffin
4th place Beginner Showman
3rd Place Spring Jr. Yearling Heifers

State 4-H Goat Show Results

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

Debra Winters
Grand Champion Senior Saanen
Reserve Grand Champion Senior Saanen
Grand Champion Junior Sanaan
Best in Show, Junior Doe
Best Dam & Daughter Dairy
5th place Dairy Goat Sr. Showmanship & Fitting

Dylan Thomson
Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat
5th place Meat/Fiber Goat Jr. Showmanship & Fitting

Jay Winters
Reserve Grand Champion Junior Saanen
1st place Dairy Goat Jr. Showmanship & Fitting

Agriculture in Action

Open House, September 12, 10 am - 4 pm

Rainbow Run Farm
86 Rainbow Hill Road, Hillsborough
http://www.rainbowrunfarm.com

Come visit a 350-acre farm owned and operated by former NY Giant Brad Benson. There will be exhibits and displays including milking demonstrations and educational wagon tours for the whole family.

Admission is free with a suggested parking donation of $2.00 per carload.

For information or questions visit the website at www.somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu or call 908-526-6293,
Somerset County 4-H’ers who attended the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp at Stokes State Forest this year are: Sarah Ahmad, Nachiket Bhujbal, Mollie Booker, Ashay Chandra, Ricson Cheng, Sunny Cheng, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Sarah Dagnali, Austin Fan, Ryan Fan, Elizabeth Frank, Nicholas Gagliardi, Jakub Goraczniak, Kathie Guo, Veronica Moditz, Jill Newbold, Ryan Shreve, Gavin Van Skiver

Haunted House
Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 11:00 PM
Middlesex County Fair Grounds/4-H Center
Cranbury Road, East Brunswick
(entrance off Fern Road)
$3.00 Admission
Sponsored by:
Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council

Halloween Happenings
Saturday, October 23
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center
100 Struble Road, Branchville
973-948-3550
Free Admission

Fun-filled activities include pumpkin painting, hay ride, and trick-or-treating along a torch lit trail. Donations of time or funds are appreciated. Call the 4-H camp at: 973-948-3550 or www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

Somerset County Teens: If you are interested in helping, please contact Laura Bovitz, Middlesex County 4-H Agent, at: 732-398-5261
Congratulations!

Once again, Somerset County 4-H'ers proved that you can make the best better! Your project work, exhibits and displays showed the extraordinary effort you put into your 4-H work year round! Congratulations to Club leaders, parents, judges, Tent Superintendents and Division Chairs too. It is only through your efforts that 4-H'ers can show off their wonderful accomplishments.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders who recognize the value of the 4-H Program and the 4-H Fair. We appreciate the help of all the divisions involved in producing the Fair; Engineering, Emergency Management, Public Information, Roads and Bridges, Facilities and Services, Traffic Safety, Transportation and the Sheriff's Office.

The Somerset County Park Commission also deserves a hearty thank you. The Rangers, Maintenance and Parking staffs help us in too many ways to count. We are also indebted to Raritan Valley Community College for the use of their parking facilities.

But of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and leadership of the Somerset County 4-H Association, the Fair Managers, Tent Superintendents, Division Chairs, Club Leaders and all the Fair Committees. It is necessary to remember that ALL these folks are volunteers, many taking their hard earned vacations to make our Fair a success. Tony DeVergillo and Britt Powell along with their crew of electricians helpers, VOLUNTEER for two weeks before the Fair, so the tents are wired safely for you to set up your exhibits.

We apologize ahead of time if we leave anyone out; we are grateful for the contributions of all.

Thank you to the volunteer Fair Managers. Here are just SOME of their responsibilities; Abner Mathews, food tent plumbing and photography, Mike Amorosa, supervising the pole barn, Britt Powell and Tony DeVergillo, electrical, Scott Szakacs, Pie and Cake set up and food tent set up, Mike Pappas, arranging the buses, Pete Hirsh, pole barn, and Robby Slovik, supervisor food tent set up and ice distribution.

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

Thanks to electricians team; Craig Hockenbury, Scott Szakacs, Russ Balliet, and Abner Mathews.

Thanks to Bryn Keck, 4-H Fair Assistant for all her help throughout the summer.

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

Thanks to Dave Rieur, and Dawn Hribik for manning the drop off point and providing transportation to clubs, vendors and exhibitors

Thanks to Holly Dunbar for writing the Alumni Newsletter. Read it at www.4HisTops.org.

Fair Evaluation Meeting
September 21st, 7:30pm
4-H Center

We can always “Make the Best Better.” All volunteers are welcome to share your thoughts. Please come. Members—help us make the Fair better for you!
Thanks to the Szackacs-Torres family for organizing the pie and cake booth.


Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim and Kyle Miholics, and Chris Williams for an exciting entertainment schedule and for setting up the cotton candy tent.

Thanks to Kathy and Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so efficiently and to these volunteers for helping to greet the public: Sarah Israel, Holly Dunbar, Harry & Jill Brochinsky, Cathy Memoli, Bob & Lynn Kinch, Elizabeth Bakes, Jason Halpin and Jan Lush.


Thanks to Jim Wood for coordinating, all finances.

Thanks to Middle Earth, Station House Adjustment Program for all their help with set up.

Thanks to the Kolb family, Lynn Draper and Catherine Marrior, for chairing the Milkshake booth. Thanks to Dee Oza and Patrick Dugan for long hours of help in the Milkshake booth.

Thanks to Pam Christian for organizing the corporate volunteers.

Thanks to Chris Ireland and the Bradley Gardens Rescue Squad for being on call at all times.

Thanks to Linda Au for recruiting and thanking sponsors.

Thanks to New Centre Dairy, Woof, Wags n’ Whiskers, Trainmasters, and Go-Kart Clubs for help setting up and taking down main areas of the fair.

Thanks to the Oasis Committee: Tina Pirro, Erin Torres, Janet Szackacs, Joanne Powell, Deb Graham, Jan Lush, Rachel Bijaczyk, Annette Smutko, Ruth Schmidt, Esther Craft, the Brochinsky Family and the 4-H Prep Chefs for feeding the 4-H troops.

Thanks to Deb Norz for organizing the pie eating contest.

Thanks to Hillsboro Farm for the hayride.

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Thanks to all our volunteers who coordinated and ran events in the Prep Tent.

Thanks to the Dog Clubs that help set up the Commercial Tent before Fair and help the electricians after.

Thanks to Boy Scout Matt Clark for painting the recruitment kiosks and building bus signs and a bulletin board

Thanks to Ellen Parker and the legions of 4-H’ers that participated in the 4th annual 4-H Fair Parade.

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

A very big thank you to everyone that came on Saturday morning to help clean up. Everyone was home by 1:00!
Our youngest performers, Julia McKenna (so stage savvy for a 7-year-old) with her backup singers & Owen Gavigan (our little "Piano Man"), wowed us again this year with their just-too-cute-to-be-so-talented acts! Sophia Young (our resident flutist) performed all three days this year -- even returning on Thursday afternoon for a command performance on-air during the live WDVR Radio broadcast! Way to go Sophia! Isha Pandya, looking as lovely as ever, transported us to India through her traditional dance performance.

Our resident rock-n' roll star, Joey Cermanero, pulled off another "solid green" performance. The smooth violin strings of both Christine Arcoleo and Hannah Davelman were a joy to the senses. Deanna Farber (with a voice destined for the Broadway stage) wowed us with a solo performance, and then joined Julia on stage on Friday for an impromptu duet that (almost) brought the tent down! And, lest we not forget the fancy footwork of the 4-H Country Kickers...oh, my!

Our growing talent brought several new-comers to the stage this year! Welcome to Anna Brown (with her S4HL debut flute performance), Garrett Ladignon (on keyboard & vocals featuring original music), Daisry Ladignon (tickling the ivories with a classical piece), the Pocket Pets Bass Trio with Sarah MacCombie, Melissa Baldi & Megan Moore (a unique string ensemble), Jade Palmieri (showing everyone how to get fit with Zumba), Kietra Wiggins (dancing her way to us straight from the CATS Jellicle Ball), Barbara Follett (with a hoppin' trombone medley), & Stephanie Duffy (another great voice to grace our stage). A great job by all!

This year we proved Somerset County 4-H is "Green & Growing" with talent! Keep growing! We can't wait to see what next year brings to our 4-H Clover Theater Stage!

4-H Fair Sponsors

We are very grateful to the sponsors that believe in 4-H and are willing to donate so generously; funds, materials and services, to the 4-H Fair: Lorraine Barnett, Woman’s Club of Hillsborough, Somerset Hills Veterinary Service, Raritan Valley Orthodontics, John Raziano DMD, Harlingen Veterinary Clinic, Schilke Construction Co., Suplee, Clooney & Co., Batzer Family, GB Distributors, Inc., Sanofi-Aventis, North Jersey Teen Council, Hunterdon Medical Center, The Parker Family, Somerville Elks, Raritan Senior Center, Ethicon, Inc.

These landscapers deserve a blue ribbon for their efforts to beautify the Fair: Twelve Oaks and Hionis Greenhouses.

Market Lamb Sale: Thank you to the following buyers for supporting our sale: Belle Mead Farmers’ Co-Op, Belle Mead Garage, Mr. Todd Buurstra, Ms. Lucille Callari, Mr. Harrie Copeland, Ms. Patricia Egan, Finderne Farms, Friends of 4-H, Mr. Fred Gunther, Laine Farms, Ms. Maryann Mancino, Mr. Robert Mickel, Somerset County Board of Agriculture, Mr. Al Stahoski, Three Meadows Farm and Van Cleef Engineering Associates.

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to these farms who have generously supported the 4-H Lend-an-Animal Program throughout the years by allowing members to work with beef, dairy, sheep, goats and alpacas. Araby Farm: Nelson & Eileen Broaddus; Norz-Hill Farm, Richard, Rich & Debbie Norz; Christy Farm, Ron & Cathy Christy; Derwood Farm, Mark, Nancy & Bryn Kirby; Stone Manor Farm, Kevin & Reni Melvin; Alla-Valley Farm, Phyllis Semanchik; Stone Corner Farm, Tim & Sandy Maxwell.

4-H Fair Managers Awards


Thank you for a great fair!
On Competition: Blue Ain't the Only Color Fair Ribbons Come In

Dave Foord, 4-H Program Associate
Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Sussex County

In America, we focus all too often on who comes in first; who gets the blue ribbon. But in a child’s development, competition should have a wider scope. Competition in 4-H is intended not just as a means to compete for first, but to learn from the process itself.

Many successful people have said they learned more from their defeats than from winning. When they lost, they were forced to consider what made their competitor better and what they needed to improve. In 4-H, our motto is, to make the best better, and its intent is for 4-H members to reflect, grow and improve on their accomplishments.

We want youth to learn practical lessons from competition. With livestock clubs, this could involve how to properly care for and groom an animal. For members in a sewing club, it might be how to design and sew a garment. Developing these skills instills a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction in achieving a goal. 4-H members receive recognition for their efforts through the ribbons awarded.

Competition should also be a process of personal growth. Today’s red and yellow ribbon recipients are next year’s blue ribbon winners. Often such growth occurs with age and experience. Time and again, we see older 4-H members transferring their skills to younger members. In standard 4-H clubs (grades 4 through one year out of high school) the range of ages is large. Young members learn that older youth, as well as adults, can be a source for help, knowledge and growth. We're fortunate in Somerset County to have many adult leaders who developed these same skills during their 4-H careers. This extends the learning process across generations; enriching our program through tradition.

We also expect 4-H members to develop character through competition. It’s not easy to accept that despite your best efforts, you didn’t receive a blue ribbon. It may even be more painful if your project failed through no fault of your own, but learning to accept and grow from this is part of becoming an adult. In 4-H, we hope to provide a healthy environment for this growth. Often after 4-H shows, you’ll see members gather to congratulate one another, acknowledging their work.

For our youngest 4-H members (in grades k-3), we don’t allow competition. Research has shown that youth at these ages may have difficulty coping with the inherent pressures of competition and the disappointment of losing. We acknowledge the efforts of these members through ribbons and other awards recognizing their growth and achievement.

When you attend 4-H shows, please consider that the ribbons being awarded, regardless of color, represent a great deal more than the silk on which they’re printed. They represent the efforts of all the youth in their 4-H club and what they have learned from one another during the year.

Vendor & Craft Expo 2010

Saturday, November 20th, 10 am - 3pm
One-Stop Holiday Shopping Opportunity

Many talented crafters and direct sales vendors. Food & snacks available for purchase.

“CASH for GOLD”
Will be on hand to turn your broken & unwanted gold into Cash!
Any carat...any condition - they will buy it!

Sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association
Congratulations to all the 2010 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2010 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Carol Anne Bekus, Stablemates, Junior Division and Emily Gerlach, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, Senior Division.

Needlecrafter—Rachel Staffin, Very Good; Alanna Staffin, Very Good, Danielle Staffin, Very Good, Meghan Cirillo, Very Good

Food & Nutrition—Jennifer Versfelt, 4 blue, 1 red; Katie Stone, 2 blue; Megan 5 blue, 3rd year Best in Show; Mellissa Smutko, 5 blues, 5th year Best in Show, Sara Memoli, 5 blues, 6th year, Best in Show

Crafts—Elizabeth Frank, Excellent, 1st Place Senior; Emily Ousouljoglou, Very Good; Marissa Scalzo, 2 Very Good, Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, 1st Place Junior; James Meier, Good; Kristi Philipsheek, Very Good; Allison Dempsey, Very Good; Shanna Gryder, good, Julia Meier, 2 Very Good; James Clelland, Very Good; Grace Carlson, Good

Creative Arts—Julianna Nienart, 2 Excellent, Best in Show Junior; 3rd Best Junior; Julianna Pirro, Excellent, Reserve Best of Show Junior; Allison Dempsey, Best in Class Junior, Excellent, 3 Very Good, Good; Emily Milz, Very Good; Julia Meier, Excellent, Good; Emily Ward, 2 Fair; Owen Booker, Good; Amy Miller, Very Good; James Meier, Very Good; Erica Devlin Best in Show Senior, Excellent; Jadelyn Truong, Reserve Best in Show Senior, 4 Excellent, Very Good, Fair; Emma Boganski, 3rd Best Senior, 3 Excellent, Very Good; Kristen Obermeier, Very Good; Melissa Ribaudo, Very Good, Good

Creative Writing—Ashley Ward, Best in Show, Best in Class Senior, 3 Excellent; Julia Meier, Excellent; Garrett Ladignon, 3 Excellent; David Ladignon, Best in Class Junior, Excellent; Emily Ward, 3 Excellent; Mikaela Given, 2 Excellent; Christine Arcoleo, Excellent

Woodworking/Wood Science—Daniel Peterson, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, 2 Excellent; Danny Philipsheek, Very Good; Julianna Nienart, 3rd Best, Excellent; Emily Milz, Very Good; Arial Staffin, Good; Kristi Philipsheek, 2 Good

Photography—Juniors: People: Emily Milz, Good; Nature: Noah Rothenburger, Excellent, Good; Emily Milz, Good; Julianna Pirro, Excellent, 3rd Best in Class; Amy Miller, Excellent, 2nd Best in Class; Kristi Philipsheek, Excellent, 1st Best in Class; Josh Miller, 2 Good; Cara Scalzo, Good; Mike Milz, Very Good; Landscapes: Amy Miller, Best in Division, 1st Best in Class, 3rd Best in Class, Excellent, Very Good, Good; Cara Scalzo, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent, Good; Emily Milz, 3 Good; Kristi Philipsheek, Good; Mike Milz, Very Good; Josh Miller, Good; Architecture: Julianna Pirro, Good; Animals: James Clelland, 1st Best in Class, Excellent; Julianna Pirro, 2nd Best in Class, 3rd Best in Class, 2 Very Good, Good; Mike Milz, Very Good; Emily Milz, Good; Kristi Philipsheek, Very Good; 2 Good; Action: Mike Milz, 3 Good; Seniors: Nature: Kristen Obermeier, Best in Show, 1st Best in Class, Excellent; Mellissa Smutko, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent, 2 Good; Luke Johnson, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good, Good, Fair; Marissa Scalzo, Very Good; Molly Booker, Very Good, Good; Alyssa Peterson, 2 Good, Fair; Sarah Fenwick, Very Good; Megan DeMichele, Good, 2 Fair; Elizabeth Frank, Good; Julia Meier, Fair, KerryAnn McKenna, Good, Angela Philipsheek, Good; Landscapes: Katherine Pirro, 1st Best in Class, Excellent, Very Good, Good; Kristen Obermeier, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent; Elizabeth Frank, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good, Good, Fair; Luke Johnson, Very Good, Good, Fair; Michael O’Neil, Very Good; Megan DeMichele, Good, 2 Fair; Molly Booker, Very Good, Fair; Alyssa Peterson, Good; Michael Harazim, Very Good; Caroline Rubinfield, Good; Marissa Scalzo, Very Good; Animals: Marissa Scalzo, 1st Best in Class, Excellent, Fair; Kristen Obermeier, 2nd Best in Class, Very Good; Melissa Smutko, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good; Julia Meier, Good, Kristen Johnson, Good; Emily Milz, Excellent, Good; Kristen Obermeier, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good, Carolyn Rubinfield, Good; People: Ranson Middleton, 1st Best in Class, Excellent, Kerry Ann McKenna, 2nd Best in Class, Excellent; Marissa Scalzo, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good, Good; Elizabeth Frank, Very Good, Good; Melissa Ribaudo, Fair, Molly Booker, 2 Good; Story Series: Marissa Scalzo, 1st Best in Class, Excellent; Elizabeth Frank, 2nd Best in Class, Very Good, Good, Kristen Obermeier, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good, Carolyn Rubinfield, Good; Action: Marissa Scalzo, 2 Very Good, Good; 4-H Related Project: Elizabeth Frank, Very Good; Marissa Scalzo, Very Good, Good; Architecture: Megan DeMichele, 1st Best in Class, Excellent, Good, Fair; Elizabeth Frank, 2nd Best in Class, Very Good, 2 Good;
Erik Loreng, 3rd Best in Class, Very Good; 2 Good; Carolyn Rubinfeld, Good; Digital Enhanced: Sydney Lehrhoff, 1st Best in Show, Excellent; Tyler Jackson, 2nd Best in Show, Very Good; Marissa Scalzo, 3rd Best in Show, Very Good; David Tucker, Good; Ross Quinn, Good; Prep Participant: Dale Brochinsky

Cake Decorating - Melissa Smutko, blue; Megan DeMichele, blue

Fashion Revue Participants
Gingersnaps: Jenny Versfelt, Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs; Crazy Frog Hoppers: Melissa Smutko; Fantastic Fiber Club, Destiny Pappas, Megan Cirrolo

Trainmasters Results

Senior Projects
Ken Rasario Best of Show
Ted Spulick 2nd Best of Show
Thomas Presley 3rd Best in Show
Scott Pantalone Excellent
Matt Ramachandran Excellent
Joe Monaco Very Good

1st Year Modules
Anthony Siniscalco Best of Show
David Sanders 2nd Best of Show
Matthew Amerman Excellent
Soren Denlinger Excellent
Douglas Evans Fair

2nd Year Modules
Nicholas Gagliardi Best of Show
Chase Brickman 2nd Best of Show
Dan Rosario 3rd Best of Show
Graham Switzer Fair
Daniel Szallai Fair

3rd Year Modules
Derek Fought Best of Show
Cary Brochinsky Very Good

4th Year Modules
Thomas Healy Best in Show
Billy Quick 2nd Best in Show
Zayn Aldabagh 2nd Best in Show

1st Year Special Projects
Matthew Amerman Best of Show
Anthony Siniscalco 2nd Best of Show
Soren Denlinger 3rd Best of Show
David Sanders Excellent

Kit Built Structures
Derek Fought Best of Show
Cary Brochinsky Best of Show

Cat Results

Junior Showmanship
Lauren Nocera First
Mikayla Couch Second

Senior Showmanship
Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach First
Hannah Davelman Second

Animal Division
Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach First
Mikayla Couch Second
Lauren Nocera Third Tie
Hannah Davelman Third Tie

Crazy Frog Hoppers
Melissa Smutko Purple Rosette
Megan DeMichele Purple Rosette
Christine Arcoleo Purple Rosette
Izzie Maddock Purple Rosette
Juliana Pirro Purple Rosette
Grace Carlsen Blue Rosette
Katie Stone Blue Rosette
Emily Ousouljoglou Blue Ribbon
Sara Memoli Blue Ribbon

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

Blue Rosettes/Alpaca Kara Moditz
Kara Miltz

Costume Class Participants
Sheepfold - Richie Granja, Anna Mazzola

Woolly Ones - Nicholas Francis
Just Kidding - Shawn Kavanaugh, Justin Kavanaugh, Destiny Pappas
Pocket Pets Rescue - Chelsea Obermeier
New Centre Dairy - Alex Norz, Areil Staffin
Hippity Hoppity Happy Handlers - Kayla Steeley, Sophie Callahan
Mighty Cavits & Rodents - Kelly Vaughn
Dog Show

Junior Show/Senior
1st Wendy Franzyschen
2nd Kylie Berko
3rd Kristen Obermeier
4th Lexi Berko

Junior Show/Junior
1st Lizzy McGrath
2nd Carolyn Pirro
3rd Amy Miller
4th Kelsey Graham

Junior Show First Year
1st Shannon Kile
2nd Kirsten Clerico
3rd Kara Moditz
4th Alison Conway

Beginner B
1st Shanahan
2nd Kate Gallagher
3rd Stephanie Gombas
4th Janis Scolar

Pre-Novice A
1st Molly Shanahan
2nd Stephanie Gombas
3rd Kirsten Clerico
4th James Meier

Pre-Novice B
1st Alison Conway
2nd Laura Williams
3rd TJ Rasmussen
4th Jennifer Clougher

K-9 Leaders
Class A
1st Kristen Andreychak
2nd Erica Devlin
3rd Matthew Blauvelt

Class B
1st Will Hartmann
2nd Stephen Hill
3rd Samantha Peterson

Class C
1st Becky Lane
2nd Tim Dugan
3rd Tim Gaziano

Class D
1st Moira Dugan
2nd Kaileen Campbellon
3rd Vickie Jankowski

Best In Show
Moira Dugan

Best Senior Handler
Vickie Jankoski

Best Junior Handler
Kristen Andreychak

Best Novice Handler
Tim Gaziano

Alpaca

Senior Showmanship
1st Deanna Farber
2nd Angie Philipscheck
3rd Danny Philipscheck

Junior Showmanship
1st Kim Duffey
2nd George Bright
3rd Veronica Moditz

Senior Agility
1st Danny Philipscheck
2nd Anya Cyr-Ohngemach
3rd Deanna Farber

Junior Agility
1st Scott Weiss
2nd George Bright
3rd Hannah Williams

Herpetology
Jillian Fisch
Josh Miller
David Furgato
Matthew Emmons
Derek Pasquale
Katherine Pirro
Julie Pirro
Katherine Pirro
Josh Miller

Best of Show & Breed Tortoise
Reserve Best of Show, Lizard
Best of Breed, Amphibians
Res. Best of Breed, Amphibians
Best of Breed, Exotic Snake
Best of Breed, Native Snake
2nd Place, Exotic Lizard
3rd Place, Exotic Lizard

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

Go Kart Club
Sheepfold
Woolly Ones
Chaps & Spurs
K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Dog Club
Radical Rodents
Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Just Kidding
Radio Control Car Club
Goat Show

Junior Showmanship: Jay Winters
Senior Showmanship: Samantha Schurick
Best Cared-For Project: AJ Stahoski
Beginner Showmanship: Destiny Pappas
Junior Fitting: Jay Winters
Senior Fitting: Laura Davidson
Senior Champion Milking Doe: Sandi Forktus
Reserve Champion Milking Doe: Debra Winters
Sr Champion Nigerian Milk Doe: Dylan Thomson
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Milk Doe: Dylan Thomson
Senor Champion Dry Doe: Samantha Schurick
Sr Champion Nigerian Dry Doe: Laura Davidson
Sr Champion Pygmy Dry Doe: Alex Barre
Junior Champion Doe: Debra Winters
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Dry Doe: Sandi Forktus
Sr Champion Pygmy Dry Doe: Dylan Thomson
Res. Jr Champion Nigerian Wether: Debra Winters
Sr Champion Nigerian Wether: Jay Winters
Res. Jr Champion Nigerian Wether: Alex Barre
Sr Champion Pygmy Wether: Destiny Pappas
Jr Champion Pygmy Wether: Debra Winters
Standard Dam & Offspring: Kristen Johnson
Nigerian Dam and Offspring: Kristen Johnson

Go-Karts

Overall Winner: Jake Bobal
Rookie of the Year: Joe Grosz
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1st Joe Grosz
2nd Brandi Gill
3rd Skylar Holland
4th Liam Curran
5th Anthony Iaione
6th Trevor Jones

Race Light:
1st Colin Gano
2nd Ryan Zaborowski
3rd Tori Bobal
4th Sean Artfitch

Race Medium:
1st Jake Bobal
2nd Gregory Matarazzo
3rd Brian Scher

Race Heavy:
1st Travis Kolupanowich
2nd Brandon Gano
3rd David Oborne
4th Joe Pignataro

Race Super Heavy:
1st David Oborne
2nd Taylor Smith
3rd Lou Hajdu-Nemeth
4th Daniel Peterson

Model Airplane

Best in Show: Steven Modrowsky
Best Glider (Beginner): Alex Rucker
Best Park Flyer: Thomas Phan
Best Standard RC Plane: Nick Heitkamp
Best Novice Pilot: Dylan Gottlieb
Most Improved Pilot: Nick Heitkamp
Best Pilot: Steven Modrowsky
Taxi Course: 1st Nick Heitkamp
People’s Choice: Wednesday - Nick Heitkamp; Thursday - Steven Modrowsky; Friday - Daniel Rosario

Robotics

Servos Robotics Challenge
Matt Schueler: 1st place
Brendan O’Connell: 2nd place
Michael Kalenty: 3rd Place

Battledbots Robotics Challenge
Ryan Betz: 1st place
Spencer Terry: 2nd place
Ian Glass: 3rd place

Tournament Participants:
Andrew Cronce, Brendan O’Connell, Derek Fought, Faith Forsta, Garrett Ladignon, Jack Steele, Matt Schueler, Michael Kalenty
## Dairy Show Results

### Holstein Classes
Kathy Hill: Grand Champion; Junior Champion
Kristi Philipscheck: Res Champion; Res Junior Champion
Jessi Brygier: Honorable Mention

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Dear 4-H Preppers/Cloverbuds,

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

Soon your clubs should be getting back into the swing and ready to start a new 4-H year. I’ll be looking forward to hearing all about what your clubs are doing. Be sure to send me your club meeting reports so we can share your exciting news with the other prep clubs.

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

Many thanks to Jill & Harry Brochinsky, our prep tent supervisors. They do so much in the set-up, take down and general running of our tent. Thanks to all the prep clubs who set up exhibit boards...a huge thank you to all the members and their families who staffed out information table, activity table and the cotton candy tent. A warm and fuzzy thank your to Sue and Lucy for bringing the “Name the Animal” contest to our tent. Thanks to the fair entertainment committee for all of the wonderful entertainment that was booked on our prep stage. A big shout out to Dan Basile and friends for the great per Prep Graduation entertainment, Kudos to Tom Davidson and the Children’s Museum for the fun exhibits and activities they bring to the prep tent. A sweet than you to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath, out cotton candy coordinators and all of our wonderfully pink spinners. And a very special thank you to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for setting up the cotton candy tent fencing.

Again, A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who had a hand in making this year’s fair a fun and exciting event. Our Somerset County 4-Hers and families certainly know how to make the Best Better!
Congratulations Prep Graduates!

A graduation ceremony was held in the prep tent at the 4-H fair on Thursday August 12th for the prep club members who will be entering the 4th grade in September. They can now move up to a standard 4-H club. The graduates were Gianluca Arbo, Evan Brochinsky, Nicholas Chafos, Samantha DeProspo, Brittany DeRugatis, Aidan Duffy, Emmett Duffy, Madison Eurick, Francesca Fazio, Nicole Galvin, Hannah Gessner, Leigha Giranda, Alonna Gliksman, Aiden Graham, Kenny Hecht, Natalie Helewa, Timothy Irourdayassamy, Megan Jannone, Christian Johnson, Kara Johnson, Allison Koopman, Daisry Joy Ladignan, Alli Maher, Caroline McNamee, Daria Monti, Dawson Muth, Greg Nobile, Brendan O’Kane, Meghan Partington, Rahul Ramanathan, John Schipani Jr, Jonah Schneiderman, Lawrence Shue, Ally Skurka, Alex Strasser, Jenna Sweetman, Brenna VanSkiver, Hayden Verbanas, Scott Webster, Madeline Weiner, Madison Whiting, Greta Wickman, Jessica Wieczorkiewicz, Tobias Wintress, Brianna Zeitler. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H’ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

Kindergarten Clovers: Tonight, July 15, we got our display ready for Fair. We colored all the signs for the activities we did all year and made our Kindergarten Clovers Banner. Christopher liked when the magic club came. Julie liked the puppets and Dale liked making butter with the New Centre Dairy club. It was a great year and Mr. Brochinsky had a lot of fun leading the club.
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Volunteer Opportunity
If any individuals, families or clubs would like to help an elderly or disabled person get the yard ready for winter by raking leaves, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at: 908-541-5715.

Parade of Clubs
by Ellen Parker
Wow! This year’s Parade of Clubs was terrific! Lead by the Outstanding 4-H’ers, almost every tent was represented by one or many members. Thanks to all who participated, especially our narrator Joe Bakes, and to the judges who awarded Participation Ribbons as follows:

Parade of Club Results:
Just Kidding
Lone Rangers Award
Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Best Costume
Chaps & Spurs
Most Knowledgeable
Little Woofers
Prettiest Smile
Wattles & Snood
Most Enthusiastic
Prep Tent
Best Cheer (because it was right!)
Small Animal Tent
Best Song
Battlebots
Best Banner
Somerset Servos
Greatest Chant
RC Car Club
Biggest, Toughest Motors
Chinese Culture Club
Most Colorful
Crazy Frog Hoppers
The Perkiest
Twirling Clovers
The Proudest
Country Kickers:
Best Country Girl
4-H Magicians Guild
Now You See Them - Now You Don’t