Pictured are 4 of many couples who met their significant other through the 4-H program. In keeping with our theme this year “I ♥ 4-H!” we thought it would be fun to have a display board in the information tent showing all the couples that have met somehow through 4-H! Examples:

- You met when you were members or volunteers.
- You met at college and discovered you were both alumni.
- You met at Fair, maybe she was working in the commercial tent or he just bumped into you.
- You met at 4-H camp, he was a 4-H’er or maybe the cook.
- You met at CWF, she was a 4-H’er or maybe the tour guide!

If there was some way 4-H brought the two of you together, we want your story! Please include how, when and where you met and if you are still active in 4-H today. We would like a recent picture of the two of you or one when you first met, or even both. Your pictures can be a hard copy (that will get returned to you), or you can send them electronically to Georgeanne Valis at valis@co.somerset.nj.us. Please include your name (and maiden name). We bet there are at least 50 couples out there who met because of 4-H, so spread the word to alumni! Your stories are important to us. This will be a fun exhibit and will truly show the public how much we really ♥ 4-H!
President's Message

Welcome to the 64th Somerset County 4-H Fair!

The three days of the year that all of us involved in Somerset County 4-H have been waiting for and working toward, are upon us. And recognizing that 4-H’ers and 4-H volunteers aren’t the only ones who are eagerly anticipating August 10, 11 and 12, 2011, I would like to welcome all of Somerset County and our visitors from around the state, across the country and even from foreign lands to our 4-H Fair. I am proud to greet you on behalf of the Somerset County 4-H Association.

It has taken countless hours of work and the sweat and cooperation of hundreds to make this event one of the cultural touchstones of Somerset County. We are proud to showcase the talents of our 4-H members and the dedication of our staff and volunteers during three days of Free Family Fun. Of course, this event would not be possible without the support of our Board of Freeholders and county government, the Somerset County Park Commission, the staff of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, our sponsors, the vendors who support our commercial areas and the nonprofit organizations responsible for the delicious offerings in the food tent.

Please enjoy the exhibits and programs of the 4-H Fair and feel free to show your appreciation to our 4-H club members, volunteers and staffers who put so much of themselves into these three days. Thank you for attending and for helping us to Make the Best Better.

Wearing my clover proudly,

Joe Bakes
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) 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. Contact our office at 908-526-6644 for information regarding special needs or accommodations. RCE is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact the State Extension Director’s Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 732-932-5000, ext. 584.

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.
Get Ready for the Best 4-H Fair Ever!

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

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

Date: Wed. Aug. 10th

Meeting Place: Outside the Mechanical Science Tent

Meeting Time: 5:30

Parade Starts: 5:45

Opening Ceremonies

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

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

All 4-H families and Fair volunteers should have a plan for inclement weather, including a means of communication and a designated place to meet.
Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2011 4-H Fair

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

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

- Be officially registered in a standard Somerset County 4-H Club and actively engaged in a 4-H project by January 1, 2011.
- Have attended 70% of the meetings of their 4-H Club.
- Have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.
- Have completed a record book of their 4-H project and/or 4-H activities for the year and submitted this record to a Club Leader.

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

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

If a member has attended meetings and submitted a record book but joined Somerset County 4-H after Jan. 1, 2011 or has not given a formal or informal presentation, that member may exhibit, but not compete or be judged.

CHECK DIVISIONS FOR SPECIFIC RULES and REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

**Adult Responsibilities**

**4-H Parents & Guardians**

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

**4-H Club Leaders**

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

**Division Chairpersons**

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2012 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible or make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.
- Order ribbons ASAP. Pick them up at the Center before your show.

**Tent Superintendents**

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

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

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

*Thank you to all the members, parents and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy to making the 4-H Fair a success.*
2011 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

This document is available online at http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fairexhibitorguide.html

Review your division guidelines, and any Open Divisions in which you are interested.

All 4-H members are welcome to participate in Open Divisions. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office.

- You may have craft projects, creative arts, needlecraft, woodworking and photography that you did during the school year that you can exhibit. Read the rules and requirements carefully, changes have been made.

- All exhibits in Open Divisions should be turned in to the 4-H Center no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 4.

- Check the listing for each division in the Exhibitor's Guide for details and if pre-registration is required.

- Prep members may participate non-competitively and will receive 4-H Fair participation ribbons.

Open Divisions For All 4-H'ers!

Show off your creative talents:

- Bread
- Cake Decoration
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dairy Foods
- Fiber
- Horticulture and Agriculture
- Needlecraft
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking/Wood Science

Foods Judging

Saturday, July 23, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

For all members enrolled in a Foods Project Club. Please register with your leader by July 18th. You leader will have score sheets ahead of time. Please review them so you know what to expect.

Attention: All Sheep, Alpaca, Rabbit and Dog Club Members...

Please save your fleeces and fibers from your current 4-H project animal for show and judging at the Fair. Entries should not be washed but should be as free of debris and vegetation as possible, placed in clear plastic bags and brought to the Information Tent by 10:45 am Thursday morning of the Fair. Judging of all entries will take place in the Information Tent. If you need more information or have questions please email Sue MacCombie: susar@rcn.com.

I♥4-H Talent!

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent on the Clover Theater stage! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 9th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H'ers. Check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2011 Exhibitors Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at jlsomm@comcast.net (put "4-H talent" in the subject line).

Fashion Revue

Thursday, August 11, 8:30 pm
at the Clover Theatre on the Fairgrounds

Any 4-H member who has constructed a garment or accessory as a 4-H project and has had that project judged in the sewing division or an open division, may participate. This is an opportunity to display your creativity and craftsmanship to the public! Call the 4-H Office to register by August 3.

Pie & Cookie Making Workshop

Friday, July 29, 7:00 pm, Cookies & Bars
Friday, August 5, 7:00 pm, Pies

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

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

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

Yearbook and Catalog

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center mid-August. Please be sure your advertisers get one. Say thanks to Joanna Lieuallen, Becky Moore, Abner Mathews, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare, Bryn Keck, Jeff Weinstein and Joe Bakes for a terrific 2011 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts

4-H members (or volunteers) with $100 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25 or Tuesday, August 2.

Herdsmen

- Welcome new 2011 Supervisor Becky Moore, 4-H Association member. Rich and Debbie Norz will assist.
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to **uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.**
- Return a completed application by JULY 8 to the 4-H Center. **Late applications will not be accepted!** Applications are available online: www.4HisTops.org
- Herdsmen applicants **must attend** one of two herdsmen orientation meetings, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. or August 2 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval **signatures** from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided by Pauline Kodack and Sandy Claire, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must be a registered volunteer and complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

Fair Supplies

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

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 24.

Limited Fair Improvement

Grants Due August 1

The 4-H Association will consider giving divisions/tents monetary grants to make the Fair better. Please remember that Fair grants are limited and clubs must have sold ads/and/or wreaths. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website: www.4HisTops.org/4hfair.
Milkshake Booth
Help is needed from 4 to 10 PM all three nights of fair. No experience is necessary; we supply aprons. Bring a friend. Clubs can sign up to work together. Parents, this is an opportunity for you to get to know each other. The milkshake booth is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association to help fund the fair. Call Janet Kolb, 908-369-4865, Lynn Draper, 908-722-4885, or email Andrew Lerch at andrewlerch@verizon.net to volunteer.

Cotton Candy at the Fair!
Thanks to all who have volunteered to spin cotton candy at the Fair.

Landscapers Needed!
The Somerset County 4-H Association is looking for quality landscapers, garden centers or landscape designers to donate their expertise and materials for decorative plantings and mulch beds at the entrances to the 4-H Exhibit Tents. For more details, call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 and ask for Bryn.

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

Egg Hunt at the Fair
The Poultry division held this event the past 3 years and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Steve Fenyar if your division would like to participate, 908-359-7288.

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

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

4-H Fair Food Tent
All the food sold at the Fair is prepared by non profit organizations. They split their proceeds with 4-H and use the rest to support their organizations. The Middlebush Fire Department is celebrating 50 years at the Somerset County 4-H Fair! The Pie and Cake booth has been with us for 25 years! New last year, the Kettle Corn from Jack's Kids, was a major hit. This year, we welcome a new organization, St John's Episcopal Church. They will be selling hoagies, a great addition to our menu. The Unitarian Church is also adding a new item - chocolate covered bananas! Other, more healthy, choices are being introduced. It is because of the support of these organizations and the hundreds of volunteers that work with them that our Food Tent is so successful. Please support the Food Tent by helping and by eating there.

Press Releases
Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news.
**Fair Set Up**

The Fair Managers will move supplies to the fairgrounds very early the Saturday morning before the Fair. Everything in the pole barn that has a division label on it will be placed in the appropriate tent. Horse club members will help at the pole barn at 6 am and Dairy club members at 8 am.

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

**Keep It Neat!**

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

**How to Pack a Pallet**

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

**Fair Clean Up**

SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS

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

**2nd Shift on Saturday**

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

**Volunteer Workforce Pages**

Check out the following Workforce Pages and see where you can help.
2011 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR
VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

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

Prior to the Fair
4-H Fair Managers and Office Staff
- Exhibitor Guide
- Tent contract
- Publicity
- Layout
- Golf Carts
- Porta-Jons
- Bumper strips/promo items
- Bleachers
- Permits: parks, construction, electric, food

Wednesday-Friday, August 3-5, Evenings
1. Stringing lights w/electricians          Need Help
2. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents    Dog Clubs (8/6 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday before the Fair, August 6
1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair Fair Managers, horse, dairy
   All Divisions
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
3. General Electric Help (No experience needed)  Need Help
   2 people per shift (grade 8-adult) (9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm)
4. Man Volunteer Oasis                      Need Help
5. Install Show Tent fence                  Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
6. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up        Science and other Clubs
7. Install hand sanitizers                   Trainmasters (9 am)
8. Tables/chairs for divisions              Division Chairpersons
   Report to:
   Tony DeVergillo
   Dawn Hribik
   Mike Amorosa
   Craig Hockenbury
   Tina Pirro
   Livestock leaders
   Sue Posbergh
   Bryn Keck
   Sign-out in pole barn

Sunday before the Fair, August 7
1. Fire extinguishers                        Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
2. Prep Tent set-up                          4-H Prep Clubs
3. Stringing lights w/electricians           Two Volunteers per tent
4. Exit and No Smoking Signs                 Teen Volunteers
5. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up          Arts and other Clubs
6. Info. Booth set-up                        Need Help
7. Milkshake booth set-up                    Committee, Go-Kart Club
8. Install recruitment kiosks                Senior Council
9. Cotton Candy set-up                       Need Help
   Report to:
   Paul Cirello
   Harry Brochinsky
   Electricians
   Bryn Keck
   Laura Graham
   Joe Bakes
   Janet Kolb
   Maggie Navatto
   Kyle Miholics

Monday before the Fair, August 8, 6:30 p.m.
1. Show Tent set-up                          Livestock Clubs
2. Food Tent set-up                          Food Tent Committee
   Report to:
   Livestock Leaders
   Annette Smutko
Tuesday before the Fair, August 9, all day (call your leaders for times)

1. 4-H exhibits set-up  4-H Club Members  4-H club leaders
2. Food Tent set-up       Food Tent Committee
3. 4-H Herdsmen Meeting 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members  Becky Moore
4. 4-H Information Tent contents Need Help  Joe Bakes
5. Bench seating for the public Teen Volunteers  Bryn Keck

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - August 10, 11, & 12

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

Friday night after the Fair

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

Saturday morning after the Fair - Aug 14 - We Need You!!

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m.  Fair Managers  Mike Amorosa
2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs  All Divisions (Need Help)  Electricians
3. Remove bench seating  Need Help  Fair Managers
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds  All 4-H Clubs (Need Help)
5. Return Info. Booth papers to Center  Need Help  Joe Bakes
6. Dismantle Show Tent  Livestock clubs  Livestock Leaders
7. Fire extinguishers returned  Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
8. Commercial Tent snow fence  Need Help  Mike Amorosa
   dismantled & rolled
9. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn  Need Help  Dawn Hribik

Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, Two Reps from each Club  Electricians
   finish moving everything to Center
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink)  Need Help  Tina Pirro
3. Wash Golf Carts  Need Help  Abner Mathews
Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child, notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately.

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

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

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

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

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

Rules and Procedures

Buses will run between the Fair grounds and Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the Fair.

- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
- On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward.
- DROP-OFF during Fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

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

**FAIR CLOSING**

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

If the Fair is closed:

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

**FAIR REOPENING**

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

**2011 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency**

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

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

- Carol Ward- horse, dogs, sheep, goats, dairy, beef, poultry, and show tent
- Lisa Rothenburger- Trains, mechanical sciences, rc cars, go-kart track, small animal
- Bryn Keck- Arts, Science
- Lisa Darby- Prep, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy
- Rachel Bijaczyk- Board of Ag, Master Gardeners, Herpetology
THUNDERSTORM AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURE
Somerset County 4-H Fair

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

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

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Watch for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.
2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.
3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.
4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.
5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

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

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Warning for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.
2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.
3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.
4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.
5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. DO NOT STAY IN A TENT. (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)
6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.
7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
2011 4-H FAIR DIRECTORY – Call 4-H Center for Phone Numbers

4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews
Britt Powell
Mike Amorosa
Mike Pappas
Finances- Jim Wood
Food Tent – Annette Smutko,
Caitlyn O’Neil,
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Matthews
Office contact- Barb Navatto
4-H Information - Joe and Kathy Bakes
Fair Mgr Liaison – Mike Pappas
Office contact- RoseMary Fleming
Herdsmen Supervisors – Becky Moore,
Rich & Debbie Norz
Fair Mgr Liaison-Britt Powell,
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Herdsmen Breakfast- Pauline Kodack
Sandy Clare
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Commercial- Dawn Hribik, Kim Germack
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Mathews
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Yearbook/Catalog Ads - Joanna Lieuallen
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Yearbook/Catalog Photos - Becky Moore
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
Entertainment - Betty Sommerville
Kim Miholics
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Parade- Ellen Parker
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Sponsorship – Jill Brochinsky, Jodi Kopecki
Office contact- RoseMary Fleming
Milkshakes- Lynne Draper
Janet Kolb
Fair Mgr Liaison- Britt Powell
Office contact- Barb Navatto
Logistics - Dave Reur, Dawn Hribik
Fair Mgr Liaison- Abner Mathews
First Aid, Fire-Christopher Ireland
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Amorosa
Corporate Volunteers - Pam Christian
Office Contact- Lisa Darby
Volunteer Oasis - Tina Pirro
Erin Torres
Fair Mgr Liaison – Abner Matthews
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
Busing – Mike Pappas
Office Contact – Barb Navatto

Electrician’s Workforce- Tony DeVergillo
Fair Manager Liaison - Britt Powell
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
PA Systems- Kyle Miholics
Fair Mgr Liaison- Britt Powell
Office Contact- Barb Navatto
Fair Photographer- Abner Mathews
Tent Superintendents
Horse – Carol Maciborski
Office contact-Carol Ward
Alpaca/Cat – Janet Weiss
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dog- Tina Pirro, Shannon Zimmitti
Jeff Weinstein
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Sheep- Mary McLaughlin
Office contact-Carol Ward
Poultry- Steve Fenyr
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dairy- Nancy Kirby
Office contact-Carol Ward
Beef-Michelle Ogle
Office contact-Carol Ward
Goats- Al Stahoski
Office contact-Carol Ward
Mech. Science- Ken Pomplun
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
RC Cars- Chris Heckman
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Science-Sue Posbergh
Office contact- Lisa Rothenburger
Arts- Laura Graham
Office contact-Rachel Bijaczyk
Prep- Harry Brochinsky
Office contact-Lisa Darby
Small Animal- Laurie Hazen
Office contact-Carol Ward
Herpetology- Karen Fisch
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Show Tent –
Office contact-Carol Ward
Model Trains- Doug Pitney
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Sno-Cone – Beth Kavanaugh
Ice Cream – Debbie Norz
Cotton Candy-Lisa Darby
Board of Agriculture – Joanne Powell
Alumni-
Open Divisions- Office Contact- Rachel Bijaczyk
And in Other News...

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

August is the time for 4-H members from throughout the state to showcase their project animals. Mark your calendars now for these culminating events. Remember, you do not need to have an animal project to come to the shows. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on other 4-H members from your county.

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Monday, August 22
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Sussex County
Contact: Carol Ward ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp

State 4-H Goat Show
Date: Thursday, August 25
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 26 - Sunday, August 28
Time: vary - check 4-H website for details
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: Carol Ward ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp

State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show
Date: Saturday, September 10
Time: 9:30 am animal check in
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

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

JOIN 4-H IN ANSWERING THE PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE!

Are you up for a challenge? Join 4-H and the Let’s Move Campaign in showing the President how active we are here in Somerset County.

The President’s Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H is answering this call by setting a goal with Michelle Obama to have 100,000 4-H members and their families complete their PALA by September 30, 2011.

The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes those individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes minimum for adults). Registering for the 4-H groups is simple, quick and there is no cost to participate!

HOW TO JOIN:
1.) Go to https://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php
2.) Fill out the registration form.
3.) When you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on the groups tab and join the following 4-H groups:
   - **Group Name:** National 4-H Program
     - **Group ID Number:** 96548
   - **Group Name:** New Jersey 4-H
     - **Group ID Number:** 99868
   - **Group Name:** Somerset County, NJ 4-H
     - **Group ID Number:** 100114
4.) After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities you’ll be able to track your progress toward winning a President’s Challenge Award or Medal. Your activities will automatically be counted for each group. GREAT LUCK!

The President’s Challenge - www.PresidentsChallenge.org
Let’s Move Campaign - www.letsmove.gov
4-H Club and Special Activity Insurance Coverage

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

The Stars & Stripes Livestock Show
August 20, 2011
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

Important Dates for Horse Members!

• 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 10 at North Branch Park

• State Horse Show meeting for all members who qualify is Tuesday, July 19th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room

• Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Tuesday, July 15th, 7:30 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room (for all members who plan to bring a horse to Fair)

NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
August 19 - 21
4-H and Military Youth in grades 7 - 13 are invited to participate in the NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp, August 19 - 21 at the Monmouth County Nomoco Family Campground in Freehold. Come ready to explore outdoor adventures, participate in building life skills and best of all, make new friends!

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

2011 Outstanding...

4-H’ers:
Elizabeth Frank
Sharon Toth

Alumni
Dawn Granja
Caitlin O’Neill

2011 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
William Hartmann, Lisa Magulak, Angela Philipsheck, Chris Posbergh, Sharon Toth, Ashley Ward

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship: Gabrielle Chaya

4-H Prep Scholarship: Chris Posbergh

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship: Angela Philipsheck

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship: Angela Philipsheck

4-H Balliet Scholarship: Angela Philipsheck

Ad Sales Update

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled $42,000!, much more than was anticipated near the deadline. Thanks to everyone that pushed just a little harder to make it happen!

Special recognition to these top 5 salespeople: Levi Bruss, Ashley Rose Miller, Eileen Hennessy, Taylor Johnson, Paige Lamberson.

4-H State Presentations

On June 11, Rutgers University hosted the 2011 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers who participated in the state contest: Daniel Basile, Sarah Bijaczyk, Margaret Cyr-Ohgenmach, Sarah Dagnall, Alessandra DelPrincipe, Elizabeth Dry, Michael Duan, Elizabeth Frank, Brianna Glowinski, Emily Griswold, Kristen Johnson, Brian Kober, Megan Kouril, Garrett Ladignan, Elizabeth McGrath, Julia Meier, Jill Newbold, Jessica Nunn, Kristen Obermeier, Isha Pandya, Alyssa Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Daniel Philipsheck, Lars Rasmussen, Madeline Reese, Colleen Ridder, Alanna Staffin, Sarah Stamets, Scott Weiss, Keitra Wiggins

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Elizabeth Frank, Isha Pandya, Elizabeth Dry, Dan Peterson, Colleen Ridder, Julia Meier, Kietra Wiggins, Jessica Nunn.
Somerset County Profiles of Positive Aging 2011

Abner Mathews, 4-H Fair Manager

The Somerset County Office on Aging and Board of Chosen Freeholders has given 5 awards to people who continue to have a positive impact on the quality of life in Somerset County.

Based on his involvement in Somerset County 4-H for over 40 years, Abner Mathews was a most deserving recipient. Currently, he is a 4-H Fair Manager, a Life time member of the 4-H Association and the official 4-H photographer.

He began his 4-H career as a leader of the remote control airplane club and was instrumental in establishing the first Somerset County Go Kart Club.

Throughout the year, Abner is involved in every phase of planning and preparation for the 4-H Fair. At the Fair, you can find him supervising details of set up, daily operations and take down. He also chairs the Photography Division, finding professionals to judge the entries and supervising the organization of the division. He helps with the BIG Rummage Sale, Wreath Sales, and the BIG Basket Bonanza. Abner attends numerous 4-H events and club meetings to take photos for the Yearbook and Catalog. He also teaches a kite making workshop at 4-H Science-sational Day and other 4-H events.

Abner has been so influential for such a long time that he has touched the lives of more 4-H’ers than we can count. His work ethic is certainly an example for all. His contagious smile and folksy expressions are well known in 4-H. But the one thing that impacts our organization the most, is his rock solid positive outlook and “can do” attitude. No matter what the challenge, his attitude never waivers.

Congratulations, Abner!

More Congratulations for County Presentations

Hoofbeats:
Michelle Bergen
Francesca Fazio

4-H Outdoor Adventurers
Shannon Schulz
Darcy Schulz
Alex Hall
Samantha Hall
Owen Booker

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
Megan Kouril

Wags ‘n’ Whiskers
Elizabeth McGrath
Sean McGrath

New Centre Dairy
Taylor Wyatt

Clothing Judging for Fair

Congratulations to the members that brought their sewing projects for judging in June. They made pillows, pajamas, shorts, ponchos, stuffed animals and doll clothes. These will be on display in the Arts Tent at the Fair.

Gingersnaps- Kate Aeschliman, Molly Aeschliman, Eliza Rothenburger, Briannan Ferrullo-Szakacs, Jennifer Versfelt

Crazy Frog Hoppers- Megan DeMichele, Mellissa Smutko, Christine Arcoleo, Veronica Soto, Uma Balasubramanian, Gina Shaughnessy

Good Luck 4-H’er’s
### Results From State Dog Show

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### Middle School Conference Participants

Kudos to these members who participated in the recent Middle School Conference:

- Mariah Abram
- Marcy Aeschliman
- Lorenzo Beer
- Ricson Cheng
- Shanna Gryder
- Erin Kopecky
- Paige Lamberson
- Whitney Porter
- Alanna Staffin
- Rachel Staffin

### Congratulations...

To **Alanna and Ariel Staffin** who both received Honorable Mentions at the Hoards Dairyman Judging Contest. Alanna and Ariel placed in the top 20 out of 16,000 entries. Alanna and Ariel are members of the New Centre Dairy Club and their coaches were Nancy Kirby and Rich Norz.

### Honored...

**Aparna Sundaram**, of the K-9 Seeing Eye Puppy Club, recently received the Gold Level Presidential Service Award for putting in 300 hours of community service in the past year.

### Sorry...

In our May issue of Clovertales, we mistakenly left out the **Here Tomorrow** Environmental/Conservation Club in our thank you to those clubs who donated to our Big Basket Bonanza Tricky Tray.
State Horse Judging and Hippology

Senior Horse Judging
Kristin Johnson  8th place Halter Division
Ashley Thompson  8th place Performance Division

Senior Hippology
Kristen Johnson  6th place High Individual
9th place Judging
7th place Stations
7th place Exams
Ashley Thompson  10th place Phase B Stations

Junior Horse Judging
Madison Chebra  4th place Performance Division
5th place High Oral Reason

Junior Hippology
Samantha Eristavi  7th place High Individual
9th place Stations
5th place Exams
Sienna Mussara  8th place Judging

Junior High Team - 4th place
Sienna Mussara, Samantha Eristavi, Madison Chebra

CloverCon 2011 Aftermath
By Betty Sommerville

Despite this being their first year, The Village Hidden in the Clovers 4-H Club was so full of "otaku" inspiration & imagination that they held their first mini-convention to promote Japanese culture's art forms of anime (movies) & manga (comics) at the 4-H Center on June 18. They created an exhilarating day full of anime-inspired and/or Japanese games (including a Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament), music, dancing, drawing workshops (including one by Rutgers' Japanese Cultural Association), discussion panels, screenings, & a reading room, plus an Artist's Alley (11 including 4 from our club) with a local manga & anime dealer.

Attracting over 200 folks with some coming dressed as their favorite character to strut on the catwalk, the event successfully raised $1762 for BIG to help with a new roof on our favorite place in the 4-H world! Senior Council ran the kitchen (CloverCon Café aka WacDonalds) serving a mix of American (hotdogs & cupcakes) & Japanese (noodles, pocky & ramune soda) -foods that also made a profit.

The Penny Wars' and origami cranes' monies for Japan Disaster Relief via the American Red Cross will be forwarded thanks also to Senior Council. A wonder-full sweet, or "kawaii", day, I gladly give a heartfelt thanks to everyone (including the new Clanga Club) involved in making this premier event happen, well knowing that next year's CloverCon will be even better with all of our hands-on learning that took place!

We ❤ 4-H!

Congratulations to these 4-H members who participated at Rutgers Day on April 30.

Robotics Team Participants: Alex Rishty, Ryan Betz, Ethan Nugent, Ethan Weinstock

Expressive Arts Participants: Madara Dias, Kristen Obermeier
Wattles 'n' Snood
by Paige Lamberson/Emily Milz
The club is already busy planning for Fair. In April, plans were started. Other subjects discussed were the new baby chicks and a trip in May. Each member gave a fact about chickens. In May, members brainstormed ideas to match the new Fair theme. In addition they plan to put up signs about cage cards. Volunteers are being recruited for both the tent and the pretzel booth. Coordinators were picked for the tent, egg hunt and pretzel booth. Alex gave a presentation on Tips for Raising Chickens.

Mighty Cavits & Rodents
The club discussed ad sales and the fair display. Members gave presentations.

Chaps & Spurs
by Sam Eristavi
Members discussed Outstanding 4-H’er forms, herdsman applications and state horse show dates. Three members did presentations; Kara Johnson on Olde English Babydoll Southdown sheep; Liz River on Arabian horses; and Sarah Dagnall on police horses. Sarah will be going to state presentations. As president, Kristen created a worksheet on horses and members played a game.

Kings Riders
by Carolina Almeida
The club went to Burnnett Farm where Karen Apgar taught members how to work a horse in a round pen, using her horse Rio. Rio was able to stop, turn around and follow Karen without her ever touching him. After she put Rio through his paces, members were allowed to try. Learning how to round pen was so much fun for the members. At the meeting Kayla discussed health information.

Cattleman’s Club
Members discussed upcoming events which included a showmanship-field day, prizes, fundraisers for the club and the Fair, including tent displays. The club voted to donate money towards Round Robin Fair ribbons and towards the upcoming national trips. New t-shirts are being ordered in gray. A real life experience for one of the members was used as an educational lesson for the club.

4-H Country Kickers
The Kickers have been hard at work bootscooting to prepare for their biggest venue at Fair yet. Watch for their performance at Fair where they will be entertaining you with 8 different dances. In addition to traditional country music, they are performing to a blue grass tune as well as hits by the PussyCat Dolls and Michael Jackson.

The Woolly Ones
by Mary McLaughlin
The Woolly Ones are gearing up for the Fair! At the last club meeting, Wil Staats presented a fun sheep Wheel of Fortune game and members discussed fair preparations as well as the club display. Members of the sheep division got together at the Staats family farm to get pumped up for the upcoming Fair! After a delicious pot luck dinner of lamb and sheep's milk products, they got hands-on with different farm management equipment. Members practiced their showmanship skills, with older members guiding newer members. Everyone learned a lot and had a great time - just ask the pickles!

The Magicians Guild
by Glenn Valis
Members have been getting ready for Fair, learning tricks and improving their presentations. In May they did a show at the Somerville Library, and have been practicing hard for the Fair. They will be performing a show daily from 2 to 2:30 on the Prep tent stage, and then doing close-up magic in the arts tent at 3.
Dear 4-H Preppers,

Sixty 4-H’ers, family members and friends enjoyed a wonderful weekend at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp. Weekend activities were hiking, boating on the lake, fishing, crafts, owl pellets, archery, s’mores, 4 corners, a scavenger hunt and the famous 4-H torch march followed by ice cream sundaes. You could do it all or you could do nothing, however you would most enjoy your weekend. Family camp is also a great way to get to know 4-Hers from other clubs. Family camp is not just a prep/Cloverbud camp, it is a Family Camp.

A BIG Thank You to all who helped make the weekend run smoothly: Jill & Harry Brochinsky for doing all of the food shopping and taking charge of the kitchen. Maggie Navatto for coming up to camp to run the archery, Dave VanSkiver for leading the hikes, The Parker family for taking charge of the camp fire & s’mores, Amy Frank for running the scavenger hunt and 4 corners, Karl & Janine, Mercer county 4-H Alum, for leading us in songs and judging the 4 corners game, Laura Herndon for taking charge of the owl pellets, and Evan Brochinsky & Jonah Schneiderman for leading the torch march and making us sing for our supper. To everyone else that helped in the kitchen and who helped clean up during camp, I thank you! Without such great people Family Camp just wouldn’t be such a great success.

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the Dates

Sunday Aug 7th at 1:00pm is the Prep/Cloverbud tent set-up.

Tuesday Aug 9th from 10:00am to 8:00pm is the individual club display setup in the Prep/Cloverbud tent.

Wednesday thru Friday Aug 10th - 12th is the Somerset County 4-H fair. Please remember to book your club times for the activity table and information table in the prep tent and spinning cotton candy. For more information contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us.

Friday Aug 12th at 10:00pm is break down of the Prep/Cloverbud tent. Please try to have one person from your club there to take down your club display.

Saturday Aug 13th is the general break down of the fair for whoever would like help. We are always looking for lots of help.
Yakety-Yak!

**Exploding Stars** - The Exploding Stars spent the evening enjoying a presentation by the Cat Club. We learned about different types of cats and how they like to live. Our next meeting we had a bridge building contest. Each member created their own bridge from straws and paper clips. The bridge had to withstand the weight of a bag of pennies. We had many successful bridges. Finally, we had a spy evening. We read information from the FBI website and took fingerprints. We even learned how to write in invisible ink using lemon juice.

**Discovery Prep** - We went to Norz Hill Farm to see the calves and other animals. Dale’s brother Cary introduced us to his calf, Mitzi and his yearling, Erica. Then he told us all about how he takes care of his animals and works with them to get them ready for the fair. Fayrooz and Zachary even got to lead Mitzi on a walk. Dale showed us his calf, Tara. We also had a special treat. One of the cows on the farm had a newborn calf that was only three hours old. It was so cute. We also saw Mary the lamb and all the other great animals that they have at Norz Hill Farm. At our next meeting Mr. Matthews showed us how to make and fly kites. Sofia liked flying them, Max liked building them, Mahmood liked decorating them and Dale liked cutting them.

**The Little Woofers** - We had a great year of training our dogs. Our members have made lots of progress. We would like to invite everyone to come to the Prep class in the dog tent at the Fair to see how much we’ve learned!

**The Cloverbud Kids** - Cloverbud kids visited Howell Living Farm in Lambertville. The members made potato spud bugs, toured the farm, saw pigs, sheep, horses, chicken and geese. The club then went on a tractor ride out to the planning fields and helped to plant a special crop of potatoes to be harvested and donated to the local hunger projects this August. It was a fantastic enjoyable day! On our next trip we ventured out to Round Valley State Park in Lebanon for a Nature Detective Hike and fishing excursion. With magnifying glasses in hand the Cloverbud Kids headed down Pine Tree Trail on the hunt for a bird that was singing, a worm, an ant, a flower, something orange, something hairy, tracks of animals, a feather, a hole or nest where a critter might live and lots of other wonderful bits and pieces found in nature. Along the hiking trail the club also stopped to do some fishing and wading in the water. It was another exciting trip for the Cloverbud Kids. To finish out the month of May, we met at the 4-H center to build terrariums and to make pretty butterflies from coffee filters. Our members used rainbow rocks, carbon pebbles, dirt, Begonias, and toy frogs & salamanders to create eye-catching terrariums.

**Prep Chefs** - In our May meeting the Prep Chefs made Spring Rolls. This activity was led by Hoai-An, Tri-An, and their mom. The Nguyen family showed the members how to dip the wrappers to soften them; fill with meat, veggies and noodles; roll them up; then dip them in sauce for a delicious treat. The Prep Chefs also discussed ideas for the Fair, so be sure to check the Fair schedule and stop by our table in the Prep Tent. The club will hold its annual pot-luck and pinning ceremony in June.

**Lego Maniacs 1 & 2** - On May 13th the two clubs joined together to hold their end of the year party in North Branch Park. Between 40 - 50 people attended. We had lots of fun, great weather, food, desserts and candy. Water, juice pouches, Munchkins, cupcakes, fruit, Jell-O, cookies and pizza were supplied by the parents. Karin Wessel also brought a large sheet cake which she decorated with candy from her store, The Candy Boutique. She also gave out favors in the form of edible Lego Bricks. Everyone enjoyed the evening.
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As we continue our **BIG** push for **BIG** money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really **BIG** way!

The 2011 Rummage Sale is going to be even **BIGGER & BETTER** than last year! There are two ways that you can be involved:

- **Donate...** De-clutter your home NOW and save your best treasures for the sale!

- **Volunteer...** Be a part of the effort and a part of the fun! Help accept, sort & price donations during the pre-sale days... Work the sales floor during sale days... or... Be an “angel” and help with the clean up on Sunday!

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**The ** **BIG** 4-H Rummage Sale**

**Ted Blum 4-H Center**

310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  (908) 526-6644

**Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17, 2011**

9am-3pm

(½ Price Saturday 1pm-3pm)

**Donations Accepted:**

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 12-13-14 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm

(Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

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A really **BIG** thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2011
Set Up – Sept. 12th–15th
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 16th & 17th 9am-3pm
½ Price Sale – Saturday, Sept. 17th 1pm-3pm
Clean Up – Sept. 18th

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

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

DONATIONS NEEDED:

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

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

YOU CAN BE
A PART OF THE FUN!

Donate Your Items
and/or
Volunteer Your Time
THANK YOU!
New Jersey
4-H Event Permission Form for Youth

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

Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of youth participant: ___________________________ Birthdate: ___________________________

Address: ________________________________________ 4-H county: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Telephone number: ___________________________ Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________

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

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

Location of event: North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above: August 10-11-12, 2011 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Parent Permission and Release of Liability

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

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

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

Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________ Phone number: ___________________________

Name of additional emergency contact: ___________________________ Phone number: ___________________________

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

Health conditions: ___________________________

Medications/Instructions: ___________________________

Health Insurance: Company ___________________________

Group# ___________________________

ID# ___________________________

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

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Behavior Agreement

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

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

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

4-H Code of Conduct

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

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

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

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

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

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


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August 10-11-12, 2011
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