It’s been a cold, brutal winter, but spring is finally on its way! The Somerset County 4-H Program is ready to “Spring Forward” with many fun and educational programs for this season. With this in mind, the 4-H Association chose a 2011 Fair Theme based on your nominations. This year’s 4-H Fair Theme is I ♥ 4-H! Keep that in mind as you plan this year’s fair display for your club.

We kick March off with our Somerset County 4-H Cloverbud Rally to be held the first Saturday of the month. This year’s theme is “Bugs, Worms & Icky Stuff”. We hope all of our 4-H members will be giving Presentations March 18, 22, 23 or 24. It is one of our most important events of the year! Even if you do not present this year, you should plan to attend one of the sessions to watch! March ends with our extremely popular 4-H Science-sational Day for youth grades 1-6. Don’t forget to sign up and bring your non 4-H friends! Last year we maxed out at 200 people!

Also in March, the 4-H Association will host its fourth annual BIG Basket Bonanza Tricky Tray. A BIG Thank You to all the clubs who supported this effort. Proceeds help to improve the 4-H Center.

In April, we have our Puppet Adventures at 4-H. There are workshops in the morning for youth in grades K-5 and a free puppet show open to all in the afternoon. Saturday April 30 is Rutgers Day including tours of the Rutgers Gardens and animal facilities, research laboratories, the state 4-H Dog Show and lot’s of food and fun. What a nice way to spend time with your family. Admission and parking are free.

We hope to see you at these events!

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol Ward
County 4-H Agent
4-H Science-sational Day
March 26

1st-6th graders can participate in hands-on science workshops that include our most popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, and Try It - Fly It. New and returning workshops include Alka Seltzer Rockets, We All Scream for Ice Cream, Chemistry Wizardry, Cupcake Science, You Could BEE Dancing and I Robot!

In our opening session you will learn the science of matter as you help to rescue Benjamin Bug who has accidentally found himself in someone's house! See if you and Benjamin's friends can save him before all hope is squashed! Brochures/registration forms for this fun day are available at the 4-H office, at the 4-H Center and on-line at www.4HisTops.org.

The cost is $25.00 per child, each additional sibling is $20.00 and parents can attend for no additional cost. Please provide your child with a lunch and drink that day. This program is open to all children. You don’t have to belong to 4-H to participate. Have your child bring a best friend! Open to the first 200 participants who register. Registration closes March 15. Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more information.

Important Dates for State 4-H Animal Events!

March 12 – Wags Circuit 4-H Dog Show, Somerset County
March 19 – State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Monmouth County
March 19 – State Equine Presentations, Cook College, Rutgers
March 26 – State Livestock Symposium, Cook College, Rutgers
April 9-10 – State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology
April 30 – State 4-H Dog Show, Cook College, Rutgers

Please contact Carol Ward about any of the above events. ward@njaes.rutgers.edu

The following forms are due in the county 4-H office:

Horse Registrations are due April 1.
Livestock Loan Forms are due May 1.
Market Lamb Registrations are due May 1.

Judges Needed

Leaders and Parents welcome: Our Presentation Program is always a great success! Last year there were over 200 participants in the Presentation Program and more are expected this year. If you would be willing to judge for an evening, please call the 4-H Office (908-526-6644). Presentation dates this year are March 18-22-23-24, with afternoon sessions on March 18 & 23 at 4:00 pm.

There is a judge's orientation preceding each session. It's fun and the members enjoy seeing a friendly face at the judges table. (see Club Corner for more details about presentations)
Remember Our Supporters...

In these trying times, those companies that support our 4-H program are very important to us. Please do all you can to support those that support us. When in need of a service, place to eat, etc, check out our 4-H yearbook, the Basket Bonanza Program or the thank you lists in CloVertales for those companies that have given generously to 4-H.

If you visit one of these businesses, be sure to say thanks for supporting 4-H. "We Support 4-H" thank you ribbons are available in the 4-H Office. 4-H members and volunteers should give them to everyone that helps 4-H. There are special ones for ad sales.

Jr. Breeder Loan Program

Information and applications have been posted to our website at: www.4HisTops.org for the Jr. Breeder Loan program. This is a great program that assists youth participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest loan. Please note: All applications must be signed by a County 4-H Agent before being submitted.

Livestock Symposium

March 20

All 4-H livestock club members are invited to participate in this day to be held on Saturday, March 26 on Cook Campus of Rutgers University.

The symposium will have tracks for equine, dairy and beef, sheep and goats, rabbits and poultry. Go to our website at www.4HisTops.org for more information.

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office, Center and on the website. Deadline to register is March 16.

Livestock Lease Form Available

The state-wide livestock lease form is available on our website. Last year this form replaced the individual forms for dairy, beef, sheep and goat. Download the form at www.4HisTops.org.

Last Chance - for 2011

Yearbook and Catalog Pictures

Don't be left out! Have your memories in the yearbook. The volunteer committee that puts this 100-page book together is asking for your help! Please contribute the following:

By March 31 (earlier is even better)

♦ The exact name of your club
♦ The list of leaders and members that are currently active in your club. Please double check the spelling
♦ Up to 6 photos of your club. These can be group shots or action shots (CD's, email, hardcopy, however you want to get them here)
♦ They can have captions but no names
♦ Please send pictures to yearbook4H@yahoo.com

This book is used as a promotional piece for the program, showing off 4-H'ers in a very positive way. It is given out free at the fair and other events.

New Scooter Club Forming

The new scooter club will help members focus on safe skating skills, different types of safety equipment and how to build your own scooter. Meetings will be held at the 4-H Center on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 pm, starting March 15. Other skate meeting will be determined. For more information contact the 4-H office at 908-526-6644 or email somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us.
The National Day of Puppetry Presents 
Puppet Adventures at 4-H - April 16

The Somerset County Pretty Cool 4-H Puppetry Club and the Garden State Puppetry Guild will be offering a day of puppet workshops and a show for all on Saturday, April 16, at the 4-H Center. This is open to the public, you don’t need to belong to 4-H to participate.

9:00 am - 12:15 pm: All new workshops for children in grades K-5. Featuring hands-on demonstrations of the various kinds of puppets that can be made and puppetry techniques used for presentations. Cost $15.00 per child for 3 workshops and all materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1:00 - 3:00 pm: Puppet Potpourri Extravaganza Show. Open to all. This show is Free! You need not go to the workshops to come to the show. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For those participants going to both the workshop and the show, you may bring your own lunch and you are welcome to eat it at the 4-H Center. Or you can leave and come back to enjoy the afternoon performances.

Registration forms are available at the 4-H Office, at the 4-H Center, or on-line at www.4HisTops.org. Please register by April 8.

RUTGERS DAY
Explore Learn Play

A day for you. A day for your family.
A day at Rutgers.

Bring your family and friends and come meet Rutgers’ celebrated thinkers, artists, researchers, scientists and students while you enjoy a variety of children’s programs, tours, performances, exhibits and lively activities.

With performances, tours, exhibits, hands-on activities, and such perennial favorites as Zimmerli Family Day, Ag Field Day, the New Jersey Folk Festival, and the Faraday Lecture, Rutgers Day encompasses university campuses across New Brunswick and Piscataway. There will be even more activities this year, with Scarlet Knights athletic events joining the day’s action-packed program.

Admission, parking and on-campus shuttles are free! Come out and experience your state university!

Saturday, April 30, 2011
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Annual Living Well Conference Focuses on Living Healthy - May 4

The Family and Community Health Sciences Annual Living Well Conference will be Wednesday, May 4 starting at 9:30 am in the 4-H Center. Kathleen Morgan, D.M.H., and FCHS Department Chair, will discuss the latest recommendations for bone health, followed by Sherri Cirignano, FCSH Educator, Warren County, talking about organic foods. After a hot buffet lunch, an instructor will provide a demonstration and activity in Tai Chi.

The cost for the entire day, including coffee/tea/muffins, lunch, door prizes and handouts is $14 if paid by April 15. Don't wait, reserve your seat now. Call FCHS at 908-526-6295 to register. View the flyer on the RCE website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/fchs
Scholarships Available for College or Technical School

These scholarships are for students attending college, vocational or technical schools. Applications available on the web: www.4HisTops.org.

- **4-H Association Scholarship** – 12th and 13th grade 4-H’ers can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Prep Scholarship** – $500 to any 4-H’er who started in our Prep program. Deadline April 1.

- **Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship** – Any Somerset Co. 4-H Alumni, who is a Junior or Senior in college, majoring in Education can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Trainmasters Scholarship** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in Science can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in the sciences can apply for a $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **Edward Rosania and William Staats and Peter Smith Memorial Scholarship** – 4-H High School Graduate majoring in agriculture-$500. Deadline July 15. Contact 4-H Office.

- **NEW - 4-H Balliet Scholarship** - Scholarship Recipients will receive a one-time grant of $500.00 provided that they have been accepted for a regular course of study or are currently a student attending a two-year college, technical, business or vocational school. Somerset County 4-H Members in 12th and 13th grades are eligible. **Deadline April 1.**

- **Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship** - Deadline has been **extended to April 1.**

Counselors Needed for Camp

**Applications Due April 21**

**TOPS Day Camp Counselors:** 8th grade or older: spend **June 27 - July 1** as a volunteer counselor assisting the TOPS Summer Day Camp Program participants with activities at the 4-H Center. Applications are available on our website at: [http://www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

Lindley G. Cook

**Counselor Opportunities**

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Camp is looking for counselors that are 18 or older and who want to work at camp for the summer. Volunteer counselor positions are available for one week sessions. Please visit the Camp Website for more information: [http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/](http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/)

Dairy Princess Applicants Sought

The Somerset County Dairy Princess Committee is looking for young ladies between the ages of 17 (By December 1, 2011) and 22, who are interested in promoting milk and the dairy industry. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Debbie Norz by March 25, 2011. Phone number 908-371-COWS (leave message), or email her at: norzhillfarm@msn.com. Please put “Dairy Princess” in the subject line.
National 4-H Congress Applications Due April 1st

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership, youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The event brings over 1200 4-H members to Atlanta over November 25 - 29. The planning committee takes advantage of Atlanta’s standing as an international city and exposes delegates to as many venues in the city as possible including the Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coke-a-Cola, CNN Center, Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members.

NJ sends approximately 25 4-H members and 3 adult advisors to the event each year. One to three delegates are nominated from each county and then final delegates are selected through a state interview process. The cost of the event is approximately $900, of which part is paid by the Somerset County 4-H Association, and includes air transportation, registration, lodging, and most meals. Local and state scholarships are available.

All interested 4-H members must be in the 10-12 grade at the time applications are due (April 1). Complete an application and go through a county and state selection process. Participants can only attend this event one time during their 4-H career. Applications are available at the 4-H Office or online at: http://www.national4-hcongress.com/

Outstanding 4-H'er

Applications Due June 1

If you will complete your junior or senior year in high school this year, then you may want to apply to be an Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete the application and ask one adult volunteer to write a recommendation letter for you. Applications will be available in April and will be due June 1. Contact the 4-H office or visit our website for an application or more information.

To be considered an Outstanding 4-H'er a 4-H member should be truly deserving of the award by excelling in the following areas.

1. Participation in County Events
2. Participation in State Events
3. Participation in National Events
4. Demonstration of Leadership Qualities
5. 4-H Community Service
6. 4-H Promotion
7. 4-H Achievement (personal goals, etc.)
8. Attitude
9. Example to others
10. Personal Growth
11. Contribution to Total Program

WINTER CAMP 2011

Thirteen members and five chaperones attended from Somerset County. Members were Alex Franchuk, Brian Franchuk, Pam Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, William Gilligan, Kristen Johnson, Dan Memoli, Sara Memoli, Will Phillips, Willie Sommerville, Matt Thiel and Jake Vitaliano. Chaperones were Maggie Navatto, Caitlin O’Neill, Brian Bakes, Robby Slovik and Lisa Rothenburger.

We joined Bergen, Passaic and Warren County teens for sledding, broom hockey, foosball, card games and outdoor fun at Winter Camp.
Club Audit Forms Were Due January 31

New Jersey 4-H policy states that all club volunteers and members should receive an accurate club treasury report monthly. In addition, the 4-H office is to be appraised of club fund-raising activities and receive an annual audit of the account. To date, we have not received all the forms for the year 2010. The club audits were due to the 4-H office January 31. Clubs must have their treasuries audited and forms into the office no later than March 15 or they will be in jeopardy of losing their fundraising abilities. These forms can be downloaded from www.4HisTops.org, publications, then click on Club Treasury Audit Form (#4H247). Thank you to these clubs who got their forms in: Broken Props; Creations; Mighty Cavits & Rodents; Somerset Trainmasters; Sheepfold; Stablemates; Wags & Whiskers; Whiskers, Paws & Claws; Udder Club; Wattles n Snood; Woof; Senior Council; Twirling Clovers.

4-H Community Service Ideas

A Community Service List of ideas has been posted to the website and will be updated as information becomes available or changes. Assisted living facilities are especially interested in clubs coming to entertain the residents. Weekend and evening visits are welcomed and the residents love animals and children. Please check the website often for ideas that your club can use for community service. www.4HisTops.org

Don’t forget! Once your club has completed a community service project or donated volunteer hours, please fill out a Community Service Data Form or Volunteer Hours Data Form and return them to the 4-H Office. These forms can be found on the website under “Forms & Publications.”

Presentations: March 18, 22, 23, 24, 2011

Evenings
Registration 6:30
Presentations 7:00

Afternoons
18th & 23th Only
Registration 3:30
Presentations 4:00

What is your favorite topic? How would you like to present it? You have many choices.

♦ You may present as an individual or as a team.
♦ You may be judged or not.
♦ You decide how long it should be. (3-5 minutes for younger members, 5-8 minutes for older members and 8-15 for teens)

♦ You choose the method.

A demonstration teaches through showing and explaining with actual supplies, tools, etc and ends with a finished product for the audience to touch or taste.

An illustrated talk tells about something or how something is done and must include visuals. Flip charts, posters, slides, etc are used.

A formal speech is written by the member or a noted individual and should stimulate thought or present a point of view. It is given from memory with brief notes. There are no visuals.

A performance incorporates drama, dance, instrumental or vocal music, puppetry, clowning, etc. The presenter introduces the art, performs and ends with a few comments.

Remember that every presentation needs an introduction, body and summary.

Registration forms, due March 11, are available from leaders, the 4-H Office, 4-H Center or on the website. You may make copies of the form in this newsletter.

Remember: State 4-H Guidelines and the Somerset County 4-H Requirements to compete at the 4-H Fair, state that a member must have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.

An informal presentation for your club counts! But it’s much more exciting and educational to participate in County Public Presentations!

Check out our new presentation webpage for helpful tips and information: www.4HisTops.org.
March is National Nutrition Month

What better way to celebrate than with a delicious serving of green mashed potatoes on St. Patty’s Day!

Cheesy Broccoli-Potato Mash
6 servings; 2/3 cup each

Ingredients

♦ 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into wedges
♦ 3/4 pound broccoli crowns, chopped (4 cups)
♦ 3/4 cup shredded fontina cheese
♦ 1/2 cup nonfat milk, heated
♦ 1/2 teaspoon salt
♦ Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Preparation

Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in a large pot. Place potatoes in a steamer basket and steam for 10 minutes. Place broccoli on top, cover and steam until the potatoes and broccoli are tender, 6 to 8 minutes more. Transfer the broccoli to a large bowl and coarsely mash with a potato masher. Add the potatoes, cheese, milk, salt and pepper and continue mashing to desired consistency. Serve immediately. [http://www.eatingwell.com](http://www.eatingwell.com)

March/April 2011

Kohl's Scholarships

Leaders are encouraged to nominate club members for the Kohl's "Kids Who Care" scholarships by March 15. Two winners from each store will receive $50 gift cards, 170 Regional winners will receive $1000 and 10 National winners will receive $5000 and a grant of $1000 to the charity of their choice. Please visit [www.kohlsorganization.com](http://www.kohlsorganization.com) to download rules and the nomination form.

Mounted Drill Team

“Kick-Off” Meeting

All horse club members are invited to participate in the 4-H Mounted Drill Team. Our ‘kick-off” meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Green Room. This is a quick, yet very important meeting to attend. Anyone even remotely interested should attend. Any questions or concerns, contact: Carol Maciborski, (732) 469-6295.

Festival of Trees

Save the Date!

It isn’t too early to start planning your tree display for our winter “Festival of Trees”! This will be a two day event held the weekend of December 10th & 11th in the gym of the 4-H Center. There will be plenty of room for everyone’s tree.

Ornaments can be handmade or store bought. The ornaments don’t have to be fancy or complicated. Simple is good. Your club can choose to donate the ornaments or your tree can be for display only. Profits raised will be donated to a local charity. More information to follow in the fall Clovertales.

Club Camp Weekend

April 8 - 10

Everyone loves 4-H Camp! Here is your club’s opportunity to spend time at L.G. Cook Camp. Deadline to reserve is April 1. The cost is $42.00 per person and includes meals. Members will need to complete a 4-H event permission form and adults will need to complete a 4-H overnight agreement form. If a club leader is unable to attend, a parent volunteer may help. Call volunteer leader Betty Sommerville for more details (908-281-5238) or email her at: jlsomm@comcast.net.
HURRAY FOR...

County 4-H Achievement Awards

These 4-H members received their medals after the deadline of the last issue of Clovertales. We congratulate them on their achievements:

**Achievement:** Ashley Thompson, Marissa Scalzo, Sarah Lerch, Brian Rubinfeld, Scott Pantalone, Becki Lane

**Citizenship:** Elizabeth Bergen

**Club Reporter:** Marissa Scalzo

**Community Service:** Wil Philips, Hannah Davelman

**Historian:** Cara Scalzo

**Leadership:** Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Stephanie Christian, Jay Marion, Tim Brewer

**Personal Development:** Kiera Wiggins, Thomas Schaefer, Jen Levine, Sianna Musarra, Marissa Scalzo, Cary Brochinsky, Erica Devlin, Willie Hartmann

**Public Speaking:** Matthew Thiell, Madeline Reese, Matthew Ramachandran, Taylor Cox, Kristen Johnson

NJ State Dog 4-H Quiz Bowl Results

Somerset County sent 3 teams, made up from members of K-9 Seeing Eye, Woof, PAWSabilities and Wags ’n Whiskers

**3rd Place Junior Team:** Team Coach Tina Pirro
Erin Kopecky (captain)
Shanna Gryder
Kate Gallagher
Kirsten Clerico

**4th Place Junior Team:** Team Coach Dawn Clerico
James Clelland (captain)
Melissa Phillips
James Meier
Sylvia Calabrese

**1st Place Senior Team:** Team Coach Shannon Zimmitti
Willie Hartmann (captain)
Carolyn Pirro
Julia Meier

A very special thank you to Sharon Toth and Christie Duprey who helped out Hunterdon senior (4th place) and Morris junior (1st place) teams today to round out all the teams

**Top 10 Juniors**
James Meier 6th place
Christie Duprey 5th place
Melissa Phillips 3rd place
Shanna Gryder 2nd place

**Top 10 Seniors**
Carolyn Pirro 10th place
Julia Meier 8th place
Willie Hartmann 4th place
Sharon Toth 2nd place

Administrative Professional Day

April 27 is Administrative Professional Day and a BIG thank you to our 4-H administrative professionals. They are great; always courteous, helpful, and organized. We really appreciate all they do, and hope you do too! Thank them for all they do next time you see them:

**Mrs. RoseMary Fleming, Ms. Julie Augustine and Mrs. Georgeanne Valis.**

Also thank the other RCE secretary and office manager who help out and lend a hand to all of us, making us a true “cooperative” extension: **Mrs. Jennifer Arago and Ms. Peggy Doyle.**

2011 NJ 4-H Goat Extravaganza

Congratulations to **Justin Kavanaugh** of the Just Kidding Goat Club for placing second place as part of a team poster presentation.
**Horse Project Awards**

**from January Ceremony**

Junior English: Taylor Cox – Champion  
Julianna Nienart – Reserve  
Senior English: Shauna Morrisey – Champion  
Linnea Warlick – Reserve  
Junior Western: Ashley Thompson – Champion  
Michele Bergen – Reserve  
Senior Western: Linnea Warlick – Champion  
Neha Deshpande – Reserve  
Speed Division: Sarah Rusk – Champion  
Carol Anne Bekus – Reserve  
George Daniels Memorial Award: Kristin Johnson  
Most Improved Rider Award: Sienna Musara  
Sportsmanship Awards: Jen Levine

**New Jersey State Model Horse Show**

4-H Horse Club members Sianna Musarra, Bridgett Sona and Cara Scalzo, competed at the NJ State Model Horse Show. As a team they won 1st place for County/Club Herd. Other winnings were:

**Bridgett Sona, Junior Division**  
High Point Performance Reserve Champion; First Timer English Performance, 3rd; First Timer Western Performance, 1st, Collector’s Class, 4th; Open China/Resin Light Horses, 3rd; Hunter/Jumper, 4th; Creative Scene, 8th; Tack Made by Exhibitor, 2nd, 6th; OF Gaited, 6th; Western Pleasure, 2nd; Standing Showmanship, 1st, 2nd; OF Paint, 4th; OF Quarter Horse, 6th; OF Other Breeds, 9th

**Sienna Musarra, Junior Division**  
First Timer English Performance, 1st; Open China/Resin Draft/Ponies/Other, 2nd; Hunter/Jumper, 3rd; English Pleasure, 2nd, 3rd; Other Performance, 2nd; Tack Made by Exhibitor, 3rd, 5th, 7th; OF Arabian, 5th; OF Gaited, 7th; Standing Showmanship, 3rd; OF Paint, 2nd, 7th; OF Thoroughbreds/Standardbreds, 4th, 6th; OF Warmbloods/Sport Horses, 3rd

**Cara Scalzo, Senior Division**  
Open Barn Scene, 2nd; Open Non-Equine Animals, 6th, 7th; Creative Scene, 1st; Tack Made by Exhibitor, 5th; OF Arabian, 6th; OF Draft, 2nd, 10th; OF Ponies, 6th; Props Made by Exhibitor, 2nd; OF Paint, 10th; OF Quarter Horse, 4th, 8th; OF Warmbloods/Sport Horses, 4th; OF Spanish Breeds, 2nd

**NJ State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show Results**

**Rabbits:**  
Sarah Stamets  
Best of Breed - Dutch  
Best of Breed - Jersey Wooley Reserve  
Best of Breed - Jersey Wooley Reserve

**Cavies:**  
Ashley Miller  
Best of Breed - American Satin  
Reserve Best of Breed - Abyssinian Satin

**Got Trains?**  
*By Anthony Siniscalco*

On January 29th and 30th, visitors to the Ted Blum 4-H Center got answers to this question on the back of the Somerset 4-H Trainmasters Club t-shirts. “Yes, we’ve got trains!” was the answer that every one of the 617 visitors learned over that weekend.

While the Trainmasters enjoyed displaying, running and showing off their trains, Mighty Cavits & Rodents and People Pick-Me-Ups, were there showing off their guinea pigs and small animals. For the smaller engineers, club members brought in Thomas the Tank engine trains for hands-on activities.

The three O-gauge lines passed through such faraway places as the Star Wars galaxy, Sponge Bob’s Bikini Bottom Drive-in Theatre, the Wild, Wild West, Lego Land and a New York City subway station. Who knows where in the world they’ll go next at the June show.

Thank you to the 4-H community for making this such a successful event for the Trainmasters!
4-H Summer Camp 2011
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest

A special place for kids to have fun, relax, learn life skills, make new friends and strengthen old friendships. 4-H Camp offers challenging and exciting programs, tailored to the campers’ individual interest and guided by experienced staff at all times. Activities include swimming, boating, arts & crafts, GPS & hiking, camping, nature & ecology, drama, riflery, music, and new this year pioneer living skills, water games and kayaking.

Register now! Summer Camp will run for 6 one-week sessions from July 3rd- August 13th. Camp runs from Sunday through Saturday. The cost of a session of camp is $450 basic fee, but there are discounts including multiple family discounts and discounts for 4-H members and children of Rutgers University employees. Registration information is available on the camp website - www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu. Just visit the “registration” page. Full registration is available on-line and the camp will invoice you upon receiving it.

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp June 3-4-5

If you’ve ever been to camp, here’s your chance to relive those times spent boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire, eating in the dining hall and renewing old friendships. If you’ve never been before, join us and find out how much fun it is! This is a special weekend for our Somerset County families to enjoy camp.

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp
June 3, 4, 5, 2011
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Bring your family, your club, 4-H and Prep Alumni, or folks you would like to get involved...you’re bound to have a great time. You may come for the whole weekend or just on the big day—Saturday. Cost is $60 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Call or stop by the 4-H Office for a registration packet. Packets will also be available in the 4-H Center Lobby and on the website in March. Contact the 4-H Office, 526-6644 for more information.

"Becoming an Outdoor Family" Weekend
May 20th - 22nd. Plan to spend the weekend at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp for an exciting outdoor educational experience for the whole family. Learn about environmental conservation, safety and fun in the great outdoors. Stay overnight and participate in a choice of over 20 classes!

Expert instructors will begin each class with basics, providing hands-on experience and encouraging participants to ask questions. The variety of experiences include wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, natural arts, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing and much, much more.

The fee is $50.00 per person and includes meals. Details can be found at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the camp directly at 973-948-3550.

Camp Events
Community Service Days: March 26 and April 9. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.
Open House: Please call to schedule a tour.
Science, Engineering & Technology Camp: June 28 - July 1. Check website.
Totally Outrageous Program for Summer
June 27 - July 1, 2011
Creative Drama • Robotics • Carnival • Yummy Snacks • Crafts

New this year - Creative Drama
An improvisational, fun form of drama where youth can imagine, enact and explore their environment. Plus new exciting programs featuring robotics and the ever popular Carnival Day. Lots of great new snacks and crafts to make. Every day a different adventure!

Totally Outrageous Fun!
Make new friends and have fun!!!
For Children Grades 1-6
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
$200.00
Scholarships available

Call the office for an application or visit our website at www.4HisTops.org
Camp held here at the Ted Blum 4-H Center.

Applications for TOPS camp teen counselor volunteers are now available in the 4-H office or on the web. To apply you must be completing the 8th grade or older.

Volunteers have the opportunity to develop their leadership and teaching skills by helping to create programs, teach crafts, organize and play games and assist in team building. Training is provided and mandatory to attend.

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office or download an application at: www.4HisTops.org.
Our New Fair Theme...

I ❤️ 4-H!

Thanks to all who submitted Fair themes. You may use it for Fair displays, banners, signs, t-shirts, etc., for the 2011 Fair!

S4HL Rocks!

Every year the “Somerset 4-H Live” (S4HL) noon hour at the Fair just gets better and better - thanks to all of our very talented 4-H members! This year it’s YOUR TURN to take to the Clover Theater Stage!

If you have never performed during S4HL before, you must register by May 1st to be invited to audition. If you have been a performer in the past, or if you give your performance during County Presentations, we’ll contact you!

For further details about participating in the “Performing Arts” Open Division at the 2011 4-H Fair, check out the website under Open Divisions on the Exhibitor Guide page. Contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions!

I ❤️ 4-H Talent!

Yearbook & Catalog Ad Sales

You should have received your Ad Sales packet. If you did not, contact the 4-H office right away! Additional ad sales forms are available on the web at: www.4HisTOPS.org. To track your progress, contact Joanna Lieuallen at advertise4H@gmail.com.

Why do we sell ads? To raise money to support the fair, the building, and the program.

♦ Every club that sells $500 or more will receive 10% of their total ad sales for their club treasury
♦ The price for Friends is only $3.00
♦ Special message ads are $25.00

Remember:
♦ Every member with $100.00 or more in sales earns a special t-shirt
♦ 4-H’er should give all buyers of display ads a "thank you" supporter ribbon and a copy of the yearbook and catalog.
♦ American Express Gift Checks are presented to Top Selling Sales People
♦ 4-H Fair Food Tent Coupons are presented to Top Selling Families
♦ Deadline - April 30
♦ Every member and club is expected to help support the 4-H program to keep the Fair free!
“To Make the Best Better.” Dorothy (Dot) Arena believed in the 4-H motto and modeled it throughout her life - in her club, her community, her country and her world. Mrs. Arena first got involved in 4-H through her children, Barbara (Navatto) and Robert, who was in Wattles ’n’ Snood. When Mrs. Arena saw the need for a new 4-H Home Economics Club in the early ‘60’s, she and Florence Klimas and later, Barbara Eberhardt, led the Hillsborough Tailormaid. Mrs. Arena led our meetings at her home and taught members to sew and cook and to take pride in high quality results. Members did a fair amount of ripping out and re-stitching with beautiful results. 4-H presentations were a club requirement. We had fun creating window displays (an event where clubs put displays in store windows) and 4-H Fair displays and going to “Club Camp”. She would do anything to assist the 4-H program she loved, and that shaped the lives of her children, grandchildren and many 4-H kids and families. She was a caring friend and neighbor. We miss her and cherish our memories of wonderful times.

Daryl Eberhardt Minch, RCE FCHS Educator and former Hillsborough Tailormaid

When I was a 4-H’er in the mid 1970’s, Dot Arena was one of the core 4-H people who was admired and respected. She was a leader in making things happen, particularly the construction of the 4-H Center. When I joined the Association, Dot was chairwoman of the finance committee. She ran an efficient meeting, kept us on task, and maintained a watchful eye over the Association’s finances. Not only did Dot command respect of 4-H’ers, agents, and Association members, but she gave respect in return. I was rather intimidated joining the finance committee as a 25 year old. Dot welcomed me, asked for my professional opinion, and included me in the decision-making process. She constantly fostered youth and volunteer development through 4-H, and I am grateful for her leadership.

Jim Wood, 4-H Association Treasurer

As an officer of Somerset County 4-H Association, Dot played an active role on the initial building committee to construct the 4-H Center and worked on many 4-H Association Fundraising and Recognition events. She was instrumental in the creation of the Outstanding 4-H’er Program. For many years, you could find her and husband Joe, working hard in the Milk Shake booth and setting up the commercial area of the Fair. In 2002, Dorothy was honored with a lifetime membership in the 4-H Association. She was proud that her grandsons, Joe Navatto and Rob Arena, were active members as well as granddaughters, Maggie Navatto and Michelle Arena, who are following in her footsteps as 4-H Club leaders. She was a wonderful role model and mentor, sincerely dedicated to the 4-H Program. We are grateful for her influence on the traditions of Somerset County 4-H.
Cattleman’s Club  
by Rachel Staffin

The first meeting of the new year brought discussion on both past and future events. These included wreath decorating and sales, the PA Farm Show in January and the BIG Basket Bonanza. Members decided on a BBQ theme. The meeting ended with a quick beef body parts lesson and home made brownies. The club wishes everyone a happy new year!

Woolly Ones  
by Mary McLaughlin

In December, the Woolly Ones participated in Festival of Trees at the 4-H Center. Members decorated their "Woolly Wonderland" tree with hand made needle-felted ornaments. At the club holiday get-together, everyone decorated their own gingerbread house. In November, Elijah Staats gave his club presentation on "How to Make an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Soda," before the club played a round of Shepard-y (Sheep-themed Jeopardy). Everyone is eagerly awaiting the arrival of new lambs!

Wags ’n Whiskers  
by Shanna Gryder

The club has been off to a busy start! Officers were elected, wreaths sold, a visit to Norz-Hill Farm, a holiday party and an awards dinner. New officers are: Ashley Ward, president; Colleen Ridder, vice-president; Kerry Ann McKenna, treasurer; Shanna Gryder, corresponding secretary; Amy Miller, recording secretary; Laura Williams, historian. In addition, Shanna Gryder is the health officer. The club sold over 100 wreaths and many members were honored at the awards dinner.

Radical Rodents  
by Melissa Smutko

The club has been very busy this new year. In January, members visited a nursing home to share holiday cookies and different kinds of animals such as chinchillas, guinea pigs, mice and rabbits. The club was acknowledged by the 4-H Association as a NJ 4-H Honor Club. New members were welcomed. The club is going to do a Silent Auction at the Small Animals Show to raise money for all the county’s small animal clubs. This show is open to all kinds of small animals. The Krals hosted the holiday party. They had great food and lots of games to play. Also at the party Mrs. Parker gave gifts to the 2 seniors, so they will always remember the club when they go to college.

Criations  
by Todd Gallagher

The club had a very busy fall. In September 4 new members were welcomed, Macey, Melanie, Ashley and Sydney. Members went pumpkin picking in October at Norz Hill Farm. They also had a table at 4-H Open House. Members are working on their tent display. Discussions included the Union County music festival and Quick Check balloon festival fund raisers to help acquire new equipment for the fair, club requirements, public presentations, farm day and meeting schedules. New officers are president, Anya Cyr Ogenmach; vice-president, Deanna Farber; secretary, Hillary Cadra; treasurer, Scott Weiss; reporter, Todd Gallagher; co-health officers, Deanna Farber, Stephanie Duffy. Donations were made to the 4-H Association and the club adopted a family for Thanksgiving. Members participated in the livestock awards dinner and ended their year with a holiday party at Stone Corner Farm.

WANTED!

Club to Provide Breakfast on Saturday, October 1, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm for Scale Modelers’ Show

This is the perfect opportunity to raise monies for your club

Contact Jan Lush  
Jan@biglittle.com
Despite the weather a good time was had by all who attended the Family New Years celebration. The evening began with crafts and tattoos, followed by a pot luck dinner, dancing and games with Music N Motion. We also had ice cream sundaes and concluded with the New Years count down and lots and lots of confetti.

A BIG thank you to my helpers, Cary, Pam, Sally, Willie, Ryan, Elizabeth, Christina, and Beth. Kudos to the Prep Chef club for making and donating the brownies for this occasion. To all of the parents and children who helped clean up, Thank you, what would we have done without you! Many hands make little work! Hope to see you all at next year's party.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the date!! The Rally - March 5

The Cloverbud Rally will be on March 5th from 9:15 to 2:00pm at the 4-H Center for 4-H members grades k through 3rd. It will be "Bugs, Worms & Icky Stuff". The registration forms are online at www.4HisTops.org or call the office at 908-526-6644. Please NO tag-a-longs.

Save the date!! Family Camp - June 3-5

Family Camp Friday June 3rd thru Sunday June 5th. See our Camp Connection page for more information.
Yakety-Yak

**Cloverbud Kids** - In November, we welcomed 6 new members, Daniel, Natalie, Kelson, Scott, Isabella & Robbie. We created individual memory boxes which will hold members’ special mementos and tokens. December was exciting with Marble Mania night! We created bright colorful & beautiful paintings using marbles, built marble runs with construction sets and played wacky marble games. A big thank you to all the parents who helped us. Our December meeting ended with a little social time, cookies and juice. In January we joined the Country Kickers for a night of dancing fun. Thank you Kickers! We also made homemade bird feeders and learned about attracting and enjoying winter bird life.

**Prep Chefs** - On a cold December evening, the Prep Chefs made snowmen. Ashley and her mom led the group in making popcorn snowmen with candies to decorate. Gillian was the first to take a bite, starting with the gumdrop hat. Eliza added earmuffs to her snowman. The club made brownies for the Prep News Year Party in January. At their January meeting, Charlotte and her dad led the club in making ice cream sandwiches. First, the members made chocolate chip and sugar cookies; then they filled them with their choice of chocolate, vanilla, or mint ice cream; and last, they had a great selection of toppings to add. At the end, Calie adjourned the meeting with a bang of the gavel.

**Discovery Club** - In January we mixed colors and made salt paintings. Max made a 4-H poster. We welcomed Sofia to our group. In February Mrs. Bijaczyk came and let us play with her worms. We learned all about different types of worms and how to tell adults from babies. We got to search through the worm habitats and find many worms to examine up close. It was icky, slimy and fun. Later this month we are going to see how maple syrup is made.

**Exploding Stars** - For the first meeting of the New Year, we enjoyed one of our member’s parent teach us about Saturn and the constellations. We each made a really cool model of Saturn using blank CD’s, glitter glue and Styrofoam balls. We also make constellations by poking holes in black paper and shining a flash light through the paper onto a wall in a darkened room. Our constellations appeared as lighted dots on the wall. As we have had so much snow, in our last meeting we learned about and made beautiful snow flakes.

**Lego Maniacs 2** - We have gotten off to a great start and the boys are all very excited. We have completed 4 sets from the Lego kits and the boys made their own Robot creation for our last meeting and shared them with the group. It is wonderful to see the different interpretations. We are looking forward to an exciting spring and getting to create different sets and getting to know each other better.

**Little Woofers** - Members participated in their first dog show, Woofminster, held at the 4-H Center on February 5. Dogs and handlers did a great job!
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**March 2011**

**National 4-H Conference**

**Chevy Chase, MD**

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- Congress Applications Due April 1
- All Horse Registrations for State Fair due in County Office April 1
- Yearbook & Catalogs at Sale Prices - March 8 April
- Scholarship Applications Due April 1

**4-H Events**

- 4-H Congress
- 4-H Convention
- 4-H Club Day
- 4-H Dog Show
- 4-H Fair & Western Days
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2011
4-H Members are responsible to register directly with the 4-H Office. Please return to the 4-H Office (or the 4-H Center office in the evenings) by Friday, March 11, 2011. (Fax 908-704-1821)

I will participate in the Somerset County Presentation Program at the 4-H Center on:

- _____ Friday, March 18 - 4 p.m.
- _____ Friday, March 18 - 7 p.m.
- _____ Tuesday, March 22 - 7 p.m.
- _____ Wednesday, March 23 - 4 p.m.
- _____ Wednesday, March 23 - 7 p.m.
- _____ Thursday, March 24 - 7 p.m.

Unless notified by the 4-H Office, all presenters will be scheduled for the day and time of their choice. Every effort will be made to keep siblings in the same room.

Name__________________________________  Grade______  Phone ______________________________________

4-H Club __________________________________  Email _____________________________

Presentation type:  _____ Demonstration  _____ Illustrated Talk

- _____ Performing Arts  _____ Formal Speech

The topic of my talk or performance will be ______________________________________________

Check all that apply:

- _____ I will need kitchen facilities.
  Be specific ________________________________________________________________

- _____ I will give a power point presentation.  I would like to borrow equipment.
  Be specific ________________________________________________________________

- _____ I would like to borrow audiovisual equipment.
  Be specific ________________________________________________________________
  (due to limited supply, we may not be able to accommodate all requests)

- _____ I will have a live animal.  What type of animal? ____________________________

- _____ I will bring music or play an instrument.

- _____ I have a partner. The name of my partner is ____________________________

- _____ I choose to have my presentation critiqued, but not judged.

- _____ I have allergies. Please don’t put me in a room with _________________________

- _____ I need other special accommodations.
  Be specific ________________________________________________________________
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