A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset County 4-H

May/June 2011
We ♥ Somerset County 4-H!

Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

With all our clubs filled to capacity, an extremely successful Science-sational Day, the largest group of participants for presentations ever, and a truly outstanding and record-breaking basket auction, 2011 is turning out to be a banner year. And that was only the warm up...

Coming up is our annual Family Camp, our hugely successful TOPS camp and of course the Somerset County 4-H Fair! Remember that the 4-H Exhibitor Guide is now available on-line. Check out the Fair Page for details. This will have all the information you need to prepare for Fair. Please spend the time looking through the Open Divisions to see what interests you as well as your own club division.

And speaking of Fair, in celebration of our theme “I ♥ 4-H”, we would love to have pictures of all 4-H’ers who met and fell in love with another 4-H’er. We plan on displaying these pictures at our Fair, and would like to do a cover for Clovertales. Please forward your pictures to us at somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us. If you want to drop a hard copy off, we will scan it and return it to you.

Thank you for all you do for Somerset County 4-H. Keep up the good work. Remember that together we continue “To Make the Best Better”.

Lisa Rothenburger  
County 4-H Agent

Carol Ward  
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!
The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension (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.
Leaders' & Parents' Outlook

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

Members in 11th or 12th grade should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H'er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at http://www.4HisTOPS.org, in Maryann's Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 20th 4-H Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Outstanding Service to 4-H Recommendations Sought by June 3

Each year at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, individuals, groups, and businesses are recognized for their support of 4-H. This award is for the support of the 4-H program year-round. If you have suggestions, please contact the 4-H office to submit a nomination. Give us the name and short justification of why this individual, family, business, or group deserves this award. Due by June 3. Send your nomination to any 4-H staff person.

Important Dates

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CloverCon 2011 - June 18

The newly formed 4-H Anime & Manga Club: "The Village Hidden in the Clovers" will be hosting their first mini-convention at the 4-H Center on June 18, 11am - 5pm. So, come & see what's happening if you're already an "otaku" or fan or just curious about experiencing the many faces of this pervasive visual & aural art form originating in Japan. Come dressed as a favorite anime/manga character and greet your other fellow adventurers. Featured events will be a Cosplay Catwalk, an Artists' Alley, Anime Screenings, Manga Reading Room, Workshops, a Let's Make a Deal Game, a Swap Meet, A "Dance Your Anime Off", and various themed Penny Wars. Pre-register for just $5 (see back cover of this issue) or pay just $7 at the door to enter a whole 'nother world. If you want to donate goods or come as an artist or dealer or run a panel discussion or workshop, please check out the donation letter as well as the information and registrations forms listed on www.4HisTOPS.org and let our club know of your intent.
Alumni Newsletter for Fair

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

♦ What are you doing today?
♦ Did 4-H provide a start to your current career or a hobby?
♦ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
♦ As a 4-H’er did you attend 4-H camp? If so, can you briefly describe a favorite memory from your days at camp?
♦ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
♦ Do you encourage your children or other young people to participate in 4-H? Why?
♦ How do you support 4-H now? (leader, volunteer, purchase a wreath, attend the fair, etc.)

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

Mark These State 4-H Show Dates...

**Dairy:**
- August 22  State Dairy Show in Sussex County

**Goat:**
- August 25  State Goat Show in Hunterdon County

**Equine:**
- June 26  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
- July 10  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
- August 20  Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth Co.
- August 26-28  State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ

**Small Animals:**
- September 10  State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show, Horse Park of NJ

Scrap Metal Drive

Saturday, June 4
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

To benefit the M.A.S.H. Rifle Club

Looking for steel and iron, please no liquids, air conditioners or refrigerators.

Get your car washed at the same time!!!

For more information, contact Todd Dagnall:
908-872-5106

Fundraising Activities

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

Please check our website for our Fundraising proposal and worksheet.
The 4-H Association is happy to report that once again the BIG Basket Bonanza was a huge success and the proceeds were even more than last year. Sincere thanks to all the 4-H volunteers and members that worked the event, solicited donations or contributed gifts or materials.

Annette Smutko, Basket Bonanza Chairman, Joe Bakes, Jan Lush, Maggie Navatto, Donna Villarba, Julie Augustine, Ruth Schmidt, Susan Schurick, Pauline Kodack, Kim Miholics, Betty Sommerville, Erin Torres, Esther Craft, Barb Navatto

We appreciate the assistance and/or generosity of:


And thanks to 4-H members:

Somerset County 4-H Senior Council Members, 4-H Udder Club Members, Melissia Smutko, Scott Weiss, Pamela Gilligan, Megan DeMichele, Willie Sommerville, DJ Villarba, Dan Memoli, Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Katherine Pirro, Carolyn Pirro, Thomas Vadimski, Debra Winters, Jay Winters, Kristin Johnson

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for baskets and other donations:

4-H Senior Council, 4-H Country Kickers, 4-H Anime & Manga Club, Whiskers, Paws & Claws, Somerset Servos, PAWSabilities, 4-H Helping Hands, Sidewinders, Somerset Sentinels, Twirling Clovers, Prep Chefs, New Centre Dairy, Radical Rodents, 4-H Go-Kart Club, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, Wattles ’n’ Snoods, Sugar & Spice, Sheepfold, Chaps & Spurs, Discovery Prep, Raving Robots, Wags & Whiskers, Exploding Stars, Hippity Hoppity Happy Handleds, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Hoof Beats, 4-H Master Chefs, Mighty Cavits & Rodents, Criations 4-H Alpaca Club, K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Puppy Club, Crazy Mad Scientists, The Udder Club, Crazy Frog Hoppers, Gingersnaps

And a special thank you to over 100 other individuals, businesses and organizations that donated to this event.

National Volunteer Week

Accepting the proclamation from Freeholder Director, Robert Zaborowski for Somerset County 4-H is Ruth Schmidt, her granddaughter, Melissa Smutko and daughter, Annette Smutko.
National 4-H Conference
By Katherine Pirro

From April 2nd to April 7th, three delegates from Somerset County attended the National 4-H Conference in Chevy Chase, Maryland, right outside of Washington, D.C. There were 6 delegates overall from New Jersey, and the delegates from Somerset were Katherine Pirro, Colleen Ridder, and Sharon Toth.

The trip was a valuable learning experience the three will never forget. At conference, there are teens from all 50 states plus Canada and Puerto Rico. Teens and collegiate facilitators work together in Round Tables to discuss different issues that concern them, and at the end of the conference get to share some ideas with different departments of the government. The states are also able to visit their congressmen and senators.

While a lot of work was done on the trip, there was a lot of socializing, too. Activities were planned to let the teens mingle and share things about their state (and argue over whether it’s called “soda” or “pop”!). There were also days where each state was allowed to explore a different aspect of Washington, D.C. Overall, the trip was a tremendous success. Teens found friends from across the country, delegates met that live 4 time zones away, and language barriers were broken. Luckily, there is a group on Facebook for all the teen delegates to keep in contact with each other despite the fact they hail from snowy Alaska to sunny Puerto Rico, Pacific California to Atlantic Florida, and Midwestern Kansas to Eastern New Jersey. It is truly a unique experience and an absolutely wonderful opportunity that should be taken by all 4-H teens.

Outstanding 4-H’er Applications Due June 1

Members who are in 11th or 12th grade this year, should apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete an application and have a written reference from an adult 4-H volunteer.

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

Applications are available online http://www.4HisTops.org or in Maryann’s office at night, or in the 4-H office during the day.

Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 20 Association Meeting and again at the Fair.

Herdsmen Applications – Due July 8

If you are in 8th grade or older and are interested in being a herdsman at the 4-H Fair, you MUST fill out an application and attend an orientation. Look for more information in Fair Facts.
On March 11-13, 17 Somerset County teens along with 81 others from 9 different counties came together at the Holiday Inn Express in Clinton, for the 4th annual 4-H North Jersey Teen Conference. "Survival of the Fittest" had us learning about skills to survive in the real world like first aid, camping and international travel. The NJTC planning committee for our county consisted of myself, Matthew Thiel, Jake Vitaliano and Shannon Zimmitti. Members who attended were Maryann Bowen, Alessandra DelPrincipe, William Gilligan, Andrew Hunter, Kristin Johnson, Katie Kouril, Megan Kouril, Jill Newbold, Will Philips, Carolyn Pirro, Katherine Pirro, Colleen Ridder, Linnea Warlick and Debra Winters. Our chaperones were Lisa Rothenburger and Shannon Zimmitti.

On Friday night, myself and Bergen County’s Amy Ogden emceed, starting off with rules and the parade of counties. Then Warren County took over with "Zombie Dinner Theatre presents... Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse" - what to do in the event of a zombie apocalypse, which included humorous skits, and teambuilding games. This was followed with a County Swap and Meeting, free time and then dreamtime.

On Saturday after breakfast and announcements, teens went to their 3 chosen workshops taught by teens and adults. Joey Shreve co-presented a workshop on first aid with Melissa Davies from Bergen County. Other workshops included learning about manners, dealing with conflict, surviving your family, pirates and ninjas, and surviving international travel. Later we all boarded the bus to go bowling.

The premiere event was the dinner-dance. After dinner, each county got up and spoke about their counties and their accomplishments for the year. Then the fun began with a great DJ, including musical chairs, and a race involving oreos. After these games, the real dancing began! An alternative to dancing was an area where teens could play games, make crafts, and watch a movie. The evening ended with an ice-cream social before free time and curfew.

On Sunday morning, during the closing program, Bobby Kolesar from Middlesex County presented a wonderful slideshow of the conference. Next, the NJTC Planning Committee was thanked for organizing it all. The closing activity was a ball of "string of friendship" which was passed around as one strand with everyone getting a piece to keep. Gathering to say their goodbyes, everyone was looking forward to the 5th annual NJTC.

By: Willie Sommerville

What NJTC Means…
NJTC truly means friends; over the years, we have made lots of friends. NJTC is a fun environment where the people are nice, the food is great and the music is loud! You learn many things about yourself, college and life skills. Try out NJTC for yourself and see how much you love it!

Jake Vitaliano and Matthew Thiel

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Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

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

Teen Leadership Opportunities

Youth Leadership Somerset - Applications Due May 15

A program for young leaders (grades 8 - 12), who live in Somerset County that prepares young people to take active leadership roles in their community. The class runs September 2011 - May 2012 and are held one Saturday a month. A different topic is introduced at each session, including leadership, diversity, the environment, government, human services, the economy, health care, justice.

City on the Hill Youth Leadership Conference - Applications Due June 30

A fantastic opportunity for students ages 16 - 25 to participate in leadership training and learn how government works during 5 action-packed days (July 17 - 22) at the College of NJ, located in Ewing.

Information on both opportunities can be obtained on our website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) under “Other Topics of Interest”.

By: Willie Sommerville
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit Now

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

Remember the 2011 4-H Fair theme…
I ♥ 4-H!

Foods Judging
July 23, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
or July 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 11:00 - 1:00 pm on July 23 or between 6:00 - 8:00 pm on July 27. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2011 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members will have their food and nutrition units judged at this time. Pre-register with the 4-H Office by July 15.

Spring Club Camp Ramblings
By Betty Sommerville

A perfectly cool weekend weather-wise, the rain had stopped by Newton on my way to 4-H Camp. Other campers didn't luck out so fortunately as the rain and traffic caught them on their way north. But camp being what it is, it's about good easy food (and lots of it!) with cooperative cooking and clean-up. We were even more green in our recycling efforts by bringing our own mugs and refillable bottles. They went with the 19 intrepid hikers through Tillman's Ravine and over to Buttermilk Falls (Thanks, Rose!). Earlier on Saturday, the labyrinth, our group's creation from Fall Club Camp in '09, was maintained with everyone placing more rocks on its walls and some weeding out of some tenacious undergrowth. That night we all gathered around the lake-side campfire (Thanks, Andy & Bob!) for more stories, laughter and lots of s'mores! New, old and future members with some leaders and parents represented: Country Kickers, Helping Hands, Little Woofers, Pretty Cool Puppetry, Senior Council, Trainmasters and The Village Hidden in the Clovers: Anime & Manga 4-H Clubs. A weekend away at our state camp feels like good medicine to me and all the others who attended. We ♥ our 4-H Camp!

Sewing Judging
June 25 - 11:00 am

For members enrolled in the 4-H clothing construction project. Plan to arrive at the 4-H Center between 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please register with your leader.

Food ‘n Fun Luncheon

The gym was hopping with fun-filled parties on April 9 for the annual Food ‘n Fun Luncheon.

The 4-H Master Chefs teamed up with the 4-H Outdoor Adventurers for an afternoon of “Camping Fun”. The 4-H Gingersnaps were very elegant at their “Wedding”. The 4-H Crazy Frog Hoppers were wide awake at their “Sleep Over” and the 4-H K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club enjoyed a southern Bar-B-Que with their puppies.

Many thanks to judges Florence Klimas, Theresa Hanntz, Val Kreutler, Lynne Kinch and Ruth Slovik.

Every member scored big with a blue ribbon! For all the clubs that did not attend...YOU DON’T KNOW THE FUN YOU ARE MISSING!
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations! They are:

**Astronomy Club**
- Ricson Cheng
- Sunny Cheng

**Cattleman’s Club**
- Caleb Bruss
- Joshua Bruss*
- Levi Bruss
- Alexa Johnson
- Kristen Johnson*
- Danielle Staffin*
- Rachel Staffin*
- Jennifer Weinberg*

**Chaps & Spurs**
- Sarah Dagnall*
- Isha Pandy*

**Chinese Culture Club**
- Michael Duan

**4-H Country Kickers**
- Kaitlyn Cannizzo
- Alyssa Peterson*
- Emily Ward

**Crazy Frog Hoppers**
- Uma Balasubramanian
- Gina Shaughnessy
- Mellissa Smutko*
- Veronica Soto

**Criations**
- Sydney Billera
- George Bright*
- Hillary Cadra*
- Taylor Ciattarelli
- Anya Cyr-Ohngemach*
- Deanna Farber*
- Benjamin Lewis
- Danny Philipseck*
- Scott Weiss*
- Meredith Young

**Doggone Crazy**
- Tanasia Barbagello
- Annelise Heatcoate
- Emily Heatcoate
- Abigail Jacobs
- Hailey Kirsch*
- Daisry Joy Ladignon
- Colleen McGeorge
- Christina Muniz
- Sydney Thompson
- Brianna Zeitler

**Fantastic Fiber Club**
- Erica Franchino
- Charlie Lucas
- Megan Lucas
- Destiny Pappas

**Gingersnaps**
- Jennifer Versfelt

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

**Helping Hands**
- Sarah Bijaczyk*
- Shruti Ramanathan

**Hippity Hoppy Happy Handlers**
- Kayla Agins
- Elizabeth Dry*
- Kayla Seeley

**Hoof Beats**
- Davide Alexis*
- Elizabeth Bergen
- Taylor Cox*
- Alexis Davide
- Denise Grohn
- Amber LiBrizzi*
- Brianna LiBrizzi
- Jessica Nunn*
- Alyssa Valvano

**Just Kidding**
- Jack Cochrane
- Madison Eurick
- Taylor Johnson
- Justin Kavanaugh
- Shawn Kavanaugh
- Jason Steinberg*

**K-9 Leaders**
- William Hartmann*

**LegoManiacs**
- Nelusha Dias

**4-H Magicians Guild**
- Rosemary Davidson
- Thomas Davidson
- Rebecca Francis*

**M.A.S.H. Rifle Club**
- Nicholas Francis
- Debra Winters
- Jay Winters

**Master Chefs**
- Evan Brochinsky
- Hoai-An Nguyen

**Mighty Cavits & Rodents**
- Todd Gallagher
- Emily Griswald*
- Ashley Miller
- Melanie Quick
- Austin Raymond

**New Centre Dairy**
- Alexa Basile
- Melanie Boyea*
- Melissa Bright
- Stephen Hill
- Kyra Morgan
- Alex Natale*
- Alex Norz
- Christina O’Brien*
- Mary Ellen Sousa
- Alanna Staffin*

**Outdoor Adventurers**
- Luke Leonard
- Dillon Monti
- Abby Pollard
- Becky Pollard
- Brenna VanSkiver
- Gavin VanSkiver

**PAWSabilities**
- Kate Gallagher
- Ashley Korbelt
- James Meier
- Julia Meier*
- Michelle Pannone
- Samantha Pelicone
- Tahaella Rasmussen*
- Sophie Winter

**Pocket Pet Rescue**
- Chelsea Obermeier

**Prep Chefs**
- Charlotte Breunig
- Dale Brochinsky
- Gillian Reese
- Eliza Rothenburger

**Radical Rodents**
- Aurora Baker
- Brianna Glowinski*
- Eric Kinney
- Michael Kinney
- Valerie Kral
- Ben Parker
- Lars Rasmussen
- Jonathan Schramm

**Radio Control Cars**
- Dominic Basile
- Owen Booker
- Brian Kober*
- Tommy Kober
- Matthew Thiel*
Public Presentations on March 18-22-23-24 (continued)

Raving Robots
Rahul Ramanathan

Scale Model Club
Ryan Digricoli
Mikaela Given
Jacob Mattheiss
Colin Reese
Madeline Reese*

Senior Council
Dan Memoli*
Sara Memoli*

Sidewinders
Alison Kraehenbeuhl
Julie Pirro
Katherine Pirro*
Josh Miller
Noah Rothenburger

Somerset Sentinals
Charles Sharkey

Somerset Servos
Madara Dias
David-John Ladignon
Garrett Ladignon*

Somerset Trainmasters
Zayn Aldabagh*
Mathew Amerman
Cary Brochinsky
Soren Delinger
Zach Ferreira
Bobby Gwiazda
Thomas Healy
James Hughes
Thomas Presley*
Kenneth Rosario*
David Sanders
Andrew Simmons
Anthony Siniscalco
Graham Switzer
Joseph Zimmerman

Wattles & Snood
Emily Milz*

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
Gabrielle Bowlby
Mikayla Couch
Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach
Hannah Davelman*
Erika Jenkins
Lauren Noce
William Philips
Hayden Verbanas
Kietro Wiggins*

Woof
Kristen Andreychak
Brianna Ames
Emma Boganski*
Mollie Booker*
Jessica Casterline*
James Clelland*
Kristen Clerico
Allison Conway
Brittany DeRogatis
Jonah DiCorcia

Woolly Ones
Angie Philischeck
Krisi Philipscheck

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

Thank You to All the Presentation Judges!


Rebecca Dry
Sarah Fenwick
Barbara Follett
Alyssa Franchino
Elizabeth Frank*
Emily Helm
Casey Hennessy
Eileen Hennessy
Megan Jannone
Shannon Kile
Allison Koopman
Sarah Lerch
Alli Maher
Victoria Marconi
Veronica Moditz
Kristen Obermeier*
Stephanie Patullo
Molly Shanahan
Diana Stone
4-H Science-sational Day

This year Science-sational Day was again Sen-sational! There were 14 workshops covering a broad range of science subjects which included our always popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Try It-Fly It and Alka Seltzer Rockets. New this year were workshops on cupcakes, magic, bees and food tasting. Other workshops featured Lego Robotics, Star Labs, Chemistry Wizardry, how to make a rubber ball, and a return of kites and ice cream.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Conrad Colon, James Thomson, Harry Brochinsky, Teri Bellows, Gianna Leach, Usman Ahmad, Devin Fischetti, Kristina Hahn, Rachel Jones, Lauren Pepperman, Chuck Caikoski, Susanna Indyk, Dave Rieur, Glenn Valis, Patricia Anderson, Tyhesha Cromwell, Theresa and Jessica Hanntz, Gene Sellers, Ken Pomplun, Frank and Steve Modrowsky, Gordon Kinahan, Dylan Gottlieb, Alex Rucker, Nick Heitkamp, Dan Rosario, Abhijit and Urmii Ghosh-Dastidar, Abner, Tyler and Ryan Mathews, Mary McLaughlin, Karen Fisch, Jeff and Jack Steele, Ed and Matthew Schueler, Lori and Spencer Terry, Richard George, Jake Vitaliano, Ryan Digricoli, Tracey and Will Hartmann, Sarah Phillips and Charlie Johnson. Special thanks to all the members of the Sidewinders Club who came with their pets.


Special thanks to Uma, Shruti and Ram Rachmanathan for assisting with the preparation of both breakfast and lunch and to Shu Chang and the Chinese Culture Club for assisting with clean up after the event.

NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

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

**Seniors**
- Christina O’Brien 4th place
- Jessica Brygier 7th place

**Junior Teams**
- Cary Brochinsky, Mary Ellen Sousa, Alanna Staffin, Ariel Staffin - 1st place

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

State Dairy Judging

These Somerset members participated in the State Dairy Judging Contest.

**Juniors:**
- Cary Brochinsky, Josh Miller, Alex Norz, Alanna Staffins
  *Alanna tied for 6th*

**Seniors:**
- Christina O’Brien

*Thanks to Nancy Kirby & Rich Norz for coaching these members.*

Results of Dairy Clip Off

**Congratulations!**

**Senior Teams**
- 2nd Place - Jessi Brygier & Christina O’Brien

**Junior Teams**
- 1st Place - Alanna Staffin & Mary Ellen Sousa
- 2nd Place - Cary Brochinsky & Alex Norz

**Beginner Teams**
- 2nd Place - Ariel Staffin & Skylar Delani (Hunterdon)

State 4-H Horse Bowl Results

Congratulations to our winners:

**Senior Division**
- High Individuals Overall
  - Ashley Thompson 9th place
  - Kristin Johnson 11th place

**Junior Division**
- High Individuals Overall
  - Samantha Eristavi 4th place

**Senior Team Participation**
- Sianna Musarra and Sarah Dagnall

*Special thanks to Judy Hennessy for coaching the teams.*
### Woofminster Dog Show Results

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#### Best Senior Handler - Sarah Stamets

- **Obedience**
  - **Pre-Novice A**
    - Rebecca Dry | 2nd place
    - Stephanie Gombas | 3rd place
    - James Meier | 4th place
  - **Open**
    - Sharon Toth | 1st place
  - **Advanced**
    - Kristen Obermeier | 2nd place
    - Jill Newbold | 3rd place

### Wags 'n' Whiskers Dog Show Results

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#### Obedience

- **Pre-Novice A**
  - Alyssa Franchino | 1st place
  - Alli Maher | 2nd place
- **Open**
  - Sharon Toth | 1st place
- **Advanced**
  - Kristen Obermeier | 2nd place
  - Sarah Stamets | 3rd place

### State Dog Bowl

#### Senior Competition

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- **Senior Dog Bowl**
  - William Hartmann | 4th place
  - James Meier | 2nd place

- **Junior Dog Bowl**
  - Melissa Phillips | 3rd place
  - Sylvia Calabrese | 2nd place
### State 4-H Equine Art Show

Congratulations to our winners:

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### Meow Wow Cat Show

#### Senior Division

**Showmanship**
- 1st place: Margaret Cyr Ohngemach
- 2nd place: Will Philips

**Animal**
- 1st place: Davey from Will Philips
- 2nd place: Findus from Margaret Cyr Ohngemach

#### Junior Division

**Showmanship**
- 1st place: Brooke Andrews
- 2nd place: Gabrielle Bowlby

**Animal**
- 2nd place: Sweet Pea from Brooke Andrews
- 3rd place: Tootsie from Mikayla Couch

### Cumberland County Dog Show Results

#### Junior Show

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#### Novice

- Sarah Stamets | 1st place

#### Graduate Novice

- Kristen Obermeier | 1st place

#### Obedience

**Pre-Novice**
- James Clelland | 1st place
- Kirsten Clerico | 2nd place
- James Clelland | 4th place

**Novice**
- Sarah Stamets | 1st place

**Highest Scoring Dog**
- Sarah Stamets

**Highest Scoring Dog in Show**
- Sarah Stamets (Overall)
- Kirsten Clerico (Reserve)

**Highest Scoring Rescue Dog in Show**
- James Meier (Overall)
- Shannon Kile (Reserve)

### State 4-H Equine Presentations

- **Julianna Nienart**, who placed 3rd in Senior Individual Presentation for her presentation on Healthy Horse Hooves

### State Herpetology Show

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

**Lizards**
- Best of Breed: Josh Miller - Blue Tongue Skink
- 2nd place: Elizabeth Dietrich - Bearded Dragon
- 4th place: Matthew Fisch - Leopard Gecko

**Snakes**
- 3rd place: Tyler Young - Albino Burmese Python

**Turtles**
- Best of Breed: Jillian Fisch - East. Hermann’s Tortoise

**Frogs**
- Best of Breed: David Furmato - Green Tree Frog

**Honorable Mentions:** Julie Pirro, David Furmato, Dylan Parker

### Meow Wow Cat Show

- **Senior Division**
  - Showmanship: 1st place - Margaret Cyr Ohngemach, 2nd place - Will Philips
  - Animal: 1st place - Davey from Will Philips, 2nd place - Findus from Margaret Cyr Ohngemach

- **Junior Division**
  - Showmanship: 1st place - Brooke Andrews, 2nd place - Gabrielle Bowlby
  - Animal: 2nd place - Sweet Pea from Brooke Andrews, 3rd place - Tootsie from Mikayla Couch

### 1st Place Team Obedience

- James Clelland
- Kirsten Clerico
- Kristin Obermeier
- Sarah Stamets
Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Somerset County 4-H Family Camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

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

Cost is $60 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Scholarships available. You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday. But by all means...plan on coming. Registration packets are available at the 4-H Office, the 4-H Center lobby or on our website. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

4-H Summer Camp 2011 (Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest)

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

Register now! Summer camp will run for six one-week sessions, Sunday -Saturday, from July 3-August 13. The camp schedule is packed with fun & exciting activities from dawn to dusk. On the website there is a sample Daily Schedule, a Week in Review, Activity (Class) Descriptions to give you an idea of some of the activities available, photos of the buildings and activities and a detailed packing list to download.

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

To register for camp you may download and fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form on the website www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the 4-H Office and we will print one for you. (There is an additional charge to mail out hard copy registration forms.) The basic registration fee is $450, however there are many discounts offered including special discounts for registered 4-H members, multiple family member discount and a discount if you bring a friend. More information can be found on the camp website. Camp is also located on Facebook that provides the most up to date information on programming and other happenings at camp. To get to the Facebook page, visit the camp website and click on the Facebook link at the top right of the page. Would you like to visit camp? Please call to schedule a tour: 973-948-3550.
We’re on the look out to load the S4HL noon hours with 4-H performances! The 2011 Fair Entertainment committee is in search of talented 4-H’ers (in cloverbud or standard clubs) who would like to perform on the Clover Theater Stage.

It’s easy to be eligible! If you didn’t already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2011 Exhibitors' Guide.

All interested 4-H'ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-281-5238, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 13. Let's celebrate our super Fair with talent!

Applications Due July 8

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

4-H members, who have completed 8th grade and older may apply. Applications are available at the 4-H Office/4-H Center and on the website and are due back by Friday, July 8. Members need permission and approval signatures from parents, a 4-H Leader, a 4-H Agent, and approval from a Herdsmen Supervisor. New this year: A photo must accompany your application. Late applications will not be accepted. Everyone selected to be a herdsman must attend one of two Herdsmen Orientation Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on either Monday, July 25 or Tuesday, August 2.

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

Limited Fair Grants Available

The 4-H Association is happy to consider funding requests from clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds necessary to display your project or maintain safety at the Fair. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2011.

Clubs requesting grants must have sold ads and/or wreaths.
Fair Planning Meeting
May 25, 2011, 7:30 pm 4-H Center
Get the whole scoop and have your suggestions heard. Fair Managers will discuss the following topics:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 4-H Master Chefs are already planning to help! Thank you!
Open Divisions For All 4-H'ers!
Divisions will be posted on the website as changes come in. Check the year on the webpage. Look at “Open Divisions” to find more ways to participate. Open Divisions are for everyone and include:

- Bread
- Cake Decorating
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dairy Food
- Fiber
- Horticulture & Agriculture
- Needlecrafts
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Veggie & Fruit Creatures & Scenes
- Woodworking & Wood Science

Check out the complete list of rules and regulations on our website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/farexhibitorguide.html. Remember, projects made in school or for another organization such as scouts, can be submitted.

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

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

Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie. Sign up for an hour or two and help to keep the 4-H Fair free. Please contact Andrew Lerch at andrewlarch@verizon.net or 908-425-8578.

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

Musicians needed for the 4-H Opening Day Parade of Clubs!
Do you play an instrument? Can you march? Then we need you to lead our parade! Any instrument will do, from brass to drums to woodwinds to strings! The parade will set up at 5:30 on opening day and will be over by 6:00. For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com
Mighty Cavits & Rodents  
*by Ally Mahon*

At the March meeting, members talked about the 4-H Fair theme and a committee formed. Already the club has come up with ideas for their display. The February show was discussed, presentation guidelines, upcoming shows, ad sales and possible service opportunities. Some members did club presentations. In April some of the club members brought their animals to visit the Cloverbud Kids.

Cattleman’s Club  
*by Rachel Staffin*

In March topics included a work/field day at Duke Farms. AJ was going to use his cow for clipping and vaccination demonstrations. Members discussed the new Fair theme and are planning ideas. The club is going to have a bake sale to benefit Heifer International. John did a presentation on airsoft. In April, members discussed their ideas for a Fair display. Then the club formed committees to tackle all displays and games for the Fair.

4-H Go-Kart Club  
*by Brandi Gill*

Congratulations to Brian Seher, President; Ryan Zaborowski, Vice-President; Brandi Gill, Secretary; Anthony Iaione, Treasurer and Liam Curran, Health Officer. The club formed committees to be more organized. Members drove their go-karts in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Somerville! The crowd was amazing. They were all cheering when they saw the go-karts.

Sidewinders  
*by Karen Fisch*

Officers for the coming year will be President, Katherine Pirro; Co-Vice-President, David Furmato; Co-Vice-President, Josh Miller; Treasurer, Juliana Pirro; Health Officer, Jillian Fisch; Pledge Officer, Dylan Parker. The club has been busy this year doing a lot of presentations. In January they visited the Kindergarten Clovers, who enjoyed petting the animals. In February members went to the Edison Expo Center for a Herpetology show, where numerous members purchased a variety of snakes and lizards. Many members presented at the State Herpetology show. In March, again members presented first to 4 different workshops for the Cloverbud Rally and then later in the month, 3 workshops that were packed for Science-sational Day. Also in March members visited the Mad Scientists Prep Club where Veronica presented her Chinese Water Dragon.

New Centre Dairy Club  
*by Ariel Staffin*

The Club donated a basket to the Big Basket Bonanza. The theme was Ice Cream Toppings. Discussions have included dairy judging practice, the skill-a-thon, the livestock symposium, ad sales, state dairy quiz bowl, state judging contest and the dairy clip-off. A guest speaker came in February to discuss presentations and what judges like and don’t like by using examples. Members found it very helpful. In March members learned about the parts of a cow. In April, new members were welcomed and topics surrounded orienting them to what they need to show and groom. Trips were planned to the farms to pick out cows for these new members.

The Scale Modeler’s Club  
*by Rosemary Davidson*

Club officers for the club are President, Maddie Reese; Vice-President, Colin Reese; Secretary, Rosemary Davidson; Treasurer, Thomas Davidson; Historian, Mikaela Given and Health Officer, Ryan DiGricoli. The club meets on the third Thursday of the month to work on their projects. Rosemary is working on a model of a Mini Cooper, Thomas is modeling a 1955 Chevrolet, Jacob is building an aircraft carrier, the USS Hornet, Ryan is working on a model of Buzz Aldrin’s First Lunar Landing, Maddie is working on building a model pick up truck, Colin on a model of a Patton tank, Mikaela is making a model of a Honda Civic and Steven is building a model of a US battleship. The club is planning a field trip to Mosquito Con Twentieth Annual Model show and contest which is hosted by the International Plastic Modelers Society.
Saturday, March 5th, was our Cloverbud/Prep Rally. This year the participants learned about Worms, Reptiles, Bugs and how to make Ooblick and Slime. The workshops were a fun, hands-on way to learn about the science behind these topics. Thank you to all who came and hope to see all of our Cloverbud/Prep members at the Rally next year.

I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all of our presenters and helper at this year’s Rally: Mary McLaughlin, Wil Staats, Rosanna Samson, Steve Weiner, Laura Herndon, Rachel Bijaczyk, Lisa Rothenburger, Karen Fisch, Jillie Fisch, Tyler Young, Noah Rothenburger, John Williams, Josh Miller, David Furmato, Daniel Furmato, Dylan Parker, Elizabeth Dietrich, Angelica Rezende, Katherine Pirro, Julie Pirro, Veronica Reese, Pam Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, Willie Somerville, Joe Shreve, Sarah Bijaczyk, Mrs. Goa, Mr. Staats, Mrs. Flora, and Mrs. Kavanaugh.

Happy spring!

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the Date!

The registration packets for Family Camp which will be held Friday June 3 to Sunday June 5, 2011, are available in the lobby of the 4-H building or on line at www.4HisTops.org. For more information visit the web or talk to your club leader.

Yakety - Yak

Exploding Stars - In February we enjoyed an evening building new and creative Lego models. Our first meeting in March we learned about the impact of heat and cold on molecules and how it changes mass. We also figured out how to skewer a balloon without popping it. Finally we had fun with static electricity. We created cool balloon designs on the wall once we worked up enough static electricity. At our last meeting in March, a member and their parent taught us about the planets. We received a great education about the planets in our solar system. Then we made spaceships and space aliens out of foil, paper plates, stickers and model magic.
More Yakety - Yak

Discovery Prep - On February 24th we went to see how maple syrup is made. Dale, Max, Zachary, Lacey and Sophia went to the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge and learned all about how the trees are tapped and then the sap is boiled down to make syrup. On March 7th we had Ms. Hannantz come and tell us all about healthy living. We learned which foods are good for us to eat and why it is good for us to be active. Zachary had boiled down some sap into maple syrup and we all got to have a taste. It was yummy. At our April 4th meeting we made penny boats. We used aluminum foil to shape the boats and then put pennies in them until they sank. We tried all sorts of shapes and had fun with the water as well.

Prep Chefs - At our first March meeting Eliza and her dad led the group in making “Wiggle Worm Dirt” and “Pigs in a Blanket.” Charlotte thought making the dirt was fun. Lizzi liked eating what she made. Eliza enjoyed getting messy. Smashing the Oreos was Calie’s favorite part. Ashley filled her cup to the very top. At the end of the meeting, Dale liked sweeping the floor. During our second meeting in March, we learned how to properly set the table, fold cloth napkins, and make healthy yogurt parfaits. Josie, Kevin, and their mom led the group in these activities. Lizzie said, “I tried all the fruit and I’m happy about it” and Ashley liked the strawberries the best. Eliza summed it up best with “Everybody likes Parfaits!” In April the Chefs made chewy granola bars. This was led by Calie and her mom. The members enjoyed getting their hands messy and licking them clean! Of course they washed their hands afterward because they know the importance of cleanliness. The chocolate chips were the favorites, but the blueberry ones were great too. Everyone did a great job helping to clean up at the end.

The Cloverbud Kids - For our first meeting in February we enjoyed Valentine’s Day crafts and sweet treats. Everyone made mailboxes, cards, pom pom critters and yarn hearts. For the yarn hearts we used special homemade cornstarch “sticky” glue. Lots of “sticky” hands were crafting away making valentine hearts. At our last meeting in February the Cloverbud Kids were joined by the 4-H Magicians Guild for a magical night. We had an incredible time and were impressed by all the magic tricks but the highlight of the night was the balloon animals and hats! An extra big Thank You from all of the Cloverbud Kids to the 4-H Magicians for visiting and showing us how much fun magic can be! March 11th was ice cream social night—we had a blast making homemade vanilla ice cream in the Play and Freeze Ice Cream Maker (Ice cream Ball) and in plastic baggies. We all took turns rolling and shaking the ice cream balls and the baggies to make our ice cream. Once the ice cream was ready, each member built their own personal ice cream sundae. Thank you to Mr. Breazzano for bringing the Play and Freeze Ice Cream Maker.
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Directions to the 4-H Center:

Concessions available all day.
$2.00 Children under 12
$4.00 Adult

Admission

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County

http://somerset.rutgers.edu/directions

If yes, what county?

Already in 4-H? Yes or No

Phone

E-mail

City

Zip code

Address: ______________________________

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If not pre-registered, pay in cash $7/person at the door on June 16.

Bring your Cloverbud/BIG Club badge with you to the 4-H Center. After Cloverbud/BIG Club meeting and include your name in the 4-H Cloverbud/BIG Club on the program.

To pre-register for only $5/person, please mail or drop off the form by May 25.

June 16, 11 am - 5 pm

Annual Spring Train Show

Sponsored by:

The Somerset County 4-H Farmers

4-H Center

300 Milltown Road

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

June 11-12, 2011

WELCOME: Hidden in the Clover:

4-H Anime & Manga Club

Hosted by:  

CloverCon 2011

4-H Club

4-H Center

300 Milltown Road

10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Current Resident or

Dated Material