Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thanks for a wonderful 2011 Somerset County 4-H Fair! We know and appreciate how hard you work, how well you work as a team and how committed you are to our youth. We were certainly successful in meeting our goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bring the community together. We finally had the perfect weather we have all been hoping for. It was great to show the public how wonderful our 4-H Family is!

Please join us at the Fair Evaluation Meeting, September 19th and again at 4-H Open House on October 6th. Don’t forget to invite all your non-4-H friends to Open House!

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Rothenburger  
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward  
County 4-H Agent

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!
The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension (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.
We continue to “make the best better” with a record-breaking number of 4-H clubs in Somerset County. Many of these clubs are formed as a result of the interest kids show at both the Fair and Open House. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House so we are planning another one this year.

On Thursday, October 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we’re holding the annual “Join 4-H” Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader will receive information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. If your club has no room for new members, we’d like one club in that project to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we’ll get another club started. This past year we added Raving Robots, Astronomy Club, Here Tomorrow, 4-H Anime & Manga Club, Club Changa, Scooter Club, Lego Maniacs 2, Discovery Prep and Cloverbud Kids. So start planning your “booth” for Open House. We hope your club will be there!

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

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

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

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

We now offer 14 different programs for children from pre-school through 6th grade, including the new Healthy Living series.

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

This event, held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week, encourages 4-H friends, families, community partners and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. This year’s experiment will be Wired for Wind. Youth will engage in the engineering design process of renewable wind energy technology and discover ways we can reduce our dependence on traditional energy sources. For more information, visit www.4-H.org.

Somerset County 4-H already does a great job incorporating Science, Engineering and Technology into our clubs, camps, school enrichment and special interest programs. We want to continue to grow and involve more youth and more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about the 2011 National 4-H Science Experiment please contact Lisa Rothenburger at rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu or visit the SET website at http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/scienceengineeringtechnology.aspx

School Enrichment Programs

4-H National Youth Science Day
October 5, 2011
Age/Grade Requirements for Participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

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

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

4-Hers On the Move

The President’s Challenge with 4-H is coming to an end this September. Thinking about participating with your club or family? Here’s a review of the Centers for Disease Control’s exercise guidelines:

• For children: 60 minutes or more of physical activity each day, which should mostly be made up of aerobic activity, but should also include bone and muscle strengthening activity at least 3 days per week.

• For adults: 2 hours and 30 minutes (150 minutes) of moderate-intensity aerobic activity (i.e., brisk walking) every week, and muscle-strengthening activities on 2 or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms).

Set some time aside this month to get active with your family and friends as we showcase HEALTH, one of our four H’s.

For information on joining the president’s challenge, go to: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2011-PALA-Challenge.pdf

NJ Junior Breeders Fund

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

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Prudential, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. We know that many of our 4-H’ers do lots of great volunteer work! The application deadline is November 1, 2011. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: http://www.prudential.com/spirit
**Member Registration Forms**

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

All members must be registered by January 1, 2012 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

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**4-H Center Keys**

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

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**Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion**

From September 21 through October 2, Tractor Supply will once again be supporting 4-H through the Paper Clover Promotion. Every time you visit a Tractor Supply Store, add a $1.00 onto your order and this dollar will purchase a clover to help support the 4-H program. Make sure you register your club at the time of donation and be entered in a drawing to win a $250.00 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall. Tractor Supply stores in our area are located at 144 Highway 202, Ringoes, 398 Rt. 57W, Washington and 293 US Route 206 North, Flanders.

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**Forms Needed for Field Trips**

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

- 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth (which includes the Code of Conduct)

- NJ 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults

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

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**4-H Center Showcase**

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

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**JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The 2011 National 4-H Week theme this year will be “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing Revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measureable difference right where they live. We will celebrate the uncommon commitment of 4-H’ers during National 4-H Week, and recognize the confidence, passion and practical skills that prepare them to step up to the challenges of our complex, changing world.
**Association News**

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

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

We did really well with our ad sales this year, let’s hope to do the same with our wreaths. Start making your list now of potential customers. Information and order forms should be arriving shortly in the mail to all 4-H members. Let’s go for a record breaker! **Deadline for orders: October 28**

Pick up wreaths at the 4-H Center: **November 26 - 29**

Association Wreath Decorating: **December 1**

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**2011-2012**

**4-H Association Executive Board**

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Thank you for your continued service!

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**Vendor & Craft Expo 2011**

**Saturday, November 19th, 10 am - 2pm**  One-Stop Holiday Shopping Opportunity

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

**“CASH for GOLD”** Will be on hand to turn your broken & unwanted gold into Cash! Any carat...any condition - they will buy it! **Sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association**
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 21

National 4-H Conference will be held March 24 - 29, 2012 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. New Jersey sends a delegation of up to seven 4-H teens and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2011 in order to participate in the 2012 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills, and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return. Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available at the County 4-H Office and on the website. All applications are due in the County 4-H Office no later than October 21. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 19 at Rutgers University. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date. Call the 4-H Office for further information.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship Available

Collegiate 4-H is an organization that provides its members with a sense of identity on campus, enriches their lives through group projects and recreation and develops confidence and leadership skills. The club is offering a $100 book scholarship to an active 4-H’er who will be a first year student at Rutgers University (any New Brunswick campus) in the fall of 2011. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2011. Applications are available on the website.

Opportunities for Teens

If you are a 4-H teen, please be sure to check out Clovertales and our web pages throughout the year for these opportunities.

Trips & Leadership Opportunities

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

College Scholarships

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

Recognition Opportunities

Outstanding 4-H’er

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

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

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

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

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

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

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4-H Yearbook & Catalog

The 2011 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog was super! Thanks to Becky Moore, Joanna Lieuallen and the committee that worked so hard.

Thanks to all leaders and members that sent in photos and club lists. Save your ’11 Fair photos and start taking new photos of club events as they happen throughout the year.

Be sure to stop by and pick up 2011 Yearbooks for any commercial display advertisers who bought ads from you. This is a great way to say “thank you” for their support.

We appreciate the efforts of everyone who sold ads. Profits help pay for the book, sponsor “free family fun” at the 4-H Fair and help to maintain the 4-H Center. If you sold at least $100, you may pick up your T-shirt at the 4-H Center.

We ❤️ Fall Club Camp October 7 - 9

By Betty Sommerville

If you're already in 4-H or new to 4-H & just LOVE anime, manga, magic and/or country line dancing, we're planning a great weekend away! Come to Fall Club Camp where members of the Village Hidden in the Clovers, 4-H Magicians Guild and the 4-H Country Kickers will welcome you to learn more about their favorite art-forms while kicking back & having great fun together!

While there, we will also be maintaining our labyrinth by adding more rocks to its path, as we all enjoy hiking amidst the colorful foliage & soaking up the wonderful ambiance of L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County. The cost for each person is still only $42 which includes all meals. Members will need to bring their 4-H Event Permission forms and the adults, their 4-H Overnight Agreement forms.

If your club leader is unable to attend, a parent volunteer may come instead. If interested, please call Betty Sommerville for more details at 908-281-5238 or email her at jlsomm@comcast.net. Let her know by the deadline of Friday, September 30, if you’re coming up.
Hold the Dates!

Achievement Dinners:

Livestock       November 5
Dog             November 6
Arts Tent       November 11
Small Animals   November 12
Science         January 6, 2012

NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms
Due by October 21

If your club meets certain requirements, then you qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club. The form is to be completed by the Club leader or president and turned into the 4-H Office by October 21 to be recognized for last year’s efforts.

If your club has:

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

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

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• Must submit a record book
• Attend a minimum of 70% of club meetings
• Do a public presentation at the club level or higher
• Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level.

Let’s all strive to be “Members in Good Standing”!

Teens:

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

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

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

The benefits to joining include opportunities to

⇒ Become a 4-H State Teen Leader and a positive role model for younger teens
⇒ Speak on behalf of NJ 4-H and share ideas with other teens from around the state
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Hurray for...

4-H TOPS Camp

Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. Once again 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 82 participants enjoying 5 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about Creative Dramatics, Creative Writing, Puppets, Healthy Living, Anime, Seeing Eye Puppies, Teambuilding, Robotics, How to Make Your Own Pizza, How to Produce a Movie and more!

Thanks to these 4-H clubs, members and leaders who participated: Harry Brochinsky, Betty Sommerville, Ellen Parker and Ben Parker, Ellen Williams, Rivi Israel, Matt Schueler from the Servoes 4-H Robotics Club, and the 4-H Anime & Manga Club.

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

In addition to the RCE staff, the success of the program was made possible by these counselors and counselors-in-training: Brooke Andrews, Taylor Au, Nachiket Bhujbal, Sarah Bijaczyk, Samaiyah Brookins, Erica Devlin, Connor Hanus, Rachel Lin, Albert Lyou, Victoria Lyou, Emily Ma, Michelle Ma, William Philips, Carolyn Pirro, Katherine Pirro, Varsha Sarabudla, Willie Sommerville, Michael Sverdlove, Tanay Trivedi, Hannah Williams, Kevin Wolf; Logistics Coordinators, Joe Shreve, Cary Brochinsky, Paige Lamberson; and Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

"Join 4-H" Open House
Thursday October 6
7:00 - 8:30 PM

National Holstein Convention

Congratulation to these Somerset County dairy members who participated in this recent event. Kudos to coach, Nancy Kirby for all her hard work.

Junior Team Quiz Bowl - 6th place
(pictured with Nancy)
Ariel Staffin
Cary Brochinsky
Alanna Staffin
Mary Ellen Sousa

Senior Team Quiz Bowl
Christina O’Brien

Jeopardy
Jessi Brygier

Formal Speeches
Ariel Staffin
Alanna Staffin

State 4-H Dairy Show Results

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

Lauren Yutko
1st place (tie) Holstein Produce of Dam

Alanna Staffin
1st place (tie) Holstein Produce of Dam

Ariel Staffin
1st place Beginner Showman Grades 5-6

Melissa Bright
1st place First Year Showman Grades 4-8
Congratulations!

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you to the volunteer Fair Managers. Here are just SOME of their responsibilities; Abner Mathews, food tent plumbing and photography, Mike Amorosa, supervising the pole barn, Britt Powell and Tony DeVergilio, electrical, Mike Pappas, arranging the buses, Pete Hirsh, pole barn.

Thanks to Robert Arena, Greg Snook Sr, Ken Weiss, Paul McCall, Scott Szakacs, Joe Amorosa, Ralph Diem, Brian Velcheck, Jim Wood, Byron Shoemaker and Pete Hirsh for driving the equipment needed to move the supplies.

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

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

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

Thanks to Dawn Hribik, Kim Germak, Joe Shreve and Ernie Hall for manning the drop off point and providing transportation to clubs, vendors and exhibitors.

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

Thanks to the Szackacs-Torres family for organizing the pie and cake booth.

Thanks to Annette Smutko, Caitlyn O’Neil, Lynne Draper,

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

Thanks to Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so efficiently and to these volunteers for helping to greet the public: Pam Christian, Harry and Jill Brochinsky, Jan Lush, Pauline Kodack, Tracy Hartman, Heidi Cyr, Marian Fenwick, Bill Schaefer, Jason Halpin.

Thanks to Becky Moore, Debbie and Rich Norz, Pauline Kodak and Sandy Clare for supervising and cooking for the herdsmen. And thanks to Herdsmen Brooke Andrews, Taylor Au, Daniel Basile, CarolAnne Bekus, Sarah Bijaczyk, Melanie Boyea, George Bright, Jessica Brygier, Hillary Cadra, Aaron Callahan, Stephanie Christian, Tayler Ciattarelli, Conrad Colon, Taylor Cox, Anya Cyr-Ohnegemach, Maragret Cyr-Ohnegemach, Becky Czekaj, Dana Dacunzo, Sarah Dagnall, Elizabeth Darabant, Hannah Davelman, Alessandra DelPrincipe, Erica Devlin, Stephanie Duffy, Moira Dugan, Timothy Dugan, Deanna Farber, Katie Fenyar, Samantha Fisch, Sandra Forktus, Lauren Fox, Becca Francis, Elizabeth Frank, David Furmato, Pamela Gilligan, Sally Gilligan, William Hartmann, Dylan Hatcher, Nick Heitkamp, Andrew Hunter, Kristen Johnson, Shannon Kile, Brian Kleszyk, Katie Kouril, Megan Kouril, Alison Krachenbuehl, Daniel Lang, Sarah Lerch, Amber LiBrizzi, Albert Lyou, Victoria Lyou, Alexandra Mahon, Angela Malaiko, Nicole Malaiko, Martina Malkin, Stephanie Mattei, Jessie Maze, Elizabeth McGrath, Elise McKeen, Kerry Ann McKenna, Desiree McLaughlin, Julia Meier, Dan Memoli, Sara Memoli, Amy Miller, Emily Milz, Shauna Morrissey, Kristi Murguly, Jill Newbold, Julianna Nienart, Jason Ning, Lauren Nocera, Alex Nocera, Jessica Nunn, Kristen Obermeier, Christina O’Brien, Michelle Pannone, Stephanie Perlitz, Angela Philipcheck, Daniel Philipcheck, Carolyn Pirro, Kathrine Pirro, Chris Posbergh, Matt Race, Lars Rasmussen, Colleen Ridder, Eric Rogers, Sarah Rusk, Jonathan Schramm, Joey Shreve, Willie Sommerville, Mary Ellen Sousa, Sarah Stamat, Kristiana Stitt, Ashley Thompson, Dylan Thomson, Sharon Toth, Alyssa Valvano, Jennifer Versfelt, Christopher Walsh, Ashley Ward, Scott Weiss, Kalen Whitney, Alex Wick, Debra Winters, Jay Winters, Tyler Young.

Thanks to Jim Wood for coordinating all finances.

Thanks to the Kolb family, Lynn Draper, and Andrew Lerch for chairing the Milkshake booth. Thanks to Patrick Dugan, Barry Kolb and the Chinese Culture Club for long hours of help in the Milkshake booth.

Thanks to Pam Christian for organizing gifts for the corporate volunteers.

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

Thanks to Jill Brochinsky and Jodi Kopecky for recruiting and thanking sponsors.

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

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

Thanks to Deb Norz for organizing the pie eating contest.

Thanks to Hillsboro Farm for the hayride.

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

Thanks to Val Kreutler for helping with the Alumni Displays.

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

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

A very big thank you to everyone that came on Saturday morning to help clean up. Everyone was home by 4:00!
We ♥ 4-H Talent!

The Clover Theater stage was spilling over with 4-H talent again this year during the 2011 Fair's noon hour of "S4HL - Somerset 4-H Live!" Our 4-ers have so much ♥ and talent!!! Our stage was very busy with a wide variety of performances. Over the course of the three days we were wowed by the talented performances of Christine Arcoleo (violin), Barbara Follett (trombone), Kietra Wiggins (recitation of “The Raven”), Isha Pandya (traditional dance of India), Jo Huang (flute), David Sanders (Ju-jitsu presentation), 4-H Country Kickers (line dance), Deanna Farber (solo), Teagan Sweeney (solo), Brenna Van Skiver (violin), Hannah Davelman (fiddle), Dillon Monti (card tricks).

Ariel Rung & Evanna Wang performed all three days – displaying the versatility to their talents! On Wednesday and Friday they had jaw-dropping Chinese yo-yo demonstrations, while on Thursday they performed a violin duet! Cassie Mountney danced on both Thursday and Friday – displaying two of the many dance styles in which she has trained.

Our youngest performers, Julia McKenna & Owen Gavigan, wowed us again this year with their talent and stage savvy! Julia was joined on stage by her little brother, Kieran, for one performance and her sister, Kerry Ann, for another. What a family of performers! Julia even returned on Thursday afternoon for a command performance on-air during the live WDVR Radio broadcast! Way to go Julia! Owen, returning for his second year of “tickling the ivories” on our stage, left us smiling!

We ♥ 4-H and our talented 4-Hers and are looking forward to see what comes to our Clover Theater Stage next year!!

4-H Fair Sponsors


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

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to these companies who have generously supported the 4-H Program throughout the years: Courier News/myCentralJersey.com, The Garden State Puppetry Guild, The Children’s Museum of Somerset County, Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools, Middlebush Volunteer Fire Department (who has been a Fair Food Vendor for 50 years).

4-H Fair Managers Awards

4-H Animal Tent Display - Beef & Goats
Non-Animal 4-H Tent Display - Science
Outside Commercial Display - Ahn’s Martial Arts, Garden Oaks, Aerochampion
Inside Commercial Display - deCret School of Art, Enopi Learning
4-H Food Booth - Middlebush Fire Co., 4-H Trainmasters
Non-4-H, Non-Commercial Exhibit - Lord Stirling Park
Pony Rides
Outstanding Service - Ernie Hall, Joe Shreve, Dan Lang, Jen Frank, Pauline Kodack, Kim Germek, Dan Memoli
Special Merit - Becky Moore (Yearbook Catalog), Arts Tent (Outside Tent Banners), Small Animal Tent (Most Improved), Erin Szakacs (25 yrs. Pie/Cake Booth), Jan Lush (fundraising), Georgeanne Valis, RoseMary Fleming

Thank you for a great fair!
And the Winners are...

Congratulations to all the 2011 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Winners of the 2011 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Jay Winters, Udder Club, Junior Division and Stephanie Christian, Stablemates, Senior Division.

Needlecraft—Julia Meier, 2 Excellent; Ariel Staffin, Good; Uma Balasubramanian, 2 Very Good; Christine Jenson, Very Good; Cary Brochinsky, Very Good; Madara Dias, 2 Very Good, Sophia McKean, Prep Participation

Crafts—Seniors: Kyle Mountney, 1st Place, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Julianne Nienart, 2nd Place, Excellent, Very Good; Julia Meier, 3rd Place, Excellent; Megan DeMichelle, Very Good; Alyssa Petersen, Very Good; Good; Juniors: Madara Dias, 1st Place, Excellent, Very Good; Owen Booker, 2nd Place, Excellent; Destiny Pappas, 3rd Place, Excellent; Destiny Pappas & Christine Jenson, Very Good; Christine Jenson, Very Good; Emily Ward, Excellent, 2 Very Good; Uma Balasubramanian, Very Good; Cassie Mountney, Good; Ariel Staffin, Very Good, Good; Prep: Justin Kavanaugh, Ashley LiBrizzi, Nelusha Dias, Sophia McKean

Creative Arts—Senior: Elizabeth Frank, Best of Show, Best of Division, 3rd Best of Division, 4 Excellent; Faith D’Ambrosio, 2nd Best of Division, Excellent; Julia Meier, 3 Excellent, Very Good; Kyle Mountney, Excellent; Jillian Kelly, Excellent; Katherine Pirro, Very Good, Good; Amber LiBrizzi, Good; Kristen Obermeier, Very Good; Junior: Kirsten Clerico, Best of Division, Excellent; Cassie Mountney, 2nd Best of Show, Excellent; Uma Balasubramanian, 3rd Best of Show, Excellent; Madara Dias, 3 Very Good; Ariel Staffin, Fair; Owen Booker, Very Good; James Clelland, 2 Good; Alii Maher, 3 Very Good; Brianna LiBrizzi, Fair; Prep: Ashley LiBrizzi, Nelusha Dias

Creative Writing—Senior: Julianna Neinart, 2nd Best in Show, Best in Division Essay; Madeline Reese, Best in Division Poem; Very Good; Kietra Wiggins, 2nd Best in Division Poem; Hannah Davelman, 2nd Best in Division Essay; Faith D’Ambrosio Excellent; Kyle Mountney, 2 Excellent, 2 Very Good; Junior: Ariel Staffin Best in Show, Best in Division Essay, Excellent; Emily Ward, 2nd Best in Division Essay; Christine Arcoleo, Best in Division Poem, 2 Excellent; Erin Kopecky, 2nd Best in Division Poem, 2 Excellent; Madara Dias, 2 Excellent; Kirsten Clerico, Excellent; Spencer Terry, 2 Excellent; Ashley Miller, Excellent; Kate Aeschliman, 2 Excellent; Prep Participation: Nelusha Dias

Woodworking/Wood Science—Daniel Peterson, Excellent; Kyle Mountney, Very Good

Photography—Juniors: Shape/Perspective: Paige Lamberson, Best of Show, Best in Division, Excellent, Very Good; Sarah Bijaczyk, 2nd Best of Division, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Cassie Mountney, Very Good, Good; Landscapes: James Clelland, Best in Division, Excellent, Uma Balasubramanian, 2nd Best in Division, Excellent, Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent; Madara Dias, Very Good, Josh Miller, Very Good; Architecture: Paige Lamberson, 2 Excellent; Animals: James Clelland, Best in Division, Excellent; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, 2 Good; Brianna LiBrizzi, Excellent; Grace Carlsen, Good; Paige Lambertson, 2 Good; Destiny Pappas, Good; Julie Pirro, Good; Story Series: Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent; Plant Life: Paige Lamberson, Best in Division, 2 Excellent, Good; Julie Pirro, 2nd Best in Division, 2 Excellent; Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs, Excellent, Good; Grace Carlsen, 2 Very Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Very Good, Good; Seniors: Landscapes: Kristen Obermeier, Best in Show, Best in Division, 3 Excellent; Amy Miller, 2nd Best in Division, Excellent, 2 Very Good, Good; Jill Newbold, Excellent; Emily Milz, Very Good, 2 Good; Alyssa Peterson, 2 Very Good; Izzie Maddock, Very Good, 2 Good; Mollie Booker, 2 Very Good; Hannah Davelman, Very Good; People: Sarah Fenwick, Best in Division, Excellent; Mollie Booker, 2nd Best in Division, 2 Excellent, Very Good; Emily Milz, Excellent, Good; Amy Miller, Good, Izzie Maddock, 2 Excellent; Story Series: Kristen Obermeier, Excellent; Alyssa Peterson, Excellent, Very Good; Action: Izzie Maddock, Best in Division, 2 Excellent; Megan Kouril, 2nd Best in Division, Excellent; Mollie Booker, Excellent; Emily Milz, Excellent, Very Good, Good; 4-H Related Project: Emily Milz, 2 Excellent; Hannah Davelman, Very Good; Architecture: Izzie Maddock, Best in Division, Excellent; Jill Newbold, 2nd Best in Division, Excellent, 2 Very Good; Alessandra DelPrincep, 2 Very Good, Good; Plant Life: Kristen Obermeier, 2 Excellent; Erica Devlin, Excellent; Emily Milz, Good; Animals: Kristen Obermeier, Best in Division, 3 Excellent; Megan Kouril, 2nd Best in Show,
Trainmasters Results

**Senior Projects**
Ken Rasario
Ted Spulick
Thomas Presley
Zayn Aldabagh
Tommy Healy
Billy Quick

**1st Year Modules**
Andrew Simmons
Bobby Gwiazba
Zachary Ferreira
James Hughes
Joseph Zimmerman

**2nd Year Modules**
David Sanders
Anthony Siniscalco
Matthew Amerman
Douglas Evans
Soren Denlinger

**3rd Year Modules**
Daniel Rosario
Nick Gagliardi
Chase Brickman
Graham Switzer

**4th Year Modules**
Derek Fought
Cary Brochinsky

**Senior Modules**
Ted Spulick
Thomas Healy
Ken Rasario
Bill Quick
Zayn Aldabach
Thomas Presley

**1st Year Special Projects**
Zachary Ferreira
Andrew Simmons
Bobby Gwiazda
Joseph Zimmerman

**Landscaping**
Dan Rosario
Derek Fought
David Sanders
Soren Denlinger
Cary Brochinsky
Anthony Siniscalco
Nick Gagliardi
Matthew Amerman
Chase Brickman
Graham Switzer

**Category:**
Best of Show
2nd Best of Show
3rd Best of Show
Excellent
Very Good
Good

**Cat Results**

**Junior Showmanship**
Mikayla Couch
Hayden Verbanas

**Senior Showmanship**
Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach
Brooke Andrews
Lauren Nocera

**Animal Division**
Brooke Andrews
Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach
Hayden Verbanas

**Fiber Division**
Champion Overall/Fleece
Reserve Champion/Fleece
Alpaca/Very Good
Llama/Very Good
Baby Doll Sheep/HM

**Model Airplane**
Outstanding Member/Achievement
Best Airplane Built
Best Airplane Restoration
Best Glider
Pilot Achievement
Instructor Achievement

**Flying Contest Winners:**
Duration
Spot Landing
Taxi Course

**People's Choice:**
Wednesday - Steven Modrowsky; Thursday - Nick Heitkamp; Friday - Steven Modrowsky
Dog Show
Junior Show/Senior
1st Sarah Stamets
2nd Jennifer Versfelt
3rd Carolyn Pirro
4th Sarah Lerch
Junior Show/Junior
1st Kirsten Clerico
2nd James Clelland
3rd Molly Shanahan
4th Shanna Gryder
Junior Show First Year
1st Amber Callahan
2nd Jonah DeCortis
3rd Sammi Hall
4th Brianna Zeitler
Beginner B
1st Jonah DeCortis
2nd Alyssa Webster
3rd Shanna Gryder
4th Amanda Miller
Pre-Novice A
1st Allison Maher
2nd Victoria Marconi
3rd Jennifer Versfelt
4th Rebecca Dry
Pre-Novice B
1st Aaron Callahan
2nd James Clelland
3rd Sarah Lerch
4th Kirsten Clerico
Beginner A Participants
Amber Callahan, Helen Newbold, Diana Stone, Scott Webster, Megan Jannone, Allison Koopman, Brittney DeRogatis
Canine Good Citizen Certifications
Carolyn Pirro, Kirsten Clerico, Greta Wickman, Allessandra DePrincipe, Allison Koopman, Megan Jannone, Sarah Fenwick, TJ Rasmusson, Barbara Follet
Prep Participants
Ashley Stamat, Emily King, Justin Kopecky, Gabriella Nascimento, Shannon Reinhart, Michael Clerico, Isabella Calabrese, Francesca DiCapua, Gabrielle Clark, Mellina Myth
4-H Fair Challenge Trophy
Woof Dog Club
Alpaca
Senior Showmanship
1st Deanna Farber
2nd George Bright
3rd Scott Weiss
Junior Showmanship
1st Kim Duffey
2nd Taylor Ciattarelli
3rd Kara Moditz
Senior Agility
1st Scott Weiss
2nd Anya Cyr-Ohngemach
3rd George Bright
Junior Agility
1st Taylor Ciattarelli
2nd Hannah Williams
3rd Ben Lewis
Champion Alpaca Fiber
Deanna Farber
Res. Champ. Alpaca Fiber
Macey LeBlanc
Goat
Junior Showmanship
Debra Winters
Best Cared-For Project
Kristen Johnson
Beginner Showmanship
Maria Buzzoni
Beginner Fitting
Jay Winters
Senior Fitting
Debra Winters
Pygmy Beginner Fitting
Shawn Kavanaugh
Pygmy Junior Fitting
Destiny Pappas
Senior Champion Milking Doe
Debra Winters
Reserve Champion Milking Doe
Maria Buzzoni
Sr Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
Kristen Johnson
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Dry Doe
Kristen Johnson
Sr Champion Pygmy Dry Doe
Taylor Johnson
Junior Champion Doe
Jay Winters
Reserve Junior Champion Doe
Debra Winters
Junior Champion Wether
Thomas Vadimski
Reserve Jr Champion Wether
Andrew Vadimski
Jr Champion Nigerian Wether
Jack Cochrane
Sr Champion Nigerian Wether
Jay Winters
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Wether
Madison Eurick
Jr Champion Pygmy Wether
Shawn Kavanaugh
Reserve Jr Champ Pygmy Wether
Destiny Pappas
Standard Dam & Offspring
Debra Winters
Nigerian Dam and Offspring
Kristen Johnson
## Dairy Show Results

### Holstein Classes

- **Grand Champion**: Elizabeth Frank
- **Reserve Champion**: Alex Norz

- **Junior Heifer Calf**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Josh Miller  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Kyra Morgan  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor Wyatt  
  4<sup>th</sup> Cary Brochinsky

- **Sr Heifer Calf Winter**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Bright  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Norz

- **Sr Heifer Calf Fall**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Hill  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Brygier

- **Jr Yearling Summer**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Alanna Staffin  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Yutko  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Melanie Boyea  
  4<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Frank  
  5<sup>th</sup> Christina O'Brien  
  6<sup>th</sup> Emily Hill  
  7<sup>th</sup> Cary Brochinsky

- **Jr Yearling Spring**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Alanna Staffin  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Yutko  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Melanie Boyea  
  4<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Frank  
  5<sup>th</sup> Mary Ellen Sousa

- **Sr. Yearling Winter**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Ariel Staffin

- **Sr. Yearling Fall**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Frank  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ellen Sousa

- **Junior Champion**: Elizabeth Frank  
  **Reserve Jr Champion**: Jessica Brygier  
  **HM Champion**: Alanna Staffin  
  **2 Yr Old Not in Milk**:  
    1<sup>st</sup> Jessica Brygier  
    2<sup>nd</sup> Christina O'Brien

- **Dry Cow**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Alex Norz

- **Senior Champion**: Alex Norz

- **Reserve Sr Champion**: Jessica Brygier  
  **Beginner Fitting**:  
    1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Bright  
    2<sup>nd</sup> Kyra Morgan

- **Beginner Showmanship**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Bright  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Miller  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Kyra Morgan

- **Junior Fitting (grade 4-8)**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Ariel Staffin  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Alanna Staffin  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ellen Sousa

- **Jr Showmanship (grade 4-8)**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Mary Ellen Sousa  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Ariel Staffin  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Alanna Staffin

- **Senior Fitting (grade 9-13)**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Frank  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Christina O'Brien  
  3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Yutko

- **Sr Showmanship (gr 9-13)**:  
  1<sup>st</sup> Christina O'Brien  
  2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Brygier

- **Best Fitted Overall**: Elizabeth Frank

- **Adult Showmanship**: Amy Wyatt

- **Tag-Alongs**: Casey Billera, Dale Brochinsky, Elizabeth Brygier, Jaquelin Kirby, Megan Norz, Susie Norz, Cole Whitney

## Beef Results

### Junior Fitting

1<sup>st</sup> Alexa Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Winters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Caleb Bruss  
4<sup>th</sup> Alanna Staffin

### Senior Fitting

1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Weinberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Milz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Debra Winters  
4<sup>th</sup> Sharon Toth

### Grand Champion Heifer

Emily Milz

### Reserve Champion Heifer

Alexa Johnson

### Hereford Heifers Class 1

1<sup>st</sup> Emily Milz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alanna Staffin

### Hereford Heifers Class 2

1<sup>st</sup> Alexa Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Winters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alanna Staffin

### Hereford Heifers Class 3

1<sup>st</sup> Caleb Bruss

### Maine Anjou Heifers

1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Toth

### Grand Champion Steer

Jen Weinberg

### Reserve Champion Steer

Jen Weinberg

### Lightweight Steers

1<sup>st</sup> Emily Milz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Debra Winters

### Midweight Steers

1<sup>st</sup> Jen Weinberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Winters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Toth

### Intermediate Weight

1<sup>st</sup> Jen Weinberg  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Weinberg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jen Weinberg

### Heavyweight Steers

Debra Winters

### Grand Champion Bull

Debra Winters

### Reserve Champ. Bull

Jay Winters

### Spring Bull Calves

1<sup>st</sup> Debra Winters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Winters

### Grand Champ. Cow/Calf

Debra Winters

### Chi-Maine Cow/Calf

1<sup>st</sup> Debra Winters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Winters  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alanna Staffin  
4<sup>th</sup> Alanna Staffin

### Senior Showmanship

Jen Weinberg

### Adult Showmanship

Bryce Gerlach

### Wednesday Fitting Contest

1<sup>st</sup> place: Jennifer Weinberg, Alexa Johnson, Jay Winters  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Emily Milz, Caleb Bruss, Alanna Staffin  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Josh Brus, Debra Winters, Levi Bruss
Go-Karts
Show & Shine
Rookie Blue Rosettes: Mauricio Guerrero-Nieto, Kory Hatton

Race Light Blue Rosettes: Ryan Zaborowski, Tori Bobal, Skylar Holland, Brandi Gill, Anthony Iaione, Joey Grosz

Race Medium Blue Rosettes: Sean Artfitch, Brian Scher, Jake Bobal, Gregory Matarazzo, Colin Gano

Race Heavy Blue Rosettes: Joe Pignataro, Trevor Jones, Liam Curran, David Oborne, Brandi Gill

Race Super Heavy Blue Rosettes: Lou-Hajdu-Nemeth, Daniel Peterson, Brandon Gano, Taylor Smith; Yellow Rosette: David Oborne

Project & Display
Rookie Blue Rosettes: Mauricio Guerrero-Nieto, Kory Hatton

Race Light Blue Rosettes: Ryan Zaborowski, Tori Bobal, Skylar Holland, Brandi Gill, Anthony Iaione, Joey Grosz

Race Medium Blue Rosettes: Sean Artfitch, Brian Scher, Jake Bobal, Gregory Matarazzo, Colin Gano

Race Heavy Blue Rosettes: Joe Pignataro, Trevor Jones, Liam Curran, David Oborne

Race Super Heavy Blue Rosettes: Lou-Hajdu-Nemeth, Daniel Peterson, Brandon Gano, Taylor Smith

Overall Winner: Ryan Zaborowski
Rookie of the Year: Mauricio Guerrero-Nieto

Rookie:
1st Mauricio Guerrero-Nieto
2nd Kory Hatton

Race Light:
1st Ryan Zaborowski
2nd Joey Grosz
3rd Brandi Gill
4th Skylar Holland
5th Anthony Iaione
6th Tori Bobal

Race Medium:
1st Gregory Matarazzo
2nd Colin Gano
3rd Jake Bobal
4th Brian Scher
5th Sean Artfitch

Race Heavy:
1st Joe Pignataro
2nd David Oborne
3rd Brandi Gill
4th Liam Curran
5th Trevor Jones

Race Super Heavy:
1st Brandon Gano
2nd David Oborne
3rd Taylor Smith
4th Dan Peterson
5th Lou-Hajdu-Nemeth

Small Animals
Cavies
Ashley Miller: Best of Show
Todd Gallagher: Reserve Best of Show
Emily Griswold: 2 Best of Breed
Sarah Reilly: Best of Breed
Lars Rasmussen: Best of Breed
Megan Vetter: Best of Breed
Elizabeth Dry: Best of Breed
Kalyn Whitney: 3 Best Reserve of Breed
Melanie Quick: Best Reserve of Breed
Chelsea Obermeier: Junior Showmanship
Aurora Baker: Best Reserve of Breed
Megan Kouril: Senior Showmanship

Rabbits
Sarah Stamets: Best of Show
Austin Raymond: Reserve Best of Show
Allie Mahon: Best of Breed
Mellissa Smutko: Senior Showmanship

Junior Showmanship
Chelsea Obermeier: Best Reserve of Breed
Megan Kouril: Best Reserve of Breed

Rabbits
Sarah Stamets: Best of Show
5 Best of Breed
Austin Raymond: Reserve Best of Show
2 Best Reserve of Breed
Allie Mahon: Best of Breed
Mellissa Smutko: Senior Showmanship

Small Animals
Emily Rannells: Best of Show
Ben Parker: Best of Breed - Rad

Small Animals
Emily Rannells: Best of Show
Ben Parker: Reserve Best of Show

Lars Rasmussen: Best Res of Show - Gerbil
Sarah Stamets: Best Res of Breed - Hamster
Ali Krahenbuehl: Best Res of Breed - Mouse
Emily Griswold: Best of Breed - Chinchilla
Sheep & Market Lamb

Supreme Champ Sheep of Show
Res Champ Sheep of Show
Champion Wood Ewe
Champion Wood Ram
Res Champ Wool Ram
Res Champ Wood Ewe
Champion Meat Ram
Res Champ Meat Ram
Champion Meat Ewe
Res Champ Meat Ewe
Champion Baby Doll
Res Champ Baby Doll
Champ Baby Doll Ram
Champ Purebred Ram
Res Champ Purebred Ram
Champion Purebred Ewe
Res Champ Purebred Ewe
Champ Grade Meat Ewe
Res Champ Grade Meat Ewe
Champ Grade Wool Ewe
Res Champ Grade Wood Ewe
Champ Grade Ewe
Res Champ Grade Ewe
Champion Dam & Lamb
Best Owner Bred
Champion Hampshire
Champion Dorset
Champion Baby Doll
Champion Nat Color
Champion Romeny
Champion Merino
Best Sr Wool Fitter
Best Jr Wool Fitter
Best Sr. Meat Fitter
Best Jr Meat Fitter
Best Beginner Fitter
Best Sr Showman
Best Jr Showman
Best Beg Showman
Grand Champ Market Lamb
Res Champ Market Lamb
Best Sr Market Lamb Showman
Best Jr Market Lamb Showman

Shanna Clifford
Angela Philipsheck
Shanna Clifford
Chris Posbergh
Lauren Fox
Chris Posbergh
Lauren Fox
Christina O’Brien
Lauren Fox
Lauren Fox
Veronica Moditz
Kara Johnson
Alyssa Figliano
Chris Posbergh
Lauren Fox
Shanna Clifford
Lauren Fox
Angela Philipsheck
Kristi Philipsheck
Angela Philipsheck
Anna Mazzola
Angela Philipsheck
Kristi Philipsheck
A. & K. Philipsheck
Chris Posbergh
Lauren Fox
Lauren Fox
Veronica Moditz
Lauren Fox
Shanna Clifford
Teresa Buzzoni
Chris Posbergh
Kristi Philipsheck
Desiree McLaughlin
Teresa Buzzoni
Desiree McLaughlin
Will Staats
Christine Delphidio
Lauren Fox
Christina O’Brien
Chris Posbergh

Criations
by Todd Gallagher

The Criations Alpaca Club had a busy spring and summer. Members planned for the Fair and practiced with the animals. For fundraising projects and community service, the club participated in the Quick Chek Balloon Festival, the Union Co. Music Festival and painted fences at Stone Corner Farm. The Club had a great Fair and are looking forward to an exciting new year.

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
by Heidi Cyr

The year was successful, with members having the opportunity to show their cats many times. The club had speakers on therapy cats, feral cats and animal first aid. Members ran a workshop on cats, complete with crafts, for cloverbuds. The club participated in Festival of Trees and did community service with Happy Socks. The rain barrel outside the 4-H office door was decorated with the Twirling Clovers. Members actively collect cards and letters for servicemen for Operation Gratitude. They are always looking for donations of cards and letters to send. Club or individual letters can be written. The deadline before the next mailing is October 14.

Senior Council
by Alyssa Peterson

Members discussed old business that included working the kitchen at CloverCon and selling glo-sticks during the July 4th fireworks. New business including the Fair display and shifts for sno-cones and the ticktock grove picnic for SHIP that was held in July.
**Haunted House**

Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 11:00 PM

Middlesex County Fair Grounds/4-H Center
Cranbury Road, East Brunswick
(entrance off Fern Road)

$3.00 Admission

Sponsored by:
Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council

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

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**Volunteer Opportunity**

If any individuals, families or clubs would like to help an elderly or disabled person get the yard ready for winter by raking leaves, please contact the Office of Volunteer Services at: 908-541-5715

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**Video Awards Contest**

Get out your camera!
Charge up your cell phone!

Choose a category and start videoing a public service announcement. Think you got what it takes to win a *Somey*? (yeah it’s like an Emmy® but that’s a Hollywood thing, this is Somerset County!)

**Leadership Somerset’s Project “Someys” is looking for your original public service announcement (PSA) videos.**

Videos should be in one of the following categories and must showcase a Somerset County based non-profit or government agency. Be a firecracker! Here’s your chance to showcase your creative skills!

1. Health, Wellness & Safety
2. Arts, Culture & Humanities
3. Housing & Shelter
4. Employment & Job Assistance
5. Environment

Nominees and winners from all eligible videos will be selected based on creativity, message and entertainment value. Awards will be given in 2 age groups: 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade.

Winning videos will be shown at the *Someys* Red Carpet Award Event on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 7:00pm at Raritan Valley Community College Conference Center – Grand Conference Room.
118 Lamington Rd, Branchburg, NJ.

Full details and registration forms are available on the website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)
The Cloverbud/Prep Page

Dear 4-H Preppers & Cloverbuds,

What great weather we had for this year's Somerset County 4-H Fair! We could not have asked for 3 better days. This year the 4-H Fair was a great success. A special thank you to all our preppers/cloverbuds and their families who worked so hard in the prep and cotton candy tents. Our prep tent had really terrific hands-on activities presented by our cloverbud/prep clubs. We also had some fun entertainment on our stage for all the fairgoers to enjoy. Kudos to the Children's Museum for another outstanding year in the prep tent. Everyone who spun cotton candy added a sweet touch to the fair! You can all be very proud of a job well done. You have taken the best and made it better!

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

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

Many thanks to Jill & Harry Brochinsky, our prep tent supervisors. They do so much in the set-up, take down and general running of our tent. Thanks to all the cloverbud/prep clubs who set up exhibit boards...a huge thank you to all the members and their families who staffed out information table, activity table and the cotton candy tent. A warm and furry thank you to Sue, Lucy and all of their helpers for bringing the "Name the Animal" contest to our tent. Thanks to the fair entertainment committee for all of the wonderful entertainment that was booked on our prep stage along with all of the 4-H clubs that performed as well. A big shout out to Dan Basile and friends for the great per-Prep Graduation entertainment. Kudos to Tom Davidson and the Children's Museum for the fun exhibits and activities they bring to the prep tent. A sweet thank you to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath, our cotton candy coordinators and all of our wonderfully pink spinners. Thanks go to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for setting up the cotton candy tent fencing. A very special thank you to Dan Lang, Jen Frank and Joann & Owen Gavigan for helping to set up the prep tent on Tuesday and breaking down Friday night at 10 and everyone who was up early and stayed up late to help with fair preparations.

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

A graduation ceremony was held in the prep tent at the 4-H fair on Thursday August 11th for the prep club members who will be entering the 4th grade in September. They can now move up to a standard 4-H club. The graduates were Uma Balasubramaniam, Brandon Basile, Elizabeth Behling, Jacob Bell, Rachel Blumberg, Sophie Callahan, Stephanie Chebra, Michael Clerico, Holly DeAngelis, Catherine Delphidio, Francesca DiCapua, Nelusha Dias, Katrina Duque, Jeffrey Dyben, Connor Emery, Alex Fromberg, Justin Fu, Siddharth Gupta, Benjamin Hatcher, Michelle Huang, Brielle Hughes, Daniel Iovino, Justin Kavanaugh, Emily King, Hunter Kirsch, Malhar Lakshman, Benjamin Lesniewski, Ashley LiBrizzi, David Liu, Emily Lutz, Max Maslo, William Maxton, Robert Mazet, Kennedy McNeilly-Anta, Krishna Mody, Mary Moor, Gabriella Nascimento, Francis Niemeyer, Susan Norz, Daniel Papcun, John Peterson, Nicholas Piano, Nishi Prashad, Carl Rasmussen, Alexandra Rathborne, Gillian Reese, Andre Scheflen, Nicholas Schueler, Darcy Schulz, Mia Schultz, Siddarth Sridhar, Carson Stacy, Lauren Steinkopf, Sonia Talarek, Johnathan Travisano, David Valdes, Cullen Van Skiver, Thomas Wessel, Estelle Yeung. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H'ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

All of our clubs were busy the month of July working on their Prep tent displays and club activities. After the Fair in August we all had to take a deep breath and relax. Our clubs should begin meeting again sometime in October. Hope to see you at the Open House.
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**October 2011**
Join 4-H! Open House

Thursday, October 6  7:00 - 8:30 pm
Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Come on in!
Find out what today’s 4-H program has to offer YOU! In 4-H, you can learn about science, go-karts, animals, rocketry, clothing, creative arts, food & nutrition, while developing leadership skills and public speaking and much more. Best yet, you can have FUN and meet new friends too! 4-H is where there’s fun in learning and learning is fun!

Who can join?
- Kids in Grades K-3 can join 4-H Clover Buds
- Kids in Grades 4-13 can join a standard 4-H club
- Parents and other adults can volunteer to help

Representatives from our numerous 4-H clubs will be here to tell you all about 4-H and to help you get signed up.

For more information:
Call the 4-H Office: (908) 526-6644
Visit us online at www.4HisTops.org
Current Resident or