I AM 4-H

This Special Fair Edition of Clovertales, is coming straight to YOU!

Unless you have asked to remain on the mailing list, the Sept/Oct issue will be available only online and hard copies in the lobby of the 4-H Center.
President's Message

What do these things have in common? Cows, chickens and horses. Snakes, rabbits and sheep. Rockets, go-carts and trains. Twirlers, magicians and chefs. Alpacas, marksmen and anime. Legos, writers and jump ropes. Pups, puppets and telescopes. Anyone involved with Somerset County 4-H knows the answer. These are all projects that our members are involved in. And not just involved in, but devoted to and enthusiastic about. THEY ARE 4-H!

No matter how times change, and how our clubs change to respond to the times, the energy and commitment of our 4-H’ers are constants. These youngsters are remarkable for their varied interests and their ability to stretch their days to fit them all in. We older folks can only marvel at their creativity and stamina. We also marvel at the many hours of community service that these youngsters contribute. They are fully engaged in the life of Somerset County.

The 4-H Fair is the culmination of their year of learning by doing, and it is a reward for all their hard work. They have earned all the fun that the fair brings. Another constant in my decades of involvement with 4-H is the devotion of our many volunteers. The thousands of hours they give benefits not just the children of our 4-H program but also the quality of life in Somerset County.

All of these good things would not be possible without the steady commitment and support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Somerset County Park Commission, our devoted county workers, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, our wonderful 4-H agents and staff, and the people of Somerset County. And our fair would not be possible without our sponsors and vendors and the volunteers of the nonprofit organizations who staff the food tent.

I am – we all are – 4-H. Enjoy the 65th Somerset County 4-H Fair!

Joe Bakes
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

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.

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!
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4-H is a Family Affair, and in 4-H, You're Part of the Family.

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

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

Get Ready for Another 4-H Parade of Clubs!

Now lead by The Trainmasters Brass!

All clubs are encouraged to participate in the Opening Day Parade of Clubs! So bring out those crazy hats, costumes, banners, mini floats, noisemakers and stuffed animals (Sorry, no live animals). As the parade meanders through the fairgrounds it will be narrated to highlight your club and tent! Each club will receive a participation ribbon and a special designation such as Best Cheer, Cutest Dance, Most Spirit, etc. For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com

Date: Wed. Aug. 8th
Meeting Place: Outside the Radio Control Car Tent
Meeting Time: 5:30
Parade Starts: 5:45

Press Releases

Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news.
**Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2012 4-H Fair**

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

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

- Be officially registered in a standard Somerset County 4-H Club and actively engaged in a 4-H project by January 1, 2012.
- Have attended 70% of the meetings of their 4-H Club.
- Have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.
- Have completed a record book of their 4-H project and/or 4-H activities for the year and submitted this record to a Club Leader.
- Have participated in a community service activity in the past year.

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

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

If a member has attended meetings and submitted a record book but joined Somerset County 4-H after Jan. 1, 2012 or has met the other requirements, that member may exhibit, but not compete or be judged at the Fair.

CHECK DIVISIONS FOR SPECIFIC RULES and REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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**Adult Responsibilities**

**4-H Parents & Guardians**

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

**4-H Club Leaders**

- Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
- Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters.
- Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair.
- Assign roles/responsibilities.
- Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.

**Division Chairpersons**

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2013 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible and make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.

**Ribbons & Awards**

- Pick them up at the Center before your show.

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**Tent Superintendents**

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

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

- Oversee general operations of the 4-H Fair. Feel free to call them with questions or concerns. Call the 4-H Office for phone numbers: 908-526-6644.

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

We look forward to working with Glenn Miller Electrical Contracting, Inc. of Basking Ridge, New Jersey. This is an experienced electrical contracting company serving all of New Jersey. For 15 years they have been providing their clients with professional services including new construction, residential renovation and repair, commercial, industrial and institutional. They are currently involved in Music at Moorland and The Far Hills Races, both outdoor events that benefit Somerset Medical Center. Please help us make them feel at home at the 4-H Fair.

Open Divisions For All 4-H’ers!

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

- You may have craft projects, creative arts, needlecraft, woodworking and photography that you did during the school year that you can exhibit. Read the rules and requirements carefully, changes have been made.
- All exhibits in Open Divisions should be turned in to the 4-H Center no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 2.
- Check the listing for each division in the Exhibitor's Guide for details and if pre-registration is required.
- Prep members may participate non-competitively and will receive 4-H Fair participation ribbons.

Show off your creative talents:

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

For further information check out the Exhibitor Guide at http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4hfairexhibitorguide.html

2012 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

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

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

New Fiber Event in Open Division - Spinners Choice!

Any 4-H member with a fiber animal: rabbit, dog, cat, sheep, goat, etc. can enter this event. Submit a sandwich bag gently stuffed with the fiber of your animal. The majority of fiber length must be at least 2 inches. It doesn't have to be spotless, but should be clean and as free of debris as possible. There will be spinners at the fair who will spin your entry and judge it on cleanliness and condition. The classes will be:

Best Innerwear (finest) Yarn; Best Outerwear (Coarest, and hardest wearing) Yarn; Best Rope Yarn; Spinners’ Choice; Best in Show.

Entry forms are online and will be available at the Fair Info Tent. Entries must be dropped off at the Info Tent by 10am on Thursday. Judging will be start at 11am.

If you need more information or have questions please email Sue MacCombie: susar@rcn.com.

I AM 4-H Talent!

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent on the Clover Theater stage! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 10th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H'ers. Check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2012 Exhibitors Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at jlsomm@comcast.net (put "4-H talent" in subject line).

Fashion Revue

Thursday, August 9, 8:00 pm at the Clover Theatre on the Fairgrounds

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

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

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

Yearbook and Catalog

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center August 1. Please be sure your advertisers get one. Say thanks to Becky Moore, Sue Schurick, Abner Mathews, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare, Bryn Keck, Jeff Weinstein, Joe Bakes, Shannon Zimmitti, Mary McLaughlin, Gary Keck and Joanne Lieuallen for a terrific 2012 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

**Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts**

4-H members (or volunteers) with $100 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23 or Tuesday, July 31.

Herdsmen

- Welcome new 2012 Supervisor Jason Meeting and returning supervisor, Becky Moore.
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- **Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.**
- Return a completed application by JULY 6 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted!
- Applications are available online: [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsmen orientation meetings, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. or July 31 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided by Pauline Kodack and Sandy Clare, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must be a registered volunteer and complete the Adult Herdsman Application and attend one of the herdsman meetings.

Fair Supplies

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

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 22.

Limited Fair Improvement Grants Due August 1

The 4-H Association will consider giving divisions/tents monetary grants to make the Fair better. Please remember that Fair grants are limited and clubs must have sold ads/and/or wreaths. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website: [www.4HisTops.org/4hfair](http://www.4HisTops.org/4hfair).
Cotton Candy at the Fair!

We are once again looking for spinners in the Cotton Candy tent at fair. You must be 16 years or older to spin. However, younger members can take tickets. Contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us to register for a 2 hour slot. Remember, everyone that spins will receive a free Cotton Candy t-shirt.

Landscapers Needed!

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

Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

The 4-H Association Oasis Committee supplies drinks and meals for the Fair Managers and volunteers working on the Fairgrounds from the Wednesday before the Fair until Tuesday evening before the Fair. This committee supplies the Tuesday lunch for everyone. They are there again the Saturday after the Fair with breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers. Members decide what they will provide on which day.

If you or your club would like to help fund or provide a meal, please contact Tina Pirro at kmpirro@msn.com to be involved in the planning. The Oasis Committee is partially funded by the 4-H Association.

Egg Hunt at the Fair

The Poultry division held this event the past 4 years and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Marylynn Kleszyk if your division would like to participate, 908-526-5864 or vze112@verizon.net.

4-H Fair Food Tent

All the food sold at the Fair is prepared by non profit organizations. They split their proceeds with 4-H and use the rest to support their organizations. This year, we welcome a new organization, St. Anna’s Greek Orthodox Church. They will be selling sluvaki, a great addition to our menu. Middle Earth is adding a new item - pork roll, egg and cheese on a hard roll and Boy Scout Troop 90 is also adding plain and loaded baked potatoes. We continue to add more healthy, choices. It is because of the support of these organizations and the hundreds of volunteers that work with them that our Food Tent is so successful. Please support the Food Tent by helping and by eating there.
**Fair Set Up**

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

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

**Keep It Neat!**

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

**How to Pack a Pallet**

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

**Fair Clean Up**

**SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS**

- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- **Rake or clean litter from tent areas.**
- **Friday night, August 10 and/or Saturday morning, August 11**, all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

**2nd Shift on Saturday**

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

**Volunteer Workforce Pages**

*Check out the following Workforce Pages and see where you can help.*
2012 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR
VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

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

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

- Security/ buses/ highway signs
- Schedules/maps
- Electricity
- Ribbons/ trophies/ medallions
- First Aid/Fire
- Opening Ceremonies/ 4-H Hour
- Pole Barn/ Fork Lifts/ Trucks/ Moving Materials

Thursday, August 2
1. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents
   Dog Clubs (8/2 6:30 p.m.)
   Kim Germack Cook

Saturday before the Fair, August 4
1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair
   Fair Managers, horse, dairy
   Mike Amorosa
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
   All Divisions
   Tina Pirro
3. Man Volunteer Oasis
   Need Help
   Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
   Livestock leaders
   Sandy Clare, Jason Metting
4. Install Show Tent fence
   Science and other Clubs
   Bryn Keck
5. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
   Trainmasters (9 am)
   Division Chairpersons
   Sign-out in pole barn

Sunday before the Fair, August 5
1. Fire extinguishers
   Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
   Paul Cirillo
2. Prep Tent set-up
   4-H Prep Clubs
   Harry Brochinsky
3. Exit and No Smoking Signs
   Teen Volunteers
   Bryn Keck
4. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up
   Arts and other Clubs
   Laura Graham
5. Info. Booth set-up
   Need Help
   Joe Bakes
6. Milkshake booth set-up
   Committee, Go-Kart Club
   Janet Kolb, Lynn Draper
7. Install recruitment kiosks
   Senior Council
   Maggie Navatto
8. Cotton Candy set-up
   Need Help
   Kyle Miholcs

Monday before the Fair, August 6, 6:30 p.m.
1. Show Tent set-up
   Livestock Clubs
   Livestock Leaders
2. Food Tent set-up
   Food Tent Committee
   Annette Smutko
**Tuesday before the Fair, August 7, all day (call your leaders for times)**

1. 4-H exhibits set-up  
   4-H Club Members  
   4-H Club leaders  

2. Food Tent set-up  
   Food Tent Committee  

3. 4-H Herdsman Meeting 10:30 pm  
   4-H Teen Members  
   Becky Moore  

4. 4-H Information Tent contents  
   Need Help  
   Joe Bakes  

5. Bench seating for the public  
   Teen Volunteers  
   Bryn Keck  

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - August 8, 9 & 10**

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed.  
   *Come one, come all!*  
   4-H Agents  

2. 4-H Performances  
   Need 4-H talent  
   Betty Sommerville  

3. Food Tent tables cleaned  
   ALL clubs or individuals  
   Bryn Keck  

4. Herdsman breakfast 6:30-8:30 am  
   Need parents  
   Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack  

5. Parade Wed. 5:30 at RC car tent  
   *All clubs and individuals*  
   Ellen Parker  

6. Welcome Ceremony Wed 7:00 pm.  
   *Come one, come all!*  
   4-H Agents  

7. Milkshake booth/evenings  
   Need Help  
   Andrew Letch  

8. 4-H Herdsman Meetings 10:30 pm  
   4-H Teen Members  
   Becky Moore  

9. Man Information Booth  
   Need Help  
   Joe Bakes  

**Friday night after the Fair**

1. Tables/chairs returned to 4-H Center  
   All Divisions  
   Division Chairpersons  

2. Exhibit boards, pens & blocks  
   stack on pallets, wrap, label  
   All 4-H Clubs  
   Joe Bakes  

3. 4-H Info. Tent dismantled  
   Need Help  
   Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb  

4. Milkshake booth dismantled  
   Need Help  
   Harry Brochinsky  

5. Food Tent dismantled  
   Herdsmen, Need Help  
   Kyle Miholics,  

6. Prep boards dismantled  
   Prep Clubs  
   Chris Williams  

7. Cotton Candy dismantled  
   Need Help  

**Saturday morning after the Fair - Aug 11 - We Need You!!**

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m.  
   Fair Managers  
   Mike Amorosa  

2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs  
   All Divisions (Need Help)  
   Mike Pappas  

3. Remove bench seating  
   Need Help  
   Fair Managers  

4. Rake debris on fairgrounds  
   All 4-H Clubs (Need Help)  
   Joe Bakes  

5. Return Info. Booth papers to Center  
   Need Help  
   Livestock clubs  

6. Dismantle Show Tent  
   Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club  
   Mike Amorosa  

7. Fire extinguishers returned  
   Need Help  
   Kim Germack Cook  

8. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled  
   Need Help  
   Scott Szakacs  

9. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn  
   Need Help  
   Scott Szakacs  

**Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT**

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, finish moving everything to Center  
   Two Reps from each Club  
   Mike Pappas  

2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink)  
   Need Help  
   Tina Pirro  

3. Wash Golf Carts  
   Need Help  
   Abner Mathews
Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child, notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately!

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

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

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

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

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

AVOID THE FUSS, ENJOY THE BUS

Rules and Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAIR CLOSING

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

If the Fair is closed:

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

FAIR REOPENING

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

2012 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency

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

4-H Office will notify the Association Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds and some County Departments
4-H Staff, with the help of tent superintendents, will inform divisions and tents.
Carol Ward- horse, dogs, sheep, goats, dairy, beef, poultry, and show tent
Lisa Rothenburger-Trains, mechanical sciences, rc cars, go-kart track, small animal
Bryn Keck- Arts, Science
Lisa Darby- Prep/Cloverbud, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Italian Ice
Rachel Bijaczyk- Board of Ag, Master Gardeners, Herpetology
THUNDERSTORM AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURE  
Somerset County 4-H Fair

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

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

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Watch for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.

2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.

3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.

4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.

5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

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

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Warning for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.

2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.

3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.

4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.

5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. **DO NOT STAY IN A TENT.** (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)

6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.

7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews
Walker Graham
Mike Amorosa
Mike Pappas

Finances -Jim Wood
Food Tent-Annette Smutko, Jeff Weinstein
Fair Mgr Liaison-Walker Graham
Office contact-Barb Navatto

4-H Information -Joe and Kathy Bakes
Fair Mgr Liaison - Mike Pappas
Office contact- Julie Augustine/Georgianne Valis

Herdsman Supervisors -Becky Moore, Jason Metting
Fair Mgr Liaison-Mike Pappas
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Herdsman Breakfast- Pauline Kodack, Sandy Clare
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Commercial-Kim Gernek Cook, Dawn Hribik
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Mathews
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Ads - Sue Schurick
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Photos -Becky Moore
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Entertainment - Betty Sommerville, Kim Miholics
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Parade- Ellen Parker
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Sponsorship – Jan Lush, Jill Brochinsky
Office contact- Lisa Darby

Milkshakes- Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb
Fair Mgr Liaison- Walker Graham
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Logistics - Dave Rieur, Dawn Hribik
Fair Mgr Liaison- Abner Mathews

First Aid, Fire-Christopher Ireland
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Amorosa

Corporate Volunteers - Pam Christian
Office Contact - Lisa Darby

Volunteer Oasis - Tina Pirro, Erin Torres
Fair Mgr Liaison – Abner Matthews
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Busing – Mike Pappas
Office Contact – Barb Navatto

Electrician’s Workforce- Glen Miller
Fair Manager Liaison – Mike Amorosa
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

PA Systems- Kyle Miholics
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Fair Photographer- Abner Mathews

Tent Superintendents
Horse – Carol Maciborski
Office contact-Carol Ward
Alpaca/Cat – Janet Weiss
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dog- Tina Pirro, Shannon Zimmitti, Dawn Clerico
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Sheep- Mary McLaughlin
Office contact-Carol Ward
Poultry- Debbie Schwarz
Office contact-Carol Ward
Dairy- Nancy Kirby
Office contact-Carol Ward

Beef-Michelle Ogle
Office contact-Carol Ward

Goats - Al Stahoski
Office contact-Carol Ward

Mech. Science- Ken Pomplun
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
RC Cars- Chris Heckman
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Science-Jason Metting, Sandy Clare
Office contact- Lisa Rothenburger

Arts- Laura Graham
Office contact-Rachel Bijaczyk

Prep/Cloverbud-Harry Brochinsky
Office contact-Lisa Darby

Small Animal- Laurie Hazen
Office contact-Carol Ward

Herpetology- Karen Fisch
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Show Tent - Michelle Ogle
Office contact-Carol Ward

Model Trains-Doug Pitney
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Sno-Cone – Beth Kavanaugh
Ice Cream – Debbie Norz
Cotton Candy-Lisa Darby

Board of Agriculture – Joanne Powell
Alumni- Rachel Bijaczyk

Open Divisions- Office Contact - Rachel Bijaczyk
And in Other News...

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

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

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Tuesday, August 14
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp

State 4-H Goat Show
Date: Thursday, August 23
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger
ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26
Time: vary - check 4-H website for details
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp

State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show
Date: Saturday, September 8
Time: 9:30 am animal check in
Location: Gloucester County
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

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

Taste of Somerset Agriculture Picnic
Saturday July 28, 2012  5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ever-Lea Farm, Hillsborough, NJ

This picnic is held annually in celebration of the life of Thomas Everett and to fund the Somerset County Board of Agriculture’s scholarship program named in his memory. Enjoy locally grown beef, pork, and poultry products along with the very best produce the county has to offer, all while catching up with old friends and making new ones! Come see horses, cows, sheep, donkeys, goats, rabbits, turkeys and chickens! There will be hay ride tours of the farm. Bring your camera!

Returning this year - live music by DUE SOUTH Grab your lawn chairs or blankets, and bring your appetite!!

Early registration deadline is July 13! Registration available on the website at:
http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/pdfs/2012-AG-Taste-of-Somerset-Picnic.pdf

Thank you to everyone who came together to help plan, bake, purchase and work our first Primary Election Day Sale. It was a huge hit with voters and 4-H’ers. The selection was wonderful and very tasty.

The Arts Clubs are looking forward to hosting this again on Election Day Tuesday November 6, 2012. Mark your calendars and join us. Have fun baking with your family and then drop by with your donation. The money raised will help to support the Arts tent at the Fair and the Arts Achievement Night.
4-H Club and Special Activity Insurance Coverage

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

National 4-H Conference

Below is the website where you can view the 2012 National 4-H Conference happenings. It is a good resource to learn about National 4-H conference and what actually happens when you participate.

http://www.4-H.org/4-h-conference/post

You can watch a video produced about the entire conference, you can link to articles and blogs of the conference and most important, there are YouTube videos of the Round Table Briefings that were presented to Federal level agencies in Washington. Youth Leading, that is what goes on at National 4-H Conference!

The National 4-H Conference application forms for 2013 will be available online and at the 4-H Office sometime in August.

Yearly 4-H Room Request

Due in August

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2012 - 2013 from MaryAnn DelGigante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Monday the 1st, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. The evening superintendent may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.

Important Dates for Horse Members!

- 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 8 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members who qualify is Friday, July 13th, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Monday, July 30th, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room (for all members who plan to bring a horse to Fair)

NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp
August 24 - 26

4-H and Military Youth in grades 7 - 13 are invited to participate in the NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp, August 24 - 26 at the Monmouth County Nomoco Family Campground in Freehold. Come ready to explore outdoor adventures, participate in building life skills and best of all, make new friends!

This free event is sponsored by the NJ 4-H State Teen Action Council and NJ Speak Out for Military Kids. Registration forms are available at the 4-H office or on the website www.4HisTops.org. Deadline to register, August 13. http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2012-Teen-Leadership-Camp.pdf
2012 Outstanding... 2012 Scholarship Winners

4-H’ers:
Conrad Colón  Kristen Johnson
Katie Kouril  Katherine Pirro
Sarah Stamets  Matthew Thiel
Debra Winters

Alumni
Mary McLaughlin
Becky Moore

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:
Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
Alessandra DelPrincipe, Sandra Forktus, Lauren Fox, Elizabeth Frank, Isha Pandya, Katherine Pirro

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship: Samantha Schurick

4-H Prep Scholarship: Elizabeth Frank

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship:
Davide Alexis

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Fox

4-H Balliet Scholarship: Sandra Forktus

Ad Sales Update

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled $44,000!, much more than was anticipated near the deadline. Thanks to everyone that pushed just a little harder to make it happen!

Special recognition to these top 5 salespeople: Levi Bruss, Paige Lamberson, Ashley Rose Miller, Billy Quick and Sharon Toth.

State 4-H Presentations

On June 9, Rutgers University hosted the 2012 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers who participated in the state contest: Cary Brochinsky, Ricson Cheng, James Clelland, Sarah Dagnall, Alessandra DelPrincipe, Todd Gallagher, Brianna Glowinski, Casey Hennessy, Kristen Johnson, Erin Kopecky, Savern Lau, Benjamin Lewis, Elizabeth McGrath, James Meier, Julia Meier, Veronica Moditz, Jill Newbold, Kristen Obermeier, Daniel Philipseck, Kristi Philipseck, Shruti Ramanathan, Riddhima Rao, Austin Raymond, Kietra Wiggins, Debra Winters.

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Casey Hennessy and Debra Winters.
Somerset County Freeholders Support National Agriculture Day, March 8

Somerset County Freeholder Director Patricia L. Walsh presents a proclamation to Somerset County Agriculture Development Board (SCADB) Chairman Mark W. Kirby in honor of National Agriculture Day, which is being celebrated March 8 to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by American agriculture. The SCADB supports all farmers in Somerset County and across the State of New Jersey. Since its creation by the Freeholder Board in 1983, the SCADB has preserved over 8,000 acres of farmland across the county, mediated numerous right-to-farm matters between residents and farmers, and employed many methods for retaining, sustaining and advancing the agriculture industry in Somerset County.

Somerset County Profiles of Positive Aging 2012

Bob Petroski

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

Based on his involvement is Somerset County 4-H for 45 years, Bob Petroski is a most deserving, recipient. After serving in the US Air Force, Bob began a lifetime of volunteerism. In 1968, at the request of one of his 5 children, he started the Mighty Cavits and Rodents 4-H Club and 45 years later, he is still one of the most active 4-H leaders in Somerset County. He taught in the Green Brook School District for 34 years and many of his students were in his club. This is important because 4-H is not very strong in the eastern part of the county. Bob brought it to them. Following his example, several of these members became 4-H leaders with him and are also very active. Bob has extensive knowledge of small animals (rabbits, Guinea pigs, also called cavies, and smaller rodents). He uses his teaching skills to share his knowledge with 4-H members and adults interested in breeding, raising and showing small animals.

Bob meets with his MCR, (Cavits is a spelling combination of Cavies and Rabbits), the largest and longest running small animal club in Somerset County, once or twice a month. Besides judging rabbits locally, Bob also participates in American Rabbit Breeders Association shows. He volunteers to tattoo rabbits for identification purposes and health checks them for the Fair.

Bob is also instrumental in the organization of the Somerset County 4-H Festival of Trees.

In his own words, Bob feels “there is great satisfaction in watching kids grow, mature and develop self-poise and confidence through 4-H. It is not the little animals, but the person that counts foremost. Learning responsibilities through their activities and giving of time and expertise add up to being a good responsible citizen.”

A parent of one of his members says, “Bob has touched so many lives on so many levels with his knowledge, patience, kindness and fun personality. He always encourages us to try new things. He is truly an asset to all of our lives as well as our children. He is always available, whether to counsel a child who has a sick animal or the attend one of our many community service projects. He always has words of encouragement and is a great mentor for the children. The hours he spends are countless.” Another parent says, “I find Mr. P to be a HOOT! Because he enjoys life so much and finds fun in everything, the kids love to learn from him and have found enjoyment serving others.”
Results From State Dog Show

Veronica Moditz
Best on Show Obedience Novice/Above
1st place Advanced Novice

Kirsten Clerico
Best in Show Obedience Intermediate Novice
Best in Show, Junior Show
1st place Beginner Novice
1st place Junior Show Gr 4-6 Open

Sarah Stamets
Best in Show Rally Novice
4th place Pre-Novice B Gr 9-Up
2nd Junior Show Gr 10-Up Open
1st place Rally Novice Gr 9-Up
4th place Rally Advanced On Lead

Eileen Hennessy
1st place Pre-Novice A Gr 4-8

Sammi Hall
4th place Pre-Novice A Gr 4-8

Shannon Kile
3rd place Pre-Novice A Gr 9-Up
1st place Junior Show Gr 10-Up Novice

Barbara Follett
2nd place Pre-Novice B Gr 4-8

Rebecca Dry
4th place Pre-Novice B Gr 4-8
2nd place 8 count Agility Standard

Colleen Ridder
2nd place Pre-Novice B Gr 9-Up
4th place Advanced Novice
2nd place Rally Advanced On Lead

Lizzy McGrath
3rd place Pre-Novice B Gr 9-Up
2nd place Junior Show Gr 7-9 Open
1st place 16 count Agility Jumps etc.

Stephanie Gombas
3rd place Intermediate Novice
1st place 16 count Agility Standard
2nd place 16 county Agility Standard

James Clelland
3rd place Novice
3rd place Junior Show Gr 7-9 Open

Shanna Gryder
4th place Novice
2nd place 12 count Agility Standard
2nd place Rally Novice Gr 7-8

Kristen Obermeier
2nd place Advanced Novice

Carolyn Pirro
1st place Junior Show Gr 10-Up Open

Daniel Basile
3rd place Junior Show Gr 10-Up Open

Jill Newbold
4th place Junior Show Gr 10-Up Open

Molly Shanahan
2nd place Junior Show Open

Megan Jannone
3rd place Junior Show Gr 4-6 Novice

Madison Whiting
4th place Junior Show Gr 4-6 Novice
1st place 8 count Agility Standard

Other participants: Sandra Clare, Moira Dugan, Jeanne Kollmer, Nigel Lane, John Peterson, Kate Gallagher, Aaron Callahan, Helen Newbold, Rachel Blumberg, Mollie Booker, Victoria Marconi, Diana Stone, Sharon Toth

Junior Olympian

Christine Arcoleo, a member of the Crazy Frog Hoppers, competed in June in the New Jersey Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships. Christine represented her Tru Velocity Athletic Club team as she received awards in the 1500 and 3000 meter races. With this performance, she has qualified to run both distances in the USA Track and Field Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships which will be held at the University of Delaware. Her races are scheduled for July 7 and 8.

RUTGERS DAY

Experience New Jersey’s State University

Congratulations to these 4-H members who participated at Rutgers Day on April 28.

Robo Day Participants: Jack Steele, Zach Menedez, Nicolas Menedez, Andrew Cronce, Anthony Leo, Ryan Betz, Noah Rothenburger

Expressive Arts Participant: Kristen Obermeier
Raritan Valley Chinese School and 4-H Chinese Culture Club Celebrate 30 years!

Thirty years ago when the Chinese School wanted to simply meet at the 4-H Center, 4-H Agent Ted Blum, seized the opportunity to break new ground in 4-H and encouraged the school administration to start a club. During the 1980’s, 4-H had already evolved from mostly agriculture and home making skills to including other sciences and some arts and recreational activities. But the study of a culture was an entirely new area for 4-H. Mr. Blum welcomed this diversity, realizing how important it is for all of us to share our heritage and learn from each other.

Throughout the years, the 4-H Chinese Culture Club has been involved in many 4-H activities, always sharing the work of ad and wreath sales, setting up the Arts Tent, performing at the Fair and presenting Chinese crafts. Several members have been recognized with County 4-H scholarships and as Outstanding Somerset County 4-H’ers. 4-H Chinese Culture Club Leaders have been involved in the 4-H Association, fair planning and other county events. Chan Leung is now president of the NJ State 4-H Association and served on the SEBS Board of Management. The Chinese School is building outstanding adult and teen leaders.

The displays, crafts and food of the Chinese Culture Club truly meet our 4-H Fair goal of showcasing a wide variety of 4-H projects in action and to present a contemporary image of 4-H. The public is learning about Chinese Culture as well as what it means to be a 4-H’er. The Chinese Food Booth is a definite hit! Frequently this club has over 100 members, making it the largest 4-H Club in Somerset County.

Congratulations to all!

CloverCon 2012

By Mary McLaughlin

With the success of their first mini-convention behind them, the Village Hidden in the Clovers 4-H Club worked even harder this year for the second CloverCon at the 4-H Center. With close to 250 attendees, the event raised over $2200 for the 4-H BIG Fund and gave members a chance to learn and work together on a great event!

The day was full of anime-inspired games, panels and workshops. Upstairs in the lounge, gamers enjoyed a Super Mario Smash Brothers Melee and a Munchkin board game tournament. On stage, there was an Akido demonstration, an otaku version of the tv game show Match Game and a Cosplay Catwalk. Outside, attendees could play Japanese children’s games or unwind their thoughts by walking the labyrinth. Members wrote traditional tanzaku – hopes and good thoughts on strips of paper – to adorn the trees surrounding the path.

Inside, 19 artists and 4 vendors sold anime products ranging from original art work to hand-knit creations. Creative types could enjoy workshops on origami, drawing or improv acting, in addition to a variety of other panels. There were also anime screenings and a library reading room. Throughout the day, visitors could ‘battle’ it out in Penny Wars, with proceeds going to Breaking the Chains and Hands on the World Global. Additionally, members raised more funds for the Red Cross by selling origami cranes. The event closed with a dance, with original music by club member Mike DeBisco, aka DJ Scratchin’.

A big thank you to the 4-H Exchange club for running the WacDonald’s Clover Cafe and serving up tasty American and Japanese food to the always hungry otaku and to the 4-H Clanga Anime Club for greeting guests and promoting 4-H throughout the day!

After their second successful year, the members of the Village Hidden in the Clovers Club are already gearing up for next year!
New Centre Dairy
by Cary Brochinsky

Members who participated in the Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest, scored well, some over 400 points out of a possible 500. Other topics of discussion included upcoming dairy shows, open divisions at the Fair and record books. Hunterdon County is offering a presentation on how dairy members can better deal with the public. Members went around the room and learned a fact about each other’s cows.

Senior Council
by Shruti Ramanathan

The May meeting started with fantastic presentations given by members. Members were then given a presentation about sun protection. Upcoming events for the club include Teen Action Day, 5K Walk/Run for the Lions Club and Family Fun Night at Empower Family Success Center. Members also discussed a possible ad as well as the 4-H Fair. In June, volunteers discussed their involvement with Empower Family Night. It was a well-attended night and volunteers had a blast! Some members also participated in the 5K walk. The next fundraiser will be July 4, where members will sell glow sticks at the park’s firework display. Members tie-dyed new shirts for the Fair.

4-H Country Kickers
by Betty Sommerville

The 4-H Country Kickers are getting ready for Fair. Besides dancing to a Taylor Swift gem, they’ll be moving like Jagger as they entertain the crowds at the Showmobile stage on Thursday night 7-7:30pm.

Clover Ensemble
by Ellen Parker

The Clover Ensemble has been having a wonderful time during the first few weeks of their new theatre club. The 15 members have been improvising fairy tales, dressing up in costumes, and realizing the importance of props. In the coming months they’ll work on play writing, vocal projection, audition skills, and of course, do some Shakespeare!

4-H Magicians Guild
by Glenn Valis

The Magicians Guild is polishing up their performances for Fair. They will be performing daily at 2pm on the Prep tent stage. Ever year they get better!

Radical Rodents
by Ellen Parker

Radical Rodents have been enjoying a variety of activities. In May they took their animals to visit Emeritis Assisted Living in Hillsborough. The residents love to visit and pet the adorable rabbits, cavies and gerbils. Later that week the club held their meeting as they hiked the woods around the Bridgewater Hawk Watch. In June they welcomed Furry Friends who came and taught about showmanship. The club is very much looking forward to teaching the campers about small animals at this year’s TOPS Camp.

Just Kidding Goat Club
by Beth Kavanaugh

Just Kidding Goat Club had a division meeting to discuss the tent layout and incorporating the this year’s theme for Fair. Other meetings have been on the farms where showmanship and how to prepare the goats for the show, including hoof trimming and grooming, was reviewed.

Creative Writer’s Club
by Tony Siniscalco

This spring, the Creative Writer’s Club was invited to visit Highlight’s Magazine and Boyd’s Mill Press in Honesdale, PA. Highlight’s created a full day program just for the club. Each member walked away satisfied – each with their own highlight.

Good Luck
4-H’er’s
Dear 4-H Cloverbuds,

**IT’S FAIR TIME!** It’s time once again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. There’s no better way to show the fairgoers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year than with a club display in the prep tent. It is also a good time for the members and their families to watch over the prep tent, spin cotton candy and talk to the fairgoers about our 4-H program.

All Cloverbuds going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00pm. Information will be distributed containing all the pertinent details. Please be sure to let us know if you will be attending.

Our Prep/Cloverbuds are a very important part of 4-H and we are proud of each and every one of you. Although we will miss you, it will be exciting to see our graduates move into a standard 4-H club. Congratulations graduating Prep/Cloverbud members.

**Mrs. Darby**
4-H Program Coordinator

**Family Camp!**

What a great time we had at L.G.Cook 4-H Family Camp. The weather cooperated so we had blue skies and happy faces everywhere. The weekend was chock full of fun activities such as archery, crafts, canoeing, a hike, a scavenger hunt, s’mores at the camp fire, 4 corners and ending with our traditional torch march. A BIG Thank You to Harry & Jill for overseeing the food shopping and kitchen duties, Elizabeth & Amy for coordinating the songs, games and torch march and the Parker family for manning the camp fire. Kudos to everyone else who helped in making this another successful weekend. More hands make little work which gave every one more time to enjoy camp. This is a weekend that you don’t want to miss. Hope to see you all next year at 4-H FAMILY CAMP.
Save the Dates

Sunday August 5th at 1:00 is the Prep/Cloverbud tent set-up.

Tuesday August 7th from 10:00am to 8:00pm is the individual club display setup in the Prep/Cloverbud tent.

Wednesday–Friday August 8th -10th is the Somerset County 4-H Fair. Please remember to schedule your club for the activity table & info tables in the prep tent and to spin cotton candy. For more information contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us.

Yakety-Yak

Mad Scientist - In May we made volcanos that erupted. We put vinegar in a bottle and added some Kool-Aid for coloring. Then we put in some baking soda and POW! It fizzed right out the top. Alex, Ben and Rishi did it over and over again. We even had tag-a-longs Gracie and Kajsa join in the fun. Thanks to Mannos and his family for running the meeting.

Cloverbud Kids - April’s club meeting found the Cloverbuds Kids learning about plants. They explored the plant’s life cycle, looked at plant cells under a microscope, dissected seeds and talked about photosynthesis. Each member planted their own string bean seeds and popcorn plant. Highlight of the night was the plant buffet, where members had a chance to taste test seaweed, sunflower seeds and other tasty plant treats. Thank you to all our club parents who helped with our activity stations; without you we could not have had such a fun night! For their club outing in April the members went to Duke Gardens for a walk on the wild side nature hike. The members brought along nature journals to record in; saw butterflies, dragon flies and also discovered a hidden sculpture garden.

In May the Cloverbud Kids stopped by Terhune Orchard’s for their annual Spring Festival. The members flew kites, saw farm animals, walked the farm trail walk and went on wagon rides. Highpoint of the day was the apple cider donuts with Terhune’s apple cider. For their regular meeting the Cloverbud Kids began work on their 4-H Friendship quilt, which they will display at the fair in August. Everyone personalized a square of the quilt. Finally to finish off May activities, members visited the Spirit of Jerseys State History Fair at Washington Crossing State Park.

Prep Chefs - In April, Lizzie and her mom helped the Prep Chef’s make Quick Sticky Buns. After, Corrine added the topping ingredients to the bowl. Wes and Charlotte spread the sticky mixture into the Pans. It’s a mixture of butter, brown sugar, syrup, cinnamon, and nuts. Yum! During our May meeting Mary and her mom taught everyone how to make pizza and lemonade. Mary said she likes this because she’s “always hungry and thirsty”. Calie and Madison enjoyed adding the cheese to the pizza. Dale thought the fresh lemonade tasted sweet, but Elizabeth thought it was sour. The Prep Chefs decided on an activity for the Fair, so stop by and check it out!
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As we continue our BIG push for BIG money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really BIG way!

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

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

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

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**The BIG 4-H Rummage Sale**

**Ted Blum 4-H Center**

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

**Friday & Saturday, September 14 & 15, 2012**

9am-3pm

(½ Price Saturday 1pm-3pm)

**Donations Accepted:**

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 10-11-12 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm

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

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A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2012
Set Up – Sept. 10th–13th
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 14th & 15th 9am-3pm
½ Price Sale – Saturday, Sept. 15th 1pm-3pm
Clean Up – Sept. 16th

To volunteer… contact Laura Herndon at laura.herndon@einstein.yu.edu
Please provide her with the precise dates/times you are able to help out. Thank you!

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

DONATIONS NEEDED:

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

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

YOU CAN BE
A PART OF THE FUN!

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

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

Information about the Youth Participant and Activity

Name of youth participant: ___________________________ Birthdate: ___________________________

Address: ________________________________________

Telephone number: ___________________________ 4-H county: Somerset Grade: ___________________________

Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________

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

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

Location of event: North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above: August 8-9-10, 2012 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Parent Permission and Release of Liability

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

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

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

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

Health conditions: __________________________________________

Medications/Instructions: __________________________________

Health Insurance: Company ___________________________

Group# ___________________________

ID# ___________________________

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________ - Continued on other side -
Behavior Agreement

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

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

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

4-H Code of Conduct

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

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

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

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

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

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


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