I AM 4-H

Save the Date...

4-H FAIR

August 7-8-9, 2013
Fall 2012 for Somerset County 4-H

What an exciting time of year it is for Somerset County 4-H! We have lots of new clubs forming and we want to thank everyone who helped with another successful Open House. We had a huge crowd and there were many new families there that night. The Somerset County 4-H program continues to expand, offering new clubs in Beekeeping, Video Photography, Horses, Beef, and soon new clubs in Robotics and Cloverbuds.

Fall and winter is when we recognize all of our leaders and members for their achievements throughout the year. Please check out Leaders’ & Parents’ Outlook to find out when the Achievement Nights will be held. Achievement Nights are held for Livestock, Dog, Arts, Science, Small Animal and Horse. Please attend these celebrations of the work our members have done in the past year. This is also our opportunity to thank our volunteers for all their dedication and time. We hope to see YOU there!

Sincerely,

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 New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. 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, 848-932-3583.

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Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.
The 2013 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events is being prepared now. It includes state and countywide events for the upcoming calendar year. It also includes major club events (such as achievement dinners). If you have any ideas or contributions, let us know. If you’re not sure if your event should be on the calendar, give us a call. The 2013 Calendar will be mailed in late December with the January/February Clovertales.

What To Do In Case of Inclement Weather

If your club meets at the 4-H Center and you are a club leader, please contact the 4-H office before 4:30 at 908-526-6644 or Maryann, the building manager, between 7-10 pm at 908-526-8242, to let her know if you will be canceling your meeting that night. You are also responsible for contacting club members to let them know you will cancel. If you are a 4-H member in doubt, contact your club leader.

If the decision is made by the buildings & grounds committee to close the building for the evening, the attempt will be made to reach all leaders. Members, check with your leaders if you are not sure before coming to the 4-H Center.

Leaders, please make sure that Maryann has a number where you can most likely be reached during the day. Thank you!

Achievement Dinners

- Arts Achievement Night
  Friday, November 2nd, 6:30 pm
- Livestock Achievement Dinner
  Saturday, November 3rd, 6:00 pm
- Dog Project Achievement Dinner
  Sunday, November 4th, 4:30 pm
- Small Animal Achievement Awards
  Sunday, November 18th, 1:00 pm
- Science Achievement Night
  Friday, January 4th, 7 pm
- Horse Achievement Dinner
  Sunday, January 13th, set-up 5 pm

4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays

Once again Rutgerscience Saturdays will continue throughout the winter into spring. These programs encourage youth to spur their interest in science and in their everyday lives. Grades 6-9. Upcoming programs:

  - Robots in the Ocean - November 17
  - Climate & Environmental Change - December 6

There will be take home activities. Check out the website for more information and dates and times of programs: [http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html](http://4hset.rutgers.edu/programs.html)

Wreath Decorating

November 28

Help is needed on Wednesday, November 28 to decorate wreaths. Association members, parents, leaders and friends are asked to attend beginning at 7 pm. Bring a friend. It’s always a fun evening. (These wreaths are to fill orders phoned in, not club orders.)
Clubs Needed to Help Support this 4-H Association Fundraiser

The BIG Committee is hosting their 6th annual BIG Basket Bonanza tricky tray basket auction on Sunday, March 3, 2013, to raise funds for the 4-H Center. Last year's event was a BIG success thanks to the many clubs, local businesses and organizations that participated by contributing to the prizes.

Themed baskets are welcome; all items should be new and in original packaging with a combined value of at least $20. But the committee can also use cash of any amount to be combined for big prizes, gift cards or single items. Be creative! Think about what you might like to receive as a gift. Please send or drop your donation at the 4-H Office Annette.L.Smutko@gsk.com.

4-H Vendor & Craft Expo
November 17

Mark your calendars to attend our one-stop-shopping Vendor & Craft Expo on Saturday, November 17 from 10am to 2pm at the 4-H Center. Vendors & crafters include jewelry companies & hand-crafted jewelry, interior decorating products, candles, kitchenware, gourmet foods, baskets, make-up and gift items.

4-H Wreath Sale Info:
Club Orders Were Due October 26

October was 4-H Wreath Sale Month!! If you did not order one, please call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644. We may have extras! The proceeds help to support our Free Fair! Clubs receive $1.00 for each wreath they sell.

Burn off those Thanksgiving dinner calories. Come join the fun in helping unload wreaths on Friday, November 23 at 7:30 am.

Club leaders should pick up wreaths:
- Saturday, November 24, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Monday, November 26, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Each club should plan to decorate their own wreaths. To keep wreaths fresh, do not store on concrete, which absorbs moisture. Please call Maryann DeLigante, night superintendent, 7-10 pm, Monday-Friday, at least a day before you plan to pick up your ribbon, wire and cones. Wreaths should be delivered to the customers by December 3. The cost is $15.00 decorated; $12.00 plain. Before turning in your money, keep $1.00 per wreath for your club treasury if payment is made to the 4-H Association by December 12. Clubs making payment after December 12 should keep only 50¢ per wreath. Clubs making payments after December 31, 2012 will not be able to keep any money for selling wreaths.

Leaders: Money drop-off days, December 10 - 12, 7 - 9 pm, 4-H Center. The 4-H office will accept money if these dates are inconvenient.

Festival of Trees
December 15 - 16

Calling all 4-H and Community Clubs: Time to start planning your decorated tree to be displayed at the Festival of Trees event December 15th and 16th. (Set-up is Friday, December 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm) It’s a great fundraiser for your club or you can donate your handmade/store-bought ornaments to be sold at the event to benefit a worthy cause. Community clubs, organizations and businesses are invited to put up a tree. The application and flyer are on our website: www.4HisTops.org. Come join in the fun! Thanks! For more details please email Sue at susar@rcn.com or call908-281-5858.

We will also be featuring a coat drive. So please bring in your gently used winter outerwear.
You did it again! Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, the seventh annual BIG Rummage Sale, held September 14-15 at the 4-H Center, was a BIG success.

Once again the gym and the meeting rooms were packed with treasures and people were lined up to buy when we opened the doors.

This year we made over $13,000. The goal is a new roof for the 4-H Center.

We couldn’t have done it without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Our volunteers and donors included: Raneene Abdelkader, Mary & Molly Aeschliman, Diana Angiuli, Michelle Arena, Veronica Armour, Linda Au, Joe Bakes, Lucy & Melissa Baldi, Katherine & Russ Balliet, Bruce & Sherri Bardarik, Adele Barree, Melissa Beeck, Rachel, Sarah & Walter Bijaczyk, Kayla Breslin, Fran Breunig-Varacalli, Harry, Jill & Cary Brochinsky, Shelly Brown, Judy Burlew, Jersey Cares, Sylvia Calabrese, Collette Carroll-Eristavi, Belinda Chisarick, Debbie & Paul Cirillo, Katie Ciarlelo, Conrad Colon, Louis Colonna, Chris, Lisa & Peter Corio, Christine Crandall, Lisa Darby, Megan & Patrick DeMichele, Dessert Plate, Erica Devlin, Peggy Doyle, Debbye & Kim Duffy, Barbara & Jon Dugan, Middle Earth, Michelle Eindhoven, Annette Eliaisen, Samantha Eristavi, Debbie & Stuart Farber, Rosemary Fleming, Karen Fontana, Becca Francis, Debbie Galazeski, Learning Gate, Lana Gershater, Laura Gilligan, Brianna Glowinski, Ernie, Moleta & Richard Hall, Theresa Hannitz, Peggy Hartong, Joanna Heckman, Kathy Helewia, Judy Hennessy, Laura Herndon, Sarah Israel, Debra, Kara & Kristin Johnson, Sarah Jones, Beth Kavanaugh, Bob & Lynn Kinch, Nancy Kirby, Pauline Kodack, Jodi Kopecky, Katie Kouril, Rebecca Korsgaard, Valerie Kreutler, Lisa & Paige Lamberson, Karen Lang, Anthony & Debbie Leo, Joanna Lieuallen, Jan Lush, Sue MacCombie, Anita Marques, Jonathan & Joshua Martin, Abner & Kitty Mathews, Desiree & Mary McLaughlin, Judy Menkowski, Wendy Mente, Kim, Steve & Kyle Miholics, Jan Miller, Megan Moore, Annika Mostow, Elaine Mulrooney, Barbara Navatto, Brittany O’Brien, Ellen Parker, Sonia Puorro, Joy & Melanie Quick, Madhu Rao, Christine Raymond, Janice Reitman, Lisa Rothenburger, Linda Rubinfeld, Suzi Saez, Maureen & Patricia Schenfeld, Ruth Schmidt, Jeff Schneider, Jane Schneiderman, Edward & Gary Sevilla, Annette & Melissa Smutko, Betty, Bobby & Willie Sommerville, Al & Sue Stahoski, Mary & Sarah Stamets, Lauren Theis, Bknorr Throckmorton, Cheri Tregoning, Glenn & Georgeanne Valis, Jo Vertorano, Christopher & Helen Walsh, Carol, Nelson & Emily Ward, Lynne Weckworth, Jeff Weinstein, Janet, Ken & Scott Weiss, Midge Werner, Alex & Valerie Wick, Pam, Amy & Chris Williams, Jim Wood, James Wood, Pam Zabel. We apologize if we inadvertently left anyone out. We tried our best to list all our helpers and oasis donors. Please contact Rachel Bijaczyk at bijaczyk@co.somerset.nj.us if you did not make the list.

The BIG Rummage Sale has become a much-anticipated event on the 4-H calendar in Somerset County and environs. In addition to raising funds for the 4-H Center, it offers bargains on needed items, gives families an outlet for their unneeded household goods, benefits the nonprofit organizations that receive the leftover items, and brings our 4-H family closer together as we work side by side for common goals.

Thanks again to all who helped, all who donated and all who shopped. Once again, together we made the best better.

Now it’s time to get ready for our Holiday Vendor Sale on Saturday, November 17, our bigger and better Festival of Trees on December 15 and 16, and our sixth annual BIG Basket Bonanza tricky tray on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

The BIG Committee (Build-Invest-Grow) is the Association’s Fundraising Committee. New members are always welcome. To help with the Rummage Sale, contact Lisa Darby at darby@co.somerset.nj.us. To help with the BIG Basket Bonanza, contact Annette Smutko at Annette.L.Smutko@gsk.com.
Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by January 4th

Members in grades 9-13th will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 11-13, 2013. This year, Somerset will go with teens from Bergen, Passaic and Warren Counties. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Cost for the whole weekend is only $50.00. Scholarships are available. Applications are available on the website, the 4-H office and with Maryann, the Center Night Manager. For more information contact Lisa Rothenburger, at 908-526-6644 or rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu.

Edward A. Platz Memorial Scholarship
Deadline November 30

This scholarship is offered by the NJ Agribusiness Association. There are two $1500 awards offered to students in NJ who have a rank of sophomore or above in an accredited 4 year college or university in the US, majoring in an agricultural subject area or related field, with intent to pursue a career in a field related to agriculture, with an emphasis on production agriculture. For more information or an application, http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2012-Edward-Platz-Scholarship.pdf

Somerset County Youth Conference

The 16th annual Somerset County Youth Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at Somerset County Dept. of Human Services Conference Rm #1, 27 Warren Street, Somerville. This year the theme is “A Healthier You.”

The conference is designed by teens for teens and sponsored by the Somerset County Youth Council. There is no cost to attend but you must pre-register. Dinner is included. It’s open to all teens in 7th - 12th grades. For more information call Sarah Murchison at 908-704-6300 or email: murchis@co.somerset.nj.us.
Members must be registered by January 1 to be eligible to compete in the events at our 4-H Fair or state 4-H events! Get your new member forms in to the 4-H Office today!

**Workshops for Clubs**

"How to Run a Meeting" and "How to Give a Presentation"

Your club can reach all its goals if meetings are run efficiently. We have games and fun activities to bring to your club meeting to help you learn the roles of officers, how to proceed through an agenda and how to define your goals.

It’s never too early to start thinking about presentations. In this fun workshop, members learn the parts of a presentation, what the judges look for, how to use visual aids, how to relax and much more.

Contact Barb Navatto to schedule a training at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.

**Loans Available for Livestock Club Members**

Did you know that the New Jersey Junior Breeders Loan program can help 4-H members get the funds to purchase livestock? These low interest loans are available for purchasing breeding stock. It is a good way for youth to develop a positive credit rating and become eligible for college scholarships. If you want more information, please visit our website or contact the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, and ask for the Junior Breeder Loan information.

**Public Presentations 2013**

More and more members are participating in Public Presentations each year and the quality of those Presentations continues to improve.

**Save the dates- March 12-14 (afternoons) and March 18-21 (evenings), 2013,** to have your presentation judged or critiqued. Before you begin, you might want a few easy tips on how to give a better presentation. See our information above for how your club can schedule a workshop on presentations.

**Attention New and Returning Health Officers**

If you’re interested in health, fitness, and nutrition, becoming a Health Officer is a great way to learn more about these topics and provide leadership for the 4th “H”, HEALTH, in your club! These officers are responsible for carrying out short health activities or sharing a healthy thought at each club meeting.

**Mark Your Calendars!** Materials and information for this year will be distributed at the Health Officers’ training on Thursday, November 15, 2012, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the 4-H Center. All Health Officers should plan on attending. Please RSVP with your name and club name by November 12th.

Contact Theresa Hannitz to RSVP or for more information at hanntz@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.

**Equine Scholarship Offered**

The NJ Equine Advisory Board has announced a $1,000 scholarship to help 4-H and FFA members, as well as any young adult that is a member of a NJ Equine organization represented on the NJ Equine Advisory Board, pursue their equine activities.

The Sara Dubinin Scholarship, in memory of Sara, who loved horses, will be presented at the NJ Bred Equine Breeder Awards Luncheon on January 27, 2013, at Charley’s Other Brother Restaurant in Eastampton.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an essay on, “How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future.” Consideration of applications will be weighted upon the candidate’s financial need.

The deadline to submit the essay is January 2, 2013. It can be submitted to Debra Moscatiello at (609) 984-4389 or debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us.
Columbus, whose high faith and indomitable courage gave to mankind a New World.” How were high faith and indomitable courage demonstrated in the life and actions of Columbus, and how did they give to mankind a new world?

Eligibility: Open to all students in grades 9 - 12.
Deadline: January 1, 2013

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS CONTEST
Theme: “Invest in America’s Future”
Eligibility: Open to students pre-K through grade 12.
Contest Categories (enter one or more): 1) Poster; 2) Postage Stamp Design; 3) Banner; 4) Photographic Essay; 5) Community Service (for groups); 6) Poem; 7) Short Story. Deadline: January 1, 2013 Some of your 4-H work may be eligible for this contest.
Volunteers Needed for Fall Leaf Clean Up, November 17

Would you like to help an elderly or disabled person get his or her yard ready for the winter months? The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is looking for volunteers for its annual fall leaf clean-up program. Volunteers are needed to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work. The annual leaf clean-up project will take place Saturday, November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 541-5715. Other dates are available for those who cannot make November 17. 1

4-H Senior Council does this every year. They have a great time!

Exhibitor Guide

Read through your division(s) in the 2012 Exhibitor Guide (available online at www.4HisTops.org) and if you see anything you would like to change, please bring it to the attention of your leader. Leaders, please discuss proposed changes with your division chairs. Division chairs are asked to send changes to the 4-H Office by January 31st so they can be made to the 2013 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide.

Available Resources On-Line

Visit the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System website to find resources for your 4-H project area. The National CCS curriculum is used throughout the US and is found in hard copy. But there are additional on-line resources all volunteers can access for many of the different project areas. Please visit this site and see what resources it offers for your club meetings. http://www.n4hccs.org/

4-H Members can do a project on their own as an independent project member.

Military Ideas

Military Mail: The holidays are just around the corner and your club can help cheer up military men and women who are spending their holidays away from home. For more information contact “Friends of Our Troops” PO Box 65408-W, Fayetteville, NC 28306-5408 or visit their website at: http://www.fanmailfortroops.net/

Take Those Pictures!

Now that clubs have started to meet again, this is a great time to think about taking pictures of your club for the Yearbook and Catalog. You might even consider electing a club photographer!

United Way Opportunities

Clubs are needed to help share holiday joy with those less fortunate by helping United Way of Northern New Jersey’s Gifts of the Season program. Information on specific individuals in need in Somerset County is provided by local health and human services agencies. Gift Drop Off at United Way: Thursday & Friday, December 6 & 7 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Gift Sorting & Tagging: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 10 - 12 - 13 - 14, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, December 11 -9:30 am - 7:00 pm. For more information on volunteering opportunities including sorting and packing gifts during the week of December 11, please contact Lisa Galonardo at (908) 253-6503 or e-mail lisa.galonardo@unitedwaynnj.org
HURRAY FOR...

Open House a Huge Success!

The twenty fifth annual “Join 4-H!” Open House was held at the 4-H Center on October 11 during National 4-H Week. Approximately 300 people came to learn more about 4-H.

The following 4-H clubs were represented at the “Join 4-H” Open House to encourage new members to join: 4-H Magicians Guild, Anime & Manga Club, Creative Writing Club, Just Kidding Goat Club, Branchburg Beef, Dairy & Livestock, 4-H Go-Kart Club, 4-H Whiskers, Paws & Claws, Radical Rodents, Twirling Clovers, 4-H Country Kickers, 4-H Exchange Club, Scale Modelers Club, Broken Props Model Airplanes, Somerset Sentinels, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Chaps & Spurs, 4-H Beekeeping Club, 4-H Senior Council, 4-H Astronomy Club, Wattles ‘n’ Snood, Chinese Culture Club, Wags & Whiskers, Furry Friends, Fantastic FotoFanatics, K-9 Seeing Eye Puppy Club, 4-H Cattleman’s Club, Gotta Spin Twirling Club, PAWSabilities, People Pick-Me-Ups, Clover Ensemble, Club Clanga, Fantastic Fiber Club, MASH, Master Chefs, Mind Your Bees & Wax, Puppy Love, Woolly Ones, Sidewinders, 4-H Grade A Beef Club, New Video Club, Little Crafters, Discovery Prep, Knowledge Explorers, Mad Scientists, New Cloverbud Club.

New 4-H clubs starting this year include a new beekeeping club, new beef club, a video club, hopefully another robotics club and several new Cloverbud clubs. If you would like more information about joining a club, please contact the 4-H office.

National 4-H Week Proclamation

On October 9 4-H members, Jill Newbold, Ariel Staffin and Dan Peterson, accepted the Proclamation for National 4-H Week at the county freeholder’s meeting. Pictured with our members is Freeholder Director, Patricia L. Walsh.

Spreading the Word

On Wednesday, October 10, at the Bernards Township Library, Beth Kavanaugh (Just Kidding, Senior Council) and Alex Wick (Wattles ‘n’ Snood) promoted 4-H and encouraged over 50 teens to “Find out about 4-H” and the opportunities offered in the program.

History in the Making

Kudos to 4-H members Justin Kavanaugh (Wattles & Snood, Just Kidding), Alex Wick (Wattles & Snood), Maeve Egan (Just Kidding) and Lacey Lamberson (Cloverbud Kids), who attended the recent Lord Stirling Festival to help promote the history of our state. Pictured are Alex, Maeve and Justin; Lacey in the inset.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
State Horse Show Results

Carol Anne Bekus
9th USEF Training Level Test 2 Dressage
8th Hunter Under Saddle Senior
6th Senior Equitation Over Fences
1st Working Hunter Horse
2nd Handy Working Hunter Horse

Brianna LiBrizzi
7th Junior Showmanship & Grooming
7th Barrel Race Pony

Kayla Steinkopf
2nd English Halter
5th Western Halter Mare

Michelle Bergen
7th Hunter Under Saddle Junior

Ashley Thompson
9th Senior Showmanship & Grooming
7th Bow Tie Horse
7th Key Hole Horse
8th Barrel Race Horse

Jennifer Zelnick
2nd Pleasure Hunter Under Saddle Jr & Sr

Samantha Eristavi
4th Hunter Unders Saddle Pony Jr & Sr
4th Hunter Hack Pony
5th Working Hunter Pony
6th Handy Working Hunter Pony

Sianna Musarra
9th Junior Equitation on the Flat

Julianna Neinart
4th Senior Equitation on the Flat

Elizabeth Bergen
2nd Junior Western Pleasure Horse

Alyssa Valvano
6th Pole Bending Horse
3rd Bow Tie Horse
6th Key Hole Horse
3rd Barrel Race Horse

Amber LiBrizzi
10th English Halter
5th Western Pleasure Pony

The Chapel of Four Chaplains
Encouraging Cooperation and Selfless Service Among All People

Each year the Marine Corps League of New Jersey sponsors the Chapel of Four Chaplains Awards Program. The Chapel of Four Chaplains is a national non-profit organization which recognizes and encourages cooperation, brotherhood and selfless service. It memorializes the courageous act of four Army Chaplains who gave their lifejackets to others when the troopship Dorchester was torpedoed on February 3, 1943 and honors the 672 men who perished. These four Chaplains, of three different faiths, demonstrated unity that is not uniformity and transcends all of our differences. The John Basilone Detachment of the Marine Corps League hosted this event on September 8. Somerset County 4-H was proud to have Judy Hennessey, Abner Mathews and Jim Wood recognized for their dedication and selfless service to our program.

NJ State Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology and Poultry Show

Congratulations to these Somerset County 4-H’ers who won awards at the State Show:

Jacob Bell
Best in Show - Rabbit
2 Best of Breed - Rabbit
Reserve BOB - Rabbit
Reserve BOB - Cavy
1st Showmanship - Rabbit
1st Showmanship - Cavy
1st Jr Breed ID - Rabbit
1st Jr Breed ID - Cavy

Olivia Couch
Reserve BOB - Rabbit
2nd Jr Breed ID Rabbit
Dog Results

Junior Show/4-6 grades
1st  Kirsten Clerico
2nd  Megan Jannone
3rd  Amber Callahan
4th  Molly Shanahan

Junior Show/7-8 grades
1st  Barbara Follott
2nd  Shanna Gryder
3rd  Sammi Hall
4th  Emily Helm

Junior Show/9-10 grades
1st  Carolyn Pirro
2nd  Veronica Moditz
3rd  James Clelland
4th  Amy Miller

Junior Show/11-13 grades
1st  Colleen Ridder
2nd  Sarah Stamets
3rd  Sharon Toth
4th  Kristen Obermeier

Pre-Novice A
1st  Rachel Blumberg
2nd  Kristen Andreychak
3rd  Megan Jannone
4th  Destiny Pappas

Pre-Novice B
1st  Colleen Ridder
2nd  Sammi Hall
3rd  Tanasia Barbagallo
4th  Sarah Stamets

Beginner Novice
1st  Kristen Obermeier
2nd  Sarah Stamets
3rd  James Clelland
4th  James Clelland

Novice
1st  James Clelland
2nd  Kirsten Clerico

Intermediate Novice
1st  Sarah Stamets
2nd  Emily Helm
3rd  Aaron Callahan
4th  Kirsten Clerico

Advanced Novice
1st  Kristen Obermeier

Beginner Rally
1st  Molly Shanahan
2nd  Stephanie Gombas
3rd  Shanna Gryder
4th  Sammi Hall
5th  Amy Miller

Advanced Rally
1st  Colleen Ridder
2nd  Shanna Gryder

Highest Score in Lower Level Obedience
Sarah Stamets

Highest Score in Higher Level Obedience
Kirsten Obermeier

Radio Control Car Results

Buggy Stock
1st  Jay Marion
2nd  David Modrowsky
3rd  Sy LaBrunda

Truck Stock
1st  Sam Tomasko
2nd  Sy LaBrunda
3rd  Tommy Kober

Novice Truck Stock
1st  Jake Dumont
2nd  Jason Smith
3rd  Liam Harte

Truck Modified
1st  Brian Kober
2nd  Jay Marion
3rd  Nick Fontana

Buggy Modified
1st  Sy LaBrunda
2nd  Brian Kober
3rd  Dylan Thomson

Parade Results:

A belated and very special thank you to all the clubs who marched in the 2012 Parade of Clubs on Opening Day of Fair! Our judges Brianna from Radical Rodents and Carolyn from People Pick-Me-Ups gave the clubs the following Participation Awards:

RC Cars: Designated Drivers
Whiskers, Paws and Claws: Purrrfect Outfits
The Trainmasters: March Masters
Waddles and Snood: All They’re Quacked up to Be!
Prep Tent: Prep-tacular!
Sidewinders: Snake Charmers
Anime: A Howling Good Time
WWW.Ink: The Fairlitzer Prize
Country Kickers: Cotton Eye Candy Award
Mighty Cavies and Rodents: Mightiest of the Mighty
Radical Rodents: The Three Not so Blind Mice
Chinese Culture Club: Classiest Culture
Wags and Whiskers: Cat in the Hat? Make way for the Dogs in the Clogs!
Plan Now for Summer Camp
If you know someone thinking about going to camp this summer, a gift certificate to Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp makes a great holiday present. Summer sessions will run from July 1 - August 10 with a $50 discount for 4-H members. Check the website for additional discounts. Early bird registration runs until March 1, 2013.

Other Events
Outdoor Family Weekend: May 17 - 19, 2013
S.E.T. Camp: June 25 - June 28, 2012

For this and all other updates check their website: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu.

4-H Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by January 4th

9-13th graders from Somerset County will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 11 - 13, 2013. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Applications are available on the website at www.4HisTops.org. Cost for participants is $50.00. Scholarships are available. This year we are sharing the weekend with Warren, Bergen and Passaic county 4-H’ers.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or Rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H Summer Campers

These Somerset County 4-H members participated in the state 4-H summer camp programs:
Sarah Ahmad, Melissa Baldi, Mollie Booker, Cary & Evan Brochinsky, Ricson and Sunny Cheng, Kirsten Clerico, Margaret Cyr-Ohngemach, Abigail Denning, Elizabeth Dry, Elizabeth Frank, Nicholas Gagliardi, Shanna Gryder, Casey & Eileen Hennessy, Jenna Juechter, Michael Kalenty, Erin Kopecky, Rebecca Korsgaard, Zach Larson, Allen Lu, Michael Man, Kara & Veronica Moditz, Daria & Dillon Monti, Jill Newbold, Susan Norz, Mayowa & Temisan Omabegho, Gina Shaughnessy, Ryan Shreve, Alex Strasser, Elizabeth Tripod, Gavin Van Skiver.
I would like to welcome back all our returning Cloverbud/Prep members and extend a warm welcome to our new Cloverbud members. We had another successful Open House and with that will come another exciting 4-H year. Saturday, January 5, 2013 will be our annual New Year’s party. At our New Year’s party we will have dancing and games with DJ Mike Malone of Music N Motion, a pot luck dinner, ice cream sundaes and lots of confetti. This event is opened to all Prep/Cloverbud members and their families. We are currently working on our Prep/Cloverbud Rally which will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013. The Theme will be announced in the January Clovertales.

Now that your clubs are beginning to meet again, please remember to send in your club report telling us what you did at your meeting so we can publish it in the Yakety-Yak section of the Clovertales. You can email them to me at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us. How exciting for your members to share what they are doing during their club meetings with other 4-H clubs. Keep a look out for additional information on all of our upcoming events. I look forward to another great year in 4-H.

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Yakety - Yak

The Prep Chefs - The Pre Chefs rolled into the new season by making pizza pinwheels. While the pizzas were baking, we also made vegetable creations and introduced ourselves while describing our creative artwork. We welcome back Wes, Mary, Evelyn, Calie, and Dale and greet our new members Natalie, Megan, Matthew, Malena, and Montana.

Little Crafters - Our first few meetings have gone very well. We started out the year with making paper airplanes. Next we made some really cool pictures with leaves and construction paper. We made cats, fish, a turtle, and a butterfly. For Halloween we made cat, dog, and bat masks for small pumpkins. We also made skeletons with cotton swabs. We all had a frightfully good time!

Save the Date

CLOVERBUD FAMILY NEW YEAR’S PARTY
Saturday, January 5 2013  5-8 p.m. at the 4-H Center
Each family please bring a covered dish to share.
Dancing, Games, Crafts, Confetti, Streamers & Fun

4-H CLOVERBUD RALLY
Saturday, March 2, 2013   9a.m.-2p.m.
Theme to be announced. More information to follow in the Jan/Feb Clovertales.

4-H FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND
L.G. Cook 4-H Camp
Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2, 2013
Fishing, hiking, boating, crafts and more! Additional information to follow.

Until next year, be safe and have fun. From everyone at the 4-H office, have a happy and healthy holiday season!
Alpaca, Inc.
by Stephanie Duffy

Alpaca, Inc. welcomed in a new year and chose new officers: President, Kimberly Duffy; Vice President, Taylor Ciattarelli; Recording Secretary, Stephanie Duffy; Treasurer, Breanna White, Secretary, Todd White. Two new members have joined the club. Welcome McKayla and Daniel.

Master Chefs
by Evan Brochinsky

At their first meeting of the year members talked about hosting the Arts Awards Night. Congratulations go to Evan, Juliana and Samantha who all won Best in Show for Cooking Unit Two at the Fair. Nominations for officers were taken and members signed up to run club activities. Then the club cut up some apples and dipped them in honey, peanut butter, Nutella, and marshmallow fluff, trying different combinations. The next meeting is October 8 where they will practice their activity for the Arts Awards Night.

Pocket Pet Rescue
by Megan Moore

This year the Pocket Pets club had an eventful fair! A few members took part in rabbit and cavy showmanship, earning very high scores. Their wonderful parent volunteers helped out with the "Name the Animal" section of the prep tent, finding homes for countless guinea pigs and rabbits. Finally, many members of PPRH proved their artistic abilities by creating the best club display board ever seen. Besides the fair, many kids in the club took the time to visit the animal shelter.

Cattleman’s Club
by Josh Bruss

The club’s leader and president attended the Round Robin meeting in September. Suggested changes for Round Robin were discussed. Other old business included the fundraiser in September. For new business, various trips were discussed, including the farm show, KILE and a possible trip to a kill house. Going on trips is a great opportunity for members to learn how other people raise and show their animals. New business also included future fundraisers such as a carwash in the spring, and a flapjack breakfast at Applebees. The meeting concluded with a discussion about Open House.

Just Kidding
by Emily Duque

Officers for the year are: President, Taylor Johnson; Vice President, Jack Cochrane; Secretary, Maevie Egan; Co-Treasurers, Katrina Duque, Alison Parascandola; Reporter, Emily Duque. Discussions included Open House, an upcoming veterinarian visit and wreath sales. Then members brainstormed ideas for the upcoming Livestock Award Dinner.

New Centre Dairy
by Susie Norz

Officers for the year are: President, Alanna Staffin; Vice President, Ariel Staffin; Recording Secretary, Cary Brochinsky; Treasurer, Melissa Bright; Corresponding Secretary, Josh Miller; Reporter, Susie Norz; Historians, Taylor Wyatt, Gracie O’Sullivan; Food, MaryEllen Sousa. Old business discussions included the Fair. Members agreed it was fun in spite of the rain. The club wrote thank you notes to those who supported their show, lent them animals, and to the Association. The executive committee will meet to set the agenda for the upcoming year.

Furry Friends
by Kristi Philipsheck

Three new members joined the club. Discussions included the Fair (everyone had fun and liked showing their animals), the state 4-H show where 3 members did very well and the upcoming awards, where a committee was formed. Project suggestions for the new year included learning about showmanship, taking to a small animal vet and cage making.
**Hoofbeats**  
*by Kathy Bergen*

Officers for the year are: President, Taylor Cox; Vice President, Alyssa Valvano; Secretary, Denise Grohn; Treasurer Meredith Young. In October the club had a Halloween theme where each member decorated pumpkins, donating them, along with candy to the food pantry. The club was unable to attend Open House this year, but is accepting new members.

**Senior Council**  
*by Shruti Ramanathan*

Officers for the year are: President, Dan Peterson; Vice President, Alyssa Peterson; Corresponding Secretary, Sally Gilligan; Recording Secretary, Pamela Gilligan; Treasurer, Dan Memoli; Reporter, Shruti Ramanathan; Health Officer & Historian/Photographer, Shivani Gupta. Club discussions included the successful road clean-up (and the sighting of 4 snakes!), the upcoming blood drive, manning the table at Open House and wreath sales. Plans include going to Norz Farm to venture through the Haunted Maze and doing the leaf clean-up for the elderly.

**Job Opportunities for Alumni**

National 4-H is looking for individuals with at least a high school diploma (preferably some college experience) and a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership.

Below are job descriptions and links to application materials for both programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maria McNeely at MMcNeely@4HCenter.org.

**Wonders of Washington Program Assistant**

Application due November 16, 2012

Application Link: [www.4hcenter.org/WOW-Program-Assistant](http://www.4hcenter.org/WOW-Program-Assistant)

The WOW program gives young people the chance to explore, develop, and refine the skills necessary to become outstanding citizens and leaders in their home communities. WOW Program Assistants receive opportunities for professional development not only through interactions with youth groups, but also through interactions with various departments of National 4-H Council to develop their professional skills.

**Citizenship Washington Focus Program Assistant**

Application due January 16, 2013

Application Link: [www.4hcenter.org/CWF-Program-Assistant](http://www.4hcenter.org/CWF-Program-Assistant)

CWF gives 4-Hers the opportunity to strengthen their communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level. As a CWF Program Assistant, these 4-H leaders will create, develop, and facilitate curriculum to be used during the 2013 program.

**4-H Center Showcase**

Show off! 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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January 26 & 27, 2013
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ

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4-H WINTER TRAIN SHOW

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