I AM 4-H

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Thank You!

Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thanks for a wonderful 2012 Somerset County 4-H Fair! We know and appreciate how hard you work, how well you work as a team and how committed you are to our youth. We were certainly successful in meeting our goals to showcase the achievements of our 4-H members and bring the community together. With everyone’s cooperation, we survived our weather-related changes.

Due to school starting, the BIG Rummage Sale and the Jewish High Holy Days, we have been unable to find a September date for the Fair Evaluation Meeting. New this year, we are going to use SurveyMonkey to ask for everyone’s thoughts and ideas about the Fair. You should have already received the link to that survey, but here it is again: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DWNCDMX The survey closing date is September 14. If you want to hear the survey results and give suggestions for 2013, there will be a Fair Evaluation Meeting on October 1, 7:30 pm.

4-H Open House is on Thursday, October 11th during National 4-H Week. Don’t forget to invite all your non-4-H friends to Open House!

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

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!

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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“Join 4-H” Open House - October 11

We continue to “make the best better” with a record-breaking number of 4-H clubs in Somerset County. Many of these clubs are formed as a result of the interest kids show at both the Fair and Open House. Each year hundreds of people attend the “Join 4-H!” Open House so we are planning another one this year.

On Thursday, October 11, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., we’re holding the annual “Join 4-H” Open House at the 4-H Center. Your club leader will receive information about it. Our goal is to have every club who would like to have more members have a “booth” at the Open House. If your club has no room for new members, we’d like one club in that project to set up a “booth” to represent your project area and maybe we’ll get another club started. This past year we added RoboForce, Furry Friends, Fantastic FotoFanatics, 4-H Clover Ensemble, Creating Writing, Gotta Spin, Cooking in Action and Puppy Love. So start planning your “booth” for Open House. We hope your club will be there!

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

We also need volunteers to help with refreshments and to staff the information booth. Call the 4-H office at 908 526-6644 by September 28 to volunteer.

Free College Planning Courses

Once again 4-H will be offering free college planning courses offered by Slosberg College Solutions LLC. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your questions and concerns addressed as you prepare for college. Both courses will be held at the 4-H Center. Pre-registration is required.

**College Admissions 101**: Topics include what to do before building a college list and the top ten things colleges look for in an applicant. **Monday, October 15, 7:30-9:00 pm. Register at:** www.admissionseminar.eventbrite.com.

**Keys to Unlocking Financial Aid**: Topics include financial aid basics, net price calculator, financial aid steps, how to increase aid and reduce costs. **Monday, November 19, 7:30-9:00 pm. Register at:** www.unlockfinancialaid.eventbrite.com

4-H National Youth Science Day

October 10, 2012

This event, held on the Wednesday of National 4-H Week, encourages 4-H friends, families, community partners and other youth organizations to join together to show how science can be fun. This year’s experiment will be The Eco-Bot Challenge. Youth will enhance their engineering skills by learning to think like a robotics engineer, assembling their own robots (Eco-Bots), and control surfaces in order to manage an environmental clean-up. For more information, visit www.4-H.org.

Somerset County 4-H already does a great job incorporating Science, Engineering and Technology into our clubs, camps, school enrichment and special interest programs. We want to continue to grow and involve more youth and more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about the 2012 National 4-H Science Experiment, please visit the SET website at http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/scienceengineeringtechnology.aspx
Age/ Grade Requirements for Participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Member Registration Forms

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

All members must be registered by January 1, 2013 to compete in state 4-H events and the Somerset County 4-H Fair.

NJ Junior Breeders Fund

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

Forms Needed for Field Trips

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

- 4-H Event Permission Form for Youth (which includes the Code of Conduct)
- NJ 4-H Event Release/Agreement Form for Adults

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

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Prudential, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. We know that many of our 4-H’ers do lots of great volunteer work! The application deadline is November 6, 2012. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: http://www.prudential.com/spirit
October is 4-H Wreath Month!

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

We did really well with our ad sales this year, let’s hope to do the same with our wreaths. Start making your list now of potential customers. Information and order forms should be arriving shortly in the mail to all 4-H members. Let’s go for a record breaker! Deadline for orders: October 26

Pick up wreaths at the 4-H Center: November 24 - 30    Association Wreath Decorating: November 28

4-H Center Keys

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

4-H Center Showcase

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

Festival of Trees

Get into the Spirit of the Holiday Season!
Come set up a Holiday Tree for Public Display. Individuals, Families or Organizations are Welcome!

Ornaments and/or trees can be donated for sale.
(All proceeds will go to support our free 4-H Fair)
Or they can be just for display.
Trees can be themed or varied, handmade or store bought, wild and crazy or traditional.

Saturday and Sunday, December 15th, 16th
Come join in on the fun!!!
Download an application at www.4HisTops.org
Or email: susar@rcn.com

Vendor & Craft Sale 2012 at the 4-H Center

Saturday, November 17th, 10 am - 2pm    One-Stop Holiday Shopping Opportunity

More than 40 vendors -- talented crafters and direct sales vendors -- offering something for everyone! Food & snacks are also available for purchase. This event is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association.
National 4-H Conference Applications Due - October 16

National 4-H Conference will be held April 6-11, 2013 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The purpose of this working conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. New Jersey sends a delegation of up to seven 4-H teens and two adult chaperones. Teens must be in the 10-12 grades as of September 2012 in order to participate in the 2013 event. 4-H members interested in attending must work well in groups, have good communication skills, and be leaders. They should also be interested in making a change in their community and be willing to work on a project upon their return. Interested 4-H members must complete an application form available at the County 4-H Office and on the website. All applications are due in the County 4-H Office no later than October 16. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 17 at Rutgers University. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date. Call the 4-H Office for further information.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship Available

Collegiate 4-H is an organization that provides its members with a sense of identity on campus, enriches their lives through group projects and recreation and develops confidence and leadership skills. The club is offering a $100 book scholarship to an active 4-H’er who will be a first year student at Rutgers University (any New Brunswick campus) in the fall of 2012. The scholarship will be awarded in the fall and the deadline for applications is October 1, 2012. Applications are available on the website.

Opportunities for Teens

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

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

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

Recognition Opportunities
- Outstanding 4-H’er

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

This $500 scholarship is open to any 4-H Senior who is a current, active member of 4-H and is planning a career in agriculture or science. Contestants must submit a resume and an essay on the topic: “How has your involvement within 4-H helped to shape your future career choice?” Deadline for submissions is January 2, 2013. For more information, visit the website or contact Debra Moscatiello at 609-984-4389 or debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us
Record Books

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

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

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

4-H Yearbook & Catalog

The 2012 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog was super! Thanks to Becky Moore, Sue Schurick, Joanna Lieuallen and the committee that worked so hard.

Thanks to all leaders and members that sent in photos and club lists. Save your ’12 Fair photos and start taking new photos of club events as they happen throughout the year.

Be sure to stop by and pick up 2012 Yearbooks for any commercial display advertisers who bought ads from you. This is a great way to say “thank you” for their support.

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

I AM (going to) Fall Club Camp, October 5-7

By Betty Sommerville

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

While there, we will also be maintaining our labyrinth by adding more rocks to its path, as we all enjoy hiking amidst the colorful foliage & soaking up the wonderful ambiance of L.G. Cook 4-H Camp in Sussex County. The cost for each person is still only $46 which includes all meals. Members will need to bring their 4-H Event Permission forms and the adults their 4-H Overnight Agreement forms. Checks need to be written out to "Somerset County 4-H" with "Fall Club Camp" on the memo line. Camp scholarships are available, please let the office know asap.

If your club leader is unable to attend, a parent volunteer may come instead. If interested, please call Betty Sommerville for more details at 908-281-5238 or 908-635-1951 (cell) or email her at jlsomm@comcast.net. Let her know by the deadline of Friday, September 28, if you're coming.
Hold the Dates!

Achievement Dinners:

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NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms Due by October 22

If your club meets certain requirements, then you qualify to be a NJ 4-H Honor Club. The form is to be completed by the Club leader or president and turned into the 4-H Office by October 22 to be recognized for last year’s efforts.

If your club has:

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

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

Forms, which list all the requirements for Somerset County clubs, are available in the office and on our website, www.4HisTops.org

Member in Good Standing

Members must be enrolled as a registered 4-H member by January 1 of the current year to participate in any state or national 4-H event including State Animal Shows, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress and Citizen Washington Focus.

In addition the member must be a “Member in Good Standing”. The criteria for this is as follows:

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

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

Teens:

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

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

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

The benefits to joining include opportunities to

⇒ Become a 4-H State Teen Leader and a positive role model for younger teens
⇒ Speak on behalf of NJ 4-H and share ideas with other teens from around the state
⇒ Take action on statewide projects and be an applicant for state and national opportunities.

For more information and to download full requirements and applications, visit the website at www.4HisTops.org

First meeting: October 28; 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Location: Middlesex County 4-H Activity Center
Hurray for...

4-H TOPS Camp

Thank you and congratulations to the teen counselors and counselors-in-training, all participants and the entire RCE staff. Once again 4-H TOPS Camp was a huge success, with 80 participants enjoying 5 days of programs, games, crafts and fun! This year, the children that attended learned about creative arts, seeing eye dogs, cooking, rockets, Chinese yo-yo’s, magic, goats and more!

Thanks to these 4-H clubs, members and leaders who participated: Harry Brochinsky, Ellen Parker and the Radical Rodents, Sarah Stamets, Caroline Pirro, Shu Chang and the Chinese Culture Club, Conrad Colon, Sue Schurick and the Udder Club. Special thanks to KidzArt for their talented and creative staff.

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

In addition to the RCE staff, the success of the program was made possible by these counselors and counselors-in-training: Taylor Au, Nachiket Bhujbal, Sarah Bijaczyk, Melanie Boyea, Melissa Bright, Conrad Colon, Erica Devlin, Sally Gilligan, Paige Lamberson, Rachel Lin, Emily Ma, Ashley Miller, Ben Parker, Alyssa Peterson, Dan Peterson, Will Philips, Shruti Ramanathan, Varsha Sarabuda, Matthew Schueler, Michael Sverdlove, Tanay Trivedi, Jennifer Versfelt, Debra Winters; Logistics Coordinators: Cary Brochinsky, Carolyn Pirro, Katherine Pirro, Melissa Smutko; and Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

National Holstein Convention

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

Dairy Quiz Bowl Participants
(pictured with Nancy)
Josh Miller - Jr. Team
Christina O’Brien - Sr. Team
Ariel Staffin - Jr. Team
Alanna Staffin - Jr. Team
Mary Ellen Sousa - Jr. Team
Jessica Brygier - Sr. Team
Not pictured: Cary Brochinsky - Jr. Team

Tri-fold Presentations
Jessi Brygier - 1st Place
Christina O’Brien - 3rd place

State 4-H Dairy Show Results

Congratulations to these Somerset County 4-H’ers:
Lily Teeple 2nd Junior Heifer Calves
Grace O’Sullivan 6th Winter Sr Heifer Calves
Alex Norz 2nd Beg Showmanship 5-6
Ariel Staffin 3rd Winter Sr Heifer Calves
Alanna Staffin 4th Fall Sr Heifer Calves
Susan Norz 3rd Junior Bred by Exhibitor
David Furmato 5th Winter Sr Heifer Calves
Jay Mester 4th Spring Jr Yearling Heifers
Susan Norz 1st First Year Showman 9-13
Sarah Fenwick 7th Summer Jr Yearling Heifers
Kary Morgan 1st Beg Showmanship 5-6
Taylor Wyatt 10th Spring Jr Yearling Heifers
Lauren Yutko 11th Spring Jr Yearling Heifers
Elizabeth Frank 1st 2 yr old not yet in milk
Alanna Staffin 1st Int Showmanship B 9-10
Ariel Staffin 5th Beg Showmanship 5-6
Melissa Bright 2nd Int Showmanship A 7-8
Sarah Fenwick 4th Winter Jr Yearling Heifers
Sarah Fenwick 2nd First Year Showman 9-13
13th Fall Sr Heifer Calves

“Join 4-H” Open House
Thursday October 11
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Creative Writers Club Takes Tour

Last April the Creative Writers Club was invited to visit Highlight’s Magazine and their book publishing company, Boyd’s Mill Press. Highlight’s created this full day program especially for the club. In addition to the talks and demonstrations, members, leaders and parents were served a delicious, lunch followed by a complete tour of all departments in the Highlight’s / BMP complex. Each member walked away satisfied – each with their own highlight. Members are: Erica Devlin, Anthony Siniscalco, Surya Pilai, Sarah Wise, Cassie Siniscalco and (not in photo) Francisco Berrones.

Shruti Ramanathan Recognized

Somerville Elks Lodge #1068 presented Shruti Ramanathan, one of the top eight 8th grade students, with their scholar and citizenship award. This recognition applauds Shruti’s academic achievements as well as her character and numerous contributions to her school and community.

4-H Astronomy Clubs Views

Venus Transit!

Every once in a great while the “planets do align” so that something amazing happens! On June 5th one of those “alignments” happened. The planet Venus passed between the Sun and the Earth in such a way that we could actually see it crossing the face of the Sun!

Several members of the 4-H Astronomy Club and members of the Bridgewater High School Astronomy Club met in the High School parking lot at 6pm to witness the event. Special filters were used to block out the intense light of the Sun, without which a person's eyes would be permanently damaged. Clouds prevented viewing most of the transit, but a few minutes of "clear Sun" did appear and there was the "black dot" of Venus clearly "on" the Sun! What makes this astronomical event so interesting is that it won't occur again until December 2117. Clear Skies to All!

Now We See Him...

...but for a while we won't!

Recently Conrad Colon, Junior Leader for the 4-H Magician’s Guild was featured in the Hillsborough Beacon because he has been invited to Las Vegas where he will be attending McBride’s Magic and Mystery School. He is the first person being honored by a scholarship from the Society of American Magicians.

Conrad, who learned his first trick from his grandfather at the age of 4, says he knew then that he had found his passion. His passion has driven him to become a better magician and performer.

He has won several awards for his endeavors in magic. He is part of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 200 in Edison, the same chapter as famous magician and illusionist David Copperfield. In 2008, he became the youngest member to win the Al Hillman Excellence in Magic Competition.

Conrad won’t be leaving for Las Vegas until March. Lucky for our 4-H Magicians! Until then he will be studying to become a teacher (his second passion) at Raritan Valley Community College.

Savern Lau Wins Award

Savern Lau was presented with an award for placing first in the 2011-2012 Christopher Columbus Essay Contest (information was featured in Clovertales) by the Elizabeth Snyder Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sheepfold Participates at the Mercer County Fair

Sheepfold 4-H Club represented Somerset County at the 2012 Mercer County Fair on July 28th at the Howell Living History Farm. Members participated in the Invitational 4-H Sheep Show. Cloverbuds Richie Granja and Emily Granja joined junior members Anna Mazzola and Kristi Philipscheck at ringside as well as senior member Angie Philpscheck.
Congratulations!

Once again, Somerset County 4-H'ers proved that you can make the best better! Your project work, exhibits and displays showed the extraordinary effort you put into your 4-H work year round!

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

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

But of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and leadership of the Somerset County 4-H Association, the Fair Managers, Tent Superintendents, Division Chairs, Club Leaders and all the Fair Committees. It is necessary to remember that ALL these folks are volunteers, many taking their hard earned vacations to make our Fair a success. It is only through their efforts that 4-H’ers can show off their wonderful accomplishments.

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

Thank you to the volunteer Fair Managers: Abner Mathews, Mike Amorosa, Mike Pappas and Walker (Chip) Graham.

Thanks to Joseph Amorosa, Mike Amorosa, Bob Arena, Tim Cook, Ralph Diem, Chip Graham, Paul McCall, Vinny Russo, Joe Shreve, Greg Snook, Ken Weiss, Jim Wood, James Wood and Brian Velcheck for driving the equipment needed to move the supplies.

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

Thanks to Kim and Tim Cook for organizing all the commercial space.

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

Thanks to Holly Dunbar for writing the Alumni Newsletter. Coming soon to www.4HisTops.org.

Thanks to Annette Smutko, Caitlin O’Neill, Lynne Draper, Maggie Navatto, Esther Craft, Ruth Schmidt, Carol Wood, Elaine Nascimento, Jim Wood, Jeff Weinstein, Lucille Razzano and the food committee for organizing the food tent.

Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim Miholics, Kyle Miholics, the Williams family, the Monticchio family, Sarah Verbeke and Steve Miholics for an exciting entertainment schedule, running the Clover Theatre and for setting up the cotton candy tent.

Thanks to Joe Bakes for chairing the information booth so

Fair Evaluation Follow-Up Meeting
October 1st, 7:30pm
4-H Center

We can always “Make the Best Better.” All volunteers are welcome to share your thoughts. Please come. Members—help us make the Fair better for you!
Thanks to Sara Memoli for the volunteer luncheon on Tuesday.

Thanks to Deb Norz and Elizabeth Frank, State Dairy Princess, for organizing the Oreo and pie eating contest.

Thanks to Hillsboro Farm for the hayride.

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

Thanks to Val Kreutler for keeping the conference room open, making supplies available.

Thanks to Dan Memoli and Dan Peterson for delivering ice in the food tent.

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


A very big thank you to everyone who came Saturday morning to help clean up. Everyone was home by 3:00:


Thanks to Jim Wood for coordinating all finances.

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

Thanks to the Kolb family, Lynn Draper, and Andrew Lerch for chairing the Milkshake booth.

Thanks to Patrick Dungan, Barry Kolb, Ruth Schmidt, Esther Craft, the Kelly family and the Chinese Culture Club for long hours of help in the Milkshake booth.

Thanks to Jill Brochinsky and Jan Lush for recruiting more sponsors this year than last.

Thanks to New Centre Dairy, Woof, Wags n’ Whiskers, Trainmasters, and Go-Kart Clubs for help setting up and taking down main areas of the fair.
We Are 4-H Talent!

The Clover Theater stage was overflowing with 4-H talent again this year during our 2012 Fair’s noon hour of “S4HL - Somerset 4-H Live!” Over the course of the three days we were wowed by the talents of Christine Arcoleo (violin), Hayden Verbanas (flute), Andara Chisarick & Anika Verenko (dance), Matt Thiel (bagpipes), Alyssa Blumberg (monolog), the 4-H Country Kickers (line dance), Kim Duffy (solo), Deanna Farber (solo), Justin Fu (Chinese yo-yo), Teagan Sweeney (solo), Julia McKenna (solo), Danny Phillipscheck (clarinet), Diana Stone (recorder), Kate Gallagher & Ariel Staffin (duet), and Sophie Winter (clarinet).

We certainly are 4-H and are looking forward to see what talent is displayed on Clover Theater Stage next year!!!

4-H Fair Sponsors

We are very grateful to the sponsors that believe in 4-H and are willing to donate so generously; funds, materials and services, to the 4-H Fair: American Legion Post 12, Batzer Family, Brentwood Food T/A Somerville Friendly’s, Ethicon Inc., FERASCO LLC, Financial Resources Federal Credit Union, Flemington Car & Truck Country, Huntington Learning Center, JAT Computer Consulting Inc., Lorraine Barnett, Main Street Grill, Raritan Valley Orthodontics PA, Somerset Hills Veterinary Services, Somerville Elks, Suplee, Clooney, & Company, Team Capital Bank, What’s In The Ice Box.

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

Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to these people and companies who have generously supported the 4-H Program throughout the years: Veterinarian Dr. Jon Higgins, Karen Behr, Somerset County Park Commission and Bridgewater Township.

4-H Fair Managers Awards

4-H Animal Tent Display - Goats
Non-Animal 4-H Tent Display - RC Cars & Prep
Outside Commercial Display - Greenway Landscaping
Inside Commercial Display - Love Your Pet
4-H Food Booth - Boy Scout Troop #185
Non-4-H, Non-Commercial Exhibit - Master Gardeners
Outstanding Service - Ernie Hall, Joe Shreve, Dave Rieur, Dawn Hribik, Kim & Tim Cook
Special Merit - Bryn Keck, WDVR, Sheriff’s Office
Best Effort in a 4-H Tent: Poultry & Small Animal

Special Thanks

When Christina O’Brien suggested making a back drop for Livestock photos, 4-H’er and Eagle Scout candidate, George Bright, offered to make it. The back drop and the new welcome signs by the goat tent and in front of the information tent certainly added to the fun atmosphere of the Fair. This foresight by Christina, hard work by George and art work by Alyson Weiss certainly helped to freeze in time memories for many of our 4-H’ers.

Thanks to Alyson Weiss for helping with the art work, Christina O’Brien for coordinating and taking the photos, and George Bright for building and constructing these beautiful new additions to our fair.

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

Congratulations to all the 2012 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

Round Robin: Winners of the 2012 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Jack Cochrane, Just Kidding Goat Club, Junior Division and Elizabeth Frank, New Centre Dairy, Senior Division. Other participants were: Junior: Todd Gallagher, Alpaca; Alex Norz, Beef; Melanie Quick, Cavy; Ariel Staffin, Dairy; Kirsten Clerico, Dog; Brianna LiBrizzi, Horse; Kyrstin Schwarz, Poultry; Jacob Bell, Rabbit; Anna Mazzola, Sheep. Senior: Stephanie duffy, Alpaca; Jennifer Weinberg, Beef; Megan Kouril, Cavy; Carolyn Pirro, Dog; Debra Winters, Goat; Ashley Thompson, Horse; Alex Wick, Poultry; Dan Philipscheck, Rabbit; Angie Philipscheck, Sheep.

Needlecraft—Senior: Julia Meier, 3 Excellent, 1 Very Good; Alexandra Wick, 2 Excellent; Junior: Aislinn Harte, Best in Show, 1 Excellent; Kara Johnson, 2 Very Good; Emily Ward, 1 Very Good; Prep Participants: Sophia McKean; Eliza Rothenburger

Crafts—All Seniors Received Excellents: Ricson Cheng received Best in Show; 3 Julia Meier; 3 Alexandra Wick; All Juniors Received Excellents: 3 Samantha DeProspo; 1 Megan Jannone, 1 Sammi Hall, 3 Uma Balasubramanian, 1 Julie Pirro, 1 Christine Arcoleo, 1 Kirsten Clerico, 1 Laura Schmidt; Prep Participant: Max Schneiderman

Creative Arts—Senior: Erin Kopecky, 1 Excellent; 2 Very Good; Kristen Obermeier, 1Excellent, 1 Very Good; Elizabeth Frank, 1 Second in Class, 1 Excellent, 1 Very Good; Katherine Pirro, 2 Excellent; James Clelland,2 Excellent; Ricson Cheng, 1 First in Class, 1 Excellent; Erica Devlin, 1 Very Good; Christine Arcoleo, 1 Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, 1 Excellent; Veronica Rezende, Best in Show, Third in Class, 1 Excellent; Junior: Emily Ward, Second in Class, 2 Excellent, 1 Very Good; Sunny Cheng, 1 Excellent; Sydney Billerd, 1 Excellent; 1 Very Good; Samantha DeProspo, 1 Very Good; Rebecca Dry, Best in Show; Ariel Staffin, 2 Very Good; Alysson Maher, 2 Excellent, 2 Very Good; Aislinn Harte, First in Class, Uma Balasubramanian, 2 Very Good; Jonah Schneiderman, 1 Very Good, Sammi Hall, 1 Good; Prep Participants: Dale Brochinsky; Eliza Rothenburger; Hannah Stacy; Owen Gavigan; Casey Billera

Creative Writing—Seniors: Emily Milz, 1 Excellent; Junior: Christine Arcoleo, Best in Show Essay, Best in Show Poem, 2 Excellent; Emily Ward, 3 Excellent; Kate Aeschliman, 2 Very Good; Kirsten Clerico, 1 Very Good; Ariel Staffin, 1 Excellent; Ashley LiBrizzi, 2 Excellent, 4 Very Good; Rebecca Dry, 7 Excellent, 4 Very Good; Noah Rothenburger, 2 Excellent; Mikaela Given, 4 Excellent; Julie Pirro, 1 Very Good; Uma Balasubramanian, 2 Very Good; Erin Kopecky, 1 Very Good; Megan Jannone, 1 Very Good

Woodworking/Wood Science—Senior: Dan Peterson, Best in Show, 2 Excellent; Dan Memoli, 1 Excellent; Junior: Brianna LiBrizzi, 1 Excellent

Photography—Junior: Animals: Noah Rothenburger, 1 Very Good, 2 Good; Julie Pirro, 1 Very Good, 2 Good; Shanna Gryder, 1 Very Good; Brianna LiBrizzi, 2 Excellent; Chelsea Obermeier, 3 Good; Megan Jannone, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Uma Balasubramanian, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Emily Ward, First in Class, Second in Class, 1 Very Good; Paige Lamberson, Third in Class; Nature: Angelica Rezende, 1 Excellent; Sophie Winter, 2 Good; Plant Life: Angelica Rezende, 2 Very Good, 1 Good; Megan Jannone, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Julie Pirro, 2 Very Good, 1 Good; Paige Lamberson, Best in Show, Second in Show, Third in Show, Emily Ward, 1 Very Good; Rashi Gala 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Isha Gupta, 1 Excellent; Todd Aeschliman, 2 Very Good; Kirsten Clerico, 1 Very Good; Animals: Rebecca Dry, 1 Very Good; Isha Gupta, 1 Good; Emily Ward, 1 Excellent; Angelica Rezende, 1 Excellent; Landscape: Isha Gupta: Second in Class, 2 Good; Paige Lamberson, First in Class, 2 Good; Emily Ward, 2 Very Good, 1 Good; Evan Brookhisky, 1 Very Good; Rashi Gala, 2 Good; Angelica Rezende, Third in Class, 1 Good; Architecture: Rebecca Dry, 1 Very Good; Isha Gupta, 1 Good; Emily Ward, 1 Excellent; Angelica Rezende, 1 Very Good; Texture, Patterns, Lines, Shape, Perspective: Paige Lamberson, Third in Class, 2 Very Good; Isha Gupta, Second in Class; Rashi Gala, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Chelsea Obermeier 1 Very Good; Emily Ward, First in Class, 2 Excellent; Story Series: Angelica Rezende, Very Good; Digital Prints: Emily Ward, Best in Show; People: Emily Ward, 1 Very Good; Senior: Animals: Kristen Obermeier, Second in Class, 2 Very Good; Katherine Pirro, First in Class; Alyssa Peterson, 1 Excellent; Shannon Kile, 1 Very Good, 2 Good; Julia Meier, 2 Good; Emily Milz, 2 Excellent, 1 Very Good; James Clelland, Third in Class; Sarah Bijaczyk, 2 Very Good; Hannah Davelman, Good; Jill Newbold, 3 Good; Shanna Gryder, 1 Excellent, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Emily
Barbara, 1 Good; **Plant Life**: Sarah Bijaczyk, 2 Excellent, 1 Good; Alyssa Peterson, 1 Good, Emily Milz, 1 Very Good, 2 Goods; Julia Meier, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Melissa Smutko, 1 Very Good, 2 Good; Kristie Rosado, 1 Good; Shannon Kile, 1 Excellent, 1 Good; Kristen Obermeier, Second in Class, 1 Excellent; Erin Kopecky, 1 Very Good, 2 Goods; Jill Newbold, First in Class, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Isabel Maddock, 2 Excellent, 1 Very Good; Hannah Davelman, Third in Class; **Landscape**: Jill Newbold, Second in Class, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Isabel Maddock, First in Class, 1 Excellent, 1 Good; Kristen Obermeier, Third in Class, 1 Excellent; Erin Kopecky, Good; Sarah Bijaczyk, 3 Good; Katherine Pirro, 1 Good; Melissa Smutko, 1 Very Good, 1 Good; Alyssa Peterson, 1 Good; Julia Meier, 1 Very Good, 2 Good; James Clelland, 1 Very Good, Emily Barbara, Good; **Architecture**: Kristen Obermeier, Third in Class, 1 Good; Alyssa Peterson, 1 Good; Emily Milz, Second in Class, 1 Very Good; Jill Newbold, 1 Good, Isabel Maddock, 1 Very Good, Kristie Rosado, First in Class; **Action**: Kristen Obermeier, 1 Excellent; Julia Meier, 1 Excellent, Shannon Kile, Good; **4-H Related Projects**: Shannon Kile, 2 Very Goods; **People**: Isabel Maddock, Best in Show, First in Show, Third in Show, 1 Excellent; Katherine Pirro, 1 Very Good; Jill Newbold, 1 Very Good; Kristen Obermeier, Second in Class, 1 Good; Emily Barbara, 1 Very Good, Emily Milz, 1 Good; **Story Series**: Katherine Pirro, First in Class, 1 Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, Second in Class, Julia Meier, Third in Class; **Texture**, **Patterns, Lines, Shape, Perspective**: Kristen Obermeier, Second in Class, Third in Class, 1 Good; Kristen Johnson, First in Class; **Dark Room Process**: Kristen Johnson, 2 Excellent, 1 Good; **Digital Prints**: Elise McKean, 1 Very Good; James Clelland, 1 Very Good, Deanna Farber, Second in Class, Third in Class, 1 Good; Isabel Maddock, First in Class; **Prep Participant**: Lacey Lamberson

**Creative Writing Club**

**Junior Division**

Surya Pillai: First
Cassandra Siniscalco: Second

**Senior Division**

Erica Devlin: First
Anthony Siniscalco: Second

**Fiber Division**

Overall Best of Show: Chris Posbergh
Best Overall Champ Sheep: Chris Posbergh
Cleanest Fleece Sheep: Chris Posbergh
Finest White Fleece Sheep: Becca Francis
Best Overall Champ Llama: Destiny Golaszewski
Reserve Champ Llama: Alyssa Figliano
Best Overall Champ Alpaca: Kim Duffy
Reserve Champ Alpaca: Cheyenne White
3rd Place Champ Alpaca: Breanna White
Best Overall Champ Camelid: Kim Duffy

**Spinner's Choice**

Overall Best of Show: Teresa Buzzoni
Best Reserve of Show: Teresa Buzzoni
Excellent: Aislin Harte
Very Good: Maria Buzzoni
Very Good: Nicholas Francis
Very Good: Alyssa Figliano
Good: Becca Francis

**Model Airplane**

**Building Category:**

Best in Show: Dylan Gottlieb
Best RC Sport Airplane: Nick Heitkamp
Best RC 3-D Airplane: Tyler Stark
Best RC Profile Airplane: Steven Modrowsky

**Flying Category:**

Best Pilot: Dylan Gottlieb
Most Improved Pilot: Nick Heitkamp, Steven Modowsky (tie)
Instructor Achievement: Dylan Gottlieb
Novice Pilot Achievement: Robbie DeVergillo

**Club Participation/All Around Category**

Best Novice All Around: Andrew Evans
Club Part/Achievement: Dawson Muth

**Flying Contest Winners:**

1st Place: Daniel Rosario
2nd Place: Tyler Stark
3rd Place: Robbie DeVergillo

**People's Choice:**

Wednesday - Robbie DeVergillo
Thursday - Nick Heitkamp
Dairy Show Results

Holstein Classes
Grand Champion  Mary Ellen Sousa
Reserve Champion  Alanna Staffin

Junior Heifer Calf  1st Lily Teeple
Sr Heifer Calf Winter  1st Alex Norz
  2nd Susan Norz
  3rd Grace O’Sullivan

Sr Heifer Calf Fall  1st Alanna Staffin
  2nd Alex Norz
  3rd Sarah Fenwick

Jr Yearling Summer  1st David Furmato
  2nd Elizabeth Frank
  3rd Ariel Staffin
  4th Cary Brochinsky

Jr Yearling Spring  1st Lauren Yutko
  2nd Josh Miller
  3rd Mary Ellen Sousa
  4th Kyra Morgan
  5th Taylor Wyatt

Sr. Yearling Winter  1st Melissa Bright
Sr. Yearling Fall  1st Cary Brochinsky

Junior Champion  Alanna Staffin
Reserve Jr Champion  Alex Norz
2 Yr Old Not in Milk  1st Mary Ellen Sousa
  2nd Cary Brochinsky
  3rd Elizabeth Frank

Senior Champion  Mary Ellen Sousa
Reserve Sr Champion  Cary Brochinsky
Beginner Fitting  1st Sarah Fenwick
  2nd Lily Teeple
  3rd Grace O’Sullivan

Beginner Showmanship  1st Sarah Fenwick
  2nd Lily Teeple
  3rd Grace O’Sullivan

Junior Fitting (grade 4-8)  1st Kyra Morgan
  2nd Alex Norz
  3rd Josh Miller

Jr Showmanship (grade 4-8)  1st Ariel Staffin
  2nd Taylor Wyatt
  3rd Alex Norz

Senior Fitting (grade 9-13)  1st Elizabeth Frank
  2nd Mary Ellen Sousa
  3rd Alana Staffin

Sr Showmanship (gr 9-13)  1st Elizabeth Frank
  2nd Lauren Yutko
  3rd Mary Ellen Sousa

Best Fitted Overall  Kyra Morgan
Adult Showmanship  Jessi Brygier
Cloverbuds: Dale Brochinsky, Jaqulin Kirby, Megan Norz, Michael Powell

Beef Results

Junior Fitting  1st Alexa Johnson
  2nd Alex Norz
Senior Fitting  1st Jennifer Weinberg
  2nd Debra Winters
  3rd Emily Milz
  4th Jay Winters
  5th Alanna Staffin

Grand Champion Heifer  Emily Milz
Reserve Champion Heifer  Alexa Johnson
Hereford Heifers Class 1  1st Alanna Staffin
Hereford Heifers Class 2  1st Mary Ellen Sousa
Hereford Heifers Class 3  1st Emily Milz

Chimaine Heifers Class 4  1st Jay Winters
Angus Heifers Class 5  1st Alex Norz

Grand Champion Steer  Jen Weinberg
Reserve Champion Steer  Jay Winters
Lightweight Steers  1st Debra Winters
Midweight Steers  1st Emily Milz
  2nd Jay Winters
  3rd Jen Weinberg

Intermediate Weight  1st Jen Weinberg
Heavyweight Steers  1st Jen Weinberg
  2nd Jen Weinberg

Grand Champ. Cow/Calf  Jay Winters
Chi-Maine Cow/Calf  1st Jay Winters
Junior Showmanship  1st Alex Norz

Senior Showmanship  1st Jennifer Weinberg
  2nd Emily Milz
  3rd Debra Winters
  4th Jay Winters
  5th Alanna Staffin

Adult Showmanship  Fred Gunther

Herpetology
Noah Rothenburger  Best in Show
Elizabeth Dietrich  Best of Breed Snake
Matthew Emmons  Best Reserve of Show
David Furmato  Best of Breed Lizard
Tent Display  Best of Breed Turtle
Parade  Best of Breed Frog
First Place Perfect Score  First Place

September/October 2012
SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H CLOVERTALES
Alpaca
Senior Showmanship
1st Stephanie Duffy
2nd Veronica Moditz
3rd Taylor Ciattarelli

Junior Showmanship
1st Todd Gallagher
2nd Kim Duffy
3rd Sarah Pansi

Senior Agility
1st Breanna White
2nd George Bright
3rd Veronica Moditz

Junior Agility
1st Cheyenne White
2nd Sarah Pansi
3rd Sydney Billera

Goat
Junior Showmanship
Senior Showmanship
Best Cared-For Project
Beginner Showmanship
Beginner Fitting
Junior Fitting
Senior Fitting
Pygmy Beginner Fitting
Pygmy Junior Fitting
Senior Champion Milking Doe
Reserve Champion Milking Doe
Champion Nigerian Milking Doe
Sr Champion Nigerian Dry Doe
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Dry Doe
Champion Pygmy Do
Sr Champion Pygmy Dry Doe
Res Champion Pygmy Dry Doe
Junior Champion Doe
Reserve Junior Champion Doe
Jr Champion Nigerian Doe
Junior Champion Wether
Reserve Jr Champion Wether
Jr Champion Nigerian Wether
Sr Champion Nigerian Wether
Res. Sr Champ. Nigerian Wether
Champion Pygmy Wether
Reserve Sr Champ Pygmy Wether
Standard Dam & Offspring
Nigerian Dam & Offspring
Pygmy Dam & Offspring

Sheep & Market Lamb
Supreme Champ Sheep of Show
Res Champ Sheep of Show
Best Overall Senior Showman
Best Overall Junior Showman
Best Overall Owner Bred Sheep
Champion Registered Ewe
Res Champ Registered Ewe
Champion Registered Ram
Res Champ Registered Ram
Best Sr Wool Fitter
Best Jr Wool Fitter
Best Beginner Wool Fitter
Best Sr. Meat Fitter
Best Jr Meat Fitter
Best Beginner Meat Fitter
Grand Champ Market Lamb
Res Champ Market Lamb
Best Sr Market Lamb Showman
Best Jr Market Lamb Showman
Best Owner Bred Market Lamb
Best on the Rail

Goat
Jack Cochrane
Debra Winters
Kristen Johnson
Maeve Egan
Jacob Bell
Maria Buzzoni
Debra Winters
Justin Kavanaugh
Shawn Kavanaugh
Debra Winters

Robotics
Junior Division
Excellent
Jonah Schneiderman
Excellent
Alex Strasser
Very Good
Sam Keats
Very Good
Nick Schueler
Good
Sunny Cheng
Good
Scott Webster

Senior Division
Excellent
Owen Busler
Excellent
Andrew Cronce
Very Good
Michael Kalenty
Very Good
Nick Steele
Good
Nathan Thiessle
Good
Brendan O’Connell
### Small Animals
**Cavies**
- Jacob Bell: Best of Show, 3 Best of Breed, Best Reserve of Breed
- Brianna Glowinski: Reserve Best of Show, Best of Breed, Best Reserve of Breed
- Todd Gallagher: Best of Breed, Best Reserve of Breed
- Kalen Whitney: Best of Breed, Best Reserve of Breed
- Melanie Quick: Best of Breed

**Rabbits**
- Sarah Stamets: Best of Show, Best Reserve of Show, 2 Best of Breed, Best Reserve of Breed
- Austin Raymond: Best Reserve of Show
- Allie Mahon: Best of Breed
- Danny Philipscheck: Senior Showmanship, Best of Breed
- Jacob Bell: Junior Showmanship, 2 Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Breed
- Sylvia Calabrese: 2 Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Breed
- Brianna Glowinski: Best of Breed
- Kristi Philipscheck: Best of Breed, 2 Best Reserve of Breed
- Sophie Callahan: Best Reserve of Breed
- Surya Pillai: Best Reserve of Breed
- Todd Gallagher: Best Reserve of Breed
- Elise McKeen: Best Reserve of Breed
- Ali Krachenbuehl: Best of Breed
- Sydney Billera: Best of Breed
- Rachel Wittel: Best of Breed
- Jessica Wieczorkiewicz: Best of Breed
- Claire Pasquale: Best Reserve of Breed

### Just In...
**State Horse Show Results**

#### Samantha Eristavi
- 5th place Jr Showmanship & Grooming, English
- 6th place Hunter Pony English
- 6th place Jr Equitation on the Flat English
- 6th place Handy Working Hunter Pony English

#### Taylor Cox
- 10th place English Halter
- 2nd place Hunter Pony English
- 1st place Pleasure Pony English
- 6th place Sr Equitation over Fences English
- 1st place Working Hunter Pony English
- 1st place Handy Working Hunter Pony English
- 10th place Key Hole Pony
- 7th place Pleasure Pony Western
- 9th place Senior Trail Western

#### Brianna LiBrizzi
- 9th place Jr Hunter English

#### Carol Anne Bekus
- 3rd place Sr Hunter English
- 7th place Hunter Hack Horse English
- 4th place Dressage Training Level Test 1
- 5th place Dressage Training Level Test 2
- 8th place Pole Bending Pony
- 9th place Bow Tie Pony
- 8th place Key Hole Pony

#### Alyssa Valvano
- 9th place Jr Pleasure Horse English

#### Juliana Nienart
- 4th place Pleasure Pony English
- 6th place Sr Equitation on the Flat English
- 6th place Pleasure Pony Western

#### Sarah Rusk
- 9th place Bow Tie Horse
- 7th place Barrels Horse
The Cloverbud Page

Dear 4-H Preppers & Cloverbuds,

As always, the 2012 4-H Fair was a great time to make new friends, interact with the public, and enjoy all of the projects that our Somerset County 4-H'ers have worked on all year long. In the Prep/Cloverbud tent we had wonderful hands-on activities presented by our Cloverbud clubs for the fairgoers. There was also great entertainment on our Prep/Cloverbud stage. Kudos to Tom Davidson and the Children’s Museum for the terrific bug display and for having another outstanding year in the Prep tent. The Name the Animal contest is also a well-loved part of our tent. Thank you to Sue MacCombie, Lucy Baldi and their crew for the time and effort that it takes to man this display. Everyone who spun cotton candy added a sweet touch to the fair! A BIG thank you to all of our Prep/Cloverbud members and their families for all of your hard work in getting our tent set up and taken down. Without the help of our volunteers, this fair just wouldn’t happen!!!

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H Fair Thank you...

This year the Prep/Cloverbud tent was one of the recipients of the Fair Managers Awards. Thank you to the Fair Managers for this honor. Many thanks to Jill & Harry Brochinsky, our prep tent supervisors. They do so much in the set-up, take down and general running of our tent. Thanks to all the Prep and Cloverbud clubs who set up an exhibit board. A huge thank you to all our members and their families who staffed our information table, activity table and the cotton candy tent. A warm and furry Thank You to Sue and Lucy for bringing the “Name the Animal” contest to our tent. Thanks to Betty and the fair entertainment committee for all of the wonderful entertainment that was booked on our prep/cloverbud stage. A BIG shout out to Elizabeth Frank and Dan Basile for the great job in helping with the Prep/Cloverbud graduation. An Outstanding job by Tom Davidson and the Children’s Museum for the wonderful display, games & hands-on activities. A sweet Thank You to Theresa Prenenski and Ginger McGrath, our Cotton Candy coordinators and all of our wonderfully pink spinners. Last but not least, thank you to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for the setup of the PA system in the Prep/Cloverbud tent and setting up the pink fencing in the Cotton Candy tent. A job well done. You have once again made the Best Better!!!

Open House Thursday October 11, 2012
7:00 until 8:30 pm at the 4-H Center.
Congratulations Prep Graduates!

A graduation ceremony was held in the prep tent at the 4-H fair on Thursday August 9th for the prep club members who will be entering the 4th grade in September. They can now move up to a standard 4-H club. The graduates were Fayrooz Abdekader, Mahmood Abdekader, Jacob Agins, Elizabeth Behling, Casey Jane Billera, Jolie Black, Lauren Boye, Isabella Breazzano, Melissa Cace, Isabella Calabrese, Vishva Chidambaram, Andara Chisarick, Gabriella Clark, Dustin Copeland, Samantha Czerkies, Chloe Devero, Madeline Dietrich, Alec Doyle, Jason Ducoff, Corinne DuMont, Kaitlyn Emery, Matthew Eng, Brianna Floystrop, James Fox, Maya Gara, Owen Gavigan, Lexi George, Calie Giranda, Richie Granja, Matthew Gromko, Daniel Guzman, Cameron Hallingse, Jake Haviland, Devon Holland, Matthew Hou, Sheridan Hoyt, Hanna Houillion, Audrey Jenkins, Nicholas Kahlau, Morgan Kalenty, Nicholos Kasica, Justin Kopecky, Anna Kronenwetter, Jonathan Lin, Max Maslo, Jenna Massi, Matthew McCloskey, Sophia McKeen, Robert Midura, Taha Mohamed, Julia Neuwirth, Ellie Pan, Allison Parascandola, Natalie Phang, Nicholas Proffitt, Pooja Rangarajan, Alexandra Rathborne, Shannon Reinhart, Kevin Ricci, Eliza Rothenburger, Katherine Scheflen, Kiera Semcer, Aaron Shieh, Nicholas Silady, Elijah Staats, Ashley Stamets, Carmen Stangota, Douglas Sullivan, Judah Sutherland, Christian Takleszyzny, Jessica Velcheck, Sofia Watson, Sarah Weinstein, Stephen Wong. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H'ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

The Cloverbud Kids - Our kids had a fantastic meeting in June. Kelson, Scout & Coral’s mom helped the Cloverbuds explore the world of worms. The members examined the parts of the worm; they measured worms, and learned about how worms live. We even had worm races. Worms were everywhere! For the craft of the night each member made a worm house so they could take their new wormy friend home. The night ended by decorating worm themed cupcakes and having dirt pudding. Thank you to Mandy’s mom for making the delicious dirt pudding and to Kelson, Scout & Coral's mom for helping us discover how interesting worms are!

On June 17th the club headed out to Washington Crossing State Park for the Park’s Stream Stomp. It was a great program guided by an Ecologist. We embarked on a stream wildlife study; the member’s searched for crayfish, salamanders, frogs, minnows & other stream critters to study. Along the way we also learned about the ecosystem of the Delaware River’s contributor streams, and the importance of helping to keep our environment clean to support stream life.
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**October**

### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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2012

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

Haunted Asylum
Every Friday & Saturday Night in October
7:00 - 11:00 PM
Middlesex County Fair Grounds/ 4-H Center Cranbury Road, East Brunswick (entrance off Fern Road)
$4.00 Admission
Sponsored by: Middlesex County 4-H Teen Council

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

Halloween Happenings
Saturday, October 20
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Center
100 Struble Road, Branchville
973-948-3550
Free Admission

Fun-filled activities include pumpkin painting, hay ride, and trick-or-treating along a torch lit trail. Donations of time or funds are appreciated. Call the 4-H camp at: 973-948-3550 or www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

School Enrichment Programs
Somerset County 4-H offers school enrichment programs to any school in Somerset County (all they have to do is ask!). Last year we visited over 30 schools offering a variety of programs including Science Wizardry, Dinosaurs/Fossils, Bubbles, Germbusters and Worms with a Wiggle.

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

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

Are you interested in building a one-of-a-kind robot?

“SuGO is the not-so-ancient art of building Sumo Wrestling Robots by using LEGO MINDSTORMS”

- Participate in a 1 day robot building competition
- Grades 4-6
- Bring your friends (even non-4Hers!)
- Registration is limited and there is a $5 registration fee.
- No experience necessary!

SuGO Saturday
October 13, 2012
1-4 PM

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County

LOCATION:
Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(908) 526-6644 www.4HisTOPS.com

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4-H Open House!

Thursday, October 11  7:00 - 8:30 pm
Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

Come on in!

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

Who can join?

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

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

For more information:

Call the 4-H Office: (908) 526-6644
Visit us online at www.4HisTops.org

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