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

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

SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H: WHAT AN OPERATION! The very apt theme selected by our 4-H’ers for this year’s Somerset County 4-H Fair is “Operation: Clover.” When the 66th Somerset County 4-H Fair convenes August 7, 8 and 9, the 50,000 or so who attend will see just what an operation our 4-H program is.

Our members, their parents, our volunteers and our dedicated staff have collaborated once again to make Somerset County 4-H the state’s outstanding youth development program, with the program year culminating in Somerset County’s outstanding cultural event, the 4-H Fair. Now, that might seem like bragging, which would be very uncharacteristic for anyone involved in 4-H. But look at the evidence: With more than 75 active clubs and others in development, our membership in grades four through high school and one year beyond is approaching 1,000. Thousands more are reached through our school enrichment and after-school programs. And then there’s 4-H Prep (Cloverbud), which involves scores of youngsters from kindergarten through third grade in the 4-H learning-by-doing experience and exposes them to the positive role models offered enthusiastically by our older 4-H’ers.

We are on the verge of outgrowing the Ted Blum Somerset County 4-H Center, which has served as our base of operations for 40 years. It is an exciting time for Somerset County 4-H as we explore how to expand to accommodate our growth and how best to use the land next door on Milltown Road in Bridgewater that has been acquired for us by Somerset County.

As another year of dedicated effort by our members in their project areas comes to a close, we are filled with pride in all they have accomplished and gratitude for all the community service they have performed. They continually make the best better! And we are filled with gratitude for all the support that Somerset County 4-H receives from its selfless volunteers, our wonderful agents and hard-working staff, Rutgers University, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and county workers, the Somerset County Park Commission and park workers, and the good people of Somerset County. All who help make Operation: Clover successful can be rightfully proud and take a bow. See you at the fair.

Joe Bakes
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

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

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

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

Opening Ceremonies

Once again, all 4-H members and their families are invited to help cut the ribbon! Join the celebration at 10:00 am Wednesday of the Fair, at the bridge in front of the Information Tent.

Press Releases

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

Get Ready for Another 4-H Parade of Clubs!

Led by The Trainmasters Brass!

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

Date: Wed. Aug. 7th
Meeting Place: Outside the Radio Control Car Tent
Meeting Time: 5:30
Parade Starts: 5:45
Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2013 4-H Fair

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

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

- Be officially registered in a standard Somerset County 4-H Club and actively engaged in a 4-H project by January 1, 2013.
- Have attended 70% of the meetings of their 4-H Club.
- Have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.
- Have completed a record book of their 4-H project and/or 4-H activities for the year and submitted this record to a Club Leader.
- Have participated in a community service activity in the past year.

Junior Divisions – grades 4-8 (4-H members do not start a new grade until September)
Senior Divisions- grades 9-13 (Members must have completed 9th grade to be in a Senior Division)

If a member has attended meetings and submitted a record book but joined Somerset County 4-H after Jan. 1, 2013 or has met the other requirements, that member may exhibit, but not compete or be judged at the Fair. Check Divisions for specific rules and requirements: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fairexhibitorguide.html

Visit www.4Histops.org. Here you will find:

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

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

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

**Adult Responsibilities**

**4-H Parents & Guardians**

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

**4-H Club Leaders**

- Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
- Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters.
- Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair.
- Assign roles/responsibilities.
- Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.
- Keep phone numbers & emergency numbers of club members accessible at the Fair at all times.
- There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent. Appoint someone to keep this book up to date with results of all judging events for reporters from local newspapers and Clover Tales. Interesting story ideas are welcome too!
- Organize club effort to help in other parts of the Fair (See yellow pages).
- Sign Herdsman Applications.
- Assign parents or teens to Saturday, 1st Shift at 8 am; 2nd Shift at 9 am. (New time for 2013)

**Division Chairpersons**

- Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
- Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
- Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2014 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
- Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible and make other arrangements.
- Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
- Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.
- Ribbons & Awards: Pick them up at the Center before your show.

**Tent Superintendents**

- Check that your supplies from the pole barn have been delivered to the appropriate site. If there is a problem, please notify a Fair Manager.
- Oversee set-up and take-down.
- Design electrical layout and designate electricity needs.
- Oversee the activities and schedule in the tent.
- Keep herdsman’s personal belongings to a minimum.
- You will get your superintendent's packet the weekend before the Fair. Please read it and post emergency procedures in the tent.

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

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

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

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

Entry forms are online and will be available at the Fair Info Tent. Entries must be dropped off at the Arts Tent by 1pm on Wednesday. Judging will be start at 2pm.

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

Operation: 4-H Talent!

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent on the Clover Theater stage! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 11th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H'ers. Check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2013 Exhibitors Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at jlsomm@comcast.net (put "4-H talent" in subject line).

Fashion Revue

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

Any 4-H member who has constructed a garment or accessory as a 4-H project and has had that project judged in the sewing division or an open division, may participate. This is an opportunity to display your creativity and craftsmanship to the public! Call the 4-H Office to register by August 2.
Event Permission Forms
- Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two Event Permission Forms.
- Give both copies to your leader.
- Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only.

If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents.

Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available from the website: www.4HisTops.org.

Yearbook and Catalog
Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center August 1. Please be sure your advertisers get one. Last year there were too many left over. Say thanks to Becky Moore, Sue Schurick, Joanne Lieuallen, Abner Mathews, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare, Bryn Keck, Jeff Weinstein, Joe Bakes, Shannon Zimmitti, Mary McLaughlin and Gary Keck and for a terrific 2013 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts
4-H members (or volunteers) with $100 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22 or Tuesday, July 30, or stop by the 4-H Office during the day.

Herdsmen
- Welcome new 2013 Supervisor Shannon Zimmitti and returning supervisors, Becky Moore and Jason Meeting.
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 5 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted!
- Applications are available online: www.4HisTops.org
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsman orientation meetings, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. or July 30 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided by Pauline Kodack and Sandy Clare, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must be a registered volunteer and complete the Adult Herdsman Application and attend one of the herdsmen meetings.

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

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 21.

Limited Fair Improvement Grants Due August 1
The 4-H Association will consider giving divisions/tents monetary grants to make the Fair better. Please remember that Fair grants are limited and clubs must have sold ads and/or wreaths. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website: www.4HisTops.org/4hfair.
Cotton Candy at the Fair!

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

Milkshake Booth

Help is needed from 4 to 10 PM all three nights of fair. No experience is necessary; we supply aprons. Bring a friend. Clubs can sign up to work together. Parents, this is an opportunity for you to get to know each other. The milkshake booth is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association to help fund the fair. Call Janet Kolb, 908-369-4865, Lynn Draper, 908-722-4885, or email Andrew Lerch at 908-425-8578 or andrew.lerch@uconn.edu to volunteer.

Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

The 4-H Association Oasis Committee supplies the Tuesday lunch for all volunteers on the Fairgrounds. They are there again the Saturday after the Fair with breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers.

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

Landscapers Needed!

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

Egg Hunt at the Fair

The Poultry division held this event the past 4 years and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Katie Fenyar if your division would like to participate, 908-359-7288 or kfenyar@aol.com.

Fair News for 4-H Alumni

Holly Dunbar is collecting information for the fifth annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni Newsletter. All alumni are encouraged to send a brief updates about what they are doing now or a photo (old or new). This publication was a hit last year and if you have any news or ideas for reaching Alumni, please call the 4-H Office or email Holly at hdunbar@verizon.net.

If you wish to help assemble a photo exhibit to be used at the Fair, please call the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

4-H Fair Food Tent

All the food sold at the Fair is prepared by non profit organizations. They split their proceeds with 4-H which we use to pay tent rentals and other fair expenses. This year, we welcome a new organization, Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Martinsville. They will be selling hot honey baked ham sandwiches, a great addition to our menu. Last year, Middle Earth added pork roll, egg and cheese on a hard roll and Boy Scout Troop 90 will continue to offer plain and loaded baked potatoes. It is because of these organizations and the hundreds of volunteers that work with them that our Food Tent is so successful. Please support the Food Tent by helping and by eating there.
**Fair Set Up**

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

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

**Keep It Neat!**

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

**Fair Clean Up**

SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS

- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- Rake or clean litter from tent areas.
- **Friday night, August 9 and/or Saturday morning, August 10,** all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

**How to Pack a Pallet**

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

**2nd Shift on Saturday**

*New for 2013, 9 AM Start Time!*

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

**Volunteer Workforce Pages**

Check out the following Workforce Pages and see where you can help.
2013 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR
VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

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

Prior to the Fair

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

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

Thursday, August 1

1. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents

Report to:
Dog Clubs (8/1 6:30 p.m.) Kim Germack Cook

Saturday before the Fair, August 3

1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
3. Man Volunteer Oasis
4. Install Show Tent fence
5. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
6. Install hand sanitizers
7. Tables/chairs for divisions

Fair Managers, horse, dairy
All Divisions
Mike Amorosa

Need Help
Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
Science and other Clubs
Trainmasters (9 am)
Division Chairpersons
Tina Pirro
Sandy Clare, Jason Metting
Bryn Keck
Sign-out in pole barn

Sunday before the Fair, August 4

1. Fire extinguishers
2. Prep Tent set-up
3. Exit and No Smoking Signs
4. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up
5. Info. Booth set-up
6. Milkshake booth set-up
7. Cotton Candy set-up
8. Show Tent set-up

Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
4-H Prep Clubs
Teen Volunteers
Arts and other Clubs
Mike Brochinsky
Bryn Keck
Betty Sommerville
Joe Bakes
Lynn Draper, Janet Kolb

Need Help
Committee, Go-Kart Club
Kyle Miholics, Chris Williams
Livestock Clubs
Livestock Leaders

Monday before the Fair, August 5

1. Food Tent set-up
2. Install recruitment kiosks

Food Tent Committee
Senior Council
Annette Smatko
Maggie Navatto
Tuesday before the Fair, August 6, all day (call your leaders for times)

1. 4-H exhibits set-up
2. Food Tent set-up 9:00 am
3. 4-H Herdsmen Meeting 10:30 pm
4. 4-H Information Tent contents
5. Bench seating for the public

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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — August 7, 8 & 9

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed.
2. 4-H Performances
3. Food Tent tables cleaned
4. Herdsmen breakfast 6:30-8:30 am
5. Parade Wed. 5:30 at RC car tent
6. Freeholders’ Greetings, Show Tent 7:15 pm
7. Milkshake booth/evenings
8. 4-H Herdsmen Meetings 10:30 pm
9. Man Information Booth

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Friday night after the Fair

1. Tables/chairs returned to 4-H Center
2. Exhibit boards, pens & blocks
3. 4-H Info. Tent dismantled
4. Milkshake booth dismantled
5. Food Tent dismantled
6. Prep boards dismantled
7. Cotton Candy dismantled

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Saturday morning after the Fair — Aug 10 — We Need You!!!

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m.
2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs
3. Remove bench seating
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds
5. Return Info. Booth papers to Center
6. Dismantle Show Tent
7. Fire extinguishers returned
8. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled
9. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn

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Saturday Morning 9:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, finish moving everything to Center
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink)

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

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

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

Delayed Opening: If there is a weather alert, call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, at 8 am for further information.

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

Watch weekly emails for additional instructions about delayed openings and early closings.

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

Avoid the Fuss, Enjoy the Bus
Buses will run between the Fair grounds and Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the Fair.
- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
- On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward.
- DROP-OFF during Fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

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

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

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

FAIR CLOSING

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

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

FAIR REOPENING

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

2013 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency

Mike Amorosa- Fair Manager Liaison to the Park Rangers, OEM and Joe Bakes - Public Address Announcer
Mike Pappas- Fair Manager Liaison to Bus Company, County Transportation and Joanne Vuoso, Public Information Officer
Walker Graham- Fair Manager Liaison to Kimberly Cook, Commercial Chair, Chris Ireland, First Aid, Dawn Hribik, Logistics
Abner Mathews- Fair Manager Liaison to Jeff Weinstein, Food Tent Chair and Betty Sommerville, Entertainment Chair
Barbara Navatto- 4-H Staff Liaison to the 4-H Office.

4-H Office will notify the Association Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds and some County Departments

4-H Staff, with the help of tent superintendents, will inform divisions and tents.
Carol Ward - Sheep, Goats, Dairy, Beef, Show Tent
Lisa Rothenburger - Herpetology, Dogs, Poultry, Horse, Go-Kart (via radio)
Rachel Bijaczyk - Arts, Science, Small Animal, RC Car, Mechanical Science
Lisa Darby - Prep/Cloverbud, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Italian Ice
Theresa Hannitz - Board of Ag, Alpaca, Trains
Bryn Keck - Day Camps
THUNDERSTORM AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURE
Somerset County 4-H Fair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
And in Other News...

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

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

**State 4-H Dairy Show**
- **Date:** Monday, August 12
- **Time:** 9:00 am
- **Location:** Salem County Fairgrounds
- **Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644  
  http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp

**State 4-H Goat Show**
- **Date:** Thursday, August 22
- **Time:** 9:00 am
- **Location:** Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
- **Contact:** Chad Ripberger  
  ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833  
  http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

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

**State 4-H Championship Horse Show**
- **Date:** Friday, August 23 - Sunday, August 25
- **Time:** vary - check 4-H website for details
- **Location:** Horse Park of New Jersey
- **Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

**State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show**
- **Date:** Saturday, September 7
- **Time:** 9:30 am animal check-in
- **Location:** Gloucester County
- **Contact:** 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
  http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

Important Dates for Horse Members!

- 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 7 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members and their parents, who qualify is Friday, July 12th, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Monday, July 22nd, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room (for all members and their parents, who plan to bring a horse to Fair)

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

The Arts Clubs are looking forward to hosting this again on Election Day Tuesday November 5, 2013. Mark your calendars and join us. Have fun baking with your family and then drop by with your donation. The money raised will help to support the Arts tent at the Fair and the Arts Achievement Night.
4-H Club and Special Activity Insurance Coverage

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

Yearly 4-H Room Request Due in August

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2014 - 2015 from MaryAnn DelGigante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Monday the 1st, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. The evening superintendent may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.

National 4-H Conference

Below is the website where you can view the 2013 National 4-H Conference happenings. It is a good resource to learn about National 4-H conference and what actually happens when you participate. http://www.4-H.org/4-h-conference/post-conference

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

The National 4-H Conference application forms for 2014 will be available online and at the 4-H Office sometime in the Fall.

Taste of Somerset Agriculture Picnic

Saturday July 27, 2013 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Madden Farms, Somerset, NJ

This picnic is held annually in celebration of the life of Thomas Everett and to fund the Somerset County Board of Agriculture’s scholarship program named in his memory. Enjoy locally grown beef, pork, and poultry products along with the very best produce the county has to offer, all while catching up with old friends and making new ones! Come meet the farmers and farm families of Somerset County and add your name to the growing family that IS Somerset County agriculture. Be sure to bring your camera!

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

Early registration deadline is July 12! Call 908-526-6293, ext. 4 or visit our website for registration details: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/pdfs/2013-AG-Taste-of-Somerset-Picnic.pdf

Fair Evaluation Meeting

Monday September 16
7:30 pm

SC Motocross Club Wants You!

The 4-H Motocross Club is recruiting members to join their new club. Experienced riders are needed to help make the club enjoyable. Will have tent space at the Fair. Meetings are held at the Guardian Angels Sanctuary in Franklin Township. If interested, contact Debi Golaszewski at guardianangelssanctuary@gmail.com or call/text 732-882-6461.
Hurray for ...

2013 Outstanding...

4-H’ers:
Carol Anne Bekus  Brianna Glowinski
Kristen Obermeier  Daniel Peterson
Mellissa Smutko  Jennifer Versfelt

Alumni
Ernie Hall
Debra Johnson

Reception is:
July 17, 6:30 pm

2013 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
Kristen Johnson, Daniel Peterson,
Daniel Philipsheck, Mellissa Smutko,
Matthew Thiel, Debra Winters

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship:
Amy Williams

4-H Prep Scholarship:
Pamela Gilligan

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship:
Megan DeMichele

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship:
PoCheng (Edward) Lai

4-H Balliet Scholarship:
Daniel Philipsheck

Ad Sales Update

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled $37,000!
There were 229 sellers including 4-H’ers, leaders and association members, representing 51 clubs. For selling more than $100 worth of ads, 113 sellers earned t-shirts.

Special recognition goes to Levi Bruss, our top seller with over $3,000 worth of sales! Other top sellers at over $600 each were: Melanie Quick, Joseph Kronmaier, Alexandra Wick, Billy Quick, Shannon Reinhart and Paige Lamberson.

State 4-H Presentations

On June 8, Rutgers University hosted the 2013 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers who participated in the state contest: Zayn Aldebagh, Carol Anne Bekus, Ariel Camaligan, Ricson Cheng, James Clelland, Jennifer Clougher, Madara Dias, Kimberley Duffy, Stephanie Duffy, Maeve Egan, Barbara Follett, Brianna Glowinski, Denise Grohn, Shanna Gryder, Kristen Johnson, Shannon Kile, Erin Kopecky, Valerie Kral, Savern Lau, Emily Milz, Kristen Obermeier, Daniel Philipsheck, Kristi Philipsheck, Shruti Ramanathan, Austin Raymond, Jennifer Versfelt, Breanna White, Kietra Wiggins.

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Jennifer Clougher, Valerie Kral, Kietra Wiggins.
### Woofminster Dog Show Results

**Junior Show**
- **Master Senior**
  - Carolyn Pirro 1st
  - Sarah Stamets 2nd
  - James Clelland 3rd
- **Master Intermediate**
  - Kirsten Clerico 1st
- **Master Junior**
  - Megan Jannone 1st
- **Best Master Handler**
  - Kirsten Clerico

**Novice Senior**
- Shannon Kile 1st
- Julia Meier 3rd

**Novice Intermediate**
- Destiny Pappas 2nd
- Stephanie Patullo 3rd
- Whitney Porter 4th

**Novice Junior**
- Brianna Zeitler 1st
- Rachel Blumberg 2nd
- Gretta Wickman 3rd

**Best Novice Handler**
- Shannon Kile

**Obedience**
- **Beginner B**
  - Madison Whiting 4th
- **Pre-Novice A**
  - Stephanie Patullo 1st
  - Brianna Zeitler 4th
- **Pre-Novice B**
  - Alii Maher 1st

**Wags & Whiskers Dog Show Results**

**Junior Show**
- **Master Senior**
  - James Clelland 1st
  - Carolyn Pirro 2nd
  - Sarah Stamets 3rd
- **Master Intermediate**
  - Shanna Gryder 2nd
  - Barbara Follett 3rd
  - Kirsten Clerico 4th
- **Best Master Handler**
  - James Clelland

**Novice Senior**
- Kate Gallagher 3rd

**Novice Junior**
- Rachel Blumberg 2nd
- Allison Koopman 3rd

**Obedience**
- **Pre-Novice A**
  - Stephanie Patullo 2nd
- **Pre-Novice B**
  - Alii Maher 1st
  - Alii Maher 2nd
  - Rachel Blumberg 4th

**Intermediate Novice**
- Sarah Stamets 1st
- Carolyn Pirro 2nd
- Colleen Ridder 3rd

**Novice**
- Kirsten Clerico 2nd
- James Clelland 3rd
- Shanna Gryder 4th

### Cumberland Dog Show

**Junior Show**
- **Beginner**
  - Madison Whiting 1st

**Experienced**
- Kirsten Clerico 1st
- Sarah Stamets 2nd
- Kristen Obermeier 3rd
- Shannon Kile 4th

**Best Junior Handler**
- Kirsten Clerico

**Obedience**
- **Beginner**
  - Shannon Reinhardt 1st
- **Pre-Novice**
  - Megan Jannone 1st
  - Shannon Kile 2nd
  - Madison Whiting 4th

**Novice**
- James Clelland 1st
- Kirsten Clerico 2nd
**Results From State Dog Show**

**Shannon Reinhardt**
Best in Show Obedience Intermediate Novice
1st place Obedience Pre-Novice B Grades 4-8

**Carolyn Pirro**
1st place Junior Show Master Grades 10 & Up

**Kirsten Clerico**
Best in Show Junior Master
3rd place Obedience Beginner Novice
1st place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
2nd place Rally Novice, Grades 4-7

**Sarah Stamets**
2nd place Obedience Intermediate Novice
3rd place Junior Master Grades 10 & Up
3rd place Rally Novice Grades 10 & Up

**Shannon Kile**
3rd place Junior Show Open Grades 10 & Up

**Rebecca Dry**
HM Obedience Intermediate Novice
4th place Junior Show Open Grades 7-9
4th place Agility Standard Off-lead 8 count

**Stephanie Gombas**
3rd place Obedience Intermediate Novice
2nd place Obedience Novice
1st place Agility Standard Tab Lead 16 count
4th place Rally Novice Grades 8-9

**James Clelland**
4th place Obedience Beginner Novice
2nd place Junior Show Master Grades 10 & Up
2nd place Rally Novice Grades 10 & Up

**Veronica Moditz**
Best in Show, Junior Open
1st place Obedience Advanced Novice
1st place Junior Open Grades 10 & Up
3rd place Rally Advanced, Off Lead

**Kristen Obermeier**
3rd place Obedience Advanced Novice
2nd place Junior Show Experienced Grades 10 & Up

**Shanna Gryder**
3rd Place Obedience Novice
3rd place Obedience Pre-Novice B Grades 4-8

**Megan Jannone**
1st place Junior Show Master Grades 4-6

**Timothy Dugan**
2nd place Seeing Eye Puppies 6-9 months

**Moira Dugan**
4th place Seeing Eye Puppies 10-13 months

**Madison Whiting**
1st place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9

**Kate Gallagher**
4th place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9
1st place Agility Jumps, etc. Tab Lead 12 count

**Rachel Blumberg**
1st place Junior Show Novice Grades 4-6

Other participants: Sandra Clare, Meghan Hartmann, Jeanne Kollmer, Aparna Sundaram, Owen Gavigan, Sammi Hall, Kiera Semcer, Barbara Follet, Sheridan Hoyt

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**LEGO® Creativity**

On Monday May 20th, Somerset County 4-H hosted a LEGO Education Showcase. It was an open-build event where participants could create masterpieces from thousands of LEGO pieces provided. We had over 50 participants from all ages groups attend and share their builds.

If you’d like another opportunity to build LEGO with other 4-Hers, we hope to have a smaller LEGO Showcase at the fair.

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**An Astronaut Comes to 4-H**

On May 22 former Astronaut Terry Hart spoke at the 4-H Center. Hart’s talk focused on the history of flight as it relates to space and commercial technology.

In January 1978, Hart was selected by NASA as one of thirty-five astronaut candidates, and after one year of training, he was assigned as a Mission Control CAPCOM for the first three Space Shuttle launches. On April 6, 1984, he lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in the *Challenger* on the eleventh flight of the Space Shuttle program. The mission objectives of deploying the Long Duration Exposure Facility and repairing the Solar Maximum Mission Satellite were successfully accomplished and demonstrated new capabilities in manned space flight. There were about 100 people in attendance and everyone enjoyed the program – including the amazing pictures and anecdotes from space.
The Just Kidding Goat Club succeeded in winning the “Most Creative” award in the Somerset Environmental Education Center’s annual eco-rally on April 28th. There were three elements in the project. The club turned old feed bags into a variety of useful items such as laptop cases, aprons and reusable shopping bags. They also kept track of activities done to protect the environment on their eco-logs. There were two trees incorporated into the display, one on either side of a poster displaying the club name, each with a different purpose. One tree (left side) holds numerous leaves made of cereal boxes each one representing a different activity done to help the earth with the number of times it was completed under it. The other tree (right side) was recycled by the goats in the club. The goats were allowed to eat the pine leaves off the trees that were used by our club members for Christmas. The feed bag creations decorated this tree to make it more aesthetically pleasing. The Club is running a used electronics recycling program currently and had an example box on display.

**Just Kidding Most Creative**

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**CloverCon 2013**

By Mary McLaughlin

On May 20th, the Village Hidden in the Clovers Anime and Manga Club hosted the third annual CloverCon anime and manga convention at the 4-H Center. With over 450 attendees, this was the biggest and best CloverCon to date! The members raised $2,500 for the BIG Fund and an additional $1,000 for a new labyrinth fund.

The action-packed day was full of games, panels, workshops and tournaments. Upstairs, gamers could test their skill at a variety of table top and card games as well as participating in the Smash Brothers Melee video game tourney. This year, we also had a Pokemon battle and a YuGiOh card battle. All funds from the tournaments went towards BIG.

In the gym, the 4-H Clanga club was ready to greet visitors. Throughout the day, they would learn about Reiki, jump into some improvisation games, watch a live-action YuGiOh “duel,” and dance on the Cosplay Catwalk to the tunes of 4-H alum Mike DeBisco. Artists and dealers had exciting artwork, manga and other goodies for sale. When hungry (which is always!), otaku could head to WadDonalds to enjoy delicious foods like fried rice and Pocky, thanks to the 4-H Exchange Club.

The Village Hidden in the Clovers members also had a Hurricane Sandy Relief Fundraiser, selling CloverCon t-shirts, buttons, bags and more. With the support of our con-goers, the club raised $500 to donate to Bay Head Elementary School, to help their arts program rebuild.

Throughout the rest of the building, participants could check out workshops about cosplay, drawing or improvisation or listen in to panels, such as hilarious tales from an American graduate student who studied in Japan.

A big thank you to all who worked together to make CloverCon 2013 a huge success! We’re already planning CloverCon 2014 as we keep making the best better!

**RUTGERS DAY**

Experience New Jersey’s State University

Congratulations to these 4-H members who participated at Rutgers Day on April 27.

**Evan Brochinsky**, 4-H Magician’s Guild, participated in the Performing Arts division of Expressive Arts 4-H. He captured the audience with his magic acts and public speaking skills.

Art exhibit entries were **Nelusha and Madara Dias**, both of the 4-H Music Club.

**CloverCon 2013**

By Mary McLaughlin

On May 20th, the Village Hidden in the Clovers Anime and Manga Club hosted the third annual CloverCon anime and manga convention at the 4-H Center. With over 450 attendees, this was the biggest and best CloverCon to date! The members raised $2,500 for the BIG Fund and an additional $1,000 for a new labyrinth fund.

The action-packed day was full of games, panels, workshops and tournaments. Upstairs, gamers could test their skill at a variety of table top and card games as well as participating in the Smash Brothers Melee video game tourney. This year, we also had a Pokemon battle and a YuGiOh card battle. All funds from the tournaments went towards BIG.

In the gym, the 4-H Clanga club was ready to greet visitors. Throughout the day, they would learn about Reiki, jump into some improvisation games, watch a live-action YuGiOh “duel,” and dance on the Cosplay Catwalk to the tunes of 4-H alum Mike DeBisco. Artists and dealers had exciting artwork, manga and other goodies for sale. When hungry (which is always!), otaku could head to WadDonalds to enjoy delicious foods like fried rice and Pocky, thanks to the 4-H Exchange Club.

The Village Hidden in the Clovers members also had a Hurricane Sandy Relief Fundraiser, selling CloverCon t-shirts, buttons, bags and more. With the support of our con-goers, the club raised $500 to donate to Bay Head Elementary School, to help their arts program rebuild.

Throughout the rest of the building, participants could check out workshops about cosplay, drawing or improvisation or listen in to panels, such as hilarious tales from an American graduate student who studied in Japan.

A big thank you to all who worked together to make CloverCon 2013 a huge success! We’re already planning CloverCon 2014 as we keep making the best better!
The Prep (Cloverbud) Page

Dear 4-H Preppers,

Fifty Five 4-H’ers, their family and friends enjoyed a wonderful weekend at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp. Weekend activities were a hike to Buttermilk Falls, canoeing & kayaking, fishing, crafts, archery, 4 corners, a scavenger hunt and the torch march. You could do it all or you could just relax by the lake, however you would most enjoy your weekend.

A BIG Thank You to all who helped make this weekend Great. Jill & Harry Brochinsky for doing all of the food shopping and heading up the kitchen. Maggie Navatto for teaching the Archery. Ellen, Mike & Ben Parker for leading the hike to Buttermilk Falls and taking charge of the S’mores and campfire. Elizabeth Frank and Cary Brochinsky for leading us in song. Elizabeth Frank for running the scavenger hunt and 4 corners. Noah & Stephen Rothenburger for helping out at the lake. To everyone else that helped in the kitchen and who helped clean up during and after camp, I thank you! Without such great people, Family Camp just wouldn't be such a great success.

Mrs Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Fair Time!

I hope all of our Prep (Cloverbud) clubs are getting ready for the Fair. Also if you completed the 3rd grade in June, you are eligible to be a part of our Prep Graduation Ceremony which will take place in the Prep Tent on Thursday August 8th at 7:00pm. Graduation forms are available at www.4HisTops.org under important information.
Save the Dates

Saturday Aug 3rd is the Prep tent set-up.

Tuesday Aug 6th from 10:00am until 8:00pm is the individual club display set-up in the Prep tent.

Wednesday thru Friday Aug 7th - 9th is the Somerset County 4-H Fair. Please remember to book your club times for the activity and information tables in the Prep tent and spinning cotton candy. For more information contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or darby@co.somerset.nj.us

Friday August 9th at 10:00pm is breakdown. Please try to have one person from your club there to take down your display and to help take down the boards in our tent.

Saturday August 10th is the general breakdown of the fair. If you are available please volunteer to help. We are always looking for lots of help.

Yakety-Yak

Proud 2B Prep - In April, Kristen Johnson joined us with a goat and a lamb and taught us about those projects. Everyone got to give her project animals some feed. In May, Evan Brochinsky entertained the club with his magic tricks. We even learned a card trick! In June, we will be celebrating National Dairy Month by making ice cream with Elizabeth Frank.

Prep Chefs - In May, the Prep Chefs made biscuits. When asked what their favorite part of the activity was, Calie, Megan, and Montana enjoyed rolling the dough, Natalie had fun playing with the flour, Dale liked eating the honey, and Mary liked eating everything. Members helped plan the activity for the fair.

Knowledge Explorers - The Knowledge Explorers have had a busy few months! In April the Master Chefs came and gave us a cooking lesson. We learned how to make 3-2-1 cakes and pudding parfaits. Everything was very yummy and everyone went home on a sugar high! At our next meeting we learned about recycling and composting. Maya and her mother brought in all the materials, including worms, to show us how to start composting at home. We also got to plant green beans in a recycled container to take home with us. In May, Callum and his father taught us about the weather. We learned what happens to molecules when temperature and air pressure changes. We made our own thermometers and barometers out of simple materials you would have around the house.

Discovery Prep - In May, we started by planting vegetables. We planted tomatoes, lettuce, radishes, and many other vegetables. At our next meeting, we will report back on how they are doing. Later in May we looked at air resistance and pressure. We dropped all kinds of things and watched how they fell. We learned that the low pressure created by the falling object will sometimes flip it over.
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**July 2013**

- **1st of July**: Horse Show at 9am
- **2nd of July**: Horse Show for State Horse Members
- **3rd of July**: 4th of July
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- **6th of July**: 4th of July Closed
- **7th of July**: Qualifying Show
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As we continue our BIG push for BIG money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really BIG way!

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

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

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

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The 4-H Rummage Sale

Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  (908) 526-6644

**Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14, 2013**
9am-3pm
(Saturday Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at ½ Price 1pm-3pm)

**Donations Accepted:**
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 9-10-11 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm
(Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

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A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2013

Set Up – Sept. 9th–12th
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 13th & 14th 9am-3pm
Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at ½ Price Until 3pm – Saturday, Sept. 14th
Free 10am-12pm; Clean Up – Sept. 15th

To volunteer email: 4hrummage@gmail.com
with the days and times that you are available. Thank you!

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

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

DONATIONS NEEDED:

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

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

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE FUN!

Donate Your Items and/or Volunteer Your Time

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

**Information about the Youth Participant and Activity**

Name of youth participant: ___________________________  Birthdate: __________________

Address: __________________________________________

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

Name of parent/guardian: __________________________________________

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

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

Location of event:  North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above:  August 7-8-9, 2013 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

**Parent Permission and Release of Liability**

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

Signature of parent or guardian: __________________________

**Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

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

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

Health conditions: __________________________________________

Medications/Instructions: __________________________________________

Health Insurance: Company __________________________________________

Group# __________________________

ID# __________________________

Signature of parent or guardian: __________________________

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Behavior Agreement

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

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

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

4-H Code of Conduct

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

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

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

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

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

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


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4-H Country Kickers

The 4-H Country Kickers are getting ready for Fair. Besides dancing to a the big hit by One Direction, they'll be moving like Jagger as they entertain the crowds at the Showmobile stage on Thursday night 7-7:30pm.

4-H Magicians Guild
by Glenn Valis

The Magicians Guild is polishing up their performances for Fair. They will be performing daily on the Prep tent stage as well as doing simple hand tricks in the Arts Tent. Every year they get better!

Senior Council
by Shruti Ramanathan

Discussions at the last meeting included sponsoring the herdsmen at Fair and planning the Sno-Cone booth during the Fair. The club was pleased with the successful road clean-up and the member participation in Safe Night with the help of Somerset County Youth Council.

Somerset Servos
by Nelusha Dios

In April the club attended the BRMS Technical Design Challenge. The two challenges were bowling and setting up trees and a last minute challenge of creating a dancing robot to put on a show! Prizes and plaques were handed out. Members had a fun time.

Pocket Pet Rescue
by Megan Moore

At the April meeting members designed and voted on club t-shirts and sweatshirts to be ordered in time for the Fair. Games were tested to make sure they were ready for the club's fair display. Members then discussed requirements for the fair and explained record books to new members.

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