4-H Clover tales

A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset County 4-H

September/October 2013

OPERATION: CLOVER
SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2013
Dear Leaders, Members, Parents and all Volunteers,

Thank you for a better than ever 2013 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 bringing the community together. Even a little damp weather didn’t spoil the fun and enthusiasm! Make note that the Fair Evaluation Meeting will be Monday, September 16, 7:30 pm.

We have an exciting fall ahead starting off with our BIG Rummage Sale the week of September 9. Then Thursday, October 10, we have our annual “Join 4-H” Open House. Please be sure to invite all your non-4-H friends to attend. Check out this latest issue of Clovertales for other important dates, including Achievement Nights, Wreath Sales, the Vendor & Craft Marketplace and the annual Festival of Trees!

As always, thanks for making the best better.

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward
County 4-H Agent

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**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.

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**Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!**

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status, and any other category protected by law. Contact our office at 908-526-6644 for information regarding special needs or accommodations. RCE is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Contact the State Extension Director’s Office if you have concerns related to discrimination, 848-932-3583.

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Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.
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 10, 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 The NeXT BOT, Robo-Mechanics, Mind Your Bees & Wax, SC Grade A Beef Club, Movie Making Masters, Nueva Sensación, 4-H Music Club, Cloverworks Steam Punk, Motocross Club, Proud 2B Prep and the Prep Horse Club 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 27 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.

**Finding Colleges That Fit You:** Topics include what to do before building a college list, top 10 things colleges look for, 5 important areas you need to explore when visiting campus. **Monday, October 21, 7:00-8:30 pm. Register by calling the 4-H Office 908-526-6644**

**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 18, 7:00-8:30 pm. Register by calling the 4-H Office 908-526-6644**

**4-H National Youth Science Day**

October 9, 2013

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, the National Science Experiment will be 4-H Maps & Apps! Designed by Colorado State University Extension, the year’s set of activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey. For more information, visit [www.4-H.org](http://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 2013 National 4-H Science Experiment, please visit the SET website at [http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/scienceengineeringtechnology.aspx](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.

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 in November. There are awards, a trip to Washington, and much more! More information and applications are available on-line at: http://www.prudential.com/spirit

Member Registration Forms

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

All members must be registered by January 1, 2014 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.
**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

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**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.

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**4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays**

Once again Rutgerscience Saturdays will continue throughout the fall into spring. These programs encourage youth to spur their interest in science and in their everyday lives. Grades 5-9.

Upcoming programs:

- **Bats & Bugs - September 28**
- **Urban Ecology - November 16**
- **Parasites & How They Got That Way - February 15**
- **Spy Technology - March 29**

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

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**Hold the Date**

**Space & Astronomy Day**

Saturday, November 9th, 2013
Raritan Valley Community College
Branchburg, NJ
*Sponsored by RVCC, NJAA, 4-H*

- Presentations, Hands-on Activities (1pm-5pm)
- Planetarium Shows and Solar Viewing
- Telescope viewing (7pm-10pm)
- For adults and youth grade 5 and above

For more information email: info@AstronomyNJ.com
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 30**

Pick up wreaths at the 4-H Center: **November 30 - December 3**

**Association Wreath Decorating: December 4**

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.

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 14th, 15th**
Come join in on the fun!!!

Download an application at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org)
Or email: susar@rcn.com

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.

Vendor & Craft Sale 2013 at the 4-H Center

**Saturday, November 23rd, 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 1

National 4-H Conference will be held April 5-10, 2014 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 2013 in order to participate in the 2014 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 1. Group and individual interviews will be held on November 2 at Rutgers University. Due to the nature of the interviews, there is only one interview date. Call the 4-H Office for further information.

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
Leadership Washington Focus (NEW!)

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

Recognition Opportunities
Outstanding 4-H’er

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.

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, 2013. Applications are available on the website.
Why complete a record book? A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. A record book is simply a way for you to keep track of what you have learned in your project.

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

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

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

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

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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.

Operation Fall Club Camp, October 4-6

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 $52 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 908-393-2239 or 908-635-1951 (cell) or email her at pleasantview51@optonline.net. Let her know by the deadline of Friday, September 27, if you’re coming.
Hold the Dates!

Achievement Dinners:

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NJ 4-H Honor Club Forms
Due by October 25

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: TBA
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, cooking, magic, circus performing, dinosaurs, puppets, Legos and more!

Thanks to these 4-H clubs, members and leaders who participated: Harry Brochinsky, Ellen Parker, Betty and Willie Sommerville, The Crazy Frog Hoppers, Conrad Colon, Glenn and Dan Peterson and the Alpaca Club. Special thanks to KidzArt, Circus Place, Dino Rock and Margarita Bossa-Bastista.

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: Elizabeth Bergen, Michele Bergen Nachiket Bhujbal, Sarah Bijaczyk, Melissa Bright, Conrad Colon, Erica DeProspo, Moira Dugan, Alyssa Figliano, Nick Gagliardi, Paige Lamberson, Rachel Lin, Emily Ma, Julia Meier, Ben Parker, Will Philips, Shruti Ramanathan, Matthew Schueler, Mellissa Smutko, Michael Sverdlove, Tanay Trivedi, Jennifer Versfelt, Emily Ward, Debra Winters; Logistics Coordinators: Cary Brochinsky, Peter Philips, Riddhima Rao, Hannah Williams; and Counselor Coordinator Bryn Keck.

State 4-H Dairy Show Results

Congratulations to these Somerset County 4-H’ers:

- **Alanna Staffin** Intermediate Showman
- **Molly O’Sullivan** First Year Showman Grades 7-12
- **Ashley Stamets** First Year Showman Grades 4-6
- **Alex Norz** Holstein Fall Sr. Yearling Heifers
- **Melissa Bright** Hols. Winter Sr. Yearling Heifers

Other Somerset Showmen: Susie Norz, Josh Miller, Ariel Staffin, David Furmato and Kyra Morgan.

Savern and Sage Lau Win Awards

Savern Lau (l.) and his brother, Sage, members of the Chinese Culture Club, received awards from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the 4-H Fair. Savern won first place on the chapter level in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, and Sage won first place on the chapter level and second place on the state level in the American History Essay Contest.

“Join 4-H” Open House
Thursday October 10
7:00 - 8:30 PM
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 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, 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.


Thanks to Betty Sommerville, Kim Miholics, Kyle Miholics, Steve Miholics, and the Williams family 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 efficiently and to these volunteers for helping to greet the

Fair Evaluation Follow-Up Meeting

September 16, 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 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 Lynn Draper, Janet Kolb and Andrew Lerch for chairing the Milkshake booth. Thanks to Patrick Dugan, Barry Kolb, Ruth Schmidt and Esther Craft 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.

Thanks to Sara Memoli, Tina Pirro and Harry Brochinsky for the volunteer luncheon on Tuesday.

Thanks to State Dairy Princess Alanna Staffin, Christina O’Brien Jessie Brygier and Nick Polanin for organizing the pie eating contest.

Thanks to Hillsboro Farm for the hayride.

Thanks to Kafka Farms for the Clydesdale Exhibit.

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, Glenn and Dan Peterson, Scott Weiss and George Bright for delivering ice in the food tent.

Thanks to Ellen Parker and the legions of 4-H’ers that participated in the 5th 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: Noelle Kabus, Carolina Almeida, Hannah Messineo, John Egan, Lizzie and Kimberly McGrath, Taylor Johnson, Guy Buzzoni, Lea and David Johnson, Dawn and Mary Ellen Sousa, Al and Al Stahoski, Carol Ward, Ducki Contreras, Joshua Bruss, Bruce Moditz, Rachel and Sarah Bijaczyk, Deborah Follett, the Furmato Family, Chris Evans, Stuart Farber, Kiera Semcer, the Kopecky Family, the Kolb Family, Lynn Draper, Tom Dietrich, Amber and Jeff Callahan, Chris Thompson, Ernie Hall, Aaron Callahan, the Kile Family, Joe Shreve, Nicole and Noah Latch, Beth Kavanagh, John Jegla, Tori and Red Melchione, Ellen and Ben Parker, Betty Sommerville, Christine Jensen, Jill and Ron Newbold, Donna Jensen, Whitney Porter, Lisa Darby, the O’Sullivan Family, Taylor and Amy Wyatt, the Staffin Family, The Stamets Family, George & Melissa Bright, the Miller Family, Mark and Nancy Kirby, Connie Fenwick, Katie and Jim Schefflen, the Pirro Family, Frank and Steven Modrowsky, Jenna and Reyne Juechter, Marion McGlynn, Marsh Hayward, Ken Pomplun, Gene Sellers, Destiny Pappas, Cheryl Porter, Heidi Cyr, Rebecca and Bonnie Dry, Debra Winters, Sarah Fenwick, John Bjugstad, Noah and Lisa Rothenburger, Abner Mathews, the Carone Family, Joe McBride, Mary Ann Sherry, Gary Vitaliano, the Pendergraph Family, Patricia Hickson, Amy Frank, Mary Kate and Tru McKenna, Megan and Chloe Devero, Owen and Joann Gavigan.

Thanks to Jan Lush, Janet Weiss and Heidi Cyr for leading the soft plastic recycling.

Thanks to Craig Hockenbury and Joseph Heitkemp for helping the electricians.
Operation: 4-H Talent!

The Clover Theater stage was overflowing with 4-H talent again this year during our 2013 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), Matt Thiel (bagpipes), Lauren Neimeyer (flute), Daria Monti (cello), the 4-H Country Kickers (line dance), Owen Gavigan (keyboard), Julia McKenna (singer), Rachel Blumberg (clarinet), Daniel Philipsheck (clarinet), and a special performance by the new 4-H Music Club.

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: Quick Chek Markets, Milano Grille, Ferasco LLC, Cooper & Rodgers LLC, Carrier Clinic, Supplee Clooney & Company, Ethicon a Division of Johnson & Johnson, Wal-Mart, Batszer Family, Somerville Elks, Lorraine Barnett, Somerville Friendly’s (Brentwood Foods), Honda Auto Sport, Financial Resources Federal Credit Union, Duke Farms Foundation, Savor Restaurant, Bridgewater Nissan, Fullerton Auto Group, JAT Computer Consulting.

These landscapers deserve a blue ribbon for their efforts to beautify the Fair: JAA Landscaping, Valverde Landscaping & Construction, 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: Williams Gas Pipe Line in Branchburg and AkzoNovel Surface Chemistry in Bridgewater.
Congratulations to all the 2013 4-H Fair Ribbon recipients:

**Round Robin:** Winners of the 2013 Somerset County Round Robin event were: Wil Staats, Woolly Ones & Maria Buzzoni, Udder Club, Junior Division and CarolAnn Bekus, Stablemates, Senior Division. Other participants were: **Junior:** Emily Wallace, Alpaca; Alexa Johnson, Beef; Melanie Quick, Cavy; Ariel Staffin, Dairy; Kirsten Clerico, Dog; Leiga Giranda, Horse; Kyra Schwarz, Poultry; Jacob Bell, Rabbit. **Senior:** Kimberley Duffy, Alpaca; Jennifer Weinberg, Beef; Sarah Stamets, Cavy; Alanna Staffin, Dairy; Amy Miller, Dog; Debra Winters, Goat; Stephanie Duffy, Poultry; Valerie Kral, Rabbit; Katie Kouril, Sheep.

**Needlework—Senior:** Emily Ward, Excellent; Julia Meier, Participation; **Junior:** Molly O’Sullivan, 2 Excellent; Best in Show; Katrina Duque, Excellent, 2 Good, Participation; Justin Kavanaugh, 2 Excellent; Daria Monti, Very Good; Christine Jensen, Excellent; Ariel Staffin, Excellent, Very Good

**Crafts—Seniors:** Kalen Whitney, Excellent, Best in Show; Emily Ward, Excellent, Mellissa Smutko, Excellent, Julianna Neinart, Very Good; **Juniors:** Destiny Pappas, Excellent; Wil Staats, Very Good; Good; Jason Smith, Excellent; Kate Aeschliman, Very Good; Katrina Duque, Excellent; **Prep Participant:** Max Schneiderman

**Creative Arts—Senior:** Angelina Lai, 2 Excellent, Best in Show; Erin Kopecky, Very Good; James Clelland, Excellent, Very Good; Kalen Whitney, Excellent; John Jannone, Excellent, Emily Ward, 2 Excellent, Julianna Neinart, Excellent, Mellissa Smutko, 2 Very Good; Veronica Rezende, 3 Excellent; **Junior:** Angelica Rezende, Excellent, Best in Show; Katrina Duque, 3 Excellent, 1st place, Very Good; Alexis Rushton, Excellent, 2nd place; Ariel Staffin, 2 Excellent, 3rd place; Daria Monti, 2 Excellent; Molly O’Sullivan, Excellent; Julie Pirro, Excellent, Very Good; Sophie Winter, Excellent; Sammi Hall, Excellent, Rebecca Dry, Excellent, Megan Jannone, Excellent

**Creative Writing—Seniors:** Emily Ward, 2 Excellent, Best in Class; Christine, Excellent, Best in Class, Very Good; Deanna Farber, Very Good, Sara Bijaczyk, Very Good; **Junior:** Sage Lau, Excellent, Best in Class; Julie Pirro, 2 Excellent, Best in Class, 6 Very Good; Kirsten Clerico, Excellent, 2 Very Good; Christine Jensen, Excellent, Very Good; Rebecca Dry, 2 Excellent; Maeve Egan, Very Good; Ariel Staffin, 2 Excellent, 1 Very Good

**Woodworking/Wood Science—Senior:** Carolyn Pirro, Excellent, Very Good; James Meier, Excellent; **Junior:** Julie Pirro, Excellent

**Photography—Junior: Animals:** Maeve Egan, 1st place, Excellent, Good; Megan Vetter, 2nd place, 3rd place, 2 Excellent; Angelica Rezende, Very Good; Megan Jannone, Fair; Brianna Ferrullo-Szakacs, Good; Fair; Rashi Gala, Excellent; Greta Wickman, 2 Good; **Plant Life:** Maeve Egan, 1st place, 2 Excellent; Greta Wickman, 2nd place, Excellent, Good; Sage Lau, 3rd place, Excellent, Good; Wil Staats, 2 Good; Ariel Staffin, Good; Kirstin Clerico, Fair, Angelica Rezende, Very Good; **Architecture:** Maeve Egan, Excellent; Wil Staats, Fair; **Texture, Patterns, Lines, Shape, Perspective:** Rashi Gala, 1st place, Excellent, Maeve Egan, 2nd place, 3rd place, Very Good, Good; Maeve Egan, Good; **Story Series:** Maeve Egan, Excellent, Very Good; Digital Prints: Kirsten Clerico, 2 Very Good; 4-H Related Projects: Megan Vetter, Excellent, 2 Very Good; Wil Staats, Fair

**Senior: Animals:** Izzie Madock, Excellent, 1st place; James Clelland, 2nd place, Excellent, Very Good; Evanna Wang, 3rd place, Excellent; Julia Meier, 2 Good; Jennie Versfelt, Good; Mellissa Smutko, Good, Fair; Emily Milz, 2 Fair; Chelsea Obermeier, 2 Good; Megan DeMichele, 2 Good; Emily Ward, Good; Kristen Obermeier, Excellent, Very Good; Kristin Rosado, Very Good; Savern Lau, Fair; **Plant Life:** Kristen Obermeier, 1st place, 3rd place, 2 Excellent; Erin Kopecky, 2nd place, Excellent; Julia Meier, Very Good, Good, Evanna Wang, Very Good, Good; Emily Ward, 2 Very Good; Mellissa Smutko, Very Good, Good; Jennie Versfelt, Good, Fair; Chelsea Obermeier, Excellent, Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, Very Good, Good; James Clelland, Very Good; **Landscape:** Kristin Obermeier, 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, Excellent; Emily Ward, 3rd place, Excellent, Good; Emily Milz, 2 Fair; Jennie Versfelt, Good, Fair; Megan DeMichele 2 Good; Mellissa Smutko, Very Good; Izzie Maddock, Good; Evanna Wang, 2 Good; Chelsea Obermeier, Good; Kristine Rosado, Very
Good; Savern Lau, Good; **Architecture**: Izzie Maddock, 1st place, 2nd place, 2 Excellent, Good; Mellissa Smutko, 3rd place, Excellent; Jennie Versfelt, Very Good, Fair; Julia Meier, Very Good; Good; Evanna Wang, Good; Megan DeMichele, Fair; James Clelland, 2 Very Good; **Action**: James Clelland, Excellent, Very Good; Evanna Wang, Excellent; **4-H Related Projects**: Kristi Philipsheck, Best in Show, 1st place, Excellent, Very Good; Mellissa Smutko, 2nd place, Excellent, Very Good; Kristen Obermeier, Very Good, Good; Jennie Versfelt, Good; Erin Kopecky, Fair; Alyssa Peterson, Good; Paige Lamberg, Good; Emily Ward, Very Good; **Story Series**: Veronica Rezende, Excellent; Julia Meier, Very Good; Alyssa Peterson, Very Good; **People**: Izzie Maddock, 1st place, Excellent; Evanna Wang, 2nd place, Excellent; Mellissa Smutko, 3rd place, Excellent; Jennie Versfelt, Good; Erin Kopecky, Fair; Alyssa Peterson, Good; Paige Lamberg, Good; Emily Ward, Very Good; **Texture, Patterns, Lines, Shape, Perspective**: Emily Ward, 1st place, Excellent; Izzie Maddock, 2nd place, Excellent, Erin Kopecky, 3rd place, Excellent; Mellissa Smutko, Very Good, Good; Kristen Obermeier, Very Good, Good; Savern Lau, Good; Paige Lamberg, Very Good, Good; Kristie Rosado, Very Good; Chelsea Obermeier, 2 Very Good; Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent; Emily Milz, Good; **Dark Room Process**: Evanna Wang, 2 Very Good; Izzie Maddock, Excellent; Erin Kopecky, Good; Mellissa Smutko, Excellent; Kristen Obermeier, Excellent; Savern Lau, Good; Paige Lamberg, Very Good, Good; Kristie Rosado, Very Good; Chelsea Obermeier, 2 Very Good; Sarah Bijaczyk, Excellent; Emily Milz, Good; **Fleece & Fiber Division**

**Overall Best of Show**  
Kristi Philipsheck

**Best Overall White Fleece**  
Kristi Philipsheck

**Best Overall Color Fleece**  
Kara Moditz

**Reserve Overall White Fleece**  
Richie Granja

**Reserve Overall Color Fleece**  
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Destiny Golaszewski

**Excellent**: Deanna Farber, Alyssa Figliano

**Very Good**: Danny Philipscheck, Cheyenne White, Stephanie Duffy, Destiny Golaszewski, Richie Granja, Lauren Fox, Veronica Moditz

**Good**: Kimberley Duff, Mary Ellen Sousa, Hannah Williams

**Fair**: Breanna White, Josh Miller

**Prep Participant**: Emily Granja

**Spinner’s Choice**

**Overall Best of Show**  
Richie Granja

**Best Reserve of Show**  
Teresa Buzzoni

**1st Place Sheep**  
Richie Granja

**2nd Place Sheep**  
Richie Granja

Aislinn Harte, 3 Excellents; Justin Kavanaugh, Excellent; Edward Onesko, Very Good; Kristi Philipscheck, Excellent, Good; Katie Kouril, Fair; Elijah Staats, Fair; Wil Staats, Fair; Daniel Philipscheck, Excellent, Good; Richie Granja, Good; Emily Granja, Prep Participation

**Alpaca**

**Senior Showmanship**  
1st Kimberley Duffy

**2nd** Deanna Farber

**3rd** Breanna White

**Junior Showmanship**  
1st Emily Wallace

**2nd Sarah Parisi**

**3rd Cheyenne White**

**Cat**

**Animal Division**  
1st Alexis Rushton

**2nd Phoenix Fela**

**Showmanship**  
1st Phoenix Fela

**2nd Alexis Rushton**

**Beekeeping**

Alexis Rushton:  
**Best of Show, Lotion**

**Best of Show, Lip Balm**

**Best of Show, Soap**

Samantha Shepard:  
**Best of Show Beeswax Candle**

Delia McHendry:  
**Best of Show Poster/Collage**

**Beeswax Candles**: Joe Kronmaier, Excellent, Delia McHendry, Very Good, Chase Brickman, Participation, Owen McHendry, Participation, Michaela Rivinsky, Participation

**Extracted Honey**: Chase Brickman, Participation

**Cosmetics Soap**: Joe Kronmaier, Excellent

**Poster/Collage**: Joe Kronmaier, Excellent; Alexis Rushton, Excellent; Chase Brickman, Participation; Owen McHendry, Participation, Gabby Ruvinisky, Participation

**Trains**

**1st Year Special Projects**  
Thomas Sanders, Best in Show; Hunter Waldron, Excellent; Benjamin Dickholtz, Very Good; Matthew Jones, Very Good

**2nd Year Landscape**  
Thomas Davidson, Best in Show; Ricky Sepe, Excellent; Zach Gumble, Excellent; Zachary Alvarez, Excellent; Christian Wizda, Very Good; Greg Veneziale, Very Good

**3rd Year Custom Decorated Cars**  
Zach Ferriera, Best in Show; Andrews Simmons, Very Good; Bobby Swizda, Very Good; James Hughes, Very Good

**4th Year Structures**  
Anthony Siniscalco, Best in Show; Soren Denlinger, Excellent; David Sanders, Very Good; Douglas Evans, Very Good; Matt Amerman, Good
Fair Parade Awards

Thanks to all clubs and leaders who participated, and to the judges, Sarah Bijaczyk and Willie Sommerville.

Chinese Culture Club
   Coolest Props

Nueva Sensación
   Breakout Club Award; Most Colorful Costumes

Clover Ensemble
   Coolest Banner and Costumes

Village Hidden in the Clovers
   Loudest Club

Crazy Frog Hoppers
   Most Coordinated

Twirling Clovers
   The Drum Majorette Award

People Pick-Me-Ups
   Most Spirited Club

Somerset Trainmasters
   Most Musical Trio

WWW.Ink
   Most Studious plus Unexpectedly Excited

Somerset Servos
   The Efficiency Award

The Beekeping Club
   The Buzziest Award

The Motocross Club
   The Toughest Club

Remote Control Car Club
   Breaking the Speed Limit Award

Somerset Sentinels
   The Sky High Award

Sidewinders
   Coming Out of Your Snake Skin Award

Prep/Cloverbud Clubs
   The Most Spirited Cheer

PAWSabilities
   The Most Interactive Club

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
   Purrrrrfectly Blue Award

The Alpaca Club
   The Warm and Fuzzy Award

Wattles ‘n’ Snood
   The Late for Breakfast Award

State Goat Show Results

Kudos to Debra Winters who won Best in Sow, Senior Doe; Top Dam and Daughter-Dairy; First place Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship & Fitting; and Senior Champion for Breed LaMancha.

Just In...

State Horse Show Results

Carolina Almeida
   5th Place English Working Hunter Horse
   4th Place English Junior Equitation Over Fences
   2nd Place English Junior Hunter Under Saddle Horse

CarolAnne Bekus
   1st Place English Handy Working Hunter Horse
   1st Place English Working Hunter Horse
   7th Place English Senior Equitation Over Fences
   1st Place English Hunter Hack Horse
   2nd Place English Senior Equitation on the Flat
   3rd Place English Senior Hunter Under Saddle Horse
   4th Place Dressage USEF Training Level Test 2
   3rd Place Dressage USEF Training Level Test 1

Elizabeth Bergen
   10th Place Western Senior Western Pleasure

Samantha Eristavi
   5th Place English Hunter Under Saddle Pony

Leigha Giranda
   6th Place English Pleasure Pony

Brianna LiBrizzi
   7th Place Western Halter Mares

Julianna Nienart
   9th Place English Senior Equitation on the Flat

Christine Papalski
   10th Place Western Halter Geldings
   8th Place English Senior Pleasure Horse
Dear 4-H Preppers & Cloverbuds,

Despite some rain and the parking issue, our volunteers put together another successful 4-H Fair. It was a great time to meet other 4-H’ers, make new friends, interact with the public and enjoy all of the projects that our Somerset County 4-H’ers worked on all year long. In the Prep (Cloverbud) tent we had wonderful hands-on activities presented by our Prep clubs for the fairgoers. As always, Tom Davidson and the Bridgewater Children’s Museum were outstanding. A BIG thank you to Betty for all of the acts that were booked on our Prep stage. Kudos to Sue and Lucy for once again bringing the “Name the Animal” contest to out tent and a shout out to Cathy Christy and Sheepfold for lending us Becky the sheep and Dorito the goat. These animals always add a great touch to out tent.

Everyone who spun Cotton Candy added a sweet touch to the fair. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped set up, man, and take down out tent. Without the help of our volunteers this fair just wouldn’t happen. I thank you all! A job well done by all to help “make the best better.”

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 of the Prep (Cloverbud) clubs who set up a club exhibit. 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 MacCombie & Lucy Baldi for bringing the “Name the Animal” contest to our tent. Thanks to Betty Sommerville and the Fair Entertainment Committee for all of the wonderful entertainment that was booked on our stage. A Big shout out to Elizabeth Frank 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 wonderful pink spinners, Dave Riuer and Glenn Valis for Panning for Gems. Last but not least, Thank You to Kyle Miholics and Chris Williams for the setup of the PA system in the Prep tent and setting up the pink fencing it the Cotton Candy tent. A job well done. You have once again made the BEST BETTER!!!

Open House Thursday October 10, 2013
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 8th 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 Victoria Bartolotto, Taylor Benjamin, Charlotte Breunig, Dale Brochinsky, Grace Buckman, Montana Catalan, Andrew Conover, Amogh Daksh, Robbie DeVirgillo, Alicia Dey, Travis DiCapua, Cristian DiFilippo, James Dimino, Calvin Edgar, Jovana Giesler, Maanas Gopi, Jake Gradley, Caroline Grifone, Atsi Gupta, Teresa Heath, Amyia Hermanstein, Amogh Jupalli, Ryder Kirsch, Marco Langon, Santino LaSpina, Noah Latch, Maxwell Li, Melody Liu, Astrid Lynn, Rohit Madikonda, Jennifer Maggio, Connor Malatesta, Trent Marlo, Tessa McDonald, Carly McEntire, Spencer McGovern, Mellina Muth, Megan Norz, Anika Nowakowski, Aidan O'Connell, Patrick O'Kane, Sarah Parada, Grace Pinchinson, Kevin Rincon, Elizabeth Roberts, Max Schneiderman, Hannah Shahinian, Mikayla Shephard, Natalie Sodowich, Hannah Stacy, Ben Strasser, Haley Thompson, George Thomson, Megan VanAntwerp, Luke Wasko, Roland Yang. It is now up to you to teach the younger 4-H’ers and be a role model for them. Good Luck!

Yakety-Yak

Attention all Club members: Please contact your leaders and let them know if you will be returning to your club this year.

Leaders: Please remember to re-book your room with Maryann the 4-H Center night manager. She can be contacted Monday thru Friday 7:00-9:30pm on (908) 526-8242.
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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 BIG 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)

A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!  

www.4HisTops.org
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 1/2 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!

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
Publicity -- Pre-sale -- distribute flyers, hang posters
Set Up -- Monday through Wednesday -- accept/sort/price donations -- 9am-9pm
Set Up -- Thursday -- finish sorting/pricing donations -- 9am-5pm; floor help -- 5pm-9pm
Public Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- cashiers, sales floor help, parking attendants -- 8am-4pm
Clean -- Sunday 12pm-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
Flat Screen TV’s Only
Laptops Only
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, press wood furniture
Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent
Computer monitors, all printers (dot matrix, laser, ink jet), large and heavy copiers, fax machines
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 and tube TV’s
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

Broken or dirty items will be refused.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE FUN!

Donate Your Items and/or Volunteer Your Time
THANK YOU!
There will be a brand new national opportunity for 4-H members in July 2014. This new event is called 4-H Leadership Washington Focus and will be held July 15-19, 2014 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. **It is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9 as of September 2014.**

During the 4-day conference delegates will:

- Build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action.
- Practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking.
- Work with others to create and accomplish goals.
- Develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation.
- Enjoy motivational speakers and educational workshops that will increase individual leadership capability and build lifetime skills for success.
- Visit some of D.C.’s most spectacular sights and learn about the different types of leadership conveyed through the symbolism of our national monuments and memorials.

The cost per delegate will be approximately $800.00 per person and the 4-H Association will help with some of the funding.

**Applications will be due to the county office by November 1, 2013. More information will be available soon.**
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