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

Fair time is the best time of year to be a 4-H’er. Who doesn’t love fair? I have loved the Somerset County 4-H Fair since times BC (that’s Before Children in our house). Twenty-three years ago, newly-wed Jill and I moved into the condos just across the railroad tracks. We were intrigued by the tents that went up in August and when I found out it was a fair, I was thrilled. I love fair food. So every day I came over for lunch and dinner. The wood was gathered.

After each feast, I would stroll around the grounds to see what else was there. What an impressive array of exhibits: big animals, small animals, in-between animals, science clubs, arts clubs and community service clubs. I still had no idea what 4-H was, but they sure put on a great show. There was such a bustle to the fairgrounds. Kids going every which way, all with a seeming purpose, and all with huge smiles. It would be years before I understood what was going on (I’m not sure I completely do). But I was hooked on fair. The kindling was prepared.

Then came the fateful day Jill and I took Cary to the fair. He was five and he found the trains and well… In the Info Tent, they pointed us to the Prep Tent and in the Prep Tent we met Mrs. Kruepler. She told Cary he’d have to wait for a year and wait he did. As soon as we got to the fair the next year he led us straight to the Prep Tent so he could sign up. Now he is in three different clubs. The match was struck.

These days, with Evan and Dale, we are involved in nine different clubs. Soon we will begin filling out our color-coded schedules for each day. Despite the work that goes into it, I secretly love doing it. With my boys in such a wide variety of clubs, I end up getting all around the Fair (I have even played the role of an animal in the beef agility course). The variety of topics the clubs cover in Somerset County still awes me. I am equally impressed with the quality of the work that goes into each and every project every 4-H member does. Somerset County 4-H still puts on a great show. Let’s ignite the green! Have a great fair - I know I will.

Harry Brochinsky
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 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!

Wednesday, August 6, 7:30 PM

Calling all Clubs! Ignite the Green by marching in the new Twilight Parade of Clubs! Glow sticks for all participants!

In keeping with the Fair theme of Ignite the Green, we’re going to light up the fair with a twilight march!

New time:
Gather at 7:30pm outside the RC Car Tent
Parade kicks off at 7:45pm
Participation ribbons for all marching clubs.

So ready your banners, your instruments, your costumes, your giant snake and dragon puppets, your RC cars, your cookware, your batons, or anything that shows off your club! For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com.
**Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2014 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, 2014.
- 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, 2014 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](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 herdsmen’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. Entries 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.

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.

Ignite the Green 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 12th 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 2014 Exhibitors Guide. It’s not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-393-2239 or e-mail her at pleasantview51@optonline.net (put “4-H talent” in subject line).

Fair Fashion Revue

Thursday, August 7, 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 1.
Event Permission Forms
- Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two EventPermission 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.

Herdsmen
- Welcome 2014 Supervisors Shannon Zimmitti, 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 7 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 herdsmen orientation meetings, JULY 21 at 7:00 p.m. or JULY 29 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.

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, Joanna Lieuallen, Abner Mathews, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare, Bryn Keck, Joe Bakes, Shannon Zimmitti, Mary McLaughlin, Laura Herndon, Jason Metting and Gary Keck and for a terrific 2014 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 21 or Tuesday, July 29, or stop by the 4-H Office during the day.

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 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 Monday, August 11. Clubs may also drop off leftover awards to the Information Tent any time during Fair until 10:00 pm on Friday.

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 Fair grants are limited and clubs must have sold ads and/or wreaths. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and website: www.4HisTops.org.
**Cotton Candy at the Fair!**

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

**Landscapers Needed!**

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

**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.

**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. If you or your club would like to help, please contact Tina Pirro at kmipirro@msn.com.

Help is needed again the Saturday after the Fair to provide breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers. Call Barbara Navatto at 908-526-6644 to volunteer.

**Fair News for 4-H Alumni**

Holly Dunbar is collecting information for the sixth annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni News. All alumni are encouraged to send a brief update 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, Martin Luther King Youth Center. They will be selling Cinnabons®, a great addition to our menu. 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.
Keep It Neat!

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

How to Pack a Pallet

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

Fair 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.

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 8 and/or Saturday morning, August 9,** all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

2nd Shift on Saturday

**9 AM Start Time!**

Each club should plan to send a few people for a second shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsmen and other helpers (1st shift) leave the fairgrounds around 9 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.
2014 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, July 31
1. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents
   Report to: Dog Clubs (6:30 p.m.)
   Dawn Hribik

Saturday before the Fair, August 2
1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
3. Install Show Tent fence
4. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
5. Install hand sanitizers
6. Tables/chairs for divisions
   Fair Managers, horse, dairy
   All Divisions
   Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
   Science and other Clubs
   Trainmasters (9 am)
   Division Chairpersons
   Mike Amorosa
   Livestock leaders
   Jim Metting, Jason Metting
   Bryn Keck
   Sign-out in pole barn

Sunday before the Fair, August 3
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
   Need Help
   Committee, Go-Kart Club
   Steve & Kyle Miholics, Chris Williams
   Division Chairpersons
   Harry Brochinsky
   Bryn Keck
   Betty Sommerville
   Joe Bakes
   Lynn Draper, Janet Kolb
   Livestock Clubs
   Livestock Leaders

Monday before the Fair, August 4
1. Food Tent set-up
   Food Tent Committee
   Senior Council
   Annette Smutko
   Maggie Navatto

2. Install recruitment kiosks
Tuesday before the Fair, August 5, 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

4-H Club Members
4-H club leaders
Food Tent Committee
Becky Moore
Joe Bakes
Bryn Keck

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – August 6, 7 & 8

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. 7:30 at RC car tent
6. Freeholders’ Greetings, show tent, Wed 7:15 pm
7. Milkshake booth/evenings
8. 4-H Herdsmen Meetings 10:30 pm
9. Man Information Booth

Come one, come all!
Need 4-H talent
ALL clubs or individuals
Need parents
All clubs and individuals
Come one, come all!
Need Help
4-H Teen Members
Need Help

4-H Agents
Betty Sommerville
Bryn Keck
Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack
Ellen Parker
4-H Agents
Andrew Lorch
Becky Moore
Joe Bakes

Friday night after the Fair

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

All Divisions
Division Chairpersons
Joe Bakes
Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb
Harry Brochinsky
Kyle Miholics,
Chris Williams

Saturday morning after the Fair – Aug 9 – 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

Fair Managers
Division Chairpersons
Mike Amorosa
Mike Pappas
Fair Managers
Joe Bakes
Livestock Leaders
Kim Germack Cook

Saturday Morning 9:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT

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

Two Reps from each Club
Need Help
Need Help
Mike Pappas
Barbara Navatto
Abner Mathews

Need Help
Joe Bakes
Rules and Procedures

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.

Emergency Text Alerts for Fair: Text the words: follow 4HAAlerts to the number 40404. These alerts will be used for weather or emergency alerts: evacuations and re-openings. Additional details are provided in the Weekly Email.

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.

- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.

- 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.

- 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 Bryn Keck.

- 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. *Emergency Text Alerts for Fair: Text the words: follow 4HAlerts to the number 40404.*

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.

### 2014 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 Hanntz - 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 to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a **Thunderstorm Watch** for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.
2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.
3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.
4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.
5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

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

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a **Thunderstorm Warning** for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.
2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.
3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.
4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.
5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. **DO NOT STAY IN A TENT.** (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)
6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.
7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
And in Other News...

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

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

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Tuesday, August 26
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Sussex 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 21
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger
ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 22 - Sunday, August 24
Time: vary - check 4-H website for details
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp
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 13
Time: 9:30 am animal check-in
Location: Gloucester County
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644
http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp

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

Important Dates for Horse Members!

- 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 13 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members and their parents, who qualify is Thursday, July 17, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Monday, July 28, 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)

Just Kidding Wins Eco-Rally Award

The Just Kidding Goat Club succeeded in winning the “Helping Hands” award in the Somerset County Environmental Eco-Rally. This is the second year in a row the club has won. Only 6 teams out of 22 received awards. There were 960 participants.

Maeve Egan, the chairperson for this project, organized the collection of books and was in charge of the display that told the story of the club collecting the books and all the places they were donated to.

Displays were open to the public making this a great opportunity to promote the 4-H program through the display.
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 2014 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 2015 will be available on line and at the 4-H Office sometime in the Fall.

Taste of Somerset Agriculture Picnic

Saturday July 26, 2014  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 11! Call 908-526-6293, ext. 4 or visit our website for registration details: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/pdfs/2014-AG-Taste-Somerset-Picnic.pdf

Fair Evaluation Meeting

Monday
September 15
7:30 pm

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

2014 Outstanding...

4-H’ers:
- Stephanie Duffy
- Emily Ma
- Emily Milz
- Carolyn Pirro
- Scott Weiss

Alumni
- Rachel Lyons
- Susan MacCombie

Reception is:
July 16, 6:30 pm

2014 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
- George Bright, Sarah Dagnall, Sarah Fenwick, Julia Meier, Scott Weiss

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship: Conrad Colón

4-H Prep Scholarship: Carolyn Pirro

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship: Carol Anne Bekus

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship: Julianna Nienart

4-H Balliet Scholarship: Katie Kouril

Ad Sales Update

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled about $44,000! There were 237 sellers including 4-H’ers, leaders and association members, representing 52 clubs plus the 4-H Association. For selling more than $100 worth of ads, 119 sellers earned t-shirts.

Special recognition goes to our top selling 4-H’ers: Allison Koopman was our highest seller with over $2000 in ad sales. Paige Lamberson, Eirch ButzFiscinia, Claudia ButzFiscina, Samantha Eristavi each sold over $1000. Other top sellers: over $900: Alex Wick and over $600: Billy Quick, Melanie Quick, James Hughes, Sharon Toth, Evan Brochinsky, and Joseph Kronmaier.

State 4-H Presentations

On June 14, Rutgers University hosted the 2014 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, Zach Alvarez, Cary Brochinsky, Patricia Chan, Madara Dias, Maeve Egan, Kate Gallagher, Sammi Hall, Erin Kopecky, Valerie Kral, Savern Lau, Emily Milz, Alyssa Peterson, Shruti Ramanathan, Austin Raymond, Andrew Simmons, Mellissa Smutko, Tracy Wang, Madison Whiting, Tiffany Yang-Tran.

The State Outstanding Room Award Winners for Somerset County were: Patricia Chan, Erin Kopecky, Savern Lau, Alyssa Peterson, Shruti Ramanathan.
Results From State Dog Show

Shannon Reinhardt
1st place Obedience Intermediate Novice
3rd place Rally Novice Grades 4-7
Caroline Pirro
4th place Junior Show Master Grades 10 & Up
Kirsten Clerico
Best in Show Junior Master
2nd place Obedience Beginner Novice
1st place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
Sarah Stamets
Honorable Mention Rally Novice Grades 10-Up
Shannon Kile
Best in Show Open
4th place Obedience Novice
1st place Junior Show Open Grades 10 & Up
Rebecca Dry
2nd place Junior Show Open Grades 7-9
2nd place Agility Standard Lead 12 count
James Clelland
1st place Obedience Pre-Novice B Grades 9-Up
3rd place Obedience Advanced Novice
1st place Junior Show Master Grades 10-Up
2nd place Rally Novice Grades 10-Up
3rd place Rally Novice Grades 10-Up
Veronica Moditz
2nd place Obedience Advanced Novice
3rd place Junior Show Master Grades 10-Up
Kristen Obermeier
4th place Obedience Advanced Novice
1st place Rally Novice Grades 10-Up
Shanna Gryder
Best in Show Rally Novice
1st Place Obedience Novice
3rd place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
1st place Rally Novice Grades 8-9
4th place Rally Advanced Off-lead

Megan Jannone
2nd place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
Madison Whiting
3rd place Junior Show Open Grades 7-9
2nd place Agility Standard Off-lead 12 count
Rachel Blumberg
3rd place Obedience Intermediate Novice
1st place Junior Show Open Grades 4-6
Sheridan Hoyt
3rd place Obedience Pre-Novice A Grades 4-8
2nd place Junior Show Novice Grades 4-6
Honorable Mention Rally Novice Grades 4-7
Rowen Pendergraph
4th place Obedience Pre-Novice A Grades 4-8
Laura Karg
4th place Obedience Pre-Novice A Grades 9-Up
Alli Maher
1st place Obedience Pre-Novice B Grades 4-8
Tiffany Chan
Honorable Mention Seeing Eye Puppies 6-9 months
Barbara Follett
4th place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
Jennifer Clougher
3rd place Junior Show Open Grades 10 & Up
Greta Wickman
1st place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9
Brianna Zeitler
2nd place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9
Emily Hickson
3rd place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9
Allison Koopman
4th place Junior Show Novice Grades 7-9
Owen Gavigan
1st place Junior Show Novice Grades 4-6
1st place Rally Novice Grades 4-7

Other participants: Sandra Clare, Moira Dugan, Charis Hwang, Jeanne Kollmer, Rekha Sundaram, Kiera Semcer, Elizabeth Dry, Julia Nelson

NJ 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

Congratulations to Cary Brochinsky for placing 6th in the senior division.

Thanks goes to Rich Norz for coaching New Centre Dairy members.

Julia Meier Fashion Design Winner

Julia Meier recently took 1st place in the Senior Division American History category in the NJ Daughters of the American Revolution Middlebrook Chapter Fashion Design Contest. She also received a Creative Merit Award. Julia belongs to Pawsabilities, Ginersnaps, 4-H Clover Ensemble and the Anime and Manga Club.
**CloverCon Better Than Ever!**

*By Mary McLaughlin*

On Sunday, May 18th, the Village Hidden in the Clovers Anime and Manga Club hosted the fourth annual CloverCon anime and manga convention at the 4-H Center. With over 650 attendees, this was the biggest CloverCon to date! The members raised over $4,000 for the BIG Fund, to be used for improvements and repairs to the Center.

The action-packed day was full of games, panels, workshops and tournaments. In the lounge, gamers could test their skill at a variety of table-top games as well as classic video games. A Pokemon X & Y tournament and later on the Smash Brothers Melee tourney both gave gamers a chance to battle it out. All funds from the tournaments go towards BIG.

In the gym, dealers and artists sat ready to sell artwork, manga, knitting, jewelry and other goodies! Many of our 4-Hers shared their products as well.

Throughout the day, the stage was busy with the tunes of 4-H alum Mike DeBisco and the Cosplay Catwalk. When hungry (which is always!), otaku could head to WacDonalds to enjoy delicious foods like fried rice and bubble tea, thanks to the 4-H Exchange Club.

On the front lawn, con goers met up for photo shoots under the bamboo tent. We had to improvise when it came to the Improv Workshop, by moving it outside due to its popularity. Inside, the screening room and manga library served as quiet spots to relax. Other popular panels included cosplay, Steam Punk, and cultural topics, including the ‘real’ Japan versus stereotypes.

One of the highlights of the day, of course, was the talented Michelle Knotz, a voice actress. Not only did Ms. Knotz spend time signing autographs and taking pictures with fans, but she also held a popular panel as well. The “Knotz your everyday panel” gave attendees the opportunity to display their talents, ranging from drawing, signing, balloon twisting, and more!

A big THANK YOU to Club Clanga, 4-H Exchange, CloverWorks Steam Punk, and all those who worked together to make CloverCon 2014 a huge success! We’re already planning CloverCon 2015, our 5th birthday!

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**Fashion Revue Awards**

Congratulations to all!

**Year 1**
- Ellie Alpizar: Highest score construction
- Emily Rannells: Highest degree of difficulty
- Julia Nelson: Best use of color

**Year 2**
- Laura Schmidt: Outstanding original design

**Year 3**
- Megan DeMichelle: Most creative use embellishment

**Year 4**
- Molly Aeschliman: Outstanding construction
- Kate Aeschliman: Outstanding 3D Item

**Year 5**
- Eliza Rothenburger: Outstanding original design

**Year 7**
- Brianna Ferrullo-Szakas: Outstanding construction
- Jen Versfelt: Best use of color

**Year 8**
- Melissa Smutko: Best original design

**Costume Class**
- Evanna Wang: Outstanding anime

**Best in Show**
- Julia Meier: Victorian bustle dress

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**4-H Brothers Win National DAR Awards**

Savern and Sage Lau, both of the Chinese Culture Club, recently received national recognition for their participation in the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Junior American Citizens contest.

Savern received 3rd place in Short Story, Grade 11 and Sage received an Honorable Mention in Poem, Grade 9.

Both members will be recognized at the 4-H Fair on Wednesday, August 6, at 11:00 am in the Clover Theatre. At that time, Elizabeth Snyder, Continental Chapter DAR, who sponsored them in the contest, will present them with their chapter, state, division and national awards.

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**SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H CLOVERTALES**

July/August 2014
**Just Kidding**  
*by Allison Parascandola*

Members discussed their recent Eco Rally award and presentations. The club worked on ideas for the Fair theme. Members then went outside to practice showmanship skills.

**Senior Council**  
*by Riddhima Rao*

New members were welcomed to the club. In old business, Safe Night hosted with Somerset Youth Council was a success. Members did a road clean-up, which was not only successful, but fun and a lot of trash was cleared. In new business, the club will be selling glo-stix at the upcoming 4th of July presentation at the park. Fair plans were discussed. The club will be selling sno-cones at the Fair.

**Mighty Cavits & Rodents**

This year the club became an Honors Club! Mrs. Parker came to the club to discuss ad sales. Members planned a fundraiser at Tractor Supply on May 31. They sold hamburgers and hotdogs to earn money for 4-H. The club is designing a whole new look for their t-shirts. Three members gave presentations.

**Cooking in Action**

The club took a tour of the Philly Pretzel Factory in Hillsborough. There they got the opportunity to work first hand in this type of foodservice business and learned how to make great pretzels!

**4-H Clover Ensemble**  
*by Ellen Parker*

The club has been practicing all year to perform at the fair. They are creating skits, reading poetry, singing songs, and may even start a Flash Mob! They also enjoyed their trip to Duke Farms where they read some Shakespeare and told stories. In July members are looking forward to seeing Arms and the Man, and then talking with the cast and crew after the show.

**Nueva Sensación**  
*by Ellen Parker*

The club members celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making Guacamole and Tres Leches Cake. They have learned to weave and do some needle work. And of course, they have played plenty of futbol because everyone is so excited for the World Cup! Go Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador!

**Chinese Culture Club**

On Sunday, June 15, the 4H Chinese Cultural Club held its annual End-of-Year Party and Fun Day at the 4H Center. During the ceremony, awards and accolades were handed out and acknowledged, including seven President’s Volunteer Service Awards; and the Club’s new Student Council members were introduced. After lunch and watermelon, Council members led the kids in various games and activities such as 4-Square, Soccer, Frisbee, Basketball, and Volleyball. After baking in the sun for a while, the children enjoyed assorted rainbow colored ice pops, before starting the biggest hit of the day: water games. Soon after the traditional surprise-drenching of the new Student Council president, the water play began as children ran wildly about the pavement armed with water balloons, super soakers, and water guns. When the hose was finally shut off and the splashing wound down, all participants were left soaked to the bone, and the celebration was reduced to wet hugs, smiles, and laughter.

**Good Luck 4-H'ers**
Dear 4-H Preppers,

Sixty three 4-H’ers and their families enjoyed another amazing weekend at the Somerset County 4-H Family Camp at L.G. Cook Camp in Stokes State Forrest. The weekend activities included hiking, fishing, crafts, boating, owl pellets, s’mores, 4 corners, concluding with the torch march and ice cream sundaes. You could do it all or just spend the weekend relaxing by the beautiful lake. Family Camp is not just for preppers and their families; it is for all 4-H families. Hope to see you there next year.

A BIG thank you to all that helped make the weekend run smoothly: Jill & Harry Brochinsky for doing all of the food shopping and taking charge of the kitchen, Maggie Navatto for coming up to camp to run the archery class, Ellen, Mike & Ben Parker for leading the hike and taking charge of the camp fire & S’mores, Amy & Elizabeth Frank for running 4 corners, Laura Herndon for teaching us about Owl Pellets, Cary, Evan & Dale Brochinsky and Alex & Ben Strasser for leading us in song and making us sing for our supper. To everyone else that helped in the kitchen and who helped clean up during camp, I thank you. Without such great people, Family Camp just wouldn’t be such a great success. I hope to see everyone next year at family camp.

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

It’s Fair Time!

It’s time once again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. What a great way to show the fairgoers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year than with a club display in the prep tent. It is also a time for the members and their families to watch over the prep tent, spin cotton candy and talk to the fairgoers about our 4-H Prep (Cloverbud) program.

All Preppers going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 7th, 2014 beginning at 7:00am. Information will be sent out containing all the pertinent details. Please be sure to let us know if you will be attending.

Our Preppers are a very important part of the 4-H and we are proud of each and every one of them. Although we will miss them, it will be exciting to see our graduates move into a standard 4-H club.
FYI...

If your club will continue in October, please remember to reserve your room in August with Maryann the night 4-H manager. If you will no longer be running a club or if you have a new volunteer who would like to take over the club please make sure that they complete the volunteer application form and schedule an orientation. Please contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us for further information.

Yakety-Yak

Discovery Prep
In May we had Mr. Matthews come and help us make kites. They were made from straws and plastic bags. We colored them all different ways. Then we got to go outside and fly them. We ran all over the grass at the 4-H Center and had a blast. It was a fun and tiring meeting.

In June we got ready for Fair! We colored in the signs with our names and we Ignited the Green! Then we practiced our activity for Fair. We made necklaces and bracelets out of yarn and pasta. We colored them and made some very nice pieces of 4-H jewelry. Come join us in the Prep Tent at the Fair on Friday between 6 and 8 and we will show you how to do it. It’s easy and fun.

Proud 2B Prep
FAMILY CAMP WAS FUN!!!

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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: ___________________________  Birthday: ___________________________

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 6-7-8, 2014 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/Instruction(s): ___________________________________________________

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.

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

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

4-H Code of Conduct

1. The health, safety, and welfare of others must be respected at all times.
2. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Profanity, foul or abusive language, inflammatory statements, derogatory comments, or physical altercations 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 name tags 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 sexual 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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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 12 & 13, 2014**

9am-3pm

(Saturday Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at ½ Price 1pm-3pm)

**Donations Accepted:**

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 8-9-10 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!
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