Ignite the Green
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The Somerset County 4-H Program is ready to “Spring Forward” with many fun and educational programs for this season. We kick March off with our Somerset County 4-H Prep (Cloverbud) Rally to be held the first Saturday of the month. This year’s theme is “What’s the Buzz”. On March 2nd, the 4-H Association will host its seventh annual BIG Basket Bonanza Tricky Tray. A BIG Thank You to all the clubs who supported this effort. Proceeds help to improve the 4-H Center. Somerset 4-H Teens will be joining other 4-H teens from Northern NJ for the seventh North Jersey 4-H Teen Conference. We hope all our 4-H members will be giving Presentations this year. Please note we are offering both afternoon and evening sessions. Even if you do not present this year, you should plan to attend one of the sessions to watch!

April starts with our extremely popular 4-H Science –sational Day for youth grades 1-6. Don’t forget to sign up and bring your non 4-H friends! Saturday April 26 is Rutgers Day including tours of the Rutgers Gardens and animal facilities, research laboratories and the State 4-H Dog Show. IF you are arty there are events for you too! Admission and parking are free. What a nice way to spend time with your family.

The 2014 Somerset County 4-H Fair Theme is IGNITE THE GREEN! Keep that in mind as you plan this year’s activities and fair display for your club. Let’s get that 4-H Clover out all over the county!

Lisa Rothenburger
County 4-H Agent
Carol Ward
County 4-H Agent

4-H Mission Statement

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

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

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

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

2014 Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Patrick Scaglione, Director ● Mark Caliguire, Deputy Director
Peter S. Palmer ● Robert Zaborowski ● Patricia L. Walsh

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.
Important Dates for State 4-H Animal Events!

- **March 2** – State Dog Quiz Bowl, Burlington County
- **March 15** – Wags Circuit 4-H Dog Show, Somerset County
- **March 16** – State Equine Presentations, Burlington County
- **March 22** – State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Monmouth County
- **March 29-30** – State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology, Warren County
- **April 5** – State Livestock Symposium, Cook College, Rutgers
- **May 3** – State 4-H Dairy Judging, Cedar Lane Farm
- **April 26** – State 4-H Dog Show, Cook College, Rutgers

Please contact Carol Ward, ward@njaes.rutgers.edu, about the livestock events & Lisa Rothenburger, rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu, about the dog events.

The following forms are due in the county 4-H office:

- **Horse Registrations** are due **April 1**.
- **Livestock Loan Forms** are due **May 1**.
- **Sheep & Market Lamb Registrations** are due **May 1**.

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Extending Knowledge - Changing Lives in NJ & Beyond

2014 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 which officially created the national Cooperative Extension System. This national celebration will highlight Extension's past and focus on the contemporary application of Extension's transformational educational programming into the future.

The national celebration efforts will be complemented by state and county activities throughout the year. Thursday, May 8, 2014 will be the primary day of the national celebration to signify the actual day the Smith-Lever Act was signed in 1914.

**Rutgers, the land-grant university of New Jersey**

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey was founded as Queen's College in 1766 by the Dutch Reformed Church to educate future leaders of the church, who at the time had to return to the Netherlands for seminary training and ordination. In 1825, the school was renamed Rutgers College in honor of trustee and Revolutionary War veteran Colonel Henry Rutgers. Congress passed the Morrill Act in 1862, which laid the foundation for comprehensive public institutions of higher education in the U.S. by establishing land-grant universities to teach "agriculture and the mechanic arts." Princeton, Rutgers, and the State Normal School in Trenton competed for the designation of land-grant college of New Jersey. This paved the way for Rutgers College Professors George H. Cook and David Murray to successfully lobby the New Jersey Legislature for Rutgers to become New Jersey's land-grant college, leading to the establishment of the Rutgers Scientific School in 1864. A 100-acre farm on the outskirts of New Brunswick was purchased from the estate of James Neilson to serve as the school's experimental farm. That land is now the heart of the George H. Cook campus of the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.
4-H Science-sational Day
April 5

1st-6th graders can participate in hands-on science workshops that include our most popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Try It-Fly It and Alka Seltzer Rockets. New and returning workshops include Build Your Own Sailboat, Who Done It?, IRobot, Blast Off, Colder Than Ice and A Walk with Galileo.

This year’s program is Potions: On the outskirts of the school grounds, sits a building named Doolittle, which contains a hidden underground laboratory. Doolittle is watched by a ferocious guard determined to protect the mysteries forever. Learn how to change matter from one state to another (solid, liquid, gas) as we discover the secret of Doolittle’s hidden laboratory, perform narrow escapes, witness surprising discoveries, and reveal an unbelievable ending! Brochures/registration forms are available at the 4-H office, at the 4-H Center and on-line at www.4HisTops.org.

The cost is $25.00 per child, each additional sibling is $20.00 and parents can attend for no additional cost. Please provide your child with a lunch and drink that day. This program is open to all children. You don’t have to belong to 4-H to participate. Have your child bring a best friend! Open to the first 200 participants who register. Registration closes March 24. Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more information.

Junior Breeder/4-H Livestock Symposium April 5

All 4-H livestock club members are invited to participate in this day to be held on Saturday, April 5, on Cook Campus of Rutgers University.

The symposium will have tracks for equine, dairy and beef, sheep and goats, rabbits and poultry. Go to our website at www.4HisTops.org for more information and to download a registration form. Registration forms are also available at the 4-H office and center. Deadline to register is March 15.

Livestock Lease Form Available

The state-wide livestock lease form is always available on our website. This form replaced the individual forms for dairy, beef, sheep and goat. Download the form at www.4HisTops.org. Reminder: All livestock lease forms must be in the 4-H office by May 1.

New for 2014 - Beginning March 31
Sewing Lessons for 4-H Members

Seven Mondays, March 31- May 12 - 7:00 at the 4-H Center. 4th grade and up. Taught by experienced 4-H leaders. This will be fun for 4-H’ers just starting or those who already have some experience. If you have your own machine it’s best to bring it, but there will be machines available. You will be responsible for purchasing the necessary supplies. (list provided when you register) We’ll start with the basics- what goes in your sewing box, how to work the machine, choose a pattern and fabric, lay out a pattern, and basic hand stitches. Then, you will make a garment to model at the 4-H Fashion Revue on Friday, June 13th and in the Clover Theater at the Fair. We’ll guide you every step of the way and you’ll be proud to wear something that you made yourself! Register at the 4-H Center (908-526-6644) or with Barb Navatto (navatto@co.somerset.nj.us) by March 14th.

Jr. Breeder Loan Program

Information and applications have been posted to our website at: www.4HisTops.org for the Jr. Breeder Loan program. This is a great program that assists youth participating in 4-H to acquire livestock via a low-interest loan. Please note: All applications must be signed by a County 4-H Agent before being submitted.
Last Chance - for 2014
Yearbook and Catalog Pictures

Don’t be left out! Have your memories in the yearbook. The volunteer committee that puts this 100-page book together is asking for your help! Please contribute the following:

By April 30 (earlier is even better)
♦ The exact name of your club.
♦ The list of leaders and members that are currently active in your club. Please double check the spelling.
♦ Up to 6 photos of your club. These can be group shots or action shots (CD’s, email, hardcopy, however you want to get them here).
♦ They can have captions but no names.
♦ Please send pictures to: yearbook4H@yahoo.com.

This book is used as a promotional piece for the program, showing off 4-H’ers in a very positive way. It is given out free at the fair and other events.

RUTGERS DAY
Explore Learn Play
A day for you. A day for your family. A day at Rutgers.

This is a great opportunity for everyone, from small children to teenagers to adults to learn more about their state university. The event is Free for everyone and will be held rain or shine. Activities include tours, concerts, lectures, art, performances and a chance to meet Rutgers professors, staff, students and alumni. Enjoy the engineering open house, agricultural field day, the new medical school, and view construction of the new Rutgers Honors College classroom buildings and dorms. Sporting events, including the Rutgers Spring Football Game, will go on throughout the day. The state 4-H Dog Show as well as other animal shows will take place as well. Food and Rutgers souvenirs will be available for purchase. For more information about Rutgers Day, visit www.rutgersday.rutgers.edu.

Saturday, April 26, 2014
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rain or Shine

Family & Community Health Sciences Workshops for Spring

Preserve the Harvest – Freezing, March 6 and Canning in Glass Jars April 2. Learn how to safely preserve fresh food in one or all of these 2 workshops. Demonstrations.

Jams, Jellies & Other Sweet Treats – April 23: Learn to turn fruit into tasty spreads and syrups. Take home a sample.

Canning Pickles and Drying Foods – April 29: Learn how to make pickles, dry herbs, fruit and vegetables.

Living Well Conference – May 7: All day program with lunch. Join us as we celebrate Extension’s 100th Anniversary with presentations on food trends, cooking for one or two and family life through the years.

Get full descriptions and registration information in Visions, the FCHS newsletter, on the website, http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu. Space is limited, so sign-up today.
President's Message

The Mission of the Somerset County 4-H Association is to support the county’s 4-H Youth Development Program. The Association provides the Fair, the 4-H Center, and the volunteer and monetary support to 4-H youth, clubs, programs and events. I think we have the best Fair, because it is completely focused on the kids and their projects AND IT’S FREE – the only free fair in New Jersey! The Ted Blum 4-H Center is the envy of many counties. We give out many scholarships and awards to deserving youth every year.

Yet, we are always looking for ways to “make the best better”. The new roof on the center has held up to the storms, even if the ice provided some excitement as it slid off. The Vision Committee met in February to determine what our next improvement will be. Leaders should look for a survey in March which will ask how we can make the fair, the building, and the facilities better. Help us help your clubs by taking the time to complete it.

Lastly, it is that time of year when we sell ads for the yearbook. This is the most important fundraiser to pay for the Fair because it is the way for members to personally help out. Every year, the cost of the fair goes up and this is the way we keep providing the largest free Fair. If every member in Somerset County sold just one personal ad, it would raise over $25,000. My boys like to ask their grandmothers and other relatives. Then they scour the book at the Fair to find the ads they send. Their Uncle Peter always writes a doozy. If you know of any business that would like to buy an ad, ask them. Maybe parents know a corporation or local company that would like to sponsor the fair. It is a great way for them to support youth in the community and what business doesn’t like that kind of publicity? Look for these forms in your mailbox or online at 4hisTops.org.

So, while the Association is trying it’s best to support 4-H, why not join in and help us out by supporting our efforts to make the best better? Remember, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or even complaints, drop me a note at president4h@hotmail.com.

Harry Brochinsky

Lifetime Achievement Award

Mark Kirby

In January, the Somerset County 4-H Association honored 42-year member Mark Kirby with a lifetime membership. Mark participated in 4-H as a youth belonging to many clubs, including Wattles & Snoods, Franklin Park Garden & Poultry, Square Dancing, Ralph Raiders Radio Club, and Senior Council. He joined the Association in 1972 as a youth representative. In 1974 he was an Outstanding 4-H’er. He was a leader of the Sheepfold Club for nine years. Mark has been instrumental in the growth and smooth operation of the Association for 24 years. He served as president from 1994 until 1998. In that year he took over the Buildings and Grounds Committee and has chaired it ever since. He has been responsible for overseeing many improvements to the building. In 2000 he took over chairmanship of the wreath sale and has seen that fundraiser continue to grow as our primary means of raising money. Mark is a tireless worker at the Fair. He is involved in almost all the livestock divisions. Most people know him as the ring announcer for the dairy show and the ever entertaining costume class, which he emcees and judges every year. So the next time you see Mark, congratulate him right after you thank him for all he does. The Somerset County 4-H Association would not be as strong as it is without volunteers like him.

Many Thanks Joe Bakes

As Joe Bakes retires from his office of President of the Association since 2010, we are grateful that he will continue to chair the 4-H Yearbook and Catalog committee, the BIG fundraising committee and the Information Tent at the Fair, and continue to share responsibilities on several other Association committees. Joe’s involvement in 4-H began as a parent in 1987. A few of his responsibilities have included chairing an RCE Advisory Board called the Expansion and Review Committee, leading a 4-H journalism club for 5 years, and holding the office of vice president of the Association for 6 years. Thank you Joe for your dedicated leadership for the last 3 years as President.
The Association Welcomes...

New and Returning Officers

At the 4-H Association Annual January meeting Harry Brochinsky was named president, Annette Smutko, vice president. They are both 4-H Club leaders and heavily involved in Association functions. They are joined by returning officers, Jim Wood, Treasurer, Jeanie Fusullo, Assistant Treasurer, Caitlin O’Neil, Recording Secretary and Becky Moore, Corresponding Secretary. Thanks to all for their dedication to the program and all their hard work.

New Members

The 4-H Association was pleased to also welcome at their January meeting these new members:

◆ Debbie Farber, a leader of the 4-H Alpaca Club
◆ Kay Stephenson, a leader of Whiskers, Paws and Claws, the 4-H Cat Club
◆ Veronica Armour, judge
◆ Cary Brochinsky, youth representative
◆ Alyssa Peterson, youth representative

Fair Sponsors Wanted

Have you ever noticed the banners hanging from the food tent ceiling, the large Ethicon banners on the Prep Tent, the signs on the golf carts and benches, or the Friends of 4-H listed in the Information Tent? These generous businesses and people are Sponsors of the 4-H Fair who:

◆ Support a great cause,
◆ Enjoy tax benefits of donating to a 501(c)(3),
◆ Increase their recognition in the community.

Please help the 4-H Association find sponsors for the 2014 Fair. If you have contacts in a corporation, foundation, or business, please give them the 2014 Fair Sponsorship Form which can be found in Clovertales and at www.4HisTops.org. Or, if you prefer, please provide the Sponsorship Committee with the name of your contact. For more information, email Jill Brochinsky at 4hfamily@hotmail.com.

Remember Our Supporters...

In these trying times, those companies that support our 4-H program are very important to us. Please do all you can to support those that support us. When in need of a service, place to eat, etc., check out our 4-H yearbook, the Basket Bonanza Program or the thank you lists in Clovertales for those companies that have given generously to 4-H. If you visit one of these businesses, be sure to say thanks for supporting 4-H. “We Support 4-H” thank you ribbons are available in the 4-H Office. 4-H members and volunteers should give them to everyone that helps 4-H. There are special ribbons for ad sales.

2nd Annual Holiday Dinner

With over 50 guests and 40 volunteers, the dinner was fun and rewarding for everyone. There was plenty of good food and many of the guests mentioned how much they enjoyed the event. Thanks to the committee who organized the event; Thanks to Wegman’s, Olive Garden, Norzhill Farm, Vinnie’s Pizza and Pasta and all the wonderful people that donated all the food. Thanks to all participants and supporters of the Festival of Trees which helped make our 4-H Holiday Dinner happen; Thanks to Home Goods, who saved their store decorations for us and finally thanks to the Somerset County Vo-Tech carpentry class that built a sleigh for the greatest photo ops! Look forward to a sleigh ride in the info tent at the Fair this year. Without all the donations and help given, this event would not have happened. Hope you can join us for our 2014 4-H Festival of Trees and Holiday Dinner which promises to be the best ever!
Somerset County lost a beloved member of our 4-H family when Lifetime member, Ruth Schmidt, passed away on January 7. Current president, Harry Brochinsky describes her as one of the matriarchs of our 4-H Family.

Ruth was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, moving here with her young family in 1975.

In 1976, she started out as a 4-H parent when her son and daughter joined the Somerset Squares club. In 1978 she became a leader as well as a volunteer. She joined the 4-H Association in 1983 and was named a Lifetime member in 2004. In 1989, she received the 4-H Association Outstanding Service award.

The example Ruth set for all of us was living a life of balance. After taking wonderful care of her family, she kept herself mentally alert with hobbies of needlework and puzzle building; and physically active by bowling four times a week and square dancing as a member of the Flutterwheels Square Dancing Club. But what we remember most about her is her willingness to give to the community as one of our staunchest 4-H volunteers.

Joanna Lieuallen, of the 4-H Catalog committee, writes, “Ruth was a wonderful person who embodied the true spirit of volunteerism. I enjoyed working with her on various 4-H committees and events for more than two decades and dancing and spending time with her in the Flutterwheels. She gave so much of her time and herself - she truly lives on as an inspiration to us all.”

Ruth supported all 4-H Association events, working quietly behind the scenes on the wreath committee, catalog committee, rummage sale and basket auction. Her lovely hand embroidered baby blankets were always a hit at the basket auction!

And who can forget her dedication and commitment to our 4-H Fair and the Fair Food Tent Committee. She and her best friend, Esther Craft, could always be found helping out at the milkshake booth. Both these wonderful ladies worked tirelessly for up to 14 hours a day with always a smile and a helping hand.

Ruth also supported all 4-H Arts events, helping her daughter, Annette Smutko lead the Crazy Frog Hoppers and supporting her granddaughters, Outstanding 4-H’er, Mellissa Smutko and Crazy Frog Hopper, Laura Schmidt.

Her legacy lives on as Annette, herself, in addition to being a club leader, is vice-president of our 4-H Association, in charge of our BIG Basket Bonanza and our Fair food tent. Mellissa volunteers to help her mother in all her endeavors as well as her community service work within the 4-H Senior Council.

While we may mourn the loss of one of our true 4-H treasures, we also feel very blessed for having had the opportunity to have Ruth as part of our 4-H family. She will be missed and remembered always.
Scholarships Available for College or Technical School

These scholarships are for students attending college, vocational or technical schools. Applications available on the web: www.4HisTops.org.

- **4-H Association Scholarship** – 12th and 13th grade 4-H’ers can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Prep Scholarship** – $500 to any 4-H’er who started in our Prep program. Deadline April 1.

- **Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship** – Any Somerset Co. 4-H Alumni, who is a Junior or Senior in college, majoring in Education can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Trainmasters Scholarship** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in science can apply for $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship** – Any 4-H High School Senior interested in a career in the sciences can apply for a $1000 scholarship. Deadline April 1.

- **4-H Balliet Scholarship** – Somerset County 4-H Members in 12th and 13th grades, who will be attending a 2 year college or vocational school, are eligible for this one-time grant of $500.00. Deadline April 1.

- **Tom Everett Memorial Scholarships** - Two scholarships, annual and continuing educational, are available from the Somerset County Board of Agriculture. Deadline is March 31.

- **Edward Rosania and William Staats and Peter Smith Memorial Scholarship** – 4-H High School Graduate majoring in agriculture-$500. Deadline July 15. Contact 4-H Office.

Counselors Needed for Camp
Applications Due April 25

TOPS Day Camp Counselors: 8th grade or older: spend June 23 - 27 as a volunteer counselor assisting the TOPS Summer Day Camp Program participants with activities at the 4-H Center. Applications are available on our website at: http://www.4HisTops.org.

Lindley G. Cook
Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Camp is looking for counselors that are 18 or older and who want to work at camp for the summer. Volunteer counselor positions are available for one week sessions.

Please visit the Camp Website for more information: http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

4-H Center Hosting
Safe Night for Youth!

Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Safe Night, planned by the Somerset County Youth Council, is an annual drug-free event for Somerset County youth in grades 7 -12 with food, games, workshops, dancing, and prizes! This year, 4-H Senior Council is partnering with the Youth Council to plan and run the event. Participants are encouraged to dress in black and white for this year’s theme. Admission is $5. All teens welcome! Register with Sarah Murchison at Murchis@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-704-6307.
National 4-H Congress Applications Due April 1st

National 4-H Congress is a unique leadership opportunity for 4-H members from all 50 states. The event focuses on leadership, youth empowerment, community service, career development, and cultural diversity. The event brings over 1200 4-H members to Atlanta over November 28 - December 2. The planning committee takes advantage of Atlanta’s standing as an international city and exposes delegates to as many venues in the city as possible including the Centennial Olympic Park, the World of Coke-a-Cola, CNN Center, Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. There are many outstanding workshops along with keynote addresses that round out the experience. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 4-H members.

NJ sends approximately 25 4-H members and 3 adult advisors to the event each year. One to three delegates are nominated from each county and then final delegates are selected through a state interview process. The cost of the event is approximately $900, of which part is paid by the Somerset County 4-H Association. This cost includes air transportation, registration, lodging, and most meals. Local and state scholarships are available.

All interested 4-H members must be in the 10-12 grade at the time applications are due (April 1). Complete an application and go through a county and state selection process. Participants can only attend this event one time during their 4-H career. Applications are available at the 4-H Office or online at: http://www.national4-hcongress.com/

Outstanding 4-H'er

Applications Due June 1

If you will complete your 11th, 12th or 13th year in school this year, then you may want to apply to be an Outstanding 4-H'er. You will need to complete the application and ask one adult volunteer to write a recommendation letter for you. Applications are available and will be due June 1. Contact the 4-H office or visit our website for an application or more information.

To be considered an Outstanding 4-H'er a 4-H member should be truly deserving of the award by excelling in the following areas.

1. Participation in County Events
2. Participation in State Events
3. Participation in National Events
4. Demonstration of Leadership Qualities
5. 4-H Community Service
6. 4-H Promotion
7. 4-H Achievement (personal goals, etc.)
8. Attitude
9. Example to others
10. Personal Growth
11. Contribution to Total Program

Winter Camp 2014

Twelve members and three chaperones attended from Somerset County. Members were Sarah Bijaczyk, Cary Brochinsky, Kimberley Duffy, Stephanie Duffy, Barbara Follett, Todd Gallagher, Alexander Gonzalez, Jill Newbold, Alex Norz, Noah Rothenburger, Catherine Schenfeld and Breanna White. Chaperones and helpers were Maggie Navatto, Brian Bakes and Lisa Rothenburger.

We joined Bergen, Passaic and Warren County teens for wall hockey, ping pong, card games and outdoor fun at Winter Camp.
Club Treasury Review Forms Are Due March 31

New Jersey 4-H policy states that all club volunteers and members should receive an accurate club treasury report monthly. In addition, the 4-H office is to be appraised of club fund-raising activities and receive an annual treasury review of the account. Clubs must have their treasuries audited and forms into the office no later than March 31 or they will be in jeopardy of losing their fundraising abilities. These forms can be downloaded from www.4HisTops.org, publications, then click on Club Treasury Annual Review. Thank you to these clubs who got their forms in Mighty Cavits & Rodents, Wags & Whiskers, The Cattleman’s Club, Hoof Beats, Woof, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Chinese Culture Club, 4-H Exchange Club.

Imagination in Action

At Rutgers Day on April 26th, Expressive Arts 4-H will be conducting its 5th Annual Expressive Arts 4-H Showcase, Imagination in Action.

Prep (Cloverbud) and Standard 4-H’ers are invited to share their talents in visual, performing and media arts (e.g., music, dance, magic, clowning, drawing, painting, photography, drama, writing, filmmaking, puppetry, etc.). 4-H’ers need not be registered in an arts related 4-H club to participate. 4-H’ers can perform, or exhibit work they have created on their own, in their club, or school. Individual and group entries are welcome. This is a non-competitive event. All 4-Hers will receive participation ribbons and certificates.


Presentations: March 24 - 28, (afternoons); March 24 - 27 (evenings)

There are a few openings left. Register as soon as possible.

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What is your favorite topic? How would you like to present it?
Check out our presentation webpage for helpful tips and information: www.4HisTops.org.

Remember: State 4-H Guidelines and the Somerset County 4-H Requirements to compete at the 4-H Fair, state that a member must have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.

Writers, Illustrators & Artists

The 4-H WorldWideWriters.Ink Club will be sponsoring this first-time event which is open to all 4-H members. Members can participate in as many categories as they would like. There will be workshops and guest speakers open to the public, so please encourage your family and friends to attend. There will be an admission charge to attend. All submissions are due by April 1. Registration forms can be found at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2014-Writers-Convention.pdf. The website with updates and information on workshops and presentations can be found at: http://worldwidewriters.ink.sc4-h.org

1st Annual 4-H W.I.A. Convention Saturday, April 26
**Club Camp Weekend**

March 21 - 23

Want to experience 4-H Camp in March? Here's your chance to do so and kick back, relax and learn more about each other in the process of hiking, cooking, crafting, game playing, telling ghost stories, watching movies at night and helping our camp's labyrinth grow with, yes, more rocks! The cost is $53.00 per person and includes meals. To attend please let Betty Sommerville know by March 7. She can be reached at 908-635-1951.

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**Food 'N Fun, April 12**

*Register by April 1*

**ALL 4-H CLUBS** are invited to join us for an evening of fun! Choose a theme, plan a menu and come prepared to party! Plan to participate in Food ‘N Fun, April 12 at 4 pm. After the club chooses a theme, each member chooses a dish they would like to bring. The club is judged on their creativity, how well they work together and the nutritional balance of their menu. Individual dishes are judged on taste, appearance, and creativity of presentation. Sometimes club members dress up or wear hats or come in their PJs. The Centerpiece can be one masterpiece or you can decorate the whole table. One member of the club is asked to explain the theme to the other clubs and one member is asked to present a poster of the nutritional value of their menu to the judge at their table. Some past themes have been Superbowl Party, Sleepover, Bridal Shower, A Dinner with Dr Suess, A Hobbit Breakfast, and A Campout. What would your club like to do?

Register by April 1 with Barbara Navatto at: navatto@co.somerset.nj.us.

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**Kohl's Scholarships**

Leaders are encouraged to nominate club members for the Kohl's "Kids Who Care" scholarships by March 15. Two winners from each store will receive $50 gift cards, 170 Regional winners will receive $1000 and 10 National winners will receive $5000 and a grant of $1000 to the charity of their choice. Please visit www.kohls corporation.com to download rules and the nomination form.
Hurray for...

Congratulations to the Following 4-H’ers on Their County 4-H Achievement Awards

Achievement: CarolAnne Bekus, Aaron Callahan, Rebecca Dryl, Maeve Egan, Alyssa Figliano, Kristen Johnson, Megan Jannone, Jonathan Lin, Christine Papalaski, Evanna Wang, Madison Whiting; Citizenship: Ariel Camaligan, Brianna Glowinski, Kristen Johnson, Veronica Moditz, Mellissa Smutko; Community Service: Ben Fernandez, Surya Pillai, Jason Smith; Dairy: Sarah Fenwick, Josh Miller; Dog: Rachel Blumberg, Barbara Follett, Sammi Hall, Whitney Porter, Kayla Versfelt; Food & Nutrition: Evan Brochinsky, Samantha DeProspo, Tyler Giebas, Laura Schmidt; Healthy Living: Kate Aesclhiman, Gina Shaughnessy, Haley Weber; Horse: Samantha Eristavi; Lamp of Knowledge: Conrad Colon, Kyra Schwarz, Kyrstin Schwarz; Leadership: Rory Baker, Kimberley Duffy, Stephanie Duffey, Stephanie Gombas, Dylan Gottlieb, Karen Huang, Shannon Kile, Brian Kober, Katie Kouril, Aaron Lee, Emily Ma, Steven Modrowsky, Jill Newbold, Kristen Obermeier, Carolyn Pirro, Gina Shaughnessy, Christopher Walsh, Alex Wick; Performing Arts: Evan Brochinsky; Personal Development: Sarah Bijaczyk, Sydney Billera, Josh Bruss, James Clelland, Kirsten Clerico, Barbara Follett, Nick Heitkamp, Justine Kavanagh, Hailey Kirsch, Ryder Kirsch, Sylvester LaBrunda, Ben Lewis, Mary Kate McKenna, Amanda Miller, Josh Miller, Emily Milz, Jessie Murday, Julie Pirro, Emily Rannels, Jonathan Schramm, Mary Ellen Sousa, Jennifer Versfelt, Sydney Weber, Shawn Willis, William Yan; Poultry: Kimberley Duffy, Stephanie Duffey, Barbara Follett, Justin Kavanagh, Hailey Kirsch, Ryder Kirsch, Shannon Lakatos, Paige Lamberson, Kyra Schwarz, Kyrstin Schwarz, Diana Stone, Evie Sullivan, Reed VanDerMeiren, Christopher Walsh, Daniel Walsh, Justin Walsh, Alex Wick; Public Speaking: Zayn Aldebagh, CarolAnne Bekus, Ariel Camaligan,ricson Cheng, Jennifer Clougher, Madara Dias, Kimberley Duffy, Maeve Egan, Barbara Follett, Denise Grohn, Shanna Gryder, Kristen Johnson, Shannon Kile, Valerie Kral, Savern Lau, Emily Milz, Kristen Obermeier, Daniel Philipshock, Jennifer Versfelt, Breanna White; Sheep: Wil Staats; Teen Leader: Aaron Callahan, Ariel Camaligan, Abigail Clinton, Allison Dempsey, Madara Dias, Kimberley Duffy, Stephanie Duffey, Nick Fontana, Becca Francis, Joseph Heitkamp, Skylar Holland, Hailey Kirsch, Katie Kouril, Brian Kober, Rebecca Korsgaard, Joseph Kronmaier, Jay Marion, Liz McGrath, Dan Memoli, Veronica Moditz, David Modrowsky, Kristen Obermeier, Alexis Rushton, Matthew Schueler, Kyrstin Schwarz, Wil Staats, Tanay Trivedi, Christopher Walsh, Jennifer Weinberg, Alex Wick, Shawn Willis, William Yan

CarolAnne Bekus Wins Princeton Agricultural Leadership Award

First established in 1867, the Princeton Agricultural Association is dedicated to advancing agricultural science and technology, and promoting youth participation in agricultural industries and related services. Their members are spread throughout the four counties of Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer and Hunterdon. Every year, a high school student distinguished in leadership and promoting agriculture is selected from each of the counties for its: “Leadership Award.”

Administrative Professional Day

April 23 is Administrative Professional Day and a BIG thank you to our 4-H administrative professionals. They are great; always courteous, helpful, and organized. We really appreciate all they do, and hope you do too! Thank them for all they do next time you see them: Ms. Julie Augustine and Mrs. Georgeanne Valis.

Also thank the other RCE secretaries and office manager who help out and lend a hand to all of us, making us a true “cooperative” extension: Mrs. Jennifer Arago, Ms. Barbara Dugan and Ms. Peggy Doyle.
**Horse Project Awards**

from January Ceremony

Junior English: Leigha Giranda – Champion  
Caroline Almeida – Reserve  
Senior English: Carol Anne Bekus – Champion  
Amber LiBrizzi – Reserve  
Junior Western: Madison Whiting – Champion  
Brianna LiBrizzi – Reserve  
Senior Western: Christine Papalaski – Champion  
Elizabeth Bergen – Reserve  
Speed Division: Sarah Lerch – Champion  
Sarah Dagnall – Reserve  
George Daniels Memorial Award:  
Samantha Eristavi  
Kit Memorial Trophy  
Jazzy owned by the Steinkopf family

**4-H Goat Extravaganza**

2-D Art Novice  
Kaleb Johnson 1st place  
Photography Senior  
Maeve Egan 1st place  
Photography Junior  
Carol Ann Perry 2nd place  
Team Poster Contest  
Maeve Egan 2nd place team  
Justin Kavanaugh 3rd place team  
Quiz Bowl Senior Team  
Maeve Egan 2nd place  
Quiz Bowl Junior Team  
Allison Parascandola 1st place

**Space & Astronomy Day**

*By Paul Cirillo*

The normally quiet Saturday afternoon at Raritan Valley Community College was interrupted by the many people who came to enjoy Space & Astronomy Day! The November 9th event was hosted by three organizations interested in educating the public - NJAA, The Planetarium at RVCC and Somerset County 4-H.

The afternoon began with tours of the two new 3M Observatories. The day featured twelve presentations and activities. As an added option, RVCC provided their usual Saturday afternoon planetarium shows. The presentations covered a wide range of subjects - black holes, comets and asteroids, roving on Mars, exploring the solar system and iOS Apps for Astronomy.

The activities provided a fascinating hands-on way for families to experience and understand the wonders of the universe. Two of the activity leaders were Matthew Thiel, 4-H Alumni and currently a Mechanical Engineering Student at Manhattan College and Lisa Rothenburger, Somerset County 4-H Agent.

All in all it was a great day with lively exchanges of questions, answers and ideas. A special thanks to the RVCC Planetarium Staff for making it possible to use the spacious campus conference facilities.

**Go-Karts Members Meet a Pro**

*By Skyler Holland*

The 4-H Go Kart Club had the great opportunity on January 15th to meet champion pro racing driver, David Donahue at the Gallop Bistro in Bridgewater.

He is active in multiple racing venues such as the Rolex 24, stock car racing (NASCAR), the Craftsman Truck Series and much more.

Club member Astrid Lynn and her parents are deeply involved in racing and were able to bring David to meet the club. Members were able to ask David questions as well as hear his two hour presentation. He discussed the physics of driving, the technical skills and different track layouts and design. He also gave out useful driving tips but included that every car is unique.

Over the course of the evening a lot of technical points such as down force, braking, weight, and steering, were discussed. David showed us his personal side and talked about his legendary pro racer father, Mark Donohue.

Members discovered David to be very down to earth and were thankful for the time he made for them. David Donahue gained many new fans that night and he seemed very excited to come to our next 4-H Fair and race with club members!
Beth Kavanaughs Honored

The Doris Dealaman Youth Advocate of the Year Award 2013

The Doris Dealaman Youth Advocate of the Year Award is presented by the Somerset County Youth Services Commission annually to an individual or individuals in recognition of his/her volunteer service to Somerset County’s youth. The award is named in honor of former Somerset County Freeholder, former SC Youth Services Commissioner and former SC 4-H Association member, Doris Dealaman. This is the most prestigious youth services award in Somerset County.

Beth has been leader of 4-H Senior Council for 20 years. This community service club for teens meets once a month and engages in community service projects throughout the year, including road cleanups, leaf raking, helping at the SHIP holiday party for economically disadvantaged families, and running the sno-cone booth at the Fair. The club also works hard supporting other 4-H county events.

As leader, Beth helps members develop leadership skills, responsibility and citizenship. During the 4-H Fair, she is one of the dedicated volunteers there from 10 am to 10 pm each day, and beyond that for set up and clean up.

Beth is also a member of the Somerset County 4-H Association and serves on several committees. Beth's involvement in 4-H began in the 1980’s when her children were members. When her youngest son, Justin, recently took an interest in the goat club, Beth became leader of the "Just Kidding" goat club on top of her other responsibilities.

When the non-profit organization EmPoWER Somerset was preparing to open the EmPoWER Family Success Center in early 2012, part of the process was establishing a Parent Advisory Board to help plan and implement the community activities and workshops offered by the center. As an original Parent Advisory Board member, Beth made connections between 4-H and the Family Success Center. The monthly Family Fun Night, now a tradition of the FSC, started with an event that Beth helped to organize. She arranged for her son Shawn’s 4-H club, the Magician’s Guild, to put on a magic show and make balloon animals for a family fun night organized at the center. The club members volunteered to run the event, which was an overwhelming success. Beth's involvement helped connect the 4-H community with the FSC and vice versa, helping to raise awareness about free family programs and services offered by both organizations.

She truly loves her volunteer work and delights in seeing the 4-H members grow into responsible adults. There are many contributing citizens of our community who have benefitted a great deal from their experiences in 4-H working with caring volunteer club leaders like Beth.

However, Beth herself states that she takes the most pride is her role as a mother to 6 and a grandma to 6!

4-H Association member and Executive Director of EmPoWER Somerset, Brenda Esler, nominated Beth Kavanaugh for this award.

Rob Slovik Joins Sheriff’s Department

Alumni, Rob Slovik (formally know around the Fair as the “Ice Man”) came back from military service and attended the police academy for the last 2 years. In December, he graduated and is now a Somerset County Sheriff’s Officer. Rob began his 4-H career in our 4-H prep program and remains actively involved as a 4-H volunteer. Congratulations, Rob!

Anthony DeVergillo
RHA's Communication Intern

Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) has recently brought on board, Anthony DeVergillo as their communications intern. Anthony is currently a junior at Rutgers, majoring in Communications with a minor in digital Communications, Information and Media. He will be assisting with social media networks and updating and maintaining the “digital face” of the organization as a whole. Anthony, a 4-H alumni, started in our prep program.
Model Horse Show Results

**Bridget Sona:** 1st, Open Gaited Under Saddle, 4th Sr. Western Pleasure, 5th Sr. Costume, 3rd Sr. Creative Scene, 8th Sr. Repaint by Exhibitor, 5th Sr. OF Appaloosa, 6th Sr. OF Ponies, 3rd Sr. OF Arabians, 5th, 7th Sr. OF Spanish Breeds, 1st, 8th Fantasy, 7th, 9th Sr. OF Thoroughbreds/Standardbreds, 8th Sr. OF Gaited, 7th Collectors, 5th, 6th Sr. Tack by Exhibitor, 9th, 10th Sr. OF Paint Horses, 8th Sr. OF Quarter Horse, 2nd 7th Sr. Mixed Breeds, 9th 10th Sr. OF Other Breeds


**Surya Pillai:** 4th Jr. Other Performance, 1st Jr. Props Exhibitor, 2nd Jr. Standing Showmanship, 3rd Jr. Repaint by Exhibitor, 2nd Non Equine, 5th Fantasy, 1st Jr. OF Morgans, 2nd 3rd Creative Scene, 5th Jr. OF Ponies, 1st Jr. OF Quarter Horse, 7th Jr. OF Thoroughbred/Standardbred, 8th Jr. OF Warmblood/Sport Horses, 3rd Sr. OF Spanish Breeds

**Sianna Musarra:** 7th, 9th, 10th Sr. Repaint by Exhibitor, 1st Sr. OF Morgan, 1st Sr. OF Ponies, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, Sr. OF Arabians, 1st Sr. OF Spanish Breeds, 3rd Non Equine, 4th Custom Light Sprt Horse, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 10th Sr. OF Thoroughbreds/Standardbreds, 3rd, 4th Sr. OF Gaited, 6th Collectors, 6th Sr. OF Paint Horses, 4th, 5th Sr. OF Quarter Horse, 2nd Champion and Reserve Sr.

**Somerset County:** 2nd County/Club Herd

Correction!

Stephanie Duffy, not Kimberley Duffy, attended National 4-H Congress. We apologize for the error in the last issue of Clovertales.

Roboforce Wins FLL

On November 23rd, six members of the Roboforce Robotics Club participated in the FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition at the Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School. The team won the “Robot Performance Award” beating 21 other teams with a score of 363 and was invited to attend the FLL New Jersey State Finals at Mt. Olive High School to be held on March 8th. The team worked for 3 months programming their robot to autonomously navigate a 4 foot by 8 foot board containing Lego Model Missions worth varying point values. Teams work to score the highest number of points in 2 minutes and 30 seconds. In addition to building and programming a robot, teams must also do research on a specific topic and create a 5 minute presentation for the judges.

**Front Row (L-R):** Abhishek Saxena, Nicholas Schueler, Shivam Patel. **Back Row (L-R):** Chris Schueler (Coach), Sam Keats, Robbie Mente, Justin Lee, Matthew Schueler (Coach).

Herpetology Show Results

**Best of Show - Sandfish Skink** Julie Pirro
**Reserve Best of Show - CA King Snake** Noah Rothenburger

**Lizards**
**Best of Breed Sandfish Skink** Julie Pirro
**2nd Place Bearded Dragon** Kevin Sievers
**3rd Place Leopard Gecko** Ryan Jaekoski
**4th Place Bearded Dragon** Madeline Dietrich
**Honorable Mention** Julie Pirro
**Honorable Mention** Kevin Sievers

**Snakes**
**Best of Breed CA King Snake** Noah Rothenburger
**2nd Place Ball Python** Derek Pasquale
**3rd Place Amelanistic Corn Snakes** Lily Davis
**4th Place Florida King Snake** John Williams

**Turtles**
**Best of Breed** Edward Onesko
4-H Summer Camp 2014
Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, Stokes State Forest

A special place for kids to have fun, relax, learn life skills, make new friends and strengthen old friendships. 4-H Camp offers challenging and exciting programs, tailored to the campers’ individual interest and guided by experienced staff at all times. Activities include swimming, boating, arts & crafts, GPS & hiking, camping, nature & ecology, drama, riflery, music, pioneer living skills, water games and kayaking.

Register now! Summer Camp will run for 6 one-week sessions from July 7th - August 16th. Camp runs from Sunday through Saturday. The cost of a session of camp is $550 basic fee, but there are discounts including multiple family discounts and discounts for 4-H members and children of Rutgers University employees. Registration information is available on the camp website - www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu. Just visit the “registration” page. Full registration is available on-line and the camp will invoice you upon receiving it.

Somerset County 4-H
Family Camp May 30 - June 1

If you’ve ever been to camp, here’s your chance to relive those times spent boating, making crafts, singing around the campfire, eating in the dining hall and renewing old friendships. If you’ve never been before, join us and find out how much fun it is! This is a special weekend for our Somerset County families to enjoy camp. New this year a Lego Build!

Somerset County 4-H Family Camp
May 30 - June 1, 2014
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Bring your family, your club, and any 4-H member… you’re bound to have a great time. You may come for the whole weekend or just on the big day—Saturday.

Cost is $65 per person and includes EVERYTHING! Call or stop by the 4-H Office for a registration packet. Packets will also be available in the 4-H Center Lobby and on the website in March. Contact the 4-H Office, 526-6644 for more information.

“Becoming an Outdoor Family” Weekend

May 16th - 18th. Plan to spend the weekend at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp for an exciting outdoor educational experience for the whole family. Learn about environmental conservation, safety and fun in the great outdoors. Stay overnight and participate in a choice of over 20 classes!

Expert instructors will begin each class with basics, providing hands-on experience and encouraging participants to ask questions. The variety of experiences include wildlife, forestry, orienteering skills, hiking, natural arts, outdoor cooking, kayaking, canoeing, firearm safety, fishing and much, much more.

The fee is $80.00 per person and includes meals. Details can be found at www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu or call the camp directly at 973-948-3550.

Camp Events

Celebrate Camp Open House: Call to schedule a tour.
Science, Engineering & Technology Camp: June 30 - July 3. Check website.
Totally Outrageous Program for Summer

June 23 - 27, 2014

Science ● Olympics ● Carnival ● Yummy Snacks ● Crafts

Every Day A Different Adventure!

New and exciting programs in science, cooking, arts and the ever popular Camp Olympics and Carnival Day. Lots of great new snacks and crafts to make.

Totally Outrageous Fun!

Make new friends and have fun!!!

For Children Grades 1-6
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
$200.00
Scholarships available

Call the office for an application or visit our website at www.4HisTops.org

Camp held here at the Ted Blum 4-H Center.

Applications for TOPS camp teen counselor volunteers are now available in the 4-H office or on the web. To apply you must be completing the 8th grade or older.

Volunteers have the opportunity to develop their leadership and teaching skills by helping to create programs, teach crafts, organize and play games and assist in team building. Training is provided and mandatory to attend.

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office or download an application at: www.4HisTops.org.
Our New Fair Theme...

Ignite the Green!

Thanks to all who submitted themes. You may use it in any font and any creative design, for Fair displays, banners, signs, t-shirts, etc., for the 2014 Fair!

S4HL Rocks!

Every year the “Somerset 4-H Live” (S4HL) noon hour at the Fair just gets better and better - thanks to all of our very talented 4-H members! This year it’s YOUR TURN to take to the Clover Theater Stage! If you have never performed during S4HL before, you must register by May 1st to be invited to audition. If you have been a performer in the past, or if you give your performance during County Presentations, we’ll contact you!

For further details about participating in the “Performing Arts” Open Division at the 2014 4-H Fair, check out the website under Open Divisions on the Exhibitor Guide page. Contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions!

Yearbook & Catalog Ad Sales

You should have received your Ad Sales packet. If you did not, contact the 4-H office right away! Additional ad sales forms are available on the web at: www.4HisTOPS.org To track your progress, contact the Ad Sales Chairperson at advertise4H@gmail.com.

Why do we sell ads? To raise money to support the fair, the building, and the program.

♦ Every club that sells $500 or more will receive 10% of their total ad sales for their club treasury
♦ The price for Friends is only $3.00
♦ Special message ads are $25.00

Remember:
♦ Every member with $100.00 or more in sales earns a Fair t-shirt with the “Operation: Clover” theme.
♦ 4-H'er should give all buyers of display ads a "thank you" supporter ribbon and a copy of the yearbook and catalog.
♦ American Express Gift Checks are presented to Top Selling Sales People
♦ 4-H Fair Food Tent Coupons are presented to Top Selling Families
♦ Deadline - April 30
♦ Every member and club is expected to help support the 4-H program to keep the Fair free!

Help the Fair by Identifying Potential Sponsors!

Do you know someone who owns a small business or do you have a contact within a large corporation or foundation? Would your company or family like to be a sponsor? Please help the 4-H Association Fair Sponsorship Committee by providing names of foundation or corporate contacts. Contact Barbara Navatto for more information: Navatto@co.somerset.nj.us
Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Surya Pillai

In November, the club welcomed new members Samantha, Grace and Michelle; discussed their small animal award night; wreath decorating; the Middlesex County 4-H Show; Festival of Trees and the ARBA-American Rabbit Breeders Association. In December discussions included the Big Basket Bonanza, the Middlesex County 4-H Show; Festival of Tree decorations and the holiday party. In January members discussed the February show and Mrs. Gallagher explained how to register a rabbit. The club learned how to keep animals warm. Other subjects included the Big Basket Bonanza and county presentations.

4-H Clover Ensemble
by Hayden Verbanas

Cue the Clovers! The Clover Ensemble acting club does loads of fun things. For example, members do a lot of improv, skits, and are planning a musical number for the 4-H Fair in August. They enjoy dressing up in costumes, sharing their own personal writing including: plays, poems, and more. The club is always looking for more projects.

Just Kidding
by Allison Parascandola

The club welcomed Mrs. Navatto to their January meeting. Mrs. Navatto gave a quick recap on how to give a presentation. Jenna gave a presentation on goat behavior. The club will be participating in the Big Basket Bonanza with a movie theme basket. CarolAnn, the health officer, did a health survey. Members were given the new theme for the Fair. In February, members discussed ideas for the Fair theme, community service opportunities and their movie basket for the Big Basket Bonanza. The club is planning to participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade and looking into going to the NJ Breeders Symposium. CarolAnn gave an exercise and sleep quiz.

4-H Alpaca Club
by Cheyenne White

Discussions included NJTC, the Big Basket Bonanza, St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Science-Sational Day, Tops Camp Counselors, the new Fair theme and the balloon festival under new business and winter camp and the holiday party under old business. The club is planning on a sheering at Pat’s home and participation in the agility show in PA.

Master Chefs
by Evan Brochinsky

At the last meeting members discussed the dinner they are planning for the Strasser Family, who won this prize at the Arts Award night. Members learned how to analyze recipes online. After the meeting the club had its master chef challenge. Each member had to make a recipe with 6 Ritz crackers. Winners were Evan, Montana and Brie.

The Piano/Music Club
by Madara Dias

In December the members continued their practice for the Festival of Trees performance. Discussions included the order of the songs played and members bringing an item to the bake sale being held during the festival. For the Festival of Trees, members ran a bake sale. The performances included Silver Bells, Jingle Bells, Carol of the Bells, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Deck the Halls, Greensleeves, Joy to the World and Jingle Bell Rock. Each song was done twice. Leftover bake goods were donated to the 4-H Center.
The Prep (Cloverbud) Page

What fun we all had celebrating the New Year at the Prep (Cloverbud) Family New Year’s Party. The evening began with crafts and tattoos, followed by a pot luck dinner, dancing and games with Mike Malone from Music N Motion. Dessert was brownies made by Melissa and Annette Smutko and “make your own ice cream sundaes”. The evening ended with the New Year’s count down and lots of confetti.

A BIG THANK YOU to my helpers Aaron Lee, Angelina Lai, Ariel Rung, Evanna Wang, Emily Ma, Savern Lau, Jonathan Lin, Kristen Clerico, Cary & Even Brochinsky, Melissa Smutko, Pam Gillian, Alex Franchuk, Annette Smutko, Pauline Kodak, Harry Brochinsky and all of the parents & children that stayed to help clean up. Many hands make little work. Hope to see you all at next year’s party.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the date!! Family Camp
May 30 - June 1

Family Camp May 30, 31 & June 1, 2014. Registration packets will be out mid-March.

Did you know?.......

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, March is the third month of the year. However, it was originally the first month and named Martius in the early Roman calendar. Later, the Romans made January the first month moving March to the third month. In March winter ends and spring begins. In the northern half of the world, spring begins between March 19-21, which is the days when the sun is directly over the equator. Around this time, the animals end their hibernation.

Where does the work April originate from?

No one knows for certain how April got its name, but it may have come from the Latin word “aperire” which means to “open”. April is, after all, the month when in the northern hemisphere buds begin to open and things start to grow again after the winter.
Yakety-Yak

Proud 2B Prep - In January, the members of Proud 2B Prep learned about robotics and taking their love of motorized Legos to the next level from Rahul Ramanathan. Everyone had a great time.

The Little Woofers - We are preparing for our first chance to participate in the Woof Dog Club show (Woofminster) and again in March with the Wags and Whiskers Dog show. How exciting.

Discovery - We had a busy meeting in January, when we finally were able to have a meeting in January. We welcomed four new members; Lillian, Kajsa, Ben, and Mia. Then the Master Chefs showed us how to make pizza pinwheels. We pinched together the dough, spread the sauce and cheese and rolled them up. After slicing them, we popped them in the oven. They were yummy! Thank you Ashley, Tyler, and Samantha for showing us how to make the pizza pinwheels. At our next meeting, someone from the herpetology club will tell us all about snakes and skinks.
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## SPONSORSHIP FORM

**Type of Sponsorship (Please select)** | **Amount** | **Description**
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Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Level Sponsorships | See Reverse | Packages include tent sponsorships, advertisements, commercial space and more……
Entertainment – Sponsors will be recognized during performances by local bands/entertainers throughout each day. | $1000 | Announcements will be made to audiences. Posters or banners will be prominently displayed.
Food Tent (3’ X 6’ Banner) – Sponsors will be recognized with a prominently displayed banner in the food tent. | $750 | A customized, 2-sided banner with your business information (e.g., name, phone #, website) will be hung in the food tent which attracts approximately 60,000 visitors.
Golf Cart – Sponsors will be recognized with signs on the vehicles. Eight golf carts are available for sponsorship. | $500 | Golf carts are highly visible and in constant use all day. They are the primary means of transportation for Fair Managers, 4-H agents and volunteer staff.
Food Tent (2.5’ X 4’ Banner) – Sponsors will be recognized with a prominently displayed banner in the food tent. | $350 | A customized, 2-sided banner with your business information (e.g., name, phone #, website) will be hung in the food tent which attracts approximately 60,000 visitors.
Bench – Sponsors will be recognized with a sign on a bench on the fairgrounds. Twelve benches are available for sponsorship. | $250 | Twelve benches are located throughout the fairgrounds for weary fair-goers.
Friends of 4-H - Sponsors will be recognized among a list of Friends displayed in the information tent. | $50 minimum | Sponsorships will be used for general Fair expenses.

Please return this form with your check payable to: “Somerset County 4-H Association”
Send to: Somerset County 4-H Association, Attention: Sponsorship, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

**Check type of sponsorship:**

- [ ] Diamond Sponsor  
- [ ] Platinum Sponsor  
- [ ] Gold Sponsor  
- [ ] Silver Sponsor  
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- [ ] Friends of 4H  
- [ ] Golf cart

Date: ____________  
Check #: __________________  
Amount: $ ____________

Company Name: ____________________________________________

Contact: ______________________  
Title: ______________________

Address: ____________________________________________

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City/ST/Zip: ____________________________________________

Phone #: ______________________  
Email address: ________________________________________

I have a special sign that I wish to be used. (Yes or No) _______
2014 Somerset County 4-H Fair Sponsorship Opportunities

**Diamond Sponsors - $20,000**

Package includes your signs and recognition of your sponsorship on the largest tent at the fair, the Food Tent, which hosts seating for 800 and is staffed by 20 nonprofit organizations selling meals and snacks. Also includes your logo on all promotional materials.

**Platinum Sponsors- $10,000**

Package includes your signs and recognition of your sponsorship on the Livestock Show Tent at the Fair, which hosts seating for 300, and has continuous shows of dairy cows, beef cows, goats, sheep, and alpaca as well as the champion showmanship event - the Round Robin- which also includes horses, poultry, dogs and small animals.

**Gold Sponsors- $7,500**

Package includes your signs and recognition of your sponsorship on your choice of:
The Horse Showmanship Area (two rings -seating for 200 and two tents)
OR
The Dog Showmanship Area (one double ring-seating for 200 and three tents).

**Silver Sponsors- $5,000**

Package includes your signs and recognition of your sponsorship on your choice of tent with a large volume of visitors, including Prep (activities for grades K-3), Information (the visitor center of the Fair), or Clover Theater (daily entertainment on stage).

**Bronze Sponsors- $3,000**

Package includes your signs and recognition of your sponsorship on your choice of tent including Arts, Sciences, Poultry, RC Cars, Model Trains, Mechanical Science, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Herpetology, Dairy, Beef, or Alpaca/Cat.

**All packages include:**

- A full-page ad in the Somerset County 4-H Yearbook and Catalog, a 200 page guide to 4-H and local businesses distributed for free at the Fair and 4-H events throughout the year. Deadline: May 1st.
- A plaque of appreciation to hang in your place of business.
- Link to your website from [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org), sponsor page.
- Periodic PA announcements during the Fair.

*We are happy to prepare custom packages.*
Current Resident or

Dated Material