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A bi-monthly newsletter about Somerset County 4-H

November/December 2014

Ignite the Green

Save the Date...
4-H FAIR
August 12-13-14, 2015
**Fall 2014 for Somerset County 4-H**

What an exciting time of year it is for Somerset County 4-H! We have lots of new clubs forming and we want to thank everyone who helped with another successful Open House. We had a huge crowd and there were many new families who came to learn about 4-H. The Somerset County 4-H program continues to expand, offering new and innovative clubs. We welcome our new Archery Club, Minecraft, Pins & Needles, Card Board Gamers, Prep Ensemble, Tail Feathers Poultry Club, Clowning, new cooking and robotics clubs and the Prep Ensemble.

Fall and winter is when we recognize all of our leaders and members for their achievements throughout the year. Please check out Leaders’ & Parents’ Outlook to find out when the Achievement Nights will be held. Achievement Nights are held for Livestock, Dog, Arts, Science, Small Animal and Horse. Please attend these celebrations of the work our members have done this past year. This is also our opportunity to thank our volunteers for all their dedication and time. We hope to see YOU there!

Sincerely,

Lisa Rothenburger  
County 4-H Agent

Carol K. Ward  
County 4-H Agent

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**4-H Mission Statement**

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

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.
### 2014 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events

The 2014 Somerset County 4-H Calendar of Events is being prepared now. It includes state and countywide events for the upcoming calendar year. It also includes major club events. If you have any ideas or contributions, let us know. If you’re not sure if your event should be on the calendar, give us a call. The 2014 Calendar will be available in late December with the January/February Clovertales.

### Achievement Dinners

- **Livestock Achievement Dinner**  
  Saturday, November 1st, 6:00 pm
- **Arts Achievement Night**  
  Friday, November 7th, 6:30 pm
- **Dog Project Achievement Dinner**  
  Sunday, November 9th, 5:00 pm
- **Small Animal Achievement Awards**  
  Saturday, December 6
- **Horse Achievement Dinner**  
  Saturday, February 7th, set-up 4 pm

### What To Do In Case of Inclement Weather

If your club meets at the 4-H Center and you are a club leader, please contact the 4-H office before 4:00 at 908-526-6644 or Maryann, the building manager, between 7-10 pm at 908-526-8242, to let her know if you will be canceling your meeting that night. You are also responsible for contacting club members to let them know you will cancel. If you are a 4-H member in doubt, contact your club leader.

If the decision is made by the buildings & grounds committee to close the building for the evening, the attempt will be made to reach all leaders. Members, check with your leaders if you are not sure before coming to the 4-H Center.

Leaders, please make sure that Maryann has a number where you can most likely be reached during the day. Thank you!

### 4-H Rutgerscience Saturdays

Rutgerscience Saturdays will continue throughout the winter into spring. These programs encourage youth to spur their interest in science and in their everyday lives. Grades 5-8. Upcoming programs:

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

### Wreath Decorating

**December 3**

Help is needed on Wednesday, December 3, to decorate wreaths. Association members, parents, leaders and friends are asked to attend beginning at 7 pm. Bring a friend. It’s always a fun evening. (These wreaths are to fill orders phoned in, not club orders.)
13th Grade Youth- How Do You Record Their Participation?

The office staff have had several questions lately about 13th grade youth and how to record their participation for their last year in 4-H.

For those youth who live locally and are able to attend regular meetings, they should be given the same consideration as the rest of the club as far as attendance. If they call ahead with an excuse of illness or school conflict, they should be excused.

For those youth who go to college away from home and are unable to attend club functions during the school year, they should be given an excused absence for those months they are away, but should be expected to participate when they are home such as winter or spring break if there are club functions held during that time. If you need further clarification, please contact your staff liaison.

Club Reorganization

Please remember that every club should be conducting a business meeting on a regular basis and have officers. Barb Navatto is willing to come and get you started with an informal workshop about how to run a meeting and duties of officers.

Every club should have a secretary keeping minutes of any action the club agrees upon. The secretary also takes attendance. This is important because members wishing to compete at Fair must have attended 70% of club meetings and activities (excused absences are at the leader’s discretion. Members away at college are excused). An officer should send announcements of club activities to the 4-H Office for Clovertales and every club should have a treasurer that keeps track of club finances.

Treasurer and secretary books are on the website.
http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=4H259
http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=4H266

Treasuries & Fundraising Policy

Just some general reminders for success and safety in 4-H fundraising:

Raising Funds for a Specific Goal: Fundraising will be done only to meet a specific 4-H club or program goal (i.e., purchasing supplies for a club project; funding a community service project; sponsoring members to attend an educational conference or 4-H camp). Money raised during the course of a 4-H year should be spent that same year, unless a long-term goal with a specific timeline is stated. Raising money should not be the club's primary activity and is not a requirement for club success.

Informing County 4-H Office: 4-H clubs must submit a Fundraising Worksheet (http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-Fundraising-Worksheet.pdf) to inform the county 4-H office of fundraising plans in advance to avoid conflict with other 4-H fundraising efforts and program goals. If the 4-H staff determines there is a conflict with other efforts or program goals, or is not informed of the fundraising plans, he or she may choose to deny support or permission for the fundraiser.

Meeting Legal Requirements: Fundraising activities must meet legal requirements within the local municipality, county and state. The adult leader should contact the appropriate municipality to ensure compliance with local jurisdiction prior to any fundraising planning and must be able to produce documentation (i.e., permit) when requested.

Safety Factors: Door-to-door solicitation of funds is not permitted. Adult leaders should consider the personal safety of all youth when planning fundraisers. Precautions should be taken when needed. Adult supervision of any fundraising, as with any 4-H event, is necessary.

Any fundraising will be properly identified with quality signage and all participants should be able to explain the purpose of the fundraiser. It’s important to uphold the positive image of 4-H.

More information can be found in the Treasurer's Record Book.
4-H Holiday Bazaar

November 22

Please mark your calendars to attend our one-stop-shopping BIG Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 22 from 10am to 2pm at the 4-H Center. Items for sale include jewelry, home decorating products, candles, kitchenware, gourmet foods, baskets, cosmetics, wooden items, gift items and much more. With almost 50 crafters & vendors, you’ll be sure to enjoy shopping this event!

Festival of Trees

December 13 - 14; 10am - 4pm

Calling all 4-H and Community Clubs: Need to do a fundraiser for you club? Time to start planning your fundraiser festival tree. Set-up is Friday, December 13, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. It’s an excellent fun way to make your club treasury grow. Or, you can donate your handmade/store-bought ornaments to benefit a worthy cause, our 4-H Holiday Dinner. Community clubs, organizations and businesses are invited to put up a tree. We welcome and encourage trees of different cultures and denominations. The application and flyer are on our website: www.4HisTops.org.

4-H Wreath Sale Info:

Club Orders Were Due October 31

October was 4-H Wreath Sale Month!! If you did not order one, please call the 4-H office at 908-526-6644. We may have extras! The proceeds help to support our Free Fair! Clubs receive $1.00 for each wreath they sell.

Burn off those Thanksgiving dinner calories. Come join the fun in helping unload wreaths on Friday, November 28 at 7:30 am.

Club leaders should pick up wreaths:

- Saturday, November 29, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Monday, December 1, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Each club should plan to decorate their own wreaths. To keep wreaths fresh, do not store on concrete, which absorbs moisture. Please call Maryann DelGigante, night superintendent, 7-10 pm, Monday-Friday, at least a day before you plan to pick up your ribbon, wire and cones. Wreaths should be delivered to the customers by December 7. The cost is $15.00 decorated; $12.00 plain. Before turning in your money, keep $1.00 per wreath for your club treasury if payment is made to the 4-H Association by December 17. Clubs making payment after December 17 should keep only 50¢ per wreath. Clubs making payments after December 31, 2013 will not be able to keep any money for selling wreaths.

Leaders: Money drop-off days, December 15 - 17, 7 - 9 pm, 4-H Center. The 4-H office will accept money if these dates are inconvenient.

Big Basket Bonanza

Clubs Needed to Help Support this 4-H Association Fundraiser

The BIG Committee is hosting their 8th annual BIG Basket Bonanza tricky tray basket auction on Sunday, March 8, 2015, to raise funds for the 4-H Center. Last year’s event was a BIG success thanks to the many clubs, local businesses and organizations that participated by contributing to the prizes.

Themed baskets are welcome; all items should be new and in original packaging with a combined value of at least $20. But the committee can also use cash of any amount to be combined for big prizes, gift cards or single items. Be creative! Think about what you might like to receive as a gift. Please send or drop your donation at the 4-H Office.

Any questions, please contact Annette Smutko: Annette.L.Smutko@gsk.com.

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**President’s Message**

I don’t know about you, but around our house the 4-H year seems to start with Open House. Inevitably one of the boys joins something new or Jill or I seem to be somewhere in the formation of a new club (this year we did both). It is so exciting with all the possibilities the coming year will bring. Each year someone in our family seems to step a little bit out of their comfort zone and try something new. Somerset County 4-H is the perfect place to do this. I believe we are the closest you can come to honestly saying “We have it all”. There is such a variety of clubs full of members just waiting for new people to share their enthusiasm for a particular topic. Plus, we have a very supportive office staff that never seems to say no to any idea for a new club. So go ahead, take a chance and try something new. How else could our family get involved in dairy cows and theater and trains and magic and cooking and archery and…

Harry Brochinsky, President, Somerset County 4-H Association

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**BIG Rummage Sale a Success …Build - Invest - Grow**

**We did it!** Another successful year! This year we raised over $13,000. The ninth annual BIG Rummage Sale was once again a BIG hit. Held on September 12-13, the meeting rooms, gym and large conference rooms were packed with many treasures from books to vintage goods. There was something for everyone. THANKS to the dedication and hard work of our staff, volunteers, 4-H members, parents, and leaders, we were able to price, sort, display and sell thousands of items. The BIG Rummage Sale has become a much anticipated event on the 4-H calendar in Somerset County and environs. In addition to raising funds for the improvements and maintenance of the 4-H Center, it offers bargains on needed items, gives families an outlet for their unneeded household goods, benefits the nonprofit organizations that receive the leftover items, and brings our 4-H family closer together as we work side by side toward a common goal. We couldn’t have done it without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Our volunteers and donors included: Mary Aeschliman, Jessica Alonso, Elizabeth Amarante, Jennifer Arago, Michelle Arena, Joe Bakes, Lucy & Melissa Baldi, Russ Balliet, Adele Barree, Claudia Bateman, Angela Bickar, Rachel Bijaczyk, Julian Bonanno, Margarita Bossa, Branchburg Rescue Squad, Brochinsky Family, Claudia Butz-Fiscina, Jersey Cares, Brooke Carne, Liz Carnevale, Bryan Carroll, Paul Cirillo, Sandy Clare, Conrad Colon, Julia Cuccio, Lisa Darby, Karen D’Ambrosio, Dessert Plate, Patrick DeMichele, Justin DePrado, Julie DeSimone, Ellen & Erica Devlin, Madara Dias, Chelsea Doheny, Debbye & Kim Duffy, Barbara Dugan, James Elia, Annette Eliaisen, Debbie & Stuart Farber, Rosemary Fleming, Francis Family, Lana Gorshater, Rosemary Girone, Giving Network, Mary Ellen & Theresa Hannzt, Joan Heckman, Judy Hennessy, Laura Herndon, Patrick & Maureen Hill, Debra & Kara Johnson, Tanya Johnson, Sarah Jones, Jamal Kassim, Beth Kavanagh, Megan Kelly, Bob & Lynne Kinch, Pauline Kodack, Paige & Lacey Lamberton, Karen Lang, Joe LiBrizzi, Joanna Lieuallen, Love Your Pet, Jan Lush, Sue MacCombie, Laxmi Madikona, Anita Marques, Abner& Kitty Mathews, Susan McDonald, Julia Meier, Judy Menkowski, Miholics Family, Jan Miller, Daryl Minch, Viola Ning, Brittany O’Brien, Luisa Ojeda, Debbi Pascale, Ellen Parker, Will Philips, Sonia Puroor, Madhu Rao, Matt Roberts, Monika Rynkowski, Katie Schefflen, Jane Schneiderman, Bianca Schnarr, Edward & Gary Sevilla, Annette & Mellissa Smutko, Thomas Solter, Sommerville Family, Connor Spear, Ashley & Jim Stamets, Stella Tai, Tellep Family, Bknor Throckmorton, Ramona Thukral, Anjelica Valdez, Glenn Valis, Jo Vertorano, Helen & Christopher Walsh, Tracy Wang, Carol Ward, Jeff Weinstein, Weiss Family, Hannah Williams, Williams Family, Brandon Yan, Tiffany Yang-Tran, Pam Zabel. We apologize if we inadvertently left anyone out. We tried our best to list all our helpers and oasis donors. Please contact Rachel Bijaczyk at bijaczyk@co.somerset.nj.us if you did not make the list.

Thanks again to all who helped, all who donated and all who shopped. Once again, together we made the best better. Now it’s time to get ready for our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 22, our bigger and better Festival of Trees on December 13 and 14, and our eighth annual BIG Basket Bonanza tricky tray on Sunday, March 8, 2015.

The BIG Committee (Build-Invest-Grow) is the Association’s Fundraising Committee. New members are always welcome. To help with the Rummage Sale, contact Lisa Darby at darby@co.somerset.nj.us. To help with the BIG Basket Bonanza, contact Annette Smutko at Annette.L.Smutko@gsk.com.
Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by January 2nd

Members in grades 8-13th will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 9-11, 2015. This year, Somerset will go with teens from Bergen, Passaic and Warren Counties. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Cost for the whole weekend is only $60.00. Scholarships are available. Applications are available on the website, the 4-H office and with Maryann, the Center Night Manager. For more information contact Lisa Rothenburger, at 908-526-6644 or rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu.

New Jersey DAR Scholarship Available

The New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is offering a scholarship to a graduating senior from a New Jersey high school or home school student who is an American citizen. This is a one-time award; in the past, the amount of the scholarship has been $2,000. The winner will be notified in February and invited to DAR Awards Day on April 24, 2015. Applications must be received by December 5, 2014. For a copy of the application form and instructions, please contact Holly Dunbar of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR at hdunbar@verizon.net.

NJ Agricultural Achievement Award

This $500 scholarship is open to any Senior who is planning a career in agriculture or science. Contestants must submit a resume and an essay on the topic: “How has your involvement within your respective nominating organization helped to shape your future career choice?” The qualifications for receiving this award can be found at www.njagribusiness.org.

Deadline for submissions is January 2, 2015. For more information, visit the website or contact Lynn Matthews at 609-292-2888 or lynn.matthews@ag.state.nj.us.

Hold the Date
March 13-15

North Jersey Teen Conference
Best Western Regency House Pompton Plains
Open to All 4-H Teens
Grades 8 - 13

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Grades 8 - 13
Members must be registered by January 1 to be eligible to compete in the events at our 4-H Fair or state 4-H events! Get your new member forms in to the 4-H Office today!

Workshops for Clubs

"How to Run a Meeting" and "How to Give a Presentation"

Your club can reach all its goals if meetings are run efficiently. We have games and fun activities to bring to your club meeting to help you learn the roles of officers, how to proceed through an agenda and how to define your goals.

It’s never too early to start thinking about presentations. In this fun workshop, members learn the parts of a presentation, what the judges look for, how to use visual aids, how to relax and much more.

Contact Barb Navatto to schedule a training at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.

Loans Available for Livestock Club Members

Did you know that the New Jersey Junior Breeders Loan program can help 4-H members get the funds to purchase livestock? These low interest loans are available for purchasing breeding stock. It is a good way for youth to develop a positive credit rating and become eligible for college scholarships. If you want more information, please visit our website http://somerset.nj.aes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2014-Junior-Breeder.pdf

Public Presentations 2015

More and more members are participating in Public Presentations each year and the quality of those Presentations continues to improve.

Save the dates- March 23 - 27 (both day and evening hours), to have your presentation judged or critiqued. Before you begin, you might want a few easy tips on how to give a better presentation. See our information above for how your club can schedule a workshop on presentations.

Equine Scholarship Offered

The NJ Equine Advisory Board has announced a $1,000 scholarship to help 4-H and FFA members, as well as any young adult that is a member of a NJ Equine organization represented on the NJ Equine Advisory Board, pursue their equine activities.

Attention New and Returning Health Officers

If you’re interested in health, fitness, nutrition, and safety, becoming a Health Officer is a great way to learn more about these topics and provide leadership for the 4th “H”, HEALTH, in your club! These officers are responsible for carrying out short health activities or sharing a healthy thought at each club meeting.

Mark Your Calendars! Materials and information for this year will be distributed at the Health Officers’ training on Thursday, December 4, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the 4-H Center. All Health Officers should plan on attending. Please RSVP with your name and club name by November 26th.

Contact Theresa Hanntz to RSVP or for more information at hanntz@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-526-6644.
Adopt-a-Family Program

Clubs can help make Thanksgiving special for a needy family in Somerset County through the Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by the Somerset County Freeholders. The cost of a Thanksgiving meal is $40.00, but all donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, visit our website at:

Record Books

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There will be 2 conferences held, March 14 in the Gloucester County 4-H Office and March 21 in the former Agricultural Museum of NJ on Cook Campus. Both programs run from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm with check in beginning at 9:45 am. Forms due February 16, 2015.


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100th Anniversary Poster Contest

In 2014, Rutgers Cooperative Extension is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of what made 4-H possible, the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension Service. Over the century, RCE has addressed many needs in NJ, including agriculture and food, home and family, the environment, community economic development, youth and 4-H.

The New Jersey 4-H Program invites you to create a poster which captures the theme: As we celebrate 100 years of Rutgers Cooperative Extension - “Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives”, what has Extension meant to you?

Full details and registration forms can be found on the website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2014-100-Anniversary-PosterContest.pdf

4-H Club and Special Activity Insurance Coverage

Below is the link for the American Income Life Insurance Company, 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.
Volunteers Needed for Fall Leaf Clean Up, November 22

Would you like to help an elderly or disabled person get his or her yard ready for the winter months? The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is looking for volunteers for its annual fall leaf clean-up program. Volunteers are needed to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work. The annual leaf clean-up project will take place Saturday, November 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 541-5715. Other dates are available for those who cannot make November 22.

4-H Senior Council does this every year. They have a great time!

Available Resources On-Line

Visit the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System website to find resources for your 4-H project area. The National CCS curriculum is used throughout the US and is found in hard copy. But there are additional on-line resources all volunteers can access for many of the different project areas. Please visit this site and see what resources it offers for your club meetings.

http://www.n4hccs.org/

Exhibitor Guide

Read through your division(s) in the 2014 Exhibitor Guide (available online at www.4HisTops.org) and if you see anything you would like to change, please bring it to the attention of your leader. Leaders, please discuss proposed changes with your division chairs. Division chairs are asked to send changes to the 4-H Office as soon as possible so they can be made to the 2015 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide. Leaders of newly established divisions should work with their office liaison.

United Way Opportunities

Clubs are needed to help share holiday joy with those less fortunate by helping United Way of Northern New Jersey’s Gifts of the Season program. Information on specific individuals in need in Somerset County is provided by local health and human services agencies. Gift Drop Off at United Way: Thursday & Friday, December 5 & 6 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Gift Sorting & Tagging: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 9 - 11 - 12 - 13, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, December 10, 9:30 am - 7:00 pm. For more information on volunteering opportunities including sorting and packing gifts during the week of December 9, please contact Lisa Galonardo at (908) 253-6503 or e-mail lisa.galonardo@unitedwaynj.org

Take Those Pictures!

Now that clubs have started to meet again, this is a great time to think about taking pictures of your club for the Yearbook and Catalog. You might even consider electing a club photographer!

Please send photos to yearbook4h@yahoo.com.

Tips from Sponsorship Committee

Be sure to check the weekly e-mails to see some helpful hints from the sponsorship committee. These will include information about employers that provide matching gifts, new sponsorship opportunities for the 2015 Fair, and other ways to support 4-H.
HURRAY FOR...

Open House a Huge Success!

The twenty fifth annual “Join 4-H!” Open House was held at the 4-H Center on October 10 during National 4-H Week. Approximately 300 people came to learn more about 4-H.

The following 4-H clubs were represented at the “Join 4-H” Open House to encourage new members to join: 4-H Alpaca Club, 4-H Magicians Guild, Anime & Manga Club, World Wide Writers, Ink., Just Kidding Goat Club, 4-H Go-Kart Club, 4-H Whiskers, Paws & Claws, Radical Rodents, Twirling Clovers, 4-H Country Kickers, Scale Modelers Club, Broken Props Model Airplanes, Somerset Sentinels, Somerset 4-H Trainmasters, Chaps & Spurs, 4-H Beekeeping Club, 4-H Senior Council, Wags & Whiskers, Furry Friends, K-9 Seeing Eye Puppy Club, PAWSabilities, People Pick-Me-Ups, Clover Ensemble, Club Clanga, Fantastic Fiber Club, Mind Your Bees & Wax, Woolly Ones, Sidewinders, 4-H Grade A Beef Club, Nueva Sensacion, Hoof Beats, CloverWorks Steam Punk, Woof, Da Bug Club, Mindcraft, Card Board Gamers, Clown Club, Discovery Prep, The Inventors, Lego Wedos, Knowledge Explorers.

New 4-H clubs starting this year include Minecraft, Card Board Gamers, Pins & Needles, Clown Club, Archery Club, Movie/Video Club, New Robotics Club, The Tail Feathers.

If you would like more information about joining a club, please contact the 4-H office.

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Dog Show Fair Results

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State Small Animal Show

Kudos to Surya Pillai who recently won several awards at the state small animal show:
Best in Show: Mini Satin; Best Rabbit; Reserve Best Rabbit; Showmanship Rabbit
Beginner 5th place; Judging Rabbit Junior 2nd place

Fair Results Broken Props

Robbie DeVergillo
Best of Show - RC Airplane
Best Pilot - Flying
People’s Choice - Friday

Reed Fela
Achievement/Electric Conversion RC Airplane
Most Yearbook Sales/Participation & Achievement

Tommy Kober
Most Improved - Flying

Andrew Evans
Most Improved - Flying

Steven Modrowsky
Best Instructor - Flying
People’s Choice - Wednesday
People’s Choice - Thursday

Peter Bellek
Participation Achievement

Lord Stirling Festival

Over 1200 visitors came to the 1770’s Lord Stirling Festival where Justin Kavanaugh, Alexandra Wick and Lacey Lamberson promoted 4-H through the Wattles & Snood Poultry Club and Just Kidding Goat Club. This festival is celebrated every year the first weekend in October.

Music Club Striking a Chord in the Community

Members of the Music Club recently volunteered at the Evolution Gym in order to help raise funds for a bone marrow transplant for a gym participant. Members who volunteered were Brooke Crane, Nelusha Dias, Tracy Wang, Madara Dias. Also helping was Matthew Silverman of Senior Council and Rohit Madikonda who dropped off baked goods.

Volunteering their time at our recent rummage sale are members Madara Dias, Tiffany Yang-Tran, Tracy Wang and Brooke Crane.

Spreading the Word

On Monday, October 6, at the Bernards Township Library, Beth Kavanaugh (Just Kidding, Senior Council) and Alexandra Wick (Wattles & Snood) promoted 4-H and encouraged over 50 teens to "Find out about 4-H” and the opportunities offered in our Somerset County program.
What's Happening At Lindley G. Cook

Plan Now for Summer Camp
If you know someone thinking about going to camp this summer, a gift certificate to Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp makes a great holiday present. Summer sessions will run from June 29 - August 8 with a $50 discount for 4-H members. Check the website for additional discounts. Early bird registration runs until March 1, 2015.

Other Events
Outdoor Family Weekend
S.E.T. Camp

For this and all other updates check their website: www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu.

4-H Senior Member Winter Camp
Register by January 2nd
8-13th graders from Somerset County will have lots of fun at L.G. Cook Camp January 9 - 11, 2015. This is always a popular event, so get your application in early. Applications are available on the website at www.4HisTops.org. Cost for participants is $60.00. Scholarships are available. This year we are sharing the weekend with Warren, Bergen, and Passaic county 4-H’ers.

For additional information, please contact Lisa Rothenburger at 908-526-6644 or Rothenburger@njaes.rutgers.edu

4-H Summer Campers
These Somerset County 4-H members participated in the state 4-H summer camp programs:

The Prep (Cloverbud) Page

I would like to welcome back all our returning Prep (cloverbud) members and leaders and extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and leaders. We had another successful open house and with that I look forward to another exciting 4-H year. Now that your clubs are meeting again, please remember to send in your club reports telling us what your club is doing so we can put it in the Yakety-Yak section of the Clovertales. You can email me at darby@co.somerset.nj.us. How exciting to share what you are doing at your meetings with other 4-H clubs.

I hope you can all come to the annual Prep Family New Year's party on Saturday January 10, 2015. It will be held here at the 4-H Center. This is when our prep members and their families get together to celebrate the New Year. We will have games and music with DJ Mike from Music N Motion, a pot luck dinner, ice cream sundaes and lots of confetti. Please save the date.

We are currently working on the Prep Rally which will be held on Saturday March 7, 2015. The theme will be announced in the January Clovertales.

I look forward to another memorable year in the Somerset County 4-H.

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Did You Know...

November

- The name November comes from the Latin word for nine (novem), as it was the ninth month of the Roman calendar.
- The birthstone for November is the Topaz. The flower is the Chrysanthemum.
- November 2nd is the only date on which two U.S. Presidents were born. Warren Harding (born 1865) and James Polk (1795).
- The Erie Canal was formally opened in New York on November 4, 1825.
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was given in November 1863.
- Parker Brothers introduced the world to the Monopoly game on November 5, 1935.

December

- An Almanac Prediction states that if snow falls on Christmas Day, Easter will be warm, green & sunny.
- The name December comes from the Latin decem for ten as it was the 10th month in the Roman calendar.
- December 12th is Poinsettia Day.
- The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany fashioned out of goose feathers that were dyed green.
- Jingle Bells was composed in 1857, and not for Christmas, it was meant to be a Thanksgiving story.
- International Free Hugs day is celebrated on December 4th.
- Dec is National Read a Book Month.
- The Nobel Prize is awarded in December.
Yakety - Yak

Little Woofers - We held our first meeting on Thursday 10/23/14. At the end of the meeting each member made and ate a puppy cupcake. We’re excited and ready to begin training.

Knowledge Explorers - Here is a picture of our first meeting of the new 4-H year. We looked at the elements and atomic structure. The next two meetings we are focusing on Egyptology. We are making hot dog mummies and scarab pendants and learning about Egyptian hieroglyphs.

Discovery - Discovery Prep started the year by welcoming Aditi and Ian to the club. We had a visit from Seymour Skeleton who showed us all the bones in our bodies. We found out where the tibia, femur, and ribs are located. We also learned how the radius, ulna, and humerus work in our arms. Then we made our own skeleton decorations from Q-tips. It was Ian’s brother’s birthday so we sang him a song and ate cookies. Every meeting that ends with cookies is great! If you would like to join our club we still have room for a few new members.

Prep Ensemble - We met in October for the very first time. A dozen boys and girls had a great time acting out Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock. It was tons of fun pretending to be jungle animals, Anansi the spider and even a magic rock. Then the Clover Ensemble members joined in to sing Itsy Bitsy Spider and make a giant spider web out of yarn. Lots more stories and adventures to come!

Save the Dates

Prep (Cloverbud) Family New Year’s Party
Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 5-7:30pm at the 4-H Center.
Each family coming brings a covered main dish to share
Dancing/ Games/ Crafts/ Confetti and more...

4-H Prep (Cloverbud) Rally
Saturday, March 1, 2014, 9:30am - 2:00pm
Theme to be announced
More information to follow in the Jan/Feb Clovertales.

4-H Family Camp Weekend
L.G. Cook 4-H Camp
Friday - Sunday, May 29 - 31, 2015
More information to follow.
New Centre Dairy  
*by Ariel Staffin*

Club elections were held: President, Alanna Staffin; Vice President, Molly O’Sullivan; Treasurer, Grace O’Sullivan; Recording Secretary, Claire Wickman; Corresponding Secretary, Josh Miller; Reporter, Ariel Staffin; Historians, David Furmato, Ashley Stamets, Katie Scheflen. Future club activities were discussed including dairy food testing, field trips and fundraising ideas.

Just Kidding  
*by Jenna Juechter*

Club elections were held: President, Maeve Egan; Vice President, Allie Parascandola; Secretary, Misia Leo; Treasurer, Carol Ann Perry; Reporter, Jenna Juechter; Community Outreach, Kaleb and Jayden Johnson; Healthy Officer, Davis Perry; Historian, Justin Kavanaugh. A goodbye was given to Mr. Jegla who was last year’s leader and a warm welcome to Nicole Perry who will be a new leader.

The Alpaca Club  
*by Sydney Billera*

At the October meeting the club thought of new fair themes to submit and how members should go to vote for the idea they want to be this year’s upcoming fair theme. Also during the meeting club elections were held: Kim Duffy, President; Ben Lewis, Vice President; Todd Gallagher, Secretary; Melissa Baldi, Treasurer; Sydney Billera, Public Relations.

Mighty Cavitis & Rodents  
*by Kaleigh Brunner*

The new officers were introduced: Austin, Suryia, Lexi and Kaleigh. Then new members were introduced. The club went over their constitution and discussed what fundraisers they may want to participate in.

Chinese Culture Club  
*by Mabel Shih*

The Chinese Culture Club celebrated the Chinese Moon Festival on September 21. Members enjoyed historical tales regarding the holiday, which were acted out by the student council members. The story telling was followed by Moon Festival bingo and traditional moon cakes.

Scale Modeler’s Club  
*by Rosemary Davidson*

The Scale Modeler’s Club set up the display window at the 4-H Center in September. Everyone had a hand in putting up club shirts, setting up shelves with models they built, displaying various modelers’ tools, putting up the banner and getting the big model plane to look like it was flying. Then they had a pizza dinner and dessert. In October the club hosted the National Model Railroad Association, Northern NJ Division. Presentations were given on various modeling topics. All proceeds were donated to the 4-H Association. Members are committed to making the best better. Their motto: Scaling All Obstacles!

Cooking in Action  
*by Maureen Schenfeld*

Members recently decorated, filled and donated goody bags to the Women’s Resource Center of Somerset. The bags were given to a dozen children living in the safe house.

4-H Center Showcase

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

Additional Information: website: www.flhislopes.com

310 Milltown Road
Ted Blum 4-H Center

All money donated to 4-H will benefit our Free Community Holiday Dinner.

Sunday, December 11th, 10am-3pm
Saturday, December 13th, 10am-4pm

We are an Ugly Holiday Sweater win a prize!

Pies Welcome for a unique photo opportunity

Local musicians, children’s crafts
Un immense handmade ornaments for sale!

Santa Claus will be there!

Free Admission

BazAAR

Holiday

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Somerset County 4-H Association

Shopping Opportunities!

BIG One-Stop

10:00am - 2:00pm
November 22
Saturday
Dated Material

Current Resident or