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

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

4-H Footprints: what a great theme for the 2015 Somerset County 4-H Fair. Footprints can show where you have been and can also show you where to go.

Fair is all about where you have been for the past year. Look back and see from where you came. All the work you put into your project. All the new things you have learned. All the new friends you have made along the way. All these activities have helped to make you the great 4-H’er you are today. You have come so very far this year, just look back at all the footprints you have left behind.

Look beside you and see the footprints of those that helped you get here. See how your footprints are right beside another set. Did you help them or did they help you? Steady and sure, guiding you along the way, but always allowing you to move yourself. Learn by doing. Take your own steps, but know that your leaders and older members are there beside you whenever you need them. Thank all of those who have supported you on your journey: the 4-H Staff, the volunteer leaders of your clubs, the older members and alumni of your club who have mentored you, and your peers and family. A special thank you should be given to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County 4-H Association, without whom Fair would not be as great as it is.

Now look ahead. See the footprints left by the older members who have gone before you. Notice how they circle back to help newer members. See how they forge out on a new trail. They were once where you are and they did not stop. They moved right on, sometimes at a walk and sometimes at a run. Go on and make your own footprints into the future. You are a Somerset County 4-H’er.

Harry Brochinsky
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

4-H Mission Statement

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

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

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

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Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County Boards of Chosen Freeholders. Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.
4-H is a Family Affair, and in 4-H, You’re Part of the Family.

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

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

Get Ready: 4-H Parade of Clubs!

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 PM

Calling all Clubs! Show your 4-H Footprints by marching in the Twilight Parade of Clubs! Glow sticks for all participants!

Gather at 7:30pm outside the RC Car Tent. Parade kicks off at 7:45pm. Participation ribbons for all marching clubs. So ready your banners, your instruments, your costumes, your crazy chicken hats, your giant snake and dragon puppets, your RC cars, your cookware, your batons, or anything that shows off your club! Remember no live animals, please. For more info contact Ellen Parker at 495-548.7433.

Opening Ceremonies

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

Welcome Ceremonies, Wed. 7pm in show tent

All 4-H Families are encouraged to join us in welcoming the public and recognizing Outstanding 4-H’ers, special volunteers and our biggest supporters.

New for 2015

If you have something interesting to tell the public about a special 4-H member, event or family, please call the 4-H office and we will send your contact information to the news media so they can interview you directly. The Press Notebook will still be available in the info tent for use during the fair.

Welcome...

Fair Logistics Coordinator for 2015

Ernie Hall

Welcome the Newest Volunteer Fair Manager!

Joe Shreve has been involved in Somerset County 4-H since he was a 4-H Prepper. He was an Outstanding 4-H’er in 2009 and has since become a volunteer fire fighter and EMT. Joe has been actively involved in the Fair as a herdsman, overnight EMT and on the logistics team. Welcome Joe and thanks for taking on this new responsibility.
Somerset County 4-H Requirements to Compete in the 2015 4-H Fair

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

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

- Be officially registered in a standard Somerset County 4-H Club and actively engaged in a 4-H project by January 1, 2015.
- Have attended 70% of the meetings of their 4-H Club.
- Have given a formal or informal Presentation at a Club, County, Community, State or National event.
- Have completed a record book of their 4-H project and/or 4-H activities for the year and submitted this record to a Club Leader.
- Have participated in a community service activity in the past year.

Junior Divisions – grades 4-8 (4-H members do not start a new grade until September)

Senior Divisions- grades 9-13 (Members must have completed 9th grade to be in a Senior Division)

If a member has attended meetings and submitted a record book but joined Somerset County 4-H after Jan. 1, 2015 or has met the other requirements, that member may exhibit, but not compete or be judged at the Fair. Check Divisions for specific rules and requirements: [http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fairexhibitorguide.html](http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fairexhibitorguide.html)

Visit [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org). Here you will find:

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

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

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

**Adult Responsibilities**

**4-H Parents & Guardians**

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

**4-H Club Leaders**

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

**Division Chairpersons**

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

**Tent Superintendents**

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

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

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

Any 4-H member with a fiber animal: rabbit, dog, cat, sheep, goat, etc. can enter this event. Submit a sandwich bag gently stuffed with the fiber of your animal. The majority of fiber length must be at least 2 inches. Entries should be clean and as free of debris as possible.

There will be spinners at the fair who will spin your entry and judge it on cleanliness and condition. The classes will be:

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

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

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

S4HL - 4-H Talented Footprints!

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent on the Clover Theater stage! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 13th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H’ers.

Check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2015 Exhibitors Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at pleasantview51@optonline.net (put "4-H talent" in subject line).

Fair Fashion Revue

Thursday, August 13, 8:00 pm at the Clover Theatre on the Fairgrounds

Any 4-H member who has constructed a garment or accessory as a 4-H project and has had that project judged in the sewing division or an open division, may participate. This is an opportunity to display your creativity and craftsmanship to the public! Sewing club members should register with their leaders. All others call the 4-H Office to register by August 7.
Event Permission Forms

- Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two Event Permission Forms.
- Give both copies to your leader.
- Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only. If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents. Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available from the website: www.4HisTops.org.

Herdsmen

- Welcome 2015 Supervisors Shannon Zimmitti, Becky Moore and Jason Meeting.
- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 6 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted! Applications are available online: www.4HisTops.org
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsmen orientation meetings, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. or August 4 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided by Pauline Kodack and Sandy Clare, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsmen. They must be a registered volunteer and complete the Adult Herdsman Application and attend one of the herdsman meetings.

Ben Franklin Will Help Present DAR Patriots Award for Community Service

The Daughters of the American Revolution are a very service minded organization and enjoy recognizing kids that participate in their communities. Every club is encouraged to complete the form for Community Service: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-Community-Volunteer-Form.pdf and join them in Clover Theater Wednesday morning to receive your award and meet one of our nation’s founding fathers.

Fair Supplies

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

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Monday, August 17. Clubs may also drop off leftover awards to the Information Tent any time during Fair until 10:00 pm on Friday.

Limited Fair Improvement Grants Due August 1

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

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

Soda Tab Collection

The 4-H Association Sustainability committee will place collection cans around the Fair grounds. Start saving now and bring them to Fair!

Landscapers Needed!

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

Carbon Footprints!

A great way to use the theme! Every club has the opportunity to incorporate the theme “Carbon Footprints” into their Fair display. By including a component that is made of reused, recycled, or repurposed materials, you can raise awareness about sustainability. It should fit in with your club’s “Footprints” display, but add an element of awareness and education. For the full guidelines, visit http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4hfair/Exhibitor%20Guide/2015-4h-Fair-Sustainability.pdf. If you’d like to have your carbon footprints display judged, let the 4-H Office know by August 5. There will be awards for every club that participates.

Egg Hunt at the Fair

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

Fair News for 4-H Alumni

Holly Dunbar is collecting information for the sixth annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni News. All alumni are encouraged to send a brief update about what they are doing now or a photo (old or new). This publication was a hit last year and if you have any news or ideas for reaching Alumni, please call the 4-H Office or email Holly at hdunbar@verizon.net. If you wish to help assemble a photo exhibit to be used at the Fair, please call the 4-H office, 908-526-6644.

4-H Fair Food Tent

All the food sold at the Fair is prepared by non profit organizations. They split their proceeds with 4-H which we use to pay tent rentals and other fair expenses. This year, we hope to welcome three new organizations! St Mary’s Byzantine Church in Manville is planning to sell Polish donuts called paczki. The Masonic Temple with members from Franklin Township are bringing a fish fry and sweet potato pies and Holy Ghost Orthodox Church is recruiting her sister churches in Manville to sell pierogis and potato pancakes! It is because of these organizations and the hundreds of volunteers that work with them that our Food Tent is so successful. Please support the Food Tent by helping and by eating there.

Milkshake Booth

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

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

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

Keep It Neat!

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

How to Pack a Pallet

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

Fair Clean Up

SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS

- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- Rake or clean litter from tent areas.
- **Friday night, August 14 and/or Saturday morning, August 15**, all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

2 Clean Up Shifts on Saturday

8:00-10:00 AM or 9:00-11:00 AM

Each club should plan to send a few people for a shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsmen and other helpers (1st shift) leave the fairgrounds around 9 am, the electricians and fair managers are left to continue the clean up on their own. If each club sends some well rested people at either 8 or 9 am, clean up goes much faster, everyone is home by 1:00 and everyone feels supported and appreciated.

Volunteer Workforce Pages

Check out the following Workforce Pages and see where you can help.
2015 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H FAIR
VOLUNTEER WORKFORCE

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

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

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

Thursday, August 6
1. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents

Report to:
Dog Clubs (6:30 p.m.)
Dawn Hribik

Saturday before the Fair, August 8
1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair
2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn
3. Install Show Tent fence
4. Science Tent exhibit boards set-up
5. Install hand sanitizers
6. Tables/chairs for divisions

Fair Managers, horse, dairy
All Divisions
Livestock clubs (9:30 am)
Science and other Clubs
Trainmasters (9 am)
Division Chairpersons

Mike Amorosa
Livestock leaders
Jim Metting, Jason Metting
Bryn Keck
Sign-out in pole barn

Sunday before the Fair, August 9
1. Fire extinguishers
2. Prep Tent set-up
3. Exit and No Smoking Signs
4. Arts Tents exhibit boards set-up
5. Info. Booth set-up
6. Milkshake booth set-up
7. Cotton Candy set-up
8. Show Tent set-up

Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
4-H Prep Clubs
Teen Volunteers
Arts and other Clubs
Need Help
Committee, Go-Kart Club
Steve & Kyle Miholics, Chris Williams
Livestock Clubs

Harry Brochinsky
Bryn Keck
Betty Sommerville
Joe Bakes
Lynn Draper, Janet Kolb
Livestock Leaders

Monday before the Fair, August 10
1. Food Tent set-up
2. Install recruitment kiosks

Food Tent Committee
Senior Council

Annette Smutko
Maggie Navatto
Tuesday before the Fair, August 11, all day (call your leaders for times)

1. 4-H exhibits set-up 4-H Club Members 4-H club leaders
2. Food Tent set-up 9:00 am Food Tent Committee Becky Moore
3. 4-H Herdsmen Meeting 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members Joe Bakes
4. 4-H Information Tent contents Need Help Bryn Keck
5. Bench seating for the public Teen Volunteers

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – August 12, 13, & 14

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed. Come one, come all! 4-H Agents
2. 4-H Performances Need 4-H talent Betty Sommerville
3. Food Tent tables cleaned ALL clubs or individuals Bryn Keck
4. Herdsmen breakfast 6:30-8:30 am Need parents Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack
5. Parade Wed. 7:30 at RC car tent All clubs and individuals Ellen Parker
6. Freeholders’ Greetings, show tent, Wed 7:15pm Come one, come all! 4-H Agents
7. Milkshake booth/evenings Need Help Andrew Lerch
8. 4-H Herdsmen Meetings 10:30 pm 4-H Teen Members Becky Moore
9. Man Information Booth Need Help Joe Bakes

Friday night after the Fair

1. Tables/chairs returned to 4-H Center All Divisions Division Chairpersons
2. Exhibit boards, pens & blocks stack on pallets, wrap, label All 4-H Clubs Joe Bakes
3. 4-H Info. Tent dismantled Need Help Lynne Draper, Janet Kolb
4. Milkshake booth dismantled Need Help Harry Brochinsky
5. Food Tent dismantled Herdsmen, Need Help Kyle Miholics,
6. Prep boards dismantled Prep Clubs Chris Williams
7. Cotton Candy dismantled Need Help

Saturday morning after the Fair — Aug 15 — We Need You!!!

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m. Fair Managers Mike Amorosa
2. Drop & roll wires, pack bulbs All Divisions (Need Help) Mike Pappas
3. Remove bench seating Need Help Fair Managers
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds All 4-H Clubs (Need Help) Joe Bakes
5. Return Info. Booth papers to Center Need Help Livestock Leaders
6. Dismantle Show Tent Livestock clubs Kim Germack Cook
7. Fire extinguishers returned Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club
8. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled Need Help
9. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn Need Help

Saturday Morning 8-10am or 9-11am Clean Up Shift

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, finish moving everything to Center Two Reps from each Club Mike Pappas
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink) Need Help Barbara Navatto
3. Wash Golf Carts Need Help Abner Mathews
Lost Children

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

Injuries or Illness

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

Fair Hours

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

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

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

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

Parking

- Weather permitting, there will be parking on the fairgrounds. If there is inclement weather or other events beyond our control, which prohibit parking on the fairgrounds, additional shuttle buses from Raritan Valley Community College will be added as needed. THIS INCLUDES MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS BEFORE THE FAIR.
- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.

Germ Busting in the Animal Tents

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

Livestock and Horse Trailers

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

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

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

FAIR CLOSING
The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission will decide whether or not to close the Fair, based on the severity of the weather and the condition of the parking lots. They will notify the chain of command. Emergency Text Alerts for Fair: Text the words: follow 4HAlerts to the number 40404.

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

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

2015 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows**

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

**State 4-H Dairy Show**
- **Date:** Wednesday, August 26
- **Time:** 9:00 am
- **Location:** Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
- **Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644  
  [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/dairy/default.asp)

**State 4-H Goat Show**
- **Date:** Thursday, August 20
- **Time:** 9:00 am
- **Location:** Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
- **Contact:** Chad Ripberger  
  ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833  
  [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/goats/goatshow/)

**State 4-H Championship Horse Show**
- **Date:** Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23
- **Time:** vary - check 4-H website for details  
  [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/default.asp)
- **Location:** Horse Park of New Jersey
- **Contact:** Carol Ward  
  ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

**State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show**  
**Date:** Saturday, September 12
- **Time:** 9:30 am animal check-in
- **Location:** Gloucester County
- **Contact:** 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644  
  [http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp](http://www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/smallanimals/default.asp)

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

**Important Dates for Horse Members!**

- 2nd qualifying horse show is Sunday, July 12 at North Branch Park
- State Horse Show meeting for all members and their parents, who qualify is Thursday, July 16, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center large conference room
- Somerset County 4-H Fair Horse Members Meeting, Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 pm, in the 4-H Center Gym (for all members and their parents, who plan to bring a horse to Fair)

**Yearbook and Catalog**

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center August 1. **Please be sure your advertisers get one.** Say thanks to Becky Moore, Sue Schurick, Joanna Lieuallen, Abner Mathews, Joe Bakes, Pauline Kodack, Jan Lush, Beth Kavanaugh, Sandy Clare, Bryn Keck, Shannon Zimmitti, Mary McLaughlin, Laura Herndon, Jason Metting, Aidan McHendry and Gary Keck and for a terrific 2015 Edition of the Yearbook and Catalog.

**Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts**

4-H members (or volunteers) with $100 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, **7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27 or Tuesday, August 4**, or stop by the 4-H Office during the day.
State 4-H Homecoming

The New Jersey 4-H Homecoming event will be held on September 12th at L.G. Cook 4-H Camp. This event is open to 4-H alumni, volunteers, friends, and parents... anyone with a connection or interest in the NJ 4-H program. The event will take place during the Fall Family Camp weekend (9/11-9/13) and participants can join us for the Homecoming event itself or for the whole weekend. Registration instructions are available on the event website.

www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/homecoming

Yearly 4-H Room Request Due in August

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

The Advanced Art of Filmmaking Presents “Movie Night”

July 24, 6:45pm

The event will be held at the Somerset County 4-H Center in the conference room, from 6:45 - 8:30pm. Admission is free! Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase to support the 4-H TAAOF Fundraiser. Come join us for "Opening Night " as we feature club members’ unique films, enjoy some homemade treats, win fun prizes, and hang out with the filmmakers. We'll see you at the movies!

Taste of Somerset Agriculture Picnic

Saturday July 25, 2015 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Suydam Farms, 1083 Rt. 27, Somerset, NJ

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

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

Early registration deadline is July 10! Call 908-526-6293, ext. 4 or visit our website for registration details: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/pdfs/2015-AG-Taste-Somerset-Picnic.pdf

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

Fair Evaluation Meeting

Monday
September 21
7:30 pm
**Hurray for...**

**2015 Outstanding...**

**4-H’ers:**
- Cary Brochinsky
- Kimberley Duffy
- Samantha Eristavi
- Aidan McHendry
- James Meier
- Alanna Staffin

**Volunteers**
- Harry Brochinsky
- Jill Brochinsky

**Alumni**
- Jason Metting
- Shannon Zimmitti Oiler

**2015 Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
- Sarah Bijaczyk, David Furnato,
- Emily Ma, Carolyn Pirro, Alanna Staffin, Evanna Wang

Joseph J. & Florence E. Klimas Scholarship: **Mellissa Smutko**

4-H Prep Scholarship: **Evanna Wang**

Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship: **William Quick**

Rob Fellows Memorial Scholarship: **William Quick**

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**Ad Sales Update**

Thank you very much to everyone who made the effort to sell ads. In the end, sales totaled about $40,000! There were 218 sellers including 4-H’ers, leaders and association members, representing 54 clubs plus the 4-H Association. For selling more than $100 worth of ads, 106 sellers earned t-shirts.

Special recognition goes to our top selling 4-H’ers who each sold over $1000 in ads: Claudia ButzFiscina, Allison Koopman, Erich ButzFicina and Paige Lamberson.

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**State 4-H Presentations**

On June 14, Rutgers University hosted the 2014 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers who participated in the state contest:

The State Outstanding Presenter Awards for Somerset County were: **Sammi Hall, Molly Shanahan, Shree Raghavan.**
Results From State Dog Show

**Shannon Reinhardt**
Best in Show Obedience Novice & Above
1st place Obedience Novice
1st place Rally Advanced on Lead

**Carolyn Pirro**
3rd place Obedience Beginner Novice
3rd place Junior Show Master Grades 10-Up

**Kirsten Clerico**
Best in Show Rally Novice
3rd place Obedience Advanced Novice
2nd place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9
1st place Rally Novice Grades 8-9

**Rebecca Dry**
4th place Junior Show Open Grades 10-Up

**James Clelland**
1st place Obedience Beginner Novice
1st place Obedience Advanced Novice
2nd place Junior Show Master Grades 10-Up

**Megan Jannone**
4th place Obedience Intermediate Novice
3rd place Junior Show Master Grades 7-9

**Madison Whiting**
4th place Junior Show Open Grades 7-9
2nd place Agility Standard Tab Lead 8 inches

**Laura Karg**
3rd place Obedience Pre-Novice B Grades 9-Up
2nd place Junior Show Novice Grades 10-Up

**Brianna Zeitler**
2nd place Rally Novice Grades 8-9

Other participants: Julian Bjugstad, Faith Carlson, Jennifer Clougher, Francesca DiCapua, Marcus Hunter, Helen Newbold

**Broken Props**

The Broken Props Club celebrated their annual Indoor Fly on April 29th. The competitions for the indoor fly were distance, spot landing, and duration. The results are listed below. The club members are looking forward to celebrating our 50th year at the 4-H Fair in August. Stop by the Broken Prop tent at the Fair and help us celebrate!

### Broken Props Results

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Master Chefs' Hugs for Brady Project

It started out as a small idea. Evan Gilmurray was asked to organize the community service project for his 4-H Master Chefs club. Knowing that there is one organization that is very important to his family, Evan decided to make The Hugs for Brady Foundation the focus of the project.

Evan’s mom went to high school with Sherrie Wells. Sherrie and her husband Mike had a baby boy named Brady. He died at 23 months old from a rare form of leukemia. Brady bravely battled the disease for ten months. Every year thousands of children are diagnosed with cancer. Sherrie and Michael started the Hugs for Brady Foundation to help end pediatric cancer for good! Sherrie said children in the hospital fighting pediatric cancer use many Band-Aids after blood tests and treatments. The hospital uses plain Band-Aids. The kids like fun Band-Aids with characters, fun colors, and designs instead. It brings a smile to their faces.

Evan decided to collect boxes of fun Band-Aids from the club, to give to the Hugs for Brady Foundation. This small act of kindness would make a big difference for the children. Between the club and what people who heard about his project contributed, Evan had about 150 boxes of Band-Aids to donate.

Then his teacher found out about it. Evan was asked to present the idea to his school principal. His class took on this project as their service learning activity for the year with Evan as the CEO of the “company”. They collected 525 boxes during the time their company was running.

Now with over 700 boxes at his house, Evan has been invited to join Sherrie to deliver the Band-Aids to RWJ hospital. This will be an experience he will never forget. He has worked really hard, and this will allow him to realize that there are real people, real lives, that he is helping in his own small way.

Congratulations

These Clubs are celebrating important milestones this year:

- Somerset 4-H Trainmasters 15 years
- Woolly Ones 35 years
- New Centre Dairy 85 years
CloverCon’s Ana Mei is Five Years Old!

By Betty Sommerville

Our “kawaii” mascot, Ana Mei, celebrated her fifth birthday this past May 17th at the 4-H Center. Since its start-up in the Fall of 2011, the Village Hidden in the Clovers: 4-H Anime & Manga Club’s members, leaders and families created with their dedicated hands and minds our wonder-full Clovercon. Thanks to our club’s fundraising efforts here and at other 4-H B.I.G. events over the years, we have given back lots of love and money to our Somerset County 4-H world. So, we enthusiastically continued to host our versatile mini-con as a great family-friendly experience in this multi-verse known as Clovercon!

Following were just some of the highlights: returning to our con was Michele Knotz, the talented and very enthusiastic voice-actress from Pokemon & other anime productions, as well as, Adam Hennessey with his challenging Anime Parliament. New this year, we welcomed Charles Dunbar from the Study of Anime as he enlightened us all about the power of myth rising out of our love of Pokemon monsters! Steam Punk weighed in again with our 4-H Cloverworks Club. Our members conducted workshops in drawing manga-style characters, creating costumes for cosplay, voice-acting with Japanese folk tales, and folding origami. They also did “improv” their way through several time slots with some help with students from RVCC Improv Club, who ended the day with even more improv! Upstairs, besides a variety of table-top games, the Super Smash Brothers Melee! Tourney happened yet again!

In our gym, the attendees discovered delightful treasures to buy in the Artist Alley and Dealers Area. The 4-H Exchange Club again ran their successful fundraiser in the “WacDonalds” offering pocky and ramune sodas plus so much more good food to fill the stomachs of the ever-hungry otaku! After momentarily satisfying their hunger, folks filled their eyes and minds with the ever-popular Cosplay Catwalk, where costumed characters strutted on the county stage! But those needing to catch their breath were offered the day-long opportunity to go read in the Manga Library and/or watch a choice selection of films in the Anime Screening Room.

Outside some went to cool off and meet up with friends in our "village" of tents on the front lawn or to work up a sweat at volleyball, a new event this year, on the side lawn. The possibilities for family-friendly fun were seemingly endless at our mini-convention aimed at seasoned con-goers, as well as middle-school first-timers and their parents, who need to know how much fun their children can have exploring the multi-verse of anime and manga! The lesson we all can learn by running this successful fundraiser was that we never stop learning how much 4-H can help us grow in understanding others and our selves. Go Team Otaku!

Senior Council
by Christine Arcoleo

The club went over the details for the road clean up on Station Road. Members discussed upcoming plans for the Fair, including setting up, tent display and sno-cones. They will be volunteering at SHIP in July. Other opportunities include volunteering at the Regional Animal Shelter. Members tie-dyed their shirts for Fair.

Clover Ensemble
by Ellen Parker

The club hopes everyone will come see Peter Pan at the Fair! They are performing each day in the Prep Tent at 5:00 pm and on Friday at 8:00 pm. They have all been working very hard all year on this musical production!

Nueva Sensación
by Ellen Parker

Members love being in 4-H and can’t wait for the Fair! They have been working on a piñata for the Prep Tent and will have an art activity in the Arts and Culture Tent. Of course, they always play soccer at club meetings. And they are routing for Mexico or Ecuador to win the Women’s World Cup!

Fashion Review

Grace Benge, Sarah Wilhelm and Julia Meir impressed the crowd with their sewing and modeling skills. Thanks to Mellissa Smutko, Izzy Maddock and Jen Versfelt for narrating, modeling and hosting.
The Prep (Cloverbud) Page

Dear 4-H Preppers,

Sixty 4-H’ers and their families enjoyed another amazing Somerset County 4-H Family Camp weekend at L.G. Cook Camp in Stokes State Forrest. The weekend activities included hiking, fishing, crafts, boating, archery, a program about worms, s’mores, 4 corners, and as always, concluding with our famous Torch March and ice cream sundaes. You can do it all or just spend the weekend relaxing by the beautiful lake. Family Camp is not just for preppers and their families; it is for all 4-H families. Hope to see you there next year.

A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make the weekend the true success that it was; Jill & Harry Brochinsky for doing all of the food shopping and taking charge of the kitchen, Maggie Navatto for coming to camp to lead the archery class, Ellen, Mike & Ben Parker for leading a hike to Buttermilk falls and taking charge of the camp fire and S’mores. Dave VanSkiver for leading the hike to Tillman’s Ravine, Amy & Elizabeth Frank for running 4 corners and the scavenger hunt, Laura Herndon for teaching us all about worms, Karl & Janine for leading us in Rise and Shine and all the boys for making us sing for our supper. To everyone else that helped in the kitchen and who helped clean up during camp, I thank you. Without such great people Family Camp just wouldn’t be such a great success. I hope to see everyone next year at Family Camp.

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

It’s Fair Time!

It’s time again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. What a great way to show the fairgoers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year than with a club display in the Prep Tent. It is also a time for the members and their families to watch over our tent spin cotton candy and talk to the fairgoers about our 4-H Prep (Cloverbud) program. A schedule with days and times that we need help has been send to your club leader. Please let them know when you can help. Please remember that the 4-H Center is offered to your club for meeting space at no charge. I also run the prep program with the money that we raise from spinning cotton candy. Your volunteerism and help is always appreciated.

All Preppers going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 13th, beginning at 7:00pm. Information will be sent out containing all the pertinent details. Please be sure to let us know if you will be attending.

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

If your club will continue in October, please remember to reserve your room in August with Maryann the night 4-H manager (908) 526-8242. If you will no longer be running a club or if you have a new volunteer who would like to take over the club please make sure that they complete the volunteer application, on-line form and schedule an orientation. Please contact Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 or at Darby@co.somerset.nj.us for further information.

Yakety-Yak

Proud 2B Prep - has had a series of great meetings this spring. In March, members of the Chinese Culture Club taught us about their club and some of the amazing things they learn about Chinese culture. We even got to try our skill with the yo-yo’s. Tessa McDonald of Furry Friends and Daniel Furmato of Sidewinders each came to share information about their clubs and their projects. "Critter visits" are always fun. We had the opportunity to visit the RC Car Club to learn about their project and we got to try racing the cars. It was exciting! And of course, our members who went to Family Camp had an awesome weekend.

Little Woofers - wrapped up the project year with a special junior handlers training with Denise Garber. Watch for us at the Fair! We will be in the dog show ring on Friday.

Prep Ensemble - rounded out it’s first year with a Sharing Session for their families. The members all told about their favorite stories and acted out two of them: Roxeboxen and Boogie Bones. Everyone is looking forward to their first fair as 4-H members!

Knowledge Explorers - are getting ready for Fair making a list of all the activities they did this year; their last activity was ice & salt.

Save the Dates...

Somerset County 4-H Fair: Set up Prep Tent Saturday August 8th at noon, Display set up Tuesday, August 11 anytime between 10:00am and 7:00pm. Takedown Friday, August 14 at 10:00pm.

Prep Rally: November 14, 2015 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Learn all about the wonderful world of Wizarding. Workshops will include Potions, Wands, Maps of Mystery, and a visit to the Mystical bake shop to make a magical treat.
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New Jersey
4-H Event Permission Form for Youth

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

**Information about the Youth Participant and Activity**

Name of youth participant: ___________________________  Birthday: ___________________________

Address: ______________________________________

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

Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________

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

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

Location of event:  North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above:  July 31 - August 19, 2015 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

**Parent Permission and Release of Liability**

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

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

**Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

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

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

Health conditions: ___________________________

Medications/Instructions: ___________________________

Health Insurance: Company ___________________________

Group# ___________________________

ID# ___________________________

Signature of parent or guardian ___________________________

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Behavior Agreement

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

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

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

4-H Code of Conduct

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

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

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

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

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

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


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As we continue our **BIG** push for **BIG** money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really **BIG** way!

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

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

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

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**The 4-H Rummage Sale**

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

Friday & Saturday, September 18 & 19, 2015
9am-3pm
(Saturday Closed 12:30-1pm; Reopen at ½ Price 1pm-3pm)

**Donations Accepted:**
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Sept. 14-15-16 from 9am-noon & 6pm-8pm
(Please drop off items at the back door of the gym)

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A really **BIG** thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
Current Resident or

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