4-H Footprints

Dear Members, Leaders and Parents:

So far in 2015 we have been leaving 4-H Footprints everywhere! We had a very successful, better than ever NJTC, an extremely successful Science-sational Day, a huge group of participants for presentations and a truly outstanding basket auction.

Coming up are the Mother’s Day Bazaar, CloverCon, Family Camp, the Somerset Trainmasters Train Show, TOPS camp and of course the Somerset County 4-H Fair! We hope you will be participating in all of these.

To prepare for the Fair, keep checking out the Fair Page for the latest updates and details. And don’t forget to look through the Open Divisions to see other opportunities to get involved in the Fair.

Thank you for all you do for Somerset County 4-H. Keep up the good work. Remember that together we continue “To Make the Best Better”.

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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.

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

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Leaders' & Parents' Outlook

Leaders May Nominate Outstanding 4-H'ers - Applications Due June 1

Members in 11th grade or older should be encouraged to apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H'er. If you feel a member of your club has proven themselves outstanding in the areas of leadership, personal growth, participation, achievement, attitude and contribution to the total program, you may write a reference for them and help them to complete the application. Applications are available online at http://www.4HisTOPS.org, in Maryann's Evening Office or the 4-H Office. Due date is June 1 and recipients will be honored at the July 15th 4-H Association Meeting.

Fair Exhibitor Guide Update

Updates to the 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide will be available on the website as they come in and are approved. There will be only a limited number of hard copies available for those who request them.

The guide will be divided into sections and divisions. To reference the Guide, go to www.4HisTops.org and click the link for the Somerset County Fair. On the right side of the Fair page will be links and the Exhibitor Guide will be listed in the links. The link will navigate to a page with the Guide listed in sections.

CloverCon 2015 - May 17

The 4-H Anime & Manga Club: “The Village Hidden in the Clovers” will be hosting their fifth mini-convention at the 4-H Center on May 17, 10am - 5pm. Come and see what's happening if you're already an "otaku" or “fan” or just curious about experiencing the many faces of this pervasive visual & aural art form originating in Japan. If you like, come dressed as a favorite anime/manga character and greet your other fellow adventurers. Featured events will be a Cosplay Catwalk, an Artists' Alley, Dealers Area, Anime Screenings, Labyrinth, WacDonalds, Manga Reading Room, Silent Auction, Panel Discussions (including Anime Parliament), and exciting table-top and video games with several tournaments, too! Plus the Pokemon voice actress, Michele Knotz, is returning with her interactive talent show. Just $20 cash at the door to enter a whole 'nother world. If you want to donate goods or come as an artist or dealer or run a panel discussion or workshop, please check out our website at: http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/CloverCon.html or follow us on Facebook, twitter and/or clovercon.org for updates.

Important Dates

- Outstanding 4-H’er Form: June 1
- State Presentations: June 13
- Herdsman's Applications: July 6

Calling All Young Alumni!

Reconnect with 4-H at the 2nd Annual Alumni Ice Cream Social!

Friday, June 5th, 7:00-9:00 pm
4-H Center Conference Room

Enjoy an ice cream Sunday with your 4-H friends while completing a service project and discussing how you can remain involved in 4-H!
Alumni Newsletter for Fair

Holly Dunbar, 4-H horse club alumna and 4-H Association member, is looking for news of 4-H alumni for this year’s edition of the Alumni Newsletter. Many Somerset County 4-H parents, leaders and other volunteers are alumni, and we are asking them to take a minute to send an update on what they are doing now, how they are supporting 4-H today, or to share a favorite memory of their days in 4-H.

♦ What are you doing today?
♦ Did 4-H provide a start to your current career or a hobby?
♦ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er? What was your favorite activity or event?
♦ As a 4-H’er did you attend 4-H camp? What is your favorite memory from camp?
♦ What do you consider to be the highlight of your days as a 4-H’er?
♦ Do you encourage your children or other young people to participate in 4-H? Why?
♦ How do you support 4-H now? (leader, volunteer, purchase a wreath, attend the fair, etc.)

This is your chance to reconnect with old friends and help us tell the story of how our involvement in 4-H has impacted our lives. Please send your response to one of the questions above, or any information that you would like to share with alumni, to Holly at hdunbar@verizon.net. Be sure to include your name and the name and project area of your club, along with the name of the county where you were a member. And photos, past or present are welcome! Thank you!

Fundraising Activities

If your club is going to be participating in fundraisers beyond the 4-H Wreath Sales and Yearbook Ad Sales, please let the 4-H office know. Thank you!!!

Please check our website for our Fundraising proposal and worksheet.

Mark These State 4-H Show Dates...

Dairy:
August 26  State Dairy Show in Hunterdon County

Goat:
August 20  State Goat Show in Hunterdon County

Equine:
June 28  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
July 12  Somerset County 4-H Qualifying Show
August 15  Equestrian of the Year in Monmouth Co.
August 21-23  State Horse Show at Horse Park of NJ
President's Message

Well, we made it through winter and now we really get busy. Spring is always a great time in 4-H because we get to formally recognize some of the great kids we have in Somerset County. First up are the scholarships followed shortly by the Outstanding 4-H’ers. As a parent, I am always looking for role models to show my sons. Being in 4-H in Somerset County makes it easy. The 4-H’ers who win these awards are fantastic role models for all of us to admire. They are selected for their dedication and their commitment to 4-H as well as their marvelous achievements. When these announcements are made, most likely that you will know more than a few of them as they are the kids that seem to be everywhere, doing everything (and doing it well).

Once again, it is time for yearbook ad sales and my annual plea for all members to sell at least one. If every member in sold just one personal ad, it would raise over $25,000. That would go a long way to keeping our Fair free. It is important for the 4-H members to take some ownership for their Fair. The Somerset County 4-H Fair is one of the few fairs left that is solely focused on the achievements of 4-H members. While the Association and the Somerset County Freeholders work hard to support the Fair financially, it is essential that 4-H kids do their part as well.

My boys like to ask their relatives. Then they scour the book at the Fair to find the ads they sent in. If you know of any business that would like to buy an ad, ask them. Maybe parents know a corporation or local company that would like to sponsor the Fair. It is a great way for them to support youth in the community and what business doesn’t like that kind of publicity? Look for more information online at http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/adsales.html

Remember, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or even complaints, drop me a note at president4h@hotmail.com.

Harry Brochinsky

BIG Basket Bonanza

Thanks to the tremendous support from our 4-H Family and the generosity of the community, the BIG Basket Auction was a HUGE success this year! MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED by planning, donating prizes, soliciting prizes, wrapping baskets, filling goodie bags, setting and cleaning up, working the event, baking desserts and following up. Proceeds will be used to maintain the 4-H Center.


Thanks to the Udder Club and Chaps & Spurs for running the kitchen and to Senior Council for the hot dog stand, running the gifts and helping with clean-up.

And a special thank you to over 100 other individuals, businesses and organizations that donated to this event. And a special thank you to the BIG Basket Bonanza Committee Members!!!
North Jersey Teen Conference

The theme for the 2015 North Jersey Teen Conference was "4-H World's Fair." There were 155 youth in attendance for the conference weekend. Throughout the conference, the attendees participated in workshops led by teens varying in topics from food and animals around the world to solving a mystery that happened at one of the real world's fair. On Saturday afternoon, everyone took a trip to Dave and Buster's arcade.

The main purpose of NITC is for teens to gain leadership skills and to use elements of the past to aid them in their future. After a successful conference, all participants are better prepared for their future, both in 4-H and in the real world.

Outstanding 4-H’er Applications Due June 1

Members who are in 11th grade or older this year, should apply to be a Somerset County Outstanding 4-H’er. You will need to complete an application and have a written reference from an adult 4-H volunteer.

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

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

Applications are available online http://www.4HisTops.org or in Maryann’s office at night, or in the 4-H office during the day. **Due date is June 1** and recipients will be honored at the July 15 Association Meeting.

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp Counselor Opportunities

Become a camp counselor at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp in Stokes State Forest. Anyone sixteen or older may volunteer to be a counselor for one or more weeks this summer. **Mandatory counselor training is available.** Visit the Camp Website for more information: http://www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu/

Herdsman Applications – Due July 6

If you are in 8th grade or older and are interested in being a herdsman at the 4-H Fair, you **MUST** fill out an application and attend an orientation. **Look for more information in Fair Facts.** http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/pdfs/4h-2015-Herdsman-Application.pdf
Plan Your Club’s Fair Exhibit Now

Now is the time to start planning your club’s exhibit. What would be fun for a visitor to do at your exhibit in your 4-H tent? Pick a committee to dream up an exciting display to attract visitors and to show others what you have learned!

Remember the 2015 4-H Fair theme…

4-H Footprints

Spring Club Camp Musings

By Mary McLaughlin

Snow was falling as campers from the Magician’s Guild, Da Bug Club, the Village Hidden in the Clovers and the Woolly Ones, gathered at LG Cook 4-H Camp for Spring Club Camp. Friday’s storm didn’t deter the 4-H’ers who kicked off camp with a snow-filled walk around the lake. While warming up in Winter HQ, members played icebreaker games before hitting the hay. The next morning, after an impromptu snowball fight, members hiked out to clear and trim the Nesbitt Trail and attempt to shovel out the Clover Labyrinth. The afternoon was spent snow tubing, decorating cupcakes, crafting, and playing team building games. After a spaghetti dinner, members shared their skills in the annual talent show. There was opera singing, guitar playing, humor and magic! Camp of course, wouldn’t be complete without late night games and s’mores. And as always lots of new friendships were made at camp!

Clothing Judging

June 2, 4 pm
June 3, 7 pm

Members enrolled in the 4-H clothing construction project, please register with your leader. Leaders, please register your members with Barb Navatto at: navatto@co.somerset.nj.us. Please register by May 26. Score sheets are available at the 4-H office to look at ahead of time.

Fashion Revue for All 4-H’ers

June 13, 7:00 pm (rehearsal 6:00 pm)

If you are a 4-H member and have sewed, knitted, crocheted or made something to wear or carry, please join the fun. Did you sew a costume for Clover Con, Food N Fun or other 4-H Club or event? Did you make something fabulous in your sewing or fiber club? Come show it off! Register with Barb Navatto at navatto@co.somerset.nj.us by May 30th. Members will model for family and friends in the large conference room. Refreshments will be served. More info will be forwarded to participants.

Agribusiness Careers

Are you interested in a career in Agribusiness? The Somerset County Vocational Technical School has the program for you. Visit their website for more information.
http://www.scvths.org/programs.cfm?subpage=302360

Foods Judging

July 25, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Any 4-H member who would like to have Breads, Cake Decorating or Dairy Foods judged should bring these items between 11:00 - 3:00 pm on July 25. These are Open Divisions and rules are listed in the 2014 Exhibitor Guide. Foods and Nutrition Project members will have their food and nutrition units judged at this time. Pre-register with the 4-H Office by July 10.
Hurray for the 4-H members who participated in Public Presentations! They are:

**Alpaca Club**
Sydney Billera
Alex Gonzalez*
Benjamin Lewis*
Scout Lowrie
Alex Niewiadomski
Kinga Niewiadomski
Sarah Parisi*
Allison Thyne
Emily Wallace

**Battlebots**
Evan DeCone
Ian Martin*
Alex Strasser*

**Broken Props**
Reed Fela

**Card Board Gamers**
Alex Doyle
Connor Malatesta

**Chaps & Spurs**
Kara Johnson*

**Chinese Culture Club**
Savern Lau*

**Cooking in Action**
Abby Johnstone
Nora Johnstone

**Creative Writing**
Nikhita Iyer
Shree Raghavan*
Anastasia Rodrigues

**Fantastic Fiber Club**
Daria Monti*

**Grade A Beef Club**
George Bright*
Faith Carlson
Alexa Johnson*

**Hoof Beats**
Elizabeth Bergen*
Michele Bergen*

**Horsin’ Around**
Camille Duchamp*
Sarah McDonnell*
Madison Whiting*

**Just Kidding**
Justin Kavanaugh
Hannah McCray*
Carol Ann Perry
Davis Perry

**Legomaniacs**
Visvam Rajesh
Aarnav Shah

**Master Chefs**
Evan Brochinsky*
Samantha DeProspo*
Evan Gilmurray
Brie Larson
Ben Strasser
Megan VanAntwerp
Rebecca Woltornish

**Mind Your Bees & Wax**
Gabrielle Ruvinsky
Michael Ruvinsky

**Mighty Cavits & Rodents**
Kaleigh Brunner
Nolan Brunner
Todd Gallagher*
Surya Pillai
Melanie Quick
Austin Raymond
Daniel Sutherland
Judah Sutherland

**New Centre Dairy**
Melissa Bright
Cary Brochinsky*
Teresa Buzzoni*
Jacquelin Kirby
Brooke Marlatt
Josh Miller*
Kyras Morgan
Alex Norz*
Megan Norz
Susan Norz
Grace O’Sullivan
Maeva O’Sullivan
Molly O’Sullivan*
Katherine Schenflen
Mary Ellen Sousa*
Ariel Staffin*
Kyras Schwarz
Kyrstin Schwarz
Lily Teeple*
Claire Wickman*
Taylor Wyatt*

**On Target Archery**
Andrea Acevedo
Dale Brochinsky
Lacey Lamberson
Brenna VanSkiver*
Cullen VanSkiver
Sydney Weber*

**PAW Sabilities**
Jennifer Clougher
Julia Meier*
Jennifer Versfelt*

**Pocket Pet Rescue**
Chelsea Obermeier*
Eliza Rothenburger

**Scale Modelers**
Trent Marlow
Michael Powel

**Senior Council**
Sarah Bijaczyk*
Xiufan Chen
Shruti Ramanathan*
Emily Ward*

**Servos Robotics**
JP Fox
Rahul Ramanathan*

**Sheepfold**
David Furmato*

**Sidewinders**
Kelson Lowrie
Noah Rothenburger*

**Somerset Trainmasters**
Zachary Alvarez
Mathew Amerman*
John Czerkies
Benjamin Dickholtz
Douglas Evans*
Benjamin Fernandez*
Zack Ferriera*
Derek Fought*
Robert Gwiazda*
Nick Hoyer
Matthew Jones
Ben Manaois
Matthew Nelson
Arun Pabuwal
David Sanders
Thomas Sanders
Ricky Sepe

**PAWSabilities**
Jennifer Clougher
Julia Meier*
Jennifer Versfelt*

**People Pick-Me-Ups**
Rosemary Davidson
Thomas Davidson
Melanie Quick
Public Presentations on March 24 - 28 (continued)

**Stablemates**
Maeve Egan*
Hailey Kirsch*
Hunter Kirsch
Zoe Kirsch*
Keelyn Weber*

**Udder Club**
Maria Buzzoni*

**Wags & Whiskers**
Delaney Carone*
Owen Gavigan
Shanna Gryder*
Sammi Hall*
Christine Jensen
Allison Koopman

**Wattles & Snood**
Kimberley Duffy*
Barbara Follett*
Ryder Kirsch
Paige Lamberson*

**Whiskers, Paws & Claws**
Alexis Rushton

**Woof**
Kristen Andreychak*
Anastazja Armstrong
Alexandra Baxter
James Clelland*
Kirsten Clerico*
Alison DeLisi
Francesca DiCapua
Elizabeth Dry*
Rebecca Dry*
Kaitlyn Emery
Kate Gallagher*
Emily Hickson*
Megan Jannone

**Woolly Ones**
William Walto

*These 4-H’ers have received an invitation to State Presentations on June 13th.

Thank You to All the Presentation Judges!


**National Volunteer Week**

April 12 - 18

Each year the Freeholders recognize National Volunteer Week and honor the work of all RCE volunteers. Representing Somerset County 4-H volunteers were club leaders Tina Pirro (Wags ‘n’ Whiskers) and Beth Kavanaugh (Just Kidding; Senior Council). Standing with them is Freeholder Director Mark Caliguire.
Madara Dias Honored for Volunteer Service

Madara Dias has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Somerset County 4-H nominated Madara for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service.

In the fall of 2012, Madara started the 4-H Piano/Music Club. In addition to leading this club, she teaches piano to other members, organizes and conducts musical concerts at 4-H and outside venues. The “fee” for her lessons in the club are donations to the local food bank. Under her leadership and guidance the 4-H Piano/Music Club has grown and thrived.

In addition to her commitment to the 4-H program, Madara spent 3 weeks in Sri Lanka teaching English to underprivileged students. Her desire to help the community comes from her grandparents in Sri Lanka. “They have always helped the less fortunate and I want to do that too,” says Madara.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

“The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial.

“Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life, said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. “These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate.”

4-H Science-sational Day

This year Science-sational Day was again Sen-sational! There were 15 workshops covering a broad range of science subjects which included our always popular Panning for Gems, Snakes & Lizards, Try It, Fly It, Colder Than Ice and Science You Can Eat. Rounding out the day were Bow Wow Biscuits, That Makes Sense, Now You See It, Got Glue?, Feeding Your Brain, Can You Kazoo?, Build Your Own Wind Boat, Wacky Weather, The Took About Sharks and Blast Off.

Thanks to Picirillo Science Telling for a tremendous opening program called The Bugs of Blackwood.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made 4-H Science-sational Day a success: Harry Brochinsky, Margarita Bossa, Tom Dietrich, Stephen Rothenburger, the 4-H Sidewinders, Dave Rieur, Glenn Valis, Savern Lau, Frank Modrowsky, Ken Pomplun, Marshall Hayward, Gene Sellers, Broken Props Airplane Club Donghui Wu, Rahul Patel, Ethan Wu, Dandan Chen, Lauren Evans, Naresh Patel, Bharvi Stallhamer, Carlo Daep, Conrad Colon, Richard Hall, Ernie Hall, Evan Brochinsky, Jake Kymer, Akash Aedavelli, Christina O’Brien, Gabriela Castellano, Mary McLaughlin, Wil Staats, Teresa Buzzoni, Jessie Murday, Theresa Hanntz, Jessica Hanntz, Beth Kavanaugh, Maggie Navatto, Max Silverman, Mary Ellen Sousa, Melissa Bright, Dan Haefeli.

Special thanks to all those club members who shared their pets for the day.

State 4-H Dairy Management

These Somerset members participated in the State Dairy Management Contest.

**Seniors:**
- Alanna Staffin - 2nd Overall
- Josh Miller - 3rd Overall (tie)
- Molly O’Sullivan - 3rd Overall (tie)

**Other Participants:** Melissa Bright, Cary Brochinski, Ariel Staffin

**Juniors:**
- Participant: Dale Brochinsky, Jacqualin Kirby

*Thanks to Nancy Kirby for coaching these members.*

NJ 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to the 4-H Dairy Club members who participated in the NJ State Dairy Quiz Bowl.

**Seniors:**
- Alanna Staffin - 1st Overall
- Josh Miller - 6th Overall
- Cary Brochinski - 7th Overall
- Melissa Bright
- Ariel Staffin

**Junior Team 3rd Place Overall**
- Dale Brochinsky, Ariel Staffin, Molly O’Sullivan, Jacqualin Kirby

Food N Fun : A Delight

Congratulations to all the participants of Food N Fun and many thanks to all the judges. The clubs did an excellent job of making their themes come alive, while learning about cooking and nutrition. The K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Club took Mrs. Lynda Augustine on a trip to the Olympics. Shannon Zimmitti enjoyed meeting the Crazy Frog Hopper’s Disney Characters and Mrs. Cathie Picchiello enjoyed a “petrifying” Dinosaur meal with the 4-H Master Chefs. Thanks to Leaders, Annette Smutko, Melissa Smutko and Phyllis DeMichele, Harry Brochinsky and Sandy Clare for making it possible for their clubs to participate. Will your club join the fun next year?

Results of Dairy Clip Off

**Congratulations!**

**Beginner Teams**
- 1st Place - Megan Norz & Jacqualin Kirby
- 3rd Place - Mike Powell & Cailin Parisi
- 4th Place - Maeve O’Sullivan & Dale Brochinsky

**Junior Teams**
- 3rd Place - Ariel Staffin & Molly O’Sullivan
- 4th Place - Grace O’Sullivan & Teresa Buzzoni
- 5th Place - Laura Parise & Suzie Norz

**Senior Teams**
- 1st Place - Megan Parise & Daniel Persichilli
- 2nd Place - Melissa Bright & Alex Eldridge
- 3rd Place - Cary Brochinsky & Alex Norz

State 4-H Dairy Art Show

Congratulations to our winners:

**Ariel Staffin** 6th place Junior Division Photo

**Melissa Bright** 1st place Senior Division Photo

Alumni Updates

Three 4-H Alumni represented Rutgers University at the recent National Collegiate 4-H Conference at the University of Florida in Gainesville on March 12-15. They are Kristen Johnson, Sharon Toth and Shannon Kile.

Recently Kristen Johnson was awarded the Rutgers Academic Excellence Award for this year. This award is earned by the sophomores in the top 10% of each school at Rutgers. Kristen is studying Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behavior at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences on Cook Campus.
State 4-H Equine Presentations

**Junior Speech**
1st place Kara Johnson

**Senior Individual Presentation:**
10th place Camille Duchamp

**Senior Team:**
1st place Sarah McDonnell & Madison Whiting

Congratulations to all four for doing a great job!

State 4-H Equine Arts Show

**Junior Division**
Leigha Giranda - Photo Champion; Reserve Photo Champion; Reserve Art Champion; 1st place Flat Color; 1st place, 2nd place, 4th place Color Photo; 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place Black & White Photo

Kara Johnson - 5th place 3-D Arts/Crafts

**Senior Division**
Maeve Egan - 5th place Black & White Flat; 3rd place Small 3-D Arts/Crafts

Samantha Eristavi - 1st place Photo Table/Boxes

Michele Bergen - 2nd place, 3rd place Photo Table/Boxes

State Horse Judging and Hippology

**Senior Horse Hippology - 1st Place Team Overall**
Somerset/Burlington

**Team Problems - 3rd Place Somerset/Burlington**

**Senior Hippology**
Christine Papalski
5th Place Overall
5th Place Senior Exam
9th Place Individual Judging Phase
6th Place Individual Stations Phase

Samantha Eristavi
2nd Place Overall
1st Place Senior Exam
3rd Place Individual Station Phase

Jayla Womack
9th Place Individual Station Phase

**Senior Judging**
Christine Papalski
8th Place High Individual Halter
6th Place High Indiv. Performance
10th Place High Individual Reasons
7th Place High Individual Overall

Samantha Eristavi
6th Place High Individual Halter
12th Place High Indiv. Performance
4th Place High Individual Reasons
10th Place High Individual Overall

Jayla Womack
4th Place High Individual Halter
20th Place High Indiv. Performance
19th Place High Individual Reasons
17th Place High Individual Overall

Somerset Team
5th Place High Team Overall
4th Place High Team Reasons

**Junior Horse Hippology - 1st Place Team Overall**
Kara Johnson, Leigha Giranda with Salem Co.

**Junior Hippology**
Kara Johnson
2nd Place Overall
4th Place Junior Exam
2nd Place Individual Station Phase
8th Place Individual Judging Phase

Leigha Giranda
1st Place Overall
3rd Place Junior Exam
1st Place Individual Station Phase
3rd Place Individual Judging Phase

**Junior Judging**
Kara Johnson
16th Place High Indiv. Performance
17th Place High Individual Overall
14th Place High Individual Halter

Leigha Giranda
3rd Place High Indiv. Performance
1st Place High Individual Overall
3rd Place High Individual Halter

Somerset/Warren
3rd Place High Team Overall
1st Place High Team Reasons

**Thanks to Judy Hennessy for coaching.**

Citizen Washington Focus

Congratulations to these 4-H members who will be representing Somerset County at CWF in July:

Christine Arcoleo
Madara Dias
James Meier
Julie Pirro
Tracy Wang
We're on the lookout to load the S4H noon hours with 4-H performances! The 2015 Fair Entertainment committee is in search of talented 4-H'ers, in prep (cloverbud) or standard clubs, who would like to perform on the Clover Theater Stage.

It’s easy to be eligible! If you didn’t already perform at the County Presentations in March, a quick audition at the 4-H Center is all we need. For inspiration, check out the description of the Open Division: Performing Arts in the 2014 Exhibitors' Guide on-line.

All interested 4-H'ers should contact Betty Sommerville (908-393-2239, cell 908-635-1951) or the 4-H Office by May 31. Let’s celebrate our super Fair with talent!

4-H Fair Herdsmen

Application Due July 6

All project areas are encouraged to send teens to sleep overnight on the fairgrounds. Their job is to make sure everything; animals, exhibits, and equipment, is safe and secure for the night and that the grounds are clean. Becky Moore, Shannon Zimmitti and Jason Metting are the Herdsmen Supervisors and Pauline Kodak makes a great breakfast each day (food suggestions welcomed). A Bridgewater police officer is also present all night.

4-H members, who have completed 8th grade and older may apply. Applications are available at the 4-H Office/4-H Center and on the website and are due back by Monday, July 6. Members need permission and approval signatures from parents, a 4-H Leader, a 4-H Agent, and approval from a Herdsmen Supervisor. A photo must accompany your application. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Everyone selected to be a herdsman MUST attend one of two Herdsmen Orientation Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on either Monday, July 27 or Tuesday, August 4.

Registered volunteers who have completed a Tier 2 background check (fingerprinting) may also serve as adult herdsmen. They must complete the Adult Herdsman application. All forms are available on our website: www.4HisTops.org.

Limited Fair Grants Available

The 4-H Association is happy to consider funding requests from clubs, divisions or tents seeking funds necessary to display your project or maintain safety at the Fair. Applications will be available at the 4-H Center and on the website after May 1. Deadline August 1st 2015.

Clubs requesting grants must have sold ads and/or wreaths.
**Fair Planning Meeting**  
**July 22, 7:30 pm 4-H Center**

Get the whole scoop and have your suggestions heard. Fair Managers will discuss the following topics:

- Funding & Budget
- Traffic & Parking
- Security & Safety
- Club Responsibilities & Yellow Pages
- Supplies/ribbons available at the 4-H Center
- Planning & prep prior to Fair
- Activities & Opportunities during the Fair
- Packing Up, Friday
- 2nd Shift Clean-Up, Saturday morning
- Food, Commercial & Entertainment Committees
- Publicity & Sponsorships
- Maps & Schedules
- Inclement Weather Procedures
- Service to 4-H Awards

**Member in Good Standing Requirements**

All 4-H members are expected to meet the following standards each year to be eligible to compete at the Somerset County 4-H Fair and any state 4-H event. In addition, you must meet these requirements to be eligible for county pins. These are the minimum requirements. Your club or division may have additional requirements (check Fair Exhibitor Guide).

- Must have been a registered 4-H project member by January 1.
- Attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings.
- Complete a 4-H project, doing one’s own work with minimal assistance from parents or others.
- Give a community, club or county 4-H public presentation.
- Complete a project record book.

**Ad Sales**

*Ads are still welcomed until May 22.*

Thank you to all that purchased and sold ads.

**4-H'ers who sold ads** - remember to take a copy of the Yearbook & Catalog to your ad customers as well as green supporter ribbons, available at the 4-H Center. If you sold $100, be sure to pick up your t-shirt at the 4-H Center after August 1.

**Accident Insurance for 4-H Clubs**

This insurance covers your 4-H members for trips and events:

American Income Life Insurance Company has Blanket Accident and Illness policies which pay quickly when a member or volunteer is injured. Call 800-849-4820 or e-mail specialrisk@americanincomelife.com with your questions or to request help with using www.americanincomelife.com.

**Space for Commercial Vendors**

Parents, friends or ad customers may be interested in having a commercial booth at the fair. Space is limited, but the rental prices are good and the exposure is terrific. Contact Kimberly Lynn Cook, kimberlylynn7@gmail.com, and reserve your space now or visit our website for more information.
Open Divisions For All 4-H’ers!

Look at “Open Divisions” to find more ways to participate. Open Divisions are for everyone and include:

- Bread
- Cake Decorating
- Crafts
- Creative Arts
- Creative Writing
- Dairy Food
- Fiber
- Needlecrafts
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking & Wood Science

Check out the complete list of rules and regulations on our website at: [http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/4hfair/exhibitorguide.html](http://somerset.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/4hfair/exhibitorguide.html). Remember, projects made in school or for another organization such as scouts, can be submitted.

How Sweet It Is!

Once again, the Prep (Cloverbud) Division will oversee the cotton candy tent at the 4-H Fair. As always, we need your help. Please register to spin cotton candy by calling Lisa Darby on (908) 526-6644 between 8:00am and 2:30pm Monday - Friday at the 4-H office. Our volunteers are very important to us and we always appreciate all of your help. Remember, everyone that spins will receive a free Cotton Candy tee shirt.

HELP WANTED Adults to work the Milkshake Booth!!!

Did you know that the 4-H Association runs the Milkshake Booth? All of the profits support the 4-H Fair. Any adult may volunteer to help in the booth. In the past we have had parents, aunts, uncles, corporate volunteers, even grandmas & grandpas. It is so much fun that it is a well-kept secret. Don’t miss out on the fun and camaraderie. Sign up for an hour or two and support the 4-H Fair. Please contact the 4-H office at: somersetcounty4h@co.somerset.nj.us.

4-H FAIR WELCOME PARADE

Calling all Clubs! Plan to add your footprints to this year’s Twilight Parade of Clubs! *Glow sticks for all participants!*

Gather at 7:15pm outside the RC Car Tent
Parade kicks off at 7:30pm
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! For more info contact Ellen Parker at hookcookbook@gmail.com.
**The Clover Ensemble**  
*by Nikhita Iyer*

Come to the amazing play “Peter Pan” at the 4-H Fair hosted by The Clover Ensemble! Members are working hard on it by designing costumes, directing the play and making scenery. They are also making posters to advertise the play. So don’t you want to see a movie live on stage? Or an amazing kids Broadway show? Well, then come to their fantastic play every day at 4pm at the Somerset County 4-H Fair!

**Just Kidding**

The club did an outstanding job at the recent Eco-Rally, coming in 3rd out of 17 teams with their theme of “Earth Helpers”.

**Chinese Culture Club**  
*by Jessica Fu*

As the warm weather continues to approach, Spring begins to fill the air. The 4-H Chinese Culture club hops into the spring season by hosting the annual Easter party. Children are able to enjoy a variety of Easter inspired activities, such as going on an outdoor Easter egg hunt. Not only was there a hunt, but also attendees were allowed to design their own Easter eggs using an assortment of colors and stickers. Since, the weather outside is gradually becoming nicer it is great to spend time with family and friends outdoors.

**Tailfeathers**  
*by Kyra Schwarz*

Members received record books to start putting information in. Justin talked about last year’s NJ Junior Breeders Livestock Symposium which was held again the end of March. Members are finalizing club artwork and are learning how to care for chicks. The club is discussing their display for Fair.

**Species on the Edge 2.0 Multimedia Contest**

The Conserve Wildlife Foundation has announced the launch of their new Species on the Edge 2.0 Multimedia Contest! Open to all NJ high school students, this contest invites students to submit a video, app, podcast, digital graphic design, webpage, or other multimedia component showing why wildlife is important to protect in NJ. It’s free to enter and open to all NJ high school students. All entries are due by Friday, May 22, 2015. For more information, visit [www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/edge2.0/](http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/education/edge2.0/).

Always check out the website at [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org) for the latest information about Somerset County 4-H and other important opportunities for members and their families.
Saturday March 5th was our Prep Rally on Flight. Our day began with an exciting program presented by Mad Science of West New Jersey. After an hour of fun science “magic” the children began rotating through 4 hands on workshops. This year we learned about glider planes, stomp rockets and we built a rocket that can be launched during the 2015 Somerset County 4-H Fair. The Civil Air Patrol also taught us many exciting things about flight using electronics, Lego’s and a flight simulator.

I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all of the presenters and helpers that made the Prep Rally a huge success.

Lisa Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Save the Date!

The registration packets for Family Camp which will be held May 29, 30 & 31, 2015 are available online at www.4histops.org. For more information visit the web or contact the office at (908) 526-6644

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Da Bug Club – on February 5th, at the last meeting we learned how bugs breathed. I thought it was AWESOME how some insects breathe through their bodies.

The Legomaniacs - The kids in our club created simple machines from the Lego kit instruction booklet, while others built with their own imagination. We also had club members build creations which we displayed in the 4-H showcase during the month of March. This is the first time in recent years that a Prep club has put a display in the show case. The kids were very excited about their display.
Proud 2B Prep - We enjoyed a visit from members of the Chinese Culture Club in March. We learned a lot and the Chinese yo-yo’s were great fun.

Little Woofers - The members are continuing with their dog training as doing very well. They’re becoming very good dog handlers. Many of the members are looking forward to Family Camp.

Discovery - In February, Mrs. Heidi from the cat club came with her cat to our club. Mia had a great time as she plans to join their club next year. We made cat masks too. Da Bug Club came to visit us in March. We learned all about the life cycle of butterflies and moths. There were also specimens to look at. Some were really big. We made a model of their life cycle with plates, pasta and rice. In April we have a bunny coming to see us.

Homestyles for Preschoolers

Researchers at Rutgers have created the HomeStyles Project to help parents raise happier, healthier, safer kids. What is HOMESTYLES? A series of program guides with quick tips and fun ideas that help you make small, simple changes at home. Home-Styles gives easy, no-cost tips that can help every family—even those with busy lives and tight budgets. Maybe you want calmer bedtime routines, fuss-free mealtimes, or a safer kitchen. You will get 1 guide each month for the next 12 months. There is no charge! In fact, if you try simple changes and do surveys along the way, you can earn more than $125 and keep gifts sent to help you! Visit tinyurl.comHomeStylesGetStarted. Learn more at: healthyhomestyles.com or healthyhomestyles.com/about/.

Important May Events

- Empire State Building opened May 1, 1931.
- First postage stamp issued May 6, 1840
- Mother’s Day was first observed in 1908. It was designated by Presidential proclamation, and was recognized officially by Congress and the President in 1914.
- Brooklyn Bridge opened May 24, 1883.
- Memorial Day or Decoration Day is observed. It was first observed in 1866.
- Armed Forces Day is celebrated the third Saturday of May.
- The Kentucky Derby is the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY. It’s the most famous horse race in the US.

Important June Events

- Ford Motor Company founded, June 16, 1903.
- D-Day, WWII - On June 6, 1944 the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked German forces on the coast of Normandy, France.
- Father’s Day honors fathers and celebrate the influence of fathers in society. It is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.
- Helen Keller, deaf and blind author and lecturer, born June 27, 1880.
- Flag Day is observed in the US on June 14. It commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our flag.
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Calling all Somerset County 4-H families! Do you remember all the fun you had at Prep Camp, Club Camp, or Winter Camp? Were you a camp counselor or attended summer camp at L.G. Cook? Well, here’s your chance to come back and relive those times boating, hiking, making crafts, singing around the campfire and renewing old friendships...and we can’t forget all that good food! Somerset County 4-H Family Camp is open to all Somerset County 4-H members and their families.

May 29-30-31, 2015
Lindley G. Cook NJ 4-H Camp

Cost is $70 per person for the weekend and includes EVERYTHING! Scholarships available. You can come for the whole weekend or just Saturday ($35.00 for the day). But by all means...plan on coming. Registration packets are available at the 4-H Office, the 4-H Center lobby or on our website. You can contact Mrs. Lisa Darby at 908-526-6644 or email her at darby@co.somerset.nj.us for more information.

Make Your Memories at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp 2015

Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp is located on 108 acres in beautiful Stokes State Forest in Sussex County, New Jersey. They offer six-day sleep away summer camp sessions July through August for all youth ages 8-16. The Camp was founded in 1951, and the Summer Camp program aims for that same 1951 experience with an unplugged tech-free setting where campers interact socially the old fashioned way: making friends face to face by sharing jokes, telling stories, and discovering what we all have in common.

Camp is meant to be campers’ home away from home, a place where they can become the best versions of themselves. The campers’ emotional and physical safety is L.G. Cook’s highest priority, and the two central guidelines of the program are kindness and respect. The staff work tirelessly to ensure that camp is a caring, nurturing environment where everyone belongs, where differences are celebrated as strengths, and every camper realizes that they’re an integral and unique part of the Camp Family.

In course area classes and classic camp activities, campers learn by doing. They try new things, enhance independence, build their self-confidence, and develop important life skills…all while having more fun than you can shake a stick at.

L.G. Cook has found that what makes an exceptional camp is an exceptional staff. Through intensive hiring and training process they search for extraordinary counselors who can be all that the job requires; part role-model, part teacher, part older sibling, part friend. A majority of counselors were campers at L.G. Cook, went through our Counselor in Training program, and now want to create the same fantastic experience they enjoyed for a new generation of campers.

Visit the camp website (www.nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu) for more details or to read the Camp Survival Guides. You can also visit and check out Camp for yourself! Summer Camp tours are available weekdays September-May upon request (just call the Camp Office at 973-948-3550). Registration discounts are offered to all 4-H members.
Dated Material