Thank you to all our volunteer leaders, members and parents for your dedicated effort in making the 94th Annual Mercer County 4-H Fair a fun and educational event for the public and 4-H members alike. Please read the exciting results of our 4-H Fair competitions and check out the pictures that are representative of club participation this year.

The new 4-H year is off to a terrific start! We look forward to celebrating the successes of last year with all of you at the annual Achievement Night!

Just a note....

Please note that Kellie VonThun was a participant in the 2012 state 4-H Dairy Bowl Competition held in March of this year. Her effort was mistakenly left out of the summer newsletter. Congratulations Kellie!

Mercer County 4-Hers earn awards at 4-H summer camp!

Each week at the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, four campers are chosen who exemplify the spirit of the four Hs. A special candlelight ceremony is held on the last night of camp to honor these individuals and to applaud their excellence at camp.

Head (clear thinking and good decision making)  
Elise Ottinger  
Hot Shots Shooting Sports

Hands (reached out to help others and serve camp)  
Lee Sortore  
Clever Clovers

Health (strive to make themselves and others better through participation in a healthy camping experience)  
Ryan Howell  
Clever Clovers

Thomas Murphy Award for the best Counselor in Training  
Scott Hoffman  
Clever Clovers

Great job Mercer County 4-H Campers!

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On Saturday September 22, 2012 the Clever Clovers did a community service project at Kiddie Academy in Allentown NJ in which they set up a petting zoo. This was a fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior project and the kids brought rabbits, chickens, goats and sheep. By: Karen Dauphers, Boltin Colts Leader

Lee, Meredith, CJ, Jenny, Ryan, Trent, Alex, George and Renée of the Clever Clovers Club

The Rusty Bolts Club did a community service project; cleaning up Walnford Road, right outside of Allentown on what we think was the hottest day of the year, Friday June 29th. All in all we made out very successfully with multiple bags of garbage and recycling. Some of those bags also contained rather unusual things, such as an old 12 in. box TV, and a stereo. We also managed to pick up along the way (as we neared the Cream Ridge golf course) a good amount of golf balls and even half of a broken club! Through the heat and strange items and smells, 8 of our club members managed to get the whole of Walnford Road done in a matter of a few hours. I would say a good amount of work and one clean road!

p.s. Please be sure to check out our blog and follow along with our tractor restoration! www.rustbolts.blogspot.com

By: Trent Potosky, Rusty Bolts Club Reporter

Hot Shots Shooting Sports members Connor Rittley and Jack Ottinger came in 14 and 15 respectively in the State Air Rifle 3P match. 3P means three positions: Standing, Kneeling, & Prone. Coach Jay told his members before the match – “the main point of the match is participation more than anything – exposure to the pressures of competition, and being able to see what you are up against. It’s not only about the shooting, it’s also about the experience, and learning by doing!”

Great 4-H effort!

Dhara Mehta, Treasuring the Trash President helped build a compost bin at Cherry Grove Farm in Lawrenceville. They now have a community compost for the public to bring their food waste each week! Dhara, along with the help of the farm staff, will be monitoring the compost bin to ensure the composting process goes well. She is very excited about this new project.

Good Luck Dhara!
Mercer County 4-H Fair Results

**Animal Costume Contest:**
1st Place: Lee Sortore
2nd Place: Eli Byrnes
3rd Place: Holly Potter
4th Place: Meredith Dauphers
5th Place: Maggie Emley

**Goat Show:**
Champion Showman: Trent Potosky
Champion Junior Doe: Kristie Von Thun
Reserve Champion Junior Doe: Kellie Von Thun
Champion Senior Doe: Kellie Von Thun
Reserve Champion Senior Doe: Kristie Von Thun
Best in Show: Kristie Von Thun

**Sheep Show:**
Champion Showman: Renée Stillwell
Champion Fitting: Renée Stillwell
Reserve Champion Meat Ram: George Stillwell
Champion Meat Ewe: Renée Stillwell
Reserve Champion Wool Ewe: Alex Byrnes
Best of County: Alex Byrnes

**Goat Milking Contest:**
Master Milker: Lee Sortore
Novice Milker: George Stillwell

**Rabbit Show:**
Reserve in Show: Maggie Emley
Senior Showmanship: 1st Emily Dallas, 2nd Nate Byrnes, 3rd Ryan Howell, 4th Meredith Dauphers
Junior Showmanship: 1st Keanu Ortiz, 2nd Elly Merritt
Best of Breed:
- American Fuzzy Lop: Keanu Ortiz
- Himalayan: Meredith Dauphers
- Holland Lop: Ryan Howell
- Mismarked Dutch: Emily Dallas
- Mixed: Keanu Ortiz
Best Opposite Sex: Nate Byrnes

**Poultry Show:**
Best in Show: Maggie Emley
Senior Showmanship: Abby Carlson, Maggie Emley, CJ Mozeika

**4-H Fair Ambassadors:**
Boltin' Colts: Serren Turkmenoglu, Scott Hoffman, Nathaniel Tettemer & Brandon Stout; Honorable mention: Allana Cursley
Clever Clovers: Scott Hoffman
Hot Shots (tie): Serren Turkmenoglu, Scott Hoffman

**Caretaker Award:**
Horse: Sarah Moon
Poultry: CJ Mozeika
Rabbit: Elly Merritt
Sheep: Renée Stillwell
Goat: Lee Sortore

**Club Booth Display Winner:**
4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club

**Shooting Sports:**
Archery Best (tie): Zach Helm & Allana Cursley
1st Reserve: Jack Montagna, 2nd Reserve: Sarah Szwed
Air Rifle Best: Gianni Vecchiarelli
1st Reserve: Sean Jackson, 2nd Reserve: Sadia Vaughn
Shotgun Best: Nathaniel Tettemer
1st Reserve: Jesse Szwed, 2nd Reserve: Jack Ottinger
Best All-Around: Khalid Vaughn

**Poulty Show:***
Best in Show: Maggie Emley
Senior Showmanship: Abby Carlson, Maggie Emley, CJ Mozeika
Thank you to those who attended or promoted the 4-H Summer Day Camps held at the Cooperative Extension Office and the Lawrence Nature Center. Each one was a terrific success! Also, thank you to teen 4-H members Dhara Mehta of Treasuring the Trash and Aleya Nelson of Teen Council for assisting at the camps. There were many smiles and great memories made this summer! Look for the 2013 summer day camp brochure to be posted in February on our website: http://mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu.