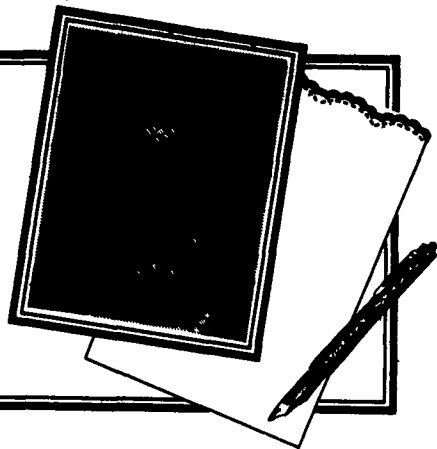


Ida's Notebook

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H A P P E N I N G S

Statewide 4-H Camps— More Than You Imagined!

Join youth from around New Jersey this summer at the Beemer-ville 4-H Camp in Sussex County, New Jersey. If you are in grades 3-11, you can make friends from all over the state at your "summer home away from home." Beemer-ville 4-H Camp. You will find programs just perfect for fun, making friends and learning new things. It's more than you can imagine!

If you are in grades 3-7, you can participate in one or more of the

following programs:

- Youth on the Move, from July 23-28 and July 30-August 4. Your action-packed options, emphasizing both fun and safety, include all terrain vehicles, hiking, boating and canoeing, fitness, and horse-back riding.
- The Scientist Within You, from August 6-11 and August 13-18. Explore ecology, wildlife, plant science, and other natural sciences while you discover the scientist within you.

Each week will emphasize knowledge and skills from the particular theme and include traditional camp activities of recreation, singing, campfires, and group living.

This is a counselor in training/ leadership development program available during each of the weeks mentioned above for youth in grades 8 and 9. These youth will

enroll in special leadership classes and have an opportunity to assist trained staff and counselors with activities.

If you are in grades 8-11 and love the adventures of life, you will be able to enroll in Teen Challenge Camp from July 16-21. Your adventure track choices include horsemanship, hiking, canoeing, theater, all-terrain vehicles, and shooting sports.

For more information and applications, contact your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office, 4-H Department, 4 Gauntt Place, (908) 788-1340/788-1341 or the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, N.J. 4-H Camp Office, 50 Neilson Road, Sussex, NJ 07461, (201) 875-4715.

All camp sessions cost \$205 per person with additional fees for horseback riding and other special program options. Bus transportation is available for an additional fee.

Make your reservations early for this exciting summer camp program. Call for your brochure and application form today.

4-H'ers Participate In Foods Revue

Fifty-four 4-H members competed on Tuesday, June 27, in the 1995 4-H Foods Revue contest.

This is the 24th year for this competition in Somerset County. The purpose for this part of the 4-H foods and nutrition program is to help 4-H'ers apply nutritional information in preparing a meal as well as developing talents of graceful entertaining.

The overall category for this year's competition was the "Breads, Cereal, Rice, and Pasta" foods group. Winners included senior division: snack/appetizer-Jessica Pucci; meal accompaniment-Laura Waltermire; main dish-Sara Hillegas; dessert-Heidi Svonavec. Junior division: snack/appetizer-Nicole Stemple; meal accompaniment-Melissa Schrock; main dish-Malinda Kirk; dessert-Laura Stutzman.

Judges for the event were Emily Barbuschak, Michael Dick, and Susan Kinsinger. The 4-H leader committee for this event included Stella Beeman and Cindy Walker.

This contest is open to any 4-H member enrolled in a foods project and is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Development Fund, Inc.

Somerset County Demonstration Contest

In the annual Somerset County 4-H Demonstration Contest, 35 4-H club members presented a total of 27 demonstrations in seven project areas.

The event was held Tuesday, June 27, at the Somerset Area Vo-Tech School. Project work in categories of animal science, plant science, foods and nutrition, home and family management, clothing and textiles, engineering, and general was demonstrated.

Senior division winners will move on to the State 4-H Days at the Penn State campus July 25-27. Premiums and operating funds for the contest were provided by the Somerset County 4-H Development Fund, Inc.

Judges for the event were Melissa Hipple, Larry Oglie, and Bill Wilburn. The 4-H members who participated were animal science-senior division-Bobbie Darr, Jessica Darr; junior division-Nicole Baer and Amanda Darr (team), Keri Miller and Heather Will (team), Heather Weaver. Plant science-junior division-Katie Igou. Engineering-senior division-April Miller. Clothing and textiles-senior division-Corby Svonavec; junior division-Natalie Foxwell, Jill Zborovancik. Foods and nutrition-senior division-Jessica Pucci and Valerie Walker (team), Sara Hillegas, Valerie Zborovancik; junior division-Elise Melvin, Christina Sanner, and Kristin Wagner (team), Lauren Melvin and Jessica Zachar (team), Mary Beth Igou. Home and family management-junior division-Jill Stemple, Nicole Stemple. General-senior division-Brandon Hillegas, Matthew Pyle; junior division-Jacob English, Adam Galbreth, and Anthony Sanner (team), Jeff Igou, Steve Jano, and Tessa Slifco (team), Josh Enos, Anna Sanner, and Laura Stutzman.

Summertime! A time for vacations and visits from grandchildren. It surely makes a difference in the activities we do depending on the ages. Six- and 10-year-olds can entertain themselves and do not need the attention that a four-year-old does.

On Sunday afternoon there were four boys and two fathers. They played baseball and then football. It surely made them hungry. In the evening they caught some fire-flies and hoped they would light their bedroom — but they still needed a night-light.

This year we have our old black raspberry bed and also a new planting. And, Allen has been picking quite a few. It looks as though he will have a lot of elder-

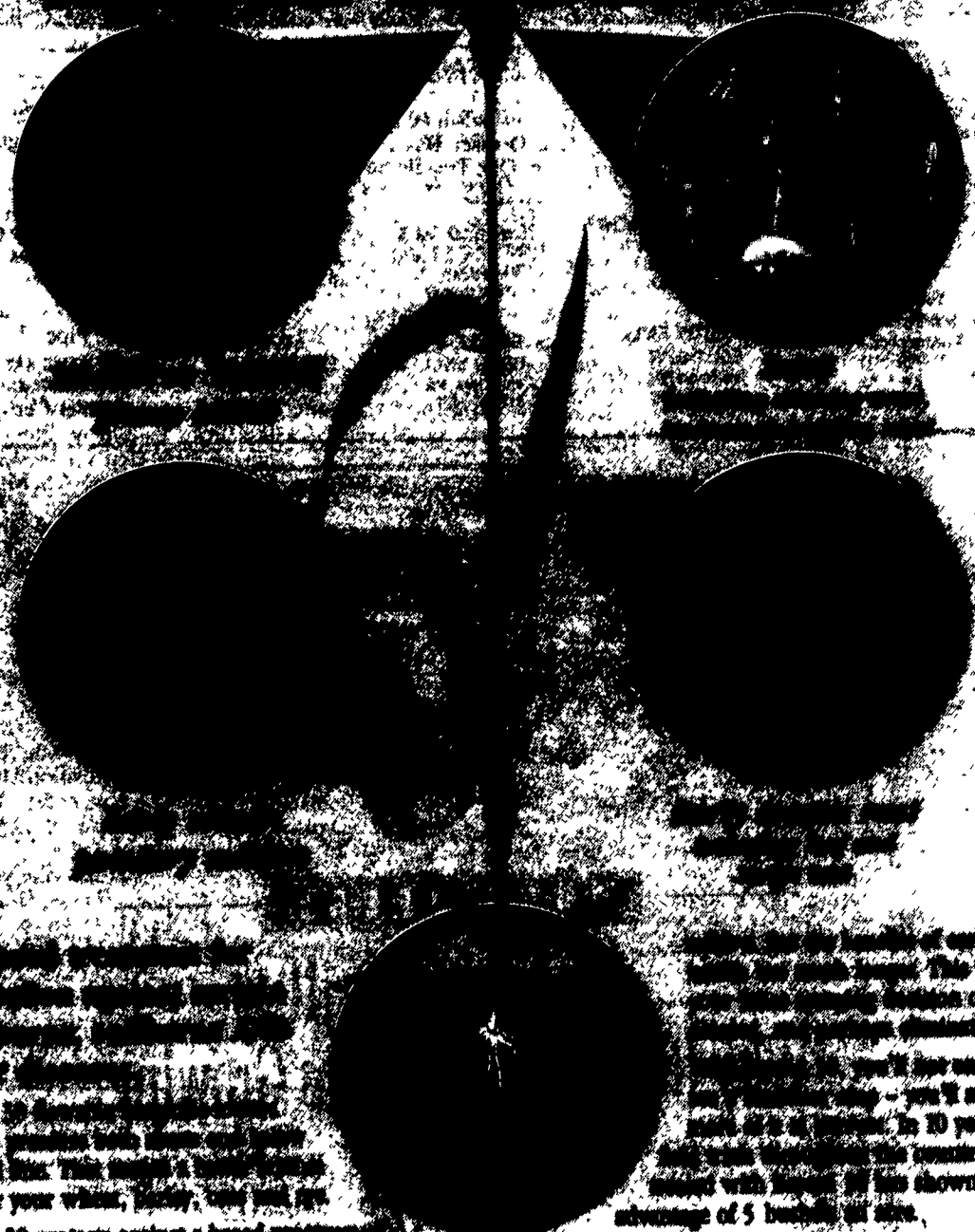
berries too. My sister took some blossoms to make a drink from a recipe that she got when she was in Europe. And, we had a friend who often raved about the delicious taste of their big blossoms when dipped in pancake batter and so we'll try that too.

Our yellow raspberries do not give much fruit. Maybe because I don't weed them enough. However, they are very sweet. The red raspberries are almost ever-bearing as we can expect another crop this fall.

Whenever we have the opportunity, we always send some of our garden produce to our children in other states.

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