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# 4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to the following 4-H Club Secretaries for turning in their November reports by December 5th:

- **Tim Livingston**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club;
- **Tess Hitchcock**, Cow Belles 4-H Club;
- **Alexandra Mahaffy**, Foxy Trotters 4-H Club;
- **Christina Farda**, Horse’N Around 4-H Club;
- **Matthew Treusdell**, Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club;
- **Joslyn Callahan**, Mohawk’s Passion For Fashion 4-H Club;
- **Kayla Windecker**, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club;
- **Stephanie Smith**, Starkville Champions 4-H Club;
- **Morgan Lynch**, West Canada Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

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If you are the Secretary for your 4-H Club, please remember: you can receive an Outstanding 4-H Club Secretary Award at the 4-H Member Recognition Event by simply:

- sending monthly reports to the 4-H Office by the 5th of each and every month
- keeping a neat, accurately completed 4-H Secretary’s Book
- exhibiting your 4-H Secretary Book at the Herkimer County Fair.
## 4-H Food & Nutrition/Sewing Workshops

Thursday, February 21, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Herkimer BOCES  
Cost: $5.00/Member to cover lunch and supplies $2.00/Adult for lunch  
Additional $7 for t-shirt

**REMINDER:** Pre-registration with payment was due by February 1st. To avoid collecting money on the day of the event, PLEASE send your payment to the office in advance.

The day will be centered around the “In Touch Science: Foods & Fabrics” project. See page 7 of the December 2007/January 2008 4-H Facts for complete details.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Anyone who would like to do an embellished t-shirt, should bring $7 for the basic 4-H t-shirt. Limited sizes are available (19 youth small, 22 youth medium, 19 youth large, 5 adult small). To be guaranteed you get the size you want, send your payment to the 4-H office prior to the event requesting size from above availability. Ideas to customize the t-shirt with your club and/or county name or iron on decals will be shared. We hope to then see these items displayed at the Herkimer County Fair.

Adult assistance will be pivotal to making this a successful day. Portable sewing machines and adults or teen leaders to help supervise are urgently needed. Please call 866-7920 or email jcr12@cornell.edu JoAnn at the 4-H office by **February 15** if you plan to attend. Only those who have signed up will be notified of any changes in these plans.

## 2008 STARR

**ARRIVE A TEEN . . . LEAVE A LEADER**  
**APRIL 18-20**  
**NEW YORK STATE FAIR/4-H YOUTH BUILDING**

### What is STARR??

The State Teen Action Rep Retreat is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to further develop life skills. Overall theme of the weekend, as well as ideas for workshops and activities come from input and effort of a diverse group of teens serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. “Youth Voice” is what keeps STARR contemporary, fresh and in tune with the youth of today. STARR program is open to all NYS 4-H Teens and their adult chaperones.

Team building activities, meaningful educational workshops led by teams of youth/adults, challenging recreational activities, youthful Keynote Speakers, and a semi-formal dinner/dance provide increased awareness, acceptance and understanding of the diversity and talents of teens throughout NYS.

- **Cost:** $65.00 per person covers lodging, meals and workshop supplies  
- **Registration due no later than March 29**  
- **Participants are responsible to provide their own chaperone.**  
- **To get more in-depth information, visit the web site at:**  
  [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/STARR.php](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/STARR.php)
CARGILL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHO: High-school seniors living in communities near Cargill operations

WHAT: 350 one-time scholarships of $1,000 and a $200 grant to each recipient’s high-school library

WHEN: Applications are due February 15, 2008. Recipients will be announced in May 2008.

HOW: Guidelines and application can be found at this address: http://scholarships.ffa.org

NOTE: Application requires the signature of a Cargill or Cargill joint-venture employee from the community where the student lives. Students do not need to be members of FFA to be eligible. Children of Cargill employees are not eligible for this scholarship. If you do not know if a Cargill operation is near your high school, please visit this page or send your city, state and zip code to cargill@ffa.org.

HERKIMER COUNTY 4-H WELCOMES NEW 4-H CLUBS, MEMBERS AND CLOVERBUDS

Dolgeville Ears & Tails (Rabbit & Cavy) 4-H Club
Kacey Daley Member Dolgeville
Cheyenne Knuth Member Little Falls
Brandon Lamphere Member Little Falls
Bryan Lamphere Member Little Falls
Daniel Lamphere Member Little Falls
Beth Wilson Gen/Org Leader Dolgeville
Leah Wilson Project Leader Dolgeville
Little Trotters Cloverbud 4-H Club
Alicia Gee Cloverbud West Winfield

West Canada Lucky Cloverbud 4-H Club
Ronald Stewart Cloverbud Newport

The Herkimer County Dairy Promotion Committee sponsors the Herkimer County Dairy Promotion Scholarship annually; it offers $300 to a former Herkimer County dairy princess/court member. The applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent and is planning to attend college or a vocational school to further their education.

The scholarship is based on academic standing, extracurricular activities, future plans, and a 300-word essay discussing how the dairy industry has affected you, your future goals, and how you plan to achieve them.

To obtain an application you can call Mitzi Hula at 315.858.0074 or download an application from their website at www.herkimercountydairypromotion.com. Applications should be postmarked on or before Saturday, March 1, 2008.

The 4-H Office would like to say THANK YOU to the Starkville Champions 4-H Club for donating to the Book Tree during the holiday season.
2008 NEW YORK CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SCHOOLS 
AND WORKSHOPS

February 1, 2008

Warren Washington County Beginner Maple Workshop, Contact: Laurel R. Gailor, Natural Resource Educator, lrg6@cornell.edu, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Warren County, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885, Phone: 518-623-3291, 518-668-4881

February 2, 2008

Warren Washington County Maple School, Contact: Laurel R. Gailor, Natural Resource Educator, lrg6@cornell.edu, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Warren County, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885, Phone: 518-623-3291, 518-668-4881

February 7, 2008

Ontario County Beginner Maple Workshop, Russell Welser, Cornell Cooperative Extension Ontario County, 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424, Phone: 585.394.3977, Fax: 585.394.0377, e-mail rw43@cornell.edu

February 9, 2008

Schoharie County Maple School, Contact: JJ Schell, jjs69@cornell.edu, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County, 173 South Grand Street, Cobleskill NY 12839, Phone: 518-234-4303

February 16, 2008

Chenango County Maple School, Contact: J. Rebecca Hargrave, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, 99 N. Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815, 607-334-5841 x 16, 607-336-6961 - fax, jrh45@cornell.edu

February 23, 2008

Beginner Maple Workshop at Countryside Hardware, Contact: Sandy Wilcox, 1712 Albany St., DeRuyter, NY 13052, phone 315-852-3326

March 1, 2008

Beginner Maple Workshop Tioga County, Contact: Brett Chedzoy, Cornell Cooperative Extension - Schuyler County, Senior Resource Educator, bjc226@cornell.edu, office: 607-535-7161, cell: 607-742-3657

March 29-30

New York State Maple Weekend

June 7

Maple Confections Workshop II, Western PA and Eastern Ohio, contact: Robert S. Hansen, D.F., Extension Educator - Forest Resources, Penn State Cooperative Extension, 701 South Fourth Street, Towanda, PA 18848-1023, (570) 265-2896, rsh7@psu.edu

July 27-29

New York State Maple Tour, Information posted at www.cornellmaple.com as available

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
In November the Barnyard Buddies and Barnyard Cloverbuds 4-H Clubs started the holiday season off by baking. We learned how to follow steps in making applesauce and how to organize ingredients to make pumpkin bread. The older children helped the younger children read directions and measure ingredients. The apple peeler was a great hit as well as using the food mill which helps strain the applesauce. Everyone enjoyed sampling their finished goodies and each child was able to take some applesauce and bread home so their families could enjoy too!

The Cow Belles 4-H Club held a meeting on November 10. Cheese fundraiser comes in on the 19th. Three members will sort cheese. Make Christmas cookies for senior citizens in December.

During the month of November, the Foxy Trotters 4-H Club had a fun time at the Syracuse Sporthorse Invitational. There they were able to see professional jumping at it's best. The club had a mini business meeting where they planned the Christmas gift shopping for a family, distributed the cheese and handed out the Year End Certificates. For the month of December, we are looking forward to shopping for our Rotary family. The Foxy Trotters wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. During the month of December, the Foxy Trotters gave for the holiday season. The club went shopping for a rotary family, so they could have gifts for Christmas. We are looking forward to cooking and sewing during the months of January and February.

Also, at our business meeting, we still needed to elect a Song/Recreation Leader. Congratulations to Philip Mosher who was elected as our Song and Recreation Leader.

We are now busy planning our Fun Day in January on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Here are the 4H Friends making Christmas "swags" at the Connolly House.

From Left: Mary Kathryn Connolly, Hillary Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Shelby Creater, Keegan Connolly, Matthew Truesdell, Matt’s cousin - our guest, Phillip Mosher.

The Horse’N Around 4-H Club met twice in November to do horse cookies and once in December to do decorating.

The Little Falls 4-H Friends were busy during the month of November with their club fundraiser. Hilary and Shelby Creater’s and Dylan Hapeman’s aunt and uncle donated the branches for our door swags. The members worked together to make 46 swags with Lauryl Bradkorp selling 18. The club is hoping to use these funds to go on one of the 4-H trips. Hilary and Shelby Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Philip Mosher, and Matthew Treusdell went to Officer’s Training and the Achievement Book workshop. Members learned more about their role for the year and how to run a 4-H business meeting. In the afternoon they got new ideas for their achievement books. W were busy on Friday, December 14th. We were asked to make centerpieces for the Senior Citizen Breakfast being held on Wednesday, December 19th at the Little Falls High School. We used branches from our swag fundraiser, holly bushes (donated by Alana Connolly) and bows and berries purchased by our club. The centerpieces came out beautiful. Those present were: Lauryl Bradkorp, Hilary Creater, Shelby Creater, Philip Mosher, Kira Seaman and Matthew Treusdell. The members did a really great job!

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4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
On December 7th the Milkshakers 4-H club helped out with a Christmas party at the Litchfield town barn. On December 15th we decorated a float for the Cedarville Fire Department Christmas Parade.

The Mohawk’s Passion for Fashion 4-H Club worked on achievement books, and a citizenship project. We are also planning some community service projects.

The Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club went to the officer training. Members present were Rose Simmons, Bryce Windecker, and Kayla Windecker. Leaders Deb Windecker and Robin Simmons were trainers for Secretary, President and Vice President. Also, our club sold $1000 worth of cheese. Members Kerry Bray, Bryce Windecker, and Kayla Windecker sorted all the cheese and made sure the cheese got to its destination.

The Starkville Champions 4-H Club held a meeting on November 13 where they elected officers, discussed fund raising, the humane society project, and blanket project for the food pantry.

Twelve members of the West Canada Lucky Clovers 4-H Club met on November 16 for leadership training, achievement book, book drive and a cooking activity at the firehouse.

The Fields of Clover held a meeting Sat. November 17 at the farm of John and Pat Clark in Mohawk. This was to familiarize the children with the animals for the upcoming living Nativity they participated in.

Those present were McCaylia and McKenzie Plungis, Jack Bowman and Austin Ainslie of Fields of Clover and Allen and Kenneth Culver from the Udder Bunch 4-H Club. Mr. Clark showed the members how to handle the sheep and the donkey and let the children practice leading them. On Saturday, November 24th, members from the Fields of Clover and the Udder Bunch 4-H Clubs participated in their first living Nativity as part of the West Winfield Holiday Parade of Lights. The children and animals processed from the Federated Church down Rte. 20 to the town green and gathered by the tree.

Those participating were Allen and Kenneth Culver and Ethan Livingston, Udder Bunch Brooke Bowman, Milk Shakers; Austin Ainslie, Jack Bowman, Claire and Leah Livingston, Jasmine Ondreko and McCaylia and McKenzie Plungis of the Fields of Clover. Extra helpers were Joe and Jessie Ondreko and Ellie Ainslie.

Special thanks go to John and Pat Clark, Brad Ainslie and Dave Livingston for supplying and trucking the animals, as well as Amanda Livingston, Tammy Bowman, Deb Plungis, and Christine Crandall-Ondreko for dressing and walking with the children.

Leah and Claire Livingston, McKenzie Plungis and Jasmine Ondreko, Fields of Clover as Angels for the Nativity

Kenneth Culver, Udder Bunch and Brooke Bowman, Milk Shakers as Mary and Joseph

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**Starkville Champions 4-H Club** remained busy during the end of 2007. In November, several club members met with the Herkimer County Humane Society to learn about volunteer opportunities. They had the chance to interact with the cats and dogs and learned about the donated items the Humane Society was in need of getting. Toys were the number one item needed by the Humane Society to promote mental stimulation for the animals while in their cages. Through fundraising efforts and individual donations, the club was able to get many pet toys to donate in January.

Having been awarded a mini-grant from the 4-H office for their community service project of making fleece blankets to be given out with food baskets through the Van Hornesville Food Pantry, the club needed to raise the rest of the funding. To do this, they held a chinese auction at a local holiday bazaar, surpassing the needed amount.

Upon completing the fleece blankets, the 4-H members handed the blankets over to Ron and Nancy Smith, representatives of the Van Hornesville Food Pantry, to be given out with the Holiday Food Baskets that month.

Following the chinese auction, the club met to prepare and created the fleece throws. During that event, the members also brought boxes of used children's books to donate to the Even Start Program.

Also in December, the club hosted a fundraising event at McDonald's in Richfield Springs where they donated their time and services to cleaning tables and sweeping floors during a two hour window of time in exchange for a percentage of McDonald's profits that evening. The club is looking forward to continuing the volunteering at the Herkimer Humane Society, as well as an upcoming winter activity trip to Glimmerglass State Park for snow tubing.
PHEASANT CHICKS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will provide day old pheasant chicks to 4-H members who have or are willing to provide adequate rearing facilities, appropriate food, water and other needs until they reach the desired age for release. The primary purpose of participation is to help young people gain an appreciation of game birds as a versatile educational tool and to understand that the study of game birds will provide stimulating and worthwhile educational experiences.

If you have participated in the past, you should be familiar with the requirements as outlined in the 4-H Pheasant Rearing Guide.

If you're new to the project, request the guide or video when you request the chicks.

Handling costs are $2.00 for every 25 chicks and payable with your order by **March 6**.

To register for pheasant chicks, please send your order and check to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5657 State Rte 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, with the following information: name, phone number, number of lots (in lots of 25).

Please note that chicks must be picked up by 8:30 on the morning of delivery.

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4-H ONEIDA COUNTY RABBIT-CAVY SHOW

Oneida County “Cottontails” invites 4-H’ers to their first Rabbit-Cavy Show

When: Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 10am

Where: CCE Oneida County, Farm & Home Center; 121 Second Street, Oriskany

For more information please call Heather Sweeney (hes7@cornell.edu) or Roger Cota (racota@aol.com)

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DAIRY DISCOVERY

March 28 - March 29
Cornell University

Dairy Discovery is a program for youth ages 15-17 with interests in the Dairy Industry. Hands on educational sessions challenge participants to consider the many diverse and exciting career opportunities within the dairy industry.

- 2008 topic is Maximizing the Feed Management Program
- Cost is $45

Contact the 4-H office for registration forms. Registration is due to the 4-H Office by **February 21**.
THE FARMERS’ MUSEUM
HEIRLOOM SEED PROJECT

The Farmers’ Museum is again offering interested 4-H members new varieties of heirloom seeds to grow. As in the past, 4-H members are required to grow the seeds and then exhibit the mature specimens at the Farmers’ Museum Annual Autumn Harvest Festival on September 13 & 14. Specimens exhibited at Harvest Festival will be judged and given awards.

HEIRLOOM SEEDS INCLUDE:
A. Heirloom Flowers (larkspur, amaranthus, four o’clock) -$3.00
B. Heirloom Herbs (catnip, calendula, chamomile ) -$3.00
C. Heirloom Vegetables (bean, squash, beets) - Free
D. Three Sisters (corn, beans, squash)-$2.00
E. 4-H Cloverbud Pumpkin Seeds -Free
F. 4-H Cloverbud Sunflower Seeds -Free

Heirloom flowers, herbs and vegetables are unique. Most of these varieties included in the seed packets offered are the same or similar to those grown in the 19th century. Growing heirloom varieties today allows us to preserve these varieties because they may have a trait that is resistant to some disease or pest.

To take part in this program, please send your request indicating which group of seed packets you would like to order to the CCE office. If signing up more than one member, please indicate names and which packets each is requesting. Enclose the proper money with the order and return by February 15th.

AG LITERACY DAY 2008

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce the second annual NY Ag Literacy Day in support of its mission of fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the food and fiber system.

On April 8, National Ag Day, volunteers throughout the state will go into classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme and talk to students about agriculture. The book will be donated to the school library with a special bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Day.

Last year, nearly 1,000 books were read and donated, and thousands of second-grade students participated in fun and educational activities.

NYAITC’s 2008 Book of the Year is Sugarbush Spring by Marsha Wilson Chall.

The 4-H Office will again be coordinating the efforts here in Herkimer County. If you are interested in volunteering to read to a 2nd grade class in any of the schools in the county, please call Jenn.

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
4-H March Dog Madness (March 15, 2008 for 4-Her's 13-18 years old and their adult leader partners) Hands-on leader training sessions challenge participants to consider teaching lessons learned in 4-H Dog Club settings. Applications due in March; there is a small fee.

Capital Days (March 5 and 6; Albany) A two-day visit to the state capital to tour and learn about history and state government. Participants will also have an opportunity to meet with their state representatives.

4-H Dairy Discovery (March 28 & 29, 2008; for 4-Her's 15-17 years old) Hands-on educational sessions challenge participants to consider the many diverse and exciting career opportunities within the dairy industry. Applications due in February. There is a small cost for each trip.

National 4-H Conference (March 29 - April 3; National 4-H Center Chevy Chase, MD) A working conference in which youth and adults—at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Youth and adults will model youth-adult partnerships while sharing steps that will enable them to become active and engaged community partners and citizens. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state and county Extension staff members from across the US, its territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Five delegates, at least 15 years of age, may be chosen to represent NYS at this weeklong conference.

State Teen Action Reps Retreat - STARR (April 18-20; State Fairgrounds, Onondaga Co) Formerly known as the Teen Ambassador Retreat, this program is open to ALL 4-H TEENS (13-19 years of age), Extension Educators, Teen Advisors, and Adult Volunteers. An opportunity to build a sense of independence, belonging, generosity, and mastery through workshops related to skill development in leadership, public speaking, youth community action initiatives, grants writing, and more. In addition, there will be lots of FUN—with physical and mental challenges, refurbishing of youth building, and the Starlight Ball! We’d like to see teens and adult chaperons/advisors from every county in the state participate in this exciting weekend event.

New York City 4-H Career Exploration This four-day trip is held in April for teens 15 and over who have an interest in learning more about career opportunities in New York City. Approximate cost is $611 per person which includes bus transportation, hotel, some meals, Broadway show, sightseeing, and career focused tours. Teens from Western NY and the Finger Lakes are primary participants, but teens from all over NY are welcome.

Animal Crackers (Cornell - Morrison Hall May 3, 2008) Animal Crackers will be targeting beginner 4-Hers in 2008 (although we welcome teen instructors!). Species focus will include rabbits & dairy cattle.
The Government Intern Program, sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program of Herkimer County, concluded another successful semester. Twenty-one students from eight Herkimer County school districts participated by exploring current issues confronting county government and learning more about the functions of county government through its committee system.

The students included Jacob Donnenwirth and Jeff Pritchard from Frankfort-Schuyler High School; Corinne Burns, Abby Marosek and Andy Reid from Herkimer High School; Michael Barnhart, Jocelyn Edick, Kristina Murphy and Lindsay Roth from Ilion High School; Josh Doxtater from Little Falls High School; Alyssa Britton and Alexander Prokopienko from Mohawk High School, Jordan Bellassai, Kyle Braunlich, Tracy Greene and Samantha Vertucci from Poland High School; Shelby Seamon from Richfield Springs High School; and Ryan Bertolini, Ashley Crane, Desiree Fauvelle and Storm Kovac from West Canada Valley Central School. Nine of these students are participants in the BOCES New Visions program.

Many key presenters were involved in the success of this program including: Leonard Hendrix, Chair of the Legislature, who gave an overview of county government and discussed current issues facing the Herkimer County Legislature; Kathy Stalteri, Herkimer County Youth Bureau Deputy Director, conducted a tour of county facilities; Sergeant Thomas Adams, Herkimer County Correctional Facility, gave an overview of the jail; County Clerk Sylvia Rowan conducted a tour of the Department of Motor Vehicles; County Administrator Jim Wallace, who assisted the students with information to research their projects; Fran Miller, Community Youth Development Training Specialist, who spoke on Communication and Team Building Skills; NYS Assemblyman Marc Butler, who spoke on the Role of State Government; Herkimer County Legislator Dennis Korce, who spoke on the role of County Government; Thad Luke, Principal Court Attorney, who spoke on civil court proceedings; and Scott Klosner, Assistant District Attorney who spoke on the criminal justice and grand jury system.

At the final session, the student interns presented a simulated legislative meeting at which Mohawk student Alexander Prokopienki was elected Chairperson, Poland student Kyle Braunlich was elected Clerk, and Ilion student Jocelyn Edick served as the County Attorney. Attending the session were Herkimer County Legislators Keith Davy, Leonard Hendrix, Peter and Mrs. Eileen Manno, Vincent Bono and Raymond Smith; Herkimer County Administrator Jim Wallace; Herkimer County Youth Bureau Deputy Director Kathy Stalteri; County Clerk Sylvia Rowan; BOCES New Visions Instructors Greg Jaros and Mary Prokopienko; and representing Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4-H Program Educator JoAnn Richards. The Student Interns presented resolutions regarding windmills, alternatives to incarceration, economic development, licensing of illegal aliens and the Hinckley Reservoir.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the students presented certificates to the Legislators in appreciation for teaching them about the importance of Public Service.

Students conducting a simulated legislative meeting.
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## 2007-08 4-H Club Officers

One requirement to be a bona fide 4-H Club is that members must elect officers. If your club does not appear below, please send a list of your officers to JoAnn.

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4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
Submitted by Tyler Conover: On November 12<sup>th</sup> West Canada Lucky Clovers 4-H club members gathered at the Herkimer Reformed Church for officer training. Morgan Lynch, Hailey Phillips, Lauren Phillips, Mariah Conover, and Tyler Conover attended the training. In the morning we were taught how to be a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, or news reporter. We practiced what we learned in a mock meeting. After lunch we gathered for achievement book training. Mrs. Richards went over the requirements for an achievement book.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the West Canada Lucky Clovers & Clover Buds held a business meeting at the Middleville fire department. We talked about going caroling in Cooperstown, about going to the horse bowl, and how much we enjoyed officer training. After the meeting we made pizza bagels and ice cream turkeys.

Our next meeting we planned to go caroling at the Farmer’s Museum in Cooperstown, but we couldn’t go due to a snow storm.

The Country Cousins 4-H Club was awarded a mini grant from the 4-H office and they decided to donate the money to the St. Francis de Sales School to help out a needy family for the holiday season.

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The Bruce Field Agriculture Award is sponsored annually by the Central New York Farm Progress Show, Inc. and offers $300 to a graduating senior boy and girl who reside in Herkimer County to be used to further their Agriculture education.

Applications must be submitted to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County by May 1st.

Applications are available:

- through local high school guidance offices
- by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 866-7920
- by emailing rjs86@cornell.edu.

Dr. William Johnson will be putting on an equine clinic for 4-H members ages 13 and over on Saturday, March 1 at the Leather Stocking Equine Center in New Berlin from 8:30 am to 12 noon.

The morning will consist of half lecture/half lab. Enrollment is limited to 25.

Registration must be in to the 4-H Office by Feb. 13 — any unfilled slots will be opened up to surrounding counties. Preference will be given to those enrolled in the horse program.

There will be a dairy judging session held on Saturday, February 9th from 1:00-3:00pm at the Worobey Farm on Route 28 in Jordanville. Please call or email Jenn on how many will be attending and for directions.

The following items are available from the 4-H office:

- Brushstroke Drawstring Backpack
- Only 9 available at discounted price of $2.50

- White T-Shirt $6.95
- White 50/50 cotton/poly t-shirt with green clover imprint

- Sizes available
  - 19 youth small
  - 22 youth medium
  - 19 youth large
  - 5 adult small
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT

Wednesday, March 26 & Thursday, March 27 5-7 PM

Again this year, we will be offering two dates and locations to participate in our County Public Presentation Event. The locations are Mt. Markham High School on Wednesday, March 26 and Herkimer BOCES on Thursday, March 27. The deadline to register is March 10. When registering please indicate which location you will be attending.

Learning to give effective public presentations is one unique advantage of belonging to 4-H. Presentations should have an obvious connection to the 4-H program. Therefore, if your members are unsure of what topic to select, encourage them to try one that deals with a 4-H project that they are already familiar with. That way they can concentrate on the actual presentation because they do not have to worry about learning new content material. This will also help to reinforce the knowledge they have already learned.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will not be judged on their presentation, but will receive a Certificate of Participation and credit toward completion for the year. Members may work individually, in pairs, or groups.

HELP NEEDED

We need assistance to ensure this event runs smoothly. Youth: Room hosts to “be in charge” of individual rooms - duties include door keeper, assisting demonstrators with set up, introducing presenters and keeping the room quiet. Adults: We are looking for volunteers for registration and evaluators. Please call Jenn at the 4-H office to volunteer.

Public Presentation training videos available: Videos taken at the 2007 state public presentation event to use for training are downloadable from YouTube. You just need a computer and internet to project them for trainings and club meetings. All categories are represented on the webpage at: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/publicpresentations/php

NON-OWNED PROJECT ANIMAL

4-H members interested in participating in one of the various large animal projects but do not own an animal have an option. Members can participate with a non-owned animal. The "non-ownership" program enables 4-H members to experience the responsibility of caring for and showing an animal that might not have been available to them. “Non-ownership” is not available to all 4-Her’s:

- Non-ownership is NOT AVAILABLE to youth already owning an animal of that species.
- Youth are limited to ONE non-owned animal per species.
- Non-owned animals must meet all regulations, such as registration, health papers, etc.
- 4-H members showing non-owned animals must complete a non-ownership certificate (which is available at the 4-H office) and submit it to the 4-H office by June 1.
- 4-H Members are expected to work with their non-owned animals during the whole year and not just during the week of the show.

If you do not own a cow, lamb, pig, goat, etc. this is a perfect opportunity for you to be able to care for a 4-H project animal and show it at the County Fair or the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show.

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**CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY**

**MAKE A POP-UP VALENTINE**

Valentine’s Day is February 14.

On Valentine’s Day we tell our friends how much we like them.

Here are some ways to be a good friend:

- Share toys and treats.
- Care about friends’ feelings.
- Cooperate when playing.
- Make your friend a Valentine card.

You can buy Valentines in the store, but it’s more fun to make your own.

Here’s what you need:

- Paper
- Glue
- Scissors (check with a grown-up before using scissors)
- Crayons, markers or paint

We’re going to make a pop-up Valentine.

Steps:

1. Cut your paper so it is 8 inches wide and 10 inches tall.
2. Fold the paper in half lengthwise (so it is 5 inches wide and 8 inches tall)
3. Cut out a 3 inch by 3 inch notch from the folded paper
4. Open the card and fold the part of the card that sticks out at an angle so it disappears when the card is folded.
5. Open the card again and use the scissors to cut the flap into the shape of a heart.
6. Decorate the front and the inside of the card and be sure to write your friend’s name on the Valentine.

This idea is from *Kids Create!* (Arts and Craft Experiences for 3 -9 year olds) This book is available through MVP’s Something Extra Book Club.
### Tractor Safety Certification

**April 15-17**

We will be offering a Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program to youth and adults 14 and over on April 15-17. We invite and encourage all farm and non farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program. Watch the March newsletter for more details on locations and costs. If you have any questions, call or email Jenn.

### Vet Science Program

In cooperation with Oneida County 4-H will be offering a four part vet science program on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 from 6:30-8:30. The program will be based around the 4-H Skills For Life Animal Series “All Systems Go!” which is targeted for grades 6-8 (other ages are welcome to participate). The program will consist of both classroom time and visits to an animal hospital and the Utica Zoo.

For more information please contact Jenn at the 4-H Office.

### 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

We are still waiting to hear if there are any youth interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl. If you are interested in participating or volunteering to coach a team, call Jenn ASAP so practices can be set up.

The District Dairy Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, March 15th.

### 2008 Regional Horse Bonanza Practice Schedule

(All Practices held in Morrisville either at their 4-H Office or at Morrisville College)

This is a tentative schedule and dates may need to be changed. Please call CCE of Madison County at 684-3001 to register. Practices/clinics are open to all 4-H members even if they do not want to compete in 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl or Hippology.

**February 9**

Horse Bonanza Practice, Carol Buckhout-Nutrition, 4-H Office, 1:00-3:00

**February 16**

Horse Bonanza Practice, Equine Anatomy & Saddle Fitting w/ Karen Kohl-Dyson @ Morrisville College English Horse Barn, Fearon Rd. 3:00-5:00

**March 8**

Regional Horse Bonanza, Morrisville High School 8:00-5:00

### 4-H Horse Bowl Practice

Tuesday, February 19, from 12:30-2:30 at the 4-H office.

Pizza provide. Please register by Feb15, so we know how many to expect.
SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H PROJECTS

A monthly feature highlighting various 4-H projects or project areas will appear in the 4-H Facts. Included will be a summary of the projects, educational objectives, what could be included to teach these objectives to youth.

With 4-H Horse Clinics, the County Fair and other horse events coming up soon, horse owners wish for new clothes to wear when showing their horse or new articles for their horse. 4-H offers two projects that can provide this.

In the Clothes Horse (Units 1 & 2), 4-H members learn to sew for their horse. Included in the projects are instructions for making equitation scarves for the rider, boot bags, and saddle bags to protect these items when transporting them, a club banner for use in parades and several items for the horse. Horse and pony blanket directions are offered, a western saddle pad, cooling sheet and leg wraps as well as tack covers.

In the advanced unit of this project, correct show apparel for the rider is discussed.

By doing these projects, 4-H members primarily interested in horses are encouraged to learn some basic sewing skills, enabling them to make protective and useful accessories for their horse and appropriate and attractive riding clothes for themselves.

For complete descriptions of projects and resources please ask your 4-H Club Organizational Leader for the 4-H Leader’s Guide to Projects.

Articles in this project would make great presents either as a finished product or as a kit for 4-H Horse members!

"THE PURPOSE OF THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IS TO ENABLE YOUTH TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS TO BE COMPETENT, CARING ADULTS"

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