4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Eighteen youth from Herkimer, Madison & Oneida Counties participated in the 4-H Vet Science program. During the 2-day program, youth visited a veterinary clinic, saw animal surgeries and went on farm visits.

Learning to give effective public presentations is a unique advantage of belonging to 4-H. Twenty-eight took part in this year’s county 4-H Public Presentations events.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Approximately 520 area farmers took part in trainings offered by the Central New York Dairy and Field Crops team this quarter including: Field Crop Pest Management; Winter Dairy Management; Corn Day; Dairy Day; On-Farm Meetings: Putting Your Feeding Program to Work; and Soybean Management.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

Over 75 area farm families attended the “Legal Aspects of Farm and Estate Transfer Workshop” organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County and made possible by a grant from Herkimer County Mental Health Services through the Farm Family Assistance Program.

Over 45 participants from the Herkimer Working Solutions Career Center Employment Readiness Program have joined the “Eat Smart NY” program through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Herkimer County. Nutrition staff from CCE provide a four session series of workshops covering healthy food choices, reading food labels, stretching food dollars, and increasing physical activity.

The Country Store in Salisbury was awarded a new produce cooler to sell fresh vegetables as part of the "Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work, and Play" grant through Herkimer County HealthNet working with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County. The new produce cooler has made the vegetables more visible and readily accessible at the checkout counter.

Thanks to volunteer readers, every elementary school in Herkimer County was read the book The Beeman by Laurie Krebs and Valerie Cis as part of Ag Literacy week.

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