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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: Katie Livingston, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; CarolAnn Eysaman, Up, Up and Away 4-H Club; and Trinity Kirchberg, Whistling Willows 4-H Club; for turning in their January 4-H Club Secretary report by February 5th.

Congratulations to: Katie Livingston, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Colin Bick, Haderondahs 4-H Club; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; and Trinity Kirchberg, Whistling Willows 4-H Club; for turning in their February 4-H Club Secretary report by March 5th.

Tractor Safety Course

Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program open to youth ages 14 and over and adults. 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.

Cost: $20 4-H member  
$25 non-4-H member

Where: Clinton Tractor

Dates: April 15 - 17 (spring break for Herkimer-Oneida County public schools)

Register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Tractorsafety_221 or call the 4-H office at 866-7920.

Herkimer County Dairy Promotion Program

If you would like to get involved in the Herkimer County Dairy Promotion Program, please keep these dates in mind.

April 19 – 51st Dairy Princess Banquet at Francesca's in Ilion.

May 6 - Dairy Promotion Committee Meeting - Reorganizational - 7:30 pm at CCE Extension (Herkimer) Meeting Room

If you would like more information please visit www.herkimercountydairypromotion.com/
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

4-H RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP
Friday, April 18
9 am – 12 noon
CCE Herkimer office

Do-it-yourself rain barrel workshop for 4-H members. Attend if you are interested in building your own rain barrel to help conserve water during droughts and offset storm water runoff when it rains, or to just make it easier to water your garden.

No experience required! All tools and equipment provided! Cost is $10 one barrel per family. Make checks payable to CCE Herkimer County. This activity is for 4-H members age 8 - 19. Please send in your payment along with the names of the 4-H’ers participating by April 14. Please note, you will need to have transportation to get the 55 gallon barrel home.

4-H FUN WITH CLAY GARDEN POTS
Friday, April 18, 2014
1 pm - 3 pm
CCE Herkimer office

Create your own clay pot person. We will be decorating a clay pot as a face and planting flowers in it for a unique container for your porch or window sill. Come with your creative ideas to make each clay pot unique. This activity is open to any 4-H member.

The cost is $5/member. Make checks payable to CCE Herkimer County. Please send your payment along with the names of the 4-H’ers participating by April 14.

FARMERS’ MUSEUM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW INFO

Traditional members (8 years old and in 3rd grade by January 1, 2014) that are enrolled in beef, sheep, dairy, goat or swine should receive their Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show Book by May 14.

Herkimer County 4-H will once again offer a course in Shooting Sports to be held at the Ilion Rod and Gun Club on Barringer Rd. We will be able to include the first ten 4-H members who call the CCE office to register. All members who shoot MUST be 12 years of age as of May 1 of this year. This is in accordance with NYS law and NYS Shooting Sports guidelines.

If more than ten members register, they will be put on a waiting list. A preliminary meeting will be held at the 4-H office in Herkimer on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is MANDATORY for all of those who will be shooting and HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for a parent or guardian to attend. This means that you will NOT be allowed to shoot if you do not attend the meeting and you will forfeit your place to the next member on the waiting list.

The first on-range shooting session will be at the Ilion Gun Club on Sunday, May 18, time to be determined. More shooting sessions will be scheduled, including .22 rifle and shotgun, also held at the club. Those who are in the first ten will be notified by phone and will be required to purchase shooting eyewear (about $10) and ear muffs or plugs (about $10-15). 4-H will provide ammunition but we will need several privately owned .22’s furnished by the members. Please notify the 4-H office if you have a .22 rifle in excellent condition for use in the course.

Instructors for the course will be Bernie Armata, from CCE Herkimer County and Dave Cruger, an NRA shooting instructor and Ilion Club member. Please call Bernie at the CCE office if you have any questions at 866-7920.
**ALICIA KENNEDY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of Alicia Kennedy, a longtime Herkimer County 4-H member. The purpose of this award is to help graduating seniors who have been active in the Herkimer County 4-H Program. The fund is administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 4-H Youth Development Program.

The selection committee made up of 2-3 “non” 4-H leaders will be appointed annually by the Herkimer County 4-H Educator. Eligible applicants are seniors in a high school and active members of the Herkimer County 4-H Program and they will be graduating in the academic year of the award.

Please call the 4-H office for an application or go to our website [www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer) then go to 4-H Youth Scholarship Opportunities. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by May 1.

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**BRUCE FIELD AGRICULTURE AWARD**

**PURPOSE** - In recognition of his untiring efforts in the service of agriculture in Herkimer County, the Central New York Farm Progress Show, Inc. has set up this annual Bruce Field Agriculture Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize students from the farming community who have done outstanding work; and to encourage their careers in agriculture.

**AMOUNT OF THE AWARD** - One award of $300 is offered annually to a male student; and one award of $300 is offered annually to a female student. The fund is administered by the Central New York Farm Progress Show Committee. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County assists in advertising and judging.

**ELIGIBILITY** - Eligible applicants need to be seniors in a high school in Herkimer County or Herkimer County residents who are high school seniors attending a school outside Herkimer County. They need to be graduating in the academic year of the award.

You can find the application on our website [www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer). Go to 4-H Youth Scholarship Opportunities. You can also call the 4-H office or contact your High School Guidance Counselor for a copy. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by May 1.

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**AWESOME EQUINE & DAIRY 101**

June 7 & 8, 2014 - Morrisville State College

This two-day, one night 4-H Equine or Dairy Camp will be held at Morrisville State College. 4-H youth ages 13-19 years of age are eligible to participate in this camp/college experience.

Nutrition is the theme for dairy participants.

Equine interested youth will be able to select from two tracts in which they have the opportunity to learn more about English, Western, Racing, & Draft & Driving equine areas. All youth will participate in sessions on breeding and nutrition.

Both camps will include an extensive tour of the Morrisville College Foundation Equine Rehabilitation Center for all participants.

All sessions will be taught by Morrisville State College faculty and other professionals in the field of equine & dairy. Please go to [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2014EquineDairy101_230](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2014EquineDairy101_230) for more information and to register. Registration deadline is May 30.

The cost is $100 per youth participant and includes food & lodging all on campus. Chaperones are welcome but not required. Chaperone cost is $75.
4-H Career Exploration
July 1 – 3
“University U” - Grades 8-9
“Focus for Teens” - Grades 10-12

This year, Career Explorations will be held a week later than usual. This is a three-day event for youth on the Cornell University campus.

The purpose of this program is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career exploration; to develop leadership skills; to provide hands-on experience in a college setting; and to introduce youth to Cornell University. The event is made up of two grade specific tracts: “University U” for youth entering grades 8 - 9 and “Focus for Teens” for youth entering grades 10-12.

2014 registration materials are posted at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx. Registration opened in mid-February so register asap (some career tracts fill fast) deadline is April 15.

Heirloom Seed Workshop
Growing Giant pumpkins and Blue Ribbon Heirlooms

Wednesday, April 9, at 6 pm at the Farmers’ Museum. It is recommended that 4-H members ordering Heirloom seeds attend this workshop. Seeds will be delivered at the workshop. A tour of the Farmers’ Museum gardens is included.

Workshop Topics to include:
· What you need to know about Heirloom Seeds
· How to grow a Giant pumpkin
· Growing blue ribbon Heirlooms

Workshop Presenters are Gwen Miner, Farmers’ Museum, Coordinator of Heirloom seed project and Sarah Loveland, 4-H Leader and Three Sister’s specialist. Call the 4-H office (866-7920) to register by April 4.

Due Before the Horse Show!!!

Riding evaluations are due to the 4-H office by everyone who will be participating in any county offered horse shows or clinics. Please contact your leader to get these completed as soon as possible. The forms can be found at http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses. The horse show will be held on July 25-26 at Morrisville State College.

Reminders:
By June 1
· Non-owned project animal lease agreements are due to the 4-H office.
· The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987. Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.
· Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show Entries are due to the 4-H Office.
· NEW THIS YEAR – Please submit a non-ownership (lease) paper to the 4-H Office for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing.

Chicken Enthusiasts
Save the Date
Thursday, July 17 there will be a poultry clinic for both beginners and advanced youth from 2pm - 4 pm at the 4-H Office. Pullorum Testing (**needed to exhibit at fairs***) for chickens will be held from 4 pm - 6 pm.
REGIONAL LIVESTOCK NUTRITION CLINIC

It's not too late to register

When: April 12
Time: 9:30-2:30
Where: Farmers’ Museum, Cooperstown
Cost: $5 per person

Species to be covered include: Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Steers and Swine. You will get to choose two!

Call Jenn at the 4-H office to register

REMINDER - LIVESTOCK SALE

For those who attended a mandatory sale meeting in November and are planning on selling either a market hog or market lamb in the Mohawk Valley 4-H Show and Sale in September, your animals Official Identification Form, along with the signature sheet from your binder are due to the office by June 1.

LIVESTOCK MARKETING WORKSHOP

When: Tuesday, April 15
Time: 6:30-8:00
Where: CCE Oneida

Open to any youth interested in ways to market your livestock projects. HIGHLY ENCOURAGED for those that attended a meeting in November who will be selling an animal in September.

Youth will learn how to approach potential buyers and how to market your animal to them. Call Jenn at the 4-H office to register.

ANIMAL CRACKERS PROGRAM

May 3, 2014 - Dairy & Poultry

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell University.

Registration begins at 9 am

Who: 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome.

Why?: Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting; explore career options in animal science; and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

How?: Please contact the Herkimer County 4-H office for details and registration. Registration and money is due to the 4-H Office by April 8.

Cost?: The cost of $7.00 per person – participant and chaperones

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The closest place to purchase food is a 5 minute drive from campus.

ATTENTION GOAT ENTHUSIASTS
NEW THIS YEAR…

Youth who own no goats may lease two non-owned goats as 4-H projects but may be restricted to showing only one of these animals per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition at their county’s discretion. Youth owning dairy goats may lease one meat goat. Youth owning meat goats may lease one dairy goat.

Questions, contact Jenn at the 4-H Office. New lease forms are available from the 4-H office or online at www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/id/goatidcert.pdf
DAIRY JUDGING CLINIC AT SALMSTEAD FARM

On March 8, Salmstead Farm hosted a dairy judging workshop for 4-H Members. Thank you to Jason Pullis for spending time working with our youth and teaching them about dairy cattle judging.

4-H members who participated were Madesen, Logen & Denten Spellman, Ed & Isabella Smith, Mercedes Lewandrowski, Hannah Franklin, Sophia, Skye & Rose Simmons

DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

Congratulations to all of our 4-H members who competed in the North Central District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on March 15 at South Lewis High School. Participating in the event from Herkimer County were: Isabella and Eddie Smith, Sam & Seth Donahoe, Brogan Graves, Natalie Fredericks, Autumn Zwierocki, Brook Mucurio, Hannah & Tyler Franklin, Bryce & Kayla Windecker and Joshua Douglas. Bryce was fifth high individual in the senior contest and will be an alternate on the North Central team at the NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest. Other top ten individuals include: Kayla Windecker and Brogan Graves.

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**4-H Public Presentation**

Forty-three 4-H members from the Herkimer County 4-H program participated in 4-H Public Presentations events. Each 4-H member took turns giving illustrated talks or demonstrations in front of judges that evaluated their presentation skills. Youth presented on many topics including the Snowy Owl, Pedal Tractors, Banana Bread, Albert Einstein, American Dolls and many others.

Special thanks go out to our volunteer evaluators for taking the time to evaluate and work with our youth. The evaluators were John Skinner, JoAnn Richards, Sheryl Taylor, Pat Pullis, Michael Cunningham and Don Kelly. Also, thank you to 4-H member James Luck Jr. for being a Room Host.

By participating in this event, 4-H youth improve their public speaking skills while developing self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge, giving them an advantage over their peers in this lifetime skills area. These skills will be useful in their future social, educational and career pursuits.

Cloverbuds, 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade, participating in the event were: Lydia Bartel, Colin & Darby Bick, Elizabeth Eddy, Keturah Luck, Elorah Luck, Steven Lewosko, and Broc Plungis.

Traditional 4-H members participating included:


Congratulations to all of the Herkimer County 4-H youth who participated! Great job!
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
Twenty-three youth from Herkimer, Oneida and Madison counties spent their winter break from school doing something other than sleeping in and hanging out with their friends. These 4-H members participated in the 4-H Veterinary Science Program sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer and Oneida counties. The theme for the 2014 Vet Science Program was *All Systems Go*; and was targeted to sixth through eighth grade youth.

The two-day program started at Morrisville State College (MSC) at the Equine Rehabilitation Center where youth learned about equine rehabilitation. Techniques demonstrated included use of the indoor swimming pool and the Aquatrainer underwater treadmill (a treadmill that is slowly filled with water, allowing horses to exercise without putting their full body weight on injured limbs, joints or tendons), and the Game Ready™ equine treatment unit (cold compression therapy). Following the demonstrations of the different rehabilitation techniques, participants toured the complete facility. The remainder of day one was spent at the MSC Dairy Cattle Complex, where youth were shown how to give an intravenous injection to a cow as well as proper care of calves.

Day two included computer conferencing with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Veterinarian, Dr. Kimberly Kirkham, Kansas Area Veterinarian in charge of USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services. Dr. Kirkham shared what she does as a veterinarian, which is very different from what small and large animal veterinarians do. She works extensively with exporting cattle to other countries and shared that process. Youth then traveled to both the Rome Animal Shelter and Rome Animal Hospital to get a look behind the scenes at what they do.
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March 2 through March 4, 4-H members from several counties attended the 4-H Capital Days. The event was held in Albany, NY to teach 4-H members about NY’s government. 4-H members Brook Mucurio and Autumn Zwiericki attended 4-H Capital Days with chaperone Rachel Mucurio. They learned a lot about politics and got several tours of NY’s government offices and buildings, such as the beautiful Capitol Building and the Court Of Appeals. They also met and had breakfast with our state senators and assemblymen. It was a very educational and fun experience. Both members stated they would recommend 4-H Capital Days to anyone in 4-H. Rachel, Brook and Autumn were really glad they had this opportunity to meet and speak with our legislators NY Senator James Seward and NY Assemblyman Marc Butler.
The **Barnyard Buddies 4-H club** met twice in the month of February. On February 4, the 4-H'ers went to Clarks Gym in Cooperstown, where members participated in many different activities including swimming, racquet ball, bowling, and foosball. It was a great way to spend a cold winter’s afternoon. On February 28th, the club made mini-pizzas, made scarfs from yarn, and played bingo.

The **Occupational Hazards 4-H club** visited Country Manor and handed out Valentine's cards that the club had made to the residents. Members also played bingo with residents and talked to different residents around the building. This trip was postponed from February 14 to February 25, due to a snow day for most local schools. Special thanks go to the County Manor for rescheduling.

The club also toured Lowe’s and the Oneida County Waste Authority, to hear about jobs and how to apply for one. They were also shown how to sort the plastics from the paper and the bottles, and how it costs money if we don’t recycle the bottles correctly.

4-H Public Presentations event was held on February 27. Our evaluator was Rachel Shaver from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Presentations were made by Claritza Santos, Troy Miles, Matt Hartman, Carolyna Grant, Amber Karageanis, Amanda Davis, Thomas Estell, Rachael Domion, Cristiana Scalzo and Brittany Helmer.

The **Merry Moos 4-H club** met on February 28. Members worked on glow stick jars and chalk boards.

The **Whistling Willows and Wee Whistling Willows 4-H club** worked on their public presentations for the month of February.

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The Haderondahs of Old Forge 4-H club held a digital workshop with Town of Webb teachers, Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Plumley, along with high school English students. The club members were shown how to best navigate slideshow presentations, and how to speak publicly with raised voices and eye contact.

On March 7, ten members shared their presentations on various subjects from Apple computers to baking and favorite pets. The evaluator was a past CCE Herkimer Board President, Don Kelly. Also in attendance was Wendy Richardson, 4-H Program Educator, who presented the certificates.

On March 11, the club had a fun outdoor activity day. The club was joined by parents and friends for a winter trek though the wood to identify sugar maple trees and mark them with tape for future tapping when the syrup starts to run. The kids caught on very quickly when it came to tree identification and found several healthy trees. A big thank you to the Montanye family for hosting the club on their property and allowing them to mark Maple trees to tap later this season.

Independent 4-H members Emily & Eric Vander Groef, Katelyn, Ethan & Abigail Reed visited Goldstar Feed & Grain in Sangefield. They learned about how feed is made and they saw the inside of a pellet mill. Goldstar manufactures the pelleted feed their lambs eat.

Emily Vander Groef and Katelyn Reed, tagged along with the Junior Dairy Leader class one day and toured Mercer Milling in Liverpool and saw dairy premix being made as part of program that taught them about manufacturing feeds and the new food safety and modernization act (FSMA) as well at HACCP.

Pictured L to R: Eric Vander Groef, Ethan, Abigail (in front of Ethan) & Katelyn Reed and Emily Vander Groef

Support Herkimer County 4-H by purchasing a paper clover at the Tractor Supply Co. during the week of April 23-May 4.

If any club or member is interested in hosting an event at TSC during this campaign, contact Jenn at the 4-H office.
4-H Gardening Workshop

On February 19, 4-H members attended a gardening workshop to “Think Spring” and played with dirt, all while learning about science. The 4-H youth learned about the Farmer’s Museum Heirloom Seed Project, how to start seeds with newspaper, experimented to find the best way to irrigate the garden, and made self-watering seed starters from soda bottles. Youth also planted flower seeds and made a fun turtle out of grass seed to display this fall at county fair.

Jacob and Nathan Cornacchia from the Wee Whistling Willows 4-H Club and Casey Elthorp from the Milk Shakers 4-H Club participated in the workshop. Each took home four projects that they made to put into use this spring.

4-H Donates Project Linus Blankets

The 4-H Program presented 10 children’s blankets to Kim Horender, coordinator of the Project Linus Herkimer County Chapter. The blankets were made by 4-H members at a sewing clinic as part of a 4-H community service project. Project Linus blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters and social service agencies. Staff members at these locations say the blankets put a smile on the face of a child who receives them.

Pictured L to R: Wendy Richardson, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County 4-H Program Educator and Kim Horender, coordinator of the Project Linus Herkimer County Chapter.

Pictured Front row L to R: Colin Bick, Skye Simmons, Fern Bick. Back Row: Korin Mucurio, Autumn Zwierecki, Sophia Simmons, Jeffrey Salamone, and Rose Simmons.
4-H DAY AT ENCHANTED FOREST
WATER SAFARI
Thursday, July 31

Mark your calendars for the return of this popular event and plan to be there! Admission tickets will be $24 per person. Admission with all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be $35. Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, corn on the cob, sides, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages.

Feel free to invite family and friends (even if they are not in 4-H) to take advantage of this great price. And don't forget...if you did a 4-H Public Presentation on either 3/6 or 3/7 at our county-wide events, you get $10 off of your ticket! This offer is also extended to members of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club that did presentations.

Watch upcoming newsletters as to when tickets will be available for purchase. Call Jenn with any questions.

FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE (FLP)

April 26 from 8:30 am to 3 pm

FLP is a curriculum resource committed to helping students and communities better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. FLP is:

✓ science and social studies-based lessons for Pre-K to 12th grade students
✓ 60 hands-on lessons, developed and tested by more than a thousand educators
✓ aligned to NYS and Common Core Learning Standards
✓ available in Spanish (20 lessons)

Open to educators, classroom teachers, volunteers, parents, farmers, and others interested in agricultural education.

To register, please use the following link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/FLPTrainingOneida_230 For more information: call Kristi Cranwell at (315) 736-3394 ext. 122 or email at kac292@cornell.edu

CONNECTING WITH KIDS OF CCE HERKIMER, MADISON AND ONEIDA COUNTIES

presents

Designing STEM Activities to Complement Neural Development in Children

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: CCE Oneida County
121 Second St., Oriskany

This workshop explores the effects of incorporating different modes of learning on neural development and suggests methods of maximizing the impact of hands-on activities designed by educators.

Please register by Monday, April 21, 2014

You may call the CCE Herkimer County office with your registration at (315) 866-7920 or register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/AprilConnectingWithKids_221 or email your information to herkimer@cornell.edu.
"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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