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4-H Connects Kids to Cornell

4-H Rabbit Showmanship Clinic

June 29, 1 pm at CCE Office

Bring your rabbits and learn how to prepare and present your animal for showmanship. Basic and more advanced (for those with some experience) rabbit fitting and showmanship will be taught. Pre-registration is required by June 22 by calling the 4-H office.

4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: Colin Bick, Haderondahs 4-H Club; Jordynn Alesia, Kuyahoora Kaprines; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; Sam Donahoe, Milk Shakers 4-H Club; Autumn Zwiericki, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club; Carol Ann Eysaman, Up, Up, and Away 4-H Club; and Kendra Shaver, Independent 4-H member for turning in their March 4-H Club Secretary report by April 5.

Congratulations to: Autumn Borek, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Jordynn Alesia, Kuyahoora Kaprines; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; Sam Donahoe, Milk Shakers 4-H Club; Sophia Simmons, Schuyler Aggies; Autumn Zwiericki, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club; Carol Ann Eysaman, Up, Up, and Away 4-H Club; and Kendra Shaver, Independent 4-H member for turning in their April 4-H Club Secretary report by May 5.

4-H Electricity Workshop

How does electricity work? Come to the electricity workshop to build circuits; learn about wiring, lighting, safety issues, and more. This workshop will be held at the 4-H office on June 29 at 10 am – 12 noon. Each 4-H member will make a Mason jar lamp to take home. The cost of this workshop is $10 to cover cost of materials. Please call the 4-H office to sign up by June 24. Space is limited.

4-H Poultry Enthusiasts

Due to the avian influenza, the NYS Dept. of Ag & Market Commissioner has issued an order banning all live fowl competitions at the NYS Fair and at ALL County Fairs in New York State.

Therefore 4-H will NOT be holding a poultry showmanship clinic; and there will NOT be a 4-H Poultry Showmanship show at the Herkimer County Fair this year.
4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION FOLLOW UP MEETINGS

If you attended one of the mandatory meetings and expressed interest in selling either a steer, market hog or market lamb in the September 19, 2015 4-H Livestock Auction, then you MUST attend AT LEAST one other educational event that we will be offering to better prepare you and your animal for the livestock auction.

We have two set up. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at the Herkimer County 4-H Office. This one will be on market animal nutrition. The second meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17 at the Oneida County 4-H Office. This meeting will focus on marketing your animal and recruiting buyers. Both will begin at 6 pm.

Please register by June 4 by calling Jenn at 866-7920 or emailing jlr34@cornell.edu and letting her know which one (or both) you are planning on attending. **Please note that the June 17 meeting is a date change from the previous email you received. Original date was June 4.** Also, a reminder that paperwork (including ID forms) for market hogs and market lambs are due into the 4-H Office by June 1 (all steer forms were due by January 1).

FARM SAFE FOR KIDZ ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

July 12

The George Fuller Memorial Fund through the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) is sponsoring the 26th Annual FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ Poster contest. The initial contest was held in 1990, a spin-off of the Iowa-based “Farm Safety 4 Just Kids” program. Monies from a fund established by Mrs. George Fuller from Cohocton, NY, in memory of her husband who suffered a farm fatality, were used to provide ribbons and cash awards for the competition. All 4-H members and area youth are eligible to participate if they live in Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego or Schoharie County. **Poster entries can be taken to the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show on Sunday, July 12 or to the NYCAMH office in Fly Creek on or before Friday, July 9.** This year, NYCAMH will focus on “ATV Safety”. Prizes will be awarded Monday, July 13 at 6 pm in the Dairy Show tent during the Annual Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show. All entries will receive a ribbon and a small gift. Poster Contest winners will be selected from three age groups - Ages 8 and under, Ages 9-12, and Ages 13 and older. Points will be awarded for safety message, originality and neatness. Posters must be 22” X 28” in size on 6 ply poster board.

For further information, please contact NYCAMH at 1-800-343-7527 or call Jenn at the 4-H office. NYCAMH promotes safe and healthy farming and is a program of Bassett Healthcare, 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY.

4-H HORSE SHOW

July 25

Morrisville State College

Herkimer and Madison Counties will once again hold a joint 4-H Horse Show at Morrisville State College. This show will determine who will represent Herkimer County at the NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show. In order to participate at this show, you must have turned in your Horse ID Certificate (to the 4-H Office) and have had a riding level evaluation completed by June 1. If you are competing to go on to the NYS Fair, you must have also turned in your completed “Blue Book” to the 4-H Office by June 1. Watch your email for more information regarding the show, including the rules and entry information.

Madison County 4-H has also invited our 4-H members to participate in their horse schooling and evaluation show to be held on June 27.

Please contact Alycia Schick at CCE Madison County at (315) 684-3001.
### 4-H Day at Enchanted Forest Water Safari

**Thursday, August 6**

Mark your calendars for the return of this popular event and plan to be there! Admission tickets are $25 per person. Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be $35 ($25 for those 3-7 years of age).

Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, salt potatoes, tossed salad, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages. The lunch buffet will be served from 12:30-2 pm so come at the beginning, middle and end and get your fill.

Also included this year with the lunch buffet option will be all you can eat ice cream novelties. They will be served from 3:30-4:30 pm in the pavilion, which will be a great afternoon snack.

For those that choose to purchase the lunch option, you will have use of the reserved pavilion for the day to get out of the sun, store your stuff, etc. Only those purchasing the lunch option will have access to the pavilion. Tickets will be on sale thru July 30. Tickets must be paid for in full before they will be given out.

If you already have a pass to Enchanted Forest, you can add on the lunch option for $12 per person, which will give you the options as listed above.

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 will get $10 off of your ticket! Call Jenn with any questions.

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### Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show Entries Due to 4-H Office by June 5

Many 4-H members take part annually in the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show. They come with their animals from nine counties including: Herkimer, Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Montgomery/Fulton, Madison, Oneida and Schoharie. They show beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep and swine. You are invited to attend - even if you don't have an animal to show. Watching the show can be a fun and educational experience. The Livestock Show is held at the Iroquois Farm, River Road, Cooperstown. Admission is free and there are many exhibits to look at and tents full of animals to visit. The highlights of events is as follows:

**Sunday, July 12**
- 5 pm - Chicken barbecue
- 6 pm - Meeting for all exhibitors and parents
- 7:30 pm - Ice Cream Social

**Monday, July 13**
- 9:30 am - Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Goat Showmanship followed by breed classes, then market animals
- 5 pm - NYCAMH discussion on “ATV Safety”.
- 6 pm - NYCAMH Farm Safe for Kids Poster/ Slogan Contest Awards, Dairy Tent

**Tuesday, July 14**
- 9 am - Swine Showmanship followed by breed classes, market animals. Judging of remaining dairy, goat and sheep classes.
- 2:30 pm - Parade of Champions! Selection of overall Dairy Goat Champion, Livestock Champion and Dairy Champion

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**NO SMOKING IN TENTS OR BUILDINGS.**

**ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE GROUNDS.**

**NO PUBLIC DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS EXCEPT FOR WORKING COMPANION AND SEEING EYE ANIMALS**

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
Fair time is fast approaching. Non-animal exhibits can be entered at the fair on **August 16 from 10 am – 2 pm**. If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office. We need adults to help with evaluations; and youth to help as assistants.

All exhibits are released to be taken home on **August 24 from 9 am – 11 am**. Any exhibits not going to State Fair will need to be picked up at this time. Any exhibits not picked up will remain at the Herkimer County Fair. If you have any exhibits going to State Fair, we’ll be glad to transport them directly from County Fair to State Fair. You must bring appropriate packaging for safely transporting your exhibit (i.e. newsprint or tissue paper to wrap fragile items, cardboard boxes to secure them from sliding around in the vehicle); as well as your completed NEW Exhibitor Entry card and Exhibitor Entry Statement.

Leaders and parents, now is the time to assist your 4-H members in preparing for the County Fair. An early start will help insure that the Fair is a positive and fun experience for everyone. Many last minute problems and disappointments can be avoided by making plans now. Here is a checklist of “to dos” to get you started.

- Go over the Herkimer County Fair book with your 4-H members. Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair; and what preparation the exhibit will need.
- Assist members to fill out their entry blank and exhibit tags COMPLETELY, **prior to the fair**. It makes for a much smoother day; and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork **completed ahead of time**.
- Explain the conference evaluation style of judging to members. Conference judging helps the member feel at ease and in a more receptive frame of mind. Conference evaluation is often easier for the judge. The member gains a greater benefit from the experience. Conference evaluation eliminates the question of why an item received a certain ribbon, therefore, making the evaluation of project work more educational.
- Explain the Danish System. Within the Danish System, each exhibit - be it a birdhouse or a flower - is compared to the ideal for the exhibit given the exhibitor’s experience and age. Exhibits are not placed in a ranking, rather each item is judged on its own merit. Participants receive either a blue ribbon (excellent), red ribbon (good) or a white ribbon (worthy). Green ribbons (participation) are distributed to exhibits that are display only. The emphasis is placed on the process of learning, not necessarily the end product.

### 4-H Public Presentations and Make N’ Takes at the Herkimer County Fair

The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H clubs to do a Public Presentation and/or Make ‘N Take activities at the County Fair August 18 - 23.

If there is a project your club worked on during the year, please consider demonstrating what you learned in the youth building for the public. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. We can help you with ideas and supplies if needed.

The county 4-H is again sponsoring a STEM activity about Astronomy and a new activity with weaving. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the exhibit building by participating in interactive activities with the general public.

Contact Wendy to reserve your time.
Congratulations to all our 4-H members who are graduating from high school this month. Please send us a photo and brief bio including any 4-H projects, trips, or awards and your plans for the future. We’d love to highlight our seniors in the 4-H Facts.

Keegan John Connolly will be graduating from Little Falls High School. He has served as Student Council President, Class of 2015 secretary, Football captain, participated in basketball, track and field, and Boy’s State, and served on the Holy Family Parish Council. He is currently and independent member (formerly of the Little Falls Friends 4-H Club), and has been in 4-H for 13 years. In 4-H Keegan has participated in the Herkimer County Fair, the NYS Fair, and County Public Presentations. He has also received Outstanding 4-H’er, DAR Award and CNY American Kennel Club Scholarship. Keegan is planning on attending Herkimer College to major in General Studies. He plans to transfer to Cornell University.

Allison U. Donahoe is a 2015 graduate of Mount Markham Central School. She also was a member of her school basketball team, ski club, prom committee, and student council as treasurer. She has also served on the Litchfield Cemetery as youth director and the Litchfield Community Christmas Party committee. She has been a 4-H member of the Milkshakers 4-H Club for 12 years. Some of her 4-H accomplishments are: Outstanding 4-H'er, All around 4-H'er, Club officer, Best Bred and Owned Dairy Animal - Farmer's Museum 4-H Livestock Show, Highest Dairy Animal Production/Type Award, Reserve Grand Champion Holstein - County Fair, 1st annual Mohawk Valley 4-H show and sale exhibitor/participant and many, many Herkimer County 4-H events, workshops and programs. Allison is attending SUNY Morrisville and majoring in Animal Science. She plans on becoming a Dairy Animal Nutritionist.

Kayla Gifford is graduating from Mount Markham High School and BOCES Career Awareness. She is a member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. In 4-H, she has participated in the 4-H Cheese Sale, volunteer work, community service, and County 4-H Public Presentations. Kayla enjoys bowling and swimming. She is hoping to find a job, and someday marry and have her own home.

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Carolyna Loralee Grant is graduating from Central Valley Academy and BOCES Career Awareness. She is a member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 2 years. She has been a volunteer at the Herkimer Humane Society. Carolyna did a cooking demonstration for her County 4-H Public Presentation. She is hoping to get a job at the Humane Society or working with Veterans. Some day she would like to work at Pet Smart.

Matthew Hartman is graduating from Central Valley Academy. He has been a member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 2 years. His 4-H activities include volunteer work and County 4-H Public Presentations. Matthew is planning on working with his father in Utica area doing landscaping.

Nathan Kentile will be graduating from Central Valley Academy. He is a member of Occupational Hazards 4-H Club for 1 year. Nathan has participated in club community service activities and County 4-H Public Presentations. He loves to walk in NYS parks. Nathan is planning on working after graduation.

Kayla Windecker is graduating from Frankfort-Schuyler High School. She has been a member of the Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for 10 years. Kayla has shown dairy cattle, participated in dairy bowl and dairy judging, fitting and showmanship clinics, Public Presentations and Clothing Projects. She also attended the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, WI. She has been very active with her club and earned the following awards: Outstanding 4-Her, All Around 4-Her, 4-H Earn a Calf Scholarship, Junior Dairy Leaders. She is a member of the Jr. Holstein Club, NY Jr. Holstein Association-Convention Chair, National Honor Society, Yearbook Committee, Frankfort-Schuyler Concert and Jazz Bands, and Relay for Life “Team Cody’s Helping Hands”. Kayla is planning on attending Cornell University to major in Animal Science/Biochemistry to become either a dairy nutritionist or to do some type of research for dairy cattle.
On May 20, approximately 700 sixth grade students from 11 Herkimer County schools participated in the Annual 4-H Conservation Field Day School Enrichment Program at the Diamond Mines KOA Campground in Middleville. Participating schools included Central Valley, Dolgeville, Herkimer, Mohawk Valley Christian Academy, Mt. Markham, West Canada Valley, Oppenheim-Ephratah/St. Johnsville, St. Francis de Sales, Poland, Richfield Springs and Town of Webb. The students visited 14 stations; and each received a tree seedling donated by the New York State DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery.

The stations and presenters included: **Back Country Safety** /FR Adam Pickett, FR Dave Cornell and FR Bob Coscomb / NYS DEC Forest Rangers; **Job Duties** / ECO Darryl Lucas / DEC Police; **Conservation in Our Forests** / Andrew Drake, Michael Marsh, Scott Healy, Jessica Mosher and Justanna Bohling / NYS DEC Lands and Forests; **Tree Planting** / Ryan Huggins / Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District; **Herkimer Diamond Quartz Crystals** / Caitlin Gannon / Herkimer Diamond Mines; **Fisheries Management in NYS** / David Erway and Amanda Velzis / NYS DEC Fisheries; **Whitewater Paddling for Fun and Safety** / Dale Gates, John Foutch and Craig Stewart / West Canada Paddlers; **Fire Behavior and Wildland Fire Fighting** / Sean Dean and David Harrington / NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control; **Deer Management and Aging** / Steve Heerkens and Amy Hoyt / NYS DEC; **NYS Fur Bearing Animals** / Bill Ballou & Dale Wheeler / NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame; **Wastewater Treatment Process** / Alvin Montana II and Maurice Luck / Herkimer County WWTP; **Soil Conservation** / Jacob Hart / Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District; **Recycling** / Jamie Tuttle / Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; **Bee Keeping** / Jake Schieferstine / Mid-York Bee Keepers.
4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
In April, the Barnyard Buddies 4-H club took a field trip to visit Harrington’s Maple Syrup House in Garrettsville, NY. 4-H members learned about how maple syrup is made. Mr. Harrington described the different steps involved in converting the sap into maple syrup. Next the 4-Hers all piled into 2 UTV’s and took a trip into the woods to see the 400+ taps and all the sap lines. 4-H club members found out how the sap is gathered and transported back to the sap house. The field trip concluded with all the 4-H members having some homemade maple cotton candy. YUM!

Independent 4-H members Dylan and Hayden Shaver attended Dairy Discovery at Cornell University in March. They got to learn about different aspects of the dairy production management and the dairy industry related careers. They were also able to interact with professional producers and industry experts.

Independent member Kendra Shaver attended the Catholic Charities event “Peace in the Park” on April 18 at Russell Park. The event was to help raise awareness for Domestic Violence in the area.

In April, Kendra planted her Farmers’ Museum Heirloom seeds. She purchased the flower variety which includes the Larkspur, Four O’clock and Amaranths. She is very excited about starting this new adventure in growing flowers, and looks forward to displaying them at the Farmers’ Museum Harvest Festival in September.

The Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H club held a regular/mini clinic meeting. 4-H members were shown how to burn horns, trim hooves, tattooing, hand milking (as all club members use machines to milk their goats), and a few minutes of showing the cloverbuds on how to properly show goats. We will also be participating in the Dolgeville Memorial Day Parade on May 25.

The Merry Moos 4-H club member Mercedes Lewandrowski attended Dairy Discovery at Cornell University.

For Ag literacy week in March, 4-H members Denton Spellman, Isabella Smith, Makenzy Morris, Rebecca Elwood, and Hannah Ippolito read to second graders at West Canada Valley elementary school.

In April, Merry Moos 4-H club members Mackenzie Morris, Chloe Williams, Ed Smith, and Isabella Smith gave small presentations on 4-H activities at the Mohawk Homestead. They brought and displayed their 4-H small show animals, such as chickens, ducks, and rabbits.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
The **Milk Shakers** 4-H club met in April at Jason and Michelle Brewers home. 4-H members learned how to make maple syrup, tap trees, collect the sap, and how to boil the sap to make syrup.

![Picture in photo: Front row: Lily Becker, Morgan Hunt, Austin Becker, Cole Brewer; Second row: Chase Brewer, Abigail Brewer, Hunter Becker; Third row: Kyle Brewer, Sam Donahoe, Casey Elthorp, Robbie Becker, Riley Brewer and Trevor Holden](image1.jpg)

The **Milk Shakers** 4-H Club also held a bake sale/fundraiser at Tractor Supply Company in Herkimer. The 4-H members voted to donate to a local family, the Cole family of Mohawk. Cecilia and Myles Cole have RDH12. The club hopes this family reaches their goal to be able to cure their disease. To learn more about their efforts and the incredible journey they have been on check out their website [http://www.rdh12.org/](http://www.rdh12.org/)

The **Schuyler Aggies** 4-H Club started the Heirloom seeds from the Farmers’ Museum, in April. 4-H members started them in starting pots; put them by the windows where there is a lot of sun, so that the seeds will germinate. The Club members also talked about getting ready for the Junior Livestock show and the 4-H member’s animals: heifers and goats.

![Picture in photo: Front row L to R: Abigail and Hunter Becker, Morgan Hunt, Casey Elthorp, Austin Becker, Myles and Cecilia Cole, Cole Brewer and Allison Donahoe; Second row L to R: Mr. & Mrs. Cole, Sam and Seth Donahoe and Kyle Brewer.](image2.jpg)

In March, the **Up, Up and Away** 4-H club worked on their woodworking project by making duck houses that were donated to the Fish and Game club. The 4-H members made donut holes for a snack.

![Picture in photo: Front row L to R: Cherie,其中一位女性; Second row L to R: Kyle, Sam and Myles Cole; Third row L to R: Mr. & Mrs. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Brewer and Allison Donahoe.](image3.jpg)

In April, the 4-H club learned about the process of decomposition and how to create a compost bin. The 4-H members also decorated photo frames.

![Picture in photo: Front row L to R: Cherie,其中一位女性; Second row L to R: Kyle, Sam and Myles Cole; Third row L to R: Mr. & Mrs. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Brewer and Allison Donahoe.](image4.jpg)
Kelly Allen, Hayden Shaver & Anna Culver represented Herkimer County 4-H at the STARR (also known as the State Teen Action Reps Retreat) Leadership Conference, held at the New York State Fairgrounds. 4-H volunteer, Ann Allen accompanied them as their chaperone. STARR, , is an annual weekend for 4-H teens from across New York State to get together to build leadership skills as well as network with peers and adults from across the state.

STARR encompasses the best of team building activities, youth community action and youth adult partnerships in one fun-filled, fast-paced weekend. Participants gain new skills and knowledge by attending workshops of their choice, learning how to “make the best better” and participating in awesome community services activities!

The keynote speaker was Jared Campbell, an award winning singer/songwriter from up-state New York. Jared mixes humor, stories of life on road and personal experience to relate to the audience set before him. Herkimer’s teen representatives stated that everyone should hear him speak. The sessions and team building were fun and interesting. Kelly, Hayden and Anna are excited to go back next year.

Congratulations to everyone that presented at the North Central District 4-H Public Presentation event held on April 11 at CCE Oneida. Nineteen presenters from five counties shared their Demonstrations and Recitations in front of five judges. Representing Herkimer County in the Junior Division was Abigail Reed, Laura Culver and Bo Alesia. In the Senior Division, representing Herkimer County 4-H was Alex Burger and Jordynn Alesia. Abigail Reed received 1st place overall for Juniors (8-12 years old). Great job.
Twenty-five students from five Herkimer County school districts visited the State Capital, on April 21, 2015, as a culmination of the 4-H Government Intern Program sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development.

The school districts that sent students were from Central Valley, Dolgeville, Frankfort/Schuyler, Poland and Town of Webb.

The trip was chaperoned by Dolgeville teacher Patricia Gracey, Town of Webb volunteer, Jon Bailey, Cornell Cooperative Extension employees Rachel Shaver and Wendy Richardson.

The students visited the Court of Appeals, Corning Tower, received a tour of the Capitol Building and were welcomed by Senator Hugh Farley. After having a dialogue regarding current issues confronting Herkimer County and New York State, the group then visited the NYS Museum.

First row: NY Senator Hugh Farley, Allyson Brosemer, Maggie Queen, Nicole Redpath, Briana Brownsell, Morgan Stewart, Travis Williams and Patricia Gracey; Second row: Gia Cherenzia-Cupolo, Melanie D’Amelio, Cassidy Lape, Melissa Murphy, Stephen Gross, Megan Stewart and Myranda Abel; Third row: Nicholas Spina, Mark Spina, Kaylee Sommer, Eva Ricardo, John Gaffney; Forth row: Matthew Boyer, Scheyan Moran, Tyler Miller, Jordan Thomes and Cameron Lenci; Fifth row: Melissa Borner, Courtney Green, John Bailey, Wendy Richardson and Rachel Shaver

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
4-H EARN A CALF
Sponsored by the Central NY Farm Progress Show:

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Traditional Member 4-H'er (no Cloverbuds) involved in a 4-H dairy project, previous winners are not eligible. Applicants must be active participants of the Herkimer County 4-H Program for at least one 4-H year prior to applying.

- **APPLICATION:** Completed applications must be at the 4-H Office, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by October 1, 2015.

- **ELECTION:** Winners will be chosen on the history of their achievements in 4-H: leadership, future plans, improvement in the past year; showing a desire for a purebred dairy calf; and record books kept on a calf. Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application.

The 4-H Office has an assortment of flags, clovers, banners, etc. to help you decorate your float or for your marchers to carry. Contact Wendy at the 4-H Office to reserve your supplies.

JUNIOR DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM
If you know of youth in your area or regions who have an interest in learning more about dairy careers and leadership development, the Junior DAIRY LEADER program may be for them.

The program is a year-long program for young people who are 16-19 years old and have an interest in the dairy industry, career planning and their own personal and professional development. The program starts in late September with a 7-day trip to Madison, Wisconsin to tour the Wisconsin dairy industry and attend the National 4-H Dairy conference and ends the following August with a graduation ceremony and presentation. We will have 8 to 9 workshops in the program year.

Printable brochures and applications are available at this website: www.anisci.cornell.edu/prodairy/program/youth.html Applications are due by June 30th. Please contact Debbie Grusenmeyer at 607-255-0656 if you have questions or concerns about the program or application process. Both events will be held on the campus of Morrisville State College at the Spike Holmes Arena.

SUMMER IS PARADE TIME
Summer is the time for parades, carnivals, fairs, picnics, cookouts and warm weather fun of all kinds. Memorial Day is the traditional kickoff for summer activities, especially parades.

Have you planned your summer parade activities? Many towns host their own local celebrations - Little Falls Canal Days, Newport Firemen’s Field Days, Herkimer County Fair Parade - just to name a few. Fairs and parades go on all summer long. Why not take advantage of the opportunity each of these events presents to showcase 4-H in your community by participating? Be sure to take a photo and submit it for inclusion in our 4-H Facts Newsletter.

With the parade season upon us, please be sure to follow these guidelines when your 4-H Club is in a parade:
**WANTED: TEENS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 2015 NYS FAIR**

2015 Youth Building Theme: “4-H Happens Everywhere.” Herkimer County’s Time Period is **Monday, August 31 – Thursday, September 3**

State Fair will be here before we all know it and plans are in place for many exciting activities to take place this year in the Youth Building. Herkimer County 4-H is looking for teens (13 years and up by January 1, 2015) who would like to help out with our Herkimer County interactive display in the Youth Building during Herkimer County’s time period at State Fair. Teens will stay at the State Fair dorms. All participants will receive a premium of $10.00 per day to offset expenses.

We are again working with Oneida and Madison Counties on our State Fair Booth. Decorations and “make and take” projects will focus around hands-on, interactive projects. State Fair teen leader opportunities for youth (13 years and up by January 1, 2015) include:

**County Booth** – Teen Leaders work with activities in your county booth that engage the public. You can organize your own activities, or sign up for selected hands-on activities that have some funding or supplies.

**Teen Evaluators** – Teens assist judges with the evaluation of projects in Food, Clothing, Home Environment, Communication and Expressive Arts, Horticulture, Art Objects, Visual Arts and Photography and Science and Technology.


Teen Leaders & Teen Evaluators earn a $10.00 premium each day. Each program day is to include a minimum of a 6-hour shift. Roles are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Spots can all be filled before this date, so apply early. Sign up is due by **August 1**. Contact Wendy at the 4-H office for more details.

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**YOUTH BUILDING JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS**

Junior Superintendents help with a little bit of everything during the State Fair in the 4-H Youth Building. They work for a minimum of 8 hours between 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and reside in the youth building dormitories. Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16 birthday within the calendar year and have not reached their 19 birthday before Jan. 1 of the current year. Junior Superintendents receive a premium of $40 dollars a day. Junior Superintendents in their first year will only be scheduled for up to one week. Application Letters are to be mailed to the State 4-H Office by **July 1** (spots can all be filled before this date; apply early). If you are interested, please contact Jenn or Wendy.

**PRODUCED IN NEW YORK PRESENTATION PROGRAM**

Produced in NY is a silent cooking demonstration that encourages youth to cook with locally grown foods, review nutritional information and learn new cooking skills. For more information please contact Wendy at the 4-H office.

**4-H DAIRY JUDGING TOURS**

Cobleskill - May 30
CNY - June 29
North Country - June 30
All 4-H members are welcome!!!
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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