## Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month

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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; and Brook Mucurio, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for turning in their November 4-H Club Secretary report by December 5.

Congratulations to: Autumn Borek, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Jordynn Alesia, Kuyahoora Kaprines; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; Kendra Shaver, Schuyler Aggies 4-H Club; and Dylan Dyn, Independent 4-H member for turning in their December 4-H Club Secretary report by January 5.

4-H VET SCIENCE

4-H Vet Science will be held on February 15 & 16 from 9:00-12:00 each day, with 2016 focusing on 3rd-5th graders. The theme is “From Airedales to Zebras”. Day 1 will start here at the Herkimer County 4-H Office and finish up at the Herkimer Veterinary Office. Day 2, we will be out on farm calls with the local veterinarian. The cost is $15 for 4-H members and $20 for non-members. Call the Herkimer 4-H Office by February 8 to register or go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/VetScience2016_221 to register online.

MARCH DOG MADNESS 2016

"Together We Make a Difference!"
March 19, Morrison Hall, Cornell University

Registration is open on February 1. To cover all food costs, the price will be $30 per person. This annual conference is for adults and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engage participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. Since 2002, guest presenters have included stakeholders, extension professionals, and community and youth experts. Don't delay, start planning for your trip soon! It's going to be a PAWSitively ggggggreat day!!!

Go to http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/march-dog-madness/ for the latest information and to sign up.
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

4-H Horse/Dairy Quiz Bowl

Interested in learning more about the horse and/or dairy industry? Why not try horse quiz bowl or dairy quiz bowl.

Practices will start after the first of the year, so please call Jenn at the 4-H Office if you are interested in participating or volunteering to coach a team. If you are planning on participating, here are some important dates to remember:

- The District Horse Bonanza Contest (Horse Bowl and Hippology) will be held on Saturday, March 5 in Morrisville. District Horse Communications will be held on March 31 at 5pm at CCE Oneida.
- The District Dairy Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, March 12 at South Lewis High School.

If you are interested in participating, contact Jenn so practices can be set up.

Dairy Discovery
March 25-26
Cornell University

Dairy Discovery is a hands-on workshop held annually at Cornell on March 25-26. It is a statewide program for youth 14-19 years of age as of January 1, of the current year.

Due to the hands-on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 60 individuals to enroll by the deadline.

Theme for 2016 is Quality Milk and Milk Production- Milk quality and milk production represents the most critical enterprise of dairy production management. The tighter margins of today and the consumer concern about food quality make milk producers more aware than ever of the importance of milk quality.

Better milk means quality dairy products and more money. Dairy producer’s today are in the business of making food. The producer’s definition of quality milk is the level of quality, which provides the greatest value for your milk and provides the highest quality product for the consumer.

The environment, nutrition, cow comfort, milking equipment and milking procedures all affect milk quality and milk production.

The cost of $45 per participant ($10 per chaperone) will cover the basic handouts, materials, dinner and activities on Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday.

Lodging is NOT included for this program but a group of hotel rooms are blocked prior to this event each year. Remember it is first come, first served, so register early.

Call Jenn at the 4-H office if you have any questions. For more information and to register, go to http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/dairy-discovery-2/. Don’t forget to also reserve a hotel room. Details also on the website.

Connecting With Kids

Location: CCE Oneida
Date: February 25
Time: 6-8 pm

Come to this workshop, which will be presented by Katie Bigness, Coordinator of NYS Ag in the Classroom and learn about the programs they have available.

You may call the CCE Herkimer County office with your registration at (315) 866-7920 or register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/February2016ConnectingWithKids_221 (or by scanning the QR Code) or email your information to herkimer@cornell.edu.

Please indicate what agency or school district you are from, a daytime phone number and the name (s) of those attending.
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HORSE COMMUNICATIONS EVENT

Thursday, March 3
5-8 PM - Herkimer High School

Horse communications is once again the same night as Public Presentations. Registrations for both events are due to the 4-H Office no later than February 19. We need to have the names of each 4-H member who will be doing a presentation and the subject when you call to register.

Learning to be a good public speaker is something that will be useful throughout a 4-H member’s lifetime. Good public speakers are made, not born. The necessary skills associated with being a good public speaker have always been an important part of the 4-H experience and 4-H clubs are encouraged to foster a positive, learning–oriented environment for youth regarding this subject. 4-H’ers who participates in Public speaking can expect to:

- Develop skills for communicating about real issues to real audiences.
- Learn how to organize and prepare a speech.
- Develop speech delivery skills.
- Learn how to present themselves to others.
- Develop self-confidence.

4-H’ers will practice their speech during their January/February 4-H club meeting. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the county contest. Need some help getting started? Or, want to know how 4-H speeches are judged? Call Wendy for details.

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. Think “Show & Tell.”

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HORSE COMMUNICATIONS
Official rules for Horse Communications can be seen on the following website: http://4h.anisci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/horses/events-rulebook/

A LITTLE INCENTIVE FOR DOING A 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION!
Each 4-H member that gives a public presentation on March 3 at Herkimer High School will get $10 off of their ticket to 4-H Day at Enchanted Forest Water Safari.

4-H DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT
The District Public Presentation Event is scheduled for April 16, 2016 at CCE Oneida County.

4-H STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT
4-H New York State-level Public Presentation will be held sometime in June. Watch for more details in upcoming 4-H Facts.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION TRAINING WORKSHOP
A workshop for those who would like to finalize improvements to their presentation will be offered on Monday, February 15 from 12 – 4 pm here at the 4-H office. Please call and sign up for the best time for you to practice with our evaluator.
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<td>3. Experienced presenters should be able to give more information than beginners.</td>
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<td>4. Note cards should be avoided - PRACTICE IS THE KEY. A poster may be used as an outline. (Please remember if you have a poster you must use it during your presentation).</td>
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<td>5. Don't forget any supplies - make and keep a list of equipment.</td>
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<td>6. PRACTICE standing straight and tall on both feet - dress appropriately for your topic and be well groomed.</td>
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<td>Include nutritional, storage, buying or other information as well as “how to.” Have recipe copies available for the audience.</td>
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<td>Wear clothes appropriate for the kitchen. Aprons are optional.</td>
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<td>8. Bring a table cover and cleaning supplies if your presentation is messy.</td>
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<td>9. Where helpful, use sharply contrasting materials so it is easy to see what you are doing.</td>
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<td>10. Do not use containers showing brand names - use separate container or cover the product name. Label products - &quot;glue&quot;, &quot;flour&quot;, etc. Loosen or remove container lids before starting.</td>
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<td>11. Tape a paper lunch bag to the back of the table for garbage during your presentation.</td>
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<td>12. Arrange trays neatly, with taller items toward the outer edge of the tray.</td>
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<td>18. Keep finished product out of sight until you plan to show it.</td>
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<td>19. Take time to clean up and cover trays before giving your summary and presenting the finished product.</td>
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<td>21. SMILE!!! Evaluators are really nice people and they know exactly how you feel. Many of them have been through it too...or wish they had!</td>
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<td>22. Evaluators’ comments are to help you - NOT criticize you.</td>
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No matter what award you receive, try again next year - it is a great experience and it gets easier each time.

Anyone who does a PUBLIC PRESENTATION is a winner!!!
**PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAMS**
The 4-H Office is taking pheasant orders for Herkimer County 4-H members. Handling costs are $2.00 for every 25 chicks. To order your 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) by March 24.

Chicks must be picked up by 8:30 am on the morning of delivery. We will notify you by phone for the pick up date.

**4-H TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE**
Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program open to youth and adults 14 and over will be held on April 26-28 in Clinton, NY.

- **Cost:** 4-H members $25
- **Non 4-H members $30**
- **Time:** 8:30 am - 3 pm
- **Location:** VFW in Clinton

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.

Please call the 4-H office to register or go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2016TractorSafety_221 You can also scan this QR code to be brought to the registration link

**SEWING PATTERNS AVAILABLE**
Is your club looking for a sewing project? Plan your club 4-H sewing project now. We have Simplicity patterns you may order for $1 each. There are many projects to choose from: aprons, pillows, dresses, pajamas or jackets. The possibilities are endless. Stop in at the CCE office to view the catalog. Orders need to be in by March 15. Please contact Wendy Richardson for more information.

**DAIRY CATTLE WORKSHOP**
Oakfield Corners Dairy invites youth of all ages and experience levels to the first *Growing through Showing Youth Workshop*. The event is to be held April 30 at Oakfield Corners Dairy at Lamb Farms in Oakfield, NY. Showing, Fitting, Nutrition, Housing, Selection/Judging, and “What to pack in your Showbox”-a session on supplies and show preparation, will all be covered. Industry leaders and professionals will be on hand to teach different sessions as well as answer any questions. A fun, interactive, and educational day will provide youth the knowledge to take their showing to the next level. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided.

Look for registration and sale information in the February & March NY Holstein News, the March Pennsylvania Holstein Profiles, the March Ohio Holstein News, Oakfield Corners Dairy Facebook page, and at oakfieldcornersdairy.com If you have questions or would like more information please contact Kelly Lee at kai232@cornell.edu

**FLOWER ICING WORKSHOP**
Learn how to make flowers for your cakes and cupcakes at the Flower Icing workshop; to be held at the 4-H office on Saturday, February 20, from 9 – 12noon. We will be learning to make different types of flowers with buttercream frosting. The cost of this workshop is $5 per 4-H member to cover the cost of supplies. Registration upon payment by February 12. Space is limited!!
NY Ag Literacy Week
March 14-18

In celebration of National Agriculture Week (March 14-18), volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. The selected book for 2016 is The Apple Orchard Riddle by Margaret McNamara and illustrated by G. Brian Karas.

This fun and exciting story shares the journey of Mr. Tiffin’s class on a field trip to an apple orchard. The students learn about every aspect of the farm from how apples are harvested, the process of making cider, and the many different varieties of apples. While the class picks their apples and experiences the farm, Mr. Tiffin gives them all a riddle to ponder. This book was selected as the 2015 American Farm Bureau Foundation for Education’s Book of the Year.

This year’s focus on apple production is exciting because of the importance of the apple industry in New York State, as we are ranked second nationally in production. Apples provide over 17,000 direct and indirect jobs, and there are over 680 apple producers on 55,000 acres across the state.

Through the Agricultural Literacy Week program teachers, students, and parents can learn more about this nutritionally and economically healthy and essential industry. All lessons, activities, and companion materials are aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards.

The book will be given to the school library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Week.

More than 1,500 books were donated last year while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities. If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Jenn at the 4-H office.

Need Old Barn Wood

Calling all 4-H families, we are in need of old barn wood for a woodworking project to be held in April. To keep the cost down, we are asking 4-H families to donate some old barn boards that can be cut and used to make signs for a project night. If you have loose boards from an old building just lying around, please consider donating them to 4-H for this great project. Boards need to be dropped off the week of February 22 – 26. Please call Wendy at the 4-H office for details.

Barn Sign Project

On Thursday, April 28 from 6 pm – 9 pm at the Herkimer Reformed Church; come join us for a fun night of decorating recycled barn wood! All the supplies provided. Trust me, you don't need to be "crafty" and you get to take home an amazing, one-of-a-kind creation made by YOU! Each 4-H member will be decorating a wooden sign with their name, show animal name or farm name (your choice).

Cost for this event is $20. Space is limited to first 25 4-H members. Registration upon payment by April 19 and we will also need the name for your sign when you register.

Example of the project.
Hope to see you there!!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
STATE TEEN ACTION REPS RETREAT (STARR)

When: April 29 - May 1
Who: Any 4-H Teen (13-19) interested in gaining leadership skills, networking, and having fun!!!
What: The state teen leadership event of the year!
Where: Youth Building, New York State Fairgrounds- Syracuse
Cost: $85.00 per person. Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies.

More information will be available soon at http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx

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, and more. In addition, there will be lots of FUN with physical and mental challenges, 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. If you are a club officer or would like to be in the future, consider attending an awesome weekend of workshops, networking, and fun!

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.

CCE Herkimer County 4-H Facts

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 then go to Youth Scholarship Opportunities. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by May 1.

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.

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. Go to 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.
**ANIMAL CRACKERS**  
Saturday, May 7  
Cornell University  
The focus for 2016 Animal Crackers is Dairy Cattle & Goats. 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. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

The cost is $15 per youth (chaperones are free) and pre-registration is required. Registration & payment is due to the 4-H Office by April 14. Let us know which tract (dairy cattle/goats) you would like to attend when you register.

**Dairy & Equine 101**  
June 3 & 4 at Morrisville State College  
This one night two day 4-H 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.

Dairy topics for this year will include calf, heifer and cow management along with reproduction. Equine participants will be able to choose from different disciplines.

The camp will include a visit to Oneida County’s Farm Fest event well as possible visits to other industry-related businesses.

All sessions will be taught by Morrisville State College faculty and other professionals in the industries.

The cost for the weekend is $100 per 4-H participant ($75 per chaperone). Watch the April/May 4-H Facts for registration information. For more information on this awesome program, call Jenn at the 4-H office.

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**4-H CAREER EXPLORATION**  
June 28—30  
“University U” - Grades 8-9  
“Focus for Teens” - Grades 10-12  
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.

2016 Registration Materials will be posted in early March at [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/Information-for-Youth-and-Chaperones.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/Information-for-Youth-and-Chaperones.aspx) Registration opens in mid-March.

**4-H WINTER ROUND UP HORSE WEEKEND**  
February 19-21  
4-H Amboy Environmental Education Center  
The 4-H Winter Round Up Horse Weekend will include clinics, speakers, hands-on workshops and numerous horse project activities. There must be one chaperone for every five 4-H’ers.

The cost for each 4-H’er and chaperone is $35 each which includes meals, snack, handouts and materials. Registration is due to CCE Oswego by February 8. Contact Jenn for a registration form or visit our website at [http://blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/programs/4-h-youth-development/](http://blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/programs/4-h-youth-development/)
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: http://ansci.cals.cornell.edu/extension-outreach/youth-extension/jr-dairy-leader-program 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.

NEW YORK STATE GUERNSEY CALF AWARD APPLICATION
The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential.

Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1 of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. Applications are due March 1 to Seth & Amber Ripley. Contact Jenn at the 4-H Office for a copy of the application.

4-H CLUB NEWS

In the month of December, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club met and made cookie ingredients to put in a mason jar for Christmas gifts. Club members also painted Christmas tree bulbs, and finished cloth wreaths. The Barnyard Buddies joined other 4-H groups for Christmas caroling at the Farmer’s Museum in Cooperstown.

The 4-H Club plans to take a trip to Clarks gym in January, and are planning to participate in the County 4-H Public Presentation in March.

Independent 4-H members Dylan and Laken Dyn, and Anna Hawkes volunteered their time to create a gingerbread village to be on display for a Christmas party for their elementary school. They stayed after school for 3 days to create the village.

Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H Club members participated in the Clinton Shoppers Stroll Parade the day after Thanksgiving. The 4-H Club float theme was Camping and Ice fishing.

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4-H Club News

The 4-H members also held their annual Friendsgiving dinner and made binky bibs. Binky Bibs made by 4-H members were donated to Healthy Families of Herkimer Co. Members had to pick out their fabric, trace the pattern on their chosen fabric and batting, pin them all together in the right order, sew them, turn them right side out, finish the open edge, sew button holes, and sew on buttons. Cloverbuds were assisted by older traditional members and parents.

Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club held their November 4-H club meeting at the Ilion bowling alley. The 4-H members elected club officers, Brook Mucurio - President, Korin Mucurio - Vice President, Brook Mucurio - Secretary and Tyler Betrus - Treasurer.

The Merry Moos 4-H club held a bake goods/cheese sale at the Middleville Stewarts to benefit the Middleville and Newport volunteer fire departments. The total amount raised was $868.

At their November meeting, 4-H members signed thank you cards for Stewarts and RJs Pizzeria who helped collect donations for the Middleville/Newport firemen from customers. The Mini Merry Moos worked on a crafts project.

Last spring the Merry Moos built a float for the annual Newport parade, and the float recently received the award for best appearance, which included a trophy.

In December the Merry Moos 4-H club visited the Middleville Rest Home for the club’s annual Christmas party. 4-H members provided baked goods and brought a small Christmas present for each resident. They sang Christmas carols for the residents as well. Afterwards, the club traveled to the Herkimer County Humane Society, where 4-H members donated cat and dog food.

Sixteen club members went caroling at the Farmer’s Museum Candlelight Evening on December 12th.
Twenty-three high school students from seven Herkimer County high schools participated in the 4-H Government Intern Program at the Herkimer County Legislative Chambers. The program is made possible by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program of Herkimer County.

The students included Philip Bodwell, Marlee Holleran, Rachel Nunneker, Tracey Shaut, and Alyssa Wadsworth from Central Valley High School; Chloe Brosemer, Vicky Franco, Rebecca Sessions, Westley Lamphear, Jessica Norrs, and Casey Hamlin from Town of Webb High School; Anthony Luppino, and Jacob Bray from Herkimer High School; Rachael Huddleston from Dolgeville High School; Rosetta Poveromo, and Connor Thomson from Mount Markham High School; Jerry Pritchard, Julia Post, Marissa Padula, Vincent Cuda, Robert Caivana, and Marsala Bono from Frankfort Schuyler High School; and Taylor DeJohn, from West Canada Valley High School.

The fall session started in October, with four sessions total, to provide students with insight into the legislative process. Students reviewed issues, toured county facilities, interviewed county legislators and attended a county legislature meeting. Legislators looked forward to hearing from the students to receive their fresh point of view.

Students heard from guest speakers, got involved in the legislative process, researched topics, and gave presentations as part of the program. 4-H Government Intern Program is offered by the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth development program of Herkimer County in the fall and spring of the school year.
On January 16, 4-H members participated in a 4-H Cake Decorating Workshop, held at the Herkimer Reformed church. Twenty 4-H members, from all over Herkimer County decorated a cake to take home and learned skills that they can display this summer at the Herkimer County fair.

The workshop included a starter cake decorating kit with a decorating bag, and tips. As the participants began using their new equipment, they learned that handling a decorating bag full of icing is not as easy as it looks.

The kids then practiced with templates on doing basic cake decorating skills such as making stars, a shell border, leaves and writing. They also practiced making different types of flowers.

A huge thank you goes out to our volunteer presenters, Donna Blanchard of Fort Plain, and Brenda D’Avolio of Ilion, for taking the time to teach the basics of cake decorating and sharing tips and tricks of the trade.

4-H members participating included: Lydia Bartel, Darby and Fern Bick, Hailey and Hannah Carnright, Nathaniel, Tren and AnNi Carrol, Kaitlyn Fitch, Chas Greene, Jessica Lindsay, Katie Livingston, McCaylia and Ben Plungis, Regan Rudd, Kendra Shaver, Rose and Sophia Simmons, Brooklyn and Chloe Williams.
Adults and leaders: You’re invited to the 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop on February 26, 27, & 28, 2016 at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa. (GPS address 556 Middle Line Rd, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 and the Kayaderosseras Fish & Game Club.

The New York, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Vermont 4-H Shooting Sports Programs' Annual Winter Workshop certifies volunteer leaders as 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors. The workshop features the following disciplines (based on a minimum enrollment of 5 participants): Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzle Loading, Rifle, and Shotgun. Adults will be certified to teach the applicable discipline to youth participating in formal 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and 4-H camp situations. Each state maintains its own standards for certification. Certification standards may exceed those established by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. Participants will be able to complete requirements in only one discipline. All equipment will be supplied. This Workshop and all Instructors adhere to all National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum standards. Form Code 1501 for NYS participants.

A major focus of the Workshop will be on 4-H Club Development and elements of the 4-H STEM Program. Training: A minimum of 14 hours of training will be fulfilled the 4-H way-"Learning by Doing."

**When:** February 26, 27, & 28, 2016. Training begins on Friday, February 26 at 6:00pm and concludes on Sunday, February 28 by 2:30 pm. Registration is due by February 19th, 2016.

**Where:** The Workshop will be held at the 4-H Training Center, SS6 Middle Line Road, Ballston Spa, NY.

**Who:** The Workshop is for adults currently involved in 4-H Shooting Sports as well as those interested in becoming Instructors. Teen Leaders are also welcome and will be recognized as Junior leaders in this project area. Our goal is to involve people who are interested in teaching youth how to shoot safely through the principles of 4-H Shooting Sports as well as help them learn about our natural environment. This workshop will certify that individuals are trained to be an Instructor. local counties are responsible for approving you as a 4-H Volunteer prior to participating in the Workshop training.

**Cost:** The registration fee is $90.00 for 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Camp Staff. All other costs are supported through the efforts of the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and our donors. Registration includes materials and on-site meals. Lodging is on your own; however, some overnight accommodations may be available for those traveling from out of the area (please check with us). County/regional teams are the first priority. We will be holding an informal fun auction with proceeds used towards the cost of the Workshop.

We encourage you to bring one or more auction items!

**Important:** We are unable to accommodate food preferences; some vegetarian options will be available. You are welcome to bring your own food, snacks and beverages. Additional information will be provided along with a tentative menu, online or via email (please provide an email address.)

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4-H Shooting Sports Safety, Knowledge, Understanding & Skills
Certified Volunteer Instructors Supervise 4-H Shooting Sports Programs. Many of our Instructors hold dual certifications with other state and nationally recognized educational programs.

Safety: is always a primary concern. Youth and adults are trained to know and to adhere to the Commandments of Firearm Safety.

Knowledge: about firearms and the natural environment is featured as our volunteers share years of experiences.

Skills: are developed under the watchful eyes of the Instructors. Some participants will learn new skills while other participants improve and practice their techniques.

Understanding: is the most important component of the 4-H Shooting Sports Project. Understanding is developed as youth and adults become aware of their rights, responsibilities and role in the natural environment.

Targeting the future: Through STEM, Shooting Sports Instructors integrate traditional skills with current scientific experiences using elements of 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives.

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