



4-H Facts



Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County

June/July 2017

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month



June

1	Registration Deadline and Deposit on Meat Birds - Mohawk Valley 4-H Show & Sale
1	Non-owned project animal lease agreements due - 4-H Office
5	Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock entries due - 4-H Office
26	Pullorum Testing - Herkimer 4-H Office
27-29	4-H Career Explorations Conference - Cornell University
30	Applications due for Junior Dairy Leader and Beginner Dairy Leader

July

1	Applications due for Junior Superintendents for the NYS Fair - 4-H Office
4	CCE closed in observance of Independence Day
6	Entries due at Fly Creek - "FarmSafe Kidz" annual poster contest
9	Entries due at FMJLS - "FarmSafe Kidz" annual poster contest
9-11	Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show - Cooperstown
13	Registration Deadline and Deposit for Clay Pot Painting Class
25	Clay Pot Painting Class

August

1	Teen Leaders and Teen Evaluators for NYS Fair applications are due - 4-H Office
3	4-H Day at Enchanted Forest Water Safari - Old Forge
13	Non-animal exhibits entered at Herkimer County Fair
15-20	Herkimer County Fair
21	All Non-Animal exhibits NOT going to NYS Fair must be picked up by 11am at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds
23-Sept. 4	New York State Fair
27	Robotics Challenge at NYS Fair
28-31	Herkimer County 4-H rotation at NYS Fair

September

2	Robotics Challenge at NYS Fair
4	CCE closed in observance of Labor Day
13-14	CNY Farm Progress Show
15-16	Wild Edible Training - More info to follow
23	Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy and Livestock Show and Sale



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Fern Bick**, Haderondah 4-H Club; Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Jordynn Alesia**, Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club; **Madesen Spellman**, Merry Moos 4-H Club; **Sabrina Reel**, Norway Country Critters 4-H Club; and **The Hawkes/Dyn family**, Independent 4-H members for turning in their March 4-H Club Secretary report by April 5.

Congratulations to: **Katie Livingston**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Sabrina Reel**, Norway Country Critters 4-H Club; and **The Hawkes/Dyn family**, Independent 4-H members for turning in their April 4-H Club Secretary report by May 5.

CLAY POT PAINTING CLASS

Date: July 25, 2017
 Where: Herkimer County CCE
 Time: 6-8 pm

4-H is proud to offer a painting class on **July 25th** from 6-8pm to be held at the 4-H office. Space is limited to the first 20 paid registrations. BB designs of New Hartford will be showing you how to paint a 12 inch clay pot with the 4-H clover and designs of your choice. The class will also cover how to keep your new creation in the best shape for use. All supplies will be provided. The class is \$25 per person, open to 4-H members. Please sign up by **July 13**.





COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE UTICA ZOO

Herkimer County 4-H has teamed up with the Utica Zoo to grow vegetables for the zoo animals. 4-H members and volunteers will be maintaining and harvesting produce throughout the summer months. Members and volunteers will also be maintaining and weeding the existing flower beds for the summer.

It is not too late for 4-H members and volunteers to sign up with us for 1 to 2 weeks out of the summer to go to the Utica Zoo once per that assigned week and weed the gardens. All participants will receive a t-shirt (indicating that you are there to work on the gardens), and free admission to the zoo on the day you work.

Please check with the 4-H office to see what weeks are still available, if you are interested in this great, fun-filled opportunity. Please give us your name and shirt size, and what week you are available to cover the care of the garden. For more information, please contact Wendy.

PULLORUM TESTING



When: June 26th
Where: Herkimer 4-H Office
Time: 3 pm

Pullorum testing will be done on Monday, June 26 at 3 pm at the 4-H office. All poultry being exhibited at the County or NYS Fair must be tested. Please call the 4-H office by June 22 to let us know you will be coming and how many birds you will need tested.



4-H DAY AT ENCHANTED FOREST WATER SAFARI Thursday, August 3

Admission tickets are \$26 per person. Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be \$37 (\$30 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 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 28. 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 \$15 (8 and older) and \$5 (3 - 7 years of age), which will give you the options as listed above. Feel free to invite family and friends (even if they are not in 4-H) and to take advantage of this great price. And don't forget...if you did a 4-H Public Presentation at either of our county-wide events, you will get \$10 off of your ticket! Call Jenn with any questions.

HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

Fair time is fast approaching, so here are some dates to remember. Non-animal exhibits can be entered at the fair on August 13 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 evaluating; and youth to help as assistants.

All exhibits are released to be taken home on August 21st 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.

REMEMBER, it's a well-known fact (with historical basis, ask any old 4-H member) that those who take **an active part in the Fair have more FUN!!!**

Reminder STATE FAIR 4-H EXHIBITOR ENTRY CARD

Any 4-H exhibits chosen for NYS Fair must have the **Exhibitor Entry Card** and include the **Exhibitor Entry Statement** filled out and returned to 4-H staff by the end of Herkimer County Fair **PRIOR** to picking up your exhibits. They both need to be included on every NY State 4-H Youth Building exhibit that will be evaluated. Only exhibits with entry cards and statements, filled out completely and attached by August 21, at 11am, can go on to the State Fair. The Exhibitor Entry Statement is a fillable PDF form, found here: <http://4hstaff.cce.cornell.edu/system/files/exhibitorentrystatement.pdf> that can be filled out on a computer and printed, or printed as a blank form and filled out by hand. The State Fair Exhibitor Entry Cards will be on green card stock. Please toss or recycle any old entry cards you have.



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 15-20.

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 sponsoring a STEM activity about composting. 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.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR YOUTH BUILDING JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

These positions are designed for older 4-Hers (age 16 and over) who wish to be involved in a much deeper State Fair leadership experience. Applications for new Jr. Supers are available now. There are a limited number of spots and they fill very quickly. Besides the youth building Junior Superintendents who work for 2 weeks at the fair, there are also animal science positions available. First year Junior Superintendents are typically only scheduled for 1 week. A premium of \$40 per day will be paid to these members. These youth should be highly motivated to serve and be the most responsible/hardest working members that

counties have! Their roles will be key to the day-to-day success of 4-H activities at the fair. For more information, contact Wendy at the 4-H office. Applications are due July 1.

YOUTH BUILDING PREMIUM BOOK CHANGES



As you are thinking of projects to complete for Fair time, here is this years' change and addition to the NYS Fair 4-H 2017 Youth Building Fair Book (Premium Book) in the exhibit class.

Section D – Consumer and Family Sciences
– Here are the major changes to this section.

- ⇒ **Section DE – Textiles and Clothing**
- ⇒ Class 5. Recycled Garments or non-clothing. Must include a before picture with the entry (previously was suggested but not required).

So if you make an item out of recycled clothing, whether it is a garment or non-clothing item, please take a photo of what it looked like before to be entered with your exhibit. If you have questions, contact Wendy.

ANNOUNCING THE ALL NEW PUBLIC NYS 4-H WEBSITE!

New York State 4-H is pleased to announce the launch of the all-new public website! The site, www.nys4-h.org, now features information on the 4 core programming areas, projects offered in New York, upcoming events, and more! Soon, we plan to add a blog that will feature posts written by our state specialists and others about 4-H programming and positive youth development.



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WANTED: TEENS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 2017 NYS FAIR

It is not too early to start thinking about where Herkimer County teens might like to help out. Herkimer County 4-H is looking for teens (13 years and up by January 1, 2017) 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 \$12.00 per day to offset expenses. The NY State Fair offers teen leader opportunities for evaluations, poultry, cynology, GPS/GIS, fashion review, shooting sports, and sustainable energy. This year will also be adding Jr. Iron Chef and Robotics opportunities as well as a new Activity Zone. 4-H teens may also take advantage of working in our county booth with the public. These are a great way for teens to learn basic job skills, make new friends and to have a leadership role in 4-H. Contact Wendy for more information.

(Please note that Media Corp is no longer a Teen Leader opportunity for this year. Media Corp is now a responsibility of 4-H Junior Superintendents while at the State Fair.)

2017 4-H ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

The 4-H Robotics Challenge at the NY State Fair will be held on **Sunday, August 27** and **Saturday, September 2** (11:30 AM to 4 PM each day). This year 4-H will challenge youth to use their robots for civic engagement and service projects that grow sustainable communities.



NYS JUNIOR DAIRY LEADER



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 Junior Dairy Leader 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:

<https://ansci.cals.cornell.edu/extension-outreach/youth-extension/jr-dairy-leader-program>

Applications are due by **June 30**. Please contact Debbie Grusenmeyer at (607) 255-0656 if you have questions or concerns about the program or application process.

BEGINNING DAIRY LEADER

This program is for youth entering their sophomore year in high school and have an interest in the dairy industry careers.

Youth should be able to commit to one Saturday in November of current year and February, March, April and June of 2018. Students can apply for both the Junior Dairy Leader and the Beginning Dairy Leader program in the same year, however, students cannot participate in both programs in the same year.

The cost is \$100 and only 30 applicants will be evaluated and selected based on application essay, interest and personal reference. For more information go to:

<https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/youth/beginning-dairy-leader-program>

4-H EARN-A-CALF AWARD



Any Traditional 4-H Member involved or interested in a 4-H cattle project can apply (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.

Please call the 4-H office to get application, requirements and information on the rules for the Earn-A-Calf Award. Applications are due October 1.

2017 HERKIMER COUNTY LOCAL FOODS MAP

The 2017 Herkimer County Local Foods Map is now available from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County in East Herkimer; and is being distributed to organizations and businesses throughout Herkimer County and the Mohawk Valley including all of the Mid-York libraries and farmers' markets located in Herkimer County.

To view an online version of this map, please visit <http://bit.ly/2017LocalFoodsMapPage>

There are 58 producers on the map along with nine Farmers' Markets this year. Support for updating and printing the map was provided in part by a grant from Herkimer County Mental Health through the Farm Family Assistance Project.

The benefits of "eating local" are many including fresher foods that taste great and are often more nutritious than foods that have traveled many miles and days to get to your table.

Also when you buy directly from local farmers, your dollars stay within your community and strengthen the local economy which helps preserve farming as a livelihood and rural landscapes as farmland too.

For more information or to pick up a map, please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at (315) 866-7920.



HEY! NYS 4-H ALUMNI WE NEED YOU TO RAISE YOUR HAND

Only 1 in 3 Kids Have the Skills They Need to Thrive

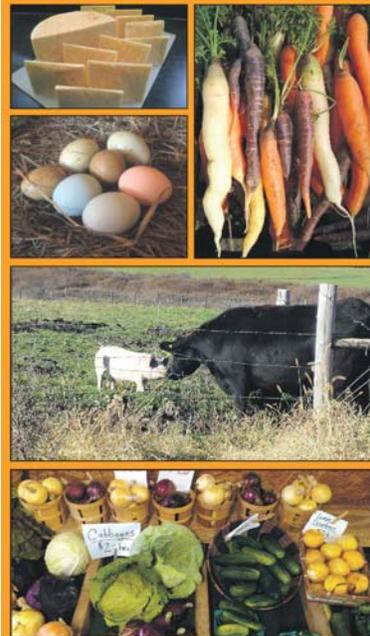
That's why we're asking you, and the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation to Raise Your Hand and Pay It Forward to empower the next generation of True Leaders.

Joining is easy:

1. Raise Your Hand – Complete the form by following the link below to show your pride as 4-H alum.
2. Compete for your state – Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay it Forward – Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand.

Follow this link to get involved.
<http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/>

2017 Herkimer County Local Foods Map



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“FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ” ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

The George Fuller Memorial Fund through NYCAMH (The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health) is sponsoring the 27th Annual FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ Poster contest.

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 9, 2017 or to the NYCAMH office in Fly Creek on or before Thursday, July 6, 2017.

This year, NYCAMH will focus on **Get Out of My Space** as there are hazards when living on the farm. For information safe play areas check out this link: <http://www.marshfieldresearch.org/nccrahs/safe-play> .

Prizes will be awarded Monday, July 10, 6 pm in the Dairy Show tent during the Annual Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show. 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. Please complete the entry form and attach it to the back of the poster. Entry form can be found at <http://www.nycamh.org/news/?id=602>

Winning posters will be awarded monetary prizes and ribbons. Winning poster entries will be displayed at the Farmers' Museum Harvest Festival in September 17-23, 2017 and in the home school district of the winners during National Farm Safety and Health Week, September 17-23.

Prior to the poster prize presentations, staff from NYCAMH will lead the group in a Safe Play Area discussion and activity.



THE FARMERS' MUSEUM

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 9

5 pm - Chicken barbecue
6 pm - Meeting for all exhibitors and parents
7 pm - Dairy Judging Contest
7:30 pm - Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

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

-- 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

A DAY AT THE UTICA ZOO GARDEN

Herkimer County 4-H would like to thank the over 50 volunteers and 4-H members that came out on May 19 and May 21 to weed and plant the flowers and vegetables at the Utica Zoo. This is part of the Utica Zoo garden project and is open to all Herkimer County 4-H members and their families. We are so proud of all the hard work that was done by all who came. We appreciate all that you do to make Herkimer County 4-H part of our greater community.

Herkimer County 4-H clubs participating included: Barnyard Buddies, Haderondah' s of Old Forge, Green and Growing, Kuyahoorra Kaprines, Merry Moos, Occupational Hazards, and Independent members.



4-H 2017 SENIOR GRADUATES



In Photo L to R: Brandon Lamphere and Jeremiah Arsenault

Brandon Lamphere is a graduating senior from Central Valley High School. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. Brandon has volunteered many hours in the community through the BOCES 4-H club. He is also active at his church and the YMCA. He is hoping to get a job after high school.

Jerimiah Arsenault is a graduating senior from Herkimer BOCES. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. Jerimiah participated at the County Public Presentations event and 4-H Conservation Day. He has also volunteered at the Herkimer Human Society, nursing homes and cemeteries. He is the 2017 recipient of the School Board Award.

Michael Clemons II is a graduating senior from Herkimer BOCES. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. Michael has participated at the Herkimer County fair, 4-H Public Presentations, and volunteered at different job sites around Herkimer County. He won a blue ribbon showing his rooster at County fair and has won trophies and ribbons with pulling tractors. Michael's future plans are to get a job and buy a house, and way in the future... get married and start a family.

Daniel McAdams is a graduating senior from Richfield Springs High School. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 2 years. Daniel is the Vice President of the club and has participated at the County 4-H Public Presentations. He helps out his neighbors doing landscaping. Daniel would like to get a job as a landscaper, and have his own place someday.



In Photo L to R: Michael Clemons II, and Daniel McAdams



4-H 2017 SENIOR GRADUATES



Ethan Reid is a graduating senior from Frankfort-Schuyler High School. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 2 years. Ethan has participated at the County 4-H Public

Presentations. He helps out with the Fire Department pulling tractors at the Herkimer County Fair. Ethan is planning on becoming an EMT and fireman, and will work on a farm with chickens, pigs, cows and other animals.

Robert Goodsill is a graduating senior from Richfield Springs High School. He has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 1 year. Robert has participated at the County 4-H Public Presentations, and volunteered at different job sites around Herkimer County. He also likes cooking. His future plans are to get a job and make some money.

Elizabeth Brouillard is a graduating senior from Owen D. Young High School. She has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 1 year. Lizzy has participated at 4-H Public Presentations, and volunteered at Herkimer Home, the Utica Zoo Garden project, and palatine Cheese. She enjoys cooking, dancing and Yoga. She plans on traveling with her family in the future and having Adventures.

Grace Orsillo is a graduating senior from Fort Plain High School. She has been a Herkimer County 4-H member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. Grace has participated at the County 4-H Public Presentations, Eat Smart NY, and has had artwork displayed at both the Herkimer County and NY State Fairs. Grace is an active volunteer at the



Fort Plain co-op, the Fort Plain Library and art class, the Herkimer Humane Society, cemeteries, nursing homes, and church. She will be attending Lexington ARC in the fall.

4-H CLUB INFORMATION

CLUB CHARTERS - Please remember. In order to be a bonafide 4-H Club, you must fulfill these requirements:

- You must have an Organizational Leader.
- You must elect officers (not required for Cloverbud club).
- You must have at least 5 members or 5 Cloverbuds from **3 different families** currently enrolled.
- You must have the Program Planning Sheet completed for the 4-H year.

FUNDRAISERS - Please remember when you are doing fundraising in the name of 4-H, you need to:

- Fill out the "Fundraising Request" form and have it approved by Jennifer Collins before you can do **ANY** fundraising.
- There must be a **PURPOSE** for the 4-H fundraising. You **CAN NOT** fundraise just to have money in your 4-H account.



CANVAS PAINTING WORKSHOP

On April 19, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer 4-H Program held a canvas painting workshop. Twelve 4-H members learned to paint a birch tree scene on canvas. Jill Rae Vennera from the Easels on the Gogh in Herkimer, led 4-H members in the step by step process, as they created their very own masterpiece.

The 4-H members were taught the many steps and layers involved in making the canvas come alive. They were encouraged to be creative and add their own style to their individual paintings. They learned about blending colors and adding layers for dimension, while completing the work on canvas. Participants then took their completed painting home to display, give as a gift, or exhibit at the County Fair.

A huge thank you goes out to our presenter, Jill from Easels on the Gogh of Herkimer, for taking the time to teach the intricate art of creating a picture on canvas with paint. 4-H members participating included: **Ahna, Coco, and Gami Brackett, Hailey and Hannah Carnright, Rebecca Elwood, Logan and Lucas Humphreville, Katie Reynolds, Brooklyn and Chloe Williams.**



BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

On April 22, fifteen 4-H volunteers and members from Herkimer County gathered at the Young's General Store and Ace Hardware of Ilion to learn about backyard Composting. 4-H members learned what to do with kitchen, garden and yard scraps. They learned how to expand recycling efforts that include kitchen scraps and yard debris by playing games and sorting things that would normally be thrown away into a land fill. They are now equipped with the knowledge of how to turn yard waste and food scraps into a valuable resource for their garden.

This work shop was open to all 4-H members and volunteers to come learn about how to get their backyard compost started. 4-H educator Wendy Richardson also helped participant make a composter out of a garbage can and decorate it to take home.

4-H members participating included: **Gami, Ahna, and Coco Brackett;** Asaiah, and **Elijah Muha;** **Luke and Logan Humphreville;** **Bo Alesia;** **Kevin and Anna Marie Meyers.**



CONSERVATION DAY

On May 24, over 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 (Jarvis), Dolgeville, Herkimer, Herkimer BOCES, Little Falls, Mt. Markham, Oppenheim-Ephratah/St. Johnsville, Owen D Young, St. Francis de Sales, West Canada Valley and Poland.

The students visited 15 stations and each received a tree seedling donated by the New York State DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery.

The stations and presenters included: **Lost in the Woods** /FR Piersma and FR Hoag / NYS DEC Forest Rangers; **Maple Production in NYS** / Janet Burt; **Conservation in Our Forests** / Michael Marsh, Scott Healy, Daniel Welc and Mary Kay Allen / NYS DEC Lands and Forests; **Tree Planting** / Gerry Smithson & Rachel Radicello/ Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District; **Herkimer Diamond Quartz Crystals** /Sam Salamone/ Herkimer Diamond Mines; **Fisheries Management in NYS** / Dave Erway, Amy Hoyt and Steve Case / NYS DEC Fisheries; **Whitewater Paddling for Fun and Safety** / Dale Gates and Craig Stewart / West Canada Paddlers; **Fire Prevention Fighting** / Roger Neff and Robert O'Neal / NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control; **Deer Management and Aging** / Steve Heerkens / NYS DEC; **NYS Fur Bearing Animals** / Bill Ballou, Harian Moonan & Dale Wheeler / NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame; **Wastewater Treatment Process** / Alvin Montana II and Philip Hall / Herkimer County WWTP; **Soil Health** / Amy Langer / USDA - NRCS; **Recycling** / Jamie Tuttle and Emily Albright / Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority; **Bee Keeping** / Jeff Ruthkowski; **Pet Responsibility** / Ed View / Herkimer Humane Society.



CONSERVATION DAY



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

4-H GOVERNMENT INTERN PROGRAM

The 4-H Government Intern Program, sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program of Herkimer County, concluded another successful semester. Twelve students from three Herkimer County school districts participated by exploring current issues and learning more about the functions of their county government through the committee system. Students reviewed issues, toured county facilities, interviewed county legislators, and attended a county legislature meeting.

Students included Kevin Diedrich, Dylan Evans, Travis Guidi, Derryck Hains, and Daniel Hale, from Central Valley Academy; Josh Vanasse from Dolgeville High School; Bella Beck, Lauren Beckingham, Connor Ulrich, Brenden Kelly, Erik Knudsen, and Alex DiOrio from Town of Webb High School.

Key presenters involved in the success of this program included: Steve Dietz of the P.I.N.S. Unit; Herkimer County Sheriff Chris Farber; Connie Shepherd and Kim Tranter from the Board of Elections; Linda Patten from the Department of Social Services; Herkimer County District Attorney Jeff Carpenter; Mike Scalise of Probation; Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia Rowan; and Family Court Judge John Brennan.



4-H GOVERNMENT INTERN STUDENTS VISIT THE STATE CAPITAL

Fifteen students from four Herkimer County school districts visited Albany, on May 2, 2017, 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 trip was chaperoned by Central Valley teacher **Karen Guidi**, Town of Webb teacher, **Tim Leach**, Herkimer County Legislator **Peter Manno**, and Cornell Cooperative Extension employee **Wendy Richardson**.

The students had a tour of the Capitol, visited the Court of Appeals, and were welcomed by Senator **James Seward** and Assemblyman **Anthony Brindisi**. After having a dialogue regarding current issues confronting Herkimer County and New York State, the group then visited the NYS Museum.



4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills**.



4-H CLUB NEWS

The **Norway Country Critters** 4-H Club have two new members, **Dominic** and **BriAnna DiFillippo**. The club met in April for a meeting followed by a small Easter party, and again in May.

The **Haderondah** 4-H Club did not have a meeting in March. The club members participated at the County Public Presentations event where **Fern** and **Darby Bick** qualified to go on to District Public Presentations. The club also welcomed their newest member, **Sophie Black**. Club members **Fern**, **Darby**, and **Sophie** had a fun time at the 4-H Fondant Workshop.



In the month of April, **Independent** 4-H members **Laken Dyn** and **Anna Hawkes**, along with 4H educator Sarah Hardy, set up an incubator in a Richfield Springs 4th grade classroom. First they helped students set turkey and duck eggs. Seven days later, they helped the class add chicken eggs. They will assist the class with the set-up of a brooding box and heat lamps for hatching.



The **Merry Moos** had a meeting in April at the Salm's farm, where they worked on flower pots for the Herkimer County Fair. Club members also held a bake sale at Tractor Supply and also took some small animals. The Club raised \$280.00 for the Alicia Kennedy Scholarship Fund.

TRACTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

Nine youth completed the twenty-four hour tractor and machinery safety certification course in April.



4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT EVENT

Congratulations to everyone that presented at the North Central District 4-H Public Presentation event held on April 8 at CCE Oneida. Thirteen presenters from five counties shared their Demonstrations, Recitations and Job Interviews in front of six judges. All 4-H members representing Herkimer County received a blue ribbon; in the Junior Division; **Darby Bick**, **Emily Herringshaw** and **Fern Bick**, who received 3rd place overall (8-12 years old). Also **Jordynn Alesia** received a blue ribbon for her Job Interview in the Senior Division (13-19 years old).



Pictured in photo: **Fern Bick**

Pictured from L to R: **Emily Herringshaw**, **Darby** and **Fern Bick**, and **Jordynn Alesia**

Pictured in photo: **Darby Bick**



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