Program Highlights
January ~ February ~ March 2015
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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Learning to give effective public presentations is a unique advantage of belonging to 4-H. Sixty-eight 4-H youth participated in Public Presentations and Horse Communications events held throughout the county. Kourtney Mazurowski and Kennedy Kapp will be representing Herkimer County in the State Horse Communications competition in May.

Five Herkimer County 4-H members competed in the District Dairy Quiz Bowl contest. Kayla Windecker will be a part of the new team representing the North Central District at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest.

Youth workers attending the Connecting with Kids workshop entitled “Sparking Youth Interest in STEM with Fun Hands-On Activities.” Connecting with Kids is supported by a grant from the Slocum Dickson Foundation.

12 youth from Herkimer and Oneida Counties participated in the 4-H Vet Science program. During the two-day program, youth met with Dr. Emily Green (Herkimer Veterinary Association) and learned about her trip to Tanzania where she worked with farmers on a Brucellosis study. Participants also spent a morning at the Vet Clinic where they were able to watch surgeries, a dental procedure, and learned how to do a checkup.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

A “Backyard Poultry” seminar and two classes for “So You Want to Be a Beekeeper” were held with over 45 residents attending.

Approximately 400 area farmers took part in trainings offered by the Central New York Dairy and Field Crops Team this quarter including: Winter Dairy Management; Corn Day; Dairy Day; Small Grains; How to Improve Milk Quality.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM

CCE of Herkimer County was selected by Cornell University to participate in a research project to identify community members in Dolgeville to encourage Healthy Eating and Activity in Rural Towns (HEART). The Dolgeville HEART Club project is exploring the opportunity to add outdoor fitness stations in Dolgeville.

As the “Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work, and Play” through Herkimer County HealthNet nears the end of the 5 year grant period, results of evaluations completed at the Country Store in Salisbury show that the store now sells more fresh vegetables and fruits.