4-H Facts

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

JUNE - JULY 2019

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

June	
1	Registrations due for Career Explorations and Farmers' Museum Jr Livestock Show
1	Non-owned/ownership lease agreements for show animals, meat bird orders, & Hog & Lamb ID forms due
4	Farm Safety Day
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
7	Registrations due for Horse Dayz and 4-H Horse Show to CCE Fulton/Montgomery
7	Applications due for Chobani Jr. Livestock Scholarship
8	Showmanship Clinic (Poultry/Rabbit/Cavy) - CCE Oneida
8-9	Late Spring Shooting Sports Training
14-16	STEM Camp - Camp Shankitunk, Delaware County
15	Registrations due for 4-H Macramé Class
22	4-H Macramé Class
23	Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Horse Show - Fonda Fairgrounds
24	~~Pullorum Testing~~ Canceled
25-27	Career Explorations - Cornell University
29-30	NYS Free Fishing Days
30	Applications due for Dairy Leader Programs

July	
1	Registrations due for 4-H Weaving Class
4	Independence Day - (*CCE Office Closed)*
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
7-9	Farmers' Museum Jr. Livestock Show
8	FarmSafe Poster Contest Judging Day
8-11	4-H Horse Dayz - Fonda Fairgrounds
12	4-H Weaving Class
15	Early Entry Deadline for NY State Fair
August	
1	4-H Day - Enchanted Forest, Old Forge
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
11	Fair Entries for Non-Animal Exhibits
13-18	Herkimer County Fair
19	Exhibit Pick-Up Day
21	Start of New York State Fair
September	
2	Labor Day - (*CCE Office Closed)* Summer Hours End
2	Last Day of New York State Fair
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
13-14	CNY Farm Progress Show
14	4-H Livestock Show & Sale (at CNY Farm Progress Show)

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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: **Cammie Marshall**, All Seasons 4-H Club; **Abigail Schoonover**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; **Anna Marie Meyers**, Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Sam Donahoe**, Milk Shakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn** Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members, for turning in their March 4-H club secretary report by April 5.

Congratulations to: **Cammie Marshall**, All Seasons 4-H Club; **Abigail Schoonover**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; **Sam Donahoe**, Milk Shakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn** Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members for turning in their April 4-H club secretary report by May 5.

4-H Macramé Class

(Open for youth ages 8 and up) held **9:00 am – 12:00 pm** at the Herkimer County 4-H Office (5657 State Route 5 Herkimer, NY), cost is **$10**. This class will be **June 22**. Learn how to make your own simple DIY Macramé Plant Hanger and beautiful wall hanging. Please bring one 1/2-inch diameter wooden dowel or stick that is 3 feet long. Register by emailing Wendy by **June 15**.

Pullorum Testing Cancelled

All Pullorum clinics are cancelled statewide due to the national shortage of Pullorum antigen for testing.

This does not apply to birds from out-of-state. Out-of-state poultry must be from a flock that participates in NPIP or must be tested for Pullorum-typhoid in order to attend New York fairs and shows.

New York is a Pullorum-typhoid free state. Pullorum-typhoid testing is still an important means for maintaining Pullorum-free poultry and it should be expected that testing will resume in the 2020 fair season.

Showmanship clinic

When: June 8

Where: CCE Oneida
121 Second St, Oriskany, NY 13424

Great for all levels of experience! Come meet other animal lovers! This clinic will cover basic animal care, fitting, and showmanship followed by a mock showmanship contest.

Animals will be available for use for the showmanship contests if you don't own one.

Poultry Showmanship Clinic: 9am-11am

Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Clinic: 1pm-3pm

Contact Casey Holbert at 315-736-3394 ext. 108 or cch244@cornell.edu if you have any questions.
Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PRCCLINC619_230

Junior Dairy Leader Program

If you know of youth in your area or region who has 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 youth/adults ages **16-19** years old. Must 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 also attend the National 4-H Dairy conference. The program ends the following August with a graduation ceremony and presentation. We will have 8 to 9 workshops in the program year.

Apply online at:
http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dairy/nys-junior-dairy-leader-application/ 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 Program

"Helping Young People Explore Post-Secondary Agricultural Education and Career Opportunities"

The Beginning DAIRY LEADER program gives high school participants the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in a networking environment through interaction with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development.

Program Cost: $100

Eligibility/Requirements

1. High school students entering at least their sophomore year. High school graduates are not eligible.
2. Have potential interest in dairy industry careers.
3. Have an interest in pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture.

Can reasonably commit to one Saturday program in November of current year and February, March, April, and June of the following year.

More information can be found at: https://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/youth/beginning-dairy-leader-program/

Apply online at:
http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dairy/nys-beginning-dairy-leader-application/ Applications are due to **Debbie Grusenmeyer** by **June 30**.

Farmers' Museum Jr. Livestock Show
Chobani Agricultural Leader Scholarships

Senior Scholarships:

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age **15-18**. It is designed to help advance a youth's path to becoming local farmers and encourage leadership skills, personal growth, and practical knowledge through further education, the purchase of new equipment or livestock, or other agricultural training opportunities.

All youth between the ages of 15-18 are encouraged to submit a **300-500 word essay** answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. Why is farming important to you, your family, and the community?
2. Do you think farmers have a role in protecting the environment? Explain why or why not.
3. As a member of the farming community, what would you do to ensure your worker's rights and well-being are protected?
4. Share your story! We would love to hear about your farm, what types of animals you care for, and learn who inspired you to be a farmer.

Junior Scholarships:

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age 8-14 as of January 1, 2019. This scholarship is designed to help youth grow as farmers, whether it is further education, a startup farm, purchasing a first animal or attending an agricultural camp.

All Jr. Livestock Show participants between the ages of 8-14 are encouraged to submit a **200-250 word essay** answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. What is your favorite part about farming?
2. Why is farming important?
3. Share your story! We'd love to learn more about when you started farming, what type of animals you have, who inspired you to be a farmer, etc. The sky is the limit!

Both junior and senior essays should be postmarked by **June 7** and mailed to Meg Preston at The Farmers' Museum, or emailed to m.preston@farmersmuseum.org.

The scholarship for 2 seniors (**$350**) and 2 juniors (**$150**) will be awarded on the final day of the Jr. Livestock Show as part of the Parade of Champions awards ceremony on **July, 9th**.

NYCAMH Presents:
2019 Farmsafe For Kidz Annual Poster Contest!

NYCAMH (The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health) is sponsoring the 28th Annual FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ Poster Contest!

The theme this year is **Animal Safety**!

Poster entries will be judged on Monday **July 8th**, at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown.

For more information, please contact NYCAMH at 1-800-343-7527**,** or your local 4-H Educator or print out a registration form at www.nycamh.org

Herkimer County 4-H Weaving Class
with Carolyn Conte

(Open for youth ages 8 and up) held **9:00 am – 11:30 am** at the Herkimer County 4-H Office (5657 State Route 5 Herkimer, NY), cost is **$5** per person. This class will be **Friday, July 12.** We will be learning to use 3 different types of simple looms. You will learn how to make your own simple woven mini-rug or pouch, a belt and how to use a shuttle. Please bring one yarn needle. Register by **July 1**. Call Wendy for more information.

Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show

The Farmers' Museum

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 the events are as follows:

Sunday, July 7
5 pm - Chicken barbecue
6:30 pm - Dairy Judging Contest and Livestock Showmanship 101
7:30 pm - Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 8
9:30 am - Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Goat Showmanship followed by breed classes, then market animals
5 pm - NYCAMH discussion on "**Animal Safety**".
6 pm - NYCAMH Farm Safe for Kids Poster/Slogan Contest Awards, Dairy Tent

Tuesday, July 9
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
--ALCOHAL AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE GROUNDS
--NO PUBLIC DOGS ARE ALLOWED EXCEPT FOR WORKING COMPANION AND SEEING EYE ANIMALS

4-H Day at Enchanted Forest Water Safari

Water Safari Enchanted Forest

When: Thursday, August 1

Admission tickets are **$28** per person. Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet with be **$38** ($31 for those 3-7 years of age).

Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, peppers & onions, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages. The lunch buffet will be served form 12:30 - 2 pm so come at the beginning, middle and end to 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 26**. 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

The Herkimer County Fair generously invites all 4-H members to come show the public what your 4-H story is all about. Whether it is showing animals, displaying exhibits in the youth building, making a project with the public, or a cooking demonstration; all are part of showcasing what 4-H is about. Now is the time to assist 4-H members in preparing for the Herkimer 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.

Fair time is fast approaching, so here are some dates to remember. Non-animal exhibits can be entered at the fair on **August 11 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 19 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 Exhibitor Entry card and Exhibitor Entry Statement.

The Exhibitor Entry Statement is a fillable pdf form, found here: https://nys4-h.org/evaluations 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.

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 & 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 and STATEMENT

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 19, by 11 am**, can go on to the State Fair.

Herkimer County Fair Theme Challenge

Don't forget, Time is running out to get started. We are challenging you to come up with a club exhibit for the youth building that best reflects the Herkimer County Fair "**Magic in the Air**" theme. Photos, posters, sculpture, quilt… use your imagination. If you can incorporate 4-H into your exhibit, even better. Prizes will be awarded to the most original and best interpretation of the theme.

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 13-18**. 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. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the Youth building by participating in interactive activities with the general public. Contact Wendy to reserve your time.

4-H Horse Show

The 2019 Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Horse Show is being held on Sunday, **June 23** at **9 am** at the Fonda Fairgrounds. This year's judge is Raymond Whelihan. Registrations are due to the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H office by Friday, **June 7**. Contact Kyle Yacobucci at 518-853-2135 or e-mail ky292@cornell if you have any questions.

4-H Horse Dayz

The Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Horse Program will be holding the 29th Annual 4-H Horse Dayz **July 8-11** at the Fonda Fairgrounds. This 3-day course will have three different riding divisions for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced, along with separate Cloverbud and Miniature Horse tracts. Registration is due to the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H office by Friday, **June 7**. For additional information regarding this event and to get a registration form, please contact Kyle Yacobucci: ky292@cornell.edu or 518-853-2135. **Please note: In order to ride or drive at a 4-H horse event within Fulton & Montgomery counties, 4-H youth must be evaluated on the specific horse they intend to use.**

2019 RFID Tag Update

Due to a higher than expected demand for the free 840 RFID tags that NYS Ag & Markets had available, they are sorry to announce that their supply is completely gone. They will no longer be able to fulfill orders for 840 RFID tags or applicators.

Please note that due to this and other concerns, the Department of Agriculture and Markets will be delaying the requirement for 840 RFID tags until the 2020 fair season. For the 2019 fair season, cattle and swine exhibitors for all New York county fairs and New York State Fair may use the same types of official ID as were accepted in 2018.

Acceptable tag types include:

- National Uniform Ear tagging System (NUES) tags or "21" metal tags
- Official Animal Identification Number tags - these may be visual only or RFID
- Breed association tags applied to livestock BEFORE March 11, 2015

Check out this link for more information. This rule will be in effect for the 2019 Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show. Be sure to check with your local fair for their specific rules on this issue.

https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Update%20No%20More%20840RFID%20Tags.pdf

NY State Fair Opportunities

Youth Leader activities
9 to 12 year olds

YOU ASKED FOR IT…YOU GOT IT! Counties have been asking for an opportunity for younger 4-Hers. This year 9 to 12 year olds can work in their county booths or in the Activity Zone, both under county supervision. A **$6/day premium** for 3 hours of coverage will be available.

Teen Leader Opportunities
13 – 19 years olds

There are many teen leadership opportunities that are available at State Fair, both in the Youth Building and throughout the animal barns. Teen leaders are needed in evaluations, poultry, cynology, GPS/GIS, fashion review, shooting sports, and sustainable energy. The youth building also has opportunities in the new Activity Zone. 4-H teens may also take advantage of working in our county booth with the public, on **August 21 – 25th**. This is a great way for teens to learn basic job skills, make new friends and take leadership role in 4-H. A **$12/day** premium for 6 hours of coverage will be available.

Junior Superintendents
16 – 19 years olds

These positions are designed for 4-Hers age 16 and over who wish to be involved in a much deeper State Fair leadership experience. **There are a limited number of spots and they fill very quickly!** Besides positions in the youth building, there are also opportunities in animal science. **First year Junior Superintendents are typically only be scheduled for 1 week.** A premium of **$40** per day will be paid to youth selected to be Junior Supers. 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. More specifics can be found in the handbook and the application procedures.

Early Deadlines for NY State Fair

The first entry deadline for the NY State Fair is **July 15**. All NYS 4-H Dog Photographers, Poets and Videographers, entries may be submitted without county level evaluations. 2019 entry procedures are now posted on this link, under Dogs. http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/

NY State Fair Group Action Booths

at the NY State Fair Youth Building

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Calling all 4-H members!!!

A group of three or more youth and one adult can earn a **premium of $20/day**, by showcasing a project or activity that your club has worked on this year, or help county personnel work with the public on a STEM activity. You can split the time up with several adults and youth from your club in 2 hour intervals with a total of 6 hours of coverage. Herkimer County is covering a booth in the youth building at the NY State Fair during the first rotation, **August 21 – 25**. Contact Wendy for details and to sign up.

****Back again this year**- Clubs that sign up to cover a 6 hour shift at the county booth can earn an additional **$50** for working at the State Fair. Only 5 days available for this opportunity, so please sign up soon.

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. 4-H members and volunteers will also be maintaining and weeding the 4 raised bed at the 4-H office 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.

Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy & Livestock Show & Sale

When: September 14, 2019

Where: Central NY Farm Progress Show

Mark your calendars for the 6th annual Livestock Show and Sale on **September 14th, 2019** at **2:30 pm**. The auction will take place at the Central New York Farm Progress Show. Enrolled youth must follow the Rules and Regulations established by the Mohawk Valley and Sale Committee. Expectations include record keeping and securing at least 2 buyers per animal sold.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Jenn.

4-H Earn-a-Calf

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. Winner will receive $500 towards the cost of a calf. Applications are due October 1.

4-H Agribusiness Career Conference

The 43rd annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference will be held on **October 17-18, 2019** at SUNY Cobleskill and local agri-businesses. The conference is co-sponsored by NYS 4-H, the NYS Farm Bureau, and the State University at Cobleskill.

This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It will feature mini-tours to farms and operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

Participants and chaperones will be staying at The Inn at Cobleskill. A participating fee of **$100** per youth (**$80** per chaperone) will include all overnight accommodations and meals.

Again this year, we are offering five scholarships for attendees. Please contact Jenn for the scholarship application or to let her know you are interested in participating in this trip.

4-H 2019 Graduates

Samuel Donahoe is the graduating Salutatorian from Mount Markham Central School. He has been a Milkshakers 4-H member for 13 years.

Samuel has been an active 4-H member, participating in Dairy, Beef, and Community Service projects. He has participated in the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, and the Mohawk Valley 4-H Show and Sale, where he won the Grand Champion Beef & top selling beef animal in 2018. He has also achieved the award for Outstanding and All Around 4-H'er.

Samuel has been very active in school as a member of the National Honor Society, CFES, Student Government (Class President/Vice President), Mini Mustangs Mentoring Program, French Club, Prom Committee, Candidate for Seal of Biliteracy (French), Student Athlete Conference, the Teen All-Star Class of 2019, and also played Varsity Soccer (Captain), Varsity Volleyball (Captain), Golf, a CSC All-Star, and the All Mohawk Valley All Star - Boys Volleyball. He has volunteered at the Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown. He is also part of the Brown Swiss Association.

Samuel plans to attend Cornell University in the fall and major in Biological Sciences for his future plans to become a neurosurgeon.

Sophia Simmons is graduating from Frankfort-Schuyler Central High School. She has been a Schuyler Aggies 4-H member for 12 years.

Sophia has been an active 4-H member, participating in the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, the Herkimer County Fair, and Public Presentation in various districts.

Sophia has been active in school as member of the National Honor Society, and played soccer, basketball, and track and field.

Sophia plans to attend nursing school at MVCC and strive to become a pediatric nurse RN.

Joshua Hester is graduating from Central Valley Academy. He has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 2 years.

Joshua has been an active 4-H member, participating in the Utica Zoo Garden and Love My Park: Herkimer Home. He has also been active working on vehicles

Joshua plans on working construction.

4-H 2019 Graduates

Michael Senkiv is graduating from West Canada Valley Central School. He has been an Occupational Hazards member for 2 years.

Michael has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Utica Zoo Garden, the Eat Smart Garden, and Public Presentation.

Michael has been active in school, participating in basketball, track & field, soccer. He has received the NYS School Board Award 2019. He has also be active in his church.

Megan Green is graduating from Richfield Springs. She has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 2 years.

Megan has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Part: Herkimer Home, Utica Zoon Garden, Public Presentation, and the Eat Smart Garden. She has also been active in drawing and painting.

Megan plans to look for different job opportunities and possibly a local college.

Kassandra Adams is graduating from Frankfort High School. She has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 2 years.

Kassandra has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Utica Zoo Garden, Public Presentation, and the Eat Smart Garden. She has also been active in babysitting, dog walking, and photography.

Kassandra plans to get a job at a daycare center.

Nicole Ziedner has finished school at Poland/Herkimer BOCES. She has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 2 years.

Nicole has been an active 4-H member, participating in fundraising, Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Public Presentation, Utica Zoo Garden, and the Eat Smart Garden.

Nicole plans on getting a job doing daycare.

Brittany Emery has finished school at Herkimer BOCES. She has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 4 years.

Brittany has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Public Presentation, Utica Zoo Garden, the Eat Smart Garden, touring a wind power facility, and fundraising TSC cloverbuds. She has also been active in gardening.

Brittney plans to work with career connections.

Krystal Goodsill has finished school at Richfield Springs/Herkimer BOCES. She has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 2 years.

Krystal has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Public Presentation, Utica Zoo Garden, and the Eat Smart Garden.

Krystal plans to go to college to be involved in wildlife animal rescue.

Christopher Keiner has finished school at Mt. Markham/Herkimer BOCES. He has been an Occupational Hazards 4-H member for 3 years.

Christopher has been an active 4-H member, participating in Love My Park: Herkimer Home, Public Presentations, Utica Zoo Garden, the Eat Smart Garden, selling cloverbuds at TSC, and touring a wind power facility. He has also been active in gardening.

Christopher plans on working for a construction company.

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

District 4-H Public Presentation

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the North Central District 4-H Public Presentations event. Making it to the District Event is not easy. Everyone earned a Blue, Red or White Ribbon. Juniors (8-12) **Aleksandra Zaitseva,** (blue) and **Gamliel Brackett**, (red); and Seniors (13-19) **Sophia Simmons**, (blue) **Caleb Hitchcock**, (blue) and **Hannah Carnright**, (blue). Out of 25 participants, Herkimer County 4-H member **Aleksandra Zaitseva** received a second place rosette in the Junior division.

STARR

Herkimer County 4-H sent seven youth to the State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) in Syracuse. STARR is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. When they first arrived they were split up into roundtable groups with kids from all over the state. There were 5 roundtable sessions throughout the weekend where youth had icebreakers, challenges and played games. Each youth also chose workshops to participate in. Some workshops that Herkimer youth participated in were reverse tie dye, Earth Art & Digital Storytelling, Body Image and Body Positivity, and DIY Scrumptious Salutations. The best part of the weekend was meeting new people and becoming good friends with some of them. They all had a great time at STARR 2019 and can't wait to go again next year.

Utica Garden Thank you

Herkimer County 4-H would like to thank the 4-H volunteers and 4-H members that came out on May 17 and May 19 to weed and plant the flowers and vegetables at the Utica Zoo. This year a fence and pallet gardens were added to the raised vegetable bed area. 4-H members and volunteers planted the raised beds with sunflowers, lettuce, kale, squash, peppers, beans, carrots, strawberries, cucumbers, borage and sweet potatoes.

Herkimer County 4-H will be providing volunteers to maintain these gardens for the summer months along with zoo staff, right up to the fall harvest. Many 4-H families and volunteers will be coming in weekly to weed and water the new garden beds. Zoo staff will be helping 4-H members harvest the garden produce throughout the summer month to feed to the many zoo animals.

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: **Green and Growing**, **Kuyahoora Kaprines**, **Occupational Hazards**, and **Independent members**.

Utica Garden Cont.

4-H Equine Extravaganza

Herkimer County 4- H members, enrolled in a Horse project, attended the 4-H Equine Extravaganza at SUNY Cobleskill on Sunday, April 28th. Attendees learned about grooming, leg wraps, and watched both English and western riding demonstrations.

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Herkimer County 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. Seven students from Town of Webb and Poland High School 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.

At the final session, the interns staged a simulated legislative mock meeting and provided presentations on current issues confronting county government. Topics discussed were alternative for salt use in winter, better internet for rural Herkimer County, and tobacco tax and ban in school zone. Youth thanked all of the participating Herkimer County Legislators for their visits and help in researching topics that made the program an engaging experience.

If you are a junior in high school, please consider participating in the great 4-H program during your senior year. Contact Wendy for more details.

Herkimer County 4-H Government Intern Albany Trip

Fourteen students from six Herkimer County school districts visited Albany, on April 2, 2019, 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 Town of Webb teacher, **Tim Leach,** Herkimer teacher, **Laura Scalise**, Central Valley Academy teacher, **Karen Guidi**, Cornell Cooperative Extension intern, **Charise Davis** and 4-H educator, **Wendy Richardson**.

The students had a tour of the Capitol, and visited with NY Assemblymen **Brian Miller** and **Robert Smullen**, and NY Senator **James Tedisco**. The group also visited the Court of Appeals, and Corning Tower.

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Club News

The **Green and Growing 4-H Club** met in April to talk about the bake sale proceeds used to fund the foster bag project and discussed sponsoring kids for Christmas next year. Then the 4-H members worked on making clovers out of paper and ribbon for the Herkimer County fair.

Green and Growing had crochet lessons and make a maraca craft (in honor of upcoming Cinco de Mayo), at the May 4-H meeting.

The **Milkshakers 4-H Club** met on March 16th at the Teachout's. The 4-H members discussed a donation to The Root Farm. The club will be visiting there in May to present the donation, and will be given a tour of the facilities. Club members planned upcoming meetings including visiting a maple syrup making location and end of the year picnic in June. 4-H club members then participated in the Hoards Dairyman Judging Contest, and started their Fair project for this year incorporating the fair theme into the project.

The **Milkshakers 4-H Club** met on April 6th at the Teachout's, to hold a meeting and then finished 4-H club project to display at the Herkimer County Fair this year. The **Milkshakers 4-H Club** also visited a local family's brand new Maple Syrup farm. 4-H members were given a tour of the facility and sampled some of their delicious syrup.

Pictured from left to right: **Sam Donahoe**, **Seth Donahoe**, **Nathen Teachout**, **Ashley Teachout** and **Natalie Teachout**

Independent 4-H members from the **Hawkes and Dyn** family did not hold a meeting in March or April.

Club News Cont.

The **All Seasons 4-H Club** held club meetings in March and April to make cards for senior citizens, as part of their community service project. At the April meeting club members also baked apple cinnamon muffins.

The **Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in March.

In April, the **Barnyard Buddies** 4-H members assisted with a chicken and biscuit dinner put on by members of the West Winfield Federated Church. The 4-Hers helped in clearing and resetting the tables and with other jobs as needed. No official meeting was held for the month.

The **Occupational Hazards 4-H Club** sold cloverbuds at the Tractor Supply store in Herkimer. Overall the store sold 1,922 cloverbuds. Our 4-H club sold $477.58.

The Herkimer store was number one in the district and number two in the region.

Jonah's 4-H Report

For the **All Seasons 4-H Club** March meeting, we did a community service project to make cards for senior citizens. The cards were for spring, and we brought or mailed them to the local seniors. The cards had pictures of Alaska and drawings of flowers and things like that.

Reporter,

Jonah Hitchcock

Animal Health Requirements for County & State Fairs

- The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987. Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.

For complete animal health requirements, go to https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/Fair_Health_Requirements.pdf

Thank you Slocum-Dickson Foundation

The Herkimer County 4-H Program is very pleased to announce that they are a recipient of a grant from the Slocum-Dickson Foundation. The grant money will be used to offer a ***Youth Mental Health First Aid*** workshop in October. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. A huge thank you to the Slocum-Dickson Foundation for supporting our programming. Watch future 4-H Facts and your email for more information on this upcoming workshop.

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