

Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County

Program Highlights January ~ February ~ March 2019

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Thirteen youth from Herkimer and surrounding counties participated in the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Program that highlights farm safety.



During the three-day program, youth fourteen and older earned their certificate to legally operate tractors and machinery while off the family farm.

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4-H youth and adult volunteers made self-watering container tote gardens that will be exhibited at the Herkimer County Fair this summer.

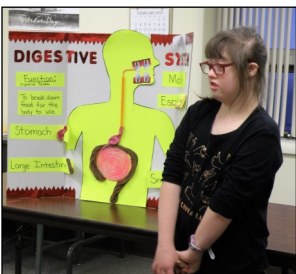


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In celebration of National AG Literacy Week, 4-H volunteers read the book *"On the Farm, At the Market"* by G. Brian Karas to 2nd grade students throughout Herkimer County reaching over 570 students.

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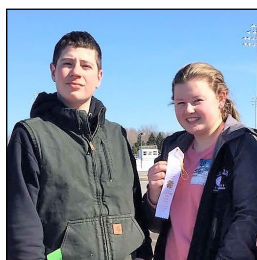
Forty-eight 4-H youth participated in Public Presentations, with six going to the district competition.



By participating in this event, 4-H youth improve their public speaking skills while developing self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge, which will be useful in their future social, educational and career pursuits.

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Herkimer County had four 4-H'ers do an outstanding job at the 4-H North Central District Dairy Quiz Bowl. Brogan Graves and Natalie Fredericks qualified to represent the District at the NYS Dairy Quiz contest in April.



The Spring Government Intern Program students explored current issues confronting county government and learned more about the functions of the committee system. This semester's resolution topics included "Alternative for Salt Use in Winter," "Better Internet for Rural Herkimer County," and "Tobacco Tax and Ban in School Zones."

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Over 525 area farmers took part in workshops and meetings offered by the Central New York Dairy and Field Crops Team this quarter including: "Field Crop Pest Management"; "2019 Corn Day;" "2019 Dairy Day;" "Dairy Alternatives;" "Succession Planning;" "Vaccinating Ruminants;" "FAMACHA Training;" "Preventing Johne's;" "Determining Rental Rates;" "Forage Quality Conference;" "Soybean Management;" and "Livestock Techniques."

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EFNEP staff worked with over 50 Herkimer County Healthy Families Program parents, children, and staff, sharing a healthy lunch as part of EFNEP recruitment at a special family event held at the Children's Museum.

