

Bernard Peplinski, Sr. was recognized for eighteen years of dedicated service on the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Herkimer County Board of Directors representing the Herkimer County Legislature. A plaque was presented by Steven Entwistle, Sr., CCE Board of Directors President.



A panel presentation on industrial hemp was hosted by Herkimer County IDA at Herkimer College with assistance of CCE of Herkimer County reaching over 100 people.

Forty-seven 4-H members received "Certificates of Year End Completion;" thirty received "All Around 4-H'er Award;" forty-four received "Outstanding 4-H'er Awards" and seventy-three 4-H leader volunteers were awarded certificates at the annual 4-H Member & Volunteer Recognition Event.



Eleven students from four Herkimer County school districts participated in the 4-H Government Intern Program 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. This year's topics at the simulated meeting on the final day included opening a homeless shelter, raising the speed limit on Route 5S, opening a youth center and repurposing the former Charlestown Mall building.



The CNYDFC team hosted several meetings in the fall: "Salmonella Dublin Meeting," "Calving & Neonatal Calf Care Training," "Blueprint for Change-Navigating Dairy Decision Making," "Feed Dealer Seminar," "Succession Planning for Farm Businesses Kickoff," and "Determining Rental Rates on the Farm." Over 210 farmers benefitted from these educational opportunities.



The 2018 National 4-H Week theme was "Inspire Kids to Do". Clubs set up displays around Herkimer County.

As part of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) during 2018, 118 families representing 473 family members participated in 6-8 session series nutrition education programs held at Employment Readiness Training at Working Solutions, Literacy Zone



through Herkimer BOCES, Valley Commons through Arc Herkimer, Herkimer CareNet, area libraries, and family homes. 95% of families improved in at least one nutrition behavior (i.e. planning meals, making healthy food choices, comparing prices, etc.).