

Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County

Program Highlights January ~ February ~ March 2020

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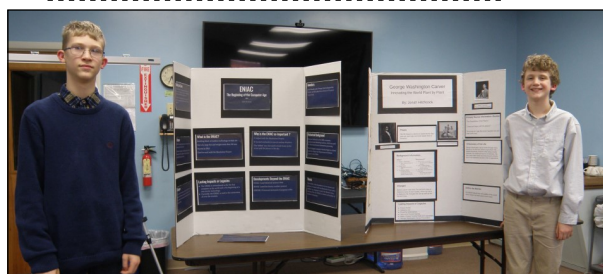
A workshop for landowners, Will it Work on My Land: Solar Energy and the Future of Farming in the Mohawk Valley, was held with over 100 participants in

attendance. Sponsored by CCE Herkimer County, Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Otsego County Conservation Association and Herkimer College, it brought together experts in the fields of land use, economics, legal concerns and solar grazing to present the latest

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



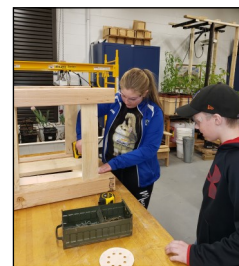
During the three-day program, youth fourteen and older earned their certificate to legally operate tractors and machinery while off the family farm.



Forty-five 4-H youth participated in Public Presentations, with six chosen to go 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.



Herkimer County 4-H partnered with Mt. Markham FFA to create planter boxes to be used at the Herkimer County Fair as part of a community service project to help beautify the fairgrounds.



Herkimer County 4-H staff kicked off their work with Ag in the Classroom with a Soil Painting workshop with the 5th grades at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary. The workshop will help pull together projects they are working on to incorporate all of their core subjects with art and music.

Approximately 500 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"; "2020 Corn Day;" "2020 Dairy Day;" "Sheep and Goat Nutrition 101;" "Dairy Forage Options for Marginally Drained Land;" "QuickBooks for Farmers and Growers;" "Crop Risk Management Series;" "Meat Marketing;" and "Livestock Techniques."



Local Expanded Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP) staff are participating in a special Facebook Live Pilot Project with Clinton County EFNEP. Ten local families were enrolled in the first group for the 7-session "Eating Smart Being Active" curriculum. Weekly Facebook Live sessions included follow-up physical activity and healthy recipe videos. The pilot has provided important confirmation of the positive results achieved through this program delivery method. Comment from one participant: "Facebook Live made it easier for me to participate and watch with my family".

