

Steven Entwistle, Sr. was recognized for six years of service to the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Board of Directors as Board President for four years and he co-chaired the search committee for the new Executive Director this past year.



Thirty-six 4-H members received "Certificates of Year End Completion;" twenty-seven received "All Around 4-H'er Award;" fourteen 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.



Garet Livermore, Executive Director of CCE Herkimer County worked with the team creating the new Farmland Protection Plan. The team included county staff, farmers and legislators who are working together to craft a new plan that will support farmers and farming in the county. Livermore authored the first draft of the plan's vision statement and is working with Cornell colleagues around the state to research funding opportunities to support the initiative.

The Central NY Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops team hosted fourteen meetings in the fall including: "BQA Training," "Sexual Harassment: Train the Trainer," "Should the Beef Industry be Concerned About Johnes," "Feed Dealer Seminar," "Sheep & Goat Nutrition 101," "Cow Comfort Program," "Questions About the New NYS Farm Labor Laws," and the "CNY Feeder Calf Sale." Over 120 farmers attended.



Six students from two 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. This year's topics at the simulated legislative meeting included boosting vacant properties with better curb appeal, social media for small business and local community event advertising, and more education to link local jobs to students as they leave high school and college to re-establish in their home communities.



In November, CCE Herkimer County was named a Regional Navigator by the

American Farmland Trust of New York in Saratoga Springs. Regional Navigators are organizations that help young and beginning farmers research farm purchase and lease opportunities to encourage local agriculture. CCE Herkimer is working closely with the extension offices of neighboring counties to expand the impact of this program.



The 2019 National 4-H Week theme was "Inspire Kids to Do". Clubs set up displays around Herkimer County.

EFNEP staff continued work at Benton Hall Academy with Grade 5 students (77 students) through "Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness" 6-session series. This partnership started in 2016 and has become an annual outreach effort for CCE reaching 391 students since it began. The teachers shared: "The most valuable part is watching the students check labels and come back and tell us they are trying to make healthier choices." "My students became more aware of what they were eating."

