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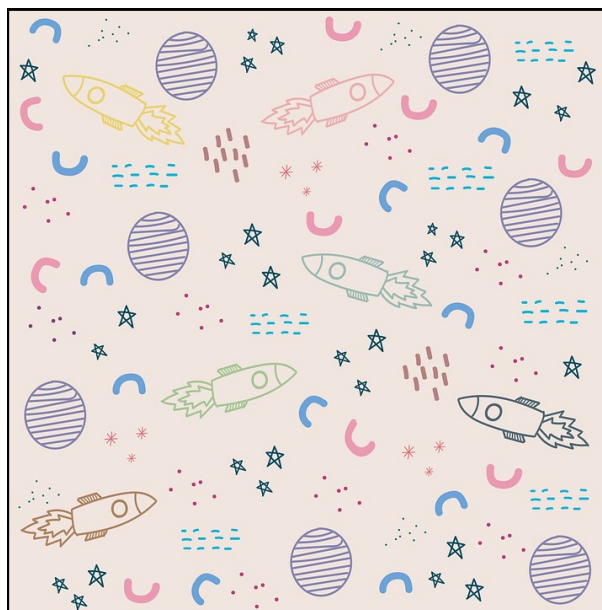
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

APRIL - MAY 2021

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

April	
2	Good Friday (<i>CCE Office Open</i>)
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
6	Registrations due for STARR
14	Virtual Animal Clinic: Swine
15	Utica Zoo Garden T-Shirt order due to 4-H office
20	District Horse Communications (CCE Oneida County)
26	Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Posters due to 4-H Office
28	Virtual / In Person Animal Clinic: Dairy Cattle
28	Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Starts
May	
1	STARR - 4-H office
1	Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic (CCE Oneida County)
1	Registrations due for Stomp Rocket Launcher & 4-H Clover String Art workshops
1	Applications due for Alicia Kennedy 4-H Memorial Scholarship & Bruce Field Ag Award
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
10	Rocket Launcher & String Art kits available for pick up
10	Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Ends
12	Virtual Animal Clinic: Goat
15	District Public Presentations (CCE Oneida County)
16	Utica Zoo Work Day
22	Rocket Launcher virtual workshop
22	4-H Clover String Art virtual workshop
26	Virtual / In Person Animal Clinic: Sheep

June	
1	Due to the 4-H office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-owned project animal lease agreements • Non-ownership (lease) paper for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing • Hog and Lamb animal ID forms for the 4-H Livestock Auction
5	4-H Clover Painting - Beaversprite
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
9	Virtual / In Person Animal Clinic: Beef
12	Poultry Showmanship Clinic (CCE Oneida County)
30	Beginning & Junior Dairy Leader Program applications due
July	
4	Independence Day
5	Independence Day observed (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Jonah Hitchcock**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; **Sasha Zaitseva**, of the Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Hannah Carrright** of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, Independent member for turning in their January 4-H club secretary report by February 5.

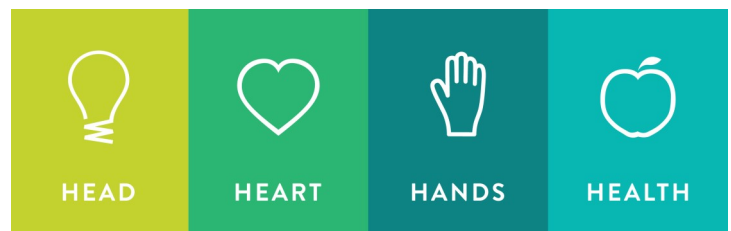
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Parents, Leaders, 4-H Members: Is there something you want to learn about or how to do? If so then call Wendy or Jenn at 315-866-7920. We might be able to do a workshop on the subject!

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Want to be directly connected to 4-H emails, newsletters, and updates? If so, submit your current email address to wlr45@cornell.edu. Emails submitted will only be used for 4-H correspondence and will not be shared with any other source.



LIVESTOCK FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLINICS

We will be starting back up with our Regional Virtual (and some in-person) Livestock Showmanship series being held on **Wednesdays** starting **April 14** at **6:30pm**.

April 14 – Swine

April 28 – Dairy Cattle (virtual and in-person. In person is limited to 10 participants, first come first served. You must register as “in-person” to confirm your in person spot. Clinic to be held at ZiemBarbWay Farm in Durhamville).

May 12 – Goat

May 26 – Sheep (virtual and in-person. In person is limited to 10 participants, first come first served. You must register as “in-person” to confirm your in person spot. Clinic to be held at Ridgeway Farms in Canastota)

June 9 – Beef Cattle (virtual and in-person. In person is limited to 10 participants, first come first served. You must register as “in-person” to confirm your in person spot. Clinic to be held at Hardy Family Farm in Mohawk)

You can register for any or all of the clinics here: <http://bit.ly/4-HLivestockShow>

VIRTUAL HORSE BOWL PRESENTATIONS

Virtual Horse is continuing so it is not too late to join us, all are welcome! Upcoming topics to be covered include Judging on **April 6** and Driving on **April 21**. Register here to receive the link <http://bit.ly/4-HHorseBowl>

2021 TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

April 28 – May 10



MAKE A POSTER!

We are asking all clubs and/or families to make a 4-H poster about your club, 4-H projects, or showing what 4-H means to you for display at the Herkimer Tractor Supply during the spring Paper Clover Campaign. Posters need to be dropped off at the 4-H office by **Monday, April 26**. Let's support 4-H programming, locally by helping to promote this annual fundraiser.

CREATE #OPPORTUNITY4ALL WITH JOANN



JOANN and 4-H are once again teaming up to help ensure every kid has an equal opportunity to succeed by bringing 4-H to more kids nationwide. Visit any JOANN store now through **April 30** to participate or donate online at <http://bit.ly/4-HJoannGive> and click on the donate button.

ALICIA KENNEDY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Alicia Kennedy, a longtime Herkimer County 4-H member, the purpose of this award is to help graduating seniors who have been active in the Herkimer County 4-H Program. The fund is administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 4-H Youth Development Program.

The selection committee made up of 2-3 “non” 4-H leaders and will be appointed annually by the Herkimer County 4-H Educator.

Eligible applicants are seniors in high school, active members of the Herkimer County 4-H Program who will be graduating in the academic year of the award.

Please call the 4-H office for an application or go to <http://bit.ly/4-HScholarship>. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by **May 1**.

BRUCE FIELD AGRICULTURE AWARD

In recognition of his untiring efforts in the service of agriculture in Herkimer County, the Central New York Farm Progress Show, Inc. has set up this annual Bruce Field Agriculture Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize students from the farming community who have done outstanding work; and to encourage their careers in agriculture.

One award of \$300 is offered annually to a male student; and one award of \$300 is offered annually to a female student.

Eligible applicants need to be seniors in a high school in Herkimer County or Herkimer County residents who are high school seniors attending a school outside Herkimer County. They need to be graduating in the academic year of the award.

You can find the application on our website www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer. Go to Youth Scholarship Opportunities. You can also call the 4-H office or contact your High School Guidance Counselor for a copy.

Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by **May 1**.



Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Clinic

Open to ALL youth!



DATE: Sat, May 1st 2021

TIME: 10am

LOCATION: CCE ONEIDA

121 Second St Oriskany, NY 13424

Come learn about the basic care of owning a Rabbit or Guinea Pig, the different breeds and how to show one.

Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/RCClinic2021_230

Any Questions contact Casey at

E: cch244@cornell.edu

P: (315)736-3394 Ext. 108



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Go to <http://bit.ly/RabbitShowmanship> to register or scan the QR Code above.

STARR 2021

Be the STARR of Your Own Movie

When: May 1
9am - 3:15pm

Where: Virtual with viewing party
at CCE Herkimer County

Calling all 4-H teens! Grab a friend and come hang out with us at the 4-H office for STARR 2021.

Herkimer County 4-H is going to host a viewing party in compliance with state and local Covid-19 Health guidelines here at our office for only **6** participants (lunch included). Youth must be 13-19 years old as of January 1, 2021 to participate. Time: 9AM-3:15PM, with a 45-minute lunch break to stretch your legs. If you are interested, please fill contact Wendy at the 4-H office The registration fee is **\$40**. First come paid registration saves your spot, so don't delay. Each participant will receive a 2021 STARR T-shirt, mug, fidget items, and a chance to win some prizes!

NOTICE: Due to shipping & sourcing challenges imposed by covid-19, in order to receive the swag package shipment before the event **MUST** complete registration by **April 6**.

STARR is a teen retreat that focuses on leadership and team building, and while that's super important, STARR is a lot more than that too! STARR is a really exciting event. So, if you're interested, please register. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Wendy Richardson.



STOMP ROCKET LAUNCHER WORKSHOP

We are offering a Stomp Rocket workshop virtually on **May 22** at **9 am**. We will be walking through the steps to build your own stomp rocket from a kit you can purchase at the 4-H office. Kits with supplies will be **\$5**. There is a limited supply, so get yours early. Registrations are due by **May 1**. Kits will be available to pick up by **May 10**.

We will be having a rocket launching at the Beaversprite Nature Center on **June 5** during the clover painting activity. All are welcome to bring their rocket launchers made at this workshop to this event to test yours against other 4-H members.



4-H CLOVER STRING ART WORKSHOP

May 22, 2021 at 10 am– 12 pm

We are offering a virtual string art workshop to make a 4-H clover fair ribbon holder. Youth will be shown how to assemble the board and nails and learn to weave the string to make the white Hs and the green clover. All supplies can be picked up ahead of the workshop at the 4-H office for **\$10**. There are a limited number of kits so register early. Registration is due by **May 1**. Kits will be ready for pick up by **May 10**.



UTICA ZOO GARDEN PROJECT

Come plant the raised beds at the Utica Zoo on Sunday **May 16, 2021**. Herkimer County 4-H is continuing to work 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.

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. We are looking at ordering Zoo Volunteer t-shirts earlier this year to make sure they are in before our clean up and planting day. If your family will need new garden volunteer t-shirts, please register each person who will be helping online by **April 15**.

Please give us your name and shirt size; let us know whether you will attend the zoo work day on Sunday, **May 16**, and what week, (if you know your summer plans already), that you are available to cover the care of the garden.

To register please call 315-866-7920 or register online at <http://bit.ly/UZGarden> or scan the QR code on your mobile device to be taken directly to the registration landing page. (To scan the QR Code, open your Camera app and point it steady for 2-3 seconds at the QR Code. A notification should appear. If nothing happens, you may have to go to your app settings and enable QR Code scanning or download a third-party QR Code reader app.) Call us if you need help!

For more information, please contact Wendy at 315-866-7920 or wlr45@cornell.edu.



potatoes 25 plants	radishes 4 plants	Garden Plan Worksheet	
swt potatoes 50 plants	Watermelon 2 plants	A: A: . . .	Raspberries
tomatoes 5 plants	Cucumbers 6 plants	E: F: G: H: I: J: K: L: M: N: O: P: Q: R: S: T: U: V: W: X: Y: Z: . . .	
peas 120 plants	broccoli 3-5 plants		
green beans 15 plants	Cabbage 2-3 plants		
Carrots 100 seeds	summer squash 1 plant		
Zucchini 5 plants	spaghetti squash 5 plants		
pumpkins 5 plants	swt Corn 1/2 lbs seed		
Onions 15 plants	peppers 3-5 plants		
beets 36 plants	Cantaloupe 2 plants		
Corn 6 plants			
Kale 4 plants			

MEMO

A potatoes ✓ 10 H pumpkin ✓ 5 O spinach

B green beans ✓ I swt potatoes ✓ 10 P broccoli

C Cucumbers ✓ J radishes ✓ 4 Q Cabbage

2021 4-H CAREER EXPLORATIONS REIMAGINED

This year's 4-H Career Explorations will be a virtual learning experience. Our 4-H Career Explorations Planning Team and Cornell partners are working together in new ways to create a new opportunity for youth across New York State. In the almost 100-year history of Career Explorations, the program has evolved to meet the changing times. So while we don't know exactly what the event will look like this year yet, we can be sure it will continue to engage youth in exploring new future pathways and expanding possibilities. We'll share more details as plans are developed. Please contact Wendy if you have questions or want to be involved. Thank you!

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY & STATE FAIRS

For a complete list of animal health requirements for fairs, go to <http://bit.ly/2021AnimalHealth>

PAINT SOME 4-H CLOVERS!

When: June 5
9am - 12pm

Where: Beaversprite Nature Center

Cost: FREE

This is a community service project open to 4-H Youth 8 years old and older. Come paint wooden 4-H clovers that will be attached to the wooden planter boxes made last year. We will also be having some fun launching stomp rockets while we wait for the paint to dry.

The completed boxes were made for the Herkimer County fair, to highlight 4-H awareness and beautify our county fair. Boxes made will be used by 4-H at the Herkimer County Fair each year. Wear paint clothes and bring paint cloths and gloves.

FARMERS MUSEUM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

We are still waiting on word from the Farmers' Museum as to whether or not there will be a show this year. If we are allowed, it will definitely look different from previous years. Shows will only be one day and there will be no staying overnight. As soon as we hear something, we will pass the news on to you.



JUNE 1 REMINDERS

- Non-owned project animal lease agreements are due to the 4-H office.
- Non-ownership (lease) paper to the 4-H Office for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing.
- Hog and Lamb animal ID forms for the 4-H Livestock Auction due to the 4-H Office



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.
4. 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://bit.ly/3tSSvx3> and the website will be updated by the end of April to take applications. Applications are due to Debbie Grusenmeyer by **June 30**. Contact her at 607-255-0656 for more information.

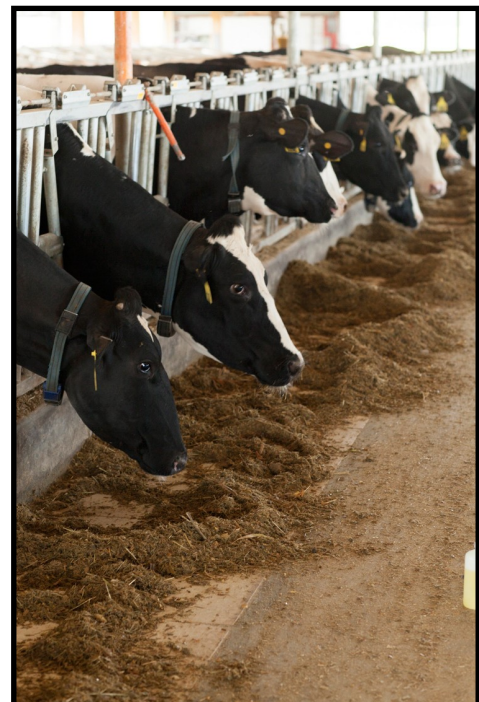


JUNIOR DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM

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.

The website will be up by the end of April to take applications. 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.



Poultry Showmanship Clinic

Open to ALL youth!



DATE: Sat, June 12th 2021

TIME: 9am – 11am

LOCATION: CCE ONEIDA

121 Second St Oriskany, NY 13424

Come learn all about Chickens!

Topics: Different Breeds, Basic Care, Knowledge, Show Prep and Showmanship



Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PC2021_230

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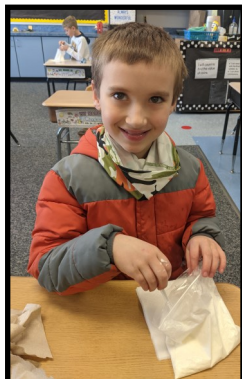
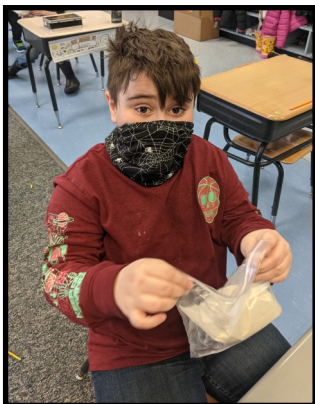
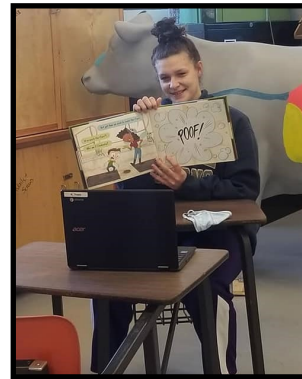
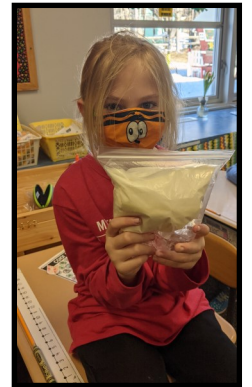
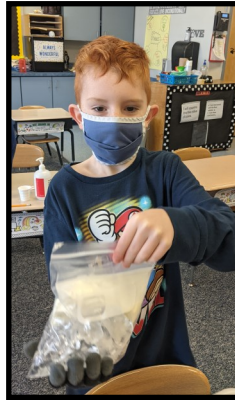
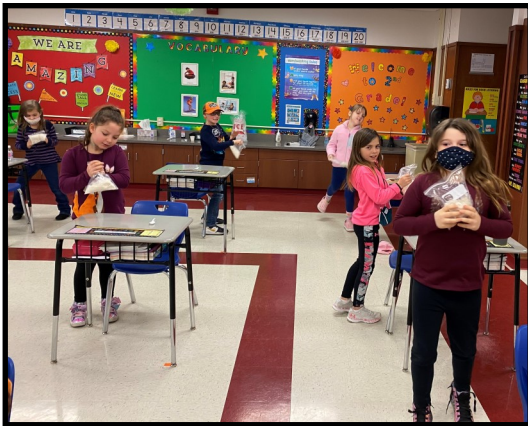
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AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK

That's a wrap! 2021 Ag Literacy Week, while not ideal, was a huge success across our second grade classrooms in Herkimer County. The virtual platforms worked and most importantly the students got to make and eat their own ice cream! Thank you to all of the schools that participated: Dolgeville, Benton Hall, Central Valley Academy, West Canada Valley, Frankfort-Schuyler, Mount Markham, and Town of Webb.



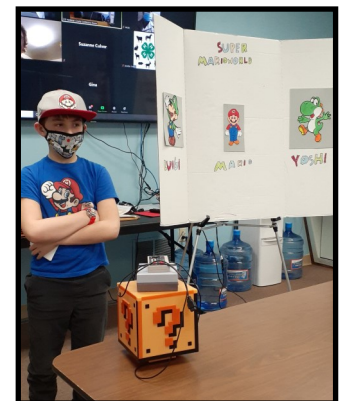
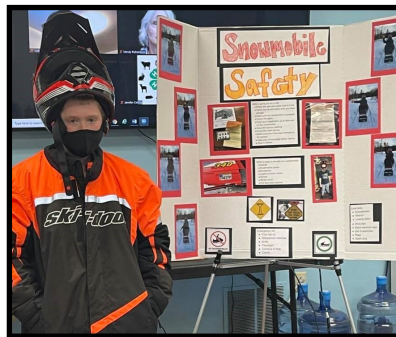
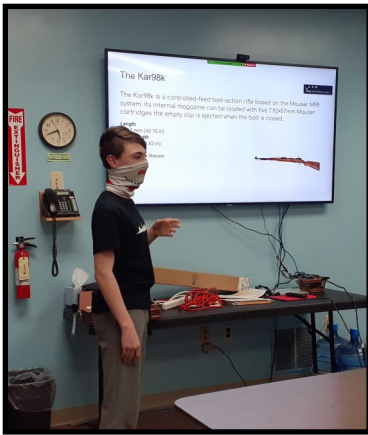
HERKIMER COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Occupational Hazards 4-H club held a Public Presentation event on February 11, at the Herkimer BOCES. Sixteen students participated in demonstrations and illustrated talks in front of fellow students and staff both in person and virtually. The event ended with the awarding of certificates.

On February 24 and 25, Herkimer County 4-H members participated in 4-H Public Presentations, held at CCE of Herkimer. Twenty-one 4-H youths, from all over Herkimer County took turns giving illustrated talks, and demonstrations in front of judges who evaluated their presentation skills.

Special thanks go out to our volunteers for taking the time to evaluate and work with our youth. The evaluators and volunteers were **Suzanne Culver, Amanda Norton, Judith Pasick, Kristy Downes, and Donna Salamone.**

Congratulations to all of the Herkimer County 4-H youth who participated! Great job! Chosen to go on to District 4-H Public Presentations, on May 15 at CCE Oneida County, are Juniors (8-12) **Jacob Hitchcock, Gwendalyn McCutcheon, and Aleksandra Zaitseva;** and Seniors (13-19) **Jonah Hitchcock, Caleb Hitchcock, and Hailey Carnright.**



TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION

On February 16-18, 12 youth and adults from Herkimer and surrounding counties participated in the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Program held in Clinton and sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, Clinton Tractor and Implement Company and the Workforce Development Institute.

4-H Youth Development provides Tractor and Machinery Certification for youth 14 years and older. This certification allows 14 and 15 year olds to legally operate tractors and machinery while off the family farm. Farm safety awareness is a major focus.

Class instructors included **Bernie Kennett & Eric Heath**, NYS Troopers; **Christina Day**, New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health (NYCAMH); **Jason Taylor**, Clinton Tractor; **Erik Merrill**, paramedic; **Roger Neff**, Bureau of Fire Prevention; **Emily Mandresh**, 811 Call Before You Dig, and **Dave Schieferstine**, 4-H volunteer.



CLUB NEWS

The **All Seasons 4-H club** met in January. 4-H members talked about Public Presentations and all members practiced their presentation. The club discussed future activities and projects, and planned a March sledding event. In February, the 4-H members practices and presented their Public Presentations.



The **Green and Growing 4-H club** discussed different Public Presentation topics at their January meeting. 4-H members talked about how their loom projects are going. The club is planning an engineering challenge to build a bridge, over the course of two months, out of recycled materials. The bridge that can hold the most weight at their April meeting wins! In February the 4-H members went over the rules for the bridge building contest and practiced their Public Presentation.



The **Hawkes Dyn 4-H family** did not hold a meeting in January or February.



The **Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in January. Club members prepared their Public Presentations. They did not hold a meeting in February. 4-H members **Hailey** and **Hannah** went to Tractor Safety Certification as well as Public Presentations. Lots of baby goats are being born on the **Carnright** and **Humphreville** farms.

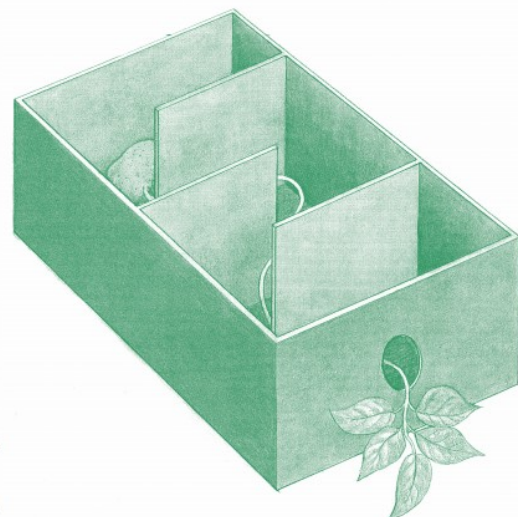


MAKE A POTATO MAZE

1. Make a small hole in a short side of a long cardboard box
2. With an adult's help, cut out several pieces of cardboard and stick them inside the box to make a maze like the one in the picture below
3. Put a sprouting potato at the end of the box opposite the hole and place the lid on the box
4. Leave the box in a light place so that light can easily get into the box through the hole in the end
5. After a few days, take the lid off the box. Has your potato found the pathway through the "maze" to reach the light?

What happens: The potato sense the light and grows toward it, even though it has to find its way through a maze first. Does your potato shoot eventually grow out of the hole in the side of the box?

To go deeper, find the full curriculum at Shop4-H.org/AfterschoolAg



SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook at Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County, and request to join the private group 'Herkimer County 4-H' for events that might not make it into the 4-H FACTS.

Follow us on Instagram at Herkimer4h to see the latest photos about what members are doing in 4-H!

Get text updates from educators about program changes and to stay in touch through the REMIND app: text @herkimerco to 81010.

Please call the office if you have any questions or e-mail Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu or Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu.

For 4-H projects, visit <http://bit.ly/YouthProjects>



KEEPING YOU UPDATED

In light of COVID-19 we are doing our best to keep you updated on everything in the world of 4-H. Please know that events listed in the newsletter may change at any time and we will keep you all up to date via email and Facebook on any changes that do occur. We are doing our best to offer virtual programming and welcome any suggestions for programming you would like to see. Virtual programs can be found on our Facebook page, our web site and via email. Zoom will be the platform we use for virtual programming and registration will be required to ensure the safety and privacy of those participating. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn and Wendy at 315-866-7920, or email Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu or Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu.

4-H INFO

The 4-H FACTS is available in color with clickable links online at <http://bit.ly/4-HFacts>



The 4-H office will be changing to their summer hours: 8 am - 4 pm, starting Memorial Day, May 31, to Labor Day, Sept. 6.

MYSTERY FRUIT & VEGGIE TASTE TEST

1. Gather your family together
2. Place a variety of fruits or vegetables on a table
3. Blindfold one person and choose another person to be the leader of the first taste test round
4. Have one person cut a small piece of the fruit or vegetable for the blindfolded person to try (make sure to check if they have food allergies)
5. Ask the blindfolded person to guess what type of healthy food they taste! If they guess correctly, they earn one point.
6. Repeat with each person in the group for as many rounds you'd like. The person with the most points wins!



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