Bryan Maread Mahoney at 2013 Produce in New York.
February 20, 2013

Dear Cayuga County 4-H Families and Friends:

I will start by reminding everyone that the deadline for new members to enroll and be able to participate in Youth Fair Events is April 1st. If you know anyone who is interested in joining 4-H, please help them to get enrolled by that time.

As I write this message to you, I am reminded of just how much 4-H is, and can be to our young people. Even in the winter months, amid the snowflakes, youth are taking workshops, practicing for Quiz Bowl events, preparing their public presentations, and working on their projects, thinking forward to the summer season of 2013.

We need to remember what a 4-H Project is, and why projects are important. 4-H Projects in any area are reflective of at least 6 hours of effort. These efforts include: research, acquiring supplies, educational experiences and actual completion of the project. Projects and experiences are where much of the learning and positive youth development happens. The many outlets throughout the year, along with fairs, allow youth to share with others what they have learned and how much fun they had. By sharing, others can learn about why youth are so excited about 4-H, what they are getting out of 4-H, and why 4-H is so beneficial to young people.

Today’s hard work will be evident at county and district events, fair, and through the creativity of our young people, who can use their experiences to lead in their communities, county, state and country. When I think of this outcome, I realize just how important 4-H is to have a community of young people with the mentoring of caring adults, becoming equipped to be the best and the brightest now, and in the future.

I would like to thank the volunteers, leaders, parents, and other adults who make 4-H fun for our youth. These volunteers and adults are excited about their areas of expertise and unselfishly share their time and talents.

Sincerely,

Melissa Watkins
4-H Program Educator
Horse Extravaganza Event 2013 -
will be held on Saturday March 2nd at Midlakes Schools in Phelps, NY. Horse Extravaganza is the regional event that features Horse Bowl and Hippology competitions for youth in the nine county region. Registrations were due to Melissa by Wednesday Feb.13th – please contact her to make sure you are registered.

Dairy Bowl 2013 -
The 2013 District Dairy Bowl Competition will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at Midlakes Schools in Phelps. Dairy Bowl is a quiz-bowl competition based on knowledge of dairy cattle and the dairy industry. Registration was due by February 13th, any questions, please contact Melissa.

Public Presentations 2013 -
The Cayuga County 4-H Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at the Auburn United Methodist Church, 99 South St. Please plan to arrive by 8:30 A.M. to register, classes start at 9:00 A.M. Presenters must be pre-registered using the on-line link. Feb.1st was the deadline – If you haven’t registered to participate in this program, but would like to – please call the office, 315-255-1183 IMMEDIATELY! Presentations are a wonderful way for 4-H youth to share a topic that they are interested in, and grow their presentation skills. If you would like to learn more about presentations and opportunities to present, please contact Melissa.

4-H Expo 2013 -
March 9th at Midlakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area) If you are a 4-H member, Cloverbud, teen leader or adult leader who wants to learn about projects and activities you can do in 4-H in a fun, hands on atmosphere, then expo is for you! There are workshops to help you explore many of the project areas 4-H has to offer. Registration is closed. Class confirmations and times will be sent to participants after February 15th.

STARR 2013 -
The State Teen Action Rep. retreat is coming soon. STARR will be held at the New York State Fairgrounds on April 12-14, 2013 at a cost of $75 per person. This awesome event is available for teens, and is the only event that focuses on teen leadership skills. Teens get to participate in cool workshops, make new friends, and come out with some great skills. The weekend includes a two-night stay at the NYS Fairgrounds, workshops, activities, a dress-up dinner and dance (or alternative), and packed with teen-centered 4-H fun! More information will be coming soon, please contact Melissa with questions about STARR.
Spring Fling -
Will be held on Friday, April 19th, at the United Methodist Church 99 South St. in Auburn from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. for Cloverbuds and 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. for Jr. and Sr. members. The cost is $2.00 each for registration, plus the cost of the individual workshops, and is due by the Monday before, April 15th. (Monday, April 8th).

Please Mail all registrations with $2.00 to: CCE Cayuga County
Attn: Peggy Lillie
248 Grant Ave. Auburn, NY 13021

A flyer will be sent to all 4-H members next month detailing the available workshops. We will be offering some fun craft projects exclusively for Cloverbuds that will include: a sand art craft, a 4-H bead bracelet, a duck tape project, a clothespin picture or recipe holder, making lip gloss and making a healthy snack. The cost for Cloverbuds is $10 to participate in all these fun projects!

April Parent Meeting -
There will be a very important parent meeting on April 19th (same day and time as Spring Fling) starting at 6:30 P.M. also at the United Methodist Church. The main topic will be Youth Fair and preparing for Youth Fair. It is important that all parents of youth who plan to participate in Youth Fair be present at this meeting. We will be going over scheduling, rules, logistics, along with any questions you may have. Please be sure to mark this one on your calendars!

Dog Agility Class -
at Max 200, 2113 Rt.31 Port Byron, NY Basic agility class will teach you and your dog the foundation skills of agility. A fun way to build a good training relationship with your dog and increase the level of listening skills and cooperation between you and your dog. Classes will be starting in the Spring of 2013, call Melissa to register.

4-H Dog Obedience 2013 Class -
Classes to start: Thursday, May 9th
Pre-registration & payment to CCE Cayuga County is Required by April 25th.
More information can be found on flyer that is included in this mailing.

Choose
Health Ambassador Training (CHAT)

Nutrition Educator, Becky Crawford is tentatively planning to conduct trainings here in early spring, in order to have programs running for the summer. If teens are interested, please contact Becky at ext.246 or email at rsc34@cornell.edu.
New Enrollment -
New 4-H enrollment paperwork is available at the office and is also posted online. If you are in need of new enrollment paperwork, please contact the office. REMINDER- New enrollment paperwork is due by April 1st in order to participate in any “fair” related events and activities.

Spring Plant Sale -
We will again be using a local supplier for the plants, Anna’s Flower Shoppe in Moravia. Orders must be turned in with payment to CCE Cayuga County by April 1st so that we can make sure we have everything ready for pick-up in May! Please see the insert for more information. Remember that fundraising is a requirement for awards and trips!

Plant order form is included in this mailing.

District Public Presentations -
Will be held on April 6th at Midlakes Schools in Phelps, NY. Those who are chosen for District Presentations will be notified soon after local presentations are done. Selections are based on scores with judge’s and educator recommendations.

Tractor Safety Certification Course Offered-
The 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cayuga County will be conducting Tractor Safety Certification classes beginning on Monday, February 25, 2013. This tractor safety course is open to all youth; not just 4-H members. In order to give students the best experience, class locations will vary.

The Hazardous Occupation in Agricultural Law requires that youth ages 14 to 16 must have at least 24 hours of tractor safety and maintenance instruction in order to drive a tractor on a farm other than that owned by their parents. Every employer of a young hired employee should consider this class for their present and summer help. Youth that are only 13 may take the course for the safety experience, and may be eligible to receive certification. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County to verify eligibility. **This is the only course to be held in Cayuga County for 2013 to certify youth.**

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED
WRAP-~UP OF EVENTS

January First Tuesday -
On Tuesday January 8th, Tioga County 4-H educator Autumn Lavine and her many legged critters were the center of attention for the January First Tuesday 4-H fun. 4-H members were able to learn about the insects, their body parts and the many ways in which they thrive and survive. 4-Hers had a chance to dissect a grasshopper, hold millipedes, take part in beetle pulls, and meet Rosie the tarantula. 4-H members who took part in this workshop were: Will and Katie Chappell, Aurora Gumtow, Baylee Kennedy, Jeffy Carmichael, and Todd and Keith Wasleff.

Public Presentation training -
There was a public presentations training offered to youth on January 29, 2013. Youth were able to learn about presentations, where to look for information, and how to put it all together in a form that can be shared with others. They had the opportunity to critique a presentation from another 4-H member from another county, and see what a presentation might look like for themselves. Youth picked out their topics, and left excited and ready to get to work on their own presentation!

Produced in New York -
The 2013 Produced in New York event took place at the Fingerlakes Mall on January 12th. Youth showed the public and evaluators their food demonstration skills, by creating delicious culinary creations in public and in front of volunteer evaluators. Youth prepared dishes that were as diverse as the interests that each young person has. Thank you to the volunteers who made Produced in NY a HUGE success! Results will be published in the next newsletter, because make-ups have not yet occurred.

First Tuesday -
Our First Tuesday topic for the month of February was 4-H camp! Camp Bristol Hills educators Tim Davis and Jim Hooper provided a night filled with fun activities that could be found at 4-H camp. Participants got to check out fishing, team building, rocketry and of course, boondoggle. Youth also learned about the many opportunities that come from summer camp, such as swimming, campfires, and making new friends. To learn more about 4-H camp opportunities, please visit: [http://www.4-hcampbristolhills.org/](http://www.4-hcampbristolhills.org/)

Thank you again to Jim and Tim and Camp Bristol Hills for a fun filled evening!

New Hope Mills Sales -
Thank you to all 4-H families who helped make the sale of local New Hope Mills products a big success! Cayuga County 4-H made approx. $600 profit from the pancake mix sale. Top sellers were: the Carmichael family with $192 in sales, Brittany Lillie with $121 in sales and Trista Lunkenheimer with $106 in sales! Congratulations for making this another great fundraiser for 4-H!

Ella Read, posing with her Whole Wheat Apple Bread at the 2013 Produce in New York.
## 2013 4-H Events

### February:
1. Public Presentation Registration Deadline
2. Region 2 Horse Extravaganza Registrations due to CCE Cayuga County
3. Public Presentations Event @ Auburn United Methodist Church, 99 South Street, Auburn
4. Public Presentation make-ups @ CCE

### March:
1. Region 2 Horse Extravaganza Event and Dairy Bowl Event @ Mid-Lakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area)
2. Finger-Lakes 4-H Expo Event @ Mid-Lakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area)
3. Horse Showmanship Clinic

### April:
1. New enrollment paperwork DUE
2. Spring Plant Sale orders DUE
3. First Tuesday program at CCE
4. District Public Presentations @ Mid-Lakes High School (Phelps/Clifton Springs area)
5. STARR Event @ NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse
6. Spring Fling @ United Methodist Church, 99 South St., Auburn. - Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
7. Parent/Leader Meeting @United Methodist Church, 99 South St., Aub.-Time: 6:30 p.m.

### May:
1. Animal Crackers at Cornell
2. Horse Clinic at Snook Stables
3. State Public Presentations at Cornell

### June:
1. Horse Clinic—more details to follow
2. 2013 County Qualifying Horse Show @ Birchwood Stables

### July:
1. Suggested Youth Fair Project Judging Dates @ Agriculture Museum
2. 2013 Youth Fair and Big Six Picnic setup & move-in on grounds @ Agriculture Museum
3. 2013 4-H Youth Fair and Cayuga County Remember the Big Six Picnic @ Ward O’Hara Agriculture Museum
4. Final take down ad clean-up @ Agriculture Museum grounds

### August:
1. The New York State Fair in Syracuse
2. Cayuga County 4-H Exhibits on display in youth building
3. Dairy Day at the fair
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4-H Helping Hands