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**APRIL**

- Vet Science
- 4-H Club Secretary reports due
- Applications for 4-H Career Exploration at Cornell University due to 4-H Office
- Applications for Animal Crackers at Cornell University due to 4-H Office
- School Closed - Spring Recess
- Registration for Tractor Safety due
- Vet School Open House, Cornell University, 10am -4pm
- Tractor Safety Certification
- STARR - Teen Trip
- NYS Horse Quiz Bowl, Cornell
- NYS Dairy Quiz Bowl, Cornell

**MAY**

- “Connecting with Kids” Workshop, CCE Oneida County
- Animal Crackers, Cornell University
- “Cody’s Helping Hands” Pancake Breakfast
- 4-H Club Secretary reports due
- NYS Dairy Judging Clinic

**JUNE**

- 4-H Horse and large animal non-ownership certificates due to 4-H office
- 4-H Horse project animal record books due to 4-H office
- Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show entries due
- Farm/Home Safety Day, Frankfort
- 4-H Club Secretary reports due
- 4-H Horse Jumper Clinic
- Farmers’ Museum Horse Show
- NYS Dairy Judging Clinic
- Father’s Day
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**4-H HONOR SECRETARIES**

Congratulations to the following 4-H Club Secretaries for turning in their February reports by March 5th:

- Cheyenne Knuth, Dolgeville Ears and Tails 4-H Club; **Alexandra Mahaffy**, Foxy Trotters 4-H Club; **Christina Farda**, Horse’N Around 4-H Club; **Matthew Treusdell**, Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club; and **Stacy Collins**, Milk Shakers 4-H Club.

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**“CODY’S HELPING HANDS”**

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Relay for Life. May 4th from 9am-12pm at West Schuyler Fire House, Newport Road

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**TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

April 15-17

We will be offering a Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program to youth and adults 14 and over on April 15-17. We invite and encourage all farm and non farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program.

On April 15 the program will be held at White’s Farm Supply, April 16 it will be held at Clinton Tractor and April 17 will be determined. The cost for 4-H members will be $10. For non-members the cost is $25.

Pre-registration is required by April 11 by calling the 4-H Office. For more information call or email Jenn.
PHEASANT CHICKS

The pheasant chicks will be delivered on Tuesday, May 13, at 8:30am. Please be sure to be at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office promptly.

CYBER BULLYING AND INTERNET SAFETY

On March 29th the Starkville Champions 4H Club attended a presentation by the HCCC Criminal Justice Club on Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety. The workshop introduced new cyber bullying terms to the members and helped identify key things to watch out for in the technology world. The presentation showed how in a matter of minutes online predators can locate and retrieve vital information about a person. The members also learned what to do in case they are cyber bullied, the importance of keeping personal information private, and not to email or text message anything you wouldn’t say to someone in person.

The Starkville Champions would like to thank the HCCC Criminal Justice Club students and Larry Snyder, HCCC Cybersecurity Instructor, for volunteering a Saturday afternoon to help spread the word about Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety.

Back row - Veronica Lyden, Barbara Thomas, Matt Wendt, Jennifer Smith, Rebecca Smith, Ebone’ Creighton, Kristopher Snyder, Matt Proctor, Larry Snyder

Front row-Stephanie Smith, Alec Snyder, Amelia Butler, Elizabeth Doxtater, Kathleen Kennedy, and Madeline Snyder

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4-H TEENS ATTEND WINTER WEEKEND

Four Herkimer County 4-H teens from the Foxy Trotters 4-H Club attended the Teen Winter Weekend at Camp Oswegatchie in Lewis County February 15-17. This annual event is open to teens from across New York State.

Thanks to Sara Curtin for sharing this photo and account of the event: We snowshoed, which was a lot of fun! It was my first time doing it and I really enjoyed it! We also participated in snow volleyball, the night hike, and of course the dance. The theme for the dance was Hawaiian so everyone dressed up in hula skirts! The weather was beautiful while we were there also so it made for a really fun time. Throughout the weekend we all participated in "Hawaiian tribes" that we were grouped into and made sand castles, had coconut races, and hula hoop contest. It was very well planned out and a lot of fun meeting new people!

Pictured while snowshoeing left to right in photo are Julie Cole, Alexandra Mahaffy, 4-H volunteer chaperone Jodi Pearsall, Erika Hooker, and Sara Curtin.

FARMERS’ MUSEUM HEIRLOOM SEEDS HAVE ARRIVED

Forty-eight Herkimer County 4-H members from eleven 4-H clubs are participating in the Farmers’ Museum Heirloom Seed Project. The seeds have arrived in the Herkimer 4-H office and are ready for pick up. If you have not received your packets yet, please stop in the 4-H office between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Participants include Country Cousins 4-H Club: Dylan Shaver; Cow Belles 4-H Club: Kristy Hammont, Tess Hitchcock, Susie Miner, Michayla Mower, Natasha Mower, Wasayla Mower, Ellen Perkins, Stephanie Treadwell, Victoria Treadwell; Dolgeville Ears & Tails 4-H Club: Kasey Daley, Cheyenne Knuth, Corey Carter, Christopher Wilson; Independent Members: Bethany Lee, Dominique Stormes; Little Falls 4-H Friends: Matthew Treusdell; Milkshakers 4-H Club: Chad Collins, Stacy Collins, Dalton Currier, Allison Donahoe; Mini Milkshakers Cloverbud 4-H Club: Sam Donahoe, Seth Donahoe; Smart Clover Wheelers Cloverbud 4-H Club: Hayden Shaver; Stark Western Riders With Rabbits 4-H Club: Victoria Crockett, Gerard Franklin, Mary Franklin, Austin Shepard, Tyler Shepard, Daniel Whiting; Valley Kids Cloverbud 4-H Club: Harrisen Fusco, Mariah Lee, Danielle Stormes, Evan Wilson; West Canada Lucky Clovers 4-H Club: Mariah Conover, Tyler Conover, Nathan Lyga, Morgan Lynch, Nicholas Lynch, Chloe Murphy, Hailey Phillips, Lauren Phillips; West Canada Lucky Cloverbuds 4-H Club: Madelyn Conover, Alissa Lyga, Kelsey Lyga, Connor Lynch, Erica Phillips and Ronald Stewart.

After a hopefully successful growing season, these 4-H’ers will then enter their various flowers, herbs and vegetable specimens at the Farmers’ Museum Autumn Harvest Festival on September 13-14 where they will be judged and eligible for ribbons and awards.
The **Dolgeville Ears and Tails** called our meeting to order. Then we saw that we also had a new member. His name is **Corey Carter**. Corey Carter lives in St. Johnsville. We also had a visiting person named Calleb Latona. He may become a Dolgeville Ears and Tails member, he is not sure yet. We are doing Easter cards for senior citizens at Parkside.

During the month of February, the **Foxy Trotters** did a sewing activity. The members were able to make an apron. We had our monthly business meeting and started preparing for public presentations. The Foxy Trotters are looking forward to cooking during the month of March.

The **Horse’n Around** 4-H Club made rolled paper art in February.

The **Milkshakers** 4-H club held a meeting on Saturday, February 16. We discussed what we all are going to do for public presentations. We also discussed Dairy Discovery. We have all decided to do Dairy Bowl on the 15th of March.

On February 2 the **Schuyler Hillbillies** held a meeting to see what people want to do for activities, such as the nutrition-food and sewing workshop, heirloom seeds, dairy bowl, and dairy judging. Also, to do a winter activity like sledding and ice skating. We talked about doing a community service by doing a pancake breakfast for Team Cody’s Helping Hands. **Andy Chlus**, **Kayla Windecker**, and **Rose Simmons** attended dairy judging in the months of January and February. **Rebecca Ules** attended the nutrition expo.

On Friday, January 18th, the **Little Falls 4-H Friends** volunteered their time by serving our community. We went to the Salvation Army Café in Herkimer to prepare, set up, and serve a meal of: sloppy joes, flavored rice, and green beans. The patrons also received cake and drinks. After serving the dinner, we then cleaned up by doing dishes, washing tables and sweeping. Those present were: **Lauryl Bradkorp**, **Hillary Creater**, **Shelby Creater**, **Dylan Hapeman** and **Matthew Treusdell**.

The members were thanked by the patrons and staff for doing such a great job!

We have postponed our Fun Day to March. We are getting ready for the County 4-H Day scheduled for February 21st and will plan other activities at our business meeting on February 29th. The only **Little Falls 4-H Friends** club member to attend the 4-H Nutrition & Textiles workshop on February 21st was **Philip Mosher**. He had a really great time. He made a tie-dye t-shirt, made apple cinnamon toast, bread dip and ate pizza for lunch. Our club met on February 29th at the Little Falls Middle School for a regular business meeting. We discussed different ideas for upcoming trips, which we will discuss further at our next meeting. We will meet again on March 14th to make dog biscuits. We are very happy to be able to help the Herkimer County Humane Society by making and donating the biscuits to them. Each member also shared an idea for their presentation. Members will also get a chance on the 14th to practice.
Creating a Turtle Sprout is an easy, fun, and accessible activity that introduces children to the world of plants. The activity requires little preparation.

Turtle Sprouts is a simple activity with all the pieces: it's a state-wide project aimed at galvanizing youth and adults across NY and can be shown at State Fair; it's easy to do, a great introduction to plants and may just be a catalyst for a bigger project with lots of room to expand and be creative.

Turtle Sprouts offers many "layers" and can be a launching point for other investigations and activities.

You might consider:
● Sending Turtle Sprouts to the New York State Fair.
● Doing a public presentation on how to make a Turtle Sprout.
● Adapting the activity to other creations, shapes, and forms.
● Working with science inquiry: what is the best method to water? What happens if the soil and water are mixed first versus after? Is there a way to create a "wick" with the stocking end? How does light effect a Turtle Sprout?
● Teaching this activity to older youth mentors that lead the activity with younger children.

Instructions
1. Cut craft foam into the shape of a turtle "skeleton." Add eyes, claws, scales or other decorations using markers, google eyes, and tacky glue.

2. Place the "skeleton" on top of the 4" pot saucer. The saucer serves as the turtle's belly.

3. Roll one knee high stocking up your arm until completely stretched. Starting near your elbow, roll the stocking down to your wrist. From here you can remove it from your hand, creating a bowl shape.

4. Scoop 2 to 4 heaping spoonfuls of untreated grass seed into the bottom of your stocking bowl.

5. Fill the stocking with soil, unrolling as you go along so that the stocking can hold more soil. You'll need about 2 cups of soil per stocking. *Note: it's much easier to work with dry soil than moist soil.

6. Holding your stocking, which looks more snake-like than shell-like, at the open end, gently bounce and press against the palm of your other hand to create more of a pancake/shell shape. Once you've achieved the shape you desire, tie the stocking off close to the soil, very much like a balloon. You can trim the excess stocking off if you'd like.

Supplies
● 4" plastic pot saucer
● knee high stocking
● craft foam
● untreated grass seed
● potting soil/promix
● scissors
● markers
● google eyes
● tacky glue
● cereal bowl
● water
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7. Looking at your shell you should be able to see the grass seed through the stocking. If the seed is gathered in one spot, gently use your fingers to spread the seed out evenly over the top of the shell. Be careful though, grass seed needs some light to germinate so you don't want the seed to be buried beneath the soil.

8. Once the seed is evenly spread make sure to water the shell generously. The stocking can often prevent water from reaching the soil if watered from the top. A good alternative is to fill a cereal-sized bowl full of water and place your shell inside. Capillary action will draw the water up through the soil until completely moistened. This can take 1-2 hours depending on how dry the soil is. Feel free to flip your shell around half way through.

9. Once watered, place your shell on top of your skeleton to complete your turtle and find a sunny spot for it to sit.

10. Check once a day to see if your shell needs water. Repeat step 8 to water when needed.

The turtle shell should sprout within a week. With enough light and water your shell will continue to grow for months. If the grass gets too tall, trim with scissors to shorten or create interesting designs.

New 4-H Farm Animal Tees

Just in time for Springtime fun, National 4-H Supply Service presents our new 4-H Animal T-Shirts! Each of these new designs is imprinted on a heavy duty, 100% cotton tee, cost $13.95 and available in sizes ranging from Youth Small to 3XL. All shirts are currently in stock and ready for immediate shipping - place your order today.

As always, we thank you for shopping the 4-H Mall.
Thanks to 4-H volunteers Tracey Conover and Beth Mosher for sharing the following photos from the tie dye t-shirts and nutrition workshops.

Left to right: **Mariah Conover**, West Canada Lucky Clovers watching **Abigail Mosher**, Little Falls Cloverbuds, sprinkling the cinnamon-sugar mixture on her Apple Cinnamon Toast, as **Miletta Oldick**, Cow Belles 4-H Club patiently waits her turn.

**Abbey Mosher** putting the rubber bands around her shirt to tie dye.

**Philip Mosher**, member of the Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H club, peeling a carrot from the 4-H activity day February 21st.

**Kelsey Lyga**, West Canada Lucky Cloverbud folding her t-shirt.

**Tyler Conover** West Canada Lucky Clover preparing to tie his t-shirt.
Tyler Conover, Erica Phillips, Hailey Phillips, Chole Murphy, and Lauren Phillips getting ready to tie dye under the watchful eye of facilitator Jody Balash.

Mariah Conover from the West Canada Lucky Clovers displaying her 4-H t-shirt all tied up.

Wasayla Mower from the Cow Belles, Tyler Conover, Chole Murphy, Erica Phillips and Lauren Phillips from the West Canada Lucky Clovers taking turns with the dye.

Alyssa Lyga putting the rubber bands on her 4-H t-shirt.

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FARM SAFE FOR KIDZ
ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST ~ JULY 14, 2008

The George Fuller Memorial Fund through NYCAMH (The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health) is sponsoring the 19th Annual FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ Poster contest. The initial contest was held in 1990, a spin-off of the Iowa based Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program. Monies from a fund established by Mrs. George Fuller from Cohocton, NY, in memory of her husband who suffered a farm fatality, were used to provide ribbons and cash awards for the competition.

All 4-H members and area youth are eligible to participate if they live in Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego or Schoharie County. Poster entries can be taken to the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show on Sunday, July 13, 2008 or to the NYCAMH office in Fly Creek on or before Friday, July 11, 2008.

This year, NYCAMH will focus on Chemical Safety and Animal Handling as chemicals and animals are potential hazards on the farm. Participants can choose one category. Prizes will be awarded Monday, July 14, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Dairy Show tent during the Annual Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show. All entries will receive a ribbon and a small gift. Poster Contest winners will be selected from three age groups - Ages 11 and under, Ages 12 – 14, and Ages 15 and older. Points will be awarded for safety message, originality and neatness. Posters must be 22" X 28" in size on 6 ply poster board.

Winning posters will be awarded monetary prizes and ribbons. Winning poster entries will be displayed at the Farmers’ Museum Harvest Festival in September 2008 and in the home school district of the winners during National Farm Safety and Health Week – September 21-27, 2008.

Immediately following the poster prize presentations, staff from NYCAMH will lead the group in a Chemical Safety and Animal Handling discussion and activity.

For further information, please contact NYCAMH (The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health) at 1-800-343-7527 or your local 4-H Educator, Jennifer Collins at 315-866-7920 for an entry form.

NYCAMH promotes safe and healthy farming and is a program of Bassett Healthcare, 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY.

HERKIMER COUNTY 4-H WELCOMES THESE NEW 4-H MEMBERS

Dolgeville Ears & Tails 4-H Club
Corey Carter Member St. Johnsville

Stark Western Riders with Rabbits 4-H Club
Victoria Crockett Member Jordanville

West Canada Valley Clovers 4-H Club
Ashleigh Gorinshek Member Middleville
Kaylee Gorinshek Member Middleville

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4-H CLUB HOUSE

4-H LEADER TIP: VINEGAR VS. HONEY

The old saying, "honey will catch more flies than vinegar", is recognized by animal trainers - as well as "child raisers". But some times we forget just how important those praises are - be they words, a pat on the back, or a smile! Give the children in your 4-H club (and your family!) the positive strokes they need by saying "Very Good" (Other adults that support your 4-H group - parents and leaders - will also appreciate hearing these words). Try using some of these:

♥ I'm proud of the way you worked today
♥ You're doing a good job
♥ You've just about got it
♥ That's the best you have ever done.
♥ THAT'S IT!
♥ CONGRATULATIONS!.
♥ I knew you could do it
♥ That's quite an improvement
♥ You are doing that much better today
♥ Now you have it
♥ Not bad
♥ GREAT!
♥ You are learning fast
♥ Keep working on it, you're getting better
♥ Couldn't have done better myself
♥ You make it look easy
♥ You really make my job fun
♥ That's the right way to do it
♥ One more time and you'll have it
♥ You're getting better every day
♥ You did it that time!
♥ That's not half bad
♥ WOW!
♥ That's the way!
♥ Nice going
♥ SENSATIONAL!
♥ You haven't missed a thing
♥ That's the way to do it
♥ Keep up the good work
♥ That's better
♥ Nothing can stop you now
♥ That's first class work
♥ EXCELLENT!
♥ PERFECT!
♥ That's the best ever.
♥ You're really going to town
♥ I think you've got it now
♥ FINE!
♥ Way to go
♥ Now you have the hang of it!
♥ CONGRATULATIONS. You've got it right
♥ You've got your brain in gear today
♥ Much better!
♥ WONDERFUL!
♥ You've just about mastered that!
♥ That's better than ever
♥ Nice going
♥ OUTSTANDING!
♥ Now that's what I call a fine job!
♥ You did that very well
♥ I'm proud of you
♥ You must have been practicing
♥ FANTASTIC!
♥ You're doing beautifully
♥ You're really improving
♥ Right on!
♥ SUPERB!
♥ Good remembering!
♥ Keep it up!
♥ You did a lot of work today!
♥ You've got that down pat!
♥ You certainly did well today
♥ TREMENDOUS!
♥ You're doing fine
♥ You are learning a lot
♥ Keep on trying!
♥ You out did yourself today!
♥ I've never seen anyone do it better
♥ Good for you!
♥ Good thinking!
♥ Good going!
♥ I like that!
♥ MARVELOUS!
♥ I'm proud of you
♥ That's a good (boy or girl)
♥ Good job (name of child).
On March 26 and 27, sixty-one 4-H members attended the county wide Public Presentation event held at Mt. Markham High School and Herkimer BOCES. Special thanks goes out to our evaluators for taking the time to evaluate and work with our youth. The evaluators for the event were Suzanne Culver, David Dudgeon, Dick Keene, Shirley Keene, Justin Lesniak, Pat Lesniak and Jenn Madden.

Cloverbuds participating in the event were: Alyson Casler, Joshua Douglas, Meghan Ingalls and Mathew Livingston (Barnyard Cloverbuds 4-H Club); Austin Ainslie, Jack Bowman, Claire Livingston, Leah Livingston, McCaylia Plungis and McKenzie Plungis (Fields of Clover 4-H Club); Rachel Burke, Stephanie Burke, Amber Bryce, Anna Culver and Rachel Madden (Little Trotters 4-H Club); Danielle Currier, Sam Donahoe and Seth Donahoe (Mini Milkshakers 4-H Club).

Traditional members participating included: Jack Casler, Julia Ingalls, and Jack Scherer (Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club); Kristy Hammont, Tess Hitchcock, Susie Miner, Michayla Mower, Natasha Mower, Ellen Perkins, Stephanie Treadwell and Victoria Treadwell (Cow Belles 4-H Club); Hannah Barrett, Alexis Bryce, Kaleigh Bryce, Sara Curtin, and Erika Hooker (Foxy Trotters 4-H Club); Laurel Bordkorb, Hilary Creater, Shelby Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Philip Mosher and Matthew Truesdell (Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club); Alissa Collins, Chad Collins, Kelsey Collins, Stacy Collins, Dalton Currier, Allison Donahoe, Rick Donahoe, Bobby Douglas, Hannah Douglas, Travis Nelson and Tyler Nelson (Milk Shakers 4-H Club); Bryce Windecker and Kayla Windecker (Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club); Victoria Crockett, Mary Franklin, Tyler Shepard and Dan Whiting (Stark Western Riders With Rabbits 4-H Club); and independent members Ellie Ainslie, Allie Collins, Lauren Hammont, and Cole Jaquish.

Congratulations to all 4-H’ers who participated!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a meeting in the 4-H Office for anyone who received a blue award wishing to go on to the district event. We will work with any traditional (sorry, no Cloverbuds) members, ages 9 and above, to help brush up and improve their presentation. Anyone interested, please contact the 4-H office by May 12th.
| 4-H Public Presentation Photos |  
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| **Fields of Clover 4-H Cloverbud Club** | **Little Trotters 4-H Cloverbud Club** |
| ![Image](image1) | ![Image](image2) |
| **Austin Ainslie** - “Farm Equipment” | **Rachel Madden** |
| ![Image](image3) |  |
| **McCaylia Plungis** - “The Care of Rabbits” | **Ellie Ainslie** - “Different Kinds of Sea Shells” |
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| **Leah and Claire Livingston** | **Lauren Hammont** - “Perfumery” |

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Independent 4-H Member

Cole Jaquish - “Trapping”

Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club

Jack Casler - “Monster Trucks”

Foxy Trotters 4-H Club

Hannah Barret - “How to Make a Fruit Smoothie”

Alexis Bryce - “X-rays of Human Knee”

Kaleigh Bryce - “Fantastic Molasses Cookies”

Sara Curtin - “The Overlooked Industry of Horses”

Erica Hooker - “The Things We Forget”
Milkshakers 4-H Club

Alissa Collins - “How to Prepare to Show a Calf”

Kelsey Collins - “How to Make Sugar Cookies”

Allison Donahoe - “Corn vs. Fuel Oil as Home Heat Source”

Rick Donahoe “Snowmobile Safety”

Bobby Douglas - “Turkey Hunting”

Hannah Douglas - “3-A-Day”

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Milkshakers 4-H Club

Travis Nelson - “Milking Procedures”

Stark Western Riders with Rabbits 4-H Club

Victoria Crockett “History of Mozart”

Mary Franklin - “Annabel Lee”

Tyler Shepard - “Proper Care for Rabbits”

Daniel Whiting - “Hockey Gear”
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**Cow Belles 4-H Club**

**Kristy Hammont** - “The History of Soccer”

**Tess Hitchcock** - “Rosa Parks”

**Susie Miner** - “Keeping a Llama as a 4-H Pet”

**Michayla Mower** - “How to Wash Your Pet”

**Natasha Mower** - “How to Make Pudding Pie”

**Ellen Perkins** - “How to Choose the Right Goat for You”
Cow Belles 4-H Club

Stephanie Treadwell - “A Different Breed of Dairy Cattle”

Victoria Treadwell - “History of an Applehead-Siamese Cats”

Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club

Laurel Bordkorb - “Horse Grooming”

Hilary Creater - “How to Make Ice Cream”

Shelby Creater - “Nubian Goats”

Dylan Hapeman - “Brown Swiss”

Philip Mosher - “Himalayan Cats”
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Dairy Cattle Judging Clinic

At Morrisville State College
Sponsored by:
Cornell Animal Science, PRO-DAIRY and
Morrisville State College
May 10, 2008

Place: Morrisville State College Show Barn and Dairy Complex.

Date: May 10, 2008

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Judges and Instructors: Dr. Doug Waterman, Beth Keene, previous dairy judging team participants TBA

Objective: The objective of this clinic will be to teach and practice skills in dairy cattle judging. We will begin with slide presentations of breeds and classes of animals to teach basic concept and know how for dairy judging. The instructors will be using a slide presentation to talk about what to do and what not to do in dairy cattle judging, followed by real animals to teach about judging and oral reasons. The kids will then be divided up into groups to give oral reasons individually with a group mentor. This will be an opportunity to critique your skills in giving oral reasons and understanding the techniques used in presenting them. A CD of previous years 4-H judging teams will be available to participants to listen to and practice from after the clinic. Hope to see all of you there.

Lunch and drink will be provided, asking for $1 donation from each participant to help defray some of the cost.

Registration due by May 1 to the 4-H Office.

Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club

Matthew Treusdell - “Heirloom Seed Garden”

Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club

Bryce Windecker - “Dairy Cows”

Kayla Windecker - “Homemade Carbon Dioxide”
A monthly feature highlighting various 4-H projects or project areas. Included will be a summary of the projects, educational objectives and what could be included to teach these objectives to youth.

Grow with the Flow
Grow with the Flow is a ten-session curriculum built around the hydroponic growing unit - a system for growing plants in water.

The science of hydroponics offers many opportunities for activity-based instruction and the use of critical thinking skills. Hydroponics is also an excellent tool for investigating many scientific principles and applying them in a practical manner.

In this project, 4-H youth will construct and set plants in a hydroponic unit, watch plants grow, and harvest them. Although the primary focus of the project is hands-on learning about plant science, sessions also deal with entomology, social studies, marketing, human nutrition, and careers in horticulture.

The Grow with the Flow hydroponic unit can be constructed from a standard fish tank or plastic storage bin, PVC pipes and fittings, tubing, rock wool cubes and a pump. Complete instructions for building two different hydroponic units are included.

The project is most suited to middle school-aged youth, but younger and older people can also participate in this project.

For complete descriptions of projects and resources please ask your 4-H Club Organizational Leader for the 4-H leader's Guide to Projects.