# 4-H Facts

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**
**Herkimer County**

**August ~ September 2008**

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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

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

Tim Livingston, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; and Cheyenne Knuth, Dolgeville Ears and Tails 4-H Club.

HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR REMINDERS

- Entry and judging of non-animal exhibits takes place on Saturday, August 9th, between 10am and 1pm at the 4-H Office (for 4-H exhibits only) and Sunday, August 10th, from 10am - 1pm at the County Fair. On Sunday exhibits may be brought in until 5pm but 4-H evaluators will only be on hand until 1pm to interact with exhibitors.

- Be sure to read your County Fair book to become familiar with the schedule, general rules, and specific section rules.

- Entry forms are included in the back of the County Fair Book.

- Entry tags are available to be picked up from the 4-H office. It’s best to call us ahead of stopping in and we’ll have them counted out for you.

- Entry day goes so much smoother if you fill out your entry form and tags before arriving at the fairgrounds.

PRESENT AT THE FAIR

Dust off your posters and do your 4-H Public Presentation at the Herkimer County Fair! This is a great chance to keep up your communication skills over the long summer. Public Presentations at the Fair do earn a premium. Sign up for a time slot at the 4-H office and don’t forget to register division S, class 206 on your entry form. Remember, if you are doing a food/cooking presentation, the Herkimer County Fair will buy your ingredients if you let us know ahead of time.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
Do you know why your project work is judged at the Herkimer County Fair?
Do you know who the people are who are asked to be judges?
Do you accept gracefully the awards you get whether they are blue, red, or white?

If your answer is yes to all these questions, you don’t need to read any further. But many 4-H’ers, leaders, and parents do not know all the answers.

Why do we judge? The two major reasons we judge exhibits are:

1. to determine worth of a piece of work, how well has it been done and how closely it conforms to standards of quality; and
2. to contribute to the growth and development of 4-H members. 4-H’ers learn from sharing their project work with others. They feel good about themselves and their accomplishments.

Who are the judges? Judges are people! They are people who want to help 4-H’ers learn! They are asked to be judges because they have special training and background in certain areas. Not all judges have the same training and the same background in the same subject matter area, and this is why judges sometimes differ in their ideas and opinions as to how something should be done.

You need to understand this if you are to gracefully accept the award they give. The process of judging will never be perfect. Judges can only evaluate what they see. They don’t know how hard one member worked or what obstacles another may have had to overcome. They must judge according to what they see according to a standard. They can guess a little about what to expect from members of a certain age or years of experience, but even here there is a difference of opinion.

We have to learn to accept judging for the best it can do for us and reconcile ourselves to some of the faults which are impossible to overcome. Learn what you can take from judging, but don’t take it too seriously — don’t make it a matter of life or death. Consider judging an adventure to help you work towards greater achievements.

A Special Note to Leaders & Parents…

Remember, judging should be a fun, learning experience. Each member that exhibits at the fair is a “purple ribbon” child. It’s the child’s project that received the blue, red or white ribbon. It’s what 4-H’ers learn through the preparation of a fair exhibit that’s important, not what ribbon it gets! It’s important that leaders and parents be prepared to support and reinforce a member that feels dejected by a particular ribbon placing. Some positive words and an arm around the shoulders can work miracles.

For more information on judging standards, be sure to review project materials. It may also be helpful to review judging sheets so that you’re aware of what the judges are looking for. Contact the 4-H office if you’d like a sample judging sheet.

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
4-H CUSTOMIZED T-SHIRTS

Need Customized T-Shirts for your 4-H Club or upcoming 4-H gathering?

4-H Supply has a wide selection of customizable t-shirt options that will be delivered to you in just 14 working days.

All of these designs are screen imprinted on durable tees and most allow for up to two lines of customized copy of your choosing.

Even better, the minimum order for these shirts is only one dozen - and you can combine sizes (from Youth Small to 3XL) to reach the minimum!

Visit www.4-hmall.org now to browse our full line of customizable apparel, including tees, hoodies, dress shirts, polos and more.

Prices vary from $5.95 to $10.95. If you would like the 4-H office to place an order for you, please contact JoAnn.

4-H CLUB REORGANIZATION

MEETINGS

Each year the Herkimer County 4-H Program conducts reorganization meetings to help 4-H club organizational leaders prepare for the upcoming 4-H year. Meetings will be held at the following dates and locations:

**September 11** - noon & 6 pm - CCE Office
**September 12** - 10 am - CCE Office

Please pre-register and let us know exactly which meeting you will attend by calling the 4-H Office by August 27th to save our having to make reminder phone calls.

What’s the purpose? To get the new 4-H year off to a super start by discussing and asking questions. Each 4-H club will get all the latest information along with packets containing 4-H enrollment materials and 4-H officer booklets. Fund raising specifics will be given.

Who’s invited? All 4-H leaders and parents (this includes parents of individual members). Each 4-H club and Cloverbud club must have at least one representative at one of the meetings. 4-H club organizational leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Plan to stay for the entire time.

No packets will be mailed or handed out except at these meetings. The interaction among staff and volunteers, introduction of new 4-H offerings, etc., works so much better face-to-face.

For planning purposes, it is extremely important to pre-register for events and activities. Pre-registration enables the office to accurately contact interested people should changes need to be made. Please pay special attention to deadline dates. Don’t be disappointed if you show up at the wrong time or place because you didn’t pre-register so we could notify you if details change.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
AGAIN THIS YEAR: Some traditional members’ (aged 8 or older and in third grade or higher by January 1, 2008) exhibits will be allowed to go on to the New York State Fair for evaluation. Cloverbud exhibits may be sent for display only.

The items that are selected to go on to State Fair will be exhibited in a separate display area at the County Fair and will have a purple “Selected for State Fair” seal attached to their County Fair ribbon. It will be the exhibitor’s responsibility to check and see if they have anything selected.

If you have an exhibit selected, you will need to pick up and fill out a NYS Fair “Exhibitor Information Statement” (EIS) card PRIOR to picking up your exhibits at the end of the fair. These will be available between Tuesday, August 12 and Sunday August 17 at our “Selected for State Fair” display. Please see the sample EIS. Since the County Fair categories do not completely align with the State Fair classes, you will need to spend extra time to ensure your exhibit is entered correctly.

This is a time consuming procedure. That is why it is imperative the EIS card is obtained ahead of time and filled out by the member (not the parent or the leader). The EIS is another important step in reinforcing what the 4-H member has learned from their project.

At the conclusion of the County Fair, all county fair exhibits are to be picked up from the fairgrounds on Monday, August 18th between 9 am and 11 am. At that time, premium checks will be issued. If you have any exhibits going on to State Fair, we’ll be glad to transport them directly from County Fair to State Fair. You must bring appropriate packaging for safely transporting your exhibit (i.e. newsprint or tissue paper to wrap fragile items, cardboard boxes to secure them from sliding around in the vehicle).

Perishable exhibits including foods, vegetables and flowers must be dropped off at the 4-H office by NOON on Tuesday, August 19th. (NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED). State Fair exhibits will be available to be picked up from the 4-H office between Wednesday, September 3rd and Friday, September 12th.

Write a short story about your 4-H project. Describe your feelings about this project. What did you learn or improve on by doing this project? What challenges did you run into and how did you solve them? How could you improve this exhibit?

Additional information request specifically for this class: 

Additional information or special needs to be noted by the evaluator: 

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4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
GO TO THE STATE FAIR ~ DO A GROUP ACTION

Want to go to the State Fair? Wonder what you can do there? Wish there was something to do other than ride on rides and eat cotton candy? Have time between animal shows and want a change of pace?

Try doing a GROUP ACTION!!!

GROUP ACTION is a title given to groups (clubs or groups of members) that come to demonstrate, coordinate and participate in hands-on activities with the public. GROUP ACTION takes place in the Youth Building at the Herkimer/Oneida/Otsego County Booth. (Please note our booth location is in the center of the Youth Building across from the stage area.)

A GROUP is made up of at least three youth and one adult. The GROUP works for at least six (6) hours during the day between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm. This can include set-up and clean-up time. At least two participants need to be at the booth at all times.

Supplies, admission passes to the State Fair and parking stickers will be provided for the GROUP. In addition, the group receives a $20/day premium if they submit the necessary paper work before leaving the State Fair by the end of the time period on August 24th.

Sounds like fun? Let us know which day you want to take part in GROUP ACTION by calling JoAnn at the 4-H office. Days will be scheduled on a first come basis. Dates available are August 21 through August 24. A fun way to see the GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR!!!

Please Note: If your club leader is not able to go as a group, any member can go as a family whenever it's convenient for them. For instance if they are going for a concert, animal show, talent showcase, or just to spend a day at the fair, and want to spend an hour or two at the booth, that would be fine. Call JoAnn for complete details and to secure your time.

Since we share our booth with Oneida and Otsego Counties, dates you would like to participate must be reserved.

Thanks to funding from Cornell University, we will again be able to provide all the necessary supplies for your group to choose from 16 recreational items from the “Simple Gifts” curriculum.

ATTENTION: 4-H CLUB LEADERS

◊ Sign up to attend a 4-H Club Reorganization meeting - (September 11th- noon or 6 pm; September 12th at 10 am)
◊ Turn in your Year End completion sheets (due September 15th)
◊ Register to attend the Member Recognition event by October 14th.

SEPTEMBER 15TH
A MOST IMPORTANT DATE

To be recognized and receive completion for the 2007-08 4-H year, the following are due to the 4-H Office by September 15th.
• 4-H Member Year-End Completion Sheet (keep one copy for your 4-H Achievement Book)
• 4-H Club Year-End Completion Sheet

These forms were mailed to each club organization leader and independent member along with your membership cards in a follow up packet after your 2007-08 enrollment was received. Additional copies can be obtained by calling the 4-H office.
FARMERS’ MUSEUM AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

4-H’ers who received seeds from the Farmers’ Museum Heirloom Seed Project are asked to participate in the Farmers’ Museum Autumn Harvest Festival on September 13th & 14th as part of the project requirement. The Registration Form found in your Farmers’ Museum Harvest Festival 4-H Heirloom Seed Project Exhibition Catalog must be returned to the Farmers’ Museum by August 31st.

Entry cards for each class checked on the Registration Form will be sent to registrants prior to Harvest Festival. Each class entered must have an entry card filled out top & bottom and brought with entry to Harvest Festival. All entries must be delivered to the Red & White County Fair tent at the Farmers’ Museum on Saturday, September 13th, between 8:00am and 8:45am. No late entries will be accepted. Exhibitors must be out of the exhibit area by 8:45 am. Judging begins at 9 am.

Ribbons and cash awards will be given to traditional 4-H members in each class for excellent, good and worthy specimens in all categories. Cloverbud 4-H members will receive participation ribbons. Awards will be presented from 4:30-5pm on Sunday. Entries must remain on exhibit until 5pm Sunday.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H CLUBS

The Town of German Flatts is looking for 4-H Clubs to do interactive displays at Living History Weekend on Saturday, September 27. If you are interested, please contact Carol Vers with the Town of German Flatts at 866-7445.
Here we are in the month of August and the 4-H year is almost completed. It might seem early to begin thinking about year-end completion but if you do, it will sure make things a little easier in September. We often think of year-end completion sheets as something that is done at the completion of the year. In reality it is a record of the accomplishments we have had throughout the year. In looking at a 4-H member’s year-end completion sheet there are many parts that can be completed at the beginning of the 4-H year and taking time to update the information on the form each month can help you avoid the last minute rush.

Let’s take a look at a traditional 4-H member’s year-end completion sheet. At the top of the front side each member will need to fill out information about themselves.
In the middle of the front side of the 4-H Member Year End Completion Sheet the member must tell about the projects that they have taken during the current 4-H Year. A complete list of projects and their descriptions can be found in the 4-H Leader’s Guide to Projects or a list of current projects titles can be found on page 15 of the current 4-H Calendar and Program Offerings.

On the left side of the form members will list the title of the project they worked on. On the corresponding right side of the page you will list the activities that they completed within that project. For example if a member was working on the project “Six Easy Bites”, they would enter that project title on the left hand side of the form then on the right hand side the 4-H'er should enter the things they completed within the project; ie: scrambled eggs, granola bars, muffins, food pyramid poster.

Next on the form are the requirements to receive an All Around 4-H'er and Outstanding 4-H'er Award. “Contributing Educational Events” include any of our county sponsored trainings/clinics such as Officer Training, Member Recognition, Sewing Clinic, or any animal science activity i.e. dairy or horse bowl, workshops, or shows.

Be sure to complete the rest of page 2 to describe your participation in Community Service (which can also be listed on page 1 as a completed project), trips, or awards/honors.

In order to receive an Outstanding 4-H'er Award a member must:

1) meet the requirements for All- Around 4-H'er Award  ______ Yes  ______ No

2) present a 4-H Public Presentation at the County Event in April  ______ Yes  ______ No

   AND exhibit 4-H project work at the Herkimer County Fair.  ______ Yes  ______ No

3) take on a leadership role (ex.: serve on a committee, as a club officer, as a judge’s assistant, assist leader in teaching skills to younger 4-H members, counseling at 4-H Camp, or any other leadership role) ____________________________

Complete the following to indicate 4-H’ers participation:

Community Service: (describe) ____________________________

Other things 4-H'er did this year (include awards/honors, 4-H trips taken, etc.) ____________________________

If you are a 4-H Club Secretary or News Reporter - did you exhibit your book at the County Fair?  ______ Yes  ______ No

I am not a Secretary or New Reporter ____________________________

My signature, based in the previous information, indicates I have reviewed this 4-H report and feel this member:

______ did not satisfy the requirements to receive year end completion.

______ should receive credit for completing eh 2006-2007 4-H Year and is entitled to receive (please check one):

______ Certificate of Completion  ______ All Around 4-H’er  ______ Outstanding 4-H’er

The Cooperative Extension Office 4-H Program submits two copies (per member) of this project completion sheet to the 4-H Club Organizational Leader each year. The leader submits one copy to the 4-H Office, by September 15, 2007 and returns one copy to the 4-H member for inclusion in his/her 4-H Achievement Book.

It might be a daunting task to accurately complete 4-H Year End Completion Sheets especially if you are trying to remember exactly what you did 6 or more months ago. Taken in small chunks once every month or two the task becomes much simpler. A 4-H Member’s Year End Completion Sheet is important not only as a record of the 4-H’ers year but also as a record of what youth in the Herkimer County 4-H program are doing. These records help the county 4-H office with planning of the 4-H program. Information about what youth are participating in

is sent to the National 4-H Council. That information then in turn helps secure financial funding, determines research area, and steers curriculum development. Youth will also find them helpful as they apply for trips, colleges and scholarships. A 4-H Achievement Book makes a great place to save all of your 4-H documents, memories and Year-End Completion Sheet.

Begin working on your 4-H Member Year End Completion Sheet Today!!
The Barnyard Buddies and Barnyard Cloverbuds got together twice in the month of June. One very, very hot day we all met down at the elementary school. The 4-H’ers did their stretches and then ran around the track, keeping up with the healthy lifestyle topic from last month. Once around the track was more than enough for this particular day. We met again later on in the month. This time the 4-H’ers made tie-dye t-shirts. They had a great time doing this and created some great colorful shirts that they can wear this summer.

Barnyard Cloverbud Competes in Rabbit Show

Julia Lewosko, a member of the Barnyard Cloverbud 4-H Club competed in her first rabbit show with her bunny Powder (a Polish breed). The show took place on May 31st at the Oneida County Cooperative Extension Service and was sponsored by the Cottontail 4-H Club. Julia took home awards for Best of Variety, Best of Breed, and Funniest for Costume Class. Way to go Julia – congratulations!

Members of the Dolgeville Ears ‘N Tails 4-H Club also participated in the Oneida County 4-H rabbit/cavy show.

The Cow Belles 4-H Club met to start our Achievement Books, which are going to be entered into the Herkimer County Fair. We also talked about the Cooperstown Show. We made a schedule for us to watch the cows and the goats.

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The Dolgeville Ears ‘N Tails 4-H Club went to Herkimer County Community College to join in on the “Mutt Strutt” that was in benefit of the Herkimer County Humane Society. It was a mile walk. Participants were Charlene Mykel, Devon Mykel, Steven Mykel, Chris Wilson, Leah Wilson, Dipper the dog and Lanna the baby.

The rest of our meetings in June will be revolving around our gardening and learning a lot about cavies and rabbits for the state fair. In this meeting we were talking about the exhibits for the Herkimer County Fair.

During the month of May, the Foxy Trotters 4-H club did some gardening activities. They are growing their own plants and will eventually plant them in the ground. We have been planning for the Herkimer County Point Show in July and are looking forward to it. During the month of June, the Foxy Trotters continued working on their gardens. We have transferred the plants into the ground and each individual is keeping their garden weed-free! We continue to prepare for our Herkimer County 4-H Point Show and are looking forward to it.

Many members from the Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club are going to the Farmers’ Museum Livestock Show. Kayla Windecker, Bryce Windecker, Jordan Upson, Dan Upson, Rose Simmons, Willow Simmons, and Andy Chlus are going. Our 4-H club helped raise $7,200 for the American Cancer Society along with Team Cody’s Helping Hands.

The Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club recently visited the Adirondack Center in Oppenheim on June 21st. We learned about team building and participating in rope climbing and tree climbing events. The day began with team building exercises in the upstairs portion of one of the buildings. We worked together to achieve multiple tasks that only a team could achieve. Then we went to the rope building course and learned how as a team to start and finish a ropes course. After lunch, we set out to climb trees. The program was great because Shelly, our guide, showed us the importance of the safety gear and how to wear it. We then climbed two trees. The first climb was up a tree 52’ in the air which ended in ringing a bell and the other tree was called ‘The Cat Walk’. We had a great time. We each had our favorite events of the day, they were as follows: Hillary, Shelby and Joey liked climbing the best, Philip liked the Cat Walk, Dylan liked coming down the trees, Laurel liked the ropes course and Matthew liked the team building exercises. Other 4-H clubs should really do this, because it was a lot of fun. The following picture was of one of our team building exercises where we had to stand in order of tallest to shortest, pictured from left to right is: Dylan Hapeman, Hillary Creater, Shelby Creater, Matthew Treusdell, Philip Mosher, Laurel Brodkorb, and Joey Bacher (Cloverbud).
On June 21st, the Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club went to the Adirondack Center in Ephratah for team building and rope climbing activities. What great experiences we had. First we started out with team building activities inside. Pictured left to right: Philip Mosher, Joseph Bacher, Shelby Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Hilary Creater, Laurel Bordcorp, Matthew Treusdell.

Then we went outside for lower element activities. The members had to work together to get through two rope courses.

After lunch we went on higher elements. The first was to climb up a tree 56 feet hooked with a harness and rope held by the instructor and friends.

After you got to the top you had to release and let them lower you down.

They learned terms Ready to Climb, Climb Away, Ready to Fall, and Fall Away.

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Our next high element activity was to climb 30’ and walk across a telephone pole sized log without anything to hold onto. Everyone tried their hardest including Star Truesdell and Kim Creater, who chaperoned. The club would recommend this as a day trip for a club or county event for a day or an overnight stay. The website is http://www.theadirondackcenter.com/ for more information.

4-H MEMBERS ATTEND 4-H CAREER EXPLORATIONS

The Starkville Champions 4-H Club had six members participate in the 4-H Career Explorations hosted at Cornell University. This 70 year old program includes three days of exposure to academic fields and provides hands-on experience in a college setting. Katie Kennedy, Jennifer Smith, and Kristopher Snyder each participated in career specific seminars such as Veterinary Science, Astronomy, and Digital Storytelling for the 21st Century. Alicia Kennedy, Stephanie Smith, and Alec Snyder each experienced various types of careers by rotating through several topics. Some of these topics included Forecasting Weather, Exercises in Engineering, and Lost Ladybugs. Most of the members were awarded competitive scholarships from the NASA Space Sciences Program to participate in this experiential learning program.
61ST ANNUAL FARMERS’ MUSEUM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 61st annual Junior Livestock Show took place July 13th-15th in Cooperstown hosting more than 250 young handlers with 650-plus animals from the nine county area including Herkimer, Oneida, Madison, Otsego, Montgomery/Fulton, Chenango, Delaware and Schoharie County.

The show is sponsored by The Farmers’ Museum and conducted in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension County 4-H Educators, and clubs throughout central New York.

Herkimer County participants included:

**Dairy Goat:** Jay Doris, Karie Doris, Marti Fisher, Kristy Hammont, Kassi March, Michayla Mower, Natasha Mower, Ellen Perkins and Sierra Zeidner.


**Beef:** Dillon Snell, Derrick Snell, Alyssa Cummings and Sarah Cummings.

**Sheep:** Andrea Clark, Katelyn Reed and Schylar Reed.

Thank you to Kim Creater and Shane Badger for sharing your pictures of the Famers' Museum Junior Livestock Show.
**HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS**

The dairy topline contest will be held on August 12th at 6pm. The rules are as follows:

1. Open to all youth showing dairy cattle
2. Each contestant to supply own animal, which animal is to be all clipped EXCEPT for the topline; Topline is not to be clipped.
3. Each contestant may have one helper to hold animals and equipment; helper is not to clip or instruct, helper must be a youth.
4. Each contestant must supply own clippers and any other supplies required
5. There will be a 30 minute time limit
6. All work must stop when time is called
7. All work must be done in supervised contest area
8. No entry fee

The beef fitting contest will be held on August 13th at 6pm. The rules are as follows:

1. Open to all youth showing beef cattle
2. Each contestant to supply own animals which is not fitted, but is clipped
3. Each contestant may have one helper to hold animals and equipment; helper is not to fit or instruct, helper must be a youth
4. Each contestant must supply own clippers and any other supplies required
5. There will be a 1 hour time limit
6. All work must stop when time is called
7. All work to be done in supervised contest area
8. No entry fee

The Costume contest will be held on August 17th at 1pm. Each entry is to submit a short, one paragraph description (story) of the costume, including the names of participants, animal and human, to be read by the announcer for the entertainment of the spectators. This should be clearly printed, preferably typed.

The overall youth master showman will be held on August 15th at 6pm. Open to the winning youth showman of each species. If the winning showman can not participate, then the reserve showman is eligible. Rules will be explained to the participants when they are chosen.

**4-H EARN A CALF**

Sponsored by the Central NY Farm Progress Show and Jane Windecker Memorial

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any Traditional 4-H’er 8 – 19 years of age involved in a 4-H dairy project is eligible providing that he/she has not won an award in this contest previously.

For complete details see page 8 in the July 4-H Facts.

Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application.

**4-H AGRI-BUSINESS CAREER CONFERENCE**

October 2 & 3

This experience offers an awareness of the great diversity of agri-business related careers. It features insights into agricultural opportunities and the academic requirements for professional positions. Youth will stay in Cobleskill and travel to SUNY Cobleskill and surrounding agri-businesses.

For complete details see page 8 in the July 4-H Facts.
4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SURVEYS

Thanks to Carol Ainslie and Beth Wilson for returning their Community Service Project surveys which were mailed to all 4-H club leaders in June. The purpose of the survey was that by sharing your stories of the great things happening at your club level, you’re providing others with ideas for projects and activities that could be replicated. If you have not returned you survey, please do so now.

On June 21 the Fields of Clover 4-H Club sponsored a “Dads & Dudes Chow Down!” at Mount Markham Elementary school cafeteria. A member mentioned how there are always “mother/daughter teas”, “father/daughter dances”, but never anything for fathers and sons. So the dinner idea was born. The kids came up with the name. Each family in the club has boys – so naturally they all came. Each 4-H'er was asked to bring more father/son guests. There were 25-30 dads and dudes who ate a delicious meal provided by the mothers. The girls and mothers in the club ran the dinner, made the food, and “waited” on the guys. They then passed out materials for games. After dinner we had a cake mix making relay. The fathers were blindfolded and the sons had to guide them through adding ingredients, eggs, mixing, etc. It was a riot! We also had father/son combos draw the name of an animal and they had ten minutes to construct them out of marshmallows and toothpicks. The girls judged them and the winners got a S’mores kit. The evening was a lot of fun and we may plan on doing it again.

For the second time, the Fields of Clover 4-H Club participated in the West Winfield holiday parade doing a Living Nativity. They had a donkey, sheep and heifers that the members walked in the parade. The community loved it!

The club also made a float for the 4th of July parade. Congratulations to Carol Ainslie and the Fields of Clover 4-H club members and parents for giving back to their community.

Pictured in photo: Dave, Claire and Ethan Livingston

Dave & Ethan were the winners of the construction contest

Members Britney Tucker, McKenzie Plungis, McCaylia Plungis (standing) Austin Ainslie and Jasmine Ondreko

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2008 4-H HORSE SHOW

Senior High Points Champion went to Lisa Pasick and Junior High Points Champion went to Caitlyn Murdock. Both received a cooler donated by MVP Healthcare.

Those qualifying and competing at the NYS Fair include: English Division: Alexis Bryce, Caitlyn Murdock, Daniele Ricci and Kaleigh Bryce. Western Division: Caitlyn Murdock, Kendall Aufmuth and Kaleigh Bryce.

A special thank you goes out to MVP Healthcare for their sponsorship of the Herkimer County Horse Program. Other supporters of the program included: Jack's Turf Goods, the Denhoff Family, the Pasick Family, Emerald Acres, J.B.'s Small Engine Works and Winding River Quarter Horses.

Horse Show Participants included: Caitlyn Murdock, Alexis Bryce, Hannah Barrett, Kendall Aufmuth, Morgan Westbrook, Daniele Ricci, Kaleigh Bryce, Julie Cole, Lindsay Denhoff, Lisa Pasick and Sidney Ingraham.

Cloverbud participants included: Rachel Madden, Alexa Luke, Anna Culver and Amber Bryce.

Thank you to Judy Pasick for sharing your photos.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
4-H MEMBER/VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

Friday, November 7

This is your day 4-H members and volunteers! Last year’s event combining a formal awards ceremony followed by pizza and a fun “Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae” and swim party activity was so successful, we are going to do it again.

Watch the next 4-H Facts newsletter for complete details. Only those who turn in their year end completion sheets will be recognized during the awards ceremony.

Registration deadline October 14th.

Pre-registration is required by this deadline to determine whether to have the swim party and how much pizza will be needed. Only those pre-registered by the deadline will be allowed to swim and notified of the final details.

Be sure to include everyone’s name and whether they will be swimming. If you would like to enjoy pizza, please bring $1/person to help defray the cost.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

LET’S CELEBRATE

OCTOBER 5 ~ 11, 2008

4-H members and volunteers from throughout the nation will be designing creative promotions in recognition of their own very special event - National 4-H Week, October 5-11.

There are hundreds of ways you can help promote the fun educational offerings available through 4-H. In the past, Herkimer County’s 4-H clubs have made scarecrows holding “4-H is Great” signs, they have painted silage bags with slogans like “We love 4-H”, they have put up displays in schools and local libraries and painted store windows, all with messages about 4-H.

There are many creative people in local 4-H clubs. When you create your National 4-H Week promotion this year, send us a picture of it and receive a $5 award. Be sure to put your name, club name, address and location of the display on the picture and send it to JoAnn at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by October 17th so the awards can be given out at the Member Recognition Event. One submission per club please.

Your 4-H Club Organizational Leader will receive full details in their 4-H Club reorganization packet, including an order form for supplies.

Don’t forget to let us know what you did - promote National 4-H Week.

ANIMAL PATTERNS AVAILABLE

The National 4-H animal patterns are now available as a free download! The patterns are available on the Curriculum website at: www.4-hcurriculum.org (click on Curriculum Updates) or to go directly to the patterns, click: http://www.4-hcurriculum.org/updates.aspx .

Patterns that are available for cloth models include baby pig, calf, rabbit, horse, lamb and kid. These are more than just stuffed animals! Some of the management practices which youth have demonstrated using models made from these patterns include: identifying breeds, identifying parts, judging conformation, identifying types of fur, recognizing breed standards, determining pregnancy, determining sex, handling, trimming nails, fitting, showing, tattooing, castrating, delivering, caring for the newborn, taking of temperature, administering medication, dehorning, trimming hooves, and giving a demonstration.
Len-Lo Farms in Mohawk, NY
Leonard and Lois Gilbert - Darrel and Jill Gilbert

*Plowing and Secondary Tillage
* New Equipment
*Field Demonstrations
* Forage Harvesting
* Food and Refreshments

Be sure to stop by the Cornell Cooperative Extension exhibit in the main tent.
Hope to see you there!