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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

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If you are the Secretary for your 4-H Club, please remember: you can receive an Outstanding 4-H Club Secretary Award at the 4-H Member Recognition Event by simply:

- sending monthly reports to the 4-H Office by the 5th of each and every month
- keeping a neat, accurately completed 4-H Secretary’s Book
- exhibiting your 4-H Secretary Book at the Herkimer County Fair.

4-H FOOD & NUTRITION/SEWING WORKSHOPS FOR

Thursday, February 19, have been cancelled due to lack of sign up.
4-H STAFF REDUCTION

A letter dated January 8 from CCE Executive Director Bernard Armata was mailed to all 4-H leaders and parents. This letter explained that due to decreased state funding and no increase in county support, the 4-H Program Educator (JoAnn)’s position was reduced from full time to 20 hours per week. It was decided that to avoid confusion, the 4-H office will only be staffed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A direct result of this decrease in time may be the elimination of certain 4-H activities or programs which the staff will no longer have time for. Any “Contributing Educational Events” i.e. workshops, clinics, etc. will need to have volunteer leadership to be carried out. Currently, animal science clinics are very successfully volunteer driven. We will be modeling other subject matter activities after these.

Therefore, if there is interest in doing a sewing, nutrition, photography, or any other subject matter workshop, we will be looking to our volunteers to organize them. We will be happy to coordinate the registration, location, etc. but need volunteers to step forward to facilitate the workshops.

We will be setting up a meeting to discuss this situation. If you have the skills or talents needed for specific program areas, or are interested in assisting, please contact JoAnn so we can identify program priorities for the future.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT
CHANGE IN 2009

Wednesday,
March 25
5-8 PM
Herkimer BOCES

Public Presentations is one of the events that will see changes in 2009 due to the staffing cuts. Although Public Presentations is one of the highest priority areas within the 4-H Program, it is a program that takes up a lot of time. Therefore, we are going to be offering Public Presentations on only one evening this year. Herkimer BOCES will be the location for the Wednesday, March 25 event. Even though people may feel that a Saturday is better, weeknights are more cost effective since schools now charge to use their facilities on Saturdays.

With that being said, the event will look a little different as well. We will be hosting 7 evaluation rooms (2 Cloverbud and 5 Traditional) with time slots. The time slots will be in 20 minute intervals from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and requests will be taken on a first come, first serve basis when you call to register. This is making it imperative that we have the names of each member (and their topic) that are presenting when you call to register (calling and registering by saying sign up my entire club will no longer suffice). Please be sure to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of your presentation.

Registrations are due to the 4-H Office no later than March 3. Another change being made to better utilize the staffing hours in the 4-H Office are the enforcement of deadlines. This will allow us to better plan the programs and workshops we are offering for those that registered.

Learning to give effective public presentations is one unique advantage of belonging to 4-H. Presentations should have an obvious connection to the 4-H program. Therefore, if your members are unsure of what topic to select, encourage them to try one that deals with a 4-H project that they are already familiar with. That way they can concentrate on the actual presentation because they do not have to worry about learning new content material. This will also help to reinforce the knowledge they have already learned.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CLOVERBUDS
Cloverbuds will not be judged on their presentation, but will receive a Certificate of Participation and credit toward completion for the year. Members may work individually, in pairs, or groups.

HELP NEEDED
We need assistance to ensure this event runs smoothly. Youth: Room hosts to “be in charge” of individual rooms - duties include door keeper, assisting demonstrators with set up, introducing presenters and keeping the room quiet. Adults: We are looking for volunteers for registration and evaluators. Please call Jenn at the 4-H office to volunteer.

Public Presentation training videos available: Videos taken at the 2007 state public presentation event to use for training are downloadable from YouTube. You just need a computer and internet to project them for trainings and club meetings. All categories are represented on the webpage at: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/publicpresentations/php
PLANNING A 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION

A few easy steps . . .

Step One: WHAT is the subject matter you wish to present? Select a subject in which YOU are interested and would like to teach others.

Step Two: NARROW DOWN the subject to a specific topic or process, i.e. types of seams or steps for a natural wood finish.

Step Three: WHO is your intended audience: adults, teens, primary members, experts or novices, etc.?

Step Four: RESEARCH your topic. Find out the most accurate and recent information on your topic. Consult your project leader, member guide, magazines, books, web sites or encyclopedias.

Step Five: WHY are you giving the presentation-to inform, teach facts, motivate to action, to stimulate thought, to show a process? Write out in one sentence what you would like your audience to be able to do as a result of watching your presentation.

Step Six: DECIDE YOUR CONCLUSION FIRST. Every piece tells the story. If a part does not fit the story objective, take it out.

Step Seven: HOW WILL YOU DO your presentation? Develop an outline of your presentation. State your purpose. Write out your title. Divide your outline into the introduction, body and conclusion.

- **INTRODUCTION:** Use an opening device to create interest in your topic. Then present the main idea which can be the purpose of your presentation, thesis or topic sentence. Then preview the main points you intend to cover in the body of your presentation.

- **BODY:** Tell them and show them. Tell them the three main points of your talk. For example: “Three common poisonous plants are: 1) poison oak, 2) stinging nettle, 3) oleander.” Show the plants as you talk. 1) Three types of poison oak are: 2) Three characteristics of nettles are:

- **CONCLUSION:** Include a summary of the body’s main points and use a closing device to make your presentation memorable. For example: “Three Poisonous plants are...”

Step Eight: DEVELOP A TITLE which is an attention getter, summarizes your purpose and is short and to the point. For example “Leaf These Plants Alone”.

Step Nine: PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS for the presentation

- Use poster board or other material to illustrate the main points of your presentation
- Use your outline to serve as the text of your poster board illustrations
- Select models and hand-held objects to be used in the presentation

Step Ten: PRACTICE your presentation. How will you set up your workspace? How will you handle the materials as you show them? Where will you place them when you put them down?

Step Eleven: Try to anticipate questions that may come up and find answers to those questions.

Step Twelve: PRACTICE your presentation again and again and again! While practicing, try not to memorize your presentation word for word. Keep your delivery fresh and exciting.
4-H Club News

The Barnyard Buddies and Barnyard Cloverbuds 4-H clubs held their first meeting of the new 4-H year at the Livingston's. The cheese fundraiser was discussed as well as the upcoming Recognition Night and Officers' Training Workshop. Officers for the new year were selected as follows: President Josh Douglas, Vice-President Jack Casler, Secretary Tim Livingston, Treasurer Abe Dibble, News Reporter Emily Dibble. At this meeting, the clubs got a head start on holiday activities by making Christmas cookies which will be frozen until our December meeting. While the 4-H’ers were making cookies, they were also learning about some of the more common kitchen utensils. At their November meeting they did several activities. The clubs worked on a 4-H banner that can be displayed at the county fair or used in parades. They had fun making turkey gourds for decorations for Thanksgiving. Lastly the 4-H’ers made some great snacks (pretzels, vegetables/dip, milk punch) which they all thoroughly enjoyed at the end of the meeting. Certificates were handed out to those who didn’t attend Member Recognition night. Some members attended Member Recognition night, Officers’ Training and the photography workshop in November.

In December we gathered at the General Winfield Scott House to decorate cookies with some of the residents and delivered a Christmas dinner that each 4-H family contributed part of to a needy family in the community that we adopted as a community service project.

The Cow Belles 4-H club built birdhouses in November. In December we made Christmas cards and baked cookies for senior citizens. We worked on the cookbook fundraiser on December 22, from 10-4 p.m.

On November 29th the Dolgeville Crafty Critters 4-H club made baskets. On the 15th we made Christmas cards.

Photo caption: Barnyard Buddies officers front left to right Vice President Jack Casler, President Josh Douglas, Secretary Tim Livingston; back row left to right Treasurer Abe Dibble, News Reporter Emily Dibble.

Pictured in photo: guest, Cheyenne Knuth, Amanda Morse, Shelby McCumber, guest, Patricia Cool, Jennie Wagner, guest.

In December we had a Christmas party. Those in attendance were Jennie Wagner, Amanda Morse, Cheyenne Knuth and Shelby McCumber. Also we handed out Christmas cards and baskets at a nursing home. The elderly men and women all enjoyed receiving them and talking with us. We plan to return some time in the future again.

The Dolgeville Ears & Tails 4-H Club met on November 15 to elect new officers. We were only able to elect three officers since we do not have many members.  

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We elected Christopher Wilson as news reporter, Charlene Mykel as secretary and Andrew Wild as president. We visited the Herkimer County animal shelter on November 29th to donate our time to the animals there. We walked dogs and were given the tour of the animals’ cages. We met Amelia, a beautiful female Calico cat who is up for adoption with all of her adoption fees paid, a few other cats and dogs are paid for and just need a loving home. It is a no-kill shelter so all of the animals are given a chance at happiness. We will soon be going back to donate more of our time to the dogs and cats at the shelter. Our 4-H group was unable to meet in the month of December. We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday!!

In November the German Flatts Brothers & Sisters 4-H club conducted a business meeting where we elected officers: President Ricky Blais, Vice Presidents Cory Blais and Dylan Shaver, Secretary Morgan Stewart, Treasurer Megan Stewart, and News Reporter Dorin Oeser. We decided on this club name because everyone is from the Town of German Flatts and everyone is a brother or a sister to the other members. In December we were invited to decorate the doors of the residents at the Mohawk Homestead for the holidays.

In October the Horsin Around 4-H club elected officers: President Paige Pfender, Vice President Mercedes Lewandrowski, Secretary Sarah Fenton, News Reporter Emma Fenton, and Treasurer Austin Goldsmith, collected pet food for the Herkimer County Humane Society and made goodie bags for all the animals. In November we got together as a group and made holiday cards for the Herkimer County home for the aging.

November was a busy month for the Little Falls 4-H Friends. On Nov. 6th, we went to Herkimer High School for the 4-H Recognition and Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Many of our members received certificates and awards. Certificate of Year End Completion was given to: Kira Seaman. Mary Kathryn and Keegan Connolly received an All Around 4-H’er Award. The Outstanding 4-H’er Award was given to: Laurel Brodkorb, Hilary Creater, Shelby Creater, Dylan Hapeman, Philip Mosher, and Matthew Truesdell. Our new members, Allison Lee, Joseph Bacher and Claire Connolly, received a Cloverbuds Certificate of Completion. Our leader, Mrs. Creater, received a certificate for 7 years of being a 4-H leader. We had pizza during the ceremony, and spent a fun hour swimming in the indoor pool afterwards.

In December we made center pieces for the Senior Citizen Brunch at the Little Falls High School in conjunction with the Mrs. Mosher’s Home and Careers class. We would like to thank Wal-Mart for a $25 donation to purchase materials and Mr. and Mrs. Fournier, Hilary, Shelby, Allison and Dylan’s uncle and aunt for donating branches for both our swags and centerpieces. Photo on next page.
4-H Club News

On Nov. 11th, we went to officers training at the Herkimer Reformed Church. All of our newly elected officers showed up and other members came (Mary Kathryn and Keegan Connolly, Wyatt Seaman, Colin, and Kira Seaman Philip and Abbey Mosher). Several members (Mary Kathryn and Keegan Connolly, Dylan Hapeman, Hilary Creater, Mary Kathryn Connolly, Shelby Creater, Keegan Connolly) also went to the photography workshop and learned how to take and present pictures at the fair.

On Nov. 21st, we went to the Truesdells’ to make door swags. We have made over 50 swags. We plan to use the funds to make centerpieces for the Senior Citizens brunch at the Little Falls High School organized by Mrs. Mosher’s Home and Careers class, as well as, for our wood and electrical project this spring when we make lamps.

The Mohawk Rednecks held a business meeting on November 17 and discussed their turkey dinner raffle, turkey raffle craft, achievement books, animal projects, Secret Santa for Christmas party, painting pig barn at fair and their first sewing project.

In October the Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club talked about ordering t-shirts and planning what to do for the whole entire year like going on trips, fundraisers and community services. We started with our first fundraiser which was a bottle and can drive on October 25. In November we elected officers and planned what to do for this year like a Christmas party and bowling party. Officers are President Daniel Upson, Vice President Kayla Windecker, Secretary Marissa Padula and Brook Mucurio, Treasurer Willow Simmons and Jordan Upson, News reporter Rose Simmons and Autumn Zwierrecki, Song and Recreation Leaders Darryl Padula, Sophia Simmons and Korin Mucurio. In December we had a Christmas party, made cookies, made ginger bread houses, listened to Christmas music and watched movies. Pictures were also taken of our party. We are ending the year with our bowling party on December 31.

Winter Round Up
Horse Weekend at Oswego County
February 20-22

Oswego County 4-H Winter Round Up Horse Weekend. This weekend will include clinics, hands-on workshops and numerous horse project related activities for youth of all ages.

The weekend will be February 20-22, 2009 at the 4-H Amboy Environmental Education Center in Williamstown. It will start on Friday evening (registration 6:00-8:00 p.m.) and go through Sunday morning (departure time 11:30 a.m.) The cost for each person (including chaperone) is $30.00, which includes all meals, snacks, handouts and hands-on items.

Money and registration is due on February 6th, with no refunds issued after that date. Please call or email the 4-H Office for a copy of the application. You must provide your own chaperone.
2009 STARR
Make friends, gain valuable skills, have fun. . . and learn how to make a difference
April 17-19
New York State Fair/4-H Youth Building

What is STARR??
The State Teen Action Rep Retreat is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. Overall theme of the weekend, as well as ideas for workshops and activities come from input and effort of teens serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. “Youth Voice” is what keeps STARR contemporary, fresh and in tune with the youth of today. STARR program is open to all NYS 4-H Teens and their adult chaperones.

Team building activities, meaningful educational workshops led by teams of youth/adults, challenging recreational activities, youthful Keynote Speakers, and a semi-formal dinner/dance provide increased awareness, acceptance and understanding of the diversity and talents of teens throughout NYS.

Dairy Discovery is a program for youth ages 15-17 with interests in the Dairy Industry. Hands on educational sessions challenge participants to consider the many diverse and exciting career opportunities within the dairy industry.
- 2009 topic is Dairy Herd Health and Management
- Cost is $45
Contact the 4-H office for registration forms. Registration is due to the 4-H Office by February 17th.

PHEASANT CHICKS
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will provide day old pheasant chicks to 4-H members who have or are willing to provide adequate rearing facilities, appropriate food, water and other needs until they reach the desired age for release. The primary purpose of participation is to help young people gain an appreciation of game birds as a versatile educational tool and to understand that the study of game birds will provide stimulating and worthwhile educational experiences. If you have participated in the past, you should be familiar with the requirements as outlined in the 4-H Pheasant Rearing Guide. If you’re new to the project, request the guide or video when you request the chicks. Handling costs are $2.00 for every 25 chicks and payable with your order by March 6. To register for pheasant chicks, please send your order and check to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5657 State Rte 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, with the following information: name, phone number, number of lots (in lots of 25).

Please note that chicks must be picked up by 8:30 on the morning of delivery.
THE FARMERS’ MUSEUM
HEIRLOOM SEED PROJECT

The Farmers’ Museum is again offering interested 4-H members new varieties of heirloom seeds to grow. As in the past, 4-H members are required to grow the seeds and then exhibit the mature specimens at the Farmers’ Museum Annual Autumn Harvest Festival on September 12 & 13. Specimens exhibited at Harvest Festival will be judged and given awards.

HEIRLOOM SEEDS INCLUDE:
A. Heirloom Flowers (larkspur, amaranthus, four o’clock) -$3.00
B. Heirloom Herbs (catnip, calendula, chamomile) -$3.00
C. Heirloom Vegetables (bean, squash, beets) - Free
D. Three Sisters (corn, beans, squash) - $2.00
E. 4-H Cloverbud Pumpkin Seeds - Free
F. 4-H Cloverbud Sunflower Seeds - Free

Heirloom flowers, herbs and vegetables are unique. Most of these varieties included in the seed packets offered are the same or similar to those grown in the 19th century. Growing heirloom varieties today allows us to preserve these varieties because they may have a trait that is resistant to some disease or pest.

To take part in this program, please send your request indicating which group of seed packets you would like to order to the CCE office. If signing up more than one member, please indicate names and which packets each is requesting. Enclose the proper money with the order and return by February 20th.

AG LITERACY WEEK 2009

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce the fourth annual NY Ag Literacy Day in support of its mission of fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the food and fiber system.

March 16-20 is New York Ag Literacy Week, volunteers throughout the state will go into classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme and talk to students about agriculture. The book will be donated to the school library with a special bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Day.

Last year, nearly 1,500 books were read and donated, and thousands of second-grade students participated in fun and educational activities.

NYAITC’s 2009 Book of the Year is The Empire State Investigator: The Applesauce Bandit

The 4-H Office will again be coordinating the efforts here in Herkimer County. If you are interested in volunteering to read to a 2nd grade class in any of the schools in the county, please call Jenn.

4-H YOUTH TALENT NEEDED

The 2009 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference will be held in Rochester, New York, October 25-29, 2009. The entertainment and special events committee is looking for 4-H youth talent to perform this conference. If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please contact the 4-H office for an application with more details on the specific times, events and what they are looking for.
Dear 4H Youth (in Grades 3-6 who live or work on a farm) and parents: We are offering you an opportunity to participate in a study by Colorado State University (CSU). CSU is collaborating with the Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention University of Kentucky, the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention and Education University of Texas Health Center and the Northeast Center for Agricultural Safety and Health Bassett Healthcare New York. The Northeast Center is located at NYCAMH in Cooperstown, NY.

The goal of the study is to recruit children in grades 3-6 who live or work on farms to participate in reviewing a farm safety CD. Participation is voluntary. Children will be assigned by 4-H County as either control or intervention. Both groups will complete a pre-quiz and post quiz (about 1 month apart). The intervention group will review an interactive CD on farm health and safety topics. These topics include Tractor Safety, Chemical Handling, ATV Safety, Grain Handling, and Animal Handling. (The quiz will take about 30 minutes and the CD will take about 60 minutes to review.)

Each participating youth and their parent will be asked to complete a consent form. A subsample of parents will be asked to complete a questionnaire after the CD is reviewed by their child. We hope you will allow your child(ren) to participate in this study. We have scheduled February 20, 2009 to do this project at the Herkimer County 4-H Office.

Sharon Scofield at NYCAMH is the local coordinator of this project. Please contact her by February 6, 2009 to participate. She can be reached at 800-343-7527 ext 236 or via email at sscofield@nycamh.com. She will schedule you at a convenient timeslot from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

May 2, 2009
Cornell - Morrison Hall
Registration and $5 fee due to the 4-H Office by April 6

This Saturday morning workshop in May is held on campus for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities vary annually. The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects.

4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

2009 species focus will include horse & poultry.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
It is imperative that we have correct current mailing addresses. Since our 4-H Facts newsletter is mailed as a bulk mailing, if one is returned to us, it costs us $1. This is an unnecessary expense we cannot afford in these economic times. Therefore, please be sure to notify us should your mailing address change.

Please anticipate your needs by calling ahead before coming to the office to ensure our ability to serve you at that time.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
The Government Intern Program, sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program of Herkimer County, concluded another successful semester. Eighteen students from six Herkimer County school districts participated by exploring current issues confronting county government and learning more about the functions of county government through its committee system.

The students included Jamie Barr, Brianna Klubchom, Katie Maneen and Ashlee Streeter from Frankfort-Schuyler High School; Kyle Earl, Tucker Lester and Jared Lidano from Ilion High School; Deanna Barnes, Jovanna Mueller, Jacob Staring and Alicia Wainwright from Little Falls High School; Andrew Fleming, Alex Kryschuk and Ryan Lundquist from Mohawk High School; Rachael Tranter from Poland High School; and Tacy Jones, Karissa Kinsella and Ashley Schaffer from West Canada Valley Central School.

Many key presenters were involved in the success of this program including: County Administrator Jim Wallace who gave an overview of county government and discussed current issues facing the Herkimer County Legislature; Herkimer County Youth Bureau Deputy Director Kathy Stalteri, who conducted a tour of county facilities; Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency Marketing Coordinator Martin Regan who gave a presentation on economic development; Jan Harris, Department of Social Services who discussed the PINS Diversion program; Herkimer County Sheriff Chris Farber who discussed the current jail situation; Community Youth Development Training Specialist Fran Miller, who spoke on Communication and Team Building Skills; NYS Assemblyman Marc Butler, who spoke on the Role of State Government; Herkimer County Legislator Dennis Korce who spoke on the Role of County Government; Principal Court Attorney Thad Luke, who spoke on civil court proceedings; and Assistant District Attorney Jeff Carpenter, who spoke on the criminal justice and grand jury system.

At the final session, the student interns presented a simulated legislative meeting at which Mohawk student Andrew Fleming was elected Chairperson, Poland student Rachael Tranter was elected Clerk, Mohawk student Ryan Lundquist served as the County Attorney, and Little Falls student Jovanna Mueller served as the County Administrator. Attending the session were Herkimer County Legislators Jean Maneen, Frederick Shaw and Chairman Raymond Smith; County Administrator Jim Wallace, Kathy Stalteri, West Canada Valley Guidance Counselors Joseph Cantarano and Melissa Tubia; Mohawk Government Teacher Karen Guidi; Mohawk Principal Edward Rinaldo; representing Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4-H Program Educator JoAnn Richards and numerous family members of the student interns. The Student Interns presented resolutions regarding windmills, site location for a new correctional facility, unfunded state mandates, economic development and PINS diversion. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Legislators presented certificates of participation to the students.

L to R: Mohawk students Andrew Fleming, Ryan Lundquist and Alex Kryschuk, Legislator Jean Maneen, Ilion students Tucker Lester, Jared Lidano and Kyle Earl.
## Cargill Community Scholarship Program

**WHO:** High-school seniors living in communities near Cargill operations

**WHAT:** 350 one-time scholarships of $1,000 and a $200 grant to each recipient's high-school library

**WHEN:** Applications are due February 17, 2009. Recipients will be announced in May 2009.

**HOW:** Guidelines and application can be found at this address: www.ffa.org

**NOTE:** Application requires the signature of a Cargill or Cargill joint-venture employee from the community where the student lives.

Students do not need to be members of FFA to be eligible. Children of Cargill employees are not eligible for this scholarship. If you do not know if a Cargill operation is near your high school, please send your city, state and zip code to cargill@ffa.org.

## Community Service Opportunity

4-H Clubs looking for community service projects may wish to connect with their local food pantries. Often help is needed to collect food (or funds to support food costs), stock shelves, or even assist with food distribution. If you would like to find out more about where your local food pantry is located and what they may need, please contact Lydia Sexton at Catholic Charities of Herkimer County at (315) 894-9917 X 236. Support for food pantries is needed all year long and not just at holiday time. Also the current economic situation has increased the number of families using local pantries, so your help is needed.
## 2008-09 4-H Club Officers

One requirement to be a bona fide 4-H Club is that members must elect officers. If your club does not appear below, please send a list of your officers to JoAnn as soon as possible.

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4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
"The Cow Belles 4-H club Build Blue Bird Houses" by Ellen Perkins. On November 11, 2008 the Cow Belles 4-H Club met to build bluebird houses. The bird house making project was held at the home of Resource Volunteer Stephanie Perkins and her husband Joseph. 4-H Leader Michelle Hitchcock and volunteer parent Shane Badger helped the nine 4-H'ers put the bird houses together. Mr. Perkins had pre-cut and pre-drilled cedar wood for building of the houses. The 4-H'ers, following instructions from Mr. Perkins, learned to hammer the pieces of wood and to operate a power drill. Mr. Perkins also instructed the 4-H'ers on how to handle woodworking tools safely.

The bluebird was adopted as the New York State bird in 1970. The Eastern Bluebird has been making a comeback in recent years. The Cow Belles 4-H'ers are helping to provide nesting houses for the bluebirds and will put them up in support of the bluebird community and increase their numbers.

On December 8, the newly formed German Flatts 4-H Brothers & Sisters 4-H club got the opportunity to give back to their community. The 4-H’ers were welcomed to the Mohawk Homestead to decorate the residents’ doors. The residents were very receptive to the children and wanted to know all about them and their 4-H club. A special thanks to the Mohawk Homestead residents and staff for giving us the opportunity to take part in your holiday traditions.

Pictured in the photo Front Row L to R: Alexandria Rogers, Milleta Oldick; Middle Row L to R: Victoria Treadwell, Susie Miner and Natasha Mower; Back row: Michayla Mower, Kristy Hammont, Tess Hitchcock, Ellen Perkins and Joe Perkins.

Front Row L to R: Kendra Shaver and Hayden Shaver Back Row L to R: Cory Blais, Dylan Shaver and Ricky Blais

The Starkville Champion 4-H club Fleece Scarf Community Service Project


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4-H MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

The following items are available from the 4-H office

**Brushstroke Drawstring Backpack**
Black nylon drawstring backpack with 4-H brushstroke design screen printed in white. Only 7 available at discounted price of $2.50

**White T-Shirt $5.95**
White 50/50 cotton/poly t-shirt with green clover imprint

Sizes available
18 youth small
10 youth medium
12 youth large
1 adult small

TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION
April 14-16

We will be offering a Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program to youth and adults 14 and over on April 14-16. 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. The program will be held at Clinton Tractor. The cost for 4-H members will be $10. For non-members the cost is $25. Pre-registration is required by April 6 by calling the 4-H Office. If you have any questions, call or email Jenn.

Mohawk Rednecks 4-H Club
Jordan Bailey  Member  Ilion
Tyler Bailey   Member  Ilion
Brittney Cirillo Member  Ilion
Mary Festa    Project Leader  Fort Plain
Nancy Jaycox  Project Leader  Mohawk
Dawn Jaycox-  Gen/Org Leader  Mohawk
  Weeks
Alex Quayle   Member  Mohawk
Trevor Quayle Member  Mohawk
Brendon Raux  Member  Mohawk
Rhonda Raux  Resource Leader  Mohawk
Kenneth Roberts  Member  Ilion
Rebecca Roberts Member  Ilion
Susan Roberts Project Leader  Ilion
Carrie Weeks  Member  Mohawk
Jeffrey Weeks Member  Mohawk
Sarah Weeks  Member  Mohawk

Mohawk Little Rednecks 4-H Club
Kyle Brewer   Cloverbud  Mohawk
Riley Brewer  Cloverbud  Mohawk
Dawn Jaycox-  Gen/Org Leader  Mohawk
  Weeks
Samuel Weeks  Cloverbud  Mohawk
Abigail Waite  Cloverbud  Ilion

Fields of Clover 4-H Club
Jennee Lusby   Cloverbud  West Winfield

“4-H Connects Kids to Cornell”
A Scented Valentine
(Potpourri stitched inside cotton hearts)

Materials (for 1 hot pad)
1/4 yard of red print cotton
9” square of muslin
9” square of batting
1/4 cup of potpourri
25” (3/4”-wide) ecru eyelet ruffle

Directions
Heart pattern includes 1/4” seam allowance.
1. Transfer pattern to red print and cut 2. Transfer pattern and markings to muslin and cut 1. Cut 1 from batting.
2. With wrong sides facing and raw edges aligned, stitch muslin heart to 1 red print heart along marked stitching line. Cut slit in muslin heart only, where indicated on pattern. Fill inner heart with potpourri. Slipstitch slit closed.
3. With decorative edge of eyelet toward center, align bound edge of eyelet with raw edge on right side of 1 red print heart. Baste eyelet around edge of heart, beginning at point indicated.
4. With raw edges aligned, stack batting, remaining red print heart (right side up), and stitched heart (right side down). Using 1/4” seam, stitch around heart, leaving a 4” opening for turning. Clip curves and trim batting from seam. Turn. Slipstitch opening closed.

4-H POULTRY WORKSHOP

CCE in Oneida County will be holding a Poultry Workshop on Wednesday, February 18 from 10am-12noon at the CCE office in Oneida County. This workshop is free but please be sure to call and register with Kristy at 736-3394 by February 9.

4-H POULTRY WORKSHOP

VET SCIENCE PROGRAM

In cooperation with CCE Oneida County, 4-H will be offering a four part vet science program on March 18, 25, April 1 and 8 from 6:30-8:30. The program will be based around the 4-H Skills For Life Animal Series The Cutting Edge! which is targeted for grades 9-12 (other ages are welcome to participate). The program will consist of both classroom time and visits to an animal hospital and a Humane Society. The cost of the program is $10 for 4-H members and $15 for non-members.

To register, please call CCE of Oneida County at 736-3394. For more information or questions regarding the program please contact Jenn at the 4-H Office.
To be held at the Fonda Fair Grounds  
May 15, 16, and 17th, 2009  

Beef: Kyle Fleene-Beef cost: $175.00 per animal  
Sheep: Jim Goblet - Sheep: $75.00 per animal  

****Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the weekend****  

Half of the money is due upon registration. Deadline for registrations is February 16th. Balance due by April 30th. Please make checks payable to CCEFM and return to the 4-H office with registration form.  

There will be a maximum of 20 beef and 20 sheep - registration is on a first come first serve basis with payment.  

All animals must have health papers meeting NYS health requirements and all vaccinations must be current, including rabies and BVD. These papers will be checked!!!!  

Camping will be available for $20.00 per night with full hook-ups (electric, water and sewer). There are also 2 motels 1 mile from the fair grounds. The Travel Center (518-853-3411) which will not take reservations before 2 weeks prior to the event or the Econo Lodge (518)853-4511 which we are trying to get prices on and seeing if we can get a group rate. You will need to make your own room reservations.  

Meals for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday breakfast & lunch and Saturday dinner will be provided at no additional cost.  

Brief listing of required equipment for:  
**Beef:** Blower, fitting products, show stick, show halter, grooming chute, clippers, anything you would normally take to a show.  
**Sheep:** Stand, clippers, hand shears, wool card, anything you would normally take to a show.  

A complete listing will be sent with your packet after registration along with tentative schedule of events, directions to the facility, and any further motel information we have.  

**NON-OWNED PROJECT ANIMAL**  

4-H members interested in participating in one of the various large animal projects but do not own an animal have an option. Members can participate with a non-owned animal. The "non-ownership" program enables 4-H members to experience the responsibility of caring for and showing an animal that might not have been available to them. "Non-ownership" is not available to all 4-Her's:  

- Non-ownership is NOT AVAILABLE to youth already owning an animal of that species.  
- Youth are limited to ONE non-owned animal per species.  
- Non-owned animals must meet all regulations, such as registration, health papers, etc.  
- 4-H members showing non-owned animals must complete a non-ownership certificate (which is available at the 4-H office) and submit it to the 4-H office by **June 1.**  
- 4-H Members are expected to work with their non-owned animals during the whole year and not just during the week of the show.  

If you do not own a cow, lamb, pig, goat, etc. this is a perfect opportunity for you to be able to care for a 4-H project animal and show it at the County Fair or the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show.
Deadlines, paperwork . . .

Why all the fuss?

We recognize that adults and youth often bristle at the hint of deadlines and resist “more and more paperwork.” Although the 4-H staff strives to accommodate such situations as illness, forgetfulness or no knowledge of the deadline, the following are some reasons deadlines must be met and forms completed and delivered in a timely fashion:

1. To provide good programming, paperwork or other responses are needed by certain dates in order to make an appropriate number of handouts, set up the meeting room, purchase workshop materials, and (when applicable) purchase refreshments.

2. Since many events require evaluators or facilitators, identifying a firm number of participants is essential to recruiting and, when necessary, training qualified volunteers. This often involves a process of multiple contacts that may require weeks to complete.

3. Identifying a firm number of participants is essential to securing adequate facilities since this process may take considerable time such as submitting building use forms.

4. Mailing newsletters requires the use of databases which cannot be maintained without timely information. Bulk mailing is an essential aspect of our financial management of resources, but may take up to three weeks for correspondence to be received.

5. Some of the information we request from you is required to meet reporting deadlines from Cooperative Extension funding agencies such as state and federal partners (the United States Department of Agriculture, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, and the IRS, to name a few). If these reports are inaccurate or incomplete, benefits such as insurance coverage for enrolled members/leaders and tax exemption for fundraising may be jeopardized.

Yes, we do try to accommodate everyone. The 4-H staff believes in our mission and want to work with as many Herkimer County families as possible, so we make every effort to accommodate specific circumstances. However, we need your help to work with a large number of youth and adult volunteers in effective ways with the limited staff that we have in our organization.

Please give a concerted effort to make deadlines on your calendar and get registration to our office EARLY, not the last day possible (or call to ask for an extension). We appreciate your involvement with the 4-H Youth Development Program. We hope we can count on you to strengthen our work through timely attention to deadlines and requested forms. Thank You!

BRUCE FIELD AG AWARD

The Bruce Field Agriculture Award is sponsored annually by the Central New York Farm Progress Show, Inc. and offers $300 to a graduating senior boy and girl who reside in Herkimer County to be used to further their Agriculture education.

Applications must be submitted to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County by May 1st.

Applications are available:
- through local high school guidance offices
- by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 866-7920
- by emailing rjs86@cornell.edu.
MARCH DOG MADNESS

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NEW 4-H FACTS MAILING SCHEDULE

In order to conserve staff time and save money in these hard economic times, we have decided to combine issues of our 4-H Facts Newsletter. We will only be publishing six issues: February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September, October-November, and December-January.

Therefore, it will be even more important to be sure to project ahead further when planning events. It will be imperative to register by deadlines which will need to be enforced.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IS TO ENABLE YOUTH TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS TO BE COMPETENT, CARING ADULTS"

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Presentations from a variety of experienced professionals may include: Cooperative Extension Staff, County Volunteers, Cornell University Veterinarians, community collaborators, etc. To cover the cost of lunch and program materials, there is a charge of $15.00 per person. For more information, go to http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/MarchDogMadness/index.html

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