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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: Acacia Trenholm, Creative Friends 4-H Club; Amanda Morse, Dolgeville Crafty Critters 4-H Club; Charlene Mykel, Dolgeville Ears 'N Tails 4-H Club; Marissa Padula and Brook Mucurio, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for turning in their March 4-H Club Secretary report by April 5.

Congratulations to: Victoria Treadwell, Cow Belles 4-H Club; Charlene Mykel, Dolgeville Ears 'N Tails 4-H Club; Jeffrey Weeks, Mohawk Rednecks 4-H Club; and Marissa Padula and Brook Mucurio, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for turning in their April 4-H Club Secretary report by May 5.

County Fair

Make 'N Take Activities

The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H clubs to do Make 'N Take activities at the County Fair August 18-23. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. We can help you with ideas and supplies if needed. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the exhibit building by participating in an interactive opportunity with the general public. Contact JoAnn to reserve your time.

4-H Club News Reporter

Submitted by Autumn Zwierecki

The Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club would like to thank everyone who helped make our Relay for Life Team Cody pancake breakfast a huge success. A special thanks to our sponsors and the Schuyler Fire Department for the use of the facility.
The Mohawk Rednecks 4-H Club raised $200.00 with our Easter Dinner Fundraiser. The group donated $100.00 to the Herkimer County Humane Society. We also visited with the animals while touring the facility.

The other $100.00 was donated to the Herkimer County Fair Livestock Award Fund. This provides trophies and other special awards to youth animal exhibitors of the fair. This donation was presented to Mary “Polly” Festa. She is the assistant superintendent of many animals during fair week and is responsible also for ordering the awards for the young exhibitors.

The following are members of the Mohawk Rednecks 4-H Club: Sarah Weeks (President), Brendon Raux (Vice President), Rebecca Roberts (Treasurer), Jeffrey Weeks II (Secretary) and Carrie Weeks (Reporter), Brittany Cirillo, Jordyn Bailey, Mason Gino, Tyler Bailey, Carolann Eysaman, Alex Quayle, Trevor Quayle, Kenneth Roberts, Justin McRedmond and Noah Allen.

The next Fundraising Event for our club is participating in the Mohawk village wide garage sale. All proceeds will be donated.

Submitted by: Carrie Weeks, News Reporter

Worm Farm

Partially fill a large glass jar with soil. Place a smaller, covered jar inside. Continue filling the jar with alternate layers of sand and soil. Find some worms (they’re easy to find after a downpour). Put the worms in the jar along with some food (leaves, coffee grounds, lettuce or vegetable peels). Keep soil moist but not wet. Observe the worms through the glass. Since worms prefer the dark, place a paper bag over the jar. Check each day to see how worms convert vegetable matter into soil and mix sand and soil together.
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

**CHENANGO COUNTY**

Up-coming animal clinics that every 4-H’er is invited to attend

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4-H Swine Clinic

June 30, 2009, from 7-9pm

Chenango County Fairgrounds

Learn how to: select your animal, fit, trim feet, break to lead, show, and those tips for winning Showmanship! Wear CLEAN barn clothes and shoes. Pigs will be provided come ready to learn!

4-H Dairy Goat Clinic

July 19, 2009, from 1-4pm

Chenango County Fairgrounds

Learn how to: select your animal, fit, trim feet, break to lead, show, and those tips for winning Showmanship! Wear CLEAN barn clothes and shoes. Bring your showmanship goat, your clipping kits, extension cords, show halters, and/or power strips.

For more information and to register please call Janet Pfromm in Chenango County CCE office at 607-334-584.

**4-H HORSE BOWL**

Ten Herkimer County 4-H’ers participated in the District Horse Bowl Contest.

- Front row is the Jr. team L to R: Emma Miner, Caitlyn Murdock, Alexa Luke, Anna Culver; 2nd row L-R: Sue Culver, Alexis Bryce, Kayleigh Bryce, Erika Hooker, Sarah Curtin, Julie Cole, Liz Calder and Jodi Pearsall

**4-H CLUB HOUSE**

A clip and save page for members toward better 4-H club meetings and activities.

**How about a Float?**

Exhibits on platforms. That’s the definition of floats. But more practically, floats are mobile advertisements - presentations of who you are and what you are.

You can tell “who you are” as a 4-H Club by building a 4-H float and using it in a parade. There are parades in many communities at various times of the year. Will we see you in one?
ATTENTION 4-H CLUB LEADERS

4-H Club Re-Enrollment

It's hard to believe there are only four months left in this 4-H year! They are a very busy time for many 4-H members and leaders with camp, shows, fairs, and year end activities. Traditionally we set up Club Reorganization meetings during the beginning of September to distribute your new packet of re-enrollment forms, Program Offerings, fundraising info, etc. These dates are Thursday, September 10 at noon and 6 p.m.; and Friday, September 11 at 10 a.m. We hope this will avoid the conflicts with the beginning of school. In order to give you enough time to get your re-enrollment forms completed and returned by the October 1st deadline, we will mail them to you in August along with the new 2009-10 4-H Calendar and Program Offerings to assist you with your 4-H Club Plan for the new year. Additional information will be provided in our next 4-H Facts newsletter. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact JoAnn at the 4-H office.

Herkimer County 4-H Welcomes New 4-H Members

Independent Member
Luke Murray Member Jordanville

Mini Milkshakers
Madesen Spellman Cloverbud Middleville
Eddie Smith Cloverbud Newport

Mohawk Rednecks
CarolAnn Eysaman Member Mohawk

Little Falls 4-H Friends
Sarah Piana Member Little Falls

COUNTY FAIR PREP

Leaders and parents, now is the time to assist your 4-H members in preparing for the County Fair. An early start will help to insure that the Fair is a positive and fun experience for everyone. Many last minute problems and disappointments can be avoided by making plans now. Here is a checklist of "to dos" to get you started.

- Go over the Fairbook with your members. Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair, and what preparation the exhibit will need.
- Assist them in filling out their entry blank and exhibit tags COMPLETELY, prior to the fair. It makes for a much smoother running day and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork completed ahead of time.
- Explain the conference judging procedure, the Danish system, the value of having exhibits evaluated by a judge.
- Make sure all livestock exhibitors understand the health regulations and submit their entries by the August 1 deadline.

REMEMBER, it's a well known fact (with historical basis, ask any old 4-H member) that those who take an active part in the Fair have more FUN!!

STATE FAIR CAMPER SPACE

Twelve day RV parking permits for the TanBeef/youth Temporary RV Lot will be sold at $240 each or $20/day. These credentials can only be obtained by filling out an RV parking request and returning it to the NYS Fair by July 25 with payment.

Contact Jenn for the form and more information

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
4-H GOVERNMENT INTERN PROGRAM

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. Fifteen students from five 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 Marcie Longo and Jeffrey Pritchard from Frankfort-Schuyler High School; Jordan Heath from Herkimer High School; Matt Amann, Derek Burdick, Leanne Evans, Courtney Gunter, Julie Hall, Ruby Hoffman, Ryan Laymon and Amanda Marro from Ilion High School; Nicole Albrecht from Poland High School; and Ashley Maher, Erica Romer and Chelsy James VanName from West Canada Valley Central School.

Many key presenters were involved in the success of this program including: Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature Raymond Smith who gave an overview of county government and discussed current issues facing the Herkimer County Legislature; County Administrator Jim Wallace who assisted the students with research materials; 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; Karin Zipko, Director of Training & Development, One Stop Working Solutions; 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; and Assistant District Attorney Scott Klosner, who spoke on the criminal justice and grand jury system.

At the final session, the student interns presented a simulated legislative meeting at which Frankfort-Schuyler student Jeffrey Pritchard was elected Chairperson, Frankfort-Schuyler student Marcie Longo was elected Clerk, and Ilion student Ryan Laymon served as the County Attorney. Attending the session were Herkimer County Legislators Joseph Chilelli, Jean Maneen, Peter Manno, Frederick Shaw and Jeffrey Stone; County Administrator Jim Wallace, Youth Bureau Deputy Director Kathy Stalteri, Sheriff Chris Farber, Herkimer Social Studies Teacher Phil Schoff; 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, economic development and healthcare. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Legislators presented certificates of participation to the students.

Frankfort-Schuyler students Jeffrey Pritchard, Legislator Peter Manno, Marcie Longo
Poland student Nicole Albrecht, Legislator Joseph Chilelli, Herkimer student Jordan Heath

West Canada Valley students Ashley Maher, Chelsy James VanName, Legislator Fred Shaw, and WCV student Erica Romer


Front R to L: Courtney Gunter (I), Jeffrey Pritchard (FS), Chelsy James VanName (WCV), Ruby Hoffman (I), Ryan Laymon (I); Back row L to R: Leanne Evans (I), Jordan Heath (H), Derek Burdick (I), Marcie Longo (FS), Matt Amann (I), Ashley Maher (WCV), Nicole Albrecht (P), Erica Romer (WCV), Julie Hall (I)
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.

APPLICATION: Completed applications must be turned in to the 4-H Office, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by September 15.

SELECTION: Winners will be chosen on the history of their achievements in 4-H – leadership, future plans, improvement of the past year (if more than one), showing a desire for a purebred dairy calf, and record books kept on a calf.

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

4-H AGRI-BUSINESS CAREER CONFERENCE

October 1 & 2

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.

To take part in this trip youth should be at least a high school freshman. Scholarship money is available. Applications are due August 25th.

Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application or email Jenn - jlr34@cornell.edu.

STATE FAIR TEEN LEADERS NEEDED

It’s that time of year when plans start being made for the New York State Fair. There are many opportunities available in the Youth Building for teen 4-H’ers to develop and improve their leadership skills while having fun. Herkimer County is seeking teens that are interested in being Teen Leaders to work at our county’s interactive booth in addition to those position descriptions listed below.

If you are interested in applying for a Teen Leader Position, contact the 4-H office no later than June 29th. Our office will then send you more detailed information and an application. Teen leader positions, except for the Herkimer County booth, require an additional application. These positions have limited slots. Therefore, if you apply for one of these positions, the State 4-H Office will notify our office if you have been chosen. Youth must have reached their 13th birthday by January 1 of the current year and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 for the current year.

Teen Leader opportunities are available in many areas of interest including Museum of the Earth, Emcee, GPS/GIS, Horse, Operation Military Kids, Poultry, Press Corps, Shooting Sports and Information Booth. Teen evaluator positions are Available in Communication & Expressive Arts, Family & Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Art objects, Science, Engineering and Technology, or Visual Arts / Photography.

Teen Leaders and Teen Evaluators earn $10 premium each day of participation and must work 6 hours per day. For teens 17 years of age or older, there are Youth Building Teen Assistant positions available. These positions are employees of the New York State Fair. Teen Assistants are recommended by the local 4-H Office. Please contact JoAnn Richards if you'd like to be nominated.
HORSE SHOW INFORMATION
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate will be required. Everyone MUST wear an approved hard hat.

- The official helmet for the NYS 4-H Horse Program for the year 2009 will be equine riding helmets with ASTM-1163/SEI certification.

- Proper equestrian footwear with a "distinguishable heel" is required.

- An approved helmet and equestrian footwear must be worn at all times at 4-H events when:
  - a rider is mounted on an equine
  - youth are riding in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines
  - or youth are in the show ring (i.e.: for showmanship at halter)

- Show will be run in accordance with NYS 4-H Horse Show Rules. Rule book found at: www.ansci.cornell.edu/4-h/horses/rulebook/index.htm/

- Classes with less than 3 entries may be combined at the discretion of the show committee.

- Classes such as saddle seat and gymkhana will be offered at a later date if needed.

- The reining pattern for the 2009 NYS Fair 4-H Horse show-Western Division, will be reining pattern #4 in the 2009 NYS 4-H Horse Program Horse Show Rule Book.

  Sr. Maximum Fence height: 3'
  Jr. Maximum Fence height: 2'6"
  Pony Maximum Height: 2'

W/T: cross rails

- Championships will go to those who turned in "Blue Books"

- Must have turned in a “Blue Book” to be considered for State Fair.

- A signed Acknowledgement Of Risk Form must be turned in before the show.

- A current riding evaluation must have been completed prior to the date of this show.

Junior - 8 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year to 13 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year.

Senior - 14 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year.

For more information, contact Jenn at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County 866-7920.

4-H DAIRY JUDGING TOURS

Central New York Tour, Monday, June 29
Cobleskill Tour, Thursday, July, 9th
Catskill Tour, Monday, July 16th

Please put these dates on your calendars and stay tuned for more information.
4-H at the Herkimer County Fair is a tradition worth continuing. 4-H members get to publicly show off skills learned, articles made and grown and renew valued friendships. As we plan for this huge event, please pay particular attention to all the details in your fairbook. By becoming familiar with the schedule, general rules and those from each section, you're already well on the way to a successful and fun experience.

Each 4-H family should receive a copy of the 2009 Herkimer County Fair book in the mail. If you don't, call the Fair office at 895-7464. Please check it out completely. Entry forms are included in the Fair book. Feel free to make additional copies as needed. Please note entry forms for club exhibits and all livestock are due to the Fair office by August 1.

In response to requests from 4-H volunteers who find it difficult to get their exhibits entered on Sunday, entries may be brought to the 4-H office on Saturday, August 15 between 10 am and 1 pm. At this time, 4-H evaluators will be available to judge 4-H exhibits only. No open class exhibits will be accepted on Saturday. 4-H staff will then transport these 4-H exhibits to the fairgrounds for entry on Sunday.

As in the past, judging of your 4-H non animal exhibits will also take place in the youth building at the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 16th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. 4-H evaluators will be available from 10 am to 1 pm. This is the time when you will have an opportunity to interact with a 4-H judge. There will be Herkimer County Fair evaluators on hand until 5:00 pm that afternoon if you are unable to make the 4-H judging. Please note that the 4-H evaluators will only be judging 4-H projects. If you have other items to enter in the fair, they will be evaluated by Herkimer County Fair judges.

If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office. We need adults to help with registration and evaluating and youth to help as assistants.

In addition to the entry form found in the Fairbook, a 4-H entry tag which must be attached to each exhibit is required for all non-animal exhibits. These tags may be picked up at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office prior to the Fair. This makes registration day less hectic. Please call the office with the number of tags you’ll need before stopping in and we’ll be happy to have your tags counted out and ready for you. Make sure you have the correct entry tags - green for 4-H projects only, white for all non-4-H projects. 4-H projects are those completed by a 4-H’er as part of his/her 4-H club work. A project done by a 4-H’er at home or at school that was not a part of a bona fide 4-H project needs to be entered in open youth.

The reason that we encourage youth to be present while his or her item is being judged is to help the evaluator understand the learning process that occurred to make the end product. Also, youth participating gain useful information from the evaluator.

We are really trying to make the evaluation a useful tool for the members rather than just a method of competition. If the judge does not know the experience and ability of the member, or obstacles that he might have overcome, it is difficult for them to offer helpful advice and suggestions.
Farm Safety 4-H CD Review

Youth (in 4-H who live or work on a farm and are in grades 3-6), can participate in reviewing an interactive farm safety CD during the upcoming Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock show on July 13 or 14, 2009. The CD, developed by Colorado State University, covers tractor, chemical, ATV, grain and animal safety. Review of the CD is coordinated locally by Sharon Scofield from NYCAMH (New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health). Please contact her at 800-343-7527, ext 236 or email her at sscofield@nycamh.com with your questions or to participate.

Ag Literacy Week

First row l-r Kyle Stowell, Geena Morotti and Marguerite Aney all 2nd graders at Benton Hall Academy. Second Row l-r Justin Benson, Child Development student at LFHS who read to the 2nd graders; Mrs. Theresa Ricci, BHA 2nd grade teacher; and Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher, Little Falls High School Family and Consumer Science teacher, who coordinated Ag Literacy event at Benton Hall Academy, presenting the book.

Community Service Opportunity for 4-H Clubs

We have started projects to beautify the grounds of Country Manor and enrich the lives of our residents.

We would like to set up some attractive places to sit outside with flower gardens, bird feeders and fountains.

There is nothing more satisfying than sitting outside gazing at beautiful flowers, watching the birds and butterflies and listening to a fountain of water.

Tomato cages, potting soil, bird and squirrel food as well as outdoor benches, fountains or window boxes would be greatly appreciated.

When nature is blooming with beautiful color and fragrance all around, life is just more enjoyable.

If you are interested you can contact Theresa Grescheck at Country Manor 4338 State Route 28. Telephone # 866-8436

Very Important Notice

As a follow up to our notice on page 11 in the February/March and page 3 in our April/May 4-H Facts regarding our need to have current mailing addresses, please be advised that we received five more returned 4-H Facts this past issue. Because we send our newsletters out by bulk mail, any undeliverable pieces that do not have a current mailing address are returned to us with a postage fee due. Therefore, we implore you to PLEASE notify us immediately if your address changes! Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.
Our congratulations go out to all our 4-H members who are graduating from high school this month.

**Sara Curtin** – Foxy Trotters 4-H Club – Mt. Markham CSD; **Martin Fisher** – Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H Club – Owen D. Young High School; **Erika Hooker** – Foxy Trotters 4-H Club - Mt. Markham CSD; **Derrick Snell** - Independent 4-H Member – Little Falls High School; and **Gillian Wenner** – Foxy Trotters 4-H Club – New Hartford High School.

If your photo does not appear in this article, please send us a photo and brief bio including any 4-H projects, trips, or awards and your plans for the future. We'd love to continue to highlight our seniors in the next 4-H Facts.

Best Wishes in all your future endeavors!

My name is **Sara Curtin**. I will be graduating from Mount Markham High School this June. I will be attending Syracuse University for Information Management and Technology in the fall. I have been a member of 4-H since I was nine years old and I've been active in many horse clinics, public presentations, teen winter weekend, various community service projects each year I have participated, and also cooking and sewing projects. I attended 4-H horse camp for two years. I have also showed at the NYS fair 4-H horse show two times where I took ribbons at both shows. I won a showmanship class out of 45 people one year when I was there when I was eleven years old. I was also active in the 4-H horse bowl quiz team for the past two years as well. 4-H taught me leadership skills through being president of our club for two years, along with holding other offices. 4-H taught me lessons that will help me throughout my life, and I would like to thank our club and clinic leaders, along with our county leaders for volunteering your time to give us all more opportunities. You all taught me great life lessons and made it fun in the process, and I truly appreciate that.

**Derrick Jay Snell** will be graduating from Little Falls High School. He has been a 4-H member for 10 years. He has showed beef cattle, dairy cattle and sheep. He has played football, track and wrestling for Little Falls school. He has qualified for sectionals in track. In February 2009 Derrick also competed in the wrestling sectionals at the Utica Auditorium. Derrick has been accepted at SUNY Cobleskill for the fall 2009. He is going into physical education. He wants to be a teacher and coach.
Martin Fisher, youngest son of Neil and Karen Fisher, graduates in June from Owen D. Young Central School and Herkimer BOCES. At BOCES he has been taking carpentry and masonry.

Martin started in 4-H as an 8 year old. He showed dairy goats every year at the Junior Livestock show and almost every year at the Herkimer County Fair. He belongs to the Kuyahooora Kaprines 4-H club, Heidi Carnright, Leader. He has been active in the International club at ODY along with spending a lot of his time working on his family’s dairy farm.

In August, Marti starts at Mohawk Valley Community College in carpentry and masonry.

Wouldn’t it be impressive to see each 4-H Club represented at the Herkimer County Fair with their own club banner? The 4-H office would like to invite every club to construct a club banner to be displayed at the Herkimer County Fair. Let’s show the general public that 4-H is alive and well in Herkimer County. If your club does not have a banner and would like to make one, please use the following instructions.

Use 2 yards of 45-inch two sided fabric with your club name on both sides. Letters should be at least 9 inches high to be clearly visible to fairgoers. Felt iron-on letters, well done, are acceptable. Other decorations showcasing what your 4-H club does can be used as space permits. 4-H members should make the banner with necessary guidance from a leader. We would like to use these for several years, so be sure they are sturdily constructed. We would like to have all club banners turned into the 4-H office by Friday, August 1st to help with planning our exhibit. Please contact JoAnn at the 4-H office to let us know if your club will be participating.

School’s Out! Now What?
Outdoor Activities for the Summer

Rock Around the Block
Give each child an egg carton to collect rocks. After the rocks have been collected and washed, study them with a magnifying glass. Sort rocks by shape, size or texture. Arrange them in the egg carton from smallest to largest. With older children, classify rocks and start a rock collection.

DARIEN LAKE
4-H Days 2009
Valid July 13-19, 2009
$15.99/person
Stop in the 4-H office for your discount coupon valid for up to 6 people.
4-H CONSERVATION DAY 2009

On May 20 approximately 750 sixth grade students from eleven Herkimer County schools participated in the Annual 4-H Conservation Day School Enrichment Program at the Diamond Mines Campground in Middleville. The schools who participated included Barringer Road, Dolgeville, Fisher Elementary, Herkimer, Mt. Markham, ODY, Remington, St. Francis de Sales, West Canada Valley, Richfield Springs, and Oppenheim-Ephratah learning about conservation and environmental issues. The students visited thirteen stations and each received a donated tree seedling at the end of the day.

The stations and presenters included: Managing/Preserving Wildlife for the Future - Lt. Matt Jacoby, NYS DEC Division of Law Enforcement; Woods Safety - Rob Piersma, NYS DEC Forest Rangers; Conservation in Our Forests - Mary Kay Allen, Matthew Manning & Michael Marsh, NYS DEC Lands & Forests; Tree Planting - Gerry Smithson, Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation District; Diamonds/Geology - Jeff Butler & Mike Hinman, Herkimer Diamond Mines; NY Fish - David Erway, NYS DEC Fisheries; Fun & Safety on the River - Dales Gates & John Foutch, West Canada Paddlers; Don’t Lose It! - Any Michael, Farm Service Agency; Deer Management & Aging - Steve Heerkens, NYS DEC; Water Conservation & You - James Rathbun & Alvin Montana, Herkimer County Wastewater Treatment Facility; Soil Erosion - Bill Paddock, Oneida County Soil & Water Conservation District; Pet Education & Responsibility - Jodi Flo, Joy Korce & Maxine, Herkimer County Humane Society; New York State Furbearers - Bill Ballou & Don Combs, Upper Mohawk Fur Harvesters

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HERKIMER COUNTY’S HANNAH MANG WINS FIRST PLACE AT NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT

The top three juniors and top three seniors from eight counties including Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and St. Lawrence competed in the North Central District Public Presentation Event held at the Salmon Run Mall in Watertown on Saturday, May 30.

Representing Herkimer County in the Junior Division were:

► Hannah Mang, member of the Foxy Trotters 4-H Club, with her presentation on “Type 1 Diabetes” which received a blue award as well as the First Place Overall Rosette for the Junior Division

► Anna Culver, member of the Foxy Trotters 4-H Club, with her presentation on “Buddy Bones” which received a blue award as well as the Fourth Place Overall Rosette for the Junior Division

► Ellen Perkins, member of the Cow Belles 4-H Club with her presentation on “Blue Birds” which received a red award

Representing Herkimer County in the Senior division were:

► Dylan Hapeman, member of the Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H Club with his presentation on “How to Make a Jigsaw Puzzle” which received a red award

► Tess Hitchcock, member of the Cow Belles 4-H Club with her presentation on “Dairy Breed – Milking Shorthorns” which received a red award

Congratulations to Hannah, Anna, Ellen, Dylan and Tess for their hard work. We are very proud of their accomplishment and for being such fine representatives of Herkimer County 4-H. Keep up the good work!

STATE FAIR BOOTH

THEME: “4-H CHOOSE HEALTH . . . AND MY WORLD

While you’re making your summer plans, be sure to consider representing Herkimer County 4-H in the Youth Building at the Great New York State Fair. Doing hands on activities with the general public is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H’ers!

Since we share our booth with Oneida and Otsego Counties, dates you would like to participate must be reserved. 4-H Clubs are needed for August 31, September 1, 2, or 3. Don’t delay – contact JoAnn for more details and to reserve your date(s) now!

We will provide all the necessary supplies for your group to choose from 16 recreational items from the “Simple Gifts” curriculum.

In addition to receiving the necessary supplies, admission passes and parking permits will be provided.

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
4-H CLUB NEWS

On March 28, the **Barnyard Buddies** and **Barnyard Cloverbuds** 4-H clubs had a busy day. First, we joined the Little Sprouts 4-H Club for a speed stacking demonstration. No one in our club was familiar with this new sport, but after being introduced to it, we all got to try our hand at it. We found it to be very fun and challenging. After this, we travelled to Clarkshire Farm in Mohawk. We learned many interesting facts about sheep farming. The Clarks gave us a tour of their barn and we were able to pet the animals. They served us great refreshments and rounded out the trip with a horse-drawn wagon ride. The 4-H’ers had a great time and the weather was perfect. On May 1 our clubs had a guest speaker – Tim Wheeler, a certified hunting instructor. Tim came and discussed some hunting safety precautions with the group. He talked about the different hunting calls for turkeys. The 4-H’ers got a chance to practice making some of these calls as well. Tim also explained the importance of respecting the wildlife and the landowner’s property. Finally on May 8, after school our clubs took a field trip to the Jordanville quarry. Mr. Bill Scherer, manager of the quarry, gave us a brief history and then gave us a fantastic tour. He explained the different steps involved from blasting the solid rock to the stone leaving the quarry in dump trucks destined to a specific construction project. The Barnyard Buddies and Barnyard Cloverbuds really enjoyed learning about these topics.

The **Cow Belles** 4-H club planted cucumber, Boston pickling, calendula and casaba melon seeds in April.

On March 23 the **Creative Friends** 4-H Club held a meeting at our leaders home. We worked on a Nutrition Project which included making French Bread and peach, berry and orange smoothies. Also we elected **Hannah Smith** as our group Reporter.

In the month of May, we held two meetings. At the first meeting we did origami. We made cats and flowers using colored paper. At our second meeting our 4-H group met at a farm. We saw a variety of different types of chicks. Then we went inside and had tea and cookies.

The **Dolgeville Crafty Critters** 4-H club had a meeting March 7th where we learned how to show cavies. Our next meeting was on March 21st. We learned how to crochet and talked about what we wanted our banner to look like. On April 4th we started making our banner.

The **Dolgeville Ears & Tails** 4-H Club met in the month of March to discuss our presentations and our recycling projects. We made recycled kites out of old plastic bags that anyone can get at a grocery store. The directions for these kites can be found online.

In the month of April we met to discuss field trips and some fundraisers to help us pay for the field trip. We all discussed what we will be entering in the Herkimer County Fair, which in turn we hope to take to the New York State Fair.

Members of the **Little Falls Friends** 4-H Club presented at the Public Presentation Event in March. **Hilary Creater** did an illustrated talk about Bassett Hounds. **Shelby Creater** did an illustrated talk about being a Licensed Veterinary Technician. **Dylan Hapeman** did a demonstration on How to Make a Wooden Puzzle. On April 25th the club went to Spring Farm Cares in Clinton to learn about this animal and nature rescue sanctuary and how to care for a variety of animals. They rescue, take in, and adopt out animals. For more information you can also see their website [http://www.springfarmcares.org/](http://www.springfarmcares.org/) We then enjoyed a pizza lunch.

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The **Mohawk Rednecks** 4-H Club met in December where we exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols. In January we learned hand sewing by sewing on a button and made a pin cushion. We made winter headbands out of fleece on the sewing machine. We also covered boxes to use as sewing boxes. We were provided a list of items that should be in one’s sewing box. If we make our purchases, some boxes should be entered at the fair. In February the 9-11 year olds prepared, cooked and served a complete breakfast with strawberry smoothies. In March we discussed a butterfly field trip, archery and maple syrup activities for April. We created achievement books with Leader Polly. We did the Hoard’s Dairymen Cattle Judging contest and an Easter dinner raffle. New officers include Vice President **Brendon Raux**, Secretary **Jeffrey Weeks** and News Reporter **Carrie Weeks**. In April we went to the Brewer’s for Maple Syruping. We learned to tap trees, collect sap, and boil it. We had a general business meeting. Mrs. Marion Jaquaway taught us about the bow and arrow and provided us with the opportunity to shoot.

Our money from the Easter fundraiser was $200 of which $100 will be donated to the Herkimer County Humane Society and $100 to the Herkimer County Fair Youth fund.

In February the **Mohawk Lil Rednecks** Cloverbud 4-H club cooked a complete breakfast and served it to their parents. In April we participated with the older group on the Easter dinner fundraiser. The proceeds were donated to the Humane Society and Herkimer County Fair Youth Livestock Award fund.

In April the **Schuyler Hillbillies** 4-H Club discussed the regional dairy judging and ordered Heirloom seeds. We had many sponsors for the pancake breakfast for the relay for life “Team Cody” which was on April 19. These were our sponsors: Stewarts gave us orange juice, Walmart-$25 gift card, one of our 4-H members Kerry Bray’s family donated fresh chicken eggs, the Johnson family donated maple syrup, the Wright family brought sausage, the Murdocks brought pancake mix, Kirby’s donated cooking spray and cups, Hannaford gave us bacon, cups, and napkins, Snack Shack donated bacon at cost, Dari Del gave us milk, Steve Brown baked goods for our bake sale. Thank you to the Schuyler Fire Department for letting us use their building. We did a 50-50 drawing and had 2 baskets to raffle. The pancake breakfast was a huge success. On April 17 we did a sewing project and made pillow cases. We did this project at Kim Ules’ house, our 4-H member Rebecca Ules mom. We learned how to sew and had fun.
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Many 4-H members take part annually in the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show. They come with their animals from eight counties including: Herkimer, Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Fulton/Montgomery, Madison, Oneida and Schoharie. They show beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep and swine.

You are invited to attend - even if you don't have an animal to show. Watching the show can be a fun and educational experience. The Livestock Show is held at the Iroquois Farm, River Road, Cooperstown. Admission is free and there are many exhibits to look at and tents full of animals to visit.

The schedule of events is as follows:

**Sunday, July 12**
4:30 PM - American Legion Supper, Barn
5:30 PM - Chicken-Bar-B-Que, Barn
7:00 PM - Dairy Judging Contest
    Goat Showmanship Clinic
    Livestock Judging Clinic
7:30 PM - Ice Cream Social

**Monday, July 13**
9:30 AM - Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Goat Showmanship followed by breed classes, then market animals
5:20 PM - NYCAMH Discussion on ATV and Hearing Safety
6:00 PM - NYCAMH Farm safe for Kids Poster/Slogan Contest
    Awards, Dairy Tent

**Tuesday, July 14**
9:00 AM - Swine Showmanship followed by breed classes, market animals.

Judging of remaining dairy, goat, sheep and beef classes.
2:30 PM - Parade of Champions!
Selection of overall Dairy Goat Champion, Livestock Champion and Dairy Champion

**2009 ANNUAL DAIRY GOAT SHOW & HERITAGE FARM SPRING GOAT FLING**
June 20, 2009
Heritage Farm

Heritage Farm, located in a picturesque rural setting of southern Madison County, welcomes the CNYDGS Annual Show to the Spring Goat Fling. Heritage Farm is a nonprofit working farm, enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through rural experiences. Dairy Goat production is one of the major focuses of this unique farm. Come relax and share in this special day filled with fun, laughter, and education!

Contact information: bresloa982@yahoo.com
Heritage Farm, Inc 3599 State Route 46 Bouckville. Phone: 315-893-1889 x234 Fax: 315-893-7945

**NO SMOKING IN TENTS OR BUILDINGS.**

**ALCOHOL AND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE GROUNDS.**

**NO PUBLIC DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS EXCEPT FOR WORKING COMPANION AND SEEING EYE ANIMALS.**
HERKIMER COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW ~ JULY 19, 2009

1. Open to all breed youth showmanship
2. 4-H Sr. fitting and showmanship western
3. 4-H Jr. fitting and showmanship western
4. AQHA novice youth Showmanship
5. Open to all breed Amateur Showmanship
6. AQHA Novice Amateur Showmanship
7. Small Fry/4-H w/t Showmanship western
8. 4-H Jr. Fitting and showmanship English
9. 4-H Jr. Fitting and Showmanship English
10. Small Fry/4-H w/t Showmanship English
11. Open Schooling Hunter
12. 4-H Sr. Working Hunter
13. 4-H Jr. Working Hunter
14. AQHA Novice Youth Working Hunter
15. AQHA Novice Amateur Working Hunter
16. Open to all breeds youth Equitation o/f
17. 4-H Sr. Equitation o/f
18. 4-H Jr. Equitation o/f
19. AQHA Novice Youth Equitation o/f
20. Open to all breeds Amateur Equitation o/f
21. AQHA Novice Amateur Equitation o/f
22. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Working Hunter
23. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Equitation o/f
24. Open Schooling Hunter Hack
25. 4-H Sr. Hunter Hack
26. 4-H Jr. Hunter Hack
27. AQHA Novice Youth Hunter Hack
28. AQHA Novice Amateur Hunter Hack
29. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Hunter Hack
30. Open to all breeds Youth Hunter under Saddle
31. 4-H Sr. Hunter under saddle
32. 4-H Sr. Hunt seat Pleasure
33. 4-H Jr. Hunter under saddle
34. 4-H Jr. Hunt seat Pleasure
35. AQHA Novice Youth Hunter under saddle
36. Open to all breeds Amateur Hunter under saddle
37. AQHA Novice Amateur Hunter under saddle
38. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Hunter under saddle
39. Small Fry 4-Hw/t Hunt seat pleasure
40. Open to all breeds Youth Hunt seat Equitation
41. 4-H Sr. Hunt seat Equitation
42. 4-H Jr. Hunt seat Equitation
43. AQHA all Novice Youth Hunt Seat Equitation
44. Open to all Breeds Amateur Hunt seat Equitation
45. AQHA Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
46. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Hunt seat Equitation
47. Open to all Breeds Youth Western Pleasure
48. 4-H Sr. Western Pleasure
49. 4-H Jr. Western Pleasure
50. AQHA Novice Youth Western Pleasure
51. Open to all Breeds Amateur Western Pleasure
52. AQHA Novice Amateur Western Pleasure
53. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Western Pleasure
54. 4-H Sr. Stock Seat Equitation
55. 4-H Sr. Western Road Hack
56. 4-H Jr. Stock Seat Equitation
57. 4-H Jr. Western Road Hack
58. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Stock seat Equitation (no pattern)
59. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Western Road Hack
60. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Western Horsemanship (pattern)
61. Open to All Breeds Youth Western Horsemanship (pattern)
62. 4-H Sr. Western Horsemanship (pattern)
63. 4-H Jr. Western Horsemanship (pattern)
64. AQHA Novice Western Horsemanship
65. Open to All Breeds Amateur Western Horsemanship(pattern)
66. AQHA Novice Amateur Western Horsemanship
67. Open Schooling Trail
68. Open Youth 14-18 and Sr. Western Trail
69. Open Youth 13& under and Jr. Western Trail
70. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Western Trail
71. Open Youth 14-18 and Sr. Hunt Seat Trail
72. Open Youth 13& under and Jr. Hunt Seat Trail
73. Small Fry/4-Hw/t Hunt Seat Trail
74. Open and 4-H Costume Class

SIX CAMPIONSHIPS
Small Fry 4-H Walk Trot
AQHA Novice Youth 4-H Jr.
AQHA Novice Amateur

Horse Show will be held at Fairway Farm, 7025 Drive, Westmoreland. Classes start at 8am. 4-H classes are only open to 4-H members & are being conducted by 4-H rules. Other classes may be entered for a fee and are being held by the Empire State Quarter Horse Association.
Ant Farm
Find a large, clear jar and place a smaller, covered jar inside. Fill with moist dirt and ants from your backyard and cover. Keep soil moist and feed ants bread crumbs, dead insects, small pieces of meat and vegetables.

Nature Hikes
Children love to walk in the woods and collect natural objects. Give each child an egg carton to hold and sort found objects. Bring along a magnifying glass to examine specimens up close. Teach them to collect only loose objects on the ground and to avoid harming any living thing. Help them watch for and avoid dangerous stinging insects and ticks.

Nature Rubbings
Get some paper and a bunch of old crayons (the large, fat crayons work best). Peel the paper off the crayons. Look for things to rub such as tree bark, leaves, rocks, wood, brick, etc. Place paper over object and rub with side of crayon. The image of the object will appear on the paper.

Trail Mix
Let children fill re-closable plastic bags with peanuts, raisins, dried fruit, sunflower seeds, M & M’s and shredded coconut. Seal bag and shake. Your trail mix is a handy snack when you take long walks or hike through the woods.