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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Shelby Creater**, Little Falls 4-H Friends Club; **Alexa Stachowiak**, Hoof Pickers 4-H Club; **Matt Andre**, Haderondahs 4-H of Old Forge; **Occupational Hazards** 4-H club; **Rose Simmons**, Schuyler Cow Patties 4-H club for turning in their January 4-H Club Secretary report by February 5.

Congratulations to: **Shelby Creater**, Little Falls 4-H Friends Club; **Mariah Conover**, Merry Moos 4-H Club for turning in their February 4-H Club Secretary report by March 5.

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ROBOTICS CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, April 3

The robotics program runs on the first Wednesday of the month from 5 to 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office. It’s an introductory level program that has the kids working to get used to the programming functions and design of the robots. This club is led by leader Andy Culver. Please email Sue Culver at sculver135@gmail.com so they know how many to expect.

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RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Ever wonder what to do with a milk jug once the milk is gone? Would you like to find a use for the laundry detergent bottle? Do you need somewhere to start your seeds for your garden? Come to our recycling workshop and find out how to repurpose these plastic bottles.

- **When:** Thursday, April 11 at 9 am
- **Where:** CCE Office 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer
- **Bring:** Washed and dried plastic milk jug, laundry detergent bottle, and at least 2 soda bottles of matching size.

Please sign up by calling the 4-H office by Monday, April 8.
**AGRICULTURE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP**

April 6 – 10:00 am-2:00 pm at CCE Oneida

Are you an advocate for Agriculture? Do you know what it means to advocate?

If you desire to see Agriculture promoted and want to help consumers understand the industry, please join us at the Oneida County Extension Office on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm as Cari Rincker, Attorney at Law, leads a workshop focused on Agriculture Advocacy; marketing your product; and using social media to your advantage. The afternoon will be spent working on livestock judging skills; and learning more about the beef industry.

The cost of the program is $10.00 for 4-H youth and $20.00 for youth not enrolled in 4-H. Lunch will be provided. The workshop will target youth ages 9-19 years but adults, parents, and leaders are encouraged to attend. To register for the workshop go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/AgAdvocacy_230 or call Kristi Cranwell at (315) 736-3394, ext. 122 or email kac292@cornell.edu.

Cari Rincker is an accomplished attorney in New York with a practice that focuses on food/agriculture law as well as environmental law. Raised on a Simmental cattle operation in Illinois, Cari judged livestock at Lake Land Junior College and Texas A & M University. Cari has a passion for working with youth interested in Agriculture.

**NEW YORK AYRSHIRE CLUB CALF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award and to provide money that can be used to help purchase a Registered Ayrshire Calf at a public auction. The program offers the opportunity for youth who have demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential; and who will also grow through this project.

Applications are available through the NY Ayrshire Club at 3552 East Rd., Cazenovia, NY 13035; email at nyayrshire@gmail.com; or download application from their website, www.nyayrshire.com Applications must be postmarked by the deadline of April 20, 2013.

**FARMERS’ MUSEUM JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW INFO**

Traditional members (8 years old and in 3rd grade by January 1, 2013) that are enrolled in beef, sheep, dairy, goat or swine should receive their Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show Book by May 14. Riding evaluations are due to the 4-H office by everyone who will be participating in any county offered horse shows or clinics. Please contact your leader to get these completed as soon as possible. The forms can be found at http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses. The horse show will be held on July 26-27 at Morrisville State College.

**DUE BEFORE THE HORSE SHOW!!!**

**NUTRITION CLINIC FOR HORSES AND CHICKENS**

April 13 – 11:00 am
Aubuchon Hardware

Hosted by the **Hoof Pickers 4-H Club**. Dr. Brenda Armstrong, DVM, will be on hand to speak about the health benefits of feed and supplements for your horse or chicken. There will also be feed reps available to speak on different feeds. No registration needed.

**CHICKEN ENTHUSIASTS**

**SAVE THE DATE**
Thursday, July 18, 4-6 pm
4-H Office
Pullorum Testing for chickens
***needed to exhibit at fairs***

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
CORNELL UNIVERSITY VET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
Saturday, April 13, 2013  
10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
The students, faculty, and staff of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine invite you, your family; and friends to the 47th Annual Open House.

Open House is an opportunity to share the joys of the profession with the community. Veterinary students and members of the faculty and staff host this annual event that provides a chance for those interested to get a closer look at veterinary medicine. Tour the college and learn more about the facilities, equipment, and what they do everyday. Students, faculty members, and staff will be on hand to answer your questions about a career as a veterinarian, a veterinary technician, or an animal care specialist. Careers in veterinary medicine have traditionally involved working with dogs, cats, cows, horses, sheep, and pigs. However, this rapidly growing field also provides opportunities to work in the animal health industry, government, armed forces and with many other species in zoos, wildlife refuges, and developing countries.

PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT OPEN HOUSE  
For more information and a schedule of activities, please go to: http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/  

ALICIA KENNEDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
A 4-H scholarship has been set up in memory of Alicia Kenney by the Merry Moos 4-H Club. Applications can be obtained by calling the 4-H Office or on our website at http://blogs.cornell.edu/ceeherkimer/4-h-youth-development/  
Scholarships will be in the amount of $100. Applications are due to the 4-H Office by May 1.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS  
Connecting with Kids of Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties presents: **How to Engage Parents as Partners in Their Child’s Education From Pre-School through High School**  
Thursday, April 18, from 6:00-8:00 pm  
CCE Oneida County, Farm and Home Center, 121 Second Street, Oriskany

Children from families that are regularly and constructively involved in their child’s education attain higher levels of academic and social competence. Research indicates that schools can play a crucial part in ensuring a positive, ongoing relationship with family members. Family-school partnerships require effort and flexibility, but the potential benefits for children and their families, as well as the school as a whole, are worth it.

In order to engage families from all backgrounds we will focus on three key practices:

- Building trusting, collaborative relationships among teachers, families and community members.
- Recognizing, respecting and addressing families’ needs, as well as class and cultural differences.
- Embracing a philosophy of partnership where power and responsibility are shared.

Our keynote speaker, Patty Sinclair, will share research based information related to parental engagement in their child’s education. Panel discussions focusing on local best practices will follow the keynote speaker.

You may call the CCE Herkimer County office with your registration at (315) 866-7920; or register online at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/ConnectingWithKids_221; or email your information to herkimer@cornell.edu. Please indicate what agency or school district you are from, a daytime phone number and the name(s) of those attending. Please register by Monday, April 15, 2013.
**ANIMAL CRACKERS PROGRAM**

May 4, 2013 - Horses and Rabbits

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell University.

**Registration begins at 9 am**

**Who:** 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.

- **Why?:** 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.

- **How?:** Please contact the Herkimer County 4-H office for details and registration. Registration and money is due to the 4-H Office by April 8.

- **Cost?:** The cost of $7.00 per person – participant and chaperones

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The closest place to purchase food is a 5 minute drive from campus.

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**REMINDERS:**

**by June 1**

- Non-owned project animal lease agreements are due to the 4-H office.

- The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987. Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.

- Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show Entries are due to the 4-H Office.

- **NEW THIS YEAR** – Please submit a non-ownership (lease) paper to the 4-H Office for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing.

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**ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENT CHANGES**

The Animal Health Requirements for the 2013 county fairs and New York State Fair and other relevant documents are now available online at [http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html)

There have been some changes in the requirements starting in 2013:

- All cattle and swine must be identified by USDA approved official eartag. This is a change for some cattle breeds that have not commonly applied eartags and for swine identified only by ear notch in the past.

- The minimum age for rabies vaccination; where required; is now 4 months.

- Category 2 veterinary accreditation is required for fair-related veterinary work. Veterinarians in large animal or mixed animal practice should have this status.

- The GoPass is now acceptable documentation for horse movements. Details are included in the requirements.
**YOUTH PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE (PQA) PLUS PROGRAM**

Join us April 20 at 9:00 am for a Youth PQA plus program. This PQA program was started by the National Pork Producers Council in cooperation with the National Pork Board as a voluntary educational program for youth producers in 2003. Youth PQA Plus for Pork is comprised of two main elements: food safety and animal well-being. Following the Good Production Practices (GPP) from Youth PQA Plus may help to improve your swine care and management practices. Topics such as preventing drug residues, promoting consumer confidence in pork, feeding procedures, animal identification, recordkeeping and much more will be addressed. This program is for youth ages 9-19 years. To register for the program go to https://apps.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=YouthPQAPlus_230 or call Kristi at 736-3394, ext. 122. Cost for the workshop is $5.00 for youth enrolled in 4-H and $10 for youth not enrolled in 4-H.

**FEMA SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking nominations for participants in the Agency’s Youth Preparedness Council. The Youth Preparedness Council provides an opportunity for young leaders to serve as a member of a distinguished national council. Another benefit is completing a youth preparedness project of their choosing. Council members have a chance to learn about youth disaster preparedness from the leadership at FEMA and other national organizations dedicated to youth preparedness.

Any teens interested, ages 12-17, please contact Amy Galford at Cornell University 607-255-1943. or email aeg1@cornell.edu

**NYS ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND NYS SHOWPEOPLE’S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship provides financial assistance to high school and college students active in their local fairs who intend to or are pursuing a degree. Application is open to all students regardless of their field of study. Additional consideration may be given to those applicants pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management, or the outdoor amusement business. Applications can be found at www.nyfairs.org Up to ten $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are due by Friday, April 12, to Herkimer County Fair Association, PO Box 47, Frankfort, NY 13340.

**April’s Choose Health Challenge:**

Take a Hike - a walk of an hour or more twice this month!

**Why?**
- Your feet can take you places wheels can’t go!
- Hiking strengthens different sets of muscles, especially if you carry water and food or if you go up hills!
- Have fun together!

**How?**
- Plan Before You Go the Distance!
- Where will you go?
- How far will you hike?
- What will you wear?
- What will you take?
2013 4-H CAREER EXPLORATIONS CONFERENCE

For over 90 years, Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Youth Development program has conducted a three day on campus event for youth on the Cornell University campus. The purpose of this program is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career exploration; develop leadership skills; provide hands-on experience in a college setting; and introduce youth to Cornell University.

4-H Career Exploration programs allow youth to have fun while learning about science, engineering, technology, humanities and...themselves. The event is made up of two grade specific tracts: University U for youth entering grades 8 - 9 and Focus for Teens for youth entering grades 10-12.

- **When:** June 25-27, 2013
- **Where:** Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- **Cost:** $215 registration and lodging (Other additional fees may apply. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension for details)

Get a head start on finding your future career today! Please register through your Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

Career Explorations helps connect kids to Cornell through hands-on experiences with Cornell staff and faculty. [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx)

BRUCE FIELD AGRICULTURE AWARD

**PURPOSE** - In recognition of his untiring efforts in the service of agriculture in Herkimer County, the Central New York Farm Progress Show, Inc. has set up this annual Bruce Field Agriculture Award. Bruce's years with the bank, consultant in farm management, and active volunteer with many organizations will be remembered with this yearly grant to young people, who are residents of Herkimer County or who attend Herkimer County Schools. The purpose of this award is to recognize students from the farming community who have done outstanding work; and to encourage their careers in Agriculture.

**AMOUNT OF THE AWARD** - One award of $300 is offered annually to a male student; and one award of $300 is offered annually to a female student.

The fund is administered by the Central New York Farm Progress Show Committee. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County assists in advertising and judging.

**ELIGIBILITY** - Eligible applicants need to be seniors in a high school in Herkimer County or Herkimer County residents who are high school seniors attending a school outside Herkimer County. They need to be graduating in the academic year of the award.

**APPLICATION FORM** - The application form attempts to chronicle the school, community and farm activities of each applicant.

You can find the application on our website www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer. Go to 4-H Youth Development. You can also call the 4-H office or contact your High School Guidance Counselor for a copy. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by May 1, 2013.
In January, the Barnyard Buddies 4-H club went to Clark’s Gym. 4-H Club members enjoyed swimming, racquetball, and foosball.

Front Row L to R: Steven Lewosko; Middle Row L to R: Klarissa Lewosko, Katie Livingston; Top Row L to R: Gabby Lewosko, Julia Lewosko and Alyson Casler.

The Barnyard Buddies met at Casler’s in February and made tacos and Snowmen pudding.

Representing Herkimer County at Regional Horse Communications will be Rowan Albin in the senior division and Alexa Luke, Anna Culver and Isabella Raux in the junior division.

As part of the preparation for Horse Bowl and Hippology, the club visited the Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Facility in January. They learned about various treatment programs for injuries and confirmation problems. The facility has a wide range of treatment options and the group was able to see a horse swim in the swimming pool and one walk on an underwater treadmill.

Results from the Horse Bonanza competition: Herkimer County's Senior Team of Rowan Albin, Sidney Ingraham, Emma Miner, Caitlyn Murdock and JoVina Taylor finished 5th overall in Horse Bowl and Senior Team A - Caitlyn, Sidney & Emma was 5th in the Hippology. Senior Team B included Rowan, JoVina and new member Shannon Mauro gave it a try. Caitlyn Murdock was 7th in the individual competition and qualified to be a member of the regional team at the NYS Fair this summer.

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Our Junior Team of Anna Culver, Laura Culver, Maya Evans, and Alexa Luke did well in the Horse Bowl with Alexa Luke being 10th individually. In the Hippology the team was 5th overall, with Alexa placing 7th and Anna placing 10th individually. Great Job!

Pictured at the Horse Bonanza competition are Front Row: Laura Culver; Second Row: Anna Culver, Alexa Luke and Maya Evans; Back Row: Sidney Ingraham, Caitlyn Murdock, Emma Miner, JoVina Taylor, Rowan Albin, and Shannon Mauro.

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The Haderondahs of Old Forge 4-H club attended Science Sunday at the View in Old Forge. They learned about the effects of mercury on the environment and on native fish. At the January meeting, Marine biologist Amanda Williams gave a presentation on Alaska. 4-H club members explored environmental issues that endanger wildlife. They also learned how to become a marine biologist and about different colleges and internships available in this field.

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The Hoof Pickers 4-H club met in February to make chocolate hearts. They held a showmanship clinic at the Elthorp Quarter Horse Farm in Mohawk on March 17. The club is also hosting a Nutrition Clinic at the Aubuchon Hardware for Horses and chickens, in Herkimer on April 13 with guest speaker Dr. Armstrong, DVM.

The Merry Moos 4-H club participated in the Kid's Heart Walk on February 10th. They raised $332.00 for the cause. The following kids participated Ed & Isabella Smith, Madesen, Denten & Logen Spellman, Faith Perry, Klohie Barnes, Lindsay Pierson, Rebecca Elwood, Chloe & Brooklyn Williams, MaKenzy Morris, Erica & Rebecca & Janelle Salm.

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The Occupational Hazards 4-H club have been busy in November and December. Members sold cheese at Tractor Supply; held a bake sale, a holiday sale, and raised $200 towards Strides Against Breast Cancer. The club also supports 2 families and purchased food and supplies for the Herkimer County Humane Society. The club decorated at nursing homes and assisted adult day care with Christmas shopping. They also purchased items for the RLA canned goods drive; and donated the funds raised to a fellow 4-Her who had a serious house fire.

Pictured L to R: Nicole Service, Amanda Davis, Ethan Smith of RLA, Bonnie Jo Helmer, Cherie Worden, and Kianna Daley give canned goods to the RLA representative for the canned goods drive.

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The **Whistling Willows** and **Wee Whistling Willows** 4-H club had a good time at the St. Patrick’s Day parade. A little long wait to get started, but once we did, we had fun. Thank you to all those who participated and made it a great day. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who walked with us for your support and help with the kids. Thank you again Valerie and Jon Hull. Pictured: the new club banner made in February.

The **Wee Whistling Willows** 4-H club has also been learning about Hibernation and how animals survive in the winter.

**How to Make a Bird-Feeder From Water-Bottles!**

Here is a diagram of the entire process:

1. Prepare the bottles. Cut the flat bottom off of Bottle 1 and save it for a lid. Cut the pointed top off of Bottle 2 and recycle it. From Bottle 2, cut two holes near the bottom for a stick to go through (see diagram) and two holes to use as doors (about an inch above the stick holes, see diagram).

2. Thread a long piece of yarn through the doors to use as a hanger. Make sure it is not in the way of step 3.

3. Squish and slide Bottle 1 (Tip A first) into Bottle 2 until Tip A is below the bottom of the doors.

4. Fit a stick through the holes for the birds to sit on.

5. (Everyone’s favorite part!) Pour birdseed into your new bird-feeder! Squish the lid on and find a cool spot to hang your new bird-feeder!

It may take a day or two for the birds to find your feeder, but they will come! Try to learn the names of all the birds who come to visit!

**Regional Dairy Bowl**

Participants included: Josh Douglas, Hannah Franklin, Brook Mucurio, Bryce Windecker and Autumn Zwierecki. Congratulations to Brook Mucurio for being on the winning senior team (a combined team of Herkimer and Oneida Counties) and to Bryce Windecker for being the second high individual of the junior contest. A great job was done by all!
HERKIMER COUNTY 4-H AT CAPITAL DAYS

During this year’s event, 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and staff met with leaders in state government, members of the court system and officials from a variety of state agencies. In addition, they observed a working session of the state legislature and talked with their representatives.

A 4-H teen from Herkimer County went to Albany to learn about the public policy process in New York State and how our state government works. Kayla Windecker, from Frankfort, is a member of the Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club. She met a lot of nice 4-Her’s across the state, especially Morgan from Madison County.

Kayla had a very special experience with Assemblywoman Tenney at the Legislative breakfast. Assemblywoman Tenney asked Kayla to be on a 15 min. talk show with the New York Post. Kayla talked about 4-H and living on a dairy farm. The Assemblywoman thought she was at least 18 and was very surprised to hear she was only 15.

It was a great experience and we hope other Herkimer County 4-Her’s take advantage of this very important program.

REGIONAL HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY

Congratulations to all who participated in the Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests – Rowan Albin, Anna & Laura Culver, Maya Evans, Sydney Ingraham, Alexa Luke, Emma Miner, Caitlyn Murdock and JoVina Taylor.

In Horse Bowl, Alexa Luke was tenth high individual in the junior contest. In Hippology, Caitlyn Murdock was seventh high individual in the senior contest, Alexa Luke was seventh high individual in the junior contest and Anna Culver was tenth high individual in the junior contest. Congratulations to everyone!

SPRING DRIVING CLINIC

For Novice & Junior Drivers
(4-H Members Welcome!)
Sunday, April 7, 2013
West Wind Farm (indoor arena)
3624 State Highway 29 West, Johnstown, NY

- 9:00 am registration
- 10:00 am Clinic begins
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch & Door Prizes
  (Lunch Provided for Clinic Participants)
- 1:00 pm Hands on Driving

No need to bring your horse! Members of ERDHA will provide horses & wagons for you to drive. Clinic Cost: the price of a club membership

- $7.00 junior (17 and under)
- $14.00 single (18 and older)
- $20.00 family

All participants 18 and under must wear a helmet. Boots are recommended. Dress warm. Please pre-register by Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Contact Tamara Healy 518-762-6749 for more information.

4-H Member Kayla Windecker with Senator Seward
AG LITERACY WEEK

Thank you to all of the volunteers who read “The Beeman” to second grade classes throughout the county and to Herkimer County Farm Bureau for purchasing the books that were donated to each school library. Readers included: The Herkimer County Dairy Princess Hannah Douglas, Herkimer County Dairy Ambassadors Stephanie and Victoria Treadwell, Paige Johnson and Kelsey Collins. Margaret Fusco, Jennifer Hartsig, MaryAnn Walrath, Carol Ainslie, and Beth Mosher’s Home and Career Class at Little Falls.

Also CCE Intern, Kaylyne Edick, read to several different area schools. Here’s her story and experience:

My name is Kaylyne Edick and I am a senior Community Health student at SUNY Potsdam. I am currently enrolled in a seven week internship with Cornell University’s Cooperative Extension, working at the Herkimer office.

The book for that was chosen for 2013 is The Beeman, by Laurie Krebs and Valerie Cis. This week, I was welcomed to several second grade classrooms at the Herkimer Elementary School, St. Francis De Sales School in Herkimer, and the Reese Road Elementary School in Frankfort.

Nervous prior to starting, the children really enjoyed the book. It talks about the importance of the bee, and how it is essential for pollination. The book also explains the step by step process of honey making. A poster activity goes along with the book, and students were asked to help put the steps in the correct order. I found that the students both really enjoyed the book, and found the activity very helpful! By putting the steps in the correct order, the children were able to use the information they had just learned, and put it to the test.

They were also able to use the visual aids to help if they could not understand the wording. Frankfort Elementary School had a science fair this week, where the students were able to learn some information about bees prior to my time with them. This gave them a better understanding of the honey comb, and the different roles of the bees.

I really enjoyed my participation with Agriculture Literacy Week, and learned a bit about bees myself!
NYS 4-H HORSE PROGRAM IN-SERVICE
Thursday, May 23 at Cornell University

WHO: CCE Educators, Staff, Volunteers, Clients, and Teen Leaders

ALSO – open to the public and equine industry as described on the Registration form

We have excellent speakers for this year's in-service – with timely topics:

- **Dr. Pat Johnson** – newly appointed Dept. of Animal Science Chair, Cornell University (the first woman to ever hold this position!)

- **Dr. Samantha Brooks** – faculty and world known equine geneticist/Dept. of Animal Science, Cornell University

- **Jean Bonhotal** – Sr. Extension Associate and Director of the Cornell Waste Management Institute, Cornell University

- **Julie Goodnight** – “ONE OF THE GREAT MASTERS OF HORSEMANSHIP” nationally and around the world, Julie Goodnight Natural Horsemanship Training™, Poncha Springs, CO

All of this information will be posted soon to the "NYS 4-H Horse Program" web site at:
http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html
COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT

On February 13, the Occupational Hazard 4-H club held a Public Presentation event at the Herkimer County BOCES. Seventeen students participated in giving presentations about job shadowing. Occupations covered included job sites at Denny’s, the Herkimer Humane Society, Valley Health, Mohawk Pre-K, the Alpine Nursing Home, Ed’s Pizza, Folt’s Home, Burger King and one report on horses. Members that participated were: Reece Flannagan, Clayton Reed, Troy Miles, Matt Parry, Christian Fernald, Aaron Archer, Kianna Daley, Nicole Service, Cherie Worden, Amanda Davis, Rachael Domion, Kayla Doxtater, Cristiania Scalzo, Kayla Gifford, Claritza Santos, Amber Karageanis, and Kaitlynne Putney.

On February 28, eleven Herkimer County 4-H members from three 4-H clubs attended the county wide 4-H Public Presentation Event held at Herkimer High School. Learning to give effective public presentations is a unique advantage of belonging to 4-H. Special thanks goes out to our volunteer evaluators for taking the time to evaluate and work with our youth. The evaluators for the event were Pat Lesniak, David Dudgeon, and Sheryl Taylor.

Cloverbuds (4-H members in kindergarten through second grade) participating in the event were: Keturah Luck (Independent member); Denten Spellman, and Benjamin Conover (Mini Merry Moos 4-H Club).

Traditional 4-H members (youth in grades 3 and up) participating included: Katie Livingston, Alyson Casler (Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club); Madesen Spellman, Ed Smith, Isabella Smith, Madelyn Conover (Merry Moos 4-H Club); and independent 4-H members James Luck, and Abigail Reed.

Special congratulations to juniors Madelyn Conover, Katie Livingston, and Abigail Reed for placing in the top three of their age divisions and being selected to move on to the district level competition to be held at the Rome Tractor Supply on May 11.
GREEN DOLLHOUSE CHALLENGE
The invitation and information included in this message may be of interest to you and your clubs and/or school audience. It fits nicely with concepts included in our CCE 4-H Energy Sustainability & Climate Change Program. This is something that the project coordinator, Shawn Reeves, has offered to 4-H clubs as well as schools. Shawn will be the contact for all aspects of the project. The models will qualify for exhibit at the NYS Fair as energy this year (Sec. J Class 10). The following link will take you to the Green Dollhouse Challenge site, where you can find registration information and resources to assist groups or individuals who might be interested. http://energyteachers.org/greendollhousechallenge.php

In the Green Dollhouse Challenges, K-12 students, families, design/build students, and design/build professionals will build model play-houses to explore concepts and technologies related to energy production, energy use, efficiency, materials, architecture, utility, aesthetics, appreciation of nature, renewable resources, true wealth, healthy living, clean air, and clean water. Contact information for Shawn Reeves is: 607-216-7289 or shawn@energyteachers.org

May’s Choose Health Challenge:
Ride Your Bike - Every week! Remember your helmet!
Why?
  • Biking is so much fun, it doesn’t feel like exercise!
  • Bike to school or work, or to do errands, and activity fits into your busy life!
  • Biking is a green activity – good for the environment and your health!
  • Have fun together!
How?
  • Be Safe on Wheels!
  • Follow the biking rules of the road!
  • Be a Healthy Family!

4-H DAY AT ENCHANTED FOREST WATER SAFARI
Thursday, August 1
Discount tickets will be available from the 4-H Office for $20 per person. Bring your family and friends; and enjoy a day at the park for a discounted rate. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the 4-H Office; and used on August 1st in order to get this rate. Each person/family is responsible for their own transportation to and from Enchanted Forest.

Also available for $10 extra per person is an “all-you-can-eat” lunch buffet which includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, salt potatoes, tossed salad, potato chips, watermelon and unlimited all-day beverages. For those that choose to purchase the lunch option, you will have use of the reserved pavilion for the day to get out of the sun, store your stuff, etc. Only those purchasing the lunch option will have access to the pavilion. Tickets will be on sale thru July 24th. Tickets must be paid for in full before they will be given out. Call Jenn with any questions.

Anyone wishing to camp at Old Forge Camping Resort or stay at Water’s Edge Hotel Wednesday, July 31 and/or Thursday, August 1 can receive a 10% discount by mentioning 4-H Day when you call and showing your membership card at check-in. Contact them directly for reservations.

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?
“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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