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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; **Brooke Mucurio**, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for turning in their November 4-H Club Secretary report by December 5.

Congratulations to: **Shelby Creater**, Little Falls 4-H Friends Club for turning in her December 4-H Club Secretary report by January 5.

### DAIRY JUDGING CLINIC

March 23, at Salmstead Farm

Kim and Lynn Salm with be hosting a dairy cattle judging clinic on Saturday, March 23rd. Register online at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/DairyJudgingWorkshop_221](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/DairyJudgingWorkshop_221) or call the 4-H Office.

### 4-H ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

The Foxy Trotters 4-H Club would like to invite you to come and be a part of the 4-H Robotics program that they are working on.

Under the direction of 4-H Volunteer Andy Culver, the group gets together once a month for an hour and a half and "plays" with robots. They meet at the 4-H Office and welcome all Herkimer County 4-H members with an interest in robotics to attend. Please RSVP to Sue Culver at sculver135@gmail.com if you plan on attending
VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM
“From Airedales to Zebras”
February 18 - 19
This program will give youth in grades 3-5 the ability to identify different breeds of animals; interpret an animal’s behavior; describe the different roles of animals; identify nutrients in feeds; explain the purpose of body systems; measure medication properly; make your home safe for pets; and explain what veterinarians do while describing the tools they use.

Some transportation for youth may be necessary as tours of two veterinary clinics (Herkimer Veterinary Clinic and New Hartford Animal Hospital) have been organized. Youth will have the opportunity first hand to watch a veterinarian in action!

The program will be held February 18-19, 8:30 AM – 12 Noon both days. February 18, will start out at the Oneida County 4-H Office; and February 19 will start out at the Herkimer County 4-H Office.

Cost of the program is $15 for youth enrolled in 4-H and $20 for youth not enrolled in 4-H. Space is limited. To register go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-HVetScience_230 or call Kristi Cranwell at 736-3394, Ext. 122 or email kac292@cornell.edu.

Dairy Discovery Workshop ~ March 22-23
Dairy Discovery is a hands-on workshop held annually at Cornell in late March. It is a statewide program for youth ages 15-19 years old. Youth will spend the 1½ days (Friday afternoon until Saturday late afternoon) on campus learning about dairy careers and rotating through a series of hands-on stations which focus on a specific aspect of the dairy field. The focus for the Dairy Discovery workshops changes each year but includes the following areas: Dairy Herd Health and Management, Calf and Heifer Production Management, Quality Milk and Milk Production, Whole Farm Management Planning, and Maximizing the Feed Management Program.

Who: Due to the hands-on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 60 individuals to enroll by the deadline. Youth who are 15-19 years of age as of January 1, 2013 and have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). 4-H project members and FFA youth with a dairy interest or desire to learn about dairy are strongly encouraged to attend.

Why: Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students; learn about different aspects of dairy production management; and dairy industry related careers. They will also be able to interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each focus area.

Cost: The cost of $45 for youth covers basic handouts, materials, dinner and activities on Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday. This year, all adult chaperones attending with youth must register separately so we have accurate counts. An $8 fee is charged for adults to help cover meals.

How: You are strongly encouraged to contact your county 4-H office to register for this event through them. Call Jenn at the 4-H office to register and for more details on lodging accommodations. Alternatively, you may register online and pay by credit card at: http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/4H_register.php?action=order&icourse=4HDairy For complete program details go to: http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dairycattle/DairyDiscovery/index.html Registration is due to Cornell by February 12.
**PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENT**

**Thursday, February 28**

4:30 - 8 PM at the Herkimer High School

Registration for this event is due no later than February 15. Go to this website to pre-register
https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/
PublicPresentations_221

We need to have the names of each 4-H member who will be doing a presentation when you register.

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. Think “Show & Tell.”

*** 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 Wendy Richardson at the 4-H office to volunteer.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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. Continued on page 5
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.

2013 NEW YORK STATE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The New York State Summer School of the Arts, a program of the State Education Department, is requesting your assistance in publicizing a very unique opportunity for high school age students within our region. The New York State Summer School of the Arts is comprised of summer residential programs which provide intensive pre-professional training with internationally acclaimed artists and artistic companies. The program includes the Schools of Ballet, Choral Studies, Dance, Media Arts, Orchestral Studies, Theatre and Visual Arts. The program is open to all New York State high school age students who qualify through regional auditions. Tuition assistance is available based upon financial need.

For more information, please contact the Summer Institutes Office: Phone: (518) 474-8773 or FAX: (518) 473-0770 or e-mail to: nysssa@mail.nysed.gov Individual program posters are also available on the NYSSSA website at www.ocenysed.gov/nysssa/

NY AGRICULTURAL LITERACY

In celebration of National Agriculture Week (March 18-22), volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. This year we will be highlighting the Bee Keeping Industry with the book The Beeman by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis. Students and teachers will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities. The book will be given to the school library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Week. More than 1,400 books were donated last year while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities. If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Jenn.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
THE FARMERS’ MUSEUM 2013
HEIRLOOM SEED PROJECT

The seed varieties are now available for this year. There will be a charge again this year for ALL seeds. 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 14 & 15. Specimens exhibited at Harvest Festival will be judged and given awards.

**Heirloom Flower Garden** $3.00
Amaranthus
Forget-Me-Not
Cosmos

**Heirloom Herb Classes** $3.00
Horehound
Catnip
Calendula

**Three Sisters Garden** $3.00
Tuscarora White Corn,
Scarlet Runner Beans,
Long Island Cheese Pumpkin

**Heirloom Vegetables:** $3.00
Green Nutmeg Melon
Yellow Plum Tomato
Purple Top Turnip

**Cloverbud Pumpkin** $1.00
**Cloverbud Sunflower** $1.00

Heirloom flowers, herbs and vegetables are unique. 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 they are requesting. Enclose a check payable to CCE Herkimer with the order and return by March 7. You will be notified when the seeds arrive at our office so you can pick them up to save postage.

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MARCH DOG MADNESS
March 16, 2013
Theme: Transitions

March Dog Madness is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engage participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. Since 2002, guest presenters have included stakeholders, extension professionals, community and youth experts.

**Where:** Morrison Hall and the Livestock Pavilion on Judd Falls Road, Cornell Campus, Ithaca.

**Who:** All interested staff, adult and teen 4H leaders are invited to attend this one day information packed program.

**Why:** This program helps community leaders understand and practice principles that they can take back and share with 4-H members at the local level.

- Transitions in Health Care from Puppyhood to Adulthood
- How to Conduct a Canine Good Citizen Test ®
- Agility Ground Work - Learn from a Judge
- Are You Your Dog's Owner or Teammate? How to Build a Working Partnership
- Canine Photography - Taking Pictures Like a Pro
- Fostering Dogs - What's involved when volunteering for the SPCA?
- What a Dog - Handler Team Needs to Know to do Advanced Rally - Learn from a Judge
- Building Youth Leadership Skills
- What's New at Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center?
- K-9 guest, TBA

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 $20.00 per person. There is a limit of 20 people per concurrent workshop. ***Registrations and payment are due by March 8. Space is limited to the first 100 people whose PAYMENT is received by March 8. LUNCH will be provided. Call Jenn for registration info.
### TRACTOR AND MACHINERY CERTIFICATION

**April 9-11, 2013**

The Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program will be offered to youth and adults 14 and over on April 9-11. We invite and encourage all farm and nonfarm 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 is $20. For non-members the cost is $25. Pre-registration is required by March 28 to register for this event please go to [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Tractorsafety_221](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Tractorsafety_221) or call the 4-H office.

### WANT TO BE A STARR?

**APRIL 12-14**

State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) 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.

The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens. If interested please contact Wendy.

**Location:** NYS Fairgrounds- Syracuse, NY.

**Cost:** $75.00 per person. Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies.

To check out some of the workshops offered last year go to: [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Documents/STARR%20Workshop%20Blurbs.pdf](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Documents/STARR%20Workshop%20Blurbs.pdf)

### 4-H ANIMAL CRACKERS

**HORSES AND RABBITS**  
**MAY 4, 2013**

**Who:** 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth age 9 and older 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 Herkimer County 4-H office to register. Registration and money are due by April 8.

**Cost:** The cost is $5.00 per person. Please make checks payable to CCE Herkimer County. **Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks.** Since the closest place to purchase food is a 5 minute drive from campus.

### CAREER EXPLORATION

**June 25-27, 2013**

“University U” - Grades 8-9

“Focus for Teens” - Grades 10-12

Visit [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/pages/CareerEx.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/pages/CareerEx.aspx) Career Explorations is a three-day 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; to develop leadership skills; to provide hands-on experience in a college setting; and to introduce youth to Cornell University. 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.
4-H Agri-Business Career Conference at SUNY Cobleskill College

Three Herkimer County 4-H teens along with 50 other youth from across the state participated in the 36th annual 4-H Agri-Business Career (ABC) Conference November 1st and 2nd held in and around the Cobleskill area. Brad Gay, Dylan Shaver and Kayla Windecker participated in tours throughout the area ranging from Border Collie training to bioenergy and everything in between.

On the first day, five mini-tours were offered each consisting of visits to two different businesses. Participants were able to choose which tour to go on. Following their tours, groups put together presentations to report back to the conference attendees about what they learned. The second day of the conference consisted of a tour of the SUNY Cobleskill campus along with interactive study sessions with faculty and staff.

The 4-H Agri-Business Career Conference is a collaborative program put together by 4-H Educators throughout NYS, SUNY Cobleskill and NY Farm Bureau. Locally, the Central New York Farm Progress Show donated money to the Herkimer County 4-H Program to help offset the cost of the trip for Herkimer County 4-H members.

NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend

May 31 - June 2, 2013
4-H Camp Owahta, Cortland County

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition. This three-day event is for youth age 10 and older and staff and volunteers interested in learning more about forests; and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2013 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

The Forestry weekend activities include:
- Tree identification
- Tree measurements
- Compass usage
- Map reading
- Insects and diseases
- Geocaching
- Nature games
- Night hikes and more

AND A LOG MILLING DEMO!! On-site!

Cost $40 per person: includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!). Space is limited, so register now by going to http://ccechenango99.squarespace.com/storage/hort-nr/4-h-forestry/4-HForestryWeekendRegistration2013.pdf
19TH ANNUAL ONEIDA COUNTY 4-H TACK SALE
Sunday, February 17, 2013 ~ Noon –2:30PM
Verona Firehall, Verona, NY
(Main St. in Verona—just off the Thruway, Route 365 and Route 31)
All proceeds to benefit the Oneida County 4-H Horse Program.
- New & Used Tack & Equipment
- Vendors on site
- Refreshments
- New & Used Clothes & Riding Apparel
- SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Consignments Taken: Saturday (2/16) 6 to 8 PM & Sunday (2/17) 9 to 11 AM at the Verona Firehall.
- Large quantities of items should be brought in Saturday evening or early Sunday.
- Check-in will stop promptly at 11 AM on Sunday
- $2.00 charge per person, per consignment sheet, 15% commission on all sold items
Consignment sheets will be available pre-sale.

For more information contact Kristi Cranwell (315)736-3394 x 122 or kac292@cornell.edu

HORSE COMMUNICATIONS
Are you interested in horses or the horse industry in general? Why not consider giving your public presentation as a “Horse Communication”. County level horse communications will take place on March 2nd. From the county event, you may be chosen to go on to the district event being held March 6th. And who knows, you may be selected from there to go onto the NYS Horse Communications Event at Cornell. Check out the rules for horse communications at http://www.anosci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/rulebook/edevents/Communications_Contest.pdf call Jenn to register and for more details.

CONSIGNMENT SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOWVILLE FIRE HALL, LOWVILLE, NY
- New and used tack, riding apparel, and horse drawn equipment accepted.
- 4-H reserves the right to refuse items that are not clean, in good condition or are safe.
- 15% commission on all sold items. No charge for unsold items.
- There is a $5.00 handling charge per person up to 26 items.
Consignments will be accepted on SATURDAY, MARCH 2 at the fire hall from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

No consignments will be accepted after 9:00am on March 2. All consignment checks will be mailed after the sale.

For information please contact: Penny Rowsam Lewis County 4-H Horse Program (315) 376-5270

WANT TO LEARN ABOUT LASERS?
Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
4-H is having fun with Lasers
Oneida County Extension Office 121 Second Street Oriskany, NY

FREE Workshop on the “Science Behind Lasers and Optics” for youth 12-16 years (parents, educators, and children of most ages welcome)

Taught by professional scientists through a mixture of presentations, interactive demos, and hands-on activities Youth will learn about Laser beams, Laser applications, the electromagnetic spectrum, focusing and magnification and MUCH more!

To Register go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HLasers_230 or call Jeanette at 736-3394, ext. 108

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
4-H Photography and 4-H Sewing Workshop

Thirteen 4-H members of the Herkimer County 4-H participated in a Photography and Sewing Workshop offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County. The workshops were held on Monday January 21, Martin Luther King Day, at the Herkimer Reformed Church.

4-H members who participated in the photography workshop included: Barnyard Buddies 4-H club - Cassandra and Kevin Gates and Katie Livingston; Little Haderondahs of Old Forge 4-H club – Colin and Fern Bick; Merry Moos 4-H club – Madelyn Conover; Showin’ and Growin’ 4-H club Ellie and Natalee Collins. During the workshop, the 4-H members learned how to use a camera and different aspects that go into taking a great picture. The 4-H members experimented with lighting, zooming, finding a focal point, and paying attention to what is in the background.

4-H members who participated in the sewing workshop included: Independent member – Kendra Shaver; Little Haderondahs of Old Forge 4-H club – Colin and Fern Bick; Schuyler Cow Patties 4-H club – Tiffany Rivenburg, Rose, Skye and Willow Simmons; Showin’ and Growin’ 4-H club Ellie and Natalee Collins. The 4-H members learned how to sew an organizer for a five gallon bucket. Helped by instructor Rose Snow, of Little Falls, students learned the skills of following a pattern; using a sewing machine; and using their creativity and critical thinking to make each organizer unique. The five gallon buckets were graciously donated by the Herkimer Lowes for this project. The 4-H’ers are encouraged to exhibit their photos and/or sewing projects at the Herkimer County Fair. The 4-H volunteers who helped make this workshop possibly were: Wendy Richardson – Herkimer County 4-H Program Educator; Jennifer Collins – Herkimer County 4-H Extension Educator; Rose Snow – Sewing Instructor and Youth Teen Leader - Kristy Richardson.
**CONNECTING WITH KIDS WORKSHOP**

"**RISK AND THRIVING IN ADOLESCENCE**"

Connecting with Kids of Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties presents “Risk and Thriving in Adolescence: Understanding and Supporting Youth Decision-Making” on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. This workshop will be offered twice. The first session will be from 2:00PM-4:00PM and again from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Herkimer County Community College in the Robert McLaughlin College Center. This program is free to participants.

Join us for an informative session on why adolescents take risks presented by Nigel Gannon, the Healthy Living Specialist for the New York State 4-H Youth Development Program. Nigel has twenty years’ experience in education and youth development as an educator, advisor and researcher. He earned his doctorate in Sociology from the University of Chicago with a focus in adolescent mental health. This interactive presentation will highlight what we know about adolescent risk-taking and, more importantly, how we can work to support those youth either approaching or passing through this stage of development.

To register and for more information, call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County at (315) 866-7920 or email at herkimer@cornell.edu Registration deadline is February 7 - space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

Connecting with Kids is a free workshop series for human service providers, school district personnel, youth organization staff, childcare providers, coaches, volunteers, parents, and anyone who is interested in the well being of our youth. It is presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer, Madison, and Oneida Counties, and is supported by a generous grant from the Slocum-Dickson Foundation.

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**4-H MID-WINTER WORKSHOPS**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

**Public Presentations, Gardening and Beginner Robotics**

Would you like to fine tune your Public Presentation before the county event on Feb 28? Here is your chance. Starting at 9:30 AM and going until 12 noon, an evaluator will be available to help you improve and polish your presentation to make it the best possible. Practice times will be scheduled for the morning only, so please call to reserve your time.

Starting at 10 am, there will be a gardening workshop on starting and planting a container garden that will run simultaneously with public presentations. Members will learn how to start seeds, and plant a healthy garden for maximum summer produce. Participants of the gardening workshop will have an opportunity to practice their Public Presentation at this time.

In the afternoon, there will be a beginner robotics workshop, from 12:30 until 3 pm, where members will program a homemade robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. Advanced Robotics members, who have programing experience with Lego NXT robots, may try to use the base Lego robot to clean up a similar toxic spill. All will need to develop a plan of action and clean up a “spill”.

Come and join in the fun at the Mount Markham Middle School on Feb 20. Register online for one or all of the workshops at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/MidWinterWorkshop_221 or by calling the 4-H office.
On November 24, Independent members Dominique and Danielle Stormes and Mackenzie Rosenberg went to the Mustard Seed in Little Falls to do some community service by selling Heluva Good Cheese to support their local Herkimer County 4-H program.

In December, the Little Falls 4-H Friends 'worked from home' with their families to create centerpieces for the Senior Citizen Luncheon that was held at the Little Falls High School. The club would like to thank Wal-Mart for a donation of $25 towards the centerpieces. Little Falls 4-H Friends 4-H member Joseph Bacher with the Christmas Tree he made for the Sr. Citizen Brunch.

Matthew and David Treusdell also at home working on the centerpieces made for the Senior Citizen Brunch. Club members also provided gifts for teenagers through the Herkimer BOCES and Hands Across the Mohawk Valley.

The week of November 12th - 16th the Occupational Hazard 4-H club were out and about selling Heluva Good Cheese at the Tractor Supply Company and also the week of November 26th the Occupational Hazards were at Bassett Healthcare. The club did a great job selling cheese/dip and representing the Herkimer County 4-H program.

The Up Up And Away 4-H club held their monthly meetings in December and January. In December members held their monthly meeting at the Eysxamans and made Christmas cookies. At the December meeting the members made English Muffins Pizzas. The members were given Healthy Eating Pamphlets from Hannafords - The Gimme 6...Eat 5 servings fruits and vegetables for 5 days and log progress on their charts.
We discussed Mid Winter Workshops, Photography and Sewing Clinics and Dairy Discovery. The members went over their ribbons and awards from the previous year and projects for the upcoming year. In March the club will meet on the 10th and make jewelry and possibly another craft or sewing project.

In April the club will visit a farm in West Winfield and learn the importance of grooming, feeding and taking care of small and large animals. Upcoming events will include: making jam and jelly, community service, gardening and woodworking projects. All members were encouraged to attend one of the workshops and attend the monthly meetings.

The Whistling Willows 4-H club has been working on learning goat anatomy. The club participated in the caroling at the Farmers museum as a great way to spread the holiday spirit.

They have been learning about the qualities of a leader and made a leadership chain to remember those qualities. The club also went caroling at the Farmer’s Museum in Cooperstown. They loved the beautiful candle light and stopped to enjoy some wassle, hot chocolate, and cookies. The kids involved said that they would like to participate again next year.

Congrats to two 4-H members, Ava and Reese Fellows from the Wee Whistling Willows 4-H club, for receiving Citizen of the Week at West Canada Valley School!!! Great Job Girls.
**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 due by Friday, April 12, to Herkimer County Fair Association, PO Box 47, Frankfort, NY 13340.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE RACE FOR EDUCATION**


And there is one scholarship specifically for NYS residents – up to $6,000 per year – DEADLINE – 3/29/13 – The “Olivia M. Saylor” scholarship. These are mainly $5,000 and $6,000 scholarships.

**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. Scholarships will be in the amount of $100. Applications due to the 4-H Office by May 1st.

**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.
### 2013 NYS 4-H FOUNDATION
The NYS 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are pleased to provide scholarships to members for their accomplishments as a result of 4-H experiences, and to support future educational goals.

### Eligibility Requirements
- Applicant must be eligible for 4-H enrollment. Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1, 2013 are not eligible to apply for scholarships.
- Applicant must have been a 4-H member in NYS, or participated in a Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program for at least one year.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited university, college or technical school.

### Scholarship Application Procedures.
Download the form and follow the instructions carefully at [http://www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/](http://www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/) Applications can be sent electronically as an attached file to esearle@4hfoundation.org or mailed to NYS 4-H Foundation, 248 Grant Avenue, Suite II A, Auburn, NY 13201. The application and all required materials are to be received NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15. Notification of scholarship awards will be made in June.

### AGRICULTURE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP
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 AM to 2 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](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/AgAdvocacy_230) or call Kristi Cranwell at (315) 736-3394, ext. 122 or email kac292@cornell.edu.

### SEWING PATTERNS AVAILABLE
Is your club looking for a sewing project? We have Simplicity patterns you may order, many for only $1 each. There are many projects to choose from: aprons, pillows, dresses or jackets. The possibilities are endless. Stop in at the CCE office to view the catalog. Orders need to be in by March 14. Please contact Wendy Richardson for more information.

### NYS GUERNSEY CALF AWARD
The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the NYS Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of those who do not presently own Guernsey’s to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1, 2013. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. For more information and application go to [www.nyguernsey.com](http://www.nyguernsey.com). All applications are due on March 5, 2013.

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Herkimer County 4-H offers a Government Intern Program for seniors in each school district in Herkimer County enrolled in the Social Studies 12 Government course. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact your High School Government teacher or contact Wendy Richardson by February 8 for more information.
"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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