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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: Katie Livingston, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club for turning in their November and December 4-H Club Secretary report by December 5 and January 5.

4-H Veterinary Science Program

“All Systems Go” Youth in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to learn more about veterinary science. This program is for youth who have animal experience as well as those youth who are new to pet ownership. This program is open to Herkimer & Oneida County residents.

**Dates:** February 17-18, 8:30 am to noon (winter break for public schools)

**Locations:** TBA

**Cost:** $15 4-H member  
$20 non-4-H member

RSVP to Kristi Cranwell in Oneida County at 736-3394, ext. 122 or email kac292@cornell.edu or register online at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HVetScience2014_230](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4HVetScience2014_230) by February 12.

Tractor Safety Course

Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program open to youth ages 14 and over and adults. We invite and encourage all farm and non-farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program.

**Cost:** $20 4-H member  
$25 non-4-H member

**Where:** Clinton Tractor

**Dates:** April 15 - 17 (spring break for public schools)

Register online at [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Tractorsafety_221](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Tractorsafety_221) or call the 4-H office at 866-7920.

4-H Dairy Judging Clinic

Salmstead Farm  
March 8 at 11 am

Kim and Lynn Salm will be hosting a 4-H Dairy Judging clinic on their farm. The instructor will be Jason Pullis. To register, please call the 4-H office at 866-7920 or Kim Salm at 868-7213.
4-H HORS E AND 4-H DAIRY QUIZ BOWL
Interested in learning more about the horse and/or dairy industry? Why not try horse quiz bowl or dairy quiz bowl? Practices will start soon, so please call Jenn at the 4-H Office if you are interested in participating or volunteering to coach a team. If you are planning on participating, here are some important dates to remember:

- The District Horse Bonanza Contest (Horse Bowl and Hippology) will be held on Saturday, March 8 in Morrisville. District Horse Communications will be held on Monday, April 21 at CCE Oneida.
- The District Dairy Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, March 15 at South Lewis High School.

4-H GARDENING WORKSHOP
February 19
CCE office, Herkimer
9 am – 12 pm
Come learn more about the Farmer’s Museum Heirloom Seed Project:
✓ learn to start seeds
✓ make your own seed starters out of newsprint
✓ fun crafts with seeds
✓ watering solutions for a dry growing season
To sign up go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Gardenworkshop_221 or call the 4-H office at 866-7920. Registration due by February 6.

NY AG LITERACY WEEK
MARCH 17-21
In celebration of National Agriculture Week (March 17-21), volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. This year we will be highlighting the vegetable industry with the book Who Grew My SOUP by Tom Darbyshire. Students and teachers will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities.

The book will then be given to the school library with a bookplate recognizing the donor, Herkimer County Farm Bureau and NY Ag Literacy Week.

More than 1,500 books were donated last year throughout NY State while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities. If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact Jenn at the 4-H office.

NYS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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, 2014 are not eligible to apply for scholarships.
- Applicant must have been a 4-H member in New York State, 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 www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/ Applications can be sent electronically as an attached file to eesarle@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.

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

The Farmers' Museum Heirloom Seed Project will continue for 2014. 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 13 & 14. Specimens exhibited at Harvest Festival will be judged and given awards.

Attention: This program is in jeopardy of being discontinued due to the fact that there has not been much participation at Harvest Festival. The museum is aware that weather is always a factor, but they do expect some sort of return even if it is that you would send back the entry form with the reason for not entering. Please, leaders and exhibitors: It is important to do your best to grow these seeds and participate in Harvest Festival.

Price for seed varieties will stay the same this year as last year. The Heirloom Flower, Herb and Vegetables will be $3.00 each and the Cloverbud Pumpkin and Cloverbud Sunflower are $1.00 each.

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 of Herkimer with the order and return by March 6.

You will be notified when the seeds arrive at our office, so you can pick them up to save postage.

AWESOME EQUINE & DAIRY 101

June 7 & 8
Morrisville State College

This one night two day 4-H Equine or Dairy Camp will be held at Morrisville State College. 4-H youth ages 13-19 years of age are eligible to participate in this camp/college experience.

Equine-interested youth will be able to select from two tracts in which they have the opportunity to learn more about English, Western, Racing, & Draft & Driving equine areas while dairy-interested youth will take part in the same program.

The camp will include an extensive tour of the Morrisville College Foundation Equine Rehabilitation Center as well as possible visits to other industry-related businesses.

All sessions will be taught by Morrisville State College faculty and other professionals in the field of equine & dairy.

The cost for the weekend is $100 per 4-H participant ($75 per chaperone). Watch the April/May 4-H Facts for registration information. For more information on this awesome program, call Jenn at the 4-H office.
Dairy Discovery is a hands-on workshop held annually at Cornell University. It is a statewide program for youth ages 15-19 years old. Each year the 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 each year.

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, of the current year and have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible.

Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and 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.

The theme for 2014 is Herd Health & Management. The cost of $45 per person will cover the basic handouts, materials, dinner and activities on Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday. Lodging is NOT included for this program but a group of hotel rooms are blocked prior to this event each year.

4-H project members with a dairy interest or desire to learn about dairy are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones).

To register please go to www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dairycattle/DairyDiscovery/index.html. Please call the 4-H office to let Jenn know that you will be attending by February 18.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP

4-H Training Center
556 Middle Line Road Ballston Spa
February 21 – 23

This workshop is for adults who would like to be involved in Shooting Sports as well as those interested in becoming instructors. This workshop will certify that individuals are trained to be an instructor. The following disciplines will be offered: Air Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Living History, Muzzle Loading, Rifle, and Shotgun.

Participants will be able to complete requirements in only one discipline. Registration fee is $85 for 4-H Volunteers. Lodging is on your own.

Training begins on Friday at 6 pm and concludes on Sunday, by 2:30 pm. Registration due by February 14. Please contact the 4-H office for details.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS WORKSHOPS

February 27 ~HCCC
March 27 ~CCE Oneida County
6 pm - 8 pm

This year’s theme is “Healthy Child Athletes - Body, Mind & Spirit”. Connecting With Kids is a free workshop for people who live and work with school-age children and youth.

Two sessions will be offered, each with a different focus. Topics to be covered will include healthy living, exercise, eating right and sleeping for student athletes.

To register go to https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/FebruaryConnectingWithKids_221 or call 315-866-7920. Any questions, please contact Jenn at the 4-H office.
4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND
HORSE COMMUNICATIONS EVENT
Thursday, March 6
5 - 8 pm
Herkimer High School

Horse communications will once again be on Public Presentation night. Register by calling the 4-H Office no later than February 17. We need to have the names of each 4-H member who will be doing a presentation when you call to register. If any special equipment is needed, for example: extension cord, table, make request at time of registration.

- Public Presentation Program is frequently referred to as “the most beneficial and rewarding experience of all 4-H experiences”.

- Public presentations give 4-H members an excellent opportunity to research a subject, organize ideas in logical order, develop visual aids and learn to speak effectively before groups. With each public presentation, there is an increase in self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge.

- Public presentations can teach a 4-Her life skills that will be useful in his or her future social, educational, and career pursuits. It is important for 4-H’ers to begin doing Public Presentations at an early age and continue throughout their 4-H career. Public speaking skills develop over time, with experience and repetition.

- 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.”

4-H 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 be given on March 6, along with the other 4-H Public Presentations.

From the county event, you may be chosen to go on to the district event being held April 21. And who knows, you may be selected from there to go to the NYS Horse Communications Event at Cornell. Check out the rules for horse communications at www.anSci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/rulebook/edeevents/Communications_Contest.pdf

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION IN
OLD FORGE
Friday, March 7
4-6 pm (with pot luck munchies)
Niccolls Church, Crosby Boulevard, Old Forge

Can’t make the March 6 date for Public Presentations? Please register for this event by contacting Jennifer Hartsig, 247-4924 or jphartsig@gmail.com, no later than March 1. We need to have the names of each 4-H member who will be doing a presentation when you call to register.

4-H DISTRICT AND STATE PUBLIC PRESENTATION EVENTS
The District Public Presentation Event is scheduled for April 5, 2014 at CCE Oneida County. 4-H New York State-level Public Presentation will be at Cornell on May 17, 2014.

A LITTLE INCENTIVE FOR DOING A 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION!
Each 4-H member that gives a public presentation on either March 6 at Herkimer High School or March 7 in Old Forge will get $10 off of their ticket to 4-H Day at Enchanted Forest Water Safari being held on July 31. Check out the article on page 7 for details on this popular 4-H day trip to Old Forge.
**What Makes A Good Presenter?**

1. Practice.
2. Know your information well.
3. Use your voice to get your audience interested in your topic.
4. Look at the audience, not down at the table at your notes.

This YouTube website is a great tool for preparing for a public presentation. It presents live action teens showing how to put a demonstration together. It's short, but well done. Check it out for tips on public speaking. Please make sure to ask an adult before going on any website.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTytHTCkv8c

**Tips For Giving A Food Presentation**

- Make sure that the recipe is right for your ability level.
- Practice!!
- Either wash your hands immediately before beginning, use hand sanitizer, or wear gloves.
- Hair needs to be pulled back in a hair net, scarf, chef’s hat, or ball cap.
- Use an apron.
- Cover any commercial labels that are showing, such as a bottle of vanilla. White paper or masking tape placed over it works well.
- Label all ingredients (i.e. flour, salt)
- It is okay to pre-measure all but one dry ingredient – label it.
- Arrange ingredients on your tray in the order you will be using them.
- Keep surfaces clean with waxed paper.
- Tape a small paper bag beside you on the table for peelings, egg shells, etc.
- Clean as you go!!
- Use clear mixing bowls, if available.
- Use standard measuring equipment for both dry and wet ingredients.
- Include nutritional values and storage, as well as “how to’s”.
- If using a mixer, a towel under your bowl will deaden the sound.
- Before you display your finished product, clean up everything. Cover your trays with matching towels and then display what you have made.

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**Help Wanted for 4-H Public Presentation**

The 4-H office is looking for some interested and ambitious 4-H members (10 years old or older) to serve as room hosts or hostess for Public Presentations. Please contact the 4-H office by February 17.

Room hosts/hostesses help with the following:

- Keep presentations in order and on schedule.
- Get your assigned room ready for the presentation.
- Assist the judge whenever needed.
- Introduce the presenters.
- Help presenters set-up and break down their presentation materials.
- See that the room is cleaned-up after all the presentations are finished.
- And finally, thank everyone for coming!!!

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**4-H Day at Enchanted Forest**

**Water Safari**

Thursday, July 31

Mark your calendars for the return of this popular event and plan to be there! Admission tickets will be $24 per person. Admission with all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be $35. Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, corn on the cob, sides, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages.

Feel free to invite family and friends (even if they are not in 4-H) to take advantage of this great price. And don’t forget…if you do a 4-H Public Presentation on either 3/6 or 3/7 at our county-wide events, you will get $10 off of your ticket!

Watch upcoming newsletters for when tickets will be available for purchase. Call Jenn with any questions.
### 4-H Club Information

**Club Charters:** Please remember that in order to be a bonafide 4-H Club, you must fulfill these requirements:
- You must have an Organizational Leader.
- You must elect officers (not required for Cloverbud club).
- You must have at least 5 members or 5 Cloverbuds from 3 different families currently enrolled.
- You must have the Program Planning Sheet filled out for the 4-H year.

**Fundraisers:** Please remember when you are doing fundraising in the name of 4-H, you need to:
- Fill out the "Fundraising Request" form and have it approved by Jennifer Collins 30 days before you do ANY fundraising.
- There must be a PURPOSE for the 4-H fundraising. You CAN NOT fundraise just to have money in your 4-H account.

### 4-H Career Exploration

**July 1 – 3**
- "University U" - Grades 8-9
- "Focus for Teens" - Grades 10-12

This year, Career Explorations will be held a week later than usual. This 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.

2014 Registration Materials will be posted in early February at [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerEx.aspx). Registration opens in mid-February.

### Pheasant Release Programs

The 4-H Office is taking pheasant orders for Herkimer County 4-H members. Handling costs are $2.00 for every 25 chicks. To order your pheasant chicks, please send your order and check to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 5657 State Rte 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, with the following information: name, phone number, number of lots (in lots of 25) by March 14.

Chicks must be picked up by 8:30 am on the morning of delivery. We will notify you by phone for the pick up date.

### 4-H Rain Barrel Workshop

**Friday, April 18**
- 9 am – 12 noon
- CCE Herkimer County

Do-it-yourself rain barrel workshop for 4-H members. Attend if you are interested in building your own rain barrel to help conserve water during droughts and offset storm water runoff when it rains, or to just make it easier to water your garden.

No experience required! All tools and equipment provided! Cost is $10/member. Make checks payable to CCE Herkimer County. This activity is for 4-H members age 8 - 19. Please send in your payment along with the names of the 4-H’ers participating by April 4.

### 4-H Fun with Clay Garden Pots

**Friday, April 18, 2014**
- 1 pm - 3 pm
- CCE Herkimer

Create your own clay pot person. We will be decorating a clay pot as a face and planting flowers in it for a unique container for your porch or window sill. Come with your creative ideas to make each clay pot unique. This activity is open to any 4-H member. The cost is $5/member. Make checks payable to CCE Herkimer County. Please send your payment along with the names of the 4-H’ers participating by April 4.
**STARR**

**When:** April 11-13

**Who:** Any 4-H Teen (13-19) interested in gaining leadership skills, networking, and having fun!!!

**What:** The state teen leadership event of the year!

**Where:** Youth Building, New York State Fairgrounds- Syracuse

**Cost:** $75.00 per person. Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies. More information will be available soon at http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx

**Teen Advisors and Adult Volunteers.** An opportunity to build a sense of independence, belonging, generosity, and mastery through workshops related to skill development in leadership, public speaking, youth community action initiatives, and more. In addition, there will be lots of FUN with physical and mental challenges, and the Starlight Ball!

We'd like to see teens and adult chaperons/advisors from every county in the state participate in this exciting weekend event.

If you are a club officer or would like to be in the future, consider attending an awesome weekend of workshops, networking, and fun!

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**REGIONAL HORSE CLINIC**

**Sunday, February 16**

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Saratoga 4-H Training Center, Ballston Spa

Open to anyone 3rd grade and older interested in learning more about the broad discipline of ranch horses and the importance of protecting your head in the sport of horses.

Bob DeLorenzo and Dave Czukrovany will navigate through the ranch horse landscape and Drusilla Malavase will share information related to head injuries and concussion as it relates to equine activities.

Ideal for youth participating in Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, Coaches, Teen and Adult Leaders as well as non 4-H horse enthusiasts. This information will be valuable to many involved with horses.

**Registration:** Due February 12 to Bernie Wiesen at CCE of Rensselaer County at 518-272-4210 or bw27@cornell.edu

**Cost:** $5 per 4-H member or leader and $15 for non 4-H participants payable at the door

All should dress appropriately. Part of the afternoon will be indoors but much of it will be in the indoor/outdoor arena depending on the weather.

This program opportunity is brought to you through the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund - Our New York State Standardbreds!

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**ATTENTION 4-H LEADERS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

Preparing Volunteers to Make a Difference

**Philosophy of Volunteerism**

CCE has thousands of volunteers each year that amplify the efforts of our paid staff; improve the quality of our work; and increase enthusiasm for our programs.

Please consider participating in the online Development Opportunities for Volunteers by going to: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/Volunteer%20e-Learning.pdf and completing the online training.

Please do not hesitate to call Jenn with any questions.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
**Regional 4-H Leader & Volunteer Training**

On January 22, Dr. Bryant Wysocki unveiled the new 4-H Science Discovery Kit that he put together for the Regional 4-H Leader & Volunteer Training. With ten leaders, parents and 4-H members in attendance, Dr. Wysocki went through how to use the kit and the science behind what makes it all work.

The kit covers the science of pendulums and resonance. Participants were able to see just how accurate a basic pendulum made out of a weight and string is and which pendulum swings faster...one with a shorter or longer string. They then created an equation to figure out the speed of pendulums! With the use of a frequency generator, oscilloscope and a speaker, participants were also able to hear and see different resonances and how different objects have different resonances.

4-H members also realized that they could hear resonances that their parents couldn’t!

As soon as the 4-H Science Discovery Kit is piloted and all the bugs worked out, it will be available for loan out to 4-H clubs. Watch for more trainings on different 4-H Science Discovery Kits that Dr. Wysocki will be creating. It is worth your while to attend!

If you have any ideas for a “new” kit, please let Jenn know and we will work with Dr. Wysocki to see what we can come up with. These kits will include some scientific equipment that most of us wouldn’t otherwise have the opportunity to use, while allowing our 4-H members to “Learn By Doing”.

4-H Connects Kids to Cornell
BEEF NUTRITION WORKSHOP
On January 20, eighteen youth from Herkimer and Oneida Counties participated in a 4-H Cattle Nutrition Clinic to learn how to feed their steers which will be sold at the upcoming 4-H Livestock Sale being held in September. Participants learned the importance of water, protein, fat and carbohydrates in the diets of their steers and what role each plays in the growth and development of a healthy animal. Youth learned how to ensure that their animals are getting quality feed stuffs in the correct amounts. Herkimer County 4-H Members participating in the workshop included: Allison, Sam & Seth Donahoe and Mercedes Lewandrowski. Richard Kennedy, Territory Manager - NE District, Cargill Animal Nutrition presented to the group.

GET OFF THE ISLAND
February 18 - 19
CCE Oneida
Are your children innovative and 'survivalists'? They would be perfect for this 4-H challenge! 'Get Off the Island' is a two-day adventure where youth ages 10-15 are stranded off their sailing vessel onto a deserted Island. Their job is to then survive until they find a way off the island, or are rescued!

Being held February 18 and 19 from 9 am - 3 pm, the challenge is $20 per day for enrolled 4-Hers, and $25 per day per child for the public! Lunch is provided!

Register online https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/OFFTHEISLAND_230 or go to Events on www.cceoneida.com

Participants will be asked to bring a specific list of supplies to help them get off the island.

If you have questions, please call Lynette Kay at the Oneida County 4-H office at 736-3394 ext. 105.

WINTER WEATHER
Here are Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Program procedures and protocols for cancelling workshops, clinics, or meetings during winter months. Weather can be bad in one part of the county and not in others. Sometimes it’s too late to cancel a meeting when the weather turns bad, so use your own judgment. If the Cornell Cooperative Extension office closes, evening meetings are cancelled. If the Herkimer County Office Building is closed, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office will also be closed. Canceling and trying to reschedule meetings is very difficult, so if at all possible, meetings will be held. Again, use your own judgment and do not travel if you do not feel safe.

4-H WINTER ROUND UP
HORSE WEEKEND
February 21 - 23
4-H Amboy Environmental Education Center
The 4-H Winter Round Up Horse Weekend will include clinics, speakers, hands-on workshops and numerous horse project activities. There must be one chaperone for every five 4-H’ers. The cost for 4-H’er and chaperone is $35 each which includes meals, snack, handouts and materials.

Please contact Debbie Holliday at CCE Oswego County dah28@cornell.edu or call 315-963-7286 ext. 402 for registration form.
4-H CLUB NEWS

In November and December, Barnyard Buddies 4-H club worked on an apron sewing project. They also made reindeers out of clay pots. The club did not get to participate in the Farmer's Museum Candlelight evening caroling due to the bad weather. Instead the members made Muddy Buddy Mix and pretzel Christmas candy mix.

In November, the Merry Moos 4-H Club completed a snowflake ornament. During the month of December, the club organized and participated in several events to help their community. Club members collected 150 pounds of food and $75 cash for the Veteran's Food Pantry. They held a bake sale/cheese sale at the Middleville Stewarts, and raised $655.30, that was donated to the Middleville and Newport Fire Departments. The Club also visited the Middleville Rest Home, where they gave out hats and gloves, sang Christmas Carols, provided baked goods for the Home’s Christmas party and individual gifts for each resident.

The Milk Shakers 4-H club had a meeting January 18 to get geared up for the 4-H year!!! The 4-H members participated in the Hoard’s Dairymen Judging contest and discussed future 4-H events on the club level. They will be having a baked good fundraiser on February 15 at Tractor Supply.

In January, Up, Up and Away 4-H club elected officers, and made pinecone feeders for birds. The club donated 2 baskets to the Week’s Family benefit. Two boxes of Girl Scout cookies were donated to Troops in Kabul- Afghanistan.
Whistling Willows 4-H club members along with Cloverbuds, sold cheese at Tractor Supply. The club officers went to officer training, and learned about their positions. The club members learned how and when they used candles instead of lights in December. They were able to make their own drip candles. The club community service project was the Gram Lorraine project. For the past several years, the project has matched up children in the Herkimer County area with sponsors who shop for articles of clothing and toys, specifically targeted for that child.

Pictured L to R: Billy Tyson, Nathan Cornacchia and John Tolpa

Hannah and Hailey Carnright

4-H Members Make Project Linus Blankets

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County 4-H members participated in the “Project Linus Blankets” 4-H sewing workshop held at the Herkimer Reformed Church. Project Linus Blankets are sewn baby blankets that are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug. The workshop was led by 4-H volunteer Robin Simmons of Frankfort. 4-H members who participated were: Colin Bick & Fern Bick of Haderondahs of Old Forge 4-H club; Jeffrey Salamone, Skye, Rose & Sophia Simmons of Schuyler Aggies 4-H club; Korin Mucurio & Autumn Zwierecki Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club. Thank you to Jennifer Miller of Little Falls, who donated material for this project.

Pictured Front row L to R: Colin Bick, Skye Simmons, Fern Bick. Back Row: Korin Mucurio, Autumn Zwierecki, Sophia Simmons, Jeffrey Salamone, and Rose Simmons.

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FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE (FLP)
April 26
8:30 am to 3 pm

FLP is a curriculum resource committed to helping students and communities better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. FLP is:
✓ science and social studies-based lessons for Pre-K to 12th grade students
✓ 60 hands-on lessons, developed and tested by more than a thousand educators
✓ aligned to NYS and Common Core Learning Standards
✓ a range of subject areas from environmental science and stewardship to human populations and land use issues
✓ available in Spanish (20 lessons)

Open to educators, classroom teachers, volunteers, parents, farmers, and others interested in agricultural education.

The interactive workshop format aims to train participants in facilitating FLP lessons with all audiences. Attendance is required to receive:
✓ Food, Land & People’s Resources for Learning
✓ CD-Rom (includes all 60 lessons)
✓ Additional resources from NY Agriculture in the Classroom
✓ Resources aligned to NYS and Common Core Learning Standards
✓ 6 hours of professional development credits and a participation certificate

To register, please use the following link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/FLPTrainingOneida_230 For more information: call Kristi Cranwell at (315) 736-3394 ext. 122 or email at kac292@cornell.edu

NEW YORK STATE GUERNSEY CALF AWARD APPLICATION

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys 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 who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential.

Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1 of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate.

Applications are due March 1 to Christel Axtell. Contact Jenn at the 4-H Office for a copy of the application.

NYS 4-H FORESTRY WEEKEND
4-H Camp Shankitunk, Delaware County
May 9-11

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 up (and staff and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2014 National 34-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

Cost: $40 per person includes food, materials and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!) Space is limited, so register now!

All registration forms must be mailed to Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County- 18 Seward Avenue, Suite 300, Middletown, NY 10940 with your check for $40 per person before April 30, 2014. Please make checks to CCE Orange County.

Please call the 4-H office at 866-7920 for the registration form, permission slip and medical release form. Contact Ingrid Hill at (845) 344-1234 or imh23@cornell.edu or Gary Goff at (607) 255-2824 or grg3@cornell.edu for any further questions.
HERKIMER COUNTY DAIRY PROMOTION PROGRAM

If you would like to get involved in the Herkimer County Dairy Promotion Program, please keep these dates in mind.

Feb. 5 - Dairy Promotion Committee Meeting. Kick-off 2014 – All are welcome. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at CCE Extension (Herkimer) Meeting Room

March 1 - Dairy Princess and Ambassador applications due - herkimercountydairypromotion.com for applications

March 1 - Advertising in Agribusiness Phonebook deadline - Tammy Graves, booklet coordinator, gravesarborgraphics@yahoo.com

March 29 - (tentative) Orientation for Princess and Ambassadors

April 19 – 51st Dairy Princess Banquet at Francesca's in Ilion.

May 6 - Dairy Promotion Committee Meeting - Reorganizational - 7:30 pm at CCE Extension (Herkimer) Meeting Room

If you would like more information please visit www.herkimercountydairypromotion.com/

ALICIA KENNEDY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Alicia Kennedy, a longtime Herkimer County 4-H member, the purpose of this award is to help graduating seniors who have been active in the Herkimer County 4-H Program. The fund is administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 4-H Youth Development Program.

The selection committee made up of 2-3 “non” 4-H leaders will be appointed annually by the Herkimer County 4-H Educator

Eligible applicants are seniors in a high school and active members of the Herkimer County 4-H Program and they will be graduating in the academic year of the award.

Please call the 4-H office for an application or go to our website www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer then go to 4-H Youth Development. Return the application to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by May 1.

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. 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.

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.
"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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