**4-H FACTS**

**Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month**

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### 4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Katie Livingston**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; **Mercedes Lewandrowski**, Merry Moos 4-H Club; **Colin Bick**, Haderondahs 4-H Club, and **Autumn Zwierecki**, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club for turning in their March 4-H Club Secretary report by April 5th.

Congratulations to: **Katie Livingston**, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club; **Colin Bick**, Haderondahs 4-H Club; **Mercedes Lewandrowski**, Merry Moos 4-H Club; **Sam Donahoe**, Milkshakers 4-H Club; **Autumn Zwierecki**, Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H Club; and **CarolAnn Eysaman**, Up Up and Away 4-H Club; for turning in their April 4-H Club Secretary report by May 5th.

### 4-H MULTI SPECIES SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC AT SALMSTEAD FARM

**When:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014  
**Time:** 6 pm  
**Where:** Lynn and Kim Salm’s Farm  
569 Summit Road, Newport

The showmanship workshop will teach basic fitting and showing of dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep and swine. All animals and tools will be provided to work with. Preregistration is required by calling the 4-H office by June 23.

### 4-H DAIRY JUDGING TOURS

CNY - June 30, 2014 - Wayne County  
Finger Lakes - July 9, 2014 - Alfred State College  
Please put these date on your calendars.  
All 4-H members are welcome!!!

### 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? Don’t forget to send us pictures of your float!!
RABBIT & POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC
July 17, 1-4 pm
CCE Office

Bring your rabbits and chickens and learn how to prepare and present your animals for showmanship. Basic rabbit fitting and showmanship will be taught. Poultry will cover the basics as well as a more advanced for those that have attended the clinics in the past. Preregistration is required by July 14 by calling the 4-H Office.

PULLORUM TESTING FOR POULTRY
July 17 – 4 pm
CCE Office

All poultry that will be shown at county and state fairs need to be pullorum tested. This is a free test which is conducted by Debra Toth, LVT Animal Health Inspector Division of Animal Industry, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Birds must be at least 4 months (16 WKS) old. Chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, peacocks, pheasants & quail are eligible. Pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing.

4-H HORSE SHOW
July 25-26
Morrisville State College

Herkimer and Madison Counties will once again hold a joint 4-H Horse Show at Morrisville State College. This show will determine who will represent Herkimer County at the NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show. In order to participate at this show, you must have turned in your Horse ID Certificate (to the 4-H Office) and have had a riding level evaluation completed by June 1. If you are competing to go on to the NYS Fair, you must have also turned in your completed “Blue Book" to the 4-H Office by June 1.

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 are $24 per person. Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be $35 ($25 for those 3-7 years of age).

Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, corn on the cob, salt potatoes, tossed salad, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages. The lunch buffet will be served from 12:30-2:00 so come at the beginning, middle and end and get your fill.

Also included this year with the lunch buffet option will be all you can eat ice cream novelties. They will be served from 3:30-4:30 in the pavilion, which will be a great afternoon snack.

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 25. Tickets must be paid for in full before they will be given out.

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 did 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! Call Jenn with any questions.
**Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show**

Many 4-H members take part annually in the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show. They come with their animals from nine counties including: Herkimer, Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Montgomery/Fulton, Madison, Oneida and Schoharie. They show beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep and swine. You are invited to attend - even if you don't have an animal to show. Watching the show can be a fun and educational experience. The Livestock Show is held at the Iroquois Farm, River Road, Cooperstown. Admission is free and there are many exhibits to look at and tents full of animals to visit.

The highlights of events is as follows:

**Sunday, July 6**
5:00 PM - Chicken barbecue
6:00 PM - Meeting for all exhibitors and parents
7:30 PM - Ice Cream Social

**Monday, July 7**
9:30 AM - Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Goat Showmanship followed by breed classes, then market animals
5:00 PM - NYCAMH discussion on “Ear, Eye and Skin Safety”.
6:00 PM -NYCAMH Farm safe for Kids Poster/Slogan Contest Awards, Dairy Tent

**Tuesday, July 8**
9:00 AM - Swine Showmanship followed by breed classes, market animals. Judging of remaining dairy, goat, sheep and beef classes.
2:30 PM - Parade of Champions!
   Selection of overall Dairy Goat Champion, Livestock Champion and Dairy Champion

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**4-H Public Presentations and Make ‘N’ Takes at the Herkimer County Fair**

The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H members to do a Public Presentation and/or Make ‘N Take activities at the Herkimer County Fair August 12-17. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. We can help you with ideas and supplies if needed.

The county 4-H is sponsoring a STEM activity about Astronomy, to go with the Herkimer County Fair theme of “Reaching for the Stars and Beyond”. There will be training for those who would like to present this fun activity to youth during the fair. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the exhibit building by participating in interactive activities of constellation identification and using a star chart with the general public. Contact Wendy at wr45@cornell.edu to reserve your time.

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**NEW* State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Entry Card**

Any 4-H exhibits chosen for NYS Fair must have the “NEW” Exhibitor Entry card and include the Exhibitor Entry Statement filled out and returned to 4-H staff by the end of Herkimer County Fair PRIOR to picking up your exhibits. They both need to be included on every NY State 4-H Youth Building exhibit that will be evaluated. Only exhibits with entry cards and statements, filled out completely and attached by August 18, at 11am, can go on to the State Fair. The Exhibitor Entry Statement is a fillable pdf form, found here: [http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/StateFair.aspx](http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/StateFair.aspx) that can be filled out on a computer and printed, or printed as a blank form and filled out by hand. The State Fair Exhibitor Entry Cards will be on green card stock. Please recycle any old entry cards you may have.
Herkimer County Fair

Fair time is fast approaching, so here are some dates to remember. Non-animal exhibits can be entered at the Herkimer County Fair on August 10 from 10 am – 2 pm. If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office. We need adults to help with evaluating; and youth to help as assistants.

All exhibits are released to be taken home on August 18th from 9 am – 11 am. Any exhibits not going to State Fair will need to be picked up at this time. Any exhibits not picked up will remain at the Herkimer County Fair. If you have any exhibits going to State Fair, we’ll be glad to transport them directly from County Fair to State Fair. You must bring appropriate packaging for safely transporting your exhibit (i.e. newsprint or tissue paper to wrap fragile items, cardboard boxes to secure them from sliding around in the vehicle); as well as your completed NEW Exhibitor Entry card and Exhibitor Entry Statement.

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

- **Go over the Herkimer County Fair book with your 4-H members.** Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair; and what preparation the exhibit will need.
- **Assist members to fill out their entry blank and exhibit tags COMPLETELY, prior to the fair.** It makes for a much smoother day; and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork completed ahead of time.
- **Explain the conference evaluation style of judging to members.** Conference judging helps the member feel at ease and in a more receptive frame of mind. Conference evaluation is often easier for the judge. The member gains a greater benefit from the experience. Conference evaluation eliminates the question of why an item received a certain ribbon, therefore, making the evaluation of project work more educational.
- **Explain the Danish System.** Within the Danish System, each exhibit - be it a birdhouse or a flower - is compared to the ideal for the exhibit given the exhibitor's experience & age. Exhibits are not placed in a ranking, rather each item is judged on its own merit. Participants receive either a blue ribbon (excellent), red ribbon (good) or a white ribbon (worthy). Green ribbons (participation) are distributed to exhibits that are display only. The emphasis is placed on the process of learning, not necessarily the end product.

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

Fulton/Montgomery 4-H Dairy Day

July 16, at 8:45 am - 4:00 pm
Fonda Fairgrounds - Ag. 2000 Building
21 S Bridge St, Fonda, NY 12068
(Bring a bag lunch & drink)

- Healthy Feed Rations
- Feed Storage
- Calf Housing and Management
- Break for lunch:12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
- Hoof Care and Management
- Showmanship/Judging

** Sign-up by July 9th by calling CCEFM Contact Jake Pamkowski by either email jakepamkowski@yahoo.com or call 518-673-5525
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<td>Nearly 500 4-H teens serve in leadership roles at The New York State Fair annually as Teen Leaders - giving public presentations, helping with evaluations, writing the fair news, welcoming the public to the Youth Building, involving fairgoers in hands-on activities, overseeing the Incubation and Embryology demonstration area, and more. There are three different Teen Leader opportunities:</td>
<td>Junior Superintendents help with everything from swabbing the decks to preparing statistical analysis of exhibits. They have a very important role in making it all happen with fun, style, and grace. They work for a minimum of 8 hours between 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., reside in the youth building dormitories.</td>
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<td><strong>County Booth</strong> – Teens work with activities in your county booth that engage the public. You can organize your own activities, or sign up for selected hands-on activities that have some funding or supplies.</td>
<td>Preference for the Junior Superintendent positions will be given to enrolled 4-H members in good standing with their counties who will have reached their 16 birthday within the calendar year and have not reached their 19 birthday before Jan. 1 of the current year. Junior Superintendents receive a premium of $40 dollars a day.</td>
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<td><strong>Teen Evaluators</strong> – Teens assist judges with the evaluation of projects in Food, Clothing, Home Environment, Communication and Expressive Arts, Horticulture, Art Objects, Visual Arts &amp; Photography and Science &amp; Technology.</td>
<td>Junior Superintendents in their first year will only be scheduled for up to one week. Please call the 4-H office for an application. Completed application will need to be mailed to the State 4-H Office by July 15 (spots can all be filled before this date; apply early). If you are interested, please contact Jenn or Wendy.</td>
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<td><strong>Teen Leaders – Program</strong> – These teens assist with activities in the following areas: GPS/GIS, Press Corps, Shooting Sports, Information Booth, Poultry Science, Horses &amp; Kids Tent, Museum of the Earth, Fashion Revue, Videographer, Robotics, Cynology (Dog), Horse, Horticulture, NASA, Sustainable Energy, and Ag Extravaganza.</td>
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Teen Leaders/Teen Evaluators must have reached their 13th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Teen Leaders participate during their county’s time period, for Herkimer County the dates are August 21, 22, 23 & 24. Teen Leaders & Teen Evaluators earn a $10.00 premium each day. Each program day is to include a minimum of a 6-hour shift. Roles are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up is due by **August 1**. Contact Wendy at the 4-H office for more details.

**PRODUCED IN NEW YORK PRESENTATION PROGRAM AT THE NYS FAIR**

This program is open to all 4-H youth 8 – 19. Without saying a word, youth can share a favorite recipe, have fun, and demonstrate their cooking skills! Participants will be evaluated on their overall demonstration, finished product, and meal plan, and are eligible to receive a one-time premium award. If interested, please contact Wendy for more details.
On May 21, approximately 600 sixth grade students from 10 Herkimer County schools participated in the Annual 4-H Conservation Field Day School Enrichment Program at the Diamond Mines KOA Kampground in Middleville. Participating schools included Central Valley, Dolgeville, Herkimer, Mt. Markham, West Canada Valley, Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville, St. Francis de Sales, Poland, Richfield Springs and Town of Webb. The students visited thirteen stations; and each received a tree seedling donate by the New York State DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery.

The stations and presenters included: Wilderness Safety - NYS DEC Forest Rangers; Conservation in Our Forests - NYS DEC Lands & Forests; Tree Planting - Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation District; Herkimer Diamonds - the Herkimer Diamond Mines; Fisheries Management in NYS - NYS DEC Fisheries; Whitewater Paddling for Fun and Safety - West Canada Paddlers; Fire Prevention - Office of Fire Prevention and Control; Deer Management & Aging - NYS DEC; Waste Water Treatment – Herkimer County Waste Water Treatment Facility; Soil Erosion – Herkimer County Soil & Water Conservation District; Pet Responsibility – Herkimer County Humane Society; New York State Furbears – Oneida County Federation & Herkimer County Conservation Alliance and Bee Keeping – Mid-York Bee Keepers.
FARM SAFE FOR KIDZ

ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST

July 7, 2014

The George Fuller Memorial Fund through the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health (NYCAMH) is sponsoring the 25th Annual FARMSAFE FOR KIDZ Poster contest.

The initial contest was held in 1990, a spin-off of the Iowa-based “Farm Safety 4 Just Kids” program. Monies from a fund established by Mrs. George Fuller from Cohocton, NY, in memory of her husband who suffered a farm fatality, were used to provide ribbons and cash awards for the competition.

All 4-H members and area youth are eligible to participate if they live in Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego or Schoharie County. Poster entries can be taken to the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show on Sunday, July 6th, 2014 or to the NYCAMH office in Fly Creek on or before Friday, July 3rd, 2014.

This year, NYCAMH will focus on “Ear, Eye and Skin Safety”. Prizes will be awarded Monday, July 7 at 6:00 pm in the Dairy Show tent during the Annual Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show. All entries will receive a ribbon and a small gift. Poster Contest winners will be selected from three age groups - Ages 8 and under, Ages 9-12, and Ages 13 and older. Points will be awarded for safety message, originality and neatness. Posters must be 22" X 28" in size on 6 ply poster board.

For further information, please contact NYCAMH at 1-800-343-7527 or call Jenn at the 4-H office.

NYCAMH promotes safe and healthy farming and is a program of Bassett Healthcare, 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY.

4-H ANIMAL CRACKERS PARTICIPANTS

On May 3, Eleonore and Natalee Collins attended the Animal Crackers program at Cornell University. Both girls participated in the dairy tract and were able to get up close to the inner working of a dairy cow!

Eleonore Collins and Debbie Grusenmeyer

Thank You to 4-H volunteers Sarah Hardy and Amanda Dackowski for leading an excellent workshop in marketing your animals to buyers, explaining the process of livestock auctions, and a great livestock/dairy skillathon practice on May 7.

We are excited about the upcoming NEW show the Mohawk Valley 4-H Livestock & Dairy Show and Sale on September 19th and 20th. This will be a dairy cattle, beef, sheep and swine show at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds open to Herkimer, Oneida, and Madison County youth. There are many people working diligently to make this an excellent 2 day show that ends with a livestock auction on Saturday, September 20th. The prizes and awards will be awesome!
**4-H RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP**

On April 18, the 4-H members participated in a rain barrel workshop. Six 4-H youth made their own inexpensive rain barrel in just a couple of hours. 4-H members learned that they can collect more than a thousand gallons of water a year to use to water containers, houseplants, a garden, or even a lawn.

Rain barrels offer several benefits, including saving energy and money, water conservation, and can prevent further water pollution.

Jeffrey and Christopher Salamone, Rose, Sophia and Skye Simmons from the Schuyler Cow Patties 4-H Club participated in the workshop. Each took home a completed rain barrel. Thank you to 4-H Volunteer Kris Downes and 4-H teen leader Kristy Richardson.

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**4-H PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to Rachel Mucurio, Wendy Davey and Rachel Shaver (4-H Volunteers), Willow Simmons and Autumn Zweierki of the Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club and Kendra Shaver, Independent 4-H member, for selling paper clovers and baked goods at the Tractor Supply Company.

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**4-H CLAY POT WORKSHOP**

On April 18, nine 4-H youth made their own clay pot person. 4-H members designed and painted clay pots to resemble people. This project used the imagination of the youth to make a project that was rather simple to do. The decorated pots will be planted with flowers or house plants to create a variety of “hair” for the clay person.

Casey Elthorp, Allison Donahoe & Seth Donahoe, Riley & Chase Brewer, Robert Becker, Austin & Hunter Becker, and Nicole Geter from the Milk Shakers 4-H Club participated in the workshop. Each took home a completed Clay Pot person.

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.
### 4-H Public Presentation District and State Contest

Congratulations to everyone that presented at the North Central District 4-H Public Presentation event held on April 5 at CCE Oneida. Nineteen presenters from five counties shared their Demonstrations and Recitations in front of five judges. Representing Herkimer County in the Junior Division Abigail Reed placed second and Ben Plungis placed fifth. In the Senior Division, Autumn Zwierrecki placed seventh and McCaylia Plungis placed ninth. Autumn continued onto Cornell University on May 17 participating in NYS 4-H Public Presentation contest where she placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to Autumn for an outstanding presentation!!

### 4-H Earn a Calf

Sponsored by the Central NY Farm Progress Show:

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Traditional Member 4-H’er (no Cloverbuds) involved in a 4-H dairy project, previous winners are not eligible. Applicants must be active participants of the Herkimer County 4-H Program for at least one 4-H year prior to applying.

- **APPLICATION:** Completed applications must be at the 4-H Office, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350, by October 1, 2014.

- **ELECTION:** Winners will be chosen on the history of their achievements in 4-H: leadership, future plans, improvement in the past year; showing a desire for a purebred dairy calf; and record books kept on a calf. Call or stop by the 4-H office for an application.

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**Thank You** to the Merry Moos 4-H Club for holding a chicken barbecue fundraiser to support the Alicia Kennedy Memorial Scholarship. They sold 112 chicken dinners at Tractor Supply in Herkimer on May 18. They also held a petting zoo, allowing the public to interact with farm animals.
CONGRATULATIONS 4-H GRADUATING SENIORS

Shelby L. Creator

is a 2014 graduate of Little Falls Central School. She also attended Herkimer BOCES for Building and Construction. She has been a 4-H member of the Little Falls 4-H Friends for 13 years. She has shown dairy cows, beef, meat and dairy goats at The Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown and The Herkimer County Fair. During her years of showing she has received many awards.

Shelby also participated in Varsity Track and Field and Varsity Soccer since freshmen year. Shelby plans on working in the Labors Union for Carpentry and hopes to work her way up to be a supervisor.

Dylan Hapeman

is graduating from Little Falls High School and Herkimer County BOCES from the Outdoor Power Equipment Class.

Dylan has been a member of 4-H for 13 years and 10 of those years he has shown Dairy and Beef cattle at the Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Herkimer County Fair. Highlights include Master Beef Showman and having the Supreme Livestock animal for the youth and open show at the Herkimer Fair. Over the years Dylan has done many wood projects where several went to the State Fair. In 2009, he was picked to represent Herkimer County at the North Central District 4-H Public Presentation Event in Watertown.

In school, he was in band for 5 years, playing the saxophone. Dylan has played different sports, such as, baseball and wrestling, with his favorite was football. After graduation, he is planning to work on the family dairy farm in pursuit of taking it over one day.

Evan Nohar

is graduating from Town of Webb High School and he is going to University of Maine in the Fall. Evan’s major is Forest Operations, Bioproducts and Bioenergy. He really looking forward to college and a career in the forest products industry. He has received both a Black Bear Merit Scholarship and a merit scholarship from the School of Forest Resources. This spring Evan was excited to receive a Northeastern Loggers Association, Inc. Scholarship and the Farm Credit East Scholarship.

In 4-H this year, Evan have done a bunch of community service projects and also helped the younger kids with their 4-H projects. Evan, along with other members in his club, also did a Maple Syrup project throughout the year. “I think my favorite and most important 4-H project (to me personally) is still Tractor Safety”!

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

The students included Kelsey Simpson, Samantha Notley, Will Johnson, Sara Dempsey, and Tecwyn Williams from Town of Webb School; Hannah DeLude, Viktoria Yudchits, Kyria Plunkett, and Daniel Adamek from Herkimer High School; Joe DeSarro, Julia Zito, Olivia Tamburro, Jordan Christensen, Christopher Pierce, and Daniil Silchuk from Frankfort-Schuyler High School; Walter Markowski, and Adam Congdon from West Canada Valley High School; and Taylor Cockey, Mitchell Jones, Jesse Thorsen, and Michael Szarek from Poland Central School.

The spring session started in March, with four session’s total, to provide students with insight into the legislative process. Students reviewed issues, toured county facilities, interviewed county legislators and attended a county legislature meeting.

Students heard from guest speakers, researched topics, and gave presentations as part of the program. At the final session, the student interns staged a simulated legislative mock meeting and provided presentations on current issues confronting county government. Youth thanked all of the participating Herkimer County Legislators for their visits and help in researching topics that made it an engaging experience.

Front Row L to R: Wendy Richardson, Tecwyn Williams, Sara Dempsey, Samantha Notley, Viktoria Yudchits, Taylor Cockey, Jesse Thorsen, Jordan Christensen, and Adam Congdon.

Forty students from six Herkimer County school districts visited Albany, on April 29, 2014, as a culmination of the 4-H Government Intern Program sponsored by the Herkimer County Legislature and administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development.

The trip was chaperoned by Herkimer teacher Laura Scalise, Town of Webb teacher Tim Leach and Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program Educator Wendy Richardson.

Upon arrival at the state capital, the students had a tour of the Capitol and were welcomed by Senator James Seward, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi. After having a dialogue regarding current issues confronting Herkimer County and New York State, the group then visited the Corning Tower and the NYS Museum.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

The **Barnyard Buddies 4-H club** participated in the Herkimer County 4-H Public Presentations held at the Herkimer High school on March 6th. All club members participated in the event. Awesome!!! For many members it was their first time doing demonstrations. In April, 4-H members decorated cupcakes for Easter using pastel frosting, Easter sprinkles, and frosting tips that made different designs. The 4-H club also discussed the upcoming rabbit clinic, showing rabbits and the Herkimer County fair. 4-H club members will be working on making aprons.

The **Haderondah 4-H club** used the Montanye’s property, to tap and process maple syrup. In March, 4-H members scouted the property and identified maple trees with Steve Bick, a forester and 4-H parent. Then club members met again to tap and hang tubing for the sap. Twenty-five trees were tapped and tubing, from the Black family, was run to a collection tank. The 4-H club members set up an evaporator and moved firewood to boil the sap with help from high school students Tecywn Williams and Jordan Levi.

During April school spring break, the 4-H families took turns checking and boiling the sap. They processed an estimated 200 gallons of sap, and made about 2.5 gallons of syrup; that took about 40 hours total of boiling. It was A LOT of hard work, but it was fun too.

The **Up Up and Away 4-H Club** was very busy at the meetings in February, March and April. The 4-H club welcomed two new members, **Rayann Sherrick** and **Marietta Altieri**. In February, 4-H club members had a cup cake bake off. In March, the 4-H club made Christmas Stockings which will be filled with items and donated to the Herkimer County Humane Society in December. At the April meeting, 4-H members made strawberry jam and English muffin pizzas.
The **Merry Moos 4-H club** attended an Easter egg hunt at Mohawk-Weller Park on April 19. The 4-H members brought small animals for use in a petting zoo, and interacted with the public attending the event. The animals were a big hit with the children attending the Easter egg hunt. The 4-H club members would like to bring more animals to next year’s event.

The **Merry Moos 4-H members Madesen and Denten Spellman, Ed and Isabella Smith, and Mercedes Lewandrowski** attended the Dairy Judging Clinic in March.

On April 26, the **Milk Shakers 4-H club** enjoyed a fun day of skating at Interskate 88.

The **Merry Moos 4-H club** members also participated in the Dairy Bowl, County Public Presentations, and a bake sale to benefit **Jason Murphy**, (father of Kaiden Murphy, one of the club’s members). The club raised over $600 for Jason, who is battling cancer.

The **Milk Shakers 4-H club** is looking into getting new club shirts. Nine 4-H members participated in Clay Garden Pot workshop. The 4-H members are working on a project for fair of soil samples to be displayed. The 4-H members will present different types of soil in Herkimer County and what farmers do to take care of their land.

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The **Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club** held a meeting in March to plan their Pancake Breakfast which took place on April 12. They also discussed 4-H Career Explorations some 4-H club members are planning to attend this July. Thank you was extended from Autumn Zwierrecki for the opportunity of being able to attend Capital Days.

The **Schuyler Hillbillies 4-H club** volunteered at the Mountain View Cemetery outside of Little Falls on Saturday, May 5, to help clean up the cemetery by raking and picking up trash. They demonstrated the community spirit of 4-H by donating their time and labor as a way to give back to the area.

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