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4-H Honor Secretaries

Congratulations to: Mercedes Lewandrowski, Merry Moos 4-H Club; Norway Hillside Riders 4-H Club, and CarolAnn Eysaman, Up Up and Away 4-H Club for turning in their July 4-H Club Secretary report by August 5.

Congratulations to: Katie Livingston, Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club for turning in the August 4-H Club Secretary report by September 5.

October 1 ~ Important Date

Only those who have turned in their Year-End Completion sheets by the October 1 deadline will be guaranteed to receive their awards. All of the following are due to the 4-H Office by October 1:

- 4-H Member Year-End Completion Sheet
- 4-H Club Year-End Completion Sheet
- 4-H Re-Enrollment Forms and fee
- Application for Earn-a-Calf (if applicable)

4-H Enrollment Fee

ATTENTION LEADERS and PARENTS!!!!!! The enrollment fee for 2014-2015 4-H year for all new and re-enrolling members will be $10 on or before October 1. If you have three or more children in one family, the limit is $25/family. Re-enrollment forms received after October 1 will be $15/member. Re-enrollments received after January 1 will be $20/member. No family discount will be given after October 1. New members will remain at the $10/member fee for the 2014-15 4-H year.

Free Nutrition Education Programs for Families with Children

If you would like to feed your family better for less, make nutritious, great tasting meals, and even learn ways to be more physically active as a family, CCE of Herkimer County can help. We are recruiting families with children to join our Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) for a 6-lesson series scheduled in your home or community site. Call for details at (315) 866-7920.
### 4-H Club Reorganization Meetings

Each year the 4-H Program conducts reorganization meetings to help 4-H club organizational leaders prepare for the upcoming 4-H year. Meetings will be held on **Tuesday, September 30 from 12 noon - 2 pm and again 6 pm - 8 pm at the CCE Office.**

**What’s the purpose?** To get the new 4-H year off to a super start by discussing and asking questions. Each 4-H club will get all the latest information, along with packets containing 4-H enrollment materials.

**Who’s invited?** All 4-H leaders and parents (this includes parents of independent members too). Each 4-H club and Cloverbud club must have at least one representative at one of the meetings. 4-H club organizational leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

No packets will be mailed or handed out except at these meetings. The interaction among staff and volunteers and introduction of new 4-H offerings, works so much better face-to-face.

### 4-H Earn-a-Calf

Sponsored by the Central NY Farm Progress Show:

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Any Traditional 4-H Member (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 submitted by October 1, 2014 to the 4-H office, 5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350. Please visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/herkimer click “Youth Scholarship Opportunities” or call the 4-H office or stop by the 4-H office for an application.

- **SELECTION:** Applications will be reviewed by a committee of three, made up of representatives from the agricultural community. A time will be set for a farm visit and interview to talk with the applicant regarding their interests and objectives.

- **PRESENTATIONS:** Winners will be informed by letter; and a formal announcement will be made at Member Recognition Night. Letters will also be sent to non-winners.

- **THE CALF:** A registered purebred dairy calf must be purchased from a source other than the home farm. The calf should be purchased by May 1 of the year following the award, preferably not more than four months old at time of purchase.

- **REQUIREMENTS:** Completion of a **4-H CALF & HEIFER PROJECT RECORD** is required for two years and must be submitted to the 4-H Office by June 1 of the year the award is given and the following year. Records must be kept from date of purchase. If records are not completed and turned in, animal will not be allowed to show at any 4-H sponsored show. Forms will be provided by the 4-H office.

Animals must be shown for **TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS** (starting with the year the award is received) at the Farmers’ Museum Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown, the Herkimer County Fair AND the Mohawk Valley Regional 4-H Show in September. Failure to meet any of these requirements could result in the repayment of the $500 award to the 4-H Office.

- **AWARD:** At least one award will be given in the amount of at least $500.
### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H members and volunteers nationwide will be designing creative promotions in recognition of National 4-H Week, **October 5-11.**

There are hundreds of ways you can help promote the fun educational programs available through 4-H. Herkimer County’s 4-H clubs have made scarecrows holding “4-H is Great” signs; put up displays in schools and local libraries; and painted store windows.

There are many creative people in 4-H. When you create your National 4-H Week promotion this year, send us a picture and receive a $5 award. Be sure to put your name, club name, address and location of the display on the picture and send it to Wendy at CCE by **October 20** so the awards can be given out at the Member Recognition Event. One submission per club please.

### 4-H CLUB INFORMATION

**CLUB CHARTERS** - Please remember. 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 completed 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 before you can 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.

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### 4-H OFFICER TRAINING

Tuesday, November 11, 9 am -11 am  
Herkimer Reformed Church  
4-H officers, members, leaders and parents are invited to attend the 4-H Club Officers Training. 4-H Club officers will learn how to carry out their role whether it be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, News Reporter, Song and Rec. or Health Officer. Volunteers are needed. If you feel confident in conducting a segment of 4-H Officer Training, or know of someone who would, please let us know immediately. **Registration deadline is November 5.**

### 4-H MEMBER/VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

November 13 at 5:30 pm  
Herkimer High School  
This is your day 4-H members and volunteers! This year’s event will start with a light dinner (5:30-6pm), a formal awards ceremony (6-7:30pm), followed by a “Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae” Social (7:30-8pm).

This year we would like to highlight your club’s activities. Please come prepared to have a representative from your club share how 4-H has made a difference in the community. Each club will be asked to share something that stood out in this past 4-H year. It could be individual achievement; new adventures; or growth as a club. Please take time to discuss what you feel was the best part of 4-H for your club members. Youth could present about the various activities they did – (ABC Trip, Horse Judging Team, Earn-a-Calf, etc.). Any encouraging story would be appreciated.

Please call the 4-H office to register your members and volunteers. The 4-H office will be offering a light dinner and will need to have an accurate count.
A message from Cheryl Ortleib - Youth Superintendent * Herkimer County Fair

“A huge thank you to all the 4-H’ers who exhibited and demonstrated at this year’s fair. Your participation in the youth department is appreciated. I am still trying to figure out if you drink the healthy beverage first and then wash it down with the chocolate covered oreo drops or if you eat the oreo first and then because you feel guilty, you drink the green stuff which is healthy for you! Either way, 4-H’ers did a great job with lots of demonstrations and public interaction.

All of your time and hard work is very much appreciated. I look forward to your participation again for the 2015 fair. See you there.”

Congratulations to 4-H members that participated in the youth animal showmanship contests at the Herkimer County Fair.

Dairy Cattle: Abigail Allen, Abby, Austin and Hunter Becker, Anna and Robert Becker, Cole and Kyle Brewer, Riley Brewer, Robert Brown, Chad, Kelcey, Stacy and Alissa Collins, Allison, Sam and Seth Donahoe, Hannah and Josh Douglas, Hannah and Tyler Franklin, Ava Frasier, Natalie Fredericks, Brogan Graves, Markus Hammont, Dylan Hapeman, Katie Livingston, Brook and Kroin Mucurio, Travis Neslon, Isabella Smith, Madesen, Logen and Denten Spellman, Dylan Shaver, Lily, Rose, Skye and Sophia Simmons, Lawson Staring, Bryce and Kayla Windecker

Beef Cattle: Riley Brewer, Robert Brown, Rebecca Elwood, Dylan Hapeman, Hayden and Kendra Shaver

Goats: Bo Alecia, Hailey and Hannah Carnright, Kassi March, McCaylia Plungis and James Luck Jr.

Poultry: Gabrielle Lewosko, Elora and Keturah Luck, Ben, Broc and McKenzie Plungis, Skye and Sophia Simmons, Isabella Smith, Denten and Madesen Spellman

Rabbits: AnNi Carroll, Julia and Klarissa Lewosko, Ben, Broc and McKenzie Plungis, Isabella Smith, Denten, Madesen and Logen Spellman

Twenty two 4-H youth participated in the Livestock Skillathon/Dairy Challenge at the fair. Congratulations to: Abigail Allen, Sam and Seth Donahoe, Rebecca Elwood, Kaitlyn Fitch, Hannah Franklin, Ava Frasier, Natalie Fredericks, Brogan Graves, Katie and Matt Livingston, Denten, Madesen and Logen Spellman, Kendra Shaver, Isabella Smith, Rose, Skye and Sophia Simmons, and Kayla Windecker

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1ST ANNUAL MOHAWK VALLEY 4-H DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK SHOW

Forty-two 4-H members from Herkimer and Oneida Counties participated in the 1st Annual Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy & Livestock Show on September 20 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds.

Participants exhibited their dairy cattle, beef cattle, dairy steers, sheep & hogs at the one day, no-fit show designed to give the 4-H members one last “fun” show of the season. Shows began with a showmanship division for each species. Master Showman of each species received a chair. The chairs were donated by Salmstead Farm, Atrass Farm and Fosters Acres.

Dr. Doug Waterman sorted through the 4-H members and dairy cattle and gave top honors Master Showman to Alissa Collins of Herkimer County. In the breed classes, Supreme Junior animal went to Jacinta vanLieshout of Oneida County with Holstein winter calf Brabant Favor Carrot-Red. Taking home Supreme overall Champion of the dairy show was Bryce Windecker of Herkimer County with his 5 year old cow Windex Laurin Lovely-ET. Bryce received a wheelbarrow full of products donated by Herkimer County Dairy Promotion and Oneida County Dairy Promotion.

Kevin and Elizabeth Kron were charged with judging the livestock shows. In showmanship, top honors of Master Showman in beef went to Megan Cranwell of Oneida County, in swine Haley Cranwell of Oneida County, came out on top and in sheep, Megan Sexton of Oneida County, was the winner.

In the beef show, Troy Brayma of Oneida County, took home top honors with his Champion Simmental heifer Bunals Trading Thunder. Troy and Thunder were also Supreme Livestock animal at the show. With that title, Troy received a wheelbarrow full of products donated by Herkimer County Farm Bureau. Champion Market Steer for auction went to Mackenzie Brayman with White Lightning and Reserve Champion went to Natalee Collins with Donald, both of Oneida County. In the non-auction class, Amanda Cranwell of Oneida County, exhibited both the Champion and Reserve Champion Market Steers Napoleon & Herbie respectively. Seth Donahoe exhibited the champion dairy steer “Don-Dale Hveda Magic Mike” while Allison Donahoe exhibited the reserve champion both of Herkimer County.

Suzie Phillips of Herkimer County exhibited the Supreme Sheep at the show with her Romney Ram “Phillips 1303”. Oneida County 4-H member Kyle Sexton exhibited the Champion Ewe of the show “Daisy”.

Other participants in the show from Herkimer County were: Abigail Allen, Anna & Robert Becker, Riley Brewer, Chad & Kelsey Collins, Sam Donahoe, Ava Frasier, Natalie Fredericks, Rose, Skye, Sophia Simmons, Isabella Smith, Denten & Madesen Spellman, Kayla Windecker & Autumn Zwierecki.

The 4-H programs from Herkimer & Oneida Counties would like to thank all of the sponsors who made this event possible. They include: Central New York Farm Progress Show, Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement Program, Northeast Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., Performance Premixes, Herkimer County Farm Bureau, Herkimer County Dairy Promotion, Williams Fence, Oneida County Dairy Promotion, Richardson Feeds, Browns Feed, Doug Bowne, Salmstead Farm, Atrass Farm and Fosters Acres.
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**1st Annual Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy and Livestock Sale**

On September 20, the 4-H Programs of Herkimer and Oneida Counties held their 1st Annual Mohawk Valley 4-H Dairy & Livestock Sale at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Six 4-H members sold eight head of livestock including beef steers, hogs and, dairy steers at the sale. Of the eight animals sold, four were then donated back by the buyers to be resold with proceeds to benefit the 4-H Show & Sale program. Buyers and potential buyers were treated to a “buyers reception” before the start of the auction featuring local foods.

At the conclusion of the auction, John Calidonna of Clinton Tractor and Implement Company in Clinton, paid the highest price per pound for steers by purchasing the reserve champion beef steer “Donald” sold by Natalee Collins of Waterville. Mr. Calidonna then donated the steer back to be resold. Second time buyer was Empire Livestock in Vernon. The champion beef steer “White Lightning” sold by Mackenzie Brayman of Knoxboro, was purchased by Doug Thompson of G&T Farm in Richfield Springs. Mr. Thompson also donated the steer back to be resold, which was then purchased by Mr. Calidonna of Clinton Tractor.

Champion hog “Magic”, sold by Haley Cranwell of Morrisville drew top dollar being purchased by the Copper Turret Restaurant at Morrisville State College. Mackenzie Brayman’s Reserve Champion hog was purchased by Doug Thompson of D&T Farm and then donated back to be resold. The final bid on Mackenzie’s hog went to Jesse Marsh of the Don Marsh Agency in Richfield Springs. Troy Brayman of Knoxboro also sold a blue ribbon hog with the highest bid going to Craig Pollock of Farm Credit East in Sangerfield. Craig also donated the hog back to benefit the 4-H program with Eugene Elwood of Elwood Trucking in Middleville making the final bid.

Empire Livestock in Vernon was the final bidder when the gavel fell on both the Champion “Magic Mike” and Reserve Champion Dairy Steers sold by Seth and Allison Donahoe both of Frankfort, respectively. Sam Donahoe also sold a blue ribbon dairy steer with the final bidder being C & W Automotive of Leonardsville.

Auction revenue totaled almost $19,000 with $5,500 of that being from second time sales which will be used to support this annual event. 4-H members will use their monies in various ways including purchasing new market animals for next years auction, college tuition and donations to various charities.

A special thank you to the buyers and bidders that came out to support our 4-H youth; our auctioneer, Anthony Lucenti; our ring man, David Sherwood from Empire Livestock, as well as those who sponsored this event including: Central New York Farm Progress Show, Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement Program, Northeast Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc., Performance Premixes, Herkimer County Farm Bureau, Herkimer County Dairy Promotion, Oneida County Dairy Promotion, Browns Feed, Williams Fence, Richardson Feeds, Doug Bowne, Salmstead Farm, Atrass Farm and Fosters Acres.
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Thank you to 4-H volunteers Cathy Eysaman, Jeff Murdock, Kim Creater, Steve Brown and Master Gardener volunteers Karen Vosler and Paula Morse for serving as evaluators at the Herkimer County Fair. Their time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers and 4-H members who assisted at the Herkimer County Fair by doing hands-on “Make-'N-Take” activities with the general public, which included astronomy, a robotics demonstration, and several cooking demonstrations. Thank you to 4-H Volunteers Melonie Luck, Ed and Cathy Eysaman, Karen Livingston, Robin Fitch, Darlene Carroll, Julia and Andrew Burger, Robin Simmons, Rachel Shaver, Rachel Mucurio, Pat Wright and 4-H members Eleonore and Natalee Collins, Kendra Shaver, Danielle Storms, McKenzie Rosenberg, Sarah Wright, Allison Wright, Brook Mucurio, Korin Murcurio, Ben Plungis, CarolAnn Eysaman, Thomas Doremus, Marietta Alteieri, Rayann Sherrick, Katie Livingston, Kaitlyn Fitch, AnNi Carroll, James Luck Jr., Ketorah Luck, Elorah Luck and the Merry Moos 4-H Club who participated in “Make-'N-Take: and cooking demonstrations. Thank you again for your time and dedication to the Herkimer County 4-H Program.

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for exhibiting their projects at the Herkimer County Fair: Abigail Allen, Marietta Alteiri, Anna Becker, Alexandra Burger, Claire Connolly, Keegan Connolly, Mary Kathryn Connolly, Rachel Domion, Maggie Doremus, Thomas Doremus, CarolAnn Eysaman, Kaitlyn Fitch, Brogan Graves, Alexis Haynes, Hailey Haynes, Gabrielle Lewosko, Julia Lewosko, Klarissa Lewosko, Steven Lewosko, Katie Livingston, Elorah Luck, Keturah Luck, James Luck Jr., Brook
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## Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits at New York State Fair

Congratulations to the following 4-H members whose exhibits were chosen to be entered at the Great New York State Fair: Marietta Altieri, Keegan Connolly, Maggie Doremus, Thomas Doremus, CarolAnn Eysaman, Kaitlyn Fitch, Hailey Haynes, Katie Livingston, Julia Lewosko, Gabrielle Lewosko, James Luck Jr., Ben Plungis, McCaylia Plungis, Rayann Sherrick, Sophia Simmons, Edward Smith, Isabella Smith, Madesen Spellman, Abbie Trevor, and Chloe Williams. There were 29 awesome exhibits chosen!!! Great Job!!!!

![Blue Ribbon Winners!!!](image)

Hailey Hynes with her chalk board and duck tape purse that won a blue ribbon!!!
NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Congratulations to Josh Douglas and Kayla and Bryce Windecker for competing in the dairy cattle judging contest at the NYS Fair. Josh finished 6th high individual in the junior division and Kayla was 9th high individual in the first round of competition for the seniors. Kayla and Bryce also participated in the Dairy Challenge contest at the NYS Fair.

CANDLELIGHT EVENING AT THE FARMERS’ MUSEUM

DECEMBER 13, 2014 - 3 pm – 7 pm

4-H clubs or families interested in caroling in this traditional holiday event should call or e-mail Meg Preston at (607) 547-1452 or m.preston@nysha.org before November 28. We encourage your participation. Sign up to sing for either 30 minutes or one hour.

TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraiser will be held October 10-19. Customers at our local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to state and local 4-H.

Herkimer County 4-H will have a booth at the Herkimer Tractor Supply on Saturday, October 18 to help sell the paper clovers. Clubs are also welcome to set up a bake sale at the event. If you and/or your club are interested in helping out, please contact Jenn at the 4-H Office to set up a time.

Applicant Guidelines

- 2015 graduating High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry.
- Live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue.
- Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required and may accompany application.

Process and Procedure

- Applications and information is available at www.nyfb.org or request by calling 1-800-342-4143.
- Completed application packets must be returned to New York Farm Bureau in Albany. November 15, 2014 postmark deadline or via email.
- A District level competition will be held. Scoring will determine the County winners as well as the District winners. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to January 18, 2015. Each District Winner will receive $100 plus a memento of their selection.
- State winner selection will be made from District Winners, based solely on the submitted applications; there will be no personal interviews.

A $1500, $1200 and $1000 Scholarship will be awarded

For more information go to www.nyfb.org or call 1-800-342-4143.
The **Barnyard Buddies 4-H club** participated in 4-H Day at Water Safari. Despite the rainy drive up and the cool weather, everyone had a good time.

Our club was well represented at the County Fair. Members exhibited photography, crafts, sewing, and baking projects as well as rabbits, poultry, and dairy. There were several exhibits that were chosen for State Fair.

On Thursday during Fair week, the club participated in Cooking Demonstrations making Fruit Pizza and Traditional Pizza. We gave out samples to fair-goers and exhibitors. Great job to all!

In his down time, James explored the fair with his family and got to learn wood carving in the Historical Museum. He was able to use the foot powered spring lathe and carved 3 legs for a stool he plans on finishing for a project. **James** is looking forward to helping out as a Teen Leader again next year.

The **Luck Family** made the NY State Fair a family experience. Herkimer County 4-H members [Keturah](#) and [Elorah Luck](#) enjoyed handing out stickers and encouraging children to make their own constellations at the Herkimer County booth at NY State Fair.

Herkimer County 4-H member **James Luck Jr** had the opportunity to be a teen leader in the 4-H Shooting Sports booth in the Youth Building at the NY State Fair. He enjoyed working with the public and meeting new people.
In the month of July 2014, members of the Merry Moos 4-H club participated in several events. Mercedes Lewandrowski, Madesen Spellman, and Isabella Smith showed dairy cattle at the Cooperstown Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show.

4-H members also attended the poultry/rabbit showing clinic. 4-H members marched in the Newport parade on August 2, which marked the beginning of the Newport Fireman’s Field Days, which included the Merry Moo’s 4-H club cow mascot.

The Norway Hillside Riders 4-H club cleaned up Gould Rd. as a community service project. When the 4-H members finished they received certificates and held a cookout.

Front row from L to R: Emma Canelo, Tara Quayle, Haylee King, Kelsea Hayes. Back row from L to R: William Ingersoll, Devin Quayle, Sabrina Reel, Karissa Hayes, and Frederick Hayes.

4-H members enter rabbits and ducks at the Herkimer County Fair.

They also decorated a float for the Newport Firemen Field Day’s parade and won first place. The float was decorated in a jungle theme and the 4-H members dressed up as wild animals and danced to the Lion King theme song during the parade.

4-H Day at Enchanted Forest/Water Safari

4-H members from several different counties had a blast at Enchanted Forest/Water Safari on July 30. The weather wasn't the best but the 4-H members and their parents/chaperones had a memorable time. Thank you to those who participated and making the 4-H “Fun Day” a great SUCCESS!!!
2015 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION

With the 1st Annual Mohawk Valley Dairy & Livestock Show & Sale now in the books, now is the time to be looking forward to next year.

Are you interested in participating in the auction piece of this event? If you are, you must attend one of the MANDATORY meetings in order to be able to sell your market animal in 2015.

Three meetings will be held, one each in Herkimer, Oneida & Madison Counties. The meeting in Herkimer County will be on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm. Please call the 4-H Office to register.

If you are interested, but cannot attend that meeting, call Jenn and she will let you know when the meetings in the other counties will be so you can be sure to attend one of them. Be sure to check your email, our web page and our facebook page for updates on this event.

If choosing to participate in the auction, there will be strict guidelines on weights and ages of animals being sold to ensure a high quality sale. If you are interested in participating in the market steer program, now is the time to be obtaining your steers – ideally steers that were born in the spring of 2014 will be ready for a fall 2015 sale. Market lambs and hogs must be obtained by June 2015 and born within 2015. In order to participate in the sale, youth will be required to keep in depth and accurate records on the animal to be sold, so now is the time to start those records for your dairy steers and beef steers.

4-H members will be required to attend meetings pertaining to the sale and recruit buyers for the sale.

No matter which species you are interested in selling, you MUST attend a meeting in November.

2014 INSECTAPALOOZA

Insectapalooza is an interactive, hands-on experience that features hundreds of live insects, spiders, and other fascinating arthropods. Popular favorites include the live Butterfly Room and Arthropod Zoo.

The annual, one-day Insect Fair hosted by the Department of Entomology at Cornell reflects the countless wonderful ways that insects interact with people and impact our lives — for better or for worse.

Insects will be on display at Cornell University during the annual Insectapalooza Insect Fair on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 3 pm at Comstock Hall on the Cornell University campus.

The cost of entry is $2 per person. Children 3 yrs. and under are free. For more information, go to: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/Volunteer%20e-Learning.pdf

4-H CHEESE FUNDRAISER

WE STRONGLY URGE ALL 4-H CLUB MEMBERS and INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE.

This is the only county-wide fundraiser that the 4-H Office offers. Fundraising plays an important part in 4-H. This fundraiser helps us provide many educational opportunities including trips, awards, and recognitions for Herkimer County 4-H members and Leaders which would otherwise be impossible.

Please keep an eye out for the information. As soon as we have the details of the Cheese Fundraiser we will be contacting all 4-H clubs and/or parents with information regarding this fundraiser.
## 2014 - 2015 Preliminary Calendar of Events

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