COUNTY LEVEL 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
Registration is now open online. You may come in on either March 10 at the John C. Hart Library in Shrub Oak or March 24 at the Yorktown Community Center.

4-H INCUBATION & EMBRYOLOGY PROJECT
Contact Nancy by February 1 to participate in the 4-H incubation and embryology project. Club members may borrow an incubator and other necessary equipment. There will be a "how to" workshop in March that is mandatory for those new to this project. Eggs will be available in mid-April. There is a flyer for this project that will be mailed to all club leaders, and to any youth who contact the office and request one. All members who want to participate in the hatching project MUST use the order form and sign the project form in order to reserve eggs and an incubator. Members may attend the Saturday 4-H workshop or one of the evening workshops for teachers. 4-H Member Date: March 17

4-H SHOWCASE
Take note that March 19 is the deadline to declare any animals that you will be working with for exhibition or showmanship classes at our 4-H Showcase in May. Use the forms that are on the 4-H website. Now is the time to start the 4-H project records for all of your projects. Those will be due in May before the Showcase.

Your 4-H project books (binders) will not be due for entry into the Showcase. The due date for your project books will be later in the summer, possibly early August, so the books can be evaluated for entry in the State Fair. We will be using a different format this year in order to be in line with the criteria for entry in the State Fair.

4-H SKILLS DAY
We need a team of two adults and two teens to get this going. This will be a fun day in July enjoying some new activities and some old 4-H activities in a mini 4-H Retreat. STARR participants are strongly encouraged to help plan this. Deadline is January 31 to let me know we have a planning team for Skills Day. Planning starts after the Showcase.

4-H PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN!
The JoAnn Fabrics shop in Peekskill is ready for us to come in on February 3 from 11 am to 2 pm to help customers make a Valentine's Day card as part of the 4-H Paper Clover campaign. JoAnn Fabrics provides all supplies. A sign up sheet will be sent to leaders on Monday, January 29. We deliver the cards to one recipient that we have chosen – vote for the Veteran's Hospital in Montrose or Blythedale Children's Hospital. If the vote is tied, let's hope there are enough cards made to take to two sites. There are more details that have been sent to your club Leader.

4-H members who enrolled in livestock and poultry projects will be receiving a letter detailing the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth raising and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and poultry. All 4-H members who will be working with livestock this year need to earn the certificate for each species that they handle. I can provide a one hour quick course, but I know that most of you would appreciate the greater amount of information available to you if you take the on-line course, at home, at your own pace. Registration information will be in the letter.