Welcome to the new 4-H year!!! As many of you know, on October 1st 2015, the joint association of Allegany and Cattaraugus County dissolved. Under a new association and board of directors we now have the brand new Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County!! 4-H is one of the programs that CCE offers. CCE Cattaraugus also includes: Regional Vegetable and Grape Teams and Nutrition Education. The 4-H Program is off to a good start this year and we hope to improve it to “Make the Best Better” with the new association. Please visit the association website for updated event information-cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/
Amanda Dackowsky
4-H Youth Development Educator

Hello to all the 4-Her’s and their families! My name is Amanda Dackowsky and I am the new 4-H Youth Development Educator for Cattaraugus County! I grew up right here in Cattaraugus County and am a former 4-H member in both the Perrysburg Barn Buddies 4-H Club and the Top Hats & Tails 4-H Club. As a 4-Her I participated in the beef, lamb, horse, and dog programs, showing at county and state fair as well as participating in numerous contests relating to horse and livestock. Additionally, I was involved in sewing, gardening, canning, baking, photography, and Teen Council. I am a 2009 graduate of SUNY Morrisville and 2011 graduate of Cornell University where I received a degree in Animal Science. In this new job, I look forward to forming a Teen Council, introducing our county 4-H to some new programs that are being offered at the state level, and improving upon some existing programs. I am a proud former 4-H member and am grateful for what I learned throughout my 4-H career. I am excited to be able to work with the youth in my home county. Outside of 4-H, I am actively involved in the NY Beef Producer’s Association as well as my local church. I stay busy helping my husband care for our small herd of 10 commercial beef cows in our cow/calf operation, volunteering in my community, and helping my family on the farm. In my free time I enjoy cooking and baking, reading, riding my horse, and anything that pertains to cattle. Stop into the office any time to meet me or call if you have any questions regarding the 4-H Program. I can be reached at (716) 699-2377 ext. 120 or ams627@cornell.edu. I look forward to working with you all in this upcoming 4-H year!!
The new enrollment year has begun!

**YOUTH ENROLLMENT:** All 4-Hers need to re-enroll. Enrollment fees are the same as last year- $10.00/child or $25.00/family (members who reside in the same household). This applies to Cloverbuds (ages 5-7), too. There is no enrollment fee for adults/leaders. Youth enrollment forms can be picked up at the office or can be downloaded online at the association website cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/.

**ADULT ENROLLMENT:** All Leaders and Volunteers also need to re-enroll. Enrollment Forms (for leaders and any adult who will help with 4-H activities at anytime during the year) can be picked up at the 4-H office (they are not available online). If you need any enrollments mailed or emailed to you, please call Amanda at (716) 699-2377 ext. 120 to make arrangements.

If you know of anyone who wants to join 4-H please have them contact Amanda at the CCE Cattaraugus office at (716) 699-2377 ext. 120 or by email at ams627@cornell.edu

**THANK YOU ARISSA!!!**

A huge thank you goes out to Arissa Hitchcock of A Beautiful Glimpse Photography for spending her time taking candid photos of all the 4-Her’s during the fair week and at the shows. Many of the photos in the Clover Minder are taken by her. If you are interested in viewing the pictures she took, you can visit her Facebook page (don’t forget to Like it!).

To contact her about ordering photos, you can email her at hitchcam@outlook.com.

**WANTED: 4-H FAMILY SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A committee for 4-H Family Science will be formed soon. Any responsible, motivated adults who are interested in being a part of this committee should contact Amanda at the 4-H CCE Office immediately. Members DO NOT need to be club leaders or have children in the program. This committee is open to any adults. However, you will need to enroll as a 4-H volunteer. The committee would have a hand in evaluating and organizing some of the 4-H youth development programs relating to family science. This includes (but is not limited to) baking, food preservation, horticulture, vegetables, photography, art & crafts, home environment, home economics, and woodworking. Please call the office at (716) 699-2377 ext. 120 if interested! New and fresh ideas are welcome!
SAVE THE DATE!!
Saturday, February 20th, 2016 - County Public Presentations.

Location and time: TBA

**Please remember that all exhibitors wanting to show their horse at the county fair MUST do a public presentation.
It is strongly encouraged that ALL 4-H members do a public presentation as this will prepare you for public speaking. This is a skill that everybody uses, especially as a college student and an adult. Please keep in mind that, although it is not a requirement for all 4-H members at this time, public presentations may become a requirement in the future.
If you have any questions please contact Amanda at the 4-H Office by calling (716)699-2377 ext. 120.

Upcoming events/Dates

Fundraisers:

**Cuba Cheese Fundraiser**
We have now started the Cuba Cheese Fundraiser. If you have not received a brochure and would like one, please call the 4-H Office. Brochures can be picked up at the office anytime, Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM. Brochures will also be available at 4-H Information Night on Nov. 10th. All orders and money will be due on Monday, November 30th to the office by 4:00 PM to ensure that the orders will come in before Christmas. Your orders will be available for pick-up starting on Friday, December 18th (most likely in the afternoon). Cuba Cheese has many great products to offer and would make great Christmas presents for teachers, mentors, or favorite family members.

*New this year-the top 2 ($) sellers of the Cuba Cheese Fundraiser will each receive a $20 gift card! All orders and money MUST be in by 4:00 PM on Monday, November 30th.

**Niagara Chocolate Fundraiser**
The Niagara Chocolate candy bar fundraiser has begun! Boxes of candy bars (50 bars/box) can be picked up at the 4-H Office, Monday-Friday between 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

**New this year- we will be rewarding the top 2 candy bar sellers with a $20 gift card! We will also be providing clubs a way of earning some money for their club by recognizing the top 2 selling clubs. The top selling club in the county will receive 30% of the PROFITS they made on their candy bar sales. The 2nd place top selling club will receive 15% of the PROFITS they made. When picking up the candy bars, you MUST indicate the seller’s name and the club you are a member of. We will be selling candy bars throughout the 4-H year but this incentives program will only run until February 29th (leap year!!!). Therefore, all candy money NEEDS to be turned into the office by February 29th in order to be included in the incentives program. If anybody has any questions, please call Amanda at the 4-H Office at (716) 699-2377 ext.120.

**Just a reminder, in order to participate at the county fair, each 4-Her must participate in 2 different fundraisers. More fundraisers will be coming in the late winter/early spring.
Horse Clinics and Events

Horse Committee Meeting - Wednesday, November 18th at 7PM at CCE Cattaraugus County located at 28 Parkside Drive Ellicottville, NY 14731.

**This meeting will also serve as the 4-H horse club leader’s orientation and therefore, ALL 4-H HORSE CLUB LEADERS are required to come. If you are unable to come, a representative from your 4-H club should attend. 4-Hers in the Horse Program are also invited to come to the meeting, especially if you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to present to the horse committee. Any enrollment forms can be handed in or picked up at this time. Fundraisers can also be handed in or picked up.

You’re Invited!! 3 of the 4 horse educational clinics have been set. These educational clinics are especially good for 4-Hers looking to compete in Hippology, Horse Bowl, or Horse Judging. This is a great way to do some fun, educational horse–related events during the cold winter months when riding is not always possible. Numerous topics will be covered at each clinic. If you have enrollment forms completed- please bring them with you! Please remember that in order to show your horse at the fair, you must attend 2 horse educational clinics in the county. Attendance at these clinics will count towards your requirement.

Clinic #1: Sunday, November 15th. 1:00 PM-3:30 PM Location: Thistle Down Stables (Cheri Stady’s barn) 3575 McClure Hollow Allegany, NY 14706
Clinic #2: Saturday, December 12th. 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM Location: Dunham Sport Horses (Kristen Dunham’s barn) 5334 Allegany Rd. Little Valley, NY 14755
Clinic #3: (tentatively set): Sunday, January 24th. 1:00 PM-3:30 PM Location: Nash Hill Equestrian Center 10999 Persia Rd. Gowanda, NY 14070
Clinic #4: TBA

Regional Horse Bowl Competition: Saturday, March 19th. More details will follow!
Regional Horse Communications: Saturday, April 2nd. More details will follow!

Goat Clinics and Events

Kidding Clinic: Thursday, March 10th at 6PM.
Location: Michelle Conhiser’s barn- 12183 Countyline Rd. Yorkshire, NY 14173

Getting Ready For Show Clinic: Thursday May 19th at 6 PM.
Location: Michelle Conhiser’s barn- 12183 Countyline Rd. Yorkshire, NY 14173
A Note from the Poultry Chairperson…..
Market Poultry: There were 13 Pairs at fair. They brought $1710.00 at the market sale on Saturday, that was an average of $131.54 a pair. Thank you to all who made our show a success and especially to Amanda Dackowsky for all her hard work. A thank you out to our judge Robert Whitney for coming from Bath, NY. CONGRATULATIONS; To the Market Poultry winners Grand - Justin Murphy, Reserve - Tanner Cranston, Highly Commendable - Kaleb O’Neill, Commendable - Kyra Pence, Market Turkeys - Grand - Rebecca Besok, Reserve - Ben Besok, and to all who completed their market Poultry projects. I’m looking forward to 2016. Be thinking about your poultry projects for the year! We will do the same this year if need be. Watch for future dates for chick orders etc. in the Clover Minder. Thanks to all for a successful year, Linda Murphy

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER...........

To youth who won an award or sold an animal at the auction!! If you have not done so already, PLEASE send out thank you notes to your buyers and to the sponsors of any awards you won at the fair. It is also a good idea to send a thank you to your back bidder if you know who that person was. If you don’t remember who your buyer is or do not have their address, please contact Amanda at the CCE 4-H Office by calling (716) 699-2377 ext. 120 or emailing ams627@cornell.edu. Without the support of these generous people, the 4-H Program would not be able to provide as many opportunities to you as a 4-Her! It is very important to show these supporters how much they mean to the 4-H Program!

To anyone who received a rotating trophy or plaque at the fair needs to get their plate card made and put on their award. Now would be a great time to get this done so you can have your trophy/plaque back in time to show off your accomplishments during family gatherings over the holidays!! All rotating trophies and plaques need to be back to the office by July 15th before the fair! You may have plate cards made at any store of your choosing. If you don’t know of a place to go, Mongillo Jewelers of Salamanca can do them for you! They can be reached at (716) 945-3622. Congratulations to all that received a rotating award!
Congratulations to State Fair Exhibitors!

The following 4-Hers headed to the great New York State Fair this past August/September. Many blue ribbons and special awards were given. All the 4-Hers worked hard and did an excellent job representing our county!

Congratulations to all and job well done!

4-H Dairy – Meganne Chapman, Morganne Chapman, Tricia Hulton, and Brooke Andera
4-H Beef- Courtney Charlesworth and Josh Carter
4-H Swine- Sarah Carter, Josh Carter, Jacob Carter, Cameron Howard, and Payton Howard
4-H Sheep- Josh Carter, Sarah Carter, Payton Howard, Megan Stang, and Carlye Winship
4-H Goat- Erika Conhiser, Sarah Conhiser, Ted Conhiser, Brooke Andera, and Nathan Andera
4-H Horse – Erin Washburn, Danalyna Chiarilli, Kerianne Alpin, Brianna Beutler, Garrett Cooper, Estella Estus, Melissa Fiebelkorn, Heli Kongats, Baileigh Loucks, Anna North, Megan Stang, Hannah Stayer, Julia Stayer, Hailey Swanson, Alexis Tunstall, Rylyn Tunstall, Savanna Wilson, and Sierra Wilson

Dairy Judging Contest- Reggie Goodemote, Cameron Gross, Kellen Martin, Tricia Hulton, Brooke Andera, Kendalle Booth, Tori Hitchcock, Kayla Dechow, Derek Dechow, Aaron Gross, Ben Hitchcock, Kyra Pence, and Jacob Atwater
Livestock Skillathon- Megan Stang and Carlye Winship
Livestock Judging- Josh Carter
Horse Judging- Megan Stang
Hippology- Megan Stang and Kerianne Alpin
4-H Youth Building Exhibitors – Jacob Atwater, Brett Blesy, Lexi Blesy, Emily Chapman, Thomas Chapman, Kendra Dechow, Lauren Eaton, Kaylee Eaton, Anna Galley, Julia Gray, Tarryn Herman, Audrey Hurlburt, Mandy Hurlburt, Mikayla King, Morgan King, Adelyn Kolb, Porter Lemke, Eliza Schrantz, Beth Stang, Emily Stang, Daniel Stang, Hayley Stang, Megan Stang, Delanie Tunstall, John Visnesky, Wyatt Visnesky, Oliver Wedvik, and Carlye Winship

*Individual results for the different shows can be found at the link here: http://nysfair.org/competitions/results/
I apologize if I missed anybody. Please let me know if I did so a correction can be made!

The 2016 NYS Fair will be held August 25th- Sept. 5th 2016

If you are interested in competing, please see a 4-H staff person during the 2016 county fair to fill out the necessary paperwork.
Highlights from our Fair!