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Congratulations!

Each year, the Hall Family of the Year Award is given to a 4-H Family that is instrumental in participation, volunteering and dedicated to the 4-H program. This year’s award went to Mary, Michael, Michellyn and Christian Schroader.

The Gertrude Warren Leadership Award is presented each year to a leader who has been a volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County for more than five years, and who has made a contribution to the 4-H Program. This year’s award winner is Diana Smith.

The 4-H Leadership Award is presented each year to a leader who has been a volunteer with the CCE of Niagara County for five years or less, and who has made a contribution to the 4-H Program. This year’s leadership award winners are Lori Rowles, Dawn Gagola and Karen Drumm.

The members of the Red Jacket Masonic Lodge are pleased each year to recognize the contributions Niagara County Youth make to their club, community and county. This year the Red Jacket Masonic Lodge Citizenship Award goes to Catherine Clark.

The Walker Junior Leadership Award is given in memory of Raymond and Marjorie E. Walker for their contribution in leadership skills. This year the winner of this award is Katie Widmer.
Niagara County Fair Specials

If you received a “Special Award” at the Niagara County Fair, your check is ready to be picked up at the Administration building; checks will not be mailed. You may send a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish us to mail it. Checks not picked up by December 31, 2019 will be forfeited back to the Niagara County 4-H Sponsors.

Clubs and Individuals receiving Special Award Checks are:

**Individuals:**
- Nathaniel Alt
- Hayley Berner
- Sydney Edmister
- Weston Henning
- Aaron McCollum
- Aidan McCollum
- Christopher McCollum
- Jazmine Michel
- Linzie Michel
- Alayna Minner
- Shelby Nerber
- Savannah Newton
- Dylan Roehling
- Hayley Roehling
- Jane Schuler
- Abigail Verratti
- Sophia Verratti
- Alexandra Ward

**Clubs:**
- Blue Ribbon Riders
- Country Crafters
- 4 Clovers Club
- Gasport Equestrian Team
- GVD Titans
- Lincoln Avenue Patriots
- Northeast Herd
- Sour Patch Kids

Public Presentations

The Public Presentation Program is one of 4-H’s most beneficial and rewarding experiences. It is the one most credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers. It provides an unique opportunity to develop a positive self-concept, poise, gain self-confidence before a group, learn to express ideas clearly, respond spontaneously to questions, and gain subject matter knowledge.

Do you need help with a topic or how to give a 4-H Public Presentation? If so, please call Heidi for more information at 433-8839 ext. 241.

**Public Presentations will be held in the 4-H Training Center on:**
* Tuesday, February 25 at 5:00-8:00pm
* Thursday, February 27 at 5:00-8:00pm

Registration forms are available online at www.ccniagaracounty.org under the 4-H programs page. Please fill out the registration form by Monday, February 10.

Public Presentations Pre-Game Practice Dates!

Date: Thursday February 13
Time: 4:00-7:00pm
Place: Administration Building

Date: Saturday February 15
Time: 10:00am-1:00
Place: Administration Building

RSVP: Helen Rowlands at hrishell65@aol.com to schedule your time slot by February 10.

This is a friendly, fun way to get a practice presentation in before the big day! It doesn’t have to be perfect yet—the experts will be there to help! Make sure to bring all of your Public Presentation Day materials you have ready with you to practice.

4-H Scholarships

Niagara County Sponsors Committee Scholarship Applications are currently available on our website. Applications are due January 17 and personal interviews are required on February 1.

Recycle AND help Niagara County 4-H!!

Your waste can be turned into funding for Niagara County 4-H. Bring the hard to recycle items listed below into CCE to be sent to Terracycle for recycling. The more items sent in, the more funding 4-H will receive. Collect these items from your friends and family to further reduce the waste going to landfills and increase the impact for 4-H.

All items dropped off must be used up and dried. Collection bins are in the Administration building and will be collected year-round!

- **Oral care** – toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers and all associated packaging
- **Beauty and personal care product packaging** – all beauty and personal care packaging, i.e., lip balm tubes, soap dispensers/tubes, lotion tubes/jars, hair product containers (no cans), all cosmetic packaging
- **Health and Nutrition product packaging** – supplement, cough, cold, and nasal care packaging (blister packs, spray bottles, tubes, bottles, etc.), personal foot care packaging (tubes, bottles, product packaging), Infant formula and child nutrition packaging (tubs, bottles caps, cans, boxes, etc.)
- **Shaving** - Razors, razor systems, and associated packaging
- **Hasbro Toys or games** – only Hasbro brand toys/games (or parts of toys/games) can be collected at this time

Any questions about the items being collected can be directed to Amanda Henning at app27@cornell.edu.
Workshops

Open Sewing Classes
Dates: Sundays, December 1 & 15  
Sundays, January 12 & 26
Time: 2:30-4:30pm
Place: Memorial Room
RSVP: Contact Pat Travers at 731-4705
Cost: FREE!
These classes are open to anyone needing help with a sewing project or just want to set time aside to sew.

Metal Embossed Ornaments
Date: Wednesday, December 4
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Cost: $5.00
RSVP: Iesa 523-4981 by December 2
Learn basic metal embossing techniques on a precut metal ornament shape. You should be able to finish 4. These make great gifts for teachers or grandparents.

Beginner Weaving
Date: Wednesday, January 8
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
RSVP: RSVP Iesa 523-4981 by January 6
Cost: $3.00
Learn how to weave with a cardboard loom and some yarn to make a coaster. Open to all ages. Please bring scissors.

Sewing Box Contents
Date: Wednesdays, January 15, February 12
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large meeting room
RSVP: Iesa at 523-4982 by January 13
We will continue to make the contents for the sewing box. Bring sewing supplies and felt.

Discovery Club
Open to youth ages 8-12 years old
What's Bugging You?
Date: Thursday, January 16
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
Toby Mansfield our very own 4-H Entomology Key Leader will be teaching us about bugs!

Science Challenge
Date: Thursday, February 20
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
It’s a secret challenge so we can’t tell you what it is... come and find out and see how you do!

Hippity Hop
Date: Thursday, March 19
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Agricultural Education Building
Science projects that have to do with rabbits and other things associated with spring time!

Roots and Shoots
Date: Thursday, May 21
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
We will be learning about plants and things they need to grow!
RSVP: Stacey Johnston, 433-8839 or niagara4h@cornell.edu 3 days prior to each activity

CCE Office Schedule
Office Closed
Thanksgiving  Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28 & 29
Christmas  Tues. & Wed., Dec. 24 & 25

December Photo Prompt
Turn lights off except for Christmas tree and take pictures, will need some sort of tripod or something to rest camera on, to keep it steady. Try using your timer so that there is no chance of any movement coming from camera. You should have your flash off.

Junior Leadership Project
Date: Monday, January 13
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Board Room
RSVP: krc8@cornell.edu by January 10
Learn about becoming a Jr. Leader and how your leadership can benefit you and the 4-H program!

Workshops
It is very important to RSVP for the workshops so that the instructors can be prepared and in case the class is canceled due to lack of participation! A minimum of 5 people per class in order to hold it.

Cloverbud Melting Snowman
Date: Monday, January 27
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Large Meeting Room
RSVP: krc8@cornell.edu by January 24
This is a puppet craft where the kids can make the snowman melt!
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