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National 4-H Horse Roundup

Congratulations to Sarah and Rebekah Bagley who recently represented Yates County and New York State on the NYS 4-H Senior Horse Bowl team. They competed in the National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky earlier this month, placing 6th with their team, while Rebekah took 10th individually! Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them and ask them about their trip!

Enrollment Papers Are Due By January 1

These forms include the 4-H 2014/2015 4-H Enrollment Form, Medical Release Form, and Code of Conduct/Acknowledgement of Risk Form. Each of these forms are available on our 4-H website and are due to the 4-H office by the end of the calendar year or else you will be removed from enrollment and from our mailing list. Late enrollments will be accepted with an additional fee prior to April 1st but all youth must be enrolled in 4-H by April 1st to enter a project(s) (animal or exhibit hall) in the fair. Enrollment fees paid after July 15th will be credited to the next 4-H year. If you aren’t sure if you have handed in your paperwork, contact Jen at the 4-H office.

Fees:
- Yates County resident: individual $10, family $20
- Out of County resident: individual $15, family $30
- Late (1/1-4/1) Yates County Resident: individual $20, family $30
- Late (1/1-4/1) Out of County Resident: individual $25, family $40

Welcome New 4-H Club Members

We have two new members that we would like to welcome to Yates County 4-H! You may have already seen them at recent workshops or meetings. Please help me in welcoming our following new members:

- Abby Schroo
- James Smith
Looking for a Great Holiday Gift?

Buy your official Yates County 4-H t-shirts. We still have a good supply of lime green t-shirts, as well as our older whites ones. Lime green shirts are available for $7.00 and white t-shirts are discounted at only $5.00 each!! 4-H t-shirts are great to wear to 4-H events and make a great gift!! Stop by the 4-H office to get your shirt today! Once we reduce our current supply, we can have another 4-H t-shirt contest to create a new Yates County 4-H t-shirt!

If It Were Not for 4-H...

During these difficult financial times, publicly funded programs like Cornell Cooperative Extension face great challenges with budget cutbacks. Help us understand and communicate the value of 4-H to you and your child’s lives so we can share this with our County Legislators. Have you told your 4-H story yet? If not, please email Jen with your story jja26@cornell.edu. If you know others who have benefited from 4-H and do not receive Dates for Yates, please encourage them to send in their stories as well!

TAs Accepting New Members

Are you 14 years or older and interested in helping promote 4-H within Yates County? If so, you should consider applying to be a Teen Ambassador. TAs serve as the spokespersons for the Yates County 4-H program. They help with county 4-H events, write 4-H articles for the papers, and attend community events to promote the 4-H program. TAs must fill out an application and go through an interview to join. Teen Ambassadors meet once a month along with Teen Council Members. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, contact Jen at the 4-H office.

Update your E-mails!

There are many times when the 4-H staff has news, information, or reminders to share with members and leaders in between issues of Dates for Yates. Please make sure we have updated email addresses for you so that we can add you to our list. Just drop us a quick line at jja26@cornell.edu with your current email address at your convenience. Thanks!
Yates County 4-H
Guinea Pig Scholarship—Extended

The Yates County 4-H Guinea Pig Scholarship is being extended!! Two male guinea pigs are being offered to a Yates County 4-H’er who is willing and able to spend quality time with them, provide a proper home (cage) for them, bring them to the Yates County Fair, and show them in the Cavy show. One young man is an Abyssinian and the other is an American. They are both almost a year old, very friendly, and come with a water bottle and feeder.

This is a perfect opportunity for a child (or children) to add on to or start a 4-H small animal project. Caring for a guinea pig not only allows the caregiver to learn about animal science, but also helps teach responsibility.

Guinea pigs are companion animals and should always be kept in sets of 2 or more. They are very social and enjoy the company of other guinea pigs and humans.

Applications will be judged on completeness, knowledge of guinea pig care, and the applicant’s ability to give the animals a proper home. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Jen at the 4-H office.

4-H Foundation Scholarships

The NYS 4-H Foundation believes in the need to provide dedicated, hardworking youth an opportunity to pursue their dreams of obtaining an advanced degree and distinguishing themselves in productive careers that will provide benefits to society. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors to support their further education plans. Please contact Jen if you’d like to be made aware of the 2015 scholarship when it is released.
Winter in New York is a beautiful time of year! Unfortunately, it’s also unpredictable. Some 4-H programs/events for the coming year are included in this mailing. Since programs are scheduled in advance and we have no way of predicting “good” winter days, we ask that you bear with us during the next few months and expect last minute cancellations of meetings and events as deemed necessary. Please use the following guidelines to help make the most of our 4-H winter programming:

- If CCE closes during normal business hours due to bad weather, all evening meetings are cancelled.
- If the decision to cancel an event or meeting occurs during regular business hours, people who have pre-registered will be called.
- If the Penn Yan Central School District cancels after school activities, 4-H after school/evening activities will also be cancelled.
- If CCE has been open all day, but a meeting is to be cancelled, an announcement will be made on WYLF 850 AM and WFLR 96.9 FM/1570 AM.

Sometimes the weather and road conditions turn bad after the office is closed. Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county, but not another. Use your own judgment when deciding whether to travel. If you decide not to attend, please call the office and leave a message.
Thinking about 4-H Projects for the New Year?

Did you know that the 4-H office has a wide selection of project materials that you can borrow? Or, we can tell you how to order them! Here is a list of the Nationally recognized project areas:

- Aerospace Adventures
- Afterschool Agriculture
- Arts & Crafts - A Palette of Fun
- Be the E - Entrepreneurship
- Beef
- Bicycle Adventures
- Cat
- Child Development - Kids on the Grow!
- Citizenship – Public Adventures
- Communications - Express Yourself!
- Consumer Savvy
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Goat
- Dog
- Down to Earth - Gardening in the Classroom
- Electric Excitement
- Embryology In the Classroom
- Entomology – Insectaganza of Excitement
- Experiential Learning- Heads-On, Hands-On
- Exploring Farm Animals
- Exploring 4-H
- Exploring 4-H Robotics
- Exploring Your Environment
- Financial Champions
- Fishing for Adventure
- Foods
- Forestry - Forests of Fun
- Gardening
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- Get in the Act – Workforce Readiness
- Horse
- Keeping Fit and Healthy
- Meat Goat
- Microwave Magic
- Outdoor Adventures
- Pets
- Photography
- Poultry
- ¡Qué Rico! - Latino Cultural Arts
- Rabbit
- Science Discovery Series
- Service Learning
- Sewing Expressions
- Sheep
- Small Engines
- Step Up to Leadership
- Swine
- Theatre Arts
- Veterinary Science
- Visual Arts
- Woodworking Wonders
Upcoming Events

Branchport Christmas Celebration—December 6th, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

You’re invited to attend Branchport’s Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 6th from 10 am—3 pm. Lots of fun, family events are being planned! 4-H members are also needed to help with a 4-H activity booth during the event. Please contact Jen if you’re able to help!

4-H Christmas Caroling—December 11th

Our annual 4-H Christmas caroling to local nursing homes and senior living centers will take place on Thursday, December 11th. An exact time has not yet been determined, but we will likely begin late afternoon and be wrapped up by 7:30 pm. This year we are inviting ALL interested 4-H’ers to attend. If you would like to participate, please contact the 4-H office by December 8th and start practicing your favorite holiday carols!

Holiday Fun—December 13th, 9:30 AM—12:30 PM

Don’t miss out on this year’s Holiday Fun event taking place Saturday, December 13th from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Yates County Office Building. Five, fun workshops have been planned and participants will be able to choose their three favorites to take part in. Each 40 minute workshop highlights a 4-H project area and allows youth to make and take home a completed item perfect for keeping or holiday gift giving! Workshop topics include; Duck Tape Creations, Leather Craft, Chex Mix Holiday Wreath, Simple Sewn Stocking, and Holiday Photo Wreath. A community service focused workshop will end our day. You won’t want to miss out on the fun!

The cost is $10.00 per 4-H youth or $20.00 per 4-H family. Have a non 4-H friend that you’d like to invite? You can bring a non 4-H friend for a discounted price of $5.00!! Registration forms are available on our website or you can pick one up at the 4-H office. Registration forms are due by December 5th. We need 20 total participants to hold this event, so sign up today! Contact Jen at the 4-H office with any questions.

4-H Teen Meeting—December 16th, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM

Our 4-H Teen group will be meeting on Tuesday, December 16th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm to make cookies for the Keuka Comfort Care Cookie Walk as well as dog biscuits for the Humane Society. New teens 13 years old and up are welcome to attend. Contact Jen at the 4-H office if you are not currently a member of this group and would like to participate!

Living History Barn Dance—January 11th, 1:00—3:00 PM @ the Sacheli Farm

The Living History Barn dance will take place on Sunday, January 11th from 1-3 pm at the Sacheli Farm. Please contact Allison at asacheli@wflboces.org to sign up.

Ever wondered what was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving? Check out the following link which was to be shared with participants at the original Barn Dance date selected for November. Visit http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/recipes for an interesting read!
Public Presentation Training—January 15th, 6:00—7:30 PM

Back by popular demand, we will be offering a 4-H Public Presentation training on Thursday, January 15th from 6-7:30 pm. What is a 4-H Public Presentation? It is an opportunity to choose a topic, research and gather your thoughts, and present information to an audience while receiving feedback from an evaluator. Many 4-H alumni indicate that Public Presentations was the most valuable 4-H experience for them! This training will be for anyone - those who have never done a Public Presentation along with those who would like a refresher or tips! There is no cost to attend this training. Please RSVP to the 4-H office by January 12th. If you aren’t able to attend on the 15th, but would like help preparing for Public Presentations, just let the office know. We are happy to help!

Teen Leader Training—January 19th, 9:30 A.M.—12:00 PM

Calling all teens 13 and over…
Are you interested in assuming leadership roles in 4-H and your community? Then TEEN LEADER TRAINING is just the opportunity you’re looking for! In 4-H Teen Leaders are those youth who you see helping younger 4-H members in their projects, assisting judges at Public Presentations and County Fair, and serving in leadership roles at the State Fair. The training will be held on Monday, January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at the 4-H office. It is important that you call the 4-H office to register for the training on or before January 15th to ensure that there will be enough supplies for everyone. You only need to attend this training one time; those who have trained in the past do not need to re-attend. Please call Jen if you have any questions.

Parent and Leader Meeting to be Held in January

We will be holding a 4-H Parent and Leader meeting in January. An e-mail survey will go out the beginning to middle of December to select a date. Please contact Jen if you weren’t at the last meeting and would like to attend in January. We will be discussing upcoming programming including public presentations, the spaghetti dinner fundraiser, and our new fundraiser in partnership with the Onion Festival.

January Workshop Will Feature Ribbon Wreaths

Do you have boxes and boxes of fair ribbons sitting at home in your closet or basement? Why not put them to good use and make a ribbon wreath?!? Ribbon wreaths are a great way to display your ribbons and memories while making a wonderful decoration for your home. Watch your e-mails for more information!
Upcoming Events

Teen Winter Weekend

This is an annual event sponsored by the Lewis County 4-H Teen Ambassadors. It’s held each February at the Oswegatchie Educational Center in Croghan, NY. This year’s event will take place February 13th-15th, 2015 and features outdoor winter activities and indoor hands on workshops.

Picture cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and a variety of indoor hands on workshops, so you’re sure to find a new project area to explore! The cost is $70.00 per youth participant and per chaperone. Youth must have reached their 13th birthday by January 1st, 2015. The registration deadline is January 27th, so contact Jen if you’re interested in attending.

Upcoming Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H shooting sports instructor? The next 4-H instructor training will be February 20th-22nd at Ballston Spa in Saratoga County. Disciplines will include: Archery, Air Pistol, Coordinator, Hunting/Wildlife, Living History, Muzzleloading, Rifle, and Shotgun.

The spring instructor training will be May 29th – May 31st in Wyoming County, NY. Disciplines typically offered include: Archery, Rifle, Air Pistol, Shotgun & Coordinator as needed. Please contact Jen at the 4-H office if you’re interested in participating in either of these trainings.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Save the Date - Thursday, Feb. 26 -Watch for Tickets!

Once again, the 4-H program is the recipient of the generosity of the Loyal Order of the Moose. A spaghetti dinner benefiting our 4-H Trips and Awards Fund will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015. It’s not falling during school’s winter break, so GET READY! The money raised from this fund pays for the 3A trip as well as the awards and trips given out at Achievement Night. It is important that every 4-H family does its part to support this fundraiser in order to reap the benefits of these award opportunities. You will be asked to sell at least 10 tickets per family. Tickets will be distributed by mail just after New Year’s and will be due back by Thursday Feb. 12th. We will also need many hands on deck that night. Please find the sign up sheet in the back of this issue (due in the office Feb. 6th) to volunteer to help! Thank you for your support.

S.T.A.R.R.

Save the date! This year’s State Teen Action Rep Retreat will be held April 10th-12th, 2015. All 4-H teens are invited to attend this weekend long event at the NYS fairgrounds, packed with fun leadership activities. Please contact Jen if you would like more information.
Announcing an upcoming Forestry Program

An exciting program is in the works! A couple of our county’s very own Master Forest Owners have agreed to lead us in a Forestry Workshop this coming spring. If you’ve ever wondered how to tell a beech tree from a maple from a chestnut; or what trees work best for buildings, baseball bats, or vineyard posts, this is an opportunity for YOU!! We’ll walk some woods when the leaves are off the trees, and again when they’re on. We can collect specimens for you to create an exhibit to enter into the Fair. Maybe it will be muddy enough so we can explore the animal tracks and learn who exactly inhabits the woods. Keep an eye out for more information on this from the 4-H office.

Yates County Time Travelers Plans Activities for the Coming Year

The Time Travelers are a group of Yates County 4-H’ers interested in learning about and exploring American History by learning hands on activities that would have been done during their chosen time period. This year’s session topics are listed below. In order to complete a project in living history you will need to attend one session and complete a project at home based on the session you attended. You are welcome to attend just one or all 8 of the offerings. A parent must attend with members so that they can assist as needed with the home based project. If there is a problem with a member participating due to parental work conflict etc., arrangements can be made. Code of conduct will be strictly enforced at Living History events as we will be around open flame, etc. and appropriate dress and behavior will be essential for safety.

This year some of our lessons will be held at the Branchport Rod and Gun Club or at the Issac Walton League.

1) Starting a fire with flint and steel- This was a necessary daily task from medieval times through the civil war. Participants will be given a modern flint and steel striker to take home. There will be the ability to try to use historic models as well as the opportunity to purchase historic strikers.
2) Making bread 3 ways on a fire- recipes will be provided as well as tasting the bread that we make for the session.
3) Making flower and herb jellies and tasting them- our ancestors did not waste anything. Flowers from the field and garden were used for teas and jellies.
4) Planting a colonial vegetable and comparing it to a modern one (I have seeds from Plymouth Plantation (1600's), Williamsburg (1700's) and Sturbridge Villiage (1800's). Carrots and cucumbers were once very different from what we are used to. (Maybe we could do this in conjunction with international harvesters)
5) Square dancing- a form of recreation and celebration

Others TBA.

There is another option as well—there are workbooks that participants can use to do an independent study in any time period they choose. Participants will meet with Mrs. Sacheli to discuss their finished project prior to fair entry.

New Living History members are being accepted for the coming year. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Allison Sacheli at asacheli@wflboces.org or call (585) 259-1988
Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, February 21st, 2015 – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Make Up Day
Wednesday, February 11th, 2015 – 6:00pm to 9:00pm

It’s time to begin thinking about Public Presentations! The dates for this year’s presentations are listed above. The registration form can be found with this issue of Dates for Yates or on our 4-H website. All participants need to fill out and return the form to the 4-H office by Friday, January 23, 2015. Now is the time to choose a topic, make an outline and notes, create posters, and practice! Remember to ask a family member or club leader for help. (They make great audiences!)

There are a number of ways to choose a topic for your presentation. One option is to list things that you like to do and would like to show others. You may also list projects that your club has done. You may list community service projects, get ideas from a 4-H leader, or even borrow resources from the 4-H office! Be daring. Choose a topic from a subject area that you have never tried before. A first year presentation doesn’t have to be long – 5 minutes or less. No presentation should be longer than 15 minutes.

This year, as in years past, Public Presentations will be held during the winter break from school. We understand that some 4-H’ers may be gone during this week, so a “make-up day” has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 11. Note that this is earlier than the other dates. If you will need to present on the make-up date, it is necessary to schedule the presentation with the 4-H office.

Choose from the different types of public presentations listed below. Be sure to study the descriptions, then make your choice. There are alternatives to an illustrated talk for more experienced presenters. Please call the 4-H office if you have any questions.

Reminders:

When you get to the county building, check in at the registration table and pick up your judge’s sheet and certificate before heading to your assigned room.

You are expected to stay for the entire slot (1.5 hours). You will enjoy and learn from other presenters in your room. There will be teen assistants in the room to assist you with set-up, etc.

LIVE ANIMALS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE YATES COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. If you wish to do a presentation with a live animal, please contact the 4-H office ASAP to see if other arrangements can be made.
Public Presentations

Options for Yates County 4-H Public Presentations:

**Demonstration** – A demonstration uses visuals such as posters, equipment, and books to teach the audience how to do something. There is a finished product to show at the end of your presentation. For example, you might say, “Let me show and tell you how to …” (thread a needle, sort laundry, put a worm on a hook, care for guinea pigs, etc.) This type of presentation is recommended for all 4-H’ers.

**Illustrated Talk** – An illustrated talk is a speech that uses visual aids (usually posters and/or books) to teach the audience about a particular topic. You will NOT have a finished product to show at the end of your presentation. For example, you might say, “Let me tell you about…” (fishing, dog nutrition, quilts, etc.). This type of presentation is recommended for all 4-H’ers.

**Recitation** – A recitation is a presentation that involves the acting out of a written work. The presenter has memorized the text. The presenter uses vocal inflection and body language to show the audience the meaning and feeling behind the work. Simple props are allowed. This form of presentation is suggested for more experienced presenters.

**Speech or Public Address** – These forms of presentations are suggested for more experienced presenters. There are no visual aids allowed. Presenters must have a firm understanding of their topic and who their audience is. The three forms of speech or public address are:

- **Persuasive** – The goal is to convince the audience of a particular viewpoint or to take specific action. You want to convince the audience to…(eat more vegetables, institute a family game night, vote for school uniforms, etc.) OR you want to persuade the audience that…(butter is healthier than margarine, disposable diapers are better than cloth, recycling paper damages the environment, etc.).

- **Motivational** – The goal is to inspire the audience to take action or to emotionally encourage them. You want the audience to feel…(proud to be an American, psyched-up for an event, awed by the action of others, etc.).

- **Informative** – The goal is to inform the audience about a specific topic. This type of speech uses no visual aids. You want the audience to learn about…(Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the effects of culture shock when traveling overseas, etc.)

**College or Job Interviews** – If you are 14 years or older and have done at least one public presentation, you can sign up for a college or job interview. Why should you consider this option? Believe it or not, you will be interviewed many times in your life—by colleges, for jobs, perhaps even for a newspaper story! This is your chance to practice your skills so the outcome of the real experience is the best that it can be.

**Produced in New York** – The goal is to demonstrate food preparation skills while promoting recipes featuring New York State Produce. This type of speech is silent and you must have at least 1 cup of a New York State product in your recipe. This presentation is not for Cloverbuds and will be judged on proper food demonstration skills, product, and menu plan. Contact Jen for more information if you are interested.

**Impromptu** – You will have 20 minutes to come up with a presentation based on an item you draw from a bag… it is lots of fun, a little bit challenging, and a whole new experience! This form of presentation is suggested for more experienced presenters.

**REMEMBER!**
Completing a Public Presentation is the first requirement for earning a free pass for the 3A Trip next year!
Teen Assistants and Leaders are needed in 4 rooms for Public Presentations:

Tuesday, February 17th
Saturday, February 21st
Wednesday, February 11th (make-up day)

Teen Leaders set up rooms and assist presenters and evaluators

Note: Teen Leaders must have attended teen leader training in the past.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County would like to thank the businesses, organizations, and individuals whose generous donations helped make 4-H Achievement Night a success; Don Stewart and family, Penn Yan Kiwanis Club, Penn Yan Rotary Club, John, Sarah, and Ashley Decker, Farm Credit East, ACA, Lyons National Bank of Penn Yan, Five Star Bank of Penn Yan, and Community Bank of Penn Yan.
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## SPECIAL AWARDS

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<td><strong>The Alleen Stewart Memorial Award</strong></td>
<td>Katie Kriese, Tina Cicero, Cadence Spence</td>
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<td>was created by Alleen’s family to honor her dedication to the 4-H program. This award consists of a $75 savings bond and is given each year to three female 4-H’ers who are involved in home environment projects, show leadership in their club and community, have a willingness to try new things, and a desire to be helpful.</td>
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<td><strong>The Dave Eames Memorial Award</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The Laura Decker Memorial Award</strong></td>
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<td>was created by the Decker family to honor Laura, a seven year Yates County 4-H’er. This award is a $50 cash award and is given to a 4-H’er who has shown leadership skills by holding an office in either their club or in Teen Council and has shown remarkable improvement in their public speaking skills.</td>
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<td><strong>The Friend of 4-H Award</strong></td>
<td>Penn Yan Loyal Order of the Moose</td>
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<td><strong>The 4-H Rising Star Award</strong></td>
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<td>is sponsored by the Yates County 4-H program. This award recognizes a 4-H member or leader with 1-2 years of experience who has become increasingly involved in 4-H and left a positive and lasting impression on 4-H staff, leaders, volunteers, and members.</td>
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### The Outstanding 4-H’er of the Year Award

The Outstanding 4-H’er of the Year Award is the highest honor a Yates County 4-H’er can receive and consists of a plaque sponsored by the Yates County 4-H program.

Sarah Bagley

Sarah has been a 4-H member for five years and has packed a considerable amount of participation and achievement into those five years. She started out as a member of the Galloping Clovers and quickly joined Teen Council and Teen Ambassadors as well. The majority of her 4-H participation has been focused on equine science - where she has participated in countless horse shows, Horse Communications, Horse Bowl, Hippology, and equine judging events. Her knowledge of equine science has shined in all of these areas, as she has positively represented Yates County at the district, state, and even the national level.

This individual gladly steps up to help when needed and has assisted 4-H staff in after-school programming, served as a teen leader for this year’s public presentations training, and helps promote 4-H within the community by attending events with our 4-H display, writing articles for local papers, and recording public service announcements for the radio.

Sarah has also served as the dairy bar teen manager, regularly participates in the spaghetti dinner fundraiser, area Christmas caroling, and Yates County Christmas for the Needy. On her own time she visits with residents of the Penn Yan Manor and is an active volunteer for Family Life Ministries.
Finger Lakes District Horse Extravaganza

Horse Extravaganza is an event composed of Horse Bowl and Hippology. Horse Bowl is a quiz bowl contest (with buzzers) based on horse related knowledge. Hippology is a hands-on written quiz event composed of multiple stations where participants answer questions based on equine health and nutrition, diseases, equipment, etc.

This year’s Horse Extravaganza will be held on March 7th, 2015. Registration for the event will be due early to mid February. Please contact Jen at the 4-H office if you would like to participate or if you have a team that would like to participate.

Finger Lakes District Dairy Bowl

The Finger Lakes District Dairy Bowl competition will be held on March 7th, 2015 in conjunction with Horse Extravaganza. Yates County is planning to have teams participate and practices will soon be starting. Please contact Jen if you would like to participate.

March Dog Madness

March Dog Madness is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders interested in canine science. This program helps community leaders understand and practice principles that they can take back and share with 4-H members at the local level. Adult and teen leaders gain networking skills, exchange ideas and have an opportunity to work together in a university setting. All interested staff, adult and teen 4-H leaders are invited to attend this one day information packed program. This year’s event will take place March 21st, 2015 at Cornell University. Contact Jen for more information.

Cornell Vet School Open House

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<td>This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in animal science or veterinary medicine. With a variety of lectures, exhibits and demonstrations, youth and adults of all ages will find something that interests them. Popular exhibits include the equine treadmill, dog agility demonstration, animal pathology show and tell, petting zoo (including exotic animals), and teddy bear ER. For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/">http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/</a>.</td>
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Thinking Ahead to Fair....

Just a few reminders for those of you looking forward to the 2015 Yates County Fair—July 6th-11th, 2015.

1. All youth must be enrolled in 4-H by **April 1st** to be eligible to participate in the Yates County Fair.

2. **April 1st** - All youth planning to bring an animal to fair must start a 4-H project in their planned area.

3. **May 1st**—Horse Certificates are due to the 4-H office if you plan on exhibiting a horse.

4. **May 15th**— Project animals must be owned by this date in order to be eligible for exhibit at the Yates County Fair.

5. If you are showing an animal you do not own, you must fill out a **non-ownership form**. This can be found on the website and must be turned in with your advanced entry (exact due date TBA).

6. **6. Animal Record Books** are required for each species that you’re exhibiting and must be handed in with your advanced entry form. There are separate record books for Cloverbuds and regular 4-H’ers. The 4-H Record Books are in the process of becoming specie specific. New record books have been created for horse, dog, rabbit and alpaca. If you are showing another species, please fill out the generic record book. 4-H record books can be found on the 4-H website.

7. All animal science exhibitors must participate in at least one educational event (workshops, training, etc.) in each species they plan to exhibit at the fair OR enter a vet science educational exhibit in the exhibit hall (poster, scrapbook, diagram, etc. on an area of animal science you have learned about this year. **One of the above requirements must be completed for each species you plan on entering in the fair.**
International Harvesters

The International Harvesters kicked off the 4-H year with a salsa making workshop on Sunday, October 19th. Barb gave a presentation on how to correctly can salsa and also discussed the proper way to preserve herbs. In November we met on the 10th and made fall harvest wreaths! Our next meeting is scheduled for December 18th when we will be making holiday greens centerpieces.
4-H Teen Group

Congratulations to our 2014/2015 4-H Teen Officers:

President – Abby Santora  
Vice President – Alexx  
Secretary – Abby Schroo  
Health Officer – Bekah Bagley  
Photographer – Andrew Santora  
Reporter – Brennan Dailey

At our October Teen Meeting the teens tied 10 fleece blankets to be donated to the Christmas for the Needy. We elected officers for the upcoming year, the officers are listed above, congratulations to them all. Discussion was also held regarding upcoming events. At our December teen meeting we all met at the Dollar General store in the Lake Street Plaza to shop for the Christmas for the Needy, we had set aside $100.00 for this shopping trip and the teens had a great time purchasing toys, clothing items, hygiene products, & non-perishable food items, we hope with the items purchased we will make a few peoples Christmas a little brighter. After shopping we went back to the county building and discussed upcoming events including the Holiday Fun Event that will be held Dec. 13th from 9:30-12:30 at the county building.

Submitted by Brennan Dailey
Seven grape-lovin’ 4-H’ers and some parents helped kick off the new 4-H year at a workshop all about grapes on Sunday, Oct. 5th. The county auditorium was full of the delicious smell of Concord grapes as we washed and separated the grapes from their bunches then steamed them to make juice. We made some batches of deep purple grape jelly and canned them along with some jars of scrumptious juice! Participants then removed the seeds from the pulp and skins with a Victoria Strainer, and saw how to make fruit leather from what used to be sent to the compost pile! We sure had some tasty, nutritious treats that day!
Pumpkin Carving & Painting and Corn Husk Dolls

On Wednesday, Oct. 29th the County Auditorium was bustling with activity as 4-H families learned from Maddie and Beth Smith how to turn corn husks into the most amazing dolls and owls! We’ll think twice next time we shuck corn on the cob and toss the husks onto the compost pile. The rest of the workshop was spent scooping out pumpkins and carving awesome designs in anticipation of Halloween. James opted to paint his pumpkin with several different designs before settling on his final creation! Cider and pumpkin muffins rounded out the evening.
Cider Making Workshop

Several 4-H’ers took part in a Cider making workshop just prior to Achievement Night on Sunday, November 9th. Participants learned what cider is, why early settlers made it, and then were able to use a press to make their own. Participants included; Caiden DeMarco, Ben Clark, Madaline Smith, James Smith, Keuka Miranda-Wiltberger, Maihue Miranda-Wiltberger, Brennan Dailey, Lucian Sacheli, Lucca Sacheli, and Lydia Sacheli.
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

November 9th, 2014
The CCE conference room was alive with yarn and crochet hooks flying Monday evening Nov. 24th! Seven 4-H’ers and 5 adults gathered around the table to learn from treasured volunteer, Denise Slocum, and her friend, Jane. All left with a good start on their projects, and lots of talk about meeting again in the new year and perhaps starting a crochet club!! So if you missed the workshop and want to learn to crochet, there may be another opportunity in the near future. Denise and Jane showed us many cool projects they've made, too. We're looking forward to seeing some crocheted pieces at the County Fair next summer!
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Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Clancy

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Do you find that you have a question and need to call one of us but the office isn’t open? We have voice mail on our phone system so you may call anytime of the day or night and leave a message and we can get back to you. The number is 315-536-5123. Or, if you have email, you may contact us via email:

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