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THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2002

## Extension will host garden series

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator Dave Reville will be conducting two gardening classes in early June at the Trolley building at the fairgrounds.

This spring, one of the wettest and coldest on record, posed all kinds of garden troubles. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, pruning spring ornamentals will be discussed, and on June 10 lawn care will be the topic.

Soil testing will be available for dry samples.

A fee to offset materials, of \$5 per family attending both classes or \$3 per class is charged.

Pre-registration is requested by noon Monday by calling the extension office at 589-5561.

Bring your questions and samples of your troubled plants for diagnosing.

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**MONDAY, MAY 27, 2002**

## **File Features**

### **50 years ago**

Mr. Gilman Williams of Medina was one of 20 high school teachers across New York state to receive a Whitney Fellowship to attend Columbia and Yale universities — Katherine Allen of Millville won a "Reward of Merit" in Rochester for her 4-H presentation, "Bake a better cake" — No injuries were reported after an Air Force F-47 Thunderbolt flying a routine training mission out of Niagara Falls crashed in a field in Eagle Harbor.

**Greater Niagara Newspapers, SUMMER GUIDE 2002—**

**June 14-15:** Albion Strawberry Festival, Historic Courthouse Square, Rte 98, Albion. Strawberry desserts, arts & craft show, antique & classic car, parade, food court, carriage rides, 5K/8K race, entertainment. Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm, 585/589-7727. Free



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TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2002

## File Features

### 50 years ago

Norman Hefke of Clarendon won a \$5 prize in the 4-H Club Talent Show at Gaines Grange Hall. Hefke, of the Cowhands 4-H Club, sang "Be My Love." A second-place prize of \$3 went to the Shelby Combination Club, which sang "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You" and "Mocking Bird Hill." Third-place honors were won by the Shelby club's Ann Pettit who, in costume, sang "Little Old Lady" —

## YOU MAY BE THE CAUSE OF YOUR PLANT PROBLEMS!

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension



Some gardeners blame every garden problem on a single cause, whether that insects or diseases or poor nutrition and apply the same treatment to all without investigation.

To find an effective treatment, you need to recognize that plant problems have a variety of causes. In addition to diseases and insects, environmental factors and how plants are planted and cared for may cause many problems.

In many cases, a the gardener needs to look no further than the nearest mirror to find the culprit.

Many problems occur because a plant was planted in an unsuitable site. Poorly drained soil, too much shade or low soil fertility can stress a plant and make it less able to resist attack by insects or disease organisms. Selecting plants that are suited to our area and choosing a site that provides the growing conditions they need, can go a long way toward reducing potential problems.

Another way to avoid or greatly reduce problems is to grow varieties resistant to common problems. For instance, apple scab can be a serious disease of apples and crabapples under certain environmental conditions. Planting scab-resistant varieties can virtually eliminate scab as a concern. Cooperative Extension can offer much assistance in this area with nonbiased materials.

Gardeners also need to assure that they do not spread plant diseases as they tend their gardens and landscapes.

Working in the vegetable garden when plants are wet, the gardener can move disease organisms from plant to plant at a time when plants are most susceptible to infection--when foliage is wet. Also, gardeners pruning landscape plants infected with diseases need to disinfect pruning tools between cuts with a 10% solution of chlorine bleach after every cut.

Other gardening and landscaping activities that can cause plant problems include misapplication of herbicides, fertilizers and other pesticides. These can injure nearby flowers, vegetables and shrubs, and weed killers applied as sprays can drift onto desirable plants. Also, dormant oil applied to some woody plants in early spring to control insects can damage sensitive plants. **READ THE LABEL!**

"Lawn mower disease"- damage to woody plants by lawn mowers hitting them and other lawn equipment - can give disease organisms and insects an entry into landscape plants. A good way to avoid injury to trees and shrubs is to surround them with a mulched area that doesn't have to be mowed.

That won't stop mice and rabbits from gnawing the bark from trees and shrubs, deer from eating twigs or the neighbor's dog from lifting his leg on landscape plants, of course. Preventing animal damage to trees and shrubs may require putting physical or chemical barriers between the plants and the animals.

If you're adding new plants to the landscape, you can get them off to a good start by following proper planting procedures.

If you're planting into a heavy clay soil, dig a big hole, much bigger than the root ball of the plant. A small hole filled with porous material will simply fill up with water that can't drain away. Make sure the roots will have ample space to spread out.

Check the root ball at planting time. Be sure to remove plastic burlap, plastic cords, wires or any other materials that will restrict root growth or girdle the plant as it grows. Roots that have started growing in a circle inside a container should be removed if they can't be redired they, too, can girdle and kill the plant.

For further information, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561.



# Orleans farming policy in negotiations

By Jeremy Moule

The Journal-Register

ALBION — A Right to Farm Policy in Orleans County would provide an opportunity to address residential complaints about farms at a local level.

This is the general feeling of the Orleans County Farmland Protection Board, who have begun drafting a Right to Farm Policy for the county.

"We're one of the counties (in New

York state) that haven't done anything on it," said Jody Neal, a spokesman for the county Farmland Protection Board.

At their Thursday night meeting, the Orleans County Planning Board passed a resolution supporting development of such a policy.

A disconnect has grown between communities in the county and farmers, Neal said.

"We need to bridge that gap that has formed over the years," he said.

The Right to Farm Policy would establish local boards that would hear complaints from residents or municipalities and attempt to resolve the situations, instead of sending complaints to the state.

In some cases, where towns and villages have no ability to take action, such as in situations where runoff from a farm in one town is coming into another, the municipalities would be given an option to solve the problem.

The policy could also head off complaints that could be traced to urban sprawl, said Diane Krenning, who heads up the Orleans County Farm Bureau.

People used to urban living who move into an area near farms may not be used to farming by-products, such as manure odor and the noise created by machinery. A Right to Farm Policy would largely protect farmers from lawsuits, according to Krenning.

noise from machinery.

"It would not give farmers free reign to do what they want," she said.

Neal believes that a large section of such a policy could involve educating the community about agriculture. Tours of farms could be offered to the public.

Another section of the policy would focus on making potential buyers of property near farms aware of things they might find unpleasant.

"People should know what they are getting into," said planning board Vice President Art Hendel.

In Murray, there have been complaints of spraying fields that were near places where children were playing and residents being disturbed by

"You just have to cease your operation or the (State) Troopers are down there," he said.

Hendel also said that realtors should inform potential buyers of possible disturbances from the activity of neighboring farms.

Board Member Thomas Fuller of Shelby said that the farmers are probably as much to blame as realtors for not alerting prospective buyers of possible unpleasant occurrences. Some farmers sell parts of their property but continue to farm around it, he said.

Contact Jeremy Moule at 798-1400, extension 2227, or e-mail [moulej@gmnewspaper.com](mailto:moulej@gmnewspaper.com).



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Tom Rivers/Daily News

**GREEN SPACE:** Albion dairy farmer Jody Neal wants Orleans County and its towns to adopt Right to Farm bills, which would encourage agriculture and help stave off lawsuits from neighbors who don't like some of farming's byproducts.

# Farmers seek assurances

Want more legal protection and public support for their operations

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Jody Neal feels a little uncomfortable with some of the new houses popping up near his family's dairy farm on West Countyhouse Road.

Neal fears the new residents may not tolerate farming's byproducts. Sometimes tractors and machinery are noisy. Sometimes manure stinks. And sometimes mud gets on the road.

Some residents may not like that and there could be lawsuits. It wouldn't be the first time a farmer was taken to court and had to defend his right to operate a farm.

Last year Yates resident Rebecca Kenyon sued her neighbor, dairy farmer Dudley Chaffee, claiming his manure spraying method was adversely affecting her health. The case was dismissed in November, but Chaffee said the pressure of the lawsuit was "overwhelming."

*"There are a lot of pressures on farmers. This would give us more protection for standard operating procedures."*

**Jody Neal**  
Albion farmer

Neal is leading the charge for more legal protection and public support for Orleans County farmers. As chairman of the county's Farmland Protection Board, Neal is pushing for a right-to-farm law in the county. He also wants it supported by all of the towns.

"There are a lot of pressures on farmers," Neal said during an interview at his family's dairy farm, which he operates with his brother James and father Ed.

"This would give us more protec-

tion for standard operating procedures."

While the right-to-farm law would give more safeguards for farmers to do their business, Neal said the legislation is also an opportunity for more planning, public education about farming and marketing.

He'd like to see new houses "strategically" placed to help eliminate potential conflicts with farmers. New residents near farms should also sign papers stating they are aware they are near a farm and will not sue the farmer over normal agricultural practices.

The right-to-farm legislation doesn't give farmers free reign to do whatever they want, said Martin Culik, executive director of the Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Farmers should keep manure spreaders off roads because the manure could get on cars. Manure

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# GLOW collection can help with spring cleaning

By Deborah Roberts

Spring cleaning is upon us. What do you do with the old paint, car batteries, aerosol cans and computers? I am afraid many of us may just put them out to the trash, but in reality these are hazardous wastes.

The GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee would like to see you dispose of these and other household hazardous wastes in a safe manner. The GLOW Committee is funded by Livingston, Wyoming, Genesee and Orleans counties which allows the counties to work together cooperatively in the development of strategies for the management of solid waste.

The Committee sponsors educational programs as well as several regional programs, including the county recycling programs, composting demonstrations, propane canister program, a materials exchange program and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

GLOW received a two-year grant from the New York State Department of Conservation in 2001 to help fund the House-

hold Hazardous Waste Collections. Similar programs have been offered by GLOW since 1996, switching counties every other year, except in 1999, when instead of a household collection, GLOW held a Farm Pesticide Collection.

This year the collection sites are in Livingston and Orleans, however, any resident from the GLOW region may participate. The Orleans County collection is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday by appointment only.

What happens to these hazardous wastes we turn in?

GLOW contracts with a vendor for the various types of waste. In 2001, Safety Kleen (NE) of North Andover, Mass. was the primary contractor. This year the primary vendor is Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. Other vendors involved include Bison Waste Oil Company, RCR&R, Huron Recovery and Ed Arnold Recycling.

On the day of the collection, staff members unload the hazardous materials from residents' vehicles and dispose of the waste to the appropriate company.

So you have cleaned out the garage,

now which items should you consider hazardous? The list of materials includes oil base paint and stain, vehicle fluids, auto and marine batteries, household cleaning products, resins and adhesives, polishes and waxes, pool chemicals, driveway sealer, household pesticides and insecticides, one pound propane canisters, 20 pound propane tanks, fluorescent light tubes, aerosol cans and helium tanks. For the first time, GLOW will be accepting home computers. Tires can be turned in for a small fee.

To dispose of your household hazardous waste, you will need to call the GLOW office at 800-836-1154 or 585-344-4035 to make an appointment as soon as possible. At your appointed time on Saturday, you will drive into the collection site, stay in your car while a staff member unloads your wastes and drive away with a clear conscience knowing that you have made Orleans County a safer and cleaner place to live.

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*Deborah Roberts is executive director of the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.*

# Freedom and security need to be balanced

## Editor:

I would like to commend our elected officials for the job that they have done since the tragic events on September 11.

Our legislatures have taken many steps and actions to secure our safety. I am, however, getting a little nervous about some actions that are beginning to take place. Many of these efforts have started to lead toward limiting our rights as citizens. National

security should come first but one must ask, how many restrictions on our rights do there need to be before the Bill of Rights is null and void?

We are in a time of war and I have no problem temporarily restricting some of my rights, if it is for the sake of national security.

For example, if a television news station finds out about an attack that is going to take place by the United States and they know it can hurt those

troops if the message gets out, then there needs to be a line drawn between freedom of the press and protecting those who fight for our freedom and our lives.

Therefore, there are some instances where there needs to be some give and take to help ensure safety but there are also times that we, as citizens, need to make sure that the Constitution is staying strong and being upheld.

**Raymond Toenniessen**  
Albion



# Orleans Youth Board honors volunteers

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

MURRAY — The Orleans County Youth Board honored 18 students for their community service Monday, and the board also recognized two adults for their work with youths.

The 18 young people have found time for a variety of projects benefiting their communities. Some served on Youth Court, tutored other students, participated in church mission trips, helped care for frail elderly grandparents, served in Scouts and 4-H, and helped their schools with anti-drug campaigns.

Two students, Genesis Castro of

Albion and Adam Gawne of Lyndonville, traveled to Central America to warn of the dangers of tobacco products.

The students weren't forced to do the projects, said Ray Toenniessen, an Albion High School senior and member of the Youth Board.

"They want to see change in their lives and in their peers' lives and in the adults around them," Toenniessen told a crowd of 125 people at Hickory Ridge Country Club.

Besides Castro and Gawne, the following students received Youth Recognition Awards: Stephanie Boyle of Medina, Whitney Davis of Albion,

Julie Fetzner of Albion, Vincent Flow of Kendall, Crystal Gerken of Kendall, Jacklynn Gingerich of Medina, Karen Keryck of Middleport, Chris Landis of Barre, Laura Lyman of Albion, Matt Nelson of Holley, Jen Overfield of Kendall, Heather Quackenbush of Albion, Dan Venette of Holley, Kerrie Walker of Holley, Russell West of Albion and Jennifer Wolfe of Knowlesville.

Several students thanked their parents, teachers and friends for influencing them to do the good works.

"It is entirely the community service that you have put in that has made me what I am today," West told

the crowd, which included his parents.

The Youth Board also honored two adults.

Evelene Callard of Lyndonville was given the Helen Brinsmaid Award for her work as a county preventive caseworker at the Towne and Oak Orchard elementary schools in Medina.

Callard is a "tireless advocate for our children and families," said Maureen Blackburn, a social worker at Towne.

Callard doesn't limit her devotion to the children at school. She often takes a carload of kids to evening and

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weekend activities. She also helps raise money to provide toys and treats during holidays for families in need.

Four staff members at the Medina schools each presented Callard with an angel figurine. The four angels represented patience, friendship, hope and a giving heart.

"These are the gifts we recognize every time we call upon her," Blackburn said.

Callard, a caseworker for 10 years, acknowledged that she works with "troubled kids." Those students need a consistent message from their parents, school and community, Callard said.

"Parents need to be parents, and not just friends (with their children)," she said.

Callard said she tries to instill self-worth in students after they make mistakes.

"Everyone has talents and abilities," Callard said she tells students. "If you can find it, then you can make it."

The Youth Board also honored Jim Miles of Lyndonville with the Eileen Heye Award, given to an adult volunteer.

Miles, the owner of Rosenkrans Pharmacy in Medina, has helped with youth programs for 25 years, including soccer, basketball and other recreation programs.

He has been a Boy Scout leader for several years, and was the "driving force" behind the Lyndonville Ski Club, said Brian Gawne, a health educator and dean of discipline at Lyndonville Central School. He praised

Miles for "helping youth believe in themselves."

Miles was unable to attend the event Monday, but his son, Joe Miles, accepted the award. Joe will join his father as a pharmacist this summer at Rosenkrans. He said his father is "my biggest role model."

Monday's banquet celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Orleans County Youth Board and its programs. It also was the 20th annual youth recognition ceremony.

Keynote speaker Greg Dale, a Medina attorney, won a youth award in 1985.

He told Monday's recipients the "award is not an end in itself. It's just a step that's part of the journey."

He urged the students to have faith in themselves and God, and also to have

perseverance.

"You must never give up on yourself or your dreams," he said.

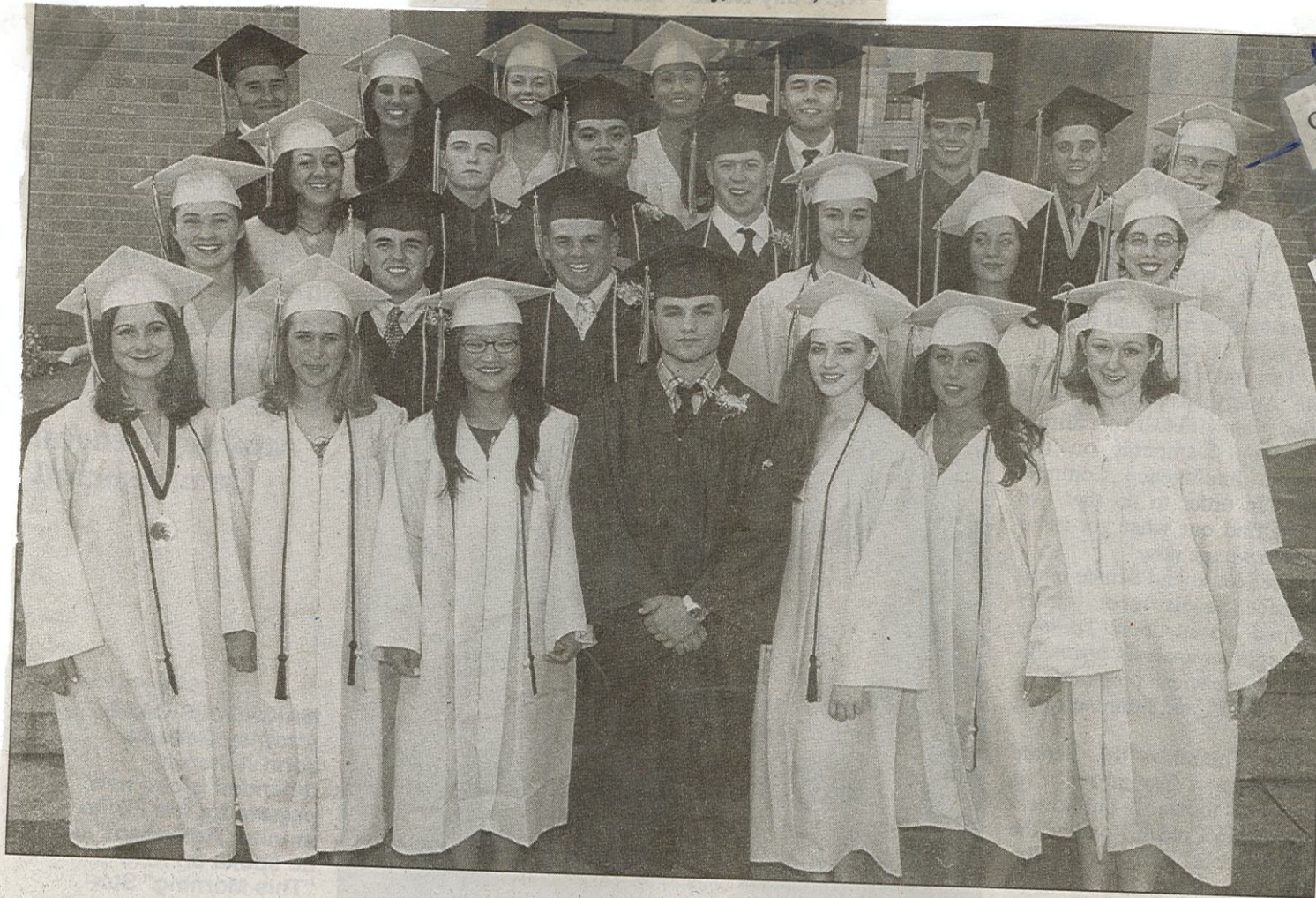
The Youth Board and its 25th anniversary "represents an ongoing dedication to positive youth development in Orleans County," said County Legislature Chairwoman Marcia Tuohey.

She noted Orleans County linked with Genesee County in 1991 to form a combined youth bureau that cuts administrative costs but gives each county its own independent board.

The Orleans Youth Board recognized three members with 10 years or more of service on the board. Ellen Tuohey, Cindy Lonnen and Jeannette Riley were given T-shirts for their work.



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**NOTRE DAME SCHOLARS:** Notre Dame High School students who won awards and scholarships are pictured before Saturday's graduation ceremonies.

Mark Gutman/Daily News

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Beverly Anne Fousse: John  
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## HOW TO HANDLE SPRING FLOWERING BULBS THIS YEAR

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension



The question often arises at Cooperative Extension of what to do with spring flowering bulbs which have just finished flowering and lasting longer this year due to colder spring weather. The minor bulbs such as crocus, eranthus, leucojeum, scilla, puschkinia, muscari, and anemone blanda are no problem. Let the foliage mature and leave the bulbs where they are planted. They should multiply and give you a better show next year.

The major bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths and narcissi offer a choice in at least two of the three examples. Ordinarily, narcissi should be left in the ground to grow on and multiply for future years. If narcissi are planted in fertile, well-drained soil, they should increase in succeeding years until they become close knit clumps with several flowers to the clump. Eventually the clumps become so dense and over crowded that competition cuts down flower production. At this point, the mass of bulbs should be lifted and separated when the foliage starts to turn yellow in early summer.

The bulbs should be replanted as soon as possible to avoid drying, although it is possible to dry the bulbs and hold them until fall planting time. In either case, the bulbs should be spaced to allow room for the development of more bulbs and flowers in subsequent years, reminds Dave Reville, Extension Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County. Hyacinths generally do not multiply freely. Sometimes the mother bulb will produce one or two bulblets. But usually the one dominant bulb remains. Hyacinths can remain for several years in the same location-subject only to the damages of insect grubs and small rodents. If you start with the large exhibition size bulb, you will find that the following years the hyacinth flower heads will be somewhat smaller than the first year. Most people find the smaller flower heads to be more desirable because they are less subject to damage from the heavy rains and winds of spring-time.

If you feel that you must have the colossal flower heads, then you will have to replace the bulbs with new ones each year. Tulips are the most difficult of the major bulbs to maintain. Normally, the first year flower is the best and flower size and vigor decrease in subsequent years. Tulip bulbs multiply rapidly and crowd out each other. The large bulb you planted last fall will probably be replaced by three or four smaller bulbs this summer. Tulips are heavy feeders and require root space; therefore, they crowd each other quickly. The best display can be had by leaving bulbs in place for two or possible three years at most. There are exceptions and alternatives to these procedures. Botanical tulips usually persist longer than the standard Darwin, Breeder and Cottage tulips. Tulips planted deeply, at least six inches from the top of the bulb, in a heavy clay loam, will not multiply as rapidly and will persist longer. Tulips may be dug when the foliage starts to yellow. The bulbs may be dried and then separated. Remember more gardening information is available from Cornell Cooperative Extension by calling the Orleans Garden Hotline, Monday through Friday morning from 9 a.m. until Noon at 589-5561.



# LOCAL

## Conservation Field Days conducted in wet weather

By Joanne Beck

Daily News Staff Writer

KNOWLESVILLE — About 700 Orleans County sixth-graders got a grand tour of all things environmental during this year's Conservation Field Days at the 4-H fairgrounds on Route 31 this week.

Students were split into two groups, with Medina, Lyndonville, Kendall and Orleans County Christian School students sloshing around in the rainy weather on Tuesday and Albion and Holley school districts enjoying a sunnier day Wednesday.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Educator Margo Bowerman said the event allows students to experience different aspects of environmental careers and has been a mainstay in Orleans County for at least 30 years.

"We tried to tailor it more to Orleans County this year with our theme, Orleans County's Unique Environment," she said.

Students were herded to nine different stations that included topics from energy conservation and bald eagles to beekeeping and poison ivy.

Many stations included live displays such as birds, otters and bees, and one cluster of students said they especially enjoyed the reptiles show.

"It was my favorite one," 11-year-old William Phillips of Waterport said.

"I would be a reptilian ... I liked the snapping turtles."

Albion resident Michael Napolitano gave a presentation of reptiles that included small turtles, a large snapping turtle, lizards, snakes and one sleek but rotund and lengthy boa constrictor that coiled around him as he talked.



Joanne Beck/Daily News

**REPTILE DISPLAY:** Michael Napolitano, of Living Legends in Albion, wears a boa constrictor for Albion Middle School students during the county's annual Conservation Field Days at the 4-H fairgrounds Wednesday.

Twelve-year-old Carson Hapeman said he liked the Living Legends reptile show, especially the snakes.

"I think they're cool," said the Albion student. The program is funded by Cooperative Extension, Junior Wilson Sports Club and some private donors.



THE JOURNAL-REGISTER THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2002

## Extension offers Master Forest Owner Volunteer Program

An opportunity for 30 to 40 new candidates to become Master Forest Owner Volunteers is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension this fall.

The four-day certification training workshop will be held Sept. 18 to 22 at Cornell

University's Arnot Forest, just south of Ithaca.

The workshop combines classroom and outdoor field experiences on a wide variety of subjects including tree identification, finding boundaries, forest ecology, wildlife and saw timber management.

# Get Extension help with gardening questions at the Strawberry I

By Deborah Roberts

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, like many Orleans County residents, you are probably spending your spare time working on the yard or in the garden. The extremely wet and cool spring has slowed up planting of gardens but has accelerated the growth of the grass!

The Strawberry Festival in Albion this weekend might normally have been right in the middle of strawberry season, but not this year. So we will have to content ourselves with mostly frozen strawberries AND the usual wonderful festivities surrounding the festival as always.

While at the Strawberry Festival, if you are a gardener, or have a lawn to care for, you will want to stop by the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension building to visit with one of our master gardeners.

On Saturday our horticulture educator, Dave Reville, will also be available to talk with you.

Horticulture education is one of

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension's key program areas and is available to all Orleans County residents in a variety of different ways.

You may already be aware, or have actually used, the diagnostic services. Residents can bring in or call in problems with plants or pests.

Our most common question this past year has been what to do about ladybugs.

Either the horticulture educator or a master gardener will diagnose the problem or try to find the answer from our vast resources.

A collection of fact sheets on gardening and home pests is maintained in the office for the general public.

Soil tests for pH are performed here, and more in-depth testing is available at a small cost.

The "garden hotline" is staffed by master gardeners Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

The horticulture educator is usually in the office two days a week.

If someone is not here that can answer your question, we will take your call or specimen and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

The master gardeners are volunteers who have completed (at their cost) an extensive training course under the direction of the horticulture educator over the course of a year.

In Orleans County, we have a volunteer staff of approximately 20 master gardeners, 16 of which have just finished their training.

They attended weekly three-hour classes from October through March. The core curriculum included classes on soils, plant physiology, entomology, integrated pest management, wildlife management, landscaping, composting, home vegetable gardening, flower gardening and lawn care.

Upon completion of the course and after passing an exam, the master gardeners are considered a

resource for the community and volunteer a certain number of hours per year to maintain their master gardener status. They will be available to perform soil pH tests during the Strawberry Festival and will be at the Orleans County 4-H Fair, as well as manning the garden hotline.

If you frequent the county's libraries or the senior citizen centers, you may have had the opportunity to hear a garden program presented by Reville. Dave has had many years of experience in both horticulture and agriculture with Cornell Cooperative Extension. He was instrumental in developing the master gardener program in New York state. If you are up bright and early Monday mornings, Dave can be heard on WHAM radio. Dave is available for gardening programs to community groups and has several gardening classes planned for the general public. He can be reached by calling the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension office.

If you like to comfort of your garden, the "Orleans County" you. Produced by our office, it contains information of interest from included, as from master gardeners. Information on the Strawberry Festival can be obtained at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension office by calling the office.

So gather up your questions and stop by the Extension building while you are at the Strawberry Festival.

For more information, call Dave Reville at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts  
Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



## Summer care of berries and asparagus

By Dave Reville

To ensure healthy, vigorous plants and abundant yields for succeeding years, both raspberries and strawberries need some summer care.

### Strawberries

Immediately after harvest is complete, renovation of the strawberry bed may be in order. At that time, cut the plants down with a lawn mower set at a height of two to three inches.

If rows have become wild and unmanageable, narrow them down to a more desirable width of 18 inches. Also, take care to remove excess plants in the row so that the plants are six to nine inches apart.

Finally, apply three pounds of 10-10-10 or equivalent fertilizer per 50 linear feet of row.

### Raspberries

When harvest has been completed on summer bearing red raspberries, save yourself some work next fall or spring. Remove all old fruit canes, damaged or diseased canes; thin out the small or weak canes, leaving only two or three of the more robust canes per linear foot of row. Then cut all the young vigorous

canes back to a more manageable height of three and a half to four feet.

For fall bearing varieties such as heritage, it is suggested that all canes be pruned to ground level in the early spring only. This eliminates the summer crop and results in a larger and earlier fall crop.

### Asparagus

A little post harvest care is the best way to encourage an abundant asparagus harvest next year.

June is the time to fertilize asparagus and continue efforts to control asparagus beetles and weeds. Fertilizing after harvest helps build up root reserves for next year's growth, and a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-10 at a rate of two to three pounds per 100 square feet of garden should be sufficient.

Asparagus beetles are small, oblong, brightly colored insects that lay their eggs on asparagus spears and feed on the foliage. If they're present in large numbers, their eggs will contaminate the harvest and their feeding will defoliate the plants. Plants then have to use their energy reserves to produce new

foliage rather than use foliage to build reserves. The results is reduced yield next year.

Keep and eye on the plants and contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension for a control recommendation if beetles become plentiful.

Weed control reduces competition for water and soil nutrients and removes potential hosts for insect pests or disease organisms. Shallow cultivation alongside rows augmented by hand pulling weeds among spears is the usual home garden choice.

Throublesome perennial weeds such as quickgrass need to be controlled before asparagus is planted since they are very difficult to control after the crowns are in place.

Contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561 for garden advice.

*Dave Reville is an extension educator with the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.*

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## File Features

### 25 years ago

Tom Bowers of Medina and John Munger of Albion finished first and second respectively in the 25-mile 4-H Walk-a-Thon that sought to raise money for county fair-ground renovations. Bowers finished the walk in 2 hours, 22 minutes; Munger finished in 2 hours, 34 minutes. Danna DuSett of Albion was the top fund-raiser, collecting \$222 from sponsors -



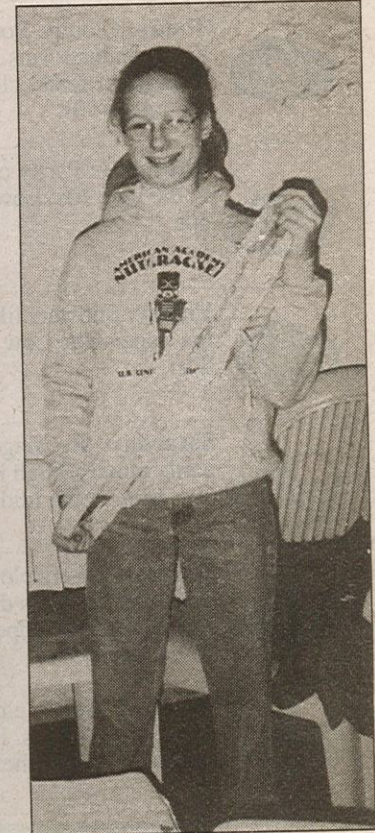
## 4-H Club spins neat experiences from link to llamas

leaving their limo. This is but one example of what makes Canal Town so unique.

Elsewhere around town ...

**Members of the Garden View Llamas 4-H Club have been nurturing a hobby that's a little off the beaten path.** The "llama family," led by Pat Mufford, Sherry Wheatley and Frank Ferri, meets every Sunday afternoon at Garden View Llamas, West Center Street, to learn more about spinning wool from llamas and plants. Members Gabriella Ferri, Alissa Martin, Sarah Martin, Derek Roberts, Lizbeth Roberts and Peg Wright have been learning various wool-handling skills such as dyeing, spinning and caring for llamas. Their most recent project involved the planting of flax; while it grows, group leaders are locating specially made tools for harvesting the plant.

With the 4-H Fair just around the corner, the group has begun working with the animals to show at the fair. Their motto: "Have You Hugged Your Llama Today?"



At left, Sarah Martin spins wool as Gabriella Ferri looks on. Above, Lizbeth Roberts shows off a batch of the yarn, made from llama wool. The girls are members of the Medina-based Garden View Llamas 4-H Club.



# Youth Fishing Derby big success at Iroquois



Charles Richardson/The Journal-Register

The Bates sisters, Kelly, 8, at left, and Anne, 10, of Holley enjoy fishing at Saturday's derby at Ring Neck Marsh in the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

**By Charles Richardson**  
The Journal-Register

ALABAMA — Despite a lot of carping, the Youth Fishing Derby at Ring Neck Marsh, which was held Saturday in conjunction with National Fishing and Boating Week, was a big success.

The beautiful weather brought 86 kids from all over western New York to the marsh, which is located just east of Route 63 on the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, and the largest and seemingly most common catch of the day was, you guessed it, carp.

According to Sam Corrieri, a derby volunteer, the largest fish of the day was a carp caught by 11-year-old Colin Clifton of Lewiston. The winner measured 31 inches, and even if he hadn't caught that one he also caught the second largest fish of the day at 23 inches, also a carp.

"There were also some pikes that got away and some kids caught some bass, but they're not in season so they didn't count," said Dorothy Gerhart, outdoor recreation planner at the refuge, who wanted to make sure it was understood

that other kinds of fish were being caught.

Indeed there were. The Bates family from Holly caught one croppy, two sunfish, one bluegill and a bullhead, according to Anne, 10, and her little sister, Kelly, 8.

Their father, Tom, said he takes the girls fishing all the time and that he had the girls at the marsh by 8:15 a.m. The derby ran until noon.

That meant the girls had to be up at dawn.

"Kelly was ready to go, but Anne's older now and wanted to sleep in. There was no school, so I had to threaten her," said Bates with a smile.

"No you didn't," shouted Anne, who had just cast her line into the water.

Volunteer Art Pethybridge, said that more than half the entrants in the derby were girls and admitted to being a little surprised.

"I think it's great more girls are fishing. Last year's 10 year old winner was a girl and she was fishing for the first time," said Pethybridge, who also works as a state Park Ranger in Niagara Falls.

Winner of the "Ethical Angler Award" went to Alyssa Baumler, 6, of Basom. Alyssa was observed throughout the morning and was deemed to exemplify the best qualities of sportsmanship and fishing ethics.

Gerhart said that among the qualities being looked for were safety and friendliness.

"The kid who stomps a bullhead into the mud is not an ethical angler," she said.

Alyssa did not stomp any fish, in fact she made some friends and spent some quality time with her dad, John.

"We had a beautiful day fishing with the family. It was a great event," he said.

The derby is an annual event that began in 1990, and has steadily drawn a good crowd each year. This year's derby was funded in part by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which is celebrating the 100th year of the national wildlife refuge system.

Contact Charles Richardson at 439-9222, extension 245, or e-mail richardsonc@gmnewspaper.com.



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TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2002

## File Features

### 10 years ago

Albion police officer Sgt. Darren J. Allen and volunteer firefighters Robert Stilwell and Walter Batt of the Orleans County Underwater Task Force were awarded certificates of appreciation for their efforts to rescue a man who jumped into the Erie Canal in Albion. The deceased, it was later discovered, had tied the head of a sledghammer to his belt. Buckner Catrice and Donald White were also

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## 4-H is theme of Orleans County Fair

ALBION — The theme for the 2002 Orleans County Fair July 22-27 is "4-H, the Power of YOUTH" to coincide with the national celebration of 100 years of 4-H.

The theme reflects the fair's emphasis on youth development. Creating a fun and educational experience for the youth of Orleans and neighboring counties continues to be in the forefront of fair board agendas. This year there will continued emphasis on agriculture awareness through the use of exhibits and demonstrations.

For more information about the fair or to volunteer, call the Orleans County Cooperative Extension at 589-5561 or visit <http://www.orleans4-hfair.com>.

## Garden Guide For June

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension



**Herbicides:** Herbicides (weed killers), when applied safely to control weeds, can save time and labor but if they are applied carelessly, they can damage or kill vegetables, ornamentals and other susceptible plants, states Dave Reville, Orleans County Cooperative Extension Educator. When using any herbicides, observe all precautions regarding vapors, sprays, drift and cleanliness of equipment. A few common sense safety reminders which apply when herbicides are used are: (1) Follow label precautions; (2) Avoid spraying on windy days; (3) Do not apply when temperature is above 80 F; (4) Check sprayer frequently to prevent over-application of herbicides; (5) Keep nozzles clean; (6) Rinse spray equipment immediately after use; (7) And never wear sandals while applying.

**Blossom Drop Or Poor Fruit Set:** All too often vegetable blossoms will appear and drop without setting fruit or very small fruit will form and develop no further. Many factors influence fruit set as extremes of temperature, drying winds, or water stress. Low temperatures and long periods of cloudy, rainy weather keep bees, the great pollinators, under cover instead of in the field doing their job. Although time will usually improve the situation, you can help by mulching your plants to maintain uniform soil moisture. Plant sweet corn in short parallel rows for better pollination. The first flowers of vine crops such as squash, cucumbers and pumpkins are usually all male and do not form fruit. Soon, however, a second flush of bloom will produce both male and female flowers. With a little luck, nature will take its course and fruit will form.

**Color In The Shade With Annuals:** Shade from maturing trees does not have to be a problem in the landscape any more! Shady gardens are becoming more commonplace by necessity as communities and trees get older, suggests Dave Reville, Orleans County Cooperative Extension agent. Fortunately, one can select from many different types of plants that will tolerate such conditions. With the help of plant breeders, more and more varieties of plants have and are being developed to tolerate shade. Some of the more commonly grown annuals include the ever-popular impatiens, was begonias, coleus and red salvia. In addition, try some of the less-frequently used shade-lovers such as nicotiana, ageratum, lobelia. For semi-shaded conditions, don't overlook perennials. They can become a permanent fixture in your landscape. Bleeding heart (*Dicentra eximia*), primrose, coral bells (*Heuchera*), columbine, monkshood (*Aconitum*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum*) and Japanese anemone are just a few adaptable to light shade itself. In such cases, consider planting in containers so that competition for nutrients and water can be avoided. The labor involved in establishing and maintaining raised beds is also far less strenuous. As with any planting procedure, good soil preparation is always essential for proper establishment and later enjoyment of flowers in the shade.



# File Features

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2002

## x 10 years ago

(No paper published June 7, 1992. From the June 8 edition:) Residents raised about \$4,000 for the 4-H program during the 23rd annual Orleans County 4-H Walk/Ride-a-thon over the weekend. Molly Tower raised \$271, the most of any 4-H'er, and Elaine Waters raised \$332.50, the most of any non-4-H'er —

Lake Country Pennysaver

June 9, 2002



### Festival Garden Advice

The Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will be testing soil PH for lime needs as well as helping you with your garden problems during the Strawberry Festival, June 14 and 15 in Albion. The Master Gardeners will be part of the Cooperative Extension tent in Main Street in front of the Extension Center adjacent to the Post Office on Friday, June 14 from 5pm to 7pm and Saturday, June 15 from 10am to 5pm. Drawings will be held hourly for a free subscription to the ORLEANS GARDENER, the county's only home-grown garden newsletter. Plant, insect and disease problems will be diagnosed with insects contained in jars and diseased plant parts having more than just one leaf.

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The Journal-Register

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Fans at a Mexico City sports bar watch as the Mexican national soccer team loses to the United States 2-0 early this morning. The Mexican team was eliminated and the United States advances to play Germany in the quarter finals.

See story, page B-1.

## BRIEFLY

### Murder-suicide suspected in Kendall case

By Scott DeSmit

Daily News Staff Writer

KENDALL — Two bodies found in a remote area off Woodchuck Alley Sunday morning are the likely victims of a murder-suicide, Orleans County Sheriff Merle Fredericks said this morning.

Kerri L. Taylor, 20, of Ridge Road, Gaines, and Scott B. Hamilton, 21, of Banner Beach Road, were found by a farmer about 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Both were dead of shotgun wounds, Fredericks said.

An investigation revealed that Hamilton shot Taylor, then himself. The two were last seen about 7:30 p.m. Saturday, he said.

The farmer found the bodies after he noticed Hamilton's truck parked off the south side of Woodchuck Alley and behind dirt piles.

Fredericks said Taylor and

avone was told by state police that his chief was the target of an investigation.

Schiavone said he suspended village of Holley Chief Michael Grattan Saturday morning.

Also under investigation, sources

ment on the situation.

"At this point all I can say is that Medina is doing an internal investigation," Avila said.

Orleans Sheriff

Grattan

not comment this morning.

"Any questions you have are premature," Brown said.

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ould be made

## Strawberry Festival wraps up with parade — and more food

By Joanne Beck

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Despite gray skies and threatening storm clouds, there was only a light sprinkle during the pomp and ceremony of marching bands, Scout troops, clowns and other participants in the Strawberry Festival's 12th annual parade Saturday.

Three-year-old Anne Marie Jewell marched with Miss Heather's All-Star Twirlers wearing a sparkly red, white and blue uniform and white sneakers.

Anne Marie's parents stopped for a minute at the water balloon yo-yo

stand so that she could make her selection for \$1.

Melissa Jewell, Anne Marie's mother, said the festival was an annual treat for the family.

"We come every year," Jewell said, adding that her favorite part of the festival was similar to that of many other visitors. "The food."

And there was food, ranging from hot dogs with grilled onions and juicy roast beef on rolls to sugar waffles and slices of pizza and cheesecake.

Americana-themed crafts were a popular item within the merchandise selections, offering red, white and blue mailboxes, door and wall hangings. Knickknacks and sweaters, and other items such as birdhouses, jewelry, pillows and garden decor were also abundant throughout the tents pitched at Courthouse Square.

Bands played throughout the day as adults and children zeroed in on their entertainment of choice.

Four-year-old Madison Kruger of Medina bent over a plastic pool filled





## Summer Care of Berries and Asparagus

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
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To ensure healthy vigorous plants and abundant yields for succeeding years, both raspberries and strawberries need some summer care, advises Dave Reville, Extension Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County.

**Strawberries**-Immediately after harvest is complete, renovation of the strawberry bed may be in order. At that time, cut the plants down with a lawn mower set at a height of 2-3 inches. If rows have become wild and unmanageable, narrow them down to a more desirable width of 18 inches. Also take care to remove excess plants in the row so that the plants are 6-9 inches apart. Finally, apply 3 pounds of 10-10-10 or equivalent fertilizer per 50 linear feet of row.

**Raspberries**-When harvest has been completed on summer bearing red raspberries, save yourself some work next fall or spring. Remove all old fruiting canes, damaged or diseased canes; thin out the small or weak canes, leaving only two or three of the more robust canes per linear foot of row. Then cut all the young vigorous canes back to a more manageable height of 3' to 4 feet.

For fall bearing varieties such as Heritage, it is suggested that all canes be pruned to ground level in the early spring only. This eliminates the summer crop and results in a larger and earlier fall crop.

**Asparagus**-A little postharvest-care is the best way to encourage an abundant asparagus harvest next year.

June is the time to fertilize asparagus and continue efforts to control asparagus beetles and weeds. Fertilizing after harvest helps build up root reserves for next year's growth, and a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-10 at a rate of 2 to 3 pounds per 100 square feet of garden area should be sufficient.

Asparagus beetles are small, oblong, brightly colored insects that lay their eggs on asparagus spears and feed on the foliage. If they're present in large numbers, their eggs will contaminate the harvest and their feeding will defoliate the plants. Plants then have to use their energy reserves to produce new foliage rather than use foliage to build reserves. The result is reduced yield next year. Keep an eye on the plants and contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension for a control recommendation if beetles become plentiful.

Weed control reduces competition for water and soil nutrients and removes potential hosts for insect pests or disease organisms. Shallow cultivation alongside rows augmented by hand pulling weeds among spears is the usual home garden choice. Troublesome perennial weeds such as quackgrass need to be controlled before asparagus is planted since they are very difficult to control after the crowns are in place. Contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561 for garden advice.



THE JOURNAL-REGISTER MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2002

## Strawberry dessert contest open to chefs of all ages

ALBION — The 2002 Strawberry Dessert Contest will be held June 14 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The contest will see judging in the categories pie, short-cake, toppings and miscellaneous. There are two age groups, youth to 19 years old and adult.

Entries must be brought to the front porch of Cornell Cooperative Extension building at 20 S. Main St. The contest will take place between 5

and 7 p.m.

Entries will be judged by the Orleans County 4-H Senior Council based on the following categories:

- Recipe: Complete and easy to follow

- Appearance of finished product (attractive and appetizing)

- Taste and flavor consistency and/or texture.

Pre-registration is required before June 13. Applications can be requested from the cooperative extension by calling 580-5561



# File Features

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MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2002

## 10 years ago

Ellen VanDerKarr was named Teacher of the Year in the Albion School District — Melanie Higgins won the 1992 Bausch & Lomb Science Award, which recognizes the high school junior who attains the highest scholastic standing in science subjects.

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MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2002

## Youth fishing derby Saturday

ALABAMA — The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge will host a youth fishing derby Saturday.

The derby is open to children ages 17 and under. The event is free.

On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. at Ringneck Dike, and the event is scheduled to last until noon. Call 948-5445 for more information, or visit [northeast.fws.gov/ny/iro/htm](http://northeast.fws.gov/ny/iro/htm) on the Internet.



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# MHS students recognized for achievements

**Wells College 21st Century**  
— Julianne Watts. This award, a certificate presented by Wells College, is for a student who has made outstanding contributions to her school and community, demonstrating integrity, trustworthiness, self-confidence and intellect. Watts will receive a \$20,000 scholarship over four years if she attends Wells College.



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# Orleans 4-H seeking non-members to participate in projects for fair

By Joanne Beck

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Although Orleans County's 4-H program has a steady membership that typically increases with the arrival of July's junior fair, there has been a decrease in the number of fair exhibits, Cooperative Extension members say.

And Community Educator Jaime Brennan wants to let kids outside of 4-H know they can still participate in the fair.

"If you want to learn more and expand your skills," Brennan said Monday.

Young people age 8 to 19 can enter a project in the craft category, which includes baked goods, home-grown vegetables, hand-sewn clothing and photography, or in the animal category, which is classified specifically by animal type, such as beef, swine, goats and rabbits.

Non-members can bring in their project the weekend

before the fair and sit with a judge to get a review and one of three award categories: A white ribbon for worthy, red for good and blue for excellent.

"Everyone gets a ribbon," Brennan said, adding that judges will point out the good aspects of the project and where improvements can be made. "The basic goal is to show they've learned and used new skills ... and all projects are displayed during the fair."

The national 4-H program is celebrating its centennial this year and that theme will be displayed and celebrated throughout the fair, during enrollment and at other events, she said.

The Orleans County Junior 4-H Fair will be during the week of July 22, and more information is available at the Cooperative Extension office at 20 South Main St. or by calling 589-5561.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

## Horse show upcoming

KNOWLESVILLE — The Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds will play host to an open horse show this weekend.

The show is set for 9 a.m. Sunday at the fairgrounds on Route 31. The event is free to the public.

For more information call 589-5561 or visit [www.cce.cornell.edu/orleans](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/orleans).



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

## WNY Outdoor Calendar

### Saturday

YOUTH Fishing Derby at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Call 585-948-5445 for more information.

Anyone with calendar items dealing with New York's wildlife resources, hunting, fishing or related environmental matters, should send them to: Fin, Fir & Feather Facts, NYSDEC 6274 E. Avon-Lima Road, Avon, NY 14414.

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## **ALBION STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

— June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> —

Courthouse Square (Rt 98) Albion

Arts & Crafts, Food Court (Fri. & Sat.)

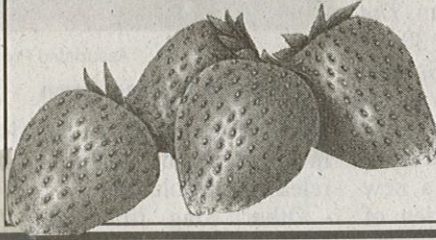
Giant Parade (Sat.),

5K/8K run/walk race (Sat.),

Strawberry Desserts,

Free Entertainment Carriage Rides,

Chicken Barbecue (Fri.)



Call Orleans  
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of Commerce

**589-7727**

for more info



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## Iroquois Refuge plans fishing event Saturday

BASOM — To celebrate the upcoming centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a Take Me Fishing event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. On-site registration starts at 7:30 a.m. at the refuge, 1101 Casey Rd.

The event, a Youth Fishing Derby, will include an opportunity to fish for fun and prizes. It is open to anyone 17 years or under. No experience is necessary. Loaner tackle is available for first-time anglers. Those ages 16-17 must have a valid New

York State fishing license. Trophies will be awarded for the three biggest fish caught in three age groups. Participants will receive a free fishing grab bag and a free Polaroid picture with their catch.

Sponsors and supporters for the event include the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc., the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Department of Conservation Officers Association, Keebler Corp. and Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Batavia.

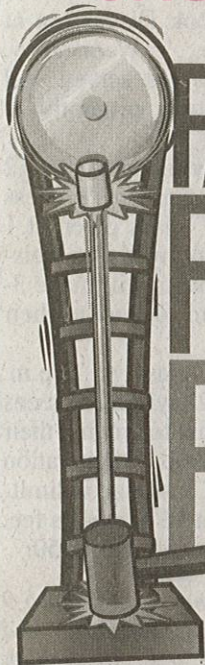
March 14, 2003, marks a milestone in

the history of wildlife conservation in America, the centennial anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

President Theodore Roosevelt fostered this conservation legacy when, in 1903, he set aside Pelican Island, a five acre island on Florida's East Coast as a bird sanctuary. From this tiny start, the National Wildlife Refuge System has grown to include more than 540 refuges and thousands of waterfowl production areas on nearly 100 million acres across the United States and its territories.

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## Orleans County Fair



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# Tips for successive plantings in the vegetable garden

By Dave Reville

Gardeners interested in high productivity and efficient use of garden space don't plant their gardens just on Memorial Day weekend — they plant cool weather crops early and keep right on planting through midsummer.

They keep their gardens producing all season through successive planting. Successive planting uses space that opens up when early crops are

harvested to plant new crops.

If you planted leaf lettuce, radishes, spinach and green onions in mid- to late April, along with broccoli and peas for harvest in late June, when these crops are harvested, you can use the space for planting broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Chinese cabbage for a fall harvest, as well as for quick-maturing warm-weather crops like snap beans.

This could be the planting that provides produce in

quantities for late summer freezing or canning.

The same early season crops that went in the garden first can go in again in mid- to late summer for harvest in the fall. Lettuce and spinach sown in the spring tend to go to seed when summer weather gets hot, but lettuce and spinach seeded in the garden in midsummer are growing when the days are getting shorter and temperatures are cooler. Several small plantings

made at 10-day intervals can provide an abundance of fresh salad fixings well into the fall.

Other plants for summer planting and fall harvest include peas, beets and turnips. All can be planted in July for harvest in August and September.

Before planting any crop for fall harvest, check the seed packet or catalog description, paying special attention to the days to maturity. Choose vari-

eties that mature quickly to be sure they'll have time to produce before they're killed by frost or a hard freeze.

Contact Cooperative Extension for a list of vegetable varieties compiled by the Department of Horticulture at Cornell. The garden hotline is staffed by master gardeners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact them at 589-5561.

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*Dave Reville is an extension*

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# Good apple crop on the way despite unusual weather

By Alison De Marree

Despite fluctuating temperatures and the above normal rainfall for much of western New York this spring there is a great apple crop developing in the rolling hills here.

Apples grow best near large bodies of water and on slopes — which is why so many apples are grown between the Erie Canal and Lake Ontario.

Lake Ontario is cool in the spring, keeping the land adjacent to it cool. This slows down the growth of trees in the early spring so that by blossom time the chance of frost damage is lessened. Orchards in low-lying areas have a greater chance of frost injury, as cool air will move down a slope and settle in these areas. Although there is some frost injury to apples in low-lying areas this year, many orchards have a good crop because they are planted on hilltops or hillsides.

Apple growers have planted many new orchards in the past five years. These orchards are just beginning to produce many new and excit-

ing varieties that may be found at farm markets before they are available at traditional grocery stores.

Some of the new varieties ripening in August and September are:

**Pristine** - is a very early tart apple that is yellow in color and picked around the first week of August.

**Zestar** - is harvested around the third week of August. It is a large sweet-tart apple with a fine texture that is juicy and white fleshed.

**Ginger Gold** - is a yellow apple harvested the last week of August and the first week of September. It is a firm, mild apple good for eating out of hand or making into applesauce.

**Sansa** - is a red and yellow apple also harvested around the first week of September. It is also a good fresh eating apple and also makes both a great chunky applesauce and apple pie.

**Golden Supreme** - tastes very similar to Golden Delicious but has a whiter flesh and is harvested the second week of September. It is firm,

sweet and matures a month before the traditional Golden Delicious.

**Gala** - is probably now familiar to most consumers as it is found in many grocery stores. WNY Galas are especially good because those sold at farm markets in the fall are more likely to have been tree ripened. They are sweet and very juicy. Harvest begins after the second week of September.

**Honeycrisp** - is one of the most new exciting apples now being grown here. Harvest of Honeycrisp starts at the end of the second week of September. It is a firm, bi-colored apple that is mild in taste and exceptionally juicy. This is an apple that stays firm even after being on display on the table or countertop for a week or more. Honeycrisp is also an exceptional cooking apple for pies, baked goods and chunky applesauce. Honeycrisp slices stay firm even when cooked.

**New York 674** - is an apple bred at the Geneva Experiment Station that has not yet been named. It is a red-yellow apple harvested the third

week of September. NY 674 is a tart-sweet apple that is sweeter than a McIntosh but does not brown. It makes an applesauce with good body (not tunny) and great taste. It is an ideal apple for dried slices because it does not brown and has great flavor.

The New York consumer is very fortunate to have so many apple varieties virtually grown in their backyard. Very few U.S. consumers have the opportunity to taste tree-ripened apples — those apples left on the tree to develop the natural sugars, flavor and juiciness meant to be. Here consumers can buy local apples that have not been harvested so early to stand the rigors of being shipped hundreds or thousands of miles.

Plan to spend time in one of WNY's orchards this fall either picking your own apples or watching apple harvest take place. The days are warm and sunny, the nights cool and crisp. This weather is not only what paints bright red and yellow fall leaves, but also colors our apples and

develops their natural sugars. There is no better day than a sunny September or October day with the smell of ripe apples in the air as you watch or participate in the apple harvest.

By the way, there are also many great new and traditional apples that ripen in October that we often call "winter" varieties because they store well. But, that's another article.

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*Alison De Marree is an area specialist on the Lake Ontario Fruit Team with Cornell Cooperative Extension.*



# Farm and Garden

## County Nursing Home hosts Farm Day event



Photos contributed

Orleans County Nursing Home nurses Mary Ellen Messner and Jean Conn give a try at calf handling under the watchful eye of Christopher Flansburg.

The Orleans County Nursing Home recently held its seventh annual Farm Day celebration.

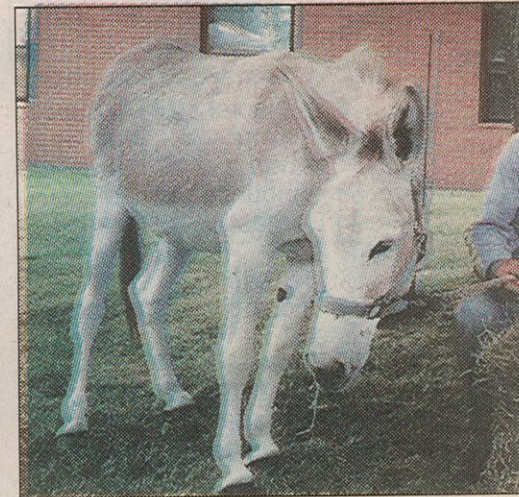
Originally initiated by Ruth Miller and Barry Flansburg and area 4-H groups, the event is an extension of the Eden Alternative Program at the nursing home.

The nursing home's courtyard was transformed into a farmyard with a cow, donkey, rabbits, goats, sheep, kittens, dogs and a llama. The farmyard was made genuine with the addition of a tractor, some tools and a clothesline.

The residents really enjoyed this event, in which they can observe first-hand the variety of animals and farm implements found on farms in Orleans County, said a nursing home spokesperson.

Many residence reminisced about when they worked or lived on a farm.

The 4-H members led the animals around the courtyard



Bob Pask with his donkey.

(farmyard) so the residents could interact with the animals.

The joy of holding a small kitten or a soft rabbit brought smiles to residents who participated in the event, said the spokesperson, who added that even the nursing home

employees by exchange uniforms for

The festivities continued from noon until 4 p.m. Children and grandchildren of residents were also invited as they were the animal



# AGRICULTURE

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## Farm animals get room to roam at Orleans Nursing Home event

By Joanne Beck  
Daily News Staff Writer

**A**LBION — For anyone wondering why there were several farm animals roaming the grounds of Orleans County Nursing Home Thursday, Barry Flansburg knows why.

"Nothing lights up their faces like seeing the animals," Flansburg said of the nursing home residents.

Flansburg, of Barre, and some of his children and friends visited the home with a llama, cow, goats, rabbits, kittens, sheep and a mule as part of the nursing home's annual Farm Day event.

"We've done this every year, for about seven years," Flansburg said. "It's also good for the kids to interact with older people."

Although blackened skies and a torrential downpour ended the outdoor activities, residents and some of the animals moved inside to continue the event.

Activities Director Pat Swindon said the residents



Joanne Beck/Daily News

**FARM DAY:** Animal visitors make themselves at home with residents of Orleans County Nursing Home during the home's annual Farm Day event Thursday. From left are



# Marina plans holiday bash in Kendall

By Joanne Beck

Daily News Staff Writer

KENDALL — After the usual Fourth of July festivities and picnics come to an end Thursday, Eagle Creek Marina will just be starting with its annual Independence Day weekend bash.

Batavian Thomas Mazerbo, who works as the community development manager for Rural Development in Batavia by day, will be spinning tunes as D.J. T-Jam at night for a dance from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday.

He's been spinning tunes for about five years and plays "all kinds of music," Mazerbo says.

"We want people to have a good time, we're there to have fun," he said Sunday.

You will see people dressed up from the Elvis Presley era and from the musical, *Grease*, he said.

Event organizers say it will be fun for the whole family, and refreshments will be available.

At 10 p.m. Saturday the marina will put on a fireworks display that's been described as being "bigger than the one in Rochester."

Last year's display featured 40 minutes of explosive colors and sounds from larger shells that can be used over the water, and this year's show promises more of the same, says marina employee Debbie Bausch.

Parking is limited and is prohibited on the Lake Ontario State Parkway, but a shuttle will be available from the Kendall Fire Department parking lot, 1879 Kendall Rd., to the marina for a \$2 donation per car.

Tickets for the dance are \$2 per person and the fireworks show is free at the marina, 1033 Lakeland Beach, on the corner of Route 237 and the Lake Ontario State Parkway.

Call 659-8603 for more information.

Tom played at Harvest last year

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## File Features

### 10 years ago

The Barden Homes Twins were the Medina Mini League American Division Playoff champions. Coached by J.R. Brundage and Jerry Moule, the team consisted of Daniel Sanchez, Jarod Brundage, Tyrone McGill, Brian Adams, Nathan Keppler, Eric Moule, Nathan Pettit, Jacob Page, Andy Eick and James Bane.

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### Auction items sought

ALBION — Donations of gift certificates, new and gently used items are sought for the annual 4-H auction.

Proceeds will benefit maintenance and development of the fairgrounds and the 4-H program. The auction will be held July 25.

For more information, call Dick Miller at 589-4048.



## PLANTING AND REPLANTING LATE VEGETABLE GARDENS

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension



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# FFA and 4-H are positive for youth

By Deborah Roberts

Between last weekend and this coming weekend, all high schools in Orleans County will graduate the class of 2002. June has been filled with celebrations of the many accomplishments of our young people.

While academics and athletics are certainly important, what are truly heartening are the accomplishments of character and leadership that can be found among many of these young people.

How are these qualities that make good citizens developed? Character education is a part of many of our classrooms, though the argument can be made that it is not only learning the skills, but also putting them into use that truly teaches people to be leaders. Future Farmers of America and 4-H are two places that youth learn and then use the skills they have learned.

Out of the five school districts in Orleans County, two, Albion and Medina, still offer agriculture as part of their curriculum and so, still have FFA chapters. Earlier this month I was privileged to attend both chapters' banquets. It was truly a heartening experience to see these young people conduct the

meeting and awards ceremonies.

Not all of the students involved live on farms or will go on to a career in production agriculture, but the lessons they have learned from FFA will allow them to be very successful in whatever field they choose.

The FFA mission statement states "FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education." In addition to learning leadership and organizational skills through running their local chapters, students also compete at the local, district, state and national level in many areas. There are traditional agricultural competitions such as growing crops and judging animals, as well as public speaking, both prepared and extemporaneous, and employment interviews.

At the 2001 New York state FFA convention in Medina, I helped judge the sales contest where students competed on making sales calls. Students travel to other schools for workshops and meetings, which allow them to form larger networks than just their own community. Developing

long-term relationships with supportive adults, other than parents, has been shown by research to be one of the factors that lead to success for youth. The advisors for the FFA include agriculture, technology and science teachers who spend countless hours outside of the school day coaching, chaperoning and mentoring the students. It is truly encouraging that we have young people who are prepared to take their place as the leaders of tomorrow.

The other organization that you will find well represented among the top students of Orleans County is 4-H.

The full title is 4-H Youth Development because that is really what 4-H is all about, developing youth into caring, concerned, competent citizens through hands-on activities.

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Not only do 4-H youth learn about crafts or learn how to ride a horse or train a dog, they learn life lessons. Responsibility, mastery, confidence, independence and belonging are all characteristics that are developed through 4-H projects and activities.

Leadership opportunities are provided both at the club

level and at the county level, increasing as the youth increases in experience.

Long term relationships with adults and meeting youth from all over the county and state are also benefits from the 4-H program. Award trips allow youth opportunities to experience new places in new ways. This week youth from all over the state are at Cornell University participating in Career Explorations. Some

will travel to New York City and others to Washington, D.C.

As one of the logos says, "4-H Takes You Places" and it has been doing it for 100 years this year. The celebration of 100 years of 4-H revolves around the motto "4-H The Power of Youth", which is also the theme for the Orleans County 4-H Fair this summer.

I encourage you to stop out and see the power of our 4-H

youth at the Fair, a park, see the dedicated FFA as they park in the hot, hot sun! for more information 4-H Youth Development the Orleans County call Orleans County Cooperative Extension 5561.

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Dave Reville is a Cornell Extension educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2002

## — File Features —

From the Journal-Register archives, on the 25th day of June, it was reported ...

### 50 years ago

Eighty-three members of the Medina High School class of 1952 graduated in a poignant ceremony punctuated by speeches from students Jean White, Douglas Towne, Clayton Ehrenreich and Joanne Kenward, who addressed topics including freedom in the context of battling communism, the outrage of discrimination and the need for all individuals to cultivate high personal values — Marlene Webster and Ann McAllister, both of the Clarendon Cowhands, were chosen to represent the Orleans County Senior 4-H Club at the district contest in August.



# Driesel earns her Gold Award

By Tariq Osborne  
The Journal-Register

LYNDONVILLE — A graduating senior has received Girl Scouting's highest honor, the Gold Award.

Sally Driesel, 17, was honored for the achievement earlier this month after completing a 50-hour project that involved her educating schoolchildren about various facets of animal life.

Driesel, a Girl Scout in Troop 2094, received her Gold Pin on June 9 at a ceremony at Brockport State College.

"She really earned it," said Mary Woodworth, Driesel's troop leader. "It's quite an achievement, a testament to her time and effort."

Earning the Gold Pin is no easy task. Driesel said she



Girl Scout Sally Driesel of Lyndonville earned the Gold Award recently after completing a service project that involved her introducing kindergartners to the world of farm animals.

had to first meet all the prerequisites to achieving the highest rank, then go before the Girl Scout Committee in Henrietta with a proposal for a 50-hour final project. After the project was carried out, the final results were judged by a Girl Scout board.

Driesel's project was "Animal Fun." To fulfill it, she brought a dairy calf, a sheep and a lamb, all from her family's farm, to a kindergarten

class at Lyndonville Central School.

In addition to explaining to the children certain interesting features about farm animals — all dairy cows have horns and sheep, which lack top teeth, cannot bite, for instance — Driesel, a 4-H member, showed the children some of the trimming techniques she uses at shows and gave them a chance to pet her animals.

"I wanted to clear up some of the questions people always ask me at fairs," Driesel said of her reason for pursuing the project.

Driesel was the only member of Troop 2094 to receive the Gold Award. She was one of only 37 Girl Scouts in the Genesee Valley Council who received it this year.

Contact Tariq Osborne at 798-1400, extension 2230.



# GROW GROUND COVER IN YOUR YARD'S TROUBLE SPOTS

**Extension Gardener**  
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Ground covers include woody or herbaceous plants and vines that spread rapidly, forming a thick blanket-like cover. These plants, which include varieties such as epimedium, English ivy, and periwinkle to name just a few, can cover an eroded area on your property with a natural, green carpet that is both attractive to the eye and protective to the soil it grows on.

Proper ground cover plants can ease yard maintenance, prevent soil erosion, and improve the looks of your property. Before selecting a ground cover, or any other plant, you must first define you need, what you want that plant to do, and the appearance you desire on your land.

You should also investigate the soil and water limitations of your land. Information on soil testing, fertilizing, and choosing the plant varieties is available from your County Cooperative Extension or Master Gardeners, volunteers trained by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Ground cover plants come in several general categories:

Annuals plants display an abundance of greenery and flowers during the summer months, but they die off each fall. They will thrive with little attention.

Perennials provide more permanent cover. Each winter, they die off from the ground up, but they grow new tops each spring.

Herbs can serve double duty: while providing attractive ground cover, they also have culinary or medicinal uses. Many herbs are perennials.

Ferns provide an attractive ground cover that, depending on the species, will thrive in either sun or shade. You can also find species of fern that are either perennials or evergreens. Ferns usually need a moist environment.

Woody plants grow from a few inches to several feet tall. They come in two categories: vines and shrubs.

In areas where you don't want any plants growing, wood chips or crushed stone can be used. Ground cover can be planted at almost any time, but spring is best. Homeowners can spend the summer assessing their situation and learning what sort of ground cover would best suit their needs and plant in the fall.

Visiting local garden centers and arboreta to study available plant materials will help you to make your final decision.

**Sharpen Up!**  
At this time of year "lawnmower disease" is a big problem, states Dave Reville, Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator. This disease is caused by dull mower blades. People often sharpened their blades only in the spring along with the spring mower tune up. But blades need to be sharpened three or four times during the season for ideal plant care. Dull blades shred the grass plants rather than cutting them, which leaves a dull yellowish cast on the lawn. So sharpen up!

Other tips for lawn care include:  
The two most important cultural practices to maintain lawns weed-free and healthy are proper mowing and watering.

One, mowing, is within your control. Frequent mowing, taking of 1/3 of the blade and leaving the clippings to add nutrients and provide mulch is the goal. They key is constancy; if on vacation, have someone else mow your lawn.

As to watering, truly, nature is in control. The demands on wells are many and the resources are limited. If you don't have the water available, relax-the lawn will go dormant (work with nature), then return to green splendor when the rain returns. For further details call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.



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## File Features

### 25 years ago

Connie Eick of Medina, and Carol Corser and Janet Wehner, both of Lyndonville, were set to compete for the title of Orleans County Dairy Princess —

### 50 years ago

Steven P. Zatko of Medina was awarded the \$200 Cornell Scholarship for Orleans County

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2002

DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

### DAILY DIGEST

## Cornell seeks cats for study

ITHACA — Cornell University is looking for 80 cats with early signs of Alzheimer's disease-like cognitive dysfunction for a study of age-associated behavioral changes in older cats and the effect of diet.

The cats must be older than 10; free of serious disease; able to eat dry commercial cat food; and exhibiting signs of cognitive dysfunction, such as noticeable change in interaction with other pets, forgetting toilet training or self-directed obsessive behavior, such as over-grooming.

Cat owners within driving distance of Ithaca can determine whether their pets are suitable candidates for the feeding trial by calling (607) 253-3450 or e-mailing kah3@cornell.edu or tlm2@cornell.edu.

— MATTHEW DANEMAN



# Farm and Garden

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but has not yet appeared in court.  
Two other defendants named in the  
indictment, Rogelio Espinoza, a Garcia  
family member, and Sylvia Munoz  
Rubio, of Arizona, are still at large.  
No farmers were implicated in the  
arrests.

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actively search for laborers, Krenning  
said.

"They just appear," she said of the 35  
workers she hires every year.

Many are returners, but several oth-  
ers are newcomers each year. Those  
who come to Krenning's farm have

charges 1 THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002 , page 2A

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# Fruit outlook mixed

## Berries coming on late, cherries questionable

By Tariq Osborne

The Journal-Register

Mother Nature is wreaking  
havoc on some local cherry  
crops this year.

After what Cornell Cooper-  
ative extension educator  
David Reville termed "the  
worst May on record," signifi-  
cant damage to cherry crops  
is being seen along the Lake  
Ontario fruit belt.

"Cherries are very scarce on  
the tree," Ridgeway farmer  
Gretchen Bashford said.

The problem stems from a  
cold snap that followed an  
early warm spell in April. The  
cold discouraged blossoms —  
or harmed early blossoms —  
and kept bees from doing  
their part, Reville said.

Throughout Orleans Coun-  
ty, "Percentage loss has not  
been exactly determined but  
is significant," said Diane  
Krenning, Orleans County  
Farm Bureau president.

The damage was done spo-  
radically throughout the  
county, Reville said.

Just west of the county bor-  
der in Appleton, major cherry  
grower Jim Bittner of Singer  
Farms predicted the sweet  
cherry crop will be "lighter  
than normal but a decent crop  
nonetheless."

Frost cost him about 25 per-

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2002



# Leaders of Tomorrow SCHOLARSHIPS

## ORLEANS COUNTY:

Kassandra A. Cliff, Kendall JSHS; Tara L. Denny, L.A. Webber JSHS; Angela R. Girvin, Holley SHS; Sarah L. Miesner, Albion HS; Matthew T. Tierney, Medina HS



# Festival offers varied tastes

By **Jeremy Moule**  
The Journal-Register

ALBION — It would only make sense that during the Strawberry Festival there was a strawberry dessert contest.

The contest, conducted Friday by the Orleans County Cooperative Extension, gathered six adult entries and one youth entry.

Written recipies were submitted Thursday at the Cooperative Extension's offices in Albion. The recipies will be used in the future by 4-H groups, said Margo Bowerman, 4-H team coordinator for Orleans County.

"There's the educational component in terms of nutrition and reading recipes

... We can talk about allergies to things or ways to alter (recipes)," Bowerman said.

Two age divisions competed. Dessert recipes submitted by adults and recipes submitted by those age 19 or under.

The desserts were also judged by category. The tasty treats could be submitted under the classification of pies, shortcakes, toppings or miscellaneous.

The desserts were judged based on a prearranged scale. The recipe, appearance, taste and flavor and consistency and/or texture were all scrutinized by judges Kerrie Walker and Kevin Witkop.

Judges for the contest — in its third year at the Strawberry Festival — are members of the 4-H Senior Council.

The judges went through exacting measures to rank the desserts, even noting the difference in appearance and taste between strawberries

grown in California and New York.

Some may wonder what makes the perfect strawberry dessert, but one contestant summed up her opinion in two words.

"Fresh strawberries," said Sue Derry, whose strawberry cheesecake won in the miscellaneous category.

Prizes for the winners were a pound of fudge from Watts' Farms Country Market and a gift certificate to Kirby's Farm Market.

Locally-grown strawberries are ready and will be hitting markets very soon, said Linda Kirby of Kirby's Farm Market.

## And the winners are...

The strawberry dessert contest winners are:

**Sue Derry**,  
miscellaneous,  
strawberry  
cheesecake

**Doris Antinore**, pies,  
strawberry rhubarb pie

**Shelby and Taylor Mager**,  
youth miscellaneous,  
strawberry tarts



# Wide variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables is now available

By Deborah Roberts

Lake summer means that the eating is good in western New York. Local fruits and vegetables are coming into season and are plentiful now.

In Orleans County we are fortunate to have a large variety of locally grown produce widely available, which is not true of everywhere in this country. One only has to taste something freshly grown in WNY to find out there is a difference in the way things taste.

The diversity and good taste that we take for granted are partly the result of what is sometimes referred to as "the gift of the glacier." Because the glacier made Lake Ontario, we benefit from the moderating effect on our temperatures known as the lake effect. We also enjoy very fruitful mineral rich soils that enable crops to grow very well here. You may not realize it, but New York is among the top 10 states in production of many agricultural products and Orleans County is among the top counties for many agricultural products in New York.

Certainly you can but produce from all over the world,

but why but something locally grown? The first reason is that freshness makes a big difference in taste as well as nutritionally. The longer a fruit or vegetable sits before being processed, cooked or eaten the more plant sugar is converted into starch. So, fresher means sweeter and juicier and therefore tastier.

Secondly, food safety is an issue. Since Sept. 11, everyone is more aware of the dangers that exist. Food safety is an issue that we fortunately have not had a problem with.

When you buy locally, you know exactly where your food comes from and from an economic standpoint you know where your money is going - locally. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has launched a program to help consumers identify New York-grown produce in the supermarkets. This program called "Pride of New York" labels products that are grown or processed in New York and meet quality standards.

Several studies have been released highlighting the concern that our country is overweight and doesn't eat

healthy. Eating fruits and vegetables is good for you. By eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day helps ensure that you receive the necessary vitamins and minerals necessary for good health. Many people think they don't like vegetables or fruits, but let them try freshly picked Orleans County vegetables and they may just change their mind. The fresher, the better.

We all know that apples and pumpkins are ready in the fall and strawberries in June. What are some of the fruits and vegetables ready now? In fruits, raspberries and blueberries are plentiful, cherries are getting harder to find and peaches are just ripening.

Early apples should be ready by mid-August. As for vegetables, they are in their prime. Cucumbers, green beans, sweet corn, radishes, onions, garlic, summer squash, cabbage and new potatoes are all ready. Tomatoes are just coming on and are still hard to find. Yet to come are broccoli, carrots and beets.

Check with your local farm market or stand to find out what they have ready as it varies around the county depending on the micro or mini climate and rainfall in their location.

So as you enjoy the hot days of August, refresh yourself with the special taste we are so fortunate to have of Orleans County fruits and

vegetables.

For more information on Buy Local or Pride of New York problems, contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director

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# Some tips on fighting the bug

By Dave Reville

The continued media alerts about the West Nile Virus should make us do all we can to reduce the mosquito populations around our home and community.

Dump outstanding water from containers in the yard, especially old tires which should have holes drilled in them or fill them with sand.

Clean material from drain pipes and gutters so they flow clear. A large buildup of mosquitoes can live in standing water from pool covers.

Encourage natural predators and stock your ornamental pond with goldfish. A pond fountain will also reduce the mosquitoes.

Change the water in birdbaths daily or maybe in this wet season, don't use one at all.

To protect yourself against a bite, cover up with long sleeved shirts and a hat. In the house, make sure the doors close properly and the screens are in tight. also, when using insect repellents, read the labels and make sure products are not used on the skin of children.

One final note is to remember that electric bug zappers do not help prevent mosquito problems, they help monitor the buildup.

## 'Hold the Water' for some crops before harvest

While most crops need plenty of water to reach their peak, there are some exceptions to this rule.

In order to get muskmelons at their sweetest peak, withhold water from the crop for two weeks before harvesting. When muskmelons are one-third to one-half of their mature size, you should stop watering them. In addition to diluting their sweetness, too much water may also cause them to crack open.

Onions, once their leaves begin to yellow and dry down, should not be watered. Irrigation could make them begin to grow again,

when what the gardener really wants to do is to begin hardening them off for storage. Once the onions begin to fall over, you should withhold water from them. Otherwise, they won't store as well.

For white potatoes, withhold water once the leaves begin to die down. Water should be withheld from sweet potatoes three weeks before harvest. They, like onions, will begin to go into a dormant stage, which should not be interrupted with irrigation. Also, too much water may make them crack.

## Renovating your lawn

Are you planning to seed a new lawn or renovate an old one? If so, plan to do it during the late summer to early fall period rather than next spring.

You may feel more ambitious in undertaking such a project next spring, but for the good of your lawn, the late August through September period is best.

During this time, cooler weather and favorable soil conditions return. These conditions are ideal for better germination and establishment of the grass. Among other benefits of seeding lawn grasses this time of year is the decreased trouble you'll have with weeds, particularly crabgrass. Crabgrass begins to die during late summer, but it starts to germinate in late spring.

The young seedling grasses are not faced with the high temperatures and frequently insufficient soil moisture so common with spring seedlings.

Usually, there is no need for watering during the late summer/ early fall period to obtain germination of the lawn grasses.

For further information, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002

## Cornell Fruit Field Day to tour Orleans County farms

Fruit growers throughout the Northeast and Canada will be touring six fruit frames in and around Orleans County, along Lake Ontario, tomorrow for the Cornell 2002 Fruit Field Day.

During the tour, two new sweet cherries, "BlackGold" and "WhiteGold" will be released by Cornell

University stone fruit breeder Bob Anderson. The two cherries are the first of four new cherry varieties and two new plum varieties that Anderson expects to release within the next six months.

"Fruit growers are looking for new options to diversify operations by expanding their plantings of stone

fruits," said Anderson. "We have new and improved varieties of stone fruits and have developed management techniques that improve quality and yield."

The tour starts at the LaMont Fruit Farms on Stillwater Road in Carlton.

Several activities are planned during the lunch stop at Lake Ridge Storage

on Route 104 including the release of the two new cherries, the presentation of the annual scholarship award by the New York State Horticultural Society and Valent and a discussion on the Eurepgap export requirements for 'Empire' apples.

The featured speaker will be state Sen. George D. Maziarz.



**The Journal-Register**

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2002

## **File Features**

### **35 years ago**

- Harvey A. Lyndaker,  
an agriculture teacher at  
Medina Central School, won a  
scholarship to attend a  
conservation workshop at  
Cornell University's Arnot  
Forest near Ithaca.

**The Journal-Register**

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2002

## **File Features**

### **10 years ago**

At the annual 4-H talent show held during  
opening day of the county fair, first-prize  
winners were Brandon Bruski, Summer  
Torrance, Ra'Anne Torrance, Tammy Bloom  
and the Albion Jazz Band Ensemble.

The  
**Journal-Register**

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002

## File Features

### 10 years ago

(No paper published July 25, 1992. From the July 27 edition:) The Medina Joint Recreation added a competitive swim class to the program this year. Competing from Albion were Rosie Friedl, Frances Erway, Luke Gaines, Jennifer Baldwin, Alex Beaumont, Kristen Messmer, Liz Doherty, Jason Horth, Drew Plante, Jason Bedard and Eric Conn. Competing from Medina were Joe Sands, Leanne Hermann, Anne Joynt, Mike Joynt, Eric Guthrie, Katie Hermann, Brooke Jablonski, Sarah Stanton, Renee Root, April Schuner, Courtney Southworth and Linda Thering.

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**Extension Gardener**

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002

## Some mid summer gardening tips

By Dave Reville

### Time to pull garlic

Garlic plants usually start showing yellow and dying leaves in mid to late July. When about half of the lower leaves are yellow or dry and the bulbs have reached a reasonable size, pull the plants and allow them to dry for two to three weeks, then top and remove roots. Sometimes the outside cover of the bulbs split open badly if harvesting is delayed until all of the leaves are dry.

### Bolting of vegetables

Radishes, spinach and lettuce plants that have quickly gone to flower are common examples of bolting. Bolting is the rapid transition from the vegetative stage to

reproductive stage in a plant lifecycle. This is normal for such plants as they are photoperiodic plants of the long day type. This means that when daylight is of a certain critical length, flowering mechanisms are triggered in the plants. The process is usually enhanced by high temperatures. When radish, spinach and lettuce plants begin to bolt, quality is rapidly lost and the plants should be removed and replaced with a new planting.

### Sap Beetles

As the growing season progresses, many garden fruits and vegetables will ripen. If these crops are not harvested before over ripening occurs, they may be infested

by sap beetles. The beetles are most often found where plant fluids are fermenting or souring.

The four-spotted sap beetle is also known as the picnic beetle because of its habit of appearing at a picnic table.

Sap beetles may be a problem on tomatoes where they bore into the fruits through cracks, or any other damaged areas. On corn they usually follow damage caused by birds, insects or animals. Melons are another "favorite food."

Fruits should be harvested and removed from the field as soon as possible to prevent over ripening. Discard any over ripe or spoiled fruits away from the growing area.



THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002

## File Features

### 25 years ago

"Button pusher" Dave Getzin announced 2,500 green buttons are up for sale, at \$1 a piece, entitling wearers to a chunk of pie at the Orleans County 4-H Fair. The pie is expected to be 10 percent larger than the world-record size pie made at the fair in 1976 —

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002

## File Features

### 25 years ago

(No paper published July 24, 1977. From the July 27 edition:) Tony Banazuski scored a hole-in-one in the Tuesday Night Men's League at Shelridge Country Club. The ace was Banazuski's first in 25 years of playing golf — Jeff Toussaint and Carl Marcellus are two 4-H volunteers doing prep work for the county fair, which is slated to begin next week.

## Some garden trouble-shooting tips

By Dave Reville

Several problems in the garden can be solved by being a plant problem detective. Knowing what to look for can be a big clue.

### Main causes of crop injury, poor growth or low yields

1. Pest, disease, insects, nematodes, mites, slugs, animals and birds.

2. Environmental factors: temperatures, sunlight, rainfall, humidity, winds, hail and smog.

3. Soil conditions: depth, texture (sandy, clay), drainage, structure, acidity (pH) and fertility.

4. Human decision errors/mistakes:

a. Pre-planting considerations — crop and variety selection, planting dates, transplants and seed.

b. Culture — soil preparation and tillage, seeding techniques, plant spacing and arrangement, weed control, root pruning and foliage pruning.

c. Chemicals — spray damage, herbicides and fertilizer burn.

d. Harvesting — timing and techniques.

5. Natural: Insufficient insect pollination, heaving due to alternate freezing and thawing, genetic (variety), environmental interactions.

### Some problems and their causes

1. Failure of tomatoes, peppers or eggplants to set fruit (blossom drop). If the plants are growing well, this

frequently is due to adverse night temperatures (below 60 degrees and above 75 degrees). Seldom does heavy use of nitrogen fertilizers cause blossom-drop nor does sprinkler irrigation.

2. Blossom end rot of tomatoes and peppers occurs when the soil becomes very dry. Proper irrigation usually prevents this. Some varieties are more susceptible than others.

3. Poor plant growth and/or small fruit sizes of tomatoes is often a result of using old, large or overly hardened transplants. Young transplants (five to six weeks from seeding to planting) with five to seven true leaves and just slightly hardened normally produce the best yields and fruit size. The same principle applies to other transplanted crops, with some variations.

4. Cucumber plants suddenly start wilting, leaves may show dead areas and fruit may be mottled. This is likely to be caused by the cucumber mosaic virus, a common disease problem in New York state. Select mosaic-resistant varieties. A sudden rise in temperature or depleted soil moisture can cause wilting also, but the plants will recover.

5. Poor or slow germination

of seed can have several causes: soil temperatures that are too low or too high; poor seeding techniques; no seed treatment (peas, beans, sweet corn); maggots feeding on the seed; birds; lack of or too much moisture.

6. Generally slow or poor growth of all crops. There can be several causes such as low pH, low fertility, cool weather, lack of sunlight, poor drainage, too little or too much moisture or poor soil structure.

7. Lettuce and spinach going to seed is normal for these crops under warm temperatures and long days. Spring and fall planting and proper variety selection are remedies.

8. Radishes do not form good roots. High temperatures and long days tend to stimulate vegetative growth and seedstalk development at the expense of root development. The best roots are formed under moderate to cool temperatures.

For assistance, contact the Orleans master gardener hotline at 589-5561 from 9 a.m. until noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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## Mark your calendars

### Fair season kicks off today in Genesee Co.

It may be hard to believe it's that time of the year already, but here come the county fairs. Genesee County's fair gets under way today and runs through Sunday. Orleans County follows July 22-27, and Wyoming County is set for an Aug. 10 opening.

There's no better family entertainment.

The theme for this year's fair in Genesee is "Pride in Our Past and Faith in Our Future," and several community organizations have become involved in events. One rather intriguing event is "Stump the County Legislators," where fairgoers and local officials can test their knowledge of county history. The event is sponsored by Notre Dame Sports Boosters as part of "Luck of the Genesee," complete with games of chance, prizes and entertainment.

This year's parade celebrates both Genesee

County's Bicentennial and the 4-H Centennial, and fireworks are planned for every night. The calendar is full of the traditional fair offerings — music, puppet shows, tractor pulls, a classic car cruise-in, demolition derby and crowning of a queen, for example. The county fair is also an opportunity to see what local 4-H youths have been working on, with projects ranging from raising animals to photography to gardening. It's a great time to see horses and cows, pigs, goats, chickens and many other animals up close and at their best.

In the past year, thoughts have turned to the traditions and hopes that make us Americans. County fairs are small town America on display.

Join in the fun and the celebration of life in these United States.

# Some tips for tending to sick plants

**By Dave Reville**

If your plants look sickly or are being fed upon by insects, then you need to be a plant detective to solve the problem.

Examine your watering practices, your soil cultivation and weed control measures, plant varieties and the total landscape/garden site.

Scout your plants to know what is happening and when.

To assist you in solving your gardening problems, the master gardeners of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension have established a garden

hotline for your phone calls to be received. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to noon, garden advice is available at 589-5561.

People are also encouraged to bring in samples of their garden problems to Cooperative Extension in Albion, adjacent to the post office, during these same times.

If you bring in a sample, please make sure all insects are in medicine bottles and remember that a branch, not just a dead leaf, is needed for diagnosis.

This week the problems Cooperative

Extension has recorded, are blue spruce adelgids — the “pineapple”-shaped galls on the branch tips, small animal control, aphids, the control of poisonous giant hog weed, the control of bedstraw — the vine-like, square-stemmed sticky weed that is overtaking the gardens and European chafer beetles in flight.

Contact the garden hotline at 589-5561 with your garden problems today.

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## \*Field day is planned at organic grain farm

A Field Day will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at one of the northeast region's largest organic cash grain farms, Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens farm.

The Martens grow 1,300 acres of organic grain, along with processing vegetables on the western slope of Seneca Lake near Penn Yan. They and their neighbors share expertise to grow nearly 8,000 acres of certified organic grain production in Yates County.

The Martens also started a value added feed mill and seed cleaning business to process local organically grown crops and increase markets.

This informative program will feature talks by organic farmers explaining how they grow their crops without chemical inputs.

There will be a tour of farm fields for a first-hand look at large scale organic grain and processing vegetable production. Farmers will also demonstrate effective weed

cultivation equipment and methods. University researchers will highlight why these organic applications work and what we still need to learn.

Other stops on the tour will include demonstrations of field soil, health appraisal techniques and methods to manage insects and diseases in organically grown cabbage and other crops.

Participants for the event will meet at the Yates County Fairgrounds on Old Route 14A just south of the village of Penn Yan at 9:30 a.m.

The morning program will include an overview of organic farming in New York state and a tradeshow featuring organizations that support organic agriculture (processors, supplies, certification organizations and Cornell programs).

After lunch (bring your own or purchase on site), tour buses will take participants to field stops at the Martens' and their neighbors' farms.

There will be a \$15 fee for the field day and pre-registration is required. Call Maxine Welcome at 607-255-5439 to pre-register.

The field day is hosted by the Northeast Organic Network, New York Certified Organic and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York and co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

DEC pesticide credits will be available for those who wish them.

This event will be held rain

or shine. Bring rain gear or umbrella if the weather threatens.

For more information, call Brian Caldwell at 607-584-1060 or visit the N.E.O.N. Web site:  
<http://www.neon.cornell.edu>.

## First Empire State Pasture Day scheduled

TULLY — The first Empire State Pasture Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 17 at the John Burgett Farm in Tully.

This large-scale, outdoor event will focus exclusively on the numerous aspects associated with rotational grazing and pasture/hayland management.

Events for the day will include field demonstrations

of fence construction, no-till seeding, irrigation, mowing equipment, grass and weed identification and herding dogs.

Displays and presentations will be on-going throughout the day of watering technologies, energizer grounding, estimating forage quantity and quality, soil quality estimations and a grazing Olympics.

Numerous grazing and pasture related vendors will also be present for convenient on-site product sampling and questions. Food vendors will be on-site throughout the day.

Guest speakers for the day will include Dr. Steve Washburn of North Carolina State University on "Seasonal Calving and Cross-Breeding;" Dr. Larry Muller from the Department of Dairy and Animal

Science at Penn State University on "The Practical Application of 15 Years of Research on Feeding the Grazing Dairy Cow;" and Dr. Harold Harpster, also of the Department of Dairy and Animal Science at Penn State, on "The Challenges and Opportunities for Multiple Species Grazing."

For further information on this event, check [www.grazeny.com](http://www.grazeny.com).



## SUCCESSIVE PLANTINGS IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension



Gardeners interested in high productivity and efficient use of garden space don't plant their gardens just on Memorial Day weekend they plant cool weather crops early and keep right on planting through mid-summer.

They keep their gardens producing all season through successive planting. Successive planting uses space that opens up when early crops are harvested to plant new crops.

If you planted leaf lettuce, radishes, spinach, and green onions in mid-to-late April, along with broccoli and peas for harvest in late June, when these crops are harvested, you can use the space for planting broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Chinese cabbage for a fall harvest, as well as for quick-maturing warm-weather crops like snap beans.

This could be the planting that provides produces in quantities for late-summer freezing or canning.

The same early-season crops that went in the garden first can go in again in mid-to late summer for harvest in the fall. Lettuce and spinach sown in the spring tend to go to seed when summer weather gets hot, but lettuce and spinach seeded in the garden in midsummer are growing when the days are getting shorter and temperatures are cooler. Several small plantings made at 10-day intervals can provide an abundance of fresh salad fixings well into the fall.

Other plants for summer planting and fall harvest include peas, beets and turnips. All can be planted in July in mid-Michigan for harvest in August or September.

Before planting any crop for a fall harvest, check the seed packet or catalog description, paying special attention to the days to maturity. Choose varieties that mature quickly to be sure they'll have time to produce before they're killed by frost or a hard freeze.

Contact Cooperative Extension for a list of vegetable varieties compiled by the Department of Horticulture at Cornell. The Garden Hotline is staffed by Master Gardeners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am-12pm contact them at 589-5561.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2002

## **File Features**

### **50 years ago**

(No paper published Aug. 9, 1952. From the Aug. 11 edition:) A special oven constructed at the county fairgrounds in Albion for baking the world's largest apple pie was bulldozed —



# Plenty needs tending in August gardens

## THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

The fall vegetable plants that you started last month should be transplanted to the garden. When **transplanting** give each plant two cupfuls of liquid fertilizer solution (such as Miracle Grow, Rapid Grow or Sol-U-Green) to help overcome transplanting shock.

There's **still time to plant** Chinese cabbage, fall radishes and turnips early this month. Start butterhead lettuce in cold frames or beds that can be covered when the first frost arrives.

**Early potatoes may be dug** as soon as their tops die back, assuming you have a good root cellar or storage place for them. Potatoes store best at 40 degrees F. They also may be left in the ground another month.

**Watch tomatoes** that are ripening now for the first signs of blossom and rot (a black leathery sunken area on the blossom end of the fruit). If you find any, increase the watering of plants. When watering remember that tomato roots can extend two to three feet in all directions. An extra layer of fresh mulch should be added if soil is getting dry in the planting rows.

If you are planning to **save seeds** from your tomatoes for use next year, make sure to mark the tomato plant that bore the earliest fruit this year and the plant that bore the most fruit. Both early fruiting and heavy production are desirable characteristics to develop your own plants. Don't save seeds from hybrid tomatoes as they will not breed true.

About the middle of this month, **remove all blossoms from your melon**

**vines.** The fruits that have set at this time won't have sufficient time to mature before frost arrives. This also permits the plant to use all its energy to mature the melons already on the vine.

**Check the mulch** in your garden. Add more if necessary. Draw the mulch right up to the stems of the plants using loose handfuls.

**Get ready to harvest garlic, onions and shallots** soon. If you expect to braid them, take them inside now before their tops become too brittle and let them finish drying in the shade. When braiding, work a strong cord into each strand for safe hanging. Do not store thick neck onions. They will not keep.

**Watch those cole crops** (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts) for cabbage worms. Handpick or use a spray or dust. Follow label directions.

**Prepare for pest control** in next year's garden by pulling and shredding each split corn stalk, bush squash plant and cucumber vine. Put the shredded plants into an active compost pile to kill off the eggs of the squash bug and the Mexican bean beetle. If you have any parts of the garden that will be idle for the rest of the season, plant a cover crop of oats that can be turned under next spring.

**Check the compost pile** to make sure that it is not drying out. If it is, give it a good drenching and cover it with straw, soil or tarpaulin.

## THE FLOWER GARDEN

You may want to **add plants** to your perennial garden. Try some of these for

mid-summer bloom next year — Aconitum, coreopsis, hibiscus, hosta, liatris and rudbeckia. Start the seeds now in a shaded cold frame then transfer them to the borders in the spring. This is the last month for starting perennials and biennials from seed.

**Order your daffodil bulbs** now so that they will arrive in time to be planted by mid-September. This will allow time for good root development before the cold weather stops further growth.

**Remember to water** your roses, flower borders and any newly-planted ornamentals if the weather is dry. Drench the ground to make sure that the water gets down to the deepest roots.

**Check your hybrid roses** for sucker growth at or below the graft. Remove any such growth to prevent your roses from reverting to the rootstock parentage.

**Peonies will benefit** from a side-dressing of a balanced fertilizer. Spread a handful of 10-10-10 around each plant.

**Remove bulbils** from the leaf axils of tiger lilies, *Lilium sargentiae* and *L. sulfureum* and some of the hybrids, for they will be ripe soon. Remove them before they fall off and plant the bulbils in flats or nursery rows like seeds. Next year they will be ready for transplanting six inches apart in the row. In two or three years they will reach blooming size.

For further information call the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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# Commissioner urges dairy farms to

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## As milk prices continue to decline, federal dairy program starts

State Agriculture Commissioner Nathan L. Rudgers has issued a reminder to dairy farmers to sign up for the Milk Income Loss Contract program that began Tuesday.

The program, authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill, will financially compensate dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

"This program could not come at a more critical time than now," said Rudgers. "As New York farmers continue to experience declining milk prices without the price support actions of the Dairy Compact, it is

critical to the welfare of our dairy industry that we get this support program in place and running.

"Thanks to the hard work of Governor Pataki and our Congressional delegation, this new Farm Bill program is expected to bring millions of dollars to New York's dairy industry over the next three and a half years. Therefore, I encourage dairy farmers in New York state to make sure he or she is properly signed up for the federal dairy program through their local Farm Service Agency office and have completed all the paperwork and requirements."

Eligible dairy producers are those who produced and marketed milk in the United States commercially since December 2001. To be approved for the program, producers must be in compliance with certain conservation provisions and must enter into a contract with USDA's Farm Service Agency to provide monthly marketing data.

The adjusted price New York farmers received for their milk in July was \$11.30 per cwt., 33 cents lower than June and \$5.16 less than a year ago.

With MILC payments set at \$1.38

per cwt. for July, the average New York dairy farmer, milking 98 cows at an average production level, would receive the additional monthly payment of approximately \$2,000.

Expectations of reduced national milk production over 2002 support forecast of better dairy prices for 2003. USDA's Aug. 12 edition of World Agricultural Situation and Demand Estimates predict lower milk production nationwide due to higher forecasted grain prices and tighter supplies of high-quality forages due to current drought.



**The Journal-Register**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2002**

## **File Features**

### **50 years ago**

Free chest X-rays for county residents over age 15 will be offered at the County Farmers Field Days by the Orleans Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health — The Medina Chamber of Commerce inspected the vegetable gardens of 14 Medina-area farm students competing in the high school agricultural fair, scheduled for two months later.

**The Daily News • Thursday, August 15, 2002**

## **Barn Buddies 4-H Horse Club has busy June, July**

MEDINA — June and July were busy months for the Barn Buddies 4-H Horse Club.

Their big event for June was preparing for the Horse Program Developmental Committee Leaders' Horse Show.

The Barn Buddies were in charge of the 50/50 raffle this year, and well exceeded the amount from previous years.

Some of the members attended the Showmanship Clinic and the Trail Clinic offered by HPDC to help improve the groups' riding skills.

Stephanie Boyle and Nicki Maryjanowski attended the Cornell University trip, which was awarded to them by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

In July, the club was busy preparing for the Orleans County 4-H Fair. Stephanie and Ashley Boyle attended regionals in preparation for the fair.

Most of the members participated in the daily horse shows during fair week. They all did well and are looking forward to next year's fair.



# Two-day Summer Farm Tour includes stops in Elba, Albion

The New York State Agri-Business Association will host its annual Summer Tour for Professionals in Agriculture in the Batavia area today and Wednesday.

The tour is open to anyone interested in attending and will showcase innovative developments in agriculture in the area from Clarence to Albion to Pavilion.

The public is invited to join with the members of the NYS Agri-Business Association to get an insider's perspective of the many businesses that come together to enable farmers to produce food for the public.

The tour will begin today with a visit to Kreher's Poultry Farm in Clarence. Kreher's composts, pelletizes and then markets its poultry manure wastes. The farm has about 500,000 chickens and also grows corn, peas, soybeans and wheat. About 800 acres of their soybeans are certified organic.

While at Kreher's Farm, John Deibel from the Deibel Corporation for Agriculture will discuss the Western New York Compost Network. The Compost Network connects agricultural producers to resources to help them turn

wastes into compost in an environmentally sound manner and then market the final product.

Next, the tour will travel to Lake Ridge Fruit Storage in Albion to visit a cooperative storage facility and see improvements being made to install a state of the art packaging system for high volume (650,000 bushels per year). At this stop we will also be discussing quality apple marketing. From Lake Ridge we will travel to LaMont Farms where close attention is paid to orchard nutrition, integrated pest management techniques and planting systems. Through mechanization and the previously mentioned methods, LaMont Farms is looking to enhance its product quality and remain viable into the future.

The final stop before breaking for dinner will be Ontario Harvest Farm Supply store. This is a new agribusiness dealer facility, built to meet all local, state and federal requirements to protect the safety of those on site and the surrounding community.

The day will conclude with an evening program including a social hour and dinner at the

Orleans County Fairgrounds. Following dinner there will be a brief presentation on agribusiness-related legislative and regulatory issues that surfaced in 2002.

The tour will stop at the Agway Heifer Production Facility in Elba Wednesday. This is as pathogen-free a facility as possible. More than 3,000 animals are raised on contract.

All aspects of the business will be discussed including the facilities Comprehensive Whole Farm Plan. The next stop in Elba will be CY Farms where the vegetable fields receive heifer production facility manure as part of the farms fertility management program.

There will also be a discussion and demonstration of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) scouting in vegetables.

The final stop on Wednesday is Noblehurst Farms in Pavilion where tour participants see the manure to methane generating system. Other aspects of implementing a Comprehensive Whole Farm Plan for this facility will also be discussed.

Cost to attend the two-day event is \$95 which includes the social hour and dinner today and breaks throughout the tour.

For further information about the tour, call the NYS Agri-Business Association office at 716-652-2191.



# Eagle Scout hopeful soars despite disability

By Tom Rivers  
Daily News Staff Writer

RIDGEWAY — Cerebral palsy kept Jonathan Doherty from walking until he was 5 and talking until he was 4.

The disease still affects Doherty, trying to slow him down at age 19. But the Albion resident refuses to be deterred by the disorder, as well as moderate mental retardation.

He has poured himself into Boy Scouts and soon expects to receive Scouting's highest rank of Eagle. He is wrapping up work for three of the 21 merit badges needed for the Eagle.

Next month he will direct a team of Scouts in building 10 benches for Camp Rainbow, a complex owned by The Arc of Orleans County on Townline Road, Ridgeway.

The camp, which is open to children with and without disabilities, has been a special part of Doherty's life for more than a decade, he said.

"I want to give something back to Camp Rainbow because I've been coming here for so long," he said Friday on the final day of camp this summer.

Doherty speaks articulately, especially about the camp. When arsonists burned two of the camp's buildings two years ago, Doherty served as camp spokesman when media crews came by looking for a reaction from campers.

"He has the biggest heart," Aleka Schuth, the camp director, said about Doherty. "This project was his own idea. He really wants to make a difference in the community, and he does."

The camp has shortages of chairs and benches, especially since many chairs were destroyed in the fire, she said.

Doherty has been in Scouts since he was 6. His two older sisters, Lizbeth and Meghan, both were in Girl Scouts. Doherty's mother, Linda, said she likes Scouts because "it teaches values, skills and working together."

Jonathan's three younger siblings — Allyson, Spencer and Brendan — also have all been in Scouts.

"There's fun activities and there's supervision," said Mrs. Doherty, a member of the Arc's board of directors. "Hopefully they will learn skills they can use later in life."

Jonathan, who will be a senior at Albion High School this year, said many of his best friends are in Scouts. He likes camping, hiking, canoeing and selling popcorn with other Scouts.

One of his missing merit badges requires personal fitness. Doherty has been unable to participate in the endurance exercises since heart surgery last year, when doctors tried



Mark Gutman/Daily News

**CAMP SUPPORTER:** Jonathan Doherty, 19, of Albion stands near the entrance to Camp Rainbow in Ridgeway. Despite a minor case of cerebral palsy and mental retardation, Doherty is working on an Eagle Scout project that calls for 10 wooden benches at the camp, which he has attended for about a decade.

to repair a heart murmur that ripped a hole in his heart the size of a silver dollar. His mother said he should receive medical clearance next week to work towards the merit badge.

He already has completed most of the journey for the Eagle, earning badges for first aid, swimming, emergency preparedness and numerous other skills.

"It's a great honor," Doherty said about the Eagle. "I've worked so hard to get to this point."

His mother said living in a family of overachievers helped Jonathan to push himself since he was a young boy. She and her husband, Kevin, wanted Jonathan to live as full a life as possible. That included a full share of household chores since he was a kid.

The expectations helped him, she said. Although he has some limitations, "he has a lot of life skills," she said.

Jonathan, a member of Troop 60 in Albion, will conclude his Scouting and camping career this year. He hopes to volunteer as a junior Scouting leader in the future. He also expects to be working after graduation.

For now his focus is on securing donations and lumber for the bench project. After he has the lumber, hardware and paint, he will lead a team of Scouts in constructing the benches.

"He wanted a place where he could be himself and excel at his own rate," Mrs. Doherty said. "In Scouting, he found that."



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2002

## — File Features

From the Journal-Register archives, on the 15th day of August, it was reported ...

### 50 years ago

Medina tenor William McGrath was to appear at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo during the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's "Pops" concert — Approximately 7,500 people attended the opening day of the Farm Fair at the Albion fairgrounds.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2002

## *Fair incident shows there's balance in the world*

Joel Freedman's letter about the cruelty of the 4-H marketplace hit a nerve with me, as I too have been wondering how a child can spend time nurturing, loving and showing off animals just to have them auctioned off for a terrible, confusing slaughter.

Are we hardening our children in this way so it makes it easier to foster racism and abuse of things not "like us?"

The good news is that during a summer school session, one young man brought up an incident witnessed at the Orleans County Fair

that made the class rally for these sentient creatures. He said that when he saw a young girl beating her pig with a stick, he spoke up and asked her to stop. This was a great feat of courage for a 14-year-old, and everyone witnessing the outrageous behavior also spoke up.

There is balance in the universe, and I thank the ones who speak up against treating anything inhumanely.

**Debby Keller  
Medina**



# Looking ahead - some early garden tips for next year

By Dave Reville

## Early garden tips

Pest control in next year's garden will be a lot easier if you pull and shred each split corn stalk, bush squash plant and cucumber vine. Put the shredded plants into an active compost pile to kill off the eggs of the squash bug and the Mexican bean beetle.

If you have any parts of the garden that will be idle for the rest of the season, plant a cover crop of oats that can be turned under next spring.

Check the compost pile to make sure that it is not drying out. If it is, give it a good drenching and cover it with straw, soil or tarpaulin.

## The flower garden

You may want to add plants to your perennial garden. Try some of these for mid-summer bloom next year - Aconitum, coreopsis, hibiscus, hosta, liatris and rudbeckia. Start borders in the spring. This is the last month for starting perennials and biennials from seed.

Order your daffodil bulbs now so they will arrive in time to be planted by mid-September.

Remember to water your roses, flower border and any newly-planted ornamentals if the weather is dry.

Check your hybrid roses for sucker growth at or below the graft. Remove any such growth to prevent your roses from reverting to the root-stock parentage.

Peonies will benefit from a

side-dressing of a balanced fertilizer. Spread a handful of 10-10-10 around each plant.

Bulbils from the leaf axils of tiger lilies, *Lilium sargentiae* and *L. sulfureum*, and some of the hybrids that will be ripe soon. Remove them before they fall off and plant the bulbils in flats or nursery rows like seeds. Next year that will be ready for transplanting six inches apart in the row.

If the month is hot and damp, it can lead to fungus attacks in the beds and borders. The best way to discourage mildews and molds is by thinning, thereby getting light and air into the plant clusters.

## The fruit garden

This is the month to investigate the wild and weedy sections of your fruit plantings. Be on the alert for sweet clover and wild bramble bushes. Codling moth cocoons are sometimes found in the sweet clover stems, spun out lengthwise in cottony masses, while

the swollen canes of the wild bramble can indicate the presence of borers. Suspicious-looking canes should be destroyed and the sweet clover mowed.

It's time to give your fruit trees their summer pruning. Cut out all water sprouts, broken and wind-damaged wood. Be careful to make only those cuts that are absolutely necessary.

Check your cherry and apple trees for the presence of fruit-tree bark borers, also called shot-hole borers because they make small holes in the branches. When looking for these holes, keep an eye open for small trickles of sap running down the branch and trace them to the source. When detected, remove and destroy the affected branches. Clean under each tree. Remove and destroy all shriveled and fallen fruit.

If you had a thick mulch under the trees for most or all of the season, rake away the

old mulch.

For further information, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561.

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Lake Country Pennysaver

September 8, 2002

**Notice of Accepting Bids**

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension is seeking bids for replacing a 50 x 120 picnic pavilion at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds. Interested bidders should contact Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561 or PO Box 150 Albion, NY 14411 for specifications and contact person. Deadline for bids is September 19, 2002 at 12:00pm. Bids will be opened at Cooperative Extension, 20 South Main Street, Albion, NY 14411 at 7:00pm on September 19, 2002 at the Board of Directors meeting. Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



# A very good apple crop is now at hand, despite the unusual weather

By Alison DeMarree

Despite fluctuating temperatures and the above normal rainfall for much of western New York this spring there is a great apple crop developing in the rolling hills here. Apples grow best near large bodies of water and on slopes, which is why so many apples are grown between the Erie Canal and Lake Ontario.

Lake Ontario is cool in the spring, keeping the land adjacent to it cool. This slows down the growth of trees in the early spring so that by blossom time the chance of frost damage is lessened. Orchards in low-lying areas have a greater chance of frost injury as cool air will move down a slope and settle in these areas. Although there is some frost injury to apples in low-lying areas this year — many orchards have a good crop because they are planted on hilltops or hillsides.

Apple growers have planted many new orchards in the past five years. These orchards are just beginning to produce many new and exciting varieties that may be found at farm markets before they are available at traditional grocery stores.

Some of the new varieties now ripening are:

**Prestine** is a very early tart apple that is yellow in color

and picked around the first week of August.

**Zestar** is harvested around the third week of August. It is a large sweet-tart apple with a fine texture that is juicy and white fleshed. This apple has a yellow-green background with a red blush.

**Ginger Gold** is a yellow apple harvested the last week of August and the first week of September. It is a firm, mild apple good for eating out of hand or making into applesauce.

**Sansa** is a red and yellow apple also harvested around the first week of September. It is also a good fresh eating apple and also makes both a great chunky applesauce and apple pie.

**Golden Supreme** tastes very similar to Golden Delicious but has a whiter flesh and is harvested the second week of September. It is firm, sweet and matures a month before the traditional Golden Delicious.

**Gala** is probably now familiar to most consumers as it is found in many grocery stores. Western New York Galas are especially good because those sold at farm markets in the fall are more likely to have been tree ripened. You haven't tasted an apple until you have tasted a tree-ripened apple! They are sweet and very

juicy. Harvest of the first tree-ripened Gala's begins after the second week of September.

**Honeycrisp** is one of the most new exciting apples now being grown here. Harvest of Honeycrisp starts at the end of the second week of September. It is a firm, bi-colored apple that is mild in taste and exceptionally juicy. When you bit into this apple the juice just runs in your mouth. This is an apple that stays firm even after being on display on the table or countertop for a week or more. Honeycrisp is also an exceptional cooking apple for pies, baked goods and chunky applesauce. Honeycrisp slices stay firm even when cooked. It is great cooked with a little cinnamon, sugar and nutmeg in the microwave or on the stove and heaped over pancakes.

**New York 674** is an apple bred at the Geneva Experiment Station that has not yet been named. It is a red-yellow apple harvested the third week of September. NY674 is a tart-sweet apple that is sweeter than a McIntosh but does not brown. It makes an applesauce with good body (not runny) and great taste. It is an ideal apple for dried slices because it does not brown and has great flavor. If you like eating McIntosh out of hand, you will love NY 674.

The New York consumer is very fortunate to have so many apple varieties virtually grown in their backyard. Very few U.S. consumers have the opportunity to taste tree-ripened apples, those apples left on the tree to develop the natural sugars, flavor and juiciness meant to be. Here consumers can buy local apples that have not been harvested so early to stand the rigors of being shipped hundreds or thousands of miles.

Plan to spend time in one of western New York's orchards this fall either picking your own apples or watching the apple harvest take place. These days are warm and sunny, the nights cool and crisp. This weather is not only what paints bright red and yellow fall leaves, but also colors our apples and develops their natural sugars. There is no better day than a sunny September or October day with the smell of ripe apples in the air as you watch or participate in the apple harvest.

By the way, there are also many great new and traditional apples that ripen in October that we often call "winter" varieties because they store well. But that's another article.

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Alison DeMarree is with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Lake Ontario Fruit Program.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

## Teen talk isn't so tough to tackle

Here are 10 tips for talking with young people about tough issues

1. Start early.
2. Initiate conversation with your child.
3. ... even about difficult issues.
4. Create an open environment.
5. Communicate your own values.
6. Listen to your child.
7. Try to be honest.
8. Be patient.
9. Use everyday opportunities to talk.
10. Talk about it again. And again.

— G-O Youth Bureau

### Just Past the City Limits

## *The top 10 indications school is back in session*

CNHI News Service

10. Cars whose drivers are peering between the steering wheel and the dashboard blow your doors off earlier in the day than they did during the summer.
9. Excuses become more academic in nature, for instance: the physics teacher assigned me to drag Main for three hours in order to study the kinetic energy produced by the combustible engine.
8. Your son would really love to help you build fence but you did say you wanted him to study harder this year and there is that algebra test tomorrow.
7. You trip over a pile of books and notebooks when you enter the house.
6. You trip over the same pile of books and notebooks when you leave the house.
5. Those seemingly endless telephone conversations don't get any shorter but now they are, supposedly, about school work.
4. You think that, perhaps, there is a place for your daughter in politics when she explains to you that she can get extra credit for going to the party after the football game.
3. Kids who don't have a vehicle point to the neighbor's piece of junk and say they'd settle for that. The neighbor kid points to another kid's decent car and that kid points to the banker's daughter's new BMW.
2. Little kids come home and ask you what you've got against the Rain Forest.
1. After seeing the first grades of the year you decide it might not be that bad to have a kid who wears a funny paper hat and flips hamburgers for a living.

by Mark Parker, Farm Talk



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### 4H - The Power of Youth!

Youth ages 7-18 are invited to come  
and see what 4H is all about!

**Where:** Yates Baptist Church  
Yates Center, Lyndonville

**When:** 2:00pm on Saturday, September 7, 2002

★ Hosted by The Lyndonville Mongrels 4H Club ★

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#### • Sept. 7 - Plant Sale -

Cornell Co-op Master  
Gardeners (Rain or Shine)  
8:30-11:30am, Trolley Bldg,  
Orleans County 4-H  
Fairgrounds Rt 31,  
Knowlesville, NY -  
(585)589-5561. Also- Free  
Garden Lecture- 9-10am,  
Free Soil Testing, Free Door  
Prize & Drawings, Free  
Educational Material, Free  
Calender, Yard Sale:  
Gardening Tools, Books,  
Pots Etc.



# Trouble-shooting vegetable garden trouble

## Dave Reville

Vegetable garden problems may involve direct injury or abnormal growth, or both.

The cause may be obvious or obscure and there may not be a remedy. Possible causes are numerous and varied. Some problems may affect all vegetables, others only one crop, maybe only one variety or sometimes only one or two plants.

The main causes of crop injury, poor growth or low yields could involve any combination of the following:

■ Pests-diseases (fungal, bacterial, virus), insects, nematodes, mites, slugs, animals or birds.

■ Environmental factors — temperatures (hot, cool, freezing), sunlight (intensity and day length), rainfall (low, high), humidity, winds, hail or smog.

■ Soil conditions — depth, texture (sandy, clay), drainage, structure, acidity (pH) or fertility.

Human decision errors or mistakes:

■ Pre-planting considerations — crop and variety selection, planting dates, transplants or seed.

■ Culture — soil preparation and tillage, seeding techniques, plant spacing and arrangement, weed control, root pruning or foliage pruning.

■ Chemicals — spray damage, herbicides or fertilizer burn.

■ Harvesting — timing, techniques.

■ Natural — lack of insect activity for pollination, heaving due to alternate freezing and thawing, genetic (variety), environmental interactions, multiple factor problems or unknown.

## Some common vegetable problems with probable causes:

Failure of tomatoes, peppers and eggplant to set fruit (blossom-drop). If the plants are growing well, this frequently is due to adverse night

temperatures, such as below 60 degrees and above 75 degrees. Very seldom does heavy use of nitrogen fertilizers cause blossom-drop, nor does sprinkler irrigation.

Blossom-end-rot of tomatoes and peppers. Occurs when soil becomes very dry. Proper irrigation usually prevents it. Some varieties are more susceptible than others.

Poor plant growth and/or small fruit sizes of tomatoes. Often a result of using old, large or overly hardened transplants. Young transplants (five to six weeks from seeding to planting in the garden) with five to seven true leaves and just slightly hardened (toughened) normally produce the best yields and fruit size. Same principle applies to other transplanted crops with some variations.

Cucumber plants suddenly start wilting, leaves may show dead areas and fruit may be mottled. Likely cucumber mosaic virus, a common

disease problem in New York state. Select mosaic resistant varieties. Sudden rise in temperature or depleted soil moisture can cause wilting too, but plants will recover.

Poor or slow germination of seed. Can be several causes, like soil temperatures too low or too high, poor seeding technique (too deep, lack of firming), no seed treatment (peas, beans, sweet corn), maggots feeding on the seed, birds, lack of moisture, too much moisture, etc.

Generally slow or poor growth of all crops. Can be several causes like low pH, low fertility, cool weather, lack of sunlight, poor drainage, too little or too much moisture or poor soil structure.

Lettuce and spinach going to seed. This is normal for these crops under warm temperatures and long days. Spring and fall planting and proper variety selection are remedies.

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# New varieties of apples coming to fruition locally

By Allison DeMarree

Despite fluctuating temperatures and the above normal rainfall for much of western New York this past spring, there is a great apple crop developing locally. Apples grow best near large bodies of water and on slopes — easily met easily in locations between the Erie Canal and Lake Ontario.

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## Celebrating 100 years of 4-H and watching the Goat Knowledge

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following articles were written by 4-H members Eric Malone and Christie McAllister, who were at the New York State Fair in Syracuse last week.)*

**By Eric Malone and Christie McAllister**

SYRACUSE — Count the number of pennies in a dollar and that is how many years 4-H has been alive. On Aug. 22, an audience filled with 4-H'ers, alumni, and onlookers came together to celebrate the 100th birthday of 4-H.

Nancy Fay, Cornell Cooperative Extension's communication and marketing specialist, opened up the big bash with a few words. Nancy then turned the show over to Glenn Apple-

bee, the acting director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Glenn noted 4-H as being "a movement" and gave his congratulations. Later in the program, Celeste Carmichael dedicated the main 4-H office in the youth building to Dick Diekmann, who oversees the organizing participation and 4-H involvement in the tram program at the State Fair.

After the Sept. 11 tragedy, the 4-H clubs in the state of Missouri raised money for the New York State 4-H Foundation in recognition of the trials New Yorkers have gone through since Sept. 11. Through car washes and a bake sale the Missouri 4-Hers raised over \$15,000, which will now be put towards the "kids helping kids" program.

A great addition to 4-H after 100 years is the Hall of Fame. The nation-

wide 4-H hall of fame has six New York faces in it, which were announced at the centennial celebration. The following people were inducted into the Hall of Fame, and were recognized as people who dedicated most of their lives to 4-H: Seaman Knapp (known as the "father of cooperative extension"); Gertrude Warren (often called the "mother of 4-H"); Florence "Nancy" Thayer (began "Capital Days" and was one of the founders of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents); Albert Hoefer (past the State 4-H Club Leader); Professor Harold Willman (wrote the first 4-H Handbook); Donald Stiles (first president of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and also helped form it).

One hundred years ago 4-H started out as a program that assisted young, rural farm children and teens in learning life skills in agriculture, home economics, and leadership. One hundred years later 4-H doesn't deal with teaching kids how to plow a field with horses, but rather teaching them how farmers are dependent on space technology involving satellites and Global Positioning Systems. Four-H is now actively involved in many other various areas such as horticulture, home economics, community service, and much more. One thing that hasn't changed in 4-H is the impact it has on the lives of everyone involved in it. 4-H ... "millions of opportunities, thousands of youth, one hundred years ... one great idea!"



# August is the perfect month for lawns

**By Dave Reville**

August is the optimal time to invest some extra time, money and effort into improving an existing lawn or starting a new one.

Following are some of the good things you can do for your lawn in the late summer and early fall.

## Fertilization

Labor Day is a good time to fertilize the lawn. With the shorter days and cooler temperatures of late summer and early fall, lawns usually begin to put on a new flush of growth. Root systems, which typically shrink during the summer, increase naturally at this time, and fertilization will help build healthier turfgrass. Virtually all lawns will benefit from fertilization.

## Core cultivation and over-seeding

If your lawn has more than three-quarters of an inch of thatch, has very compacted soil or is thin with bare spots, core cultivation followed by overseeding can improve the soil and root system of the grass, and therefore the density and health of the lawn.

Core cultivation is accomplished by a machine which takes out small cylindrical plugs of soil, usually about three-quarters of an inch in diameter and about two inches long and deposits them on the surface of the lawn. The cores are broken up using a drag mat and the soil particles settle into the grass. The resulting holes in the ground let in more moisture and

oxygen to the roots, which will stimulate turfgrass growth.

"Overseeding" is when new grass seed is applied to an existing lawn which has been core cultivated. The new grass will germinate and increase the density of the lawn.

These operations are best done when grass is growing well, such as the late summer or early fall (given that enough rainfall or irrigation is available).

Core cultivation machines can be rented from rental centers and professional lawn care businesses often offer core cultivation services.

## Starting a new lawn

New lawns are best started during the time of Aug. 15 to Sept. 25. A big reason for this is that crabgrass, the quick germinating weed that can take over a new seedbed, is less problematic at this time.

Don't wait too long to start a new lawn. Although perennial ryegrass planted late in the season may still germinate in a week to 10 days, Kentucky bluegrass, which may need up to three weeks to germinate, must be planted early enough to start growth before low temperatures and eventual frost stop all growth.

## Lawn renovation

Lawns with more than 60 percent perennial weeds are candidates for total renovation. This involves killing the entire lawn with a broad spectrum herbicide such as glyphosate (\*Roundup), stripping the sod, heavily core cultivating or rototilling and planting new seed.

Enough water, provided perhaps on a daily basis, is needed to keep the seedbed moist and facilitate germination.

Many lawns don't need to be totally renovated, but have sections where a persistent weed, such as quackgrass, resides. For these difficult to manage weeds, a small renovation project in the infested area is the only way to eliminate or reduce the weed population.

Why not just rototill and skip the herbicide? While this may be a cheaper and initially easier alternative, many perennial weeds will regenerate from roots, rhizomes, stolons or crowns which survive the rototilling and reinfest the new areas.

## Grubs

Late August is the best time to remove a square foot of turf from your lawn in several places, turn it upside down and examine it for grubs.

The grubs will be a small, C-shaped, whitish and have a brown head and six legs near the front end.

Some lawns have grub infestations, but more lawns are treated with insecticides where no grubs live, wasting time, money and pesticide.

The message is clear - don't treat without checking to see if you have grubs.

For further information, contact the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension office at 585-589-5561.

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## Coalition works to expand preservation efforts *Organization now seeking new members*

The New York State Barn Coalition is seeking to expand its barn preservation efforts.

Several years ago, a number of organizations and individuals came together to address a growing concern with the loss of New York state's barns. This was the beginning of the New York State Barn Coalition, whose mission is to increase public awareness and promote the appreciation, preservation, rehabilitation and re-use of older and historic barns. The Coalition began working toward preserving agricultural landscapes, revitalizing rural communities and fostering pride in New York's cultural heritage.

The Coalition is now a non-profit membership group, enabling us to expand our membership and more effectively address the concerns of farmers, barn caretakers and barn enthusiasts.

"If you have at any time admired the intrinsic beauty of a barn or a rural landscape, you have probably also felt the loss of a familiar landmark," said a Coalition spokesperson. "Many of our grandparents or great-grandparents had lives intertwined with these buildings, as they made a livelihood

from the resources produced on a family farm. Today we are increasingly aware of the fragility of these dominant rural landscape features; some in active use and others weatherworn, leaning and vacant.

"Our agrarian way of life has changed and while there are barns that have been adapted to new agricultural practices, other old barns and outbuildings are often without a useful purpose. Some are now in settings that no longer support agricultural endeavors. Yet they stand as a reflection of our historic roots, a legacy to the state's agricultural heritage," said the spokesperson.

"There is a national recognition that older and historic barns are at risk. All across

the country, other states are also wrestling with ways to address the loss of these buildings. Our own state has implemented a tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic barns and currently supports a barn preservation grant program.

"The Coalition recognizes the public interest and need for assistance at several levels. In order to more effectively meet the challenge of our mission, we need new members. As a new member you will be able to personally contribute to the efforts of barn preservation, to the level of your interest, time and financial ability. Members can become involved at varying levels of intensity, knowing that they are contributing to a concerted effort to keep our barns alive for another generation of

users and viewers - our children and grandchildren.

"As a New York State Barn Coalition member you will receive our mailings, notice of special events in your area of the state, invitations to participate on committees and an early registration notice for the Annual Barn Coalition Conference," said the spokesperson.

To contact the Coalition call 607-255-7412 or write: New York State Barn Coalition c/o CARDI, 43 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

## File Features

### 10 years ago

Bill Clinton mocked Republicans for trying to corner the market on family values while "making it harder for everyone else to raise their children" — A study released by Cornell University suggests New York's farm workers should be granted the right to organize unions.



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## File Features

### 25 years ago

Heavy rains continued to soak western New York. "The harvest of corn, cabbage and beans is pretty much at a standstill," Gerald Scharping of the Orleans County Soil Conservation Service said. He reported September's total rainfall as of today was 6.26 inches, four inches above the average of 2.37 inches. "If it keeps coming down, a few of the creeks may go over their banks ... there is no possible way it can soak in now," he said.



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**It's That Time of Year**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

# Observing Farm Safety and Health Week

**By Deborah Roberts**

As fall rolls into Orleans County, there will be an increase in the amount of farm equipment and trucks on the roads.

As the autumn days wear on, farmers become tired and as the days get longer. Attention to safety becomes more and more important for everyone. To increase the awareness of the limitations of agricultural machinery in traveling speed and maneuverability the National Safety Council is observing National Farm Safety and Health Week focusing on this issue this week.

The theme for this year is "Farm Safety and Health Week ... Not Just for Farmers Anymore."

The following are excerpts from some of the information available on the Council's Web site (<http://www.nsc.org>):

The National Safety Council reminds everyone that they have a part in farm safety during National Farm Safety and Health Week. Many users of

rural roads do not know the speed limitation of farm equipment. Tractors, combines and other self-propelled farm machinery can only travel up to 25 mph. It takes only seconds for an automobile to reach a tractor or self-propelled machine. Once a farm machine is noticed ahead of you, slow down before you reach the tractor or machine.

Many users of rural roadways do not know the maneuverability limitation of farm equipment. Tractors, combines and other self-propelled farm and ranch machines because of their size may find it necessary to first move to the right before turning left. Drivers who are not aware of this necessity may think that the machine operator is moving over to allow them to pass, which has resulted in the motorist being surprised and with no time to react when the machine operator suddenly turns left. A crash is often the result with injuries to the occupants of the automobile.

Be aware, when approaching farm machines from the rear, of places where the operator of the machine may want to turn left. Only when entrances are not present and you are in a designated passing zone should you attempt to pass farm machinery.

Farmers and ranchers need to remember that rural roadways are used by everyone and should be shared accordingly. Having all reflectors, slow-moving vehicle emblems and lights clean and in good working condition is absolutely necessary to be seen on our country's roadways.

Agriculture work does not always occur during ideal conditions and visibility can be a problem.

The limitations on your equipment for speed and maneuverability can result in a crash with other vehicles if your farm machinery cannot be seen and identified from a distance.

Use the four-way amber warning lights whenever you are operating a tractor or machine on the road.

Also the use of a pilot vehicle will help the farm machine operator to reinforce his/her intentions to other motorists.

Use mirrors that allow the operator to see behind the tractor or machine to see if anyone is behind you so you can plan to turn accordingly.

Walking and running are common forms of exercise in rural areas. The safest way to walk or run on rural roads is to travel on the side of the road with the traffic coming at you. In this way, you can see the situation ahead.

Remember patience is a trait that will allow everyone to go home at the end of the day.

For more information on safety contact the National Education Center for Agriculture Safety at 1-888-844-6322 or Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension (589-5561) or [www.ccecornelledu/orleans](http://www.ccecornelledu/orleans).

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



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## Just Past the City Limits

### Top reasons farmers take vacations

10. He's sick and tired of driving around looking at the same old crops.

9. He wants to find out if that big bridge ever got finished that was under construction the last time they were on vacation back in the late '70s.

8. His wife refuses to haul milo to the elevator until they get to sleep in a bed she didn't have to make and eat food she didn't have to cook.

7. There just happens to be a big machinery auction that's right on the way.

6. Because the jars on his wife's dresser are finally full of dimes, nickels and quarters.

5. His pickup is in the shop and it's the only way his wife will let him drive the car.

4. If he takes a swing through the livestock barns at the state fair the whole trip becomes tax deductible.

3. Last year when he spent the vacation fund money as a down payment on a baler, he promised the family they'd take one this year.

2. He hasn't seen rain in so long he's decided to go look for it.

1. By golly, the whole family has worked hard and they deserve a good, solid day and a half off.

by Mark Parker, Farm Talk



# Some gardening tips for September

**By Dave Reville**

Fall is the best time to dig, divide and replant many perennials.

But do this early in the season so the plants become established before the onset of freezing weather.

Fall is also a good time to plant daylilies, hosta, iris, peonies, mums and many other perennials. Fall sales at area garden centers and plant swaps with neighbors are good sources of plant materials.

If you will be relocating perennials to new locations, be sure to select planting sites that provide the growing conditions that match the plant's needs for shade or sun, soil conditions and drainage. For best results, eliminate weeds and prepare the soil ahead of time. Next, deeply spade or till the soil incorporating compost or rotted manure to improve soil drainage and to add organic matter.

Carefully dig plants using a pitchfork if you have one which will help minimize root injury. Remember to lift as much of the root system as possible. Reduce

clump size using a sharp knife to divide.

Certain plants need special planting like peonies that require three to five pink eyes or buds on each section. Iris needs one fan of leaves and several feeder roots on the rhizome. Daylilies require only a single fan division and some roots. Hosta need some leaves and roots.

Remember to not plant peonies too deeply, planting the crowns so that the eyes are one to two inches below the soil.

## **Fall is not good time to prune plants**

Now that the weather has cooled, most people think this is the best time to finish pruning tasks, but fall is not the right time to prune in most cases.

In the fall, plants are getting ready to go dormant. Less daylight and reduced heat encourages them to get ready for winter dormancy, and they are less able to resist the stress of pruning. When you prune a tree or shrub you wound it. To do this, it must be able to quickly pro-

duce tissue. In the fall, plants produce new tissue more slowly than they do in early spring, which is the best time to prune.

Pruning in the fall makes plants susceptible to cold temperature damage. And, if there is prolonged winter thaw, the plant may produce new growth which freeze off, again "wounding" the tree, especially if it was heavily pruned in the fall.

In the fall, gardeners can clean out broken branches, but they should resist the urge to do a general pruning and wait for spring when the best time to prune is in March when plants are dormant.

Exceptions to the rule are the early blooming spring shrubs which should be pruned after the flower.

For further information on September garden tips, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension (589-5561).

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## Abstinence isn't the only answer

In her Sept. 13 article titled "Spending more on abstinence makes sense," Joelle Shrestha claimed that abstinence programs are one of the only programs that give teens the truth in a world where "there is a lot of misinformation, as well as sugar-coated facts, on this topic, especially when it's presented for and to teens."

I agree that there is a lot of

misinformation being presented to teens, but unfortunately much of it comes from abstinence-only education programs.

Abstinence-only education programs being used across the country teach medically inaccurate information; contain religious content; use outmoded gender stereotypes that denigrate girls and women; and rely on scare tactics to try to influence adolescent behavior.

One such program called Choosing the Best teaches students that "Proper condom use requires immediate washing of the genital area with soap and water and either rubbing alcohol or dilute solutions of Lysol." The FDA, the AMA, and probably anyone who has ever tried this method can tell you that this is not a good idea.

I have personally seen a video used in the Sex Respect program that shows a picture of a teenager in a coffin with a voice-over telling students that sex outside of marriage can result in death. Fortunately for me, I did not view this in my high school health class, but for many students this horribly inaccurate information is all that they receive.

Under the eight-point definition of abstinence-only education dictated by the federal government, teachers are not even allowed to answer student questions on prohibited topics, which include nothing about contraception beyond failure rates.

I whole-heartedly agree with the 89 percent of Americans who believe it is important to provide students with accurate information about contraception and STD prevention as part of a

comprehensive sexuality education program. According to the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, comprehensive sexuality education programs have four main goals:

- To provide accurate information about human sexuality,

- To provide an opportunity for young people to develop and understand their values, attitudes and beliefs about sexuality,

- To help young people develop relationships and interpersonal skills, and

- To help young people exercise responsibility regarding sexual relationships, including addressing abstinence, pressures to become prematurely involved in sexual intercourse and the use of contraception and other sexual health measures.

I wouldn't want anyone to have to make hugely important decisions without all of the information, especially decisions as important as these.

It reminds me of a cartoon I once read that pictured a teenage girl talking about how great the abstinence-only sex education program was at her high school. In the last frame, you see that she's pregnant as she is saying that it was so great it is exactly the kind of education she wants for her baby.

For anyone interested in learning more about abstinence-only sex versus abstinence-based comprehensive sex education, check out [www.getthefacts.org](http://www.getthefacts.org) or [www.siecus.org](http://www.siecus.org).

**Lizabeth N. Doherty  
Albion**



## Extension has advice on dealing with milk tampering

The Cornell Cooperative Extension has issued advice for dairy farmers to deal with recent milk tampering.

Incidents have typically included injecting antibiotics into the quarter or teat of lactating dairy cows, or dumping antibiotics into a bulk milk tank.

Dairy farmers have been primarily spared, because only raw milk has been affected, and it has never reached store shelves.

Product losses have ranged up to 65,000 pounds of milk, or \$32,000, due to direct and indirect costs.

Farmers are advised to take precautions until the tampering subsides. They

are asked to use quick tests on their milk tanks, on a regular basis; lock milk houses when not in use; install and use locks on the flip lids of bulk milk tanks; install surveillance equipment wherever practical and keep a tape backup of at least a month; restrict access to cows, bulk tanks, milking parlors, and milk houses whenever possible.

Historically, tamperings have proven to be intentional and targeted efforts by disgruntled employees, neighbors or farmers, Extension officials said in a news release.

Tampering has also been occasionally attributed to groups such as the Animal

Liberation Front.

Contaminated tanks and equipment can be cleaned easily, but require thorough and time-consuming methods. Affected cows are promptly removed from herds to let their metabolisms clear the drugs out of their system.

There have been no reported adverse health effects on dairy cows sabotaged in the tampering incidents.

Losses can be devastating for farmers, but consumers will not experience an appreciable impact on price or availability of milk products, according to Extension officials.



# Extension offers tips for better lawn care

By Dave Reville

## Fertilizing your lawn

A properly fertilized lawn will be thicker, healthier and provide less opportunity for weeds and insects to become a problem.

Soil testing is the first step in determining fertilizer requirements of a lawn. Soil testing information may be obtained from your Cornell Cooperative Extension service in Orleans County (589-5561).

The soil pH should be maintained in a range of 6.0 to 7.5. Plant nutrients are more available and beneficial microorganisms are more active within this range. Apply lime (to raise pH) or sulfur (to lower pH) according to soil test recommendations.

Nitrogen and potassium are needed in moderate amounts on an

annual basis. On average, Kentucky bluegrass lawns will require two to three pounds of actual nitrogen, and one to three pounds of potash per 1,000 square feet per year, split into two or three applications.

Returning the clippings after mowing can reduce these requirements by 30 percent. The phosphorus levels in our area are generally high and additional phosphorus (although not harmful to the grass) is usually not necessary and can be detrimental to our waterways.

Lawns may be fertilized two or three times per year. If fertilized twice, it should be done in the spring (May) and early fall (September). If fertilized three times annually, the third application should be in a late fall (early November) application.

Slow-release fertilizer sources

such as sulfur-coated urea or natural organic, will provide more uniform release of nitrogen and are highly recommended. The lawn will be greener for a longer period of time, and top growth won't be extensive with the use of the slow-release fertilizer.

Some natural organic fertilizer products will also suppress diseases.

## Mowing your lawn

Proper mowing will discourage weeds, and make the lawn more resistant to some pests.

Proper mowing involves mowing at the correct height and frequency. A recommended mowing height for most lawns is approximately three inches.

Proper mowing also means mowing at regular intervals. The rule of

thumb is as follows: Never remove more than one-third of the leaf tissue with each mowing. Scalping the lawn can shock it, making it more susceptible to stress.

Lawn mower blades should be kept sharp. Dull mowers leave wounds on the grass blade that serve as a point of entry for disease. In addition, leaf blade tips cut with a dull mower become frayed and give a tan cast to the lawn.

## Watering your lawn

Most cool season lawn grasses have the capability to survive extreme drought conditions by going into summer dormancy. While this is an effective means to survive drought, some may find the straw color of a dormant lawn objectionable.

If you choose to prevent dormancy, lawns should be watered when signs of wilt appear. Water the lawn thoroughly with about one inch of water. This deep watering encourages deeper rooting. As the summer progresses, grasses begin to obtain most of their water from the soil surface. Mid-summer watering should, therefore, be shallow and more frequent.

The best time to water a lawn is in the early morning. Evaporation losses are low, and the leaves dry off quickly. Although less than optimum, lawns can be watered during the day, but should be stopped early enough for the grass to dry before darkness to avoid disease development.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

## Wayne VanderLaan

(Kendall) Wayne VanderLaan, age 46, of the Roosevelt Highway, died September 9, 2002 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Mr. VanderLaan was born on November 5, 1955 in Albion, the son of David and Betty (Frobel) VanderLaan. He had been a lifetime resident of this area. He was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Kendall.

Wayne was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his dear friends, John and Shirley Shackleford and Lyndon and Carol Billings; also his several cousins and his dog, Baily.

There will be no prior calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Church or to the H.B.D. (Horse Barn Development) Committee in care of the Orleans County Cooperative Extension. Arrangements were completed through the Christopher-Mitchell Funeral Homes, Inc. of Holley and Albion.



# Extension working with law enforcement to solve recent milk tampering incidents

Cornell Cooperative Extension continues to work closely with law enforcement officials and farmers regarding alleged raw milk tampering incidents in Wyoming and Livingston counties. These incidents are primarily characterized as either an unauthorized injection of an antibiotic into the quarter/teat of a lactating dairy cow or the dumping of an antibiotic into a bulk milk tank.

At the moment, the reasons as to why these limited and isolated incidents have occurred are not quite clear. Historically, when these types of criminal activities have taken place on farms, they have proven to be a purposeful and targeted effort by a disgruntled employee, neighbor or farmer. On occasion, such criminal activities have also been attributed to groups such as the Animal Liberation Front in order to protest ideological differences regarding animal agriculture.

Because only raw milk is

affected and does not reach store shelves due to strict safeguards and testing procedures, these criminal activities primarily impact the dairy farmer. For a dairy farmer, the extent of these losses can be considerable. Product losses have ranged from 20,000 pounds too as much as 65,000 pounds of milk, which is the equivalent of a full-loaded tractor and trailer.

Economic losses for a single incident have ranged from \$3,000 to as much as \$32,000 due to the direct and indirect losses incurred from a contaminated load of raw milk. Direct costs include the loss of the milk, disposing of the raw milk, cleaning equipment and examining lactating cows. Other costs include forgone milk production due to the temporary removal of affected cows from the milking herd in order to ensure antibiotic free milk for future shipments.

Contaminated tanks and equipment can be cleaned

easily but require thorough and time-consuming methods. When a milk cow is suspected of being the source of an antibiotic residue, several methods are used to identify an affected cow, which is then promptly removed from the herd in order to let her metabolism clear the drug out of her system. Typically, the levels of antibiotic residues found in affected cows have not threatened the life or health of any cow and to date there have been no reported adverse health effects to dairy cows subjected to these alleged incidents.

These significant losses can be devastating for an affected dairy farmer, however, consumers will not experience an appreciable impact on either the price or availability of milk products since the contaminated raw milk only represents a minuscule proportion of the total raw milk supply being processed on a daily basis.

Until concerns about raw

milk tampering subside, we recommend that dairy farmers exercise security precautions with emphasis on the following:

1. Use quick tests on their bulk milk tanks on a regular basis.
2. Lock milk houses when not in use.
3. Install and use a lock on the flip up lid of the bulk milk tank.
4. Install surveillance equipment wherever practical and keep a tape back up of at least a month.
5. Restrict access to cows, bulk tanks, milking parlor and milk house whenever possible.

In addition, all affected farmers in the area are working with law enforcement crime prevention specialists to further safeguard their properties and to identify those responsible for these crimes.

Submitted by Orleans  
County Cornell Cooperative  
Extension.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

## 4-H club gears up for new year

Members of the H.O.R.S.E. Club are looking forward to the new season after a busy programming year.

Members performed a good deal of community service, including serving dinners for needy families at Christmas and Easter time. They also donated canned food to a pantry and made mail-o-grams for military personnel overseas.

The club participated in several horse clinics and took part in public presentations, the five-star test and horse shows, including the Orleans County Fair, where members showed horses and volunteered as needed.

— Audrey Rath

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002



**HEAD OF THE CLASS** — Gary Blackburn shows off "Party Gal," the family llama that was named Grand Champion in the New York State Fair llama show.

**Gary and Patty Blackburn have joined the ranks of New York State Fair award winners. Their llama, Party Girl, was named Grand Champion at the state llama show. Party Girl bested 157 other entries from 55 farms around New York and surrounding states. The Blackburns have been raising llamas on their Marshall Road farm since 1997.**



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

### **Just Past the City Limits**

## *Top 10 rumors that are overheard at the sale barn*

10. Your neighbor is either having an affair with the cheap new superintendent or he's the new fair sheep superintendent

9. Ted Turner just bought the western half of the state to save the three-toed cross-eyed prairie dog.

8. Somebody has it on very good authority that the major meat packers are moving all operations to Bolivia.

7. That fool so-and-so bought the place down the road for \$1,000 an acre even though it was only worth \$300 an acre and you yourself had offered \$975.

6. "The" state conservation people just turned loose a bunch of grizzly bears to control the mountain lions that they turned loose earlier.

5. The local co-op manager absconded with hundreds of thousands of dollars and nobody's seen him since...oops, no, there he is sitting right over there.

4. McDonald's is switching to an all-vegetarian format.

3. There's some kind of new pest that not only kills corn and milo, it eats off hedge posts at the ground and then makes off with all the barn cats.

2. Brazil has declared growing soybeans the national pastime and intends to drill them solid from one border to the other.

1. The government's keeping it quiet but satellite data, computer models and wooly bear caterpillars indicate the worst winter on record

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by Mark Parker, Farm Talk



# Prospectors go for the gold

By Virginia Kropf

Daily News Staff Writer

It isn't about getting rich.

It's all about having fun, said members of the Western New York Gold Prospectors Association, who staked their claims Sunday along a stretch of the Attica and Arcade Railroad.

The members boarded the train with buckets, water bottles, snuffer bottles, pans, back packs and shovels. Midway between Arcade and Curriers, the train stopped and allowed the prospectors to get off, then picked them up on the last run of the day.

The area they explored is called Monkey Run, where a Cattaraugus Creek feeder runs along the rail lines.

"We didn't do as good as we hoped, but several of us got some small stuff," said Charles Wilson of Medina, state director of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

The train ride came about when a member found gold on a nearby stream, but as there was no access from the road, association members asked the railroad to take them there.

"The owners of the railroad were so interested, they joined the Gold Prospectors," said Daniel Sheer of Bliss, a member of the organization and owner of Red's Hillside Treasures in Bliss, where he sells metal detectors and accessories.

Sheer said prospecting for gold holds the same excitement for him as when he was little and used to look through a pile of rocks for fossils.

"I never outgrew it," he said.

"Prospecting is also very good for you," said Dee Piniewski of Geneseo, who with her husband John is camp cook on their outings. "You get a lot of fresh air and exercise."

Pat Acomb of Batavia works in special education at Le Roy Central School, and she said her students can't wait to hear what she did on the weekend.

"The first thing they want to know is, 'Did you find any gold,'" she said.

The newest prospector is Shari Loecke of Byron who was on only her second adventure with the group.

"I got interested when a



Virginia Kropf/Daily News

**SIFTING FOR GOLD:** Charles Wilson of Medina sifts some dirt out of a stream along the tracks of the Arcade & Attica Railroad Sunday. Wilson is New York state director of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

friend of mine was walking around with this little bottle of gold," Loecke said. "That intrigued me."

The Gold Prospectors Association has 700 members in Western New York, Wilson said. The local group meets monthly for excursions, which have included panning in Ohio and Quebec. Their next trip will be to the Herkimer Diamond Mines in Central New York.



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## Pasture walk slated for Bentley farm

The Lake Plains Grazers will be hosting a Fall Pasture Walk from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 and the Bentley Farm, which is part of the Oak Hill Land and Cattle Company on Route 63, Lyndonville.

Martha Wright, area

livestock specialist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will be the featured speaker. She will discuss farm profitability.

The program will include touring various segments of the Bentley farm to observe

and discuss the stress free pasture weaning system they are trying. There will also be a discussion about a heifer replacement program being used by a local grazer.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. at the farm headquarters.

A lunch and refreshments will be provided.

There is no registration required but it is asked that those planning to attend call Brad Bentley at 765-2874 so the number attending for lunch can be anticipated.



THE JOURNAL-REGISTER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

## Workshop is scheduled in October on farming for profit, pleasure and production

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties and the New York Pasture Association, with funding provided by Cornell University Small Farms Program, is sponsoring a Farming For Profit, Pleasure and Production workshop at two sites in October.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Randolph Fire Hall,

Route 294 Randolph and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Alfred University, Alfred. The cost is \$20 per person, students \$10 each, which includes registration, handouts and a luncheon featuring locally grown grass based animal products.

The registration deadline is Oct. 3. Pre-registration is required. For more information contact Desiree Ottley at

1-800-897-9189.

The day long workshop focuses on growing and marketing grass-raised livestock and animal products and offer new ideas for successful livestock enterprises. Topics will include new way to farm, low start-up cost, potential for profit, family friendly farming, ecological practices and healthy pasture-raised animals.

The seminar features Virginia pasture farmer and author Joel Salatin, whose family farm Polyface Inc., "The Farm of Many Faces," has been featured in Smithsonian magazine and National Geographic. He will address a wide range of issues from "creating the farm your children will want" to "making a white collar salary from a pleasant life in the country."



farmers too much at this time of the year.

"It's not going to do much good for any of the crops," he said. "But it will help the groundwafer for next season."

Although the total rainfall is only about 2 inches below average this year, most of the rain has come in heavy doses. The rain was so steady in early spring, many farmers were unable to plant crops or were delayed because their fields were so muddy.

—By Tom Rivers

## A LOOK AHEAD

Look for these items in Monday's edition:

• **BICENTENNIAL STORY:** Batavia's three public elementary schools are named after a financier who served time in a debtors' prison, a respected educator sometimes confused with a slain U.S. president, and a well-known Batavia street. Managing editor Mark Graczyk looks at the individuals whose names live on in Batavia schools.

APPLE PUMPKIN FESTI-

live racing to Batavia Downs.

WRTOB's handle through the first eight months of 2002 was reported at \$125.2 million Thursday, compared to \$120.8 million at this time in 2001.

Jacquelyne Leach, the corporation's comptroller, said almost \$6 million of the latest

got its state racing license late last year.

Winning ITW bets pay track prices. A 5 percent surcharge is tacked on for winning wagers at

corporate Comptroller Nicholas Noce.

A lot of expense is associated with live racing, Noce told WRTOB's board of directors.

"And that does add expenses to the corporation," he said.

— By Roger Muehlig

# Extension to honor Albion volunteer

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — An Albion woman who has volunteered 37 years with the Cornell Cooperative Extension will receive the agency's top state-wide volunteer award during a ceremony at Ithaca College next month.

Pauline Lanning has been a leader of a 4-H Club, the Riches Corners Revelers, since she and her husband Bill moved to Holley Road 37 years ago. Her four grown children were all in the club, as well as several hundred other children in the community.

"It's obvious why kids like her," said Margo Bowerman, an Extension educator in Orleans County. "She has a ton of energy."

Lanning is "the ideal volunteer," said Bowerman, who nominated Lanning for the "Friend of the Extension" Award, which will be presented Oct. 16.

Lanning, 70, keeps a brisk pace helping at the Extension. She is a member of the Extension's board of directors, the advisor for the 4-H Senior Council, chairwoman of the Extension's property committee, a

leader of the family and consumer science division of 4-H, a member of the Leaders' Association and a member of the Fair Board. She also participates in committees that plan the Harvest Festival, Conservation Field Days and several fund-raisers.

She will help the Extension when it kicks off a campaign to raise about \$600,000 for a new headquarters in Knowlesville at the fairgrounds. That campaign hasn't started yet.

With all her committees, Lanning never gets flustered or holds grudges when there are disagreements, Bower-

man said.

"She continues to come back even if the committee doesn't agree with her idea," Bowerman said.

Lanning, a stay-at-home mother while she raised her four children, said she likes being part of the decision-making on the committees. Even more enjoyable, she said, the Extension has given her a chance to work with many children, adult volunteers and Extension employees.

"I've met a lot of talented and inter-

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## ICONS

# Lady Liberty stands tall on the Oatka



lature Human Services Committee, Legislature Building, Main and Ellicott streets, 4 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

**Arcade Village Board**, Village Hall, 17 Church St., 7 p.m.

**Attica Village Board**, municipal building, 9 Water St., 7 p.m.

**Batavia Board of Education**, Richmond Memorial Library Gallery Room, 7 p.m.

**Wyoming County Board of Supervisors**, public hearing on proposed anti-smoking legislation, Wyoming County Government Center, Main Street, Warsaw, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Genesee County Legislature Ways and Means Committee**, Legislature Building, Main and Ellicott streets, 4:15 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

**Castile Village Board**, Village Hall, 5153 North Main St., 7 p.m.

**Eagle Town Board**, Town Hall, 100 East Main St., 7 p.m.

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esting people," Lanning said. "And I like to see things happen."

Lanning grew up on a dairy farm near Utica in Oneida County. Her husband attended Rochester Institute of Technology and the couple lived in Rochester the first decade of their marriage. In 1965 they settled in Albion, where they were drawn to the country living.

Besides their children, the Lannings have six grandchildren, including Jaime Brennan, an Extension educator in Albion.

Lanning said she has no intention of slowing down from her Extension efforts. She likes teaching children baking, nutrition, bird identification, cooking, sewing and other life skills, which she hopes also teach responsibility, leadership and decision-making.

"There are a lot of kids out there who want to be in 4-H, but you need committed adults to be 4-H leaders," Lanning said. "But today people don't have the time, or don't take the time."



Tom Rivers/Daily News

**HONOREE:** Pauline Lanning of Albion has volunteered 37 years with Cornell Cooperative Extension and will receive the agency's top volunteer award next month in Ithaca.

Liberty statues also stand in Niagara Falls, Oneonta, Schenectady and Utica.

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Like her big-city cousin, Le Roy's statue was in need of repairs by the middle of the 1980s. Vandals had bent the spikes on her crown. Her right arm was held aloft by tape.

Once again, the community rallied to her support. This was partly occasioned by the centennial of the New York Statue of Liberty, which had been closed for two years to undergo extensive repairs and refurbishing.

Proceeds from "Liberty Weekend," a county celebration of the Statue of Liberty's 99th birthday in 1985, benefited Le Roy's statue as well as the one in New York harbor.

The funds — as well as contributions in cash and services from area businesses and individuals — helped pay for repairs and refurbishment. A floodlight was also added, and the statue was rededicated during a second creekside ceremony.

Today, the Le Roy statue is among only about 100 that remain standing — spreading a message of freedom and occasionally surprising out-of-town visitors.



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**Just past the city limits**

# *Top 10 things you'll never hear a farm wife say*

10. To heck with a dishwasher when you can improve the performance of your four-wheeler for the same money.
9. Honey, why don't you drive the pickup so I can open all the gates?
8. What I'd really like to do for our anniversary is stay home and cook you a fabulous meal.
7. When we go on vacation, do you think we could stop at every sale barn and implement dealership between here and there?
6. Busy? Heck no. The kids ate yesterday and the washing machine works just as well after midnight as before so if you want me to drop everything and drive 100 miles for a part you may or may not need, gosh, consider me on the way.
5. Don't you worry about misplacing those receipts — I need to clean and detail your truck anyway.
4. How about buying a new pickup for you instead — my '63 Chevy Biscayne has a lot of life left in it.
3. Don't be silly, I don't mind going to church or the kid's school play or the dance recital by myself.
2. Please don't bother calling. Just come in from the field whenever you feel like it and I'll have a hot meal for you.
1. Now if I mess up when we're sorting calves I want you to really yell at me because that's the only way I'll ever learn how to distinguish between two identical black calves running past me at 25 miles an hour.

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by Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
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**LLAMA CLUB:** Members of the Llama Club pose at the home of Pat Mufford, 11091 West Center St. Extension, Medina. From left, are Lizbeth Roberts, Jessica Annable, Rachael Laszewski, Derek Roberts, Alissa and Sarah Martin, Mufford, with Princess Kallie, and club leader Sherry Wheatley.

## Have you hugged a llama today?

Now is your chance at weekend event

**By Virginia Kropf**  
Daily News Staff Writer

MEDINA — Anyone who ever wanted to learn about llamas, lead a llama, hug a llama or just see a llama have the chance this weekend at Garden View Llamas and Garden View Bed and Breakfast.

On Saturday and Sunday, Pat Mufford will host an open house at her mini farm at 11091 West Center St. Extension. Assisting will be the 4-H Llama Club led by Mufford, Sherry Wheatley and Frank Ferri, also of Medina.

Llama Club members Lizbeth and Derek Roberts, Jessica Annable, Rachael Laszewski, Alissa and Sarah Martin and Gabriella Ferri will demonstrate carding and dyeing wool and felting.

Mufford got interested in llamas after moving to her 4 1/4 acre property on the western edge of Medina. "I was brought up on a farm and always liked animals," she said.

After her husband died, she considered what to do with the property and decided to stay and get some animals.

"Llamas were just becoming popular and I went and looked at some and really fell in love with them," Mufford said. "They are an affectionate and caring animal. If

### Champion llama to visit farm market

The 2002 New York State Fair Grand Champion Llama Party Girl and her baby, owned by Gary and Patti Blackburn of Ridgeway, will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Jantzi's Bushel 'n Peck farm market at 10858 Ridge Rd., as part of New York State Llama and Alpaca Days.

The llamas will return Oct. 19 and 20 for a fall festival at the farm market, featuring crafters and the usual sale of fresh produce, pumpkins and homemade baked goods.

"I'm upset, I come down to the barn and in a few minutes, I feel better."

Mufford started with three llamas and now has 19.

A year ago, she said, she wanted to share her llamas with others and started thinking about who would want to know about llamas. She knew Wheatley from her dentist's office and they began planning a llama club.

"I had been doing spinning demonstrations, but by myself it was boring," Wheatley said. "These kids and Pat have turned my whole world around."

The llama open house is part of a statewide celebration of New York Llama and Alpaca Association farms, with Gov. George Pataki proclaiming Saturday and Sunday as "New York State Llama and Alpaca Days."

Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002

## Just Past the City Limits

### *Top 10 reasons farm couples fight*

10. She rents "Steel Magnolias" and you were thinking more along the line of "True Grit."
9. When you forgot to get her a Mother's Day gift, you tried the old "But You're Not My Mother" excuse.
8. You unexpectedly end up with \$400 of spendable money in the bank account and the great "Grill Guard vs. Dishwasher" debate begins again.
7. The tractor tire your wife just filled with dirt and planted to tulips still has some tread left on it.
6. Welding supplies seem to make up a very small part of the pictures on the calendar you got from the welding supplies salesman.
5. You happen to be using some fairly colorful language while conversing with an obstinate hay baler when the ladies your wife's been hosting come out of the house.
4. She fails to recognize the interior decorating genius of 237 feed, seed and assorted other farm caps mounted on the wall of your living room—along with that cool color chart of cattle breeds the AI guy gave you.
3. You suffered a brain cramp and put some cologne on before heading to the co-op and then did not make it out the door undetected.
2. On election day, you voted for the "numskull" and she voted for that "lunatic."
1. Your definition of "I'll be a little late for supper" and hers differ by about four and a half hours.

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By Mark Parker, Farm Talk, cnhi service



# Make a calendar for October garden chores

By Dave Reville

Winter's frosty nights are ahead as frost is in the air, so to speak. Find an easy chair and relax for awhile making a list of all garden chores which need to be done before winter sets in. Use this article to start with and add your own thoughts to it.

Bring houseplants back indoors from their summer vacation and cover tomato plants with tarps or blankets if you haven't already to protect them from frost which will occur very soon, if not by the time you read this.

Tomato vines can be hung in cellars to continue ripening or spread over a dry surface. Flowering annuals will continue blooming through the fall if protected from frost.

As you fire up the wood-burning stove this month, keep in mind that heating your home also dries out your plants. Watch for desiccation and place planter trays filled with gravel and water to maintain moisture.

Garden cleanup should be

one of your priorities for this month. Diseases, bacteria, fungi and insects will overwinter underneath and inside remaining plant debris causing problems next year. Woody stems of dead plants are favorite sites for overwintering eggs. Pull up roots of annuals, rake up and remove all unwanted plant debris and destroy or compost.

Cut off peony tops and destroy leaves and stems to prevent Botrytis from overwintering and infesting new growth the following spring.

If you have run out of refrigerator or freezer space for storage items you might consider trying a conventional storage pit or cold cellar. Remember not to store fruits and vegetables in the same area or the ethylene released from the fruits will speed up the aging process and prematurely decompose your vegetables.

In addition to garden clean-up, in your fruit planting you may want to place tree guards around your fruit trees to

protect against rodent damage this winter. Hardware cloth at least two feet in height and set into the ground to avoid digging works well. Be sure to place guards with a wide enough diameter to allow for several years worth of growth.

If you had a problem with peach leaf curl this year start your control program early by applying a commercially prepared dormant spray mix. The tree should be dormant before such a spray is applied.

Blueberries can be planted in the fall. Use mulch to minimize heaving of the soil over winter. Do some research on what varieties do best in our neck of the woods, not all types need very acid soil. Either go online or contact Cooperative Extension.

Strawberries can be covered with straw mulch as soon as three nights below 20 degrees have passed.

There is still time to adjust pH if there is a need. Remember, fall application will allow the sulfur time to adjust the soil chemistry in time for next

year's growing season. PH test kits are available for purchase through the Cooperative Extension office.

Garlic is best when planted in the fall. Fertilize the area before planting.

Dig up summer flowering bulbs for winter storage before the ground freezes. Store dahlias upside down in a cool cellar. Cannas should be stored with soil protectively covering the roots. Make sure to label all roots for easy identification in the spring.

There is still plenty of time to plant spring bulbs if you haven't yet. Now is the time to set daffodil bulbs for forced blooming at Thanksgiving. Remember they also need a cold treatment.

For further information call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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# AGRICULTURE

## Customers are apple of this company's eye

Lyndonville farm stresses freshness, direct marketing

By Matt Surtel

Daily News Staff Writer

**L**YNDONVILLE — Adaptation and innovation have become key ideas for an Orleans County apple farm.

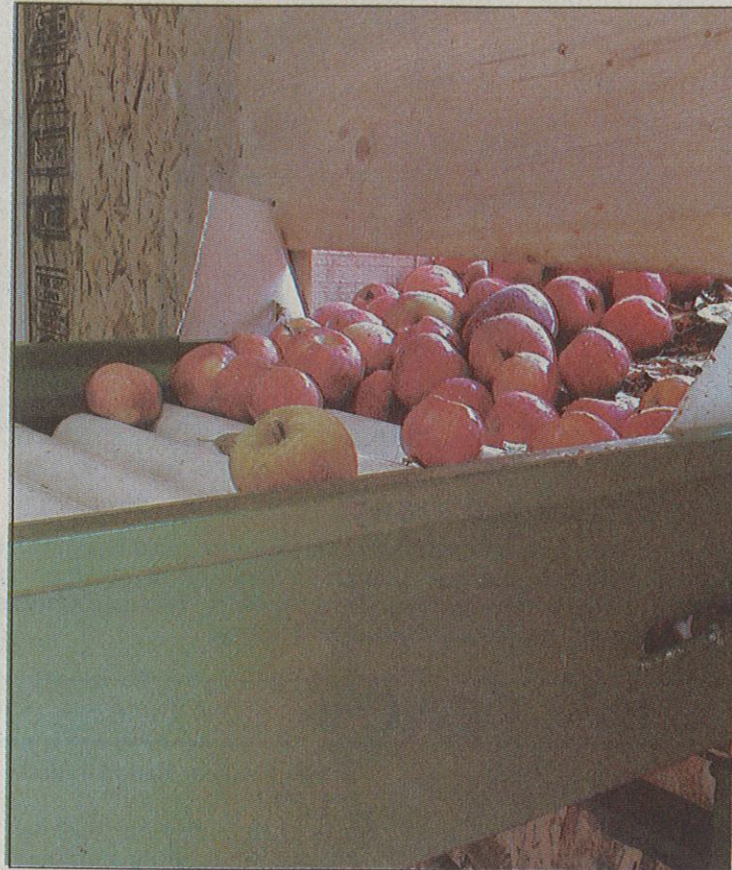
Despite recent downturns in the statewide apple industry, officials at LynOaken Farms are taking an optimistic approach. An emphasis on fresh, high-quality apples and direct contact with customers are among the ways they are meeting new market demands.

The farm offers the Apple Depot direct marketing program, along with U-pick orchards and a cider mill which started production last week. At the same time, its operators are doing away with apples grown for processing.

"What we've found, especially in this day and age, is people want to bring their children," said Treasurer Wendy Oakes Wilson. "We can teach people what growing apples is all about, especially getting it in kids' minds that this stuff comes off trees."

LynOaken Farms has been growing apples since 1918. A brief tour of operations on Maple Avenue on Wednesday offered lush, green orchards featuring trees weighted down with heavy apples. A general store offered all kinds of fresh apples, along with homemade jams and crafts.

A press located inside the depot processed a steady



Matt Surtel/Daily News

**DIRECT TO CUSTOMER:** Above right, Wendy Oakes Wilson of LynOaken Farms displays a red delicious apple in one of the farm's orchards. The operation has emphasized direct marketing to help adapt to a tough market. Above left, apples are fed onto a conveyor belt in the cider mill at the Lyndonville farm. LynOaken aims to create a family-friendly atmosphere to attract customers, Wilson said.

stream of apples into cider. Large, empty crates waited to be filled with the latest of the crop.

Quality isn't a problem for New York's farmers, Wilson said. Low prices and import policies favoring foreign growers — often those with government subsidies or less-stringent farm regulations — have combined to hamper state growers' competitiveness.

That's made profits from juice and processing markets

a tough prospect. Large supermarket chains often prefer Washington apples, which are "perfect" in looks and dimensions, but don't match local growers' better eating quality, Wilson said.

That makes it necessary to find ways to market apples directly to the customer, she said. LynOaken Farms has worked to specifically through the years to do just that.

Wilson said the company has offered its Apple Depot

program for about 30 years. Originally started in the Medina railroad depot, it offers the farms' apples at locations such as Kutter's Cheese in Corfu and Oliver's Farm Market in Batavia.

Operations at the farm itself are family friendly. Besides apple products, it includes local artisans, free wagon rides to the orchards, picnic areas and free samples. Visitors can learn how to properly pick an apple and enjoy the fruits of their labor afterward

— with the common-sense caveat not to throw any apples.

Direct marketing has made the farm a local attraction. Along with the family aspect, people can get truly fresh apples as needed.

"We want kids," Wilson said. "We want to teach them what this is about. Without kids you don't have a future."

She said future plans include growing other fruit such as peaches, nectarines, plums and fall raspberries for

use in juice blends.

"We have people come from all over Western New York, Pennsylvania and afar for our apples," Wilson said. "We've had people coming back 30 years now."

"We find that people come back for our apples because they're confident of the quality they'll get directly from the farm," she said. "We do it at a competitive price. Basically a bag price-per-pound cheaper than what you get out of the stores."



## Notable local wildlife in focus

### Historian Neil Johnson will relay famous tale of Oak Orchard's jumping bass

CARLTON — "The Animal Kingdom of Orleans County" is the subject of the season's final history program at Lakeside Beach State Park on Saturday.

Neil H. Johnson, Albion village historian, will be the speaker.

He will relay historical animal stories from

the past. Tales to be included are those about a cocker spaniel that regularly attended fires with members of the Albion Fire Department; the famous "Bear of Barre" who rode his ox as a horse; and, the most famous of all local wildlife stories, the Jumping Bass of Oak Orchard Creek.

Admission is free. The story telling begins at 7 p.m. at the recreation building. Be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Parking is free at the state park after 6 p.m. The park is north of Route 18, at the western end of Lake Ontario State Parkway.

## Pony Club recruiting new members

ALBION — New members are being registered for the 2003 rally season of Wild Rose Pony Club, the local affiliate of United States Pony Club.

The local club recently ended a successful rally season, participating in several USPC rallies and taking first place in the Pas de Deux and Quadrille competitions.

The club also took second place in horse management and the senior division of mounted games, according to club secretary Nicole Fair.

At a week-long Pony Club Camp, members worked on stadium jumping, cross country, trail and horse management skills.

The club will participate in the Round Robin, Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing (D-Rally) and Games rallies next



**EXCELLING IN THEIR HOBBY** — United States Pony Club members Amy Green, left, Lacey Myers, Annie Fair, Peter Q. and Bonnie Green accept awards from USPC Regions Supervisor David Crystal after a recent competition.

year.

The non-profit club offers formal education in all aspects

of English mounted discipline. For more information, call 589-9181.



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**READY TO ROLL IT OUT** — Organizers of the Orleans County Agriculture Industry Tour are ironing out final details of the Oct. 23 event, which seeks to showcase agricultural diversity and farming's impact on the local economy. From left are David Kelly from the Chamber of Commerce, Nichelle Billhardt from the Soil & Water Conservation District, Barry Flansberg from the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Deb Roberts, Larry Meyer of the Farm Service Agency, and Robert Remillard of the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

## Local ag industry tour slated

An Orleans County Agriculture Industry Tour will be held Oct. 23 by the county Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Decision-makers in the county have been invited to participate in a farm breakfast and bus tour of Ontario Harvest, H.H. Dobbins and Lynette & Sons Farms.

Nelson Bills of Cornell University will talk about farmland protection and economic development.

The purpose of the tour is to show the diversity of Orleans County agriculture and the widespread impact that the industry has on the local economy, according to Deborah Roberts,

extension director.

The group planning the tour is composed of representatives from the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Farm Bureau, Soil and Water Conservation District, the county planning department, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Rural Development, Lake Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Deb Roberts at Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.



# County cuts lurk at 4-H's centennial party

BY STAFF WRITER  
**JAMES GOODMAN**

Christine Preddy used Sunday's celebration of the 100th anniversary of 4-H clubs nationwide to show a little of what she has learned from her local 4-H activities.

"It's hard to fish when there's trash in the water," said Preddy of Irondequoit as she watched 6-year-old

Melina Skrha try to hook a plastic fish floating amid debris in tub of water.

Preddy, 17, is co-president of the Earth Girls — one of 40 4-H groups in Monroe County sponsored by the local Cornell Cooperative Extension on Highland Avenue.

The Earth Girls' table at Sunday's celebration on the grounds of the Cooperative Extension had an environ-

mental theme, since that is the focus of this club. All of the half-dozen other 4-H clubs on display showcased their activities.

But while the event was a day of celebration, there was sense of concern in the air because the Cooperative Extension in Monroe County is facing a financial crisis that has put the continuation of the local 4-H, as well as other Coopera-

tive Extension activities in the county, in jeopardy.

Faced with a budget shortfall that could reach \$65 million next year, Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle said in August that the Cooperative Extension would lose its entire county annual funding, which was \$470,000 in 2002.

Doyle will formally unveil his proposed 2003 county budget on Tuesday.

The loss of county funds would also wipe out the Cooperative Extension's state and federal appropriations, which account for much of the rest of the group's annual \$2.3 million budget. The level of state and federal funding is based on the amount of county support.

"It's a shame that they're doing this," said Kathy Wissinger, 24, of Hamlin,

who is the mother of Melina and leader of the Half-Pints 4-H Club.

The 4-H clubs are often formed in various towns and villages, with some — such as the K-9 Kids dog club — defined by a particular interest.

About 20,500 youths in the county are involved in various 4-H activities. □

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# A list of garden chores for late Oct

By Dave Reville

There are plenty of garden chores that can be taken care of in late October. Here's a list:

1. Plant or transplant deciduous trees and shrubs once their leaves have fallen (through November). Plant at the same level, mulch and water thoroughly. Large trees need to be staked.
2. Deciduous shrubs can be pruned once the leaves have fallen and the plant is in a dormant condition.
3. Continue mowing lawn as long as there is grass to cut.
4. After chrysanthemums are killed by frost, cut them down in preparation for winter.
5. Apply dolomitic limestone to the lawn so that fall rain and winter snow can wash it into the soil. A soil pH test of the lawn will give guidelines for the amount needed.
6. Plant garlic and shallots for harvest next August. Plant in a sunny spot in well-drained soil, place tips two inches beneath the soil surface.
7. Rhubarb plants which are four

or five years old can be divided now. Careful preparation of the new site will pay off with a good yield in the subsequent year.

8. Trim dead, broken and diseased branches from trees and shrubs.

9. Cut back ground covers that have grown onto walks, drives or patios.

10. Mulch raspberries and strawberries.

11. Mulch young trees and shrubs with well-rotted manure, leaves, woodchips or compost.

12. Clean up all dead iris foliage. Remove and destroy iris plants severely damaged by insects or diseases.

## Bulbs vs. Rodents

Our "cute" little friends, the chipmunks and squirrels, have a great fondness for most spring-flowering bulbs, especially crocus and tulips. Their intuition is so keen that they wait on the sidelines while you are planting bulbs, and as soon as the job is completed and you leave the area,

they begin digging! Once the ground is frozen, you're home free, but until then, some type of covering on the surface of the bulb bed immediately after planting is usually a must.

A quarter- or a half-inch wire mesh, chicken or turkey wire squares laid over the planted area will effectively discourage these animals. If for some reason this approach does not work, you will have to narrow your selection to daffodils or some of the minor bulbs, chipmunks and squirrels will not feast on them.

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## Storing summer bulbs

Many summer flowering bulbs, such as achimenes, begonia, caladium, canna, dahlia, gladiolus, ismene (Peruvian daffodil) and tuberose should be dug up and stored for the winter. In the fall, when the leaves turn yellow, use a spading fork to lift the bulbs from the ground. Soil that clings to the bulbs should be washed off, except for the bulbs that need to be stored with soil around them.

The soil should remain on achimenes, begonias, canna, caladium, dahlia and ismene bulbs. These bulbs should be stored in clumps on a slightly moistened layer of peat moss or sawdust in a cool place. Wash off the soil and separate the bulbs before planting the next season.

Washed bulbs should be air-dried in a shaded area. Once dry, store them in a cool, dry basement, cellar, garage or shed. As a general rule, bulbs are stored at temperatures between 60 and 65 degrees. However, caladium should be kept at temperatures no lower than 70 degrees and gladiolus should be stored at 35 degrees. Regardless of the temperature, bulbs must be stored in a well-ventilated area away from direct sunlight.

If storing only a few bulbs, keep them in paper bags hung on strings from the ceiling or wall. Trays with screen bottoms can be used to store large numbers of bulbs. Discard any undersized, damaged or diseased

bulbs. Separate variety bulbs. Store bulb layers deep enough to heat a

Many other bulbs are stored in pots for use indoors. For example, dahlias are potted plants indoors for when the weather usually reds bulbs to a cool, However, specific storage bulb varieties watering

For further information, Orleans Extension

Dave Reville with the Cooper



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## Briefly

### Apple workshop slated by CCE

WILLIAMSON — A program designed for apple growers will take place at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Wayne BOCES Center, 4440 Ridge Road.

The program, to be led by Dr. Desmond O'Rourke of Belrose Inc. in Washington state, is called "What's going on in the United States and world apple markets." The workshop is sponsored in part by the state Cornell Cooperative Extension.

O'Rourke will illustrate changes taking place in the world and national marketplace, highlighting what is driving industry changes and how that influences New York farmers.

Registration is required by Wednesday. To make reservations, or for driving directions or other information, call 315-331-8415.



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**Just Past the City Limits**

*Top 10 signs that your  
operation is getting too big*

10. You pull into a field to sow wheat and realize that you never harvested this year's crop.
9. Your banker makes frequent inquiries regarding your health.
8. You don't use GPS technology to plant and harvest with, you use it to find your way home.
7. The local farm and ranch real estate agent has your number on his speed dial.
6. you get a message to call the feedlot and you have to call five or six before you get the right one.
5. When your local paper writes about the local real estate tax base they put your name in parentheses.
4. You comment to a neighbor that the fellow who owns those cattle south of town doesn't take particularly good care of them and he informs you that those are your cattle.
3. The government assigns you your own personal county Extension agent.
2. You run into your hired man in town and he informs you he quit two months ago.
1. While your neighbors are getting free seed caps, you qualify for the whole darn outfit.

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*By Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
cnhi News Service*



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## G.L.O.W. considering third pesticide collection

The G.L.O.W. Region Solid Waste Management committee is in the process of assessing the need for a third farm pesticide collection.

G.L.O.W., in cooperation with regional farm agencies, held collections in 1995 and 1999. These collections took thousands of pounds of unwanted, outdated and

banned pesticides from farmers in the four county region.

G.L.O.W. and the farm agencies are asking that farmers complete a survey, anonymously, that will help determine whether there is a need for another collection.

A similar survey was distributed this summer. As only three farmers completed and

returned the survey, G.L.O.W. is making another attempt at obtaining information from farmers.

If G.L.O.W. and the farm agencies do not receive strong evidence that the program is needed, a collection will not be planned in the foreseeable future.

These events are extremely

time consuming and expensive, and a strong need would have to be shown to obtain regional, state or federal funding, said a G.L.O.W. spokesperson.

To obtain a survey contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District or Farm Bureau office.



# Orleans provides look at agriculture

By Brian M. Bannister  
The Journal-Register

There is an educational disconnect between farmers and consumers, according to Cornell University agricultural economist Nelson Bills.

The first Orleans County Agricultural Industry Tour attended by more than 30 local politicians, farmers, agricultural service providers and agricultural businessmen on Wednesday may have helped close the gap.

The tour, hosted by members of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, began with a "country breakfast" prepared by members of the Orleans County Farm Bureau in the Trolley Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Knowlesville.

Bills briefly addressed the participants before the tour began. He encouraged them to look at agricultural economic development in a broader sense than just farming.

When add-on factors like manufacturing, distribution, agricultural services and retail food and restaurant outlets are added to the

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Members of the county Cornell Cooperative Extension offer a variety of farming tips. Farm and Garden, page 6B.

mix, agriculture becomes a \$55 billion system, he said. In Orleans County, cash receipts from all crops and livestock sales totaled \$81,878,000 in 2001.

The tour covered three aspects of the agricultural system. The first stop was the agricultural service provider, Ontario Foods. The company, owned and operated by Wayne Harrington, primarily provides fertilizer and seed to more than 150 farmers in a four-county region. Their total sales are \$4 million per year.

Harrington stressed that as his company grew and he added facilities such as a 30,000-square-foot storage facility, he made a point to contribute to the local economy.

"We tried to use local vendors as much as possible," he said.

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Brian M. Bannister/The Journal-Register

A tour of the H.H. Dobbins Inc. cold storage areas puts a chill into participants of the first Orleans County Agricultural Industry Tour on Wednesday. Leading the tour is Jim Kankoski, left, vice president of sales and marketing at the company.

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When asked what single factor might help business expand, he took a shot at government regulations.

"It would be nice if the state would leave us alone for a while. The paper work is huge," Harrington said.

The second stop on the tour was H.H. Dobbins Inc. in Lyndonville. The 99-year-old corporation stores, grades, packs and ships apples throughout the world, accord-

significant capital investments, primarily a 42,000-square-foot packing line. Computers help to size and measure coloration on the line.

The final stop on the tour brought the group to where the economic food chain begins, a working farm. Robin Roberts of Lynn-ette and Sons showed the group a small portion of the family's 6,800 acre operation.

Roberts told the group that

separate vendors, Meyer said.

Dan Strong, a member of the Carlton Town Board and county planning board, said he

left the tour with a much greater understanding of the trickle-down effect of agriculture in the county.



## Willow shrubs cultivated as green energy source

CANASTOTA, N.Y. (AP) — Don New was phasing out his dairy operation and looking to grow something besides corn and soybeans when he first got wind of willow.

Not the weeping tree, but a fast-growing shrub touted as a source of clean, renewable energy with the potential to reduce harmful power plant emissions and support the local farm economy.

"The Cooperative Extension called it a crop of the future," New said. "Farmers always like to experiment. And I like the idea of growing your own energy instead of importing it."

So New agreed to participate in a pilot project to commercialize the production of

willow as a source of biomass energy. The project is led by researchers at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse.

The researchers began selecting varieties and growing test plots in 1986. This fall, the first large-scale burning of willow chips mixed with coal is planned at a power plant in western New York.

Studies commissioned by Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory show that between 3.4 percent and 10.7 percent of New York's coal fuel could be replaced with wood biomass fuels such as willow. That would significantly reduce the amount of

sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and carbon dioxide produced by the power plants.

Willow is an ideal energy crop, said Tim Volk, director of the college's Willow Biomass Program. It's easy to plant: Just push cuttings of stem into tilled soil. It grows very quickly: Four years after planting, multi-stemmed shrubs 20 to 30 feet tall are ready to harvest.

It sprouts vigorously after cutting, so it can be harvested every three or four years without replanting. "You plant it once and harvest it six or seven times," Volk said.

Willow harvesting equipment has been developed in Europe, where the shrub has been grown as biomass fuel

for 15 years. A machine similar to a corn combine saws off the stems near the ground, feeds them through a chipper, and blows the chips into a wagon. Cutting is done in winter, when the leaves are off.

At first, the New York researchers used a dozen willow varieties grown for biomass in Sweden, but they were decimated by pests.

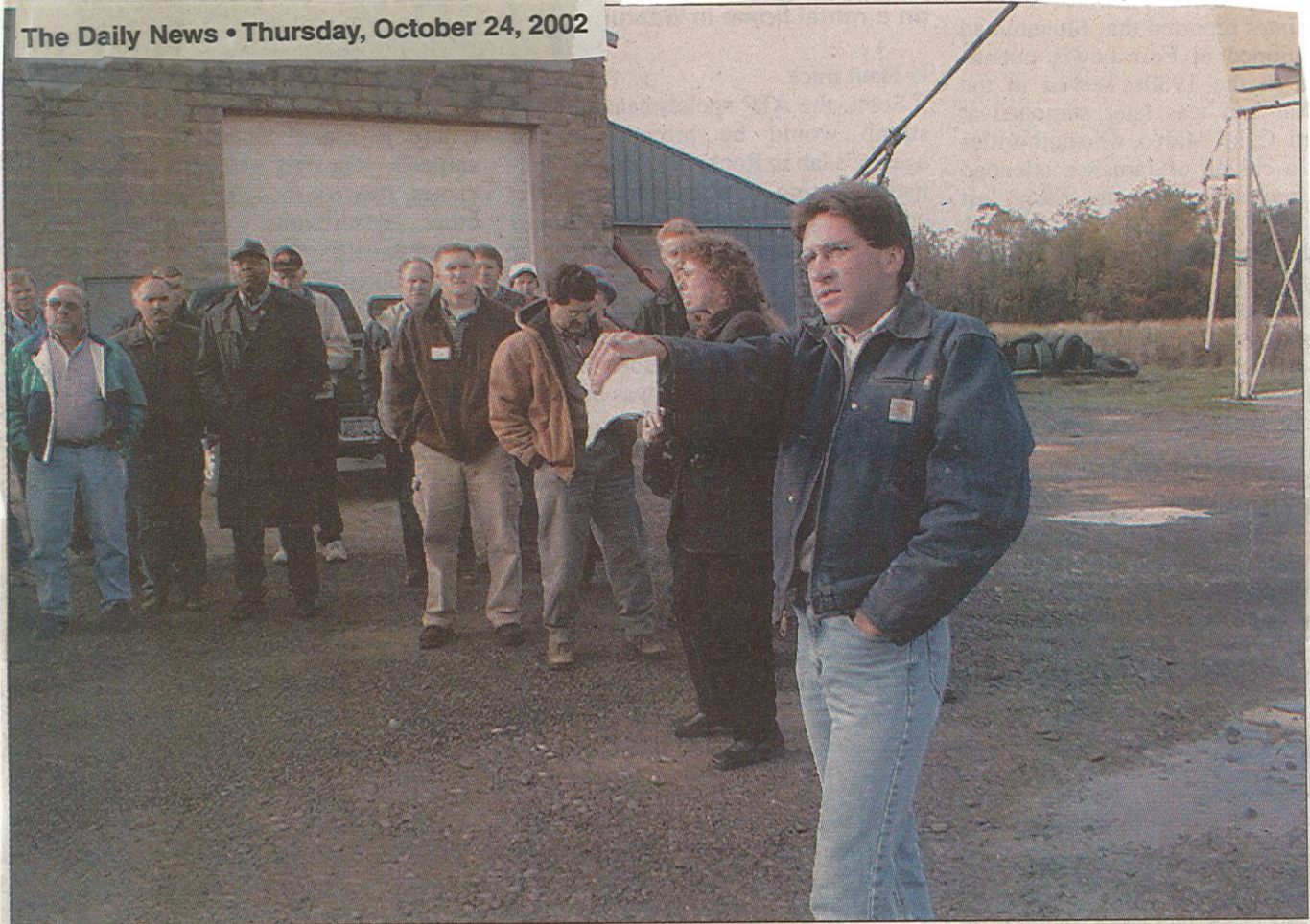
So the researchers collected willow in the wild throughout the Northeast. Using local varieties, as well as willow from Korea, China, and Japan, they're crossbreeding and growing test plots to select plants that are hardy, fast-growing, and resistant to insects and disease.

## File Features

### 35 years ago

The Orleans County 4-H honored Barbara Lartz and Nancy Seward as the top money earners of the year's Junior Fair —





Tom Rivers/Daily News

**AG TOUR:** Wayne Harrington, owner and president of Ontario Harvest, gives a tour of the fertilizer plant in Knowlesville to about 40 officials in Orleans County. Ontario Harvest was one of three farming-related businesses on the county's first agricultural tour Wednesday.

# First Orleans ag tour proves an eye-opener

By Tom Rivers  
Daily News Staff Writer

KNOWLESVILLE — Daniel Strong knew agriculture was a big business in Orleans County, but he didn't understand what a major force the industry is for the county's economy until Wednesday.

Strong, chairman of the Carlton town Planning Board, visited three agriculture-related businesses as part of a tour with about 40 other officials in Orleans County.

The group met in the Trolley Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds before taking a bus to visit the businesses. At the Trolley Building, Strong for the first time was confronted with the big numbers of agriculture in Orleans County: 2,800 jobs, \$81.9 million in gross sales, with \$71.1 million coming from crops and \$10.8 million from livestock.

"I didn't realize the impact," Strong said.

The tour stopped at Lynnette and Sons in Carlton. There the caravan of officials saw about 70 people cutting cabbage and unloading corn.

Farm owner Lynn Roberts told the group the farm does business with 600 different vendors.

The group also visited H.H. Dobbins in Lyndonville and watched the company's high-tech computers help sort apples by size and color.

The tour included Ontario Harvest, a fertilizer plant next to the fairgrounds in Knowlesville. The company sells a variety of fertilizers and chemicals that protect crops from insects.

Company owner Wayne Harrington said Ontario Harvest supplies about 150 farmers in Orleans, Genesee, Niagara and Monroe counties.

Before the tour started, a Cornell University professor prepped the officials with agriculture's economic value locally and in the state.

In New York, sales of crops generated \$3.2 billion, and "that's not chump change," said Nelson Brills, who teaches in the Department of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell.

Agricultural services pump another \$1.4 billion into the state's economy,

he said. When food manufacturing is factored in, the agricultural industry adds \$23 billion to the New York economy, Brills said.

Despite those big numbers, there is still room for the industry to grow, especially in the "stagnant Upstate economy," Brills said.

"There are plenty of unrealized opportunities to nurture the farms and the food industries and grow it," he said.

He advocated Orleans officials adopt farmland protection and right-to-farm plans, which would help preserve prime farmland, and also raise community awareness of the importance of agriculture to the local economy. Brills said he has studied 25 right-to-farm plans in the state and the major themes tend to be boosting marketing, public awareness, farmland protection, government policy and agriculture economic development.

The agriculture industry should attempt to work with economic development officials to establish revolv-

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... automatic weapons and demanded that Russia end the war in Chechnya, hostages and police officials said.

## McCall may lose campaign funding

NEW YORK (AP) — The chairman of the Democratic National Committee said the party would not provide gubernatorial candidate H. Carl McCall with large sums of money unless he

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Times reported that Muhammad was stationed at Fort Lewis outside Tacoma in the 1980s, served in the Vietnam War and was later stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. Malvo, who authorities believe is a citizen of Jamaica, attended high school in Bellingham, Wash., last year.

They said the men were being transported to Montgomery County, where the investigation is based. Witnesses at the rest stop called at 1 a.m. after they spotted the sleeping inside one of the cars in the investigation — a blue Chevrolet Caprice. Moose had cautioned that it should be assumed Muhammad is involved in the shootings that have stricken the Washington area since Oct. 2. Wednesday, FBI agents spent the day at the Tacoma home, eventually cutting away a tree stump from the area and other potential evidence in a

on a rental home in Washington state.

U-Haul truck. Scott, the ATF spokesman, said the stump would be brought to the agency's lab in Rockville, Md., for ballistics testing. On background, law enforcement sources said they believed the stump might contain bullets or fragments. And in Montgomery, Ala., Mayor Bobby Bright said federal authorities were investigating whether a fatal shooting there last month was linked to the sniper. (See sidebar) Late Wednesday night, Moose held a media briefing where he issued his latest cryptic message in his ongoing dialogue with the sniper. "You have indicated that you want us to do and say certain things. You've asked us to say, 'We have caught the sniper like a duck in a noose.' We understand that hearing us say this is

important to you," Moose said. He also expressed frustration at the failure to make contact despite the sniper's repeated attempts through "notes, indirect messages and calls to other jurisdictions." He asked the sniper to call. Pfc. Chris Waters, a Fort Lewis soldier who lives across the street from the Tacoma home, said he called police after hearing gunshots in the neighborhood nearly every day in January. "It sounded like a high-powered rifle such as an M-16," he said. "Never more than three shots at a time. Pow. Pow. Pow." Dean Resop, who lives a block away, said quite a few tenants had been in and out of the home. "Makes you want to watch your neighbors closer," said Resop, who has lived in the area seven years.

## Debate

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history of being involved in affecting the farm community and business, and has a tradition of candidate debates," Burling said in a news release. "As a moderate Farm Bureau is highly credible, it represents the largest industry in the 7th Assembly District and New York state." Burling on Wednesday said he could participate in debates before Nov. 4 if he had prior responsibilities in the town of Amity in Allegheny County. He said Kennison started

issuing the challenges very close to the end of the campaign, and should have offered them a few months ago. Bliss offered a more neutral location compared to York, Burling said. York is Kennison's hometown, and he serves as town supervisor in nearby Genesee. "Wyoming County is the only county that's wholly in the district," Burling said. "That's what I would consider a truly neutral area. I just don't think you can question the credibility of the Farm Bureau." Earlier, Kennison offered four topics so Burling would have time to prepare answers.

They included: ■ When will the hardworking people of Wyoming and Livingston counties get Empire Zones? Those designations provide tax breaks and utility rate cuts to help attract out-of-state businesses to certain areas. ■ How will Wyoming and Livingston counties attract jobs when businesses can get huge tax breaks for locating just about anywhere else statewide? ■ How much did the nine campaign mailings Burling sent over the summer cost taxpayers, and when does his cam-

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## Ag tour

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ing-loan funds for the businesses and improve infrastructure for farms, Brills said. The Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension and County Farmland Protection Board met with county legislators and town supervisors Tuesday

to lobby for a right-to-farm law. Besides boosting public awareness of farms, the law would give farmers more protection from lawsuits if they are doing regular farm practices. Jody Neal, chairman of the Farmland Protection Board, said he and Cooperative Extension officials will try to rally support for the plan first from the

towns, and then county leaders. "Something has to happen because the gap between the community and agriculture is getting larger and larger," Neal said while on the tour Wednesday. Deb Roberts, director of the Orleans County Extension, said she expects the tour will be an annual event with future tours including different components

of the agricultural industry in different parts of the county. The bus for the tour was provided by Farm Credit of Western New York, Orleans County Planning Department, the Bank of Castile and the Cooperative Extension.

## Holland

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former county highway superintendent; county Planning Director James Duval, Hens, Sheriff Gary Maha, James Orr, a former sheriff's deputy; Legislator Richard Rudolph, R-Pembroke/Darien; Le Roy Police Chief Samuel Steffenilla and William Young of Batavia to three-year terms on the county Traffic Safety Board. ■ Tapped a 9-1-1 surcharge revenue account for \$25,950 for purchase of three computers for the sheriff's dispatch center, computer-aided mapping

software and an upgraded mapping program. ■ Approved a new set of monthly rental rates for the county's motor pool for 2003 aimed at saving about \$30,000 in general fund spending. ■ Approved a \$13,325 contract with Onsy Inc. of Rochester for repairs to automotive lifts at the county Highway Department garage. ■ Approved purchase from T-W Truck Equippers of Rochester for \$8,998 of a pumping station, storage tank and two truck-mounted delivery

systems for spraying a de-icing liquid on road salt applied by sanding trucks. The process makes winter sanding more efficient and the de-icer protects the equipment by inhibiting corrosion, according to Hens. ■ Approved a three-year contract at \$60 an hour with Med New York Management Inc. of Syracuse for case management services in the county's self-funded health benefits plan that is expected to save the plan \$30,000 in 2003, 2004 and 2005. ■ Approved a new contract with Health Economics Group Inc. of

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# It's fall clean-up time in the garden

By Dave Reville

All summer long you've been dying to tidy up your garden. Unfortunately, no matter how unattractive they look, some plants must keep all their leaves in order to survive. Now, it's finally time to roll up your sleeves and make a clean sweep.

When you've taken in the final harvest, everything that remains in your vegetable garden is debris. Cucumber, squash vines, cabbages, tomato and bean plants are likely to harbor plant diseases, particularly fungi when left to over-winter. Spade these remains under to add richness and texture to the soil - or add to the compost heap.

As you clean up last year's vegetable garden, make a note of your successes and failures. Did some plants bear too little due to lack of sun or moisture? Were others attacked by preventable diseases? Plan to relocate plants and purchase disease resistant varieties next year if necessary.

In your flower garden, you can really dig in. At last, you can cut back the straggly stems of dead flowers at three to four inches from the soil. Remove all old foliage from the garden. This is an important step to control diseases. Remove dying annuals. Add mulch if necessary.

## Time to start

### a compost pile

Fall is a perfect time to start a backyard composting program because the raw material for compost is abundant. Fallen leaves, grass clippings, weeds, spent vines, other semi-rotted garden refuse, including all of those green tomatoes, and all of the annual crops that are finished, provide the main component of compost.

The other ingredients are soil, air and water.

For many people the compost pile is never finished because we keep adding kitchen scraps and other refuse as it accumulates in the home environment. This is fine if the objective is to simply get rid of biodegradable garbage in an environmentally sound manner.

If the objective is to produce some high quality finished compost for use in the garden and landscape, then the compost pile should be constructed in a slightly different fashion or multiple piles should be created.

The basic principle of composting is to combine six to eight-inch layers of organic matter with one-inch layers of soil in between plus some sort of fertilizer such as manure or even a few handfuls of 5-10-5 every other layer or so. It is not necessary to be precise.

Essentially, all organic matter will eventually rot. The

trick is to accelerate the process in order to provide finished compost in a reasonable amount of time.

The secret to quick composting is to shred the materials as finely as possible and keep the pile slightly wet and constantly aerated. Bulky or coarse organic residues such as corn or sunflower stalks may take years to compost if left intact, but the same corn stalks will break down in weeks if they are first shredded.

Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561 for information on constructing your own compost bin.

### Evergreens lose their leaves, too

If you notice now that the old leaves or needles on your evergreens turn yellow and then brown, do not become alarmed.

Evergreens remain green throughout the year because they do not lose all of their foliage at one time. Leaf life ranges from one to six years, depending on the species of plant.

New leaves or needles are produced each year and some of the old inside ones die and fall to the ground. Usually annual leaf or needle drop goes unnoticed because the new leaves or needles conceal old inside foliage that has turned yellow and brown.

It may be very noticeable, however, depending on the past and current growing seasons. During a rainy summer most plants put on a heavy growth of foliage. If the following summer is dry there will be a light growth, which will not hide or camouflage old yellowing leaves.

Among evergreens that drop one year old leaves or needles are laurel, holly, white pine and arborvitae. Trees that retain green needles from three to five years or more are spruce, fir, hemlock, yew (*Taxus*) and the pines, which have two or three needles in a cluster. On the pines, in fact on most needle-bearing conifers, old needles drop off in the fall of the year. But holly leaves drop off in the spring or early summer about the time new foliage covers the ends of branches.

A year or two after evergreens are transplanted, effects of normal leaf or needle drop may be more striking. Those planted in wet or poorly drained soils will often show an abnormal amount of leaf yellowing on inside branches. If you do not water transplanted trees during a dry summer, leaf or needle drop may be earlier and more severe than normal.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Rubber snakes, amplified bird distress calls, even a goop called Roost No-More, all failed to shoo a flock of starlings from their nests under a span between Washington and Oregon.

Now workers have brought in artillery — a \$300 propane-powered cannon, which makes noise that spooks the birds away.

It seems the bird population is simultaneously rising and dropping — and dropping, and dropping, and dropping, leaving not just unwanted adornments on cars but safety and maintenance hassles, says Tom Chambers, who has worked on the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River for 14 years.

"It's eating at the paint. It covers the bearings, gears and cables," Chambers said. "They tried these wire spikes, but they get filled with so much crap that the birds would just stand on that."

In fall and winter, especially, starlings swarm to the bridge at night, roosting as closely as four inches apart.

Crews from the Oregon Department of Transportation began noise-impact tests for the cannon Tuesday. So far, so good.

But Terry Messmer, a Utah State University expert on starling control, holds little hope for the cannon, which does not fire projectiles.

"If there is no threat associated

# Krenning is named 'Friend of Agriculture'

By Tom Rivers

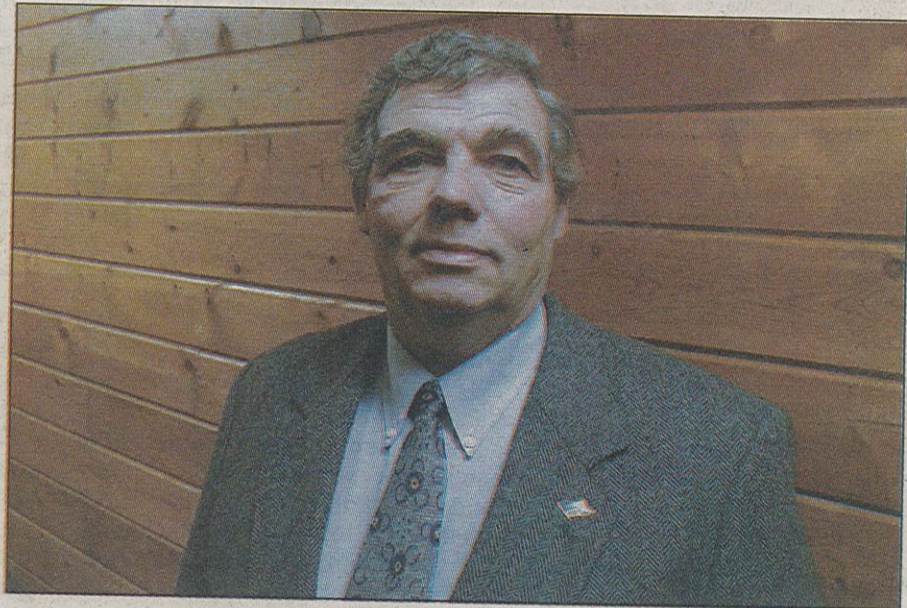
Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Bruce Krenning has been a strong advocate for his community, from his leadership at his church, the Board of Education and to farming organizations with local, state and national significance, said Nelda Toussaint, a member of the Orleans County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Krenning's most recent dedication to improving the fate of farmers earned him the Orleans Farm Bureau's "Friend of Agriculture," Toussaint said Wednesday, when she presented the longtime fruit and hog farmer with the award.

Krenning, the vice president of the state Farm Bureau, has helped politicians draft better policies for farmers locally, state-wide and nationally, Toussaint said.

Krenning has left a mark locally as a past member of the Albion Board of Education and active member of the Lyndonville Presbyterian Church, Toussaint said. Krenning and his wife, Diane, have four grown children. Two of the Krenning children work full-time promoting agriculture. Adam is the agriculture education teacher at Albion High School while Amanda works for the state Farm Bureau as a



Tom Rivers/Daily News

**A GOOD FRIEND:** Bruce Krenning, a longtime Albion farmer, was named "Friend of Agriculture" Wednesday by the Orleans County Farm Bureau.

field advisor in Western New York.

Krenning said he is determined to help bring long-term viability to farms, which suffer from unfair international trade agreements that deflate prices for farmers. Farmers also need a stable work force which could be accomplished through guest-worker legislation, making it easier for

migrant workers to help on farms in the United States, Krenning said.

"Everybody has to eat," he said. "I'm concerned about the food supply, the cost and its availability."

Krenning is seeking election in December to another two-year term as

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# 4-H Fest, ag tour help to celebrate harvest

By Deborah Roberts

Just look around and you know that it is harvest time in Orleans County.

The tractors, combines and apple pickers are busy bringing in the produce and grain that Orleans County is famous for.

All around are festivals and events celebrating the harvest. Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension is no exception. In the 4-H Youth Development area the annual Harvest Fest at the 4-H fairgrounds will be held this Saturday.

A very popular offshoot of the Harvest Fest is the Haunted House, which began last week and runs the next two weeks.

On the agriculture end of things, we will be hosting, along with a number of other agencies, the first Orleans County Ag Industry Tour for county decision makers next

week.

The 4-H Harvest Fest has its origins in the 4-H Walkathons and Rideathons of the 1970s and 80s. The goal of all has been to raise much needed funds for the maintenance and improvement of the fairgrounds facilities.

The Harvest Fest has evolved into an all-day event with several special activities held throughout the day. Craft vendors and 4-H clubs will have their wares for sale and food will be available in the Trolley Building all day long. There will be a Chinese auction, a treasure hunt for children, a scarecrow contest, caramel corn, hayrides and more.

One of the highlights of the day is the Grown in N.Y. contest. 4-Hers prepare a dish for judges from a recipe they have chosen that uses a product grown or produced in New York state. The hard part is that they

do their cooking in silence!

Another all day event is the Headless Horseman Horse Show organized by the youth involved in the 4-H horse program.

Also not to be missed is the Antique and Classic Car Cruise-In. Stop out and celebrate the harvest on Saturday.

If you are brave enough, you might also want to check out the amazing 4-H Haunted House. A creative group of volunteers spent an entire month putting together the elaborate set that fills the Lartz Building at the fairgrounds.

They tell me it takes 30 minutes to go through. I am taking their word for it but if you like being frightened, you won't want to miss it.

The Haunted House is open Fridays and Saturdays through the rest of October from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks are avail-

able in the Trolley Building. All proceeds from the Haunted House go towards maintenance of the fairgrounds.

All county, town and village decision makers have been invited to participate in a breakfast and tour of some of the ag businesses in Orleans County.

The tour will take place next Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning and ending at the fairgrounds.

Farm Bureau has planned a farm breakfast featuring local products while Nelson Bills from Cornell University will share some of his thoughts on farmland and development.

Participants will then take a bus tour to Ontario Harvest, Knowlesville, H.H. Dobbins, Lyndonville and Lynnette and Sons, Kent.

The focus of the tour is the diver-

sity and economic impact of agriculture on Orleans County.

You might be surprised to learn that those pumpkins and cabbage growing in the fields all over Orleans County give is the ranking of being in the top 2 percent of counties in the United States for vegetables.

Add to that the diversity of crops that are grown well on our lake plains and what we have is an important part of the economy in this area.

So, we encourage you to join us in our celebrations of the harvest season in whatever way fits for you.

For more information on 4-H Youth Development or agriculture programs contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



# Pat Eick will lead Farm Bureau

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

MURRAY — The Orleans County Farm Bureau on Wednesday picked Pat Eick, a Shelby dairy farmer, to lead the organization for the next year.

Eick succeeds Diane Krenning, an Albion fruit and hog farmer, who led the Farm Bureau the past two years. Eick served as vice president with Krenning.

Eick's husband, Bill, served as president for three years in the mid-1990s.

"She'll do an excellent job," Mr. Eick said about his wife. "She's up on all the farm issues."

Mrs. Eick also has plenty of communication skills, and works well with people, said Mr. Eick, who runs



Eick

LaVerne and Sons Dairy Farm on Freeman Road with his brother Ken.

"I believe in the farm family and that agriculture is the basis for our society," Mrs. Eick said following the Farm Bureau

annual meeting at Hickory Ridge Country Club.

"It's just something I strongly believe in."

Besides helping on the farm, Eick has worked the past seven years full time as secretary for the Orleans County Office of Emergency Management.

She and her husband have three

children and one grandchild.

Eick is the third consecutive woman to lead Orleans Farm Bureau; previously the chapter had not had a woman president. Eick follows Krenning and Karen Watt of Gaines.

"A woman's role in agriculture these days is not to walk behind the man, but to walk with the man," Eick said.

Krenning said Eick has proven to be "a great leader," with a strong family connection to Farm Bureau.

The Orleans organization has 320 members.

The following were elected to two-year terms to board of directors on Wednesday: Nelda Toussaint, Diane Krenning, Pete Panek, Dale Root and Kirk Mathes.



# Local pumpkin crop won't be big treat for consumers

But supplies will be sufficient for jack-o'-lanterns, pies, growers say

By Matt Surtel

Daily News Staff Writer

**D**espite problems with this year's crops, area growers say pumpkins should still be suitable for jack-o'-lanterns and pie making, if supplies prove plentiful.

A combination of dry summer weather and powdered mildew fungus helped make pumpkins this year somewhat smaller than normal. Yields may also be less.

"You need a little rain to make them grow," said Troy Shuknecht, of LS and Sons in Elba. "We had hardly any rain during growing season."

Shuknecht rated this year's pumpkin crop as mid-to-poor. He said the farm's large pumpkins have already sold out, leaving medium and small sizes for sale.

"Probably half of our crop is sold and the other half has bad stems on them," he said.

How well the pumpkin season does will depend on this week, Scuknecht said.

Besides hampering size, poor growing conditions increase the need for sprays, which can affect quality.

The farm has already sold all its pie pumpkins, he said.

Powdered mildew fungus and deer contributed to this year's crop difficulties, said Ann Robb, of Robb's Farm Market in Warsaw.

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**'TIS THE SEASON:** Pumpkins such as these at the Willow Creek Farms stand on Route 5 in Batavia can be seen throughout the area this time of year. Local growers say a lack of rainfall this summer and powdered mildew fungus have created a mid-to-poor pumpkin crop this year, although there should be sufficient supplies available for the traditional jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkin pies.

The mildew makes for bad stems, although the pumpkins are still acceptable for Halloween carving and baking. Hungry deer also proved a menace in general.

Robb said deer hit the pumpkin crop hard. The animals are known for taking a single bite out of a pumpkin, and moving on to the next plant.

Fences and other measures to protect crops work temporarily, but the animals eventually find a way

around them.

"They eat the vines too, when they just start to come up, so that doesn't help things either," Robb said.

Gary Roberts of Roberts Farm Market in Medina would also classify this year's crop as mid-to-poor.

"They've been small because of the moisture," he said. "Lack of water."

Roberts' family grows about half an acre of pumpkins for sale at the market, he said. They always make sure

to plant enough pumpkins so they'll still have enough to sell in case of low yields.

Crops are typically planted in the end of May and about June 1.

Pumpkins ideally have a deep, orange color and strong stems.

They should usually range in size from basketballs to 30 or 40 pounds in size.

Although they benefit from warm weather, pumpkins still need good moisture to grow well, farmers say.



## Fun Farm Facts

**COWS HAVE** four stomachs that hold about 35 gallons total.

**HAMPSHIRE** pigs were developed in Hampshire, England and have been in the U.S.A. for over 150 years.

**A HORSE** usually has three heartbeats for every one breath.

**AT ONLY 10** days old, a chick embryo is about 1-1/2 inches long and its feathers are already beginning to grow.

**ON A DAY** with a light wind, a cow can smell things up to 6 miles away.

**AMONG** the world's domesticated animals, only dogs outnumber pigs.

**THE OLD Farmer's Almanac** was founded in January of 1792.

**CHICKENS** usually have four toes, but some breeds have five.

**PIGS ARE** the only creatures besides humans that can get a sunburn.

**THE GREATEST** concentration of cows in the United States is Calumet County, Wisconsin, where there are 94 cows per square mile.

**WHEN MEASURING** a horse from the ground to the top of the withers using the term "hand", a hand equals 4 inches.

**THE CHINESE** incubated eggs in large numbers to feed to the masses of peasants working on the Great Wall of China.

**GUERNSEY** cows produce milk with a high butterfat content.

**PIGS ACTUALLY** prefer wallowing in clean areas—like a bed of moist, clean earth after a rain—as opposed to sloppy mud holes.

**WHEN TWO** Palominos are mated, the odds are 50% that the foal will be Palomino.

**AN EGG IS** graded according to the quality of its shell, yolk and white.

**HIGH-YIELDING** cows generally have excellent temperments. When a calf is taken from the barn to grass for the first time, it must be led out by the tail.

**IN THE LATE 1600s**, Pennsylvanians adopted the practice of finishing hogs on Indian corn (maize).

**AS THE HORSE** matures, the legs grow more slowly than the rest of its body.

**CHICKS USE** a tooth at the end of their beak to break out of their shell. This tooth falls off after they hatch.

**SUPERSTITION** says that it is bad luck to milk a cow while you are sitting on the ground. The cow will go dry.

**THE HORSE** was first domesticated about 5,000–6,000 years ago near the Black and Caspian Seas.

**MANY DUCKS** and geese will desert their eggs, so a broody hen may be used to hatch them.



## Soil and water districts funded

Soil and water conservation districts in Genesee and Orleans counties are getting state grants to help protect drinking water supplies from agricultural runoff, according to assemblymen Charles Nesbitt and Daniel Burling.

Genesee County's district will get \$49,637 to initiate agricultural environmental management tiered planning on 199 farms in the Tonawanda Creek watershed in Erie, Genesee, Niagara and Wyoming counties, the announcement said.

Orleans will get \$19,438 for similar tiered planning on 65 farms in the Sandy Creek watershed in Orleans and Monroe counties, it said.

"These funds are of great importance to farmers in Genesee and Orleans counties who work year-round to harvest crops while trying not to disturb the drinking water residents rely on from the Tonawanda and Sandy creek watersheds," Nesbitt, R-Albion, said.

Gov. Pataki participated in the announcement that involves more than \$311,000 for waterway protection projects in the state, the news release said.



# Work in the garden — now what? <sup>x</sup>

**By Dave Reville**

Frost has hit in many areas as of this writing. The important task now is to do a thorough cleanup in the flower and vegetable garden removing all plant debris and placing it on the compost pile. It is also a good idea to weed while you are at it so that weed seeds will not be a problem next spring.

In terms of lawn care, it is advisable to keep leaves raked off the lawn so smothering does not occur to the grass. The raked leaves will make an excellent compost and should be mulched with a rotary mower for faster decay in the compost pile, especially where oak and maple are concerned.

It is advisable to make a fertilizer application in mid-November with a low nitrogen (first number on fertilizer bag) fertilizer.

It is too late for grub control, and I mention this since some calls have been received concerning this. The ideal time

for best grub control is in late August to mid-September.

If there are patches of weed in the lawn and they are broad-leaved, a spray of liquid weed killer might still be effective if the weather does not get too cold.

Extensive re-seeding at this late date can result in limited germination due to the onslaught of colder temperatures, as well as the soil type you have. The ryegrass in the mix will germinate, but the Kentucky bluegrass and red fescues take much longer to germinate at this time of year.

But if we are scheduled to have a long siege of Indian summer with temperatures in the high 50s or warmer, the seeds will germinate and might acclimate before freezing weather really sets in.

Remember to keep the lawn mowed until the ground freezes as the lawns continue to grow in late fall. It is advisable to stay off the lawns when frost has occurred, as you can damage the grass

blades.

In the flower garden, bulbs can still be planted for spring color or for forcing indoors. A site that is well-drained works the best. Plant then at a depth two times their width.

Summer flowering "bulbs" like canna, gladiola and dahlia should be brought in for storage for the winter following frost kill.

It is not too early to think about it, but if you plan to purchase a live-balled and burlap Christmas tree, the hole needs to be dug before the ground freezes and the soil placed in your garage/barn where it will not freeze solid.

Contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension for further fall gardening tips at 589-5561.

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## **Just Past the City Limits**

# The top 10 transportation problems for farmers

10. The biggest traffic problem is having to slow down to let somebody else across the one-lane bridge first.

9. The morning commute to work is 50 yards out the back door to the machine shed, assuming your wife doesn't catch you on the way out the door and want you to carry something to her car.

8. It's much easier to fall asleep listening to coyotes and hoot owls than police sirens and screeching car tires.

7. When you hear the word "crack" in a conversation, it's probably in reference to concrete.

6. Nice as your neighbors are, it's great not having to listen to them walking across your ceiling.

5. The only time you stand in line is to shake hands with the

preacher when you leave church.

4. Those folks who are always trying to get people to switch religions don't come by too often and, when they do, you can always hide in the barn.

3. Your only experience with urban sprawl is when somebody from town moved into the old house down the road.

2. It's heckuva lot easier to find your kids hanging out in the local fast food parking lot than it is to track them down in a shopping mall.

1. The only graffiti problem you have is trying to decipher the parts number you scrawled into the dust on the combine fender.

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by Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
cnhi News Service



# Be watchful of farm equipment on the road

**By Deborah Roberts**

As the weather begins to turn colder and more variable, the harvest in Orleans County continues, so you will continue to see farm equipment and trucks on the roads.

Several times in the last few days I have seen some near misses as drivers pulled up too close or pulled around slow moving equipment on the roads.

As the long days wear on, farmers become tired and as the weather turns nastier, attention to safety becomes more and more important for both farmers and drivers.

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) comments that "whether you operate slow moving equipment or drive your car on rural roads, the decisions YOU make effect your safety, and others' safety." So it is up to all of us to follow safe practices.

Operators of vehicles travel-

ing 25 mph or less on the road are required to display a low moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle. The emblem is an orange and red triangle that improves the visibility of the vehicle and warns motorists that the vehicle is traveling at 25 mph or less. Specifications for the size and placement of the sign can be obtained from NYCAMH. Farmers need to remember to keep the slow moving vehicle sign clean and to check to make sure it is clearly visible. Equipment drivers must look for any pay close attention to motorists coming up behind them.

According to the National Safety Council, 15,000 farm vehicles are involved in collisions annually. Ninety percent of these occur during the day on dry roads and two-thirds are rear-end collisions. When there is a death involved, it is usually the farm vehicle operator who is killed.

However, it can be head-on collision between two cars if someone pulls out unwisely.

The slow moving vehicle sign can be seen 600 feet away so it CAN avoid collisions, IF it is on the farm vehicle AND IF the motorist pays attention to it.

So when you see a slow moving farm vehicle up ahead, what should you do?

First, slow down. You only have a few seconds to reduce your speed to 25 mph or less.

Second, be patient. Maintain a good distance behind the farm vehicle. It can be very difficult for you to see around the equipment on either side. Do NOT pass on the right since you cannot know whether the vehicle will be turning into a field, driveway or onto a roadway.

Before you pass on the left, be absolutely sure that the vehicle is not getting ready to turn left AND that you have sufficient time to get around.

Remember the farm equipment cannot get out of the way as easily as a car.

Many farmers will motion to you when the way around is clear, however, they cannot see you if you are too close behind them. A good rule of thumb is that if you can't see the farm vehicles' rear view mirrors, the driver CANNOT see you. As NYCAMH reminds us "it is your decision to avoid a collision."

For more information on farm safety, visit the NYCAMH website at [www.nycamh.com](http://www.nycamh.com) where much of the information in the article came from the web article "SMV Emblem for Motorist", or call us at Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561. By working together we can make Orleans County a safer place to live and work.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



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**RIDING HIGH:** Members of the Wild Rose Pony Club in Albion recently completed a successful season. Receiving awards from David Crystal, regions supervisor of the U.S. Pony Club, standing, are, on horses, from left, Amy Green, Lacey Myers, Amie Fair, Peter Q., who was visiting from another area club, and Bonnie Green.

## Pony Club takes top prizes in two contests

### CLUB NEWS

ALBION — The Wild Rose Pony Club, a local affiliate of the United States Pony Club, completed a successful rally season.

The team participated in several USPC rallies. Members took first place in the Pas de Deux and Quadrille competitions and second place in Horse Management, and the Senior Division of Mounted Games.

The Club recently completed a week-long camp working on stadium jumping, cross country, trail and horse management skills.

The club plans to participate in the round robin, dressage, show jumping, eventing and games rallies in 2003.

The Wild Rose Pony Club is accepting new members. For information, call 589-9181.

The Club offers education in all aspects of the English mounted discipline.



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2002

## File Features

**25 years ago**

(No paper published on Oct. 29.  
Taken from the Oct. 28 issue:) The  
county Farm Bureau named George  
Heidemann Jr. of Kendall as its presi-

dent for the coming year, with Edward  
Neal of Albion named vice president.



## **The Journal-Register**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002

### **Toenniessen named S.U. Dean's Scholar**

Raymond Toenniessen of Albion has been named a Dean's Scholar at Syracuse University.

Toenniessen is enrolled in S.U.'s College of Arts and Sciences.

The scholar designation is awarded to first-year and transfer students who exhibit outstanding academic achievement. Recipients must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities and demonstrate good character and citizenship.

The designation carries with it a \$4,000 annual scholarship that can be renewed.

## **THE JOURNAL-REGISTER**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002

### **Two add talents to S.U. marching band**

Several area students are strutting their musical stuff at Syracuse University through involvement in school bands and ensembles.

Corrine Toenniessen of Albion, a senior majoring in music education, is a member of the Wind Ensemble, S.U.'s premier concert band. The ensemble performs music ranging from large symphonic works involving all 50-plus members to "one-on-a-part" chamber works calling on eight to 24 performers. Two concerts are presented each semester on campus.

Along with James Wolfe of Lyndonville, Toenniessen also is a member of the S.U. "Pride

of the Orange" Marching Band that performs at all home football games at the 50,000-seat Carrier Dome and travels with the team to a post-season bowl game.

Wolfe is a freshman studying biology at S.U.



# Tips on winter protection of tender plants

By Dave Reville  
The Journal-Register

The winter can be truly devastating to the ornamental and fruiting plants that we tend in our landscapes. Luckily, there are some things that you can do to guard your favorite plants from the threat of winter damage.

First of course you must have a basic understanding of what can happen to your plants over a New York winter. Evergreen plants, both broad-leaves and deciduous, are very vulnerable to drying out over the winter. The reason for this is that evergreen plants continue to transpire (lose moisture) even when the

roots are far less likely to experience desiccation injury, but some have tender bark and are prone to frost cracking that can expose the cambium and lead to invasion by insects and pathogens.

Gardeners seem to be more willing to push the envelope by planting marginally hardy herbaceous plants and should know how to protect these plants. Typically with herbaceous ornamentals we are most interested in protecting the root system, since the tops of these plants tend to die back during the winter months.

One typical scenario is a herbaceous plant in a poorly drained soil getting heaved up as the ground freezes and thaws over the winter months. This problem can be espe-

cially troublesome in the event of a snow-less winter. Once the roots are heaved out of the ground, they are exposed to wide extremes in temperature and moisture levels, usually resulting in loss of the plant.

However, all of the damage that can happen in our gardens is not necessarily a direct result of bad weather. Deer, rabbits and Voles are responsible for a significant amount of destruction in the garden as well. So how does one go about minimizing these problems in the garden?

First, site your broadleaf evergreens in such a way that they are protected from windy locations and from bright, western or southern exposures. Tender, needle-leaf evergreens such as dwarf Alberta spruce

should be treated in the same way. If one wants to put in the extra effort, one could also protect these tender plants with screens constructed of burlap attached to wooden stakes or fence posts. Anti-desiccant sprays, which temporarily seal the stomata, may also be a useful tool in managing this problem.

Deciduous plants are not immune from problems either. Some woody plants such as some cultivars of Norway maple, are described as having tender bark, which is very prone to frost cracking. These can also be protected with burlap or other materials to shield the trunk of the tree from damage.

Gardeners are most frequently interested in protecting perennials over the winter. In this case, mulch-

ing can give great benefits is a few simple rules are follows. First, don't apply mulch until after the first killing frost; if you are extra cautious you may want to consider waiting until the ground freezes. The next rule of thumb is to be sure to remove the mulch early in the spring to be sure that your plants do not rot or flower later than normal.

Finally, if deer or other animals are causing trouble in your garden, try using baits, repellents and/or physical barriers such as fences or mesh barriers around tree trunks to deter or prevent damage.

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## Hunters urged to share your deer and feed the hungry

Did you know that one deer provides approximately 160 servings to hungry people?

Last year, from deer donated by hunters and farmers, the Venison Donation Coalition processed and distributed 28,000 pounds of highly nutritious ground venison to those in need throughout 16 counties in New York state. That equates to 112,000 meals. An additional 23,000 pounds of ground venison was distributed throughout other areas in programs facilitated by various sportsmen's groups.

This year, the Venison Donation Coalition has joined forces with the many sportsmen's federations and conservation organizations, and expects to process a minimum of 100,000 pounds of venison that will provide 400,000 servings. Working with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier (Elmira), FOODLINK (Rochester), Long Island Cares (Brentwood), Food

Bank of Western New York (Buffalo), Food Bank of Central New York (Syracuse), Food Bank of Northeastern New York (Latham) Food Patch (Millwood) and Food for Survival (Bronx), the Venison Coalition will provide thousands of member agencies (food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, low-income child care centers, senior centers, emergency shelters, etc.) in 40 counties with ground venison for distribution to those in need.

But they can't do it without help. Hunters are asked to donate a deer to one of more than 80 participating meat processors. Processing is free to the individual donating the deer. Each meat processor is recruited for participation and is paid by the Venison Donation Coalition to process the donated deer. The venison is processed and packaged according to the Environmental Conservation Law and the

meat is picked up by the Food Banks for distribution to their member agencies which are the soup kitchens and food pantries in your area.

You must call ahead in order to receive free processing of any deer you wish to donate. Professional processors are participating at a reduced rate and they reserve the right to accept or reject any deer based on their professional judgement.

The processing costs for one deer average \$40. In order to keep expanding this program throughout New York state, the Venison Donation Coalition is also actively seeking financial donations from individuals, organizations and businesses. This year, New York state employees will be able to designate their United Way or SEFA donation to this program by using the Designation Code 779115, listed as Sullivan Trail Council—Venison Donation Program in the

statewide catalog.

Any individual interested in receiving some ground venison should contact the Food Bank serving their county. The food banks will provide member agencies that are distributing the venison in their area. Any non-profit organization that would like to become a member agency to receive venison to distribute should also contact the food bank serving their county.

For additional information on the Venison donor Coalition, call the new voicemail system toll free 1-866-862-DEER and a volunteer from the Coalition will call you back as soon as possible. The Web site can be found at [www.VenisonDonation.com](http://www.VenisonDonation.com). Flyers are also available where hunting licenses are sold.

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## Farmers looking for regional pact to boost milk prices

WATERVILLE, Maine (AP) — A Maine dairyman who helped to organize a weekend milk-dumping protest said farmers in the Northeast need a contract for higher milk prices.

Konrad Bailey was a leader of a demonstration in Fairfield in which 10,000 gallons on

milk were dumped from a truck into a manure pit to draw attention to plummeting milk prices.

He said the contract, which seeks to raise the minimum payment to farmers for their milk, could be successful if at least 30 percent of the dairy farmers in the Northeast sign

it.

"I think 30 percent will do it to start," said Bailey, of Farmington. "We need to challenge people."

Bailey is working with the National Farmers Organization, which is circulating a contract proposal to farmers in New York and New

England.

The contract seeks a minimum price of \$15 per hundredweight, but Bailey said it actually would fetch farmers closer to \$17 per hundredweight because they would get extra money for byproducts such as butterfat and protein.



# 4-H members mark past year's achievements

KNOWLESVILLE — Orleans 4-H members, parents and volunteers gathered recently to celebrate the group's achievements over the past year.

Among the many honorees were the 2002 Orleans County 4-H Project Champions, 4-H members 13 or older who completed a project record and had it judged by the Project Record Review Committee of the Leaders' Association.

Project records are judged on their completeness, quality, quantity, leadership, community service, demonstration experience and neatness.

The 2002 honorees in their respective areas were:

Food and Nutrition — Amanda Vreeland, Rachel Preston and Chelsie Cliff

Horticulture — Chelsie Cliff

Child Care — Chelsie Cliff

Clothing and Textiles — Rachel Preston, Amanda Vreeland and Heather Carr

Arts and Crafts — Heather Carr, Amanda Vreeland and Rachel Preston

Cats — Bethany Coon

Horse — Carly Wells and Jessica Arno

Horseless Horse — Nick Underwood and Laura Underwood

Dogs — Sheena Coon and Bethany

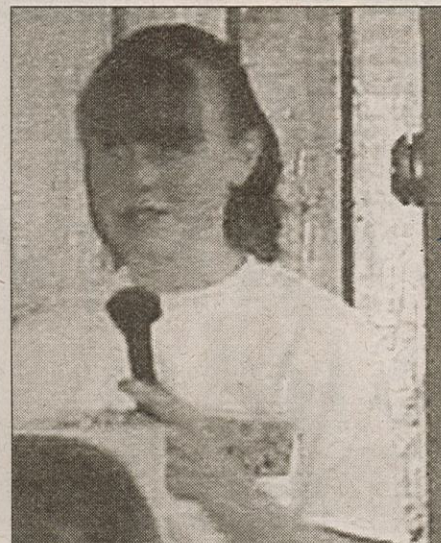


At 4-H Achievement Night, Kelly Walsh of Medina addresses the audience regarding her 4-H Award Trip to Camp Wyomoco.

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## Super Clubs

Also honored were the past year's Super Clubs, which participate in a wide range of events and complete an exhaustive record of their achievements.



Stephanie Boyle of Medina told friends and family about her award trip to Cornell University for career explorations.

The Super Club in the Large Club (21 or more 4-H Club members) category is the Rabbit Raisers.

The Super Club of the Medium Club (11-20 4-H Club members) category is the Barn Buddies.

The Super Club in the Small Club category (10 4-H Club members or less) is the Lyndonville Mongrels.

## Spirit of community

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award is designed to recognize youths who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer community service. These youths are then eligible for state and national awards.

This year's middle level local honoree is Dean Graning of the Lyndonville Mongrels.

Graning took part in many different community service activities this past year, including making and maintaining birdfeeders for senior citizens, participating in the Save Our Streams project, planting and caring for bulbs at the building where Mongrel meetings are held and writing Valentine cards for service men and women.

The high school level local honoree is Scott Marciszewski.

Scott's major community service activity was landscaping of the front of the Trolley Building. He re-designed the garden several times to meet requests, gathered sponsors for the project and organized the labor necessary to install the project.

For more information about the Orleans County 4-H Youth Development Program, contact the Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.



## Tackle the tough issues

Here are 10 tips for talking with young people about tough issues

1. Start early.
2. Initiate conversation with your child.
3. ... even about difficult issues.
4. Create an open environment.
5. Communicate your own

values.

6. Listen to your child.
7. Try to be honest.
8. Be patient.
9. Use everyday opportunities to talk.
10. Talk about it again. And again.

— Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau

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## Just Past the City Limits

# Top 10 qualifications to be a cattleman

10. Wife with job in town that allows her the day off when you need to ship cattle.

9. Forty-five free feed company caps and one good felt that costs about the same as a lightweight calf.

8. Own a been-roped-off-of gelding of unknown parentage whose name happens to be the same as his color.

7. Your own coffee cup at the feed store.

6. Pocket knife with broken-off tip—now perfect for emergency screwdriver use.

5. Feed truck which is only slightly more beat-up than go-to-town truck.

4. Ability to jack-knife 20-ft. gooseneck into only two parking spaces in front of coffee shop on Main Street.

3. Known well enough to area salebarn ringmen that they can tell the difference between bidding and nose-scratching.

2. Gun rack in pickup that contains no guns but does support a well-used lariat, sorting stick, and length of baling wire.

1. Credit, lots of credit.

by Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
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## ORLEANS COUNTY

The Daily News • Saturday, November 16, 2002



Tom Rivers/Daily News

**FACING CUTBACKS:** Deb Roberts, director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Orleans County, would see the agency lose \$10,000 in funding under Orleans County's proposed 2003 budget. The agency's eight employees already function on a "bare-bones" budget, she said.

# Agencies feel pain

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Although Perry police are willing to apply their dog, they may not always be willing to provide their K-9 for free. They keep having to send the dog and rider to places such as Bennington on the other side of the county. The K-9 unit will not add another deputy position, Ely said. A Sheriff's office narcotics officer will handle the dog. "We consider it a very minimal cost for the service we're going to get of the animal," he said.

in aid of the county's state to Albany. The Arc of Orleans County. The agency would lose \$27,462 for programs that help operate Camp Rain-wood, adult recreation, case management and educational advocacy, said Colquhoun, the agency's executive director. "We'll have to cut back," he said. "The Arc has about 100 employees and an \$8 million annual budget. We'll be at the hearing to let them know what kind of impact this will have on us," Colquhoun said.

## Scientist pays some tiny tributes

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — A scientist has memorialized

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### **Just Past the City Limits**

## **Top 10 qualifications to be a cattleman**

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# Reducing the risk of anhydrous ammonia theft on the farm

**By Bob King**

Due to increases in the number of anhydrous ammonia thefts on New York farms, it has become increasingly important to be more aware of the physical security of the storage and handling of this agricultural fertilizer.

Anhydrous ammonia is a key ingredient in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, which is a powerful illegal drug that makes users feel euphoric and go days without sleep. Side effects of this drug include irritability, paranoia, aggression and violence.

Thefts occur during the day and night, with most thefts occurring at night.

To reduce the risk of theft consider the following tips:

- **Light it up.** At night, portable tanks and storage tanks should be kept in well-lit locations preferably with motion-sensored lights that can be easily observed and monitored by family, employees and neighbors at any time.

- **Keep it out of sight.** When doing fieldwork, avoid storing portable tanks in plain view, especially from a road. Move portable tanks to an inconspicuous location to avoid detection by a passerby.

- **Keep an eye on it.** Whenever possible take a quick look at your storage tanks and surroundings. When using the bathroom at night, take a quick look out your windows to observe any unusual activity on your farm, especially motion lights that may have turned on.

- **Report it.** Call local law enforcement immediately about any suspicious vehicles or activity that you observed at any time near or on your farm. When possible write down a license plate number and/or description of vehicle(s) and/or individual(s). Report it immediately. We highly recommend that you do not confront any suspicious vehicles and/or individuals. Individuals engaged in this crime are likely to be under the influence of methamphetamine, which can result in aggressive, violent and dangerous behaviors.

- **Know whom to call.** When you are concerned about suspicious activities on your farm have a list of important phone numbers readily available so you can call at a moment's notice. Call 911, the sheriff's office or the state police.

- **Locking a tank valve** has proven to be less than an effective measure, since perpetrators break off the lock and/or lave which can result in significant environmental and repair problems. Restricting access to a tank though the use of fencing and other physical barriers can be an effective deterrent.

- **Ultimately, sharpening your skills as an observer** requires networking with your neighbors and community. The more you are aware of your surroundings, the more proficient you will be at reducing the risk of this opportunistic crime.

Bob King is the senior extension educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monroe County.



# Some tips for good garden soil manager

By Dave Reville

Gardeners often wonder whether to do their plowing or tilling in the spring or fall. Working the soil in the fall has several advantages over the traditional spring plowing, since it allows for earlier planting, since the basic soil preparation is already done when spring arrives.

The turning under of a large amount of organic matter is likely to result in better decomposition when done in the fall, since autumn soil temperatures are higher than those in early spring and there is more time for the process to take place.

Insects, disease organisms and perennial weeds may be reduced by

fall plowing or exposure to harsh winter weather. The physical condition of heavy clay soil may be improved by the alternate freezing and thawing, which breaks apart tightly aggregated particles.

When snow is trapped between the hills of roughly plowed soil, more moisture is retained than on flat, bare ground. Incorporation of limestone in the fall gives the mineral time to become integrated into the soil and influence spring plant growth.

To prepare for fall tilling, you should check soil fertility and pH by having your soil analyzed through your local Cooperative Extension

office. A simple pH test can be done with one cup of dry soil.

Soil pH measures the degree of acidity or alkalinity of the soil. The correct soil pH is essential for optimum plant growth.

Vegetables vary some in their requirements, but most garden crops do well with a soil pH of 6.2 to 6.8. This is a little below neutral or slightly acid (sour).

If soil pH is too high or low, poor crop growth will result, largely due to the effects of pH on the availability of nutrients to plants. A soil test will also give you an idea of the nutrient level in your soil.

Lime and sulfur are commonly

used to change soil pH. Dolomitic limestone adds calcium and magnesium as it increases pH. Sulfur acidifies alkaline soil. The amount to add depends on the current and desired pH. This is the reason you should have your soil checked periodically, at least once every three years.

Animal manures are commonly used directly as a garden soil amendment both to improve soil structure and to increase nutrients. The value of manure in terms of the nutrients it contains varies. Fresh horse, sheep, rabbit and poultry manures are quite high in nitrogen and many "burn" plants if applied directly to a growing garden. They are best applied in

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# Selecting vegetables for your garden

**By Dave Reville**

Should you plant the Crosby green top beet, the Detroit dark red, or perhaps the Ruby green?

Which type of spinach is best for spring planting?

Are better boy tomatoes really better and how sweet are the ultra sweets?

The people to guide you through the "jungle" of varieties on the market each year are the Cooperative Extension Educators in your local Cooperative Extension offices. Using their knowledge of local growing conditions and the 2003 Cornell "Selected List of Vegetable Varieties for Home Garden Use," the Extension

educators can help make sense of the bewildering selection of available seeds.

From asparagus to zucchini, the Cornell vegetable variety list is revised each year to recommend varieties which are of high quality, and are dependable for the home gardener while offering resistance against disease and insect pests.

Garden supply stores and nurseries have a majority, if not all, of the varieties normally transplanted to home gardens.

Crops normally transplanted in New York state include tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, celery, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, muskmelons

and watermelons. Lettuce, cucumbers and onions can be transplanted, especially if an early harvest is desired.

Contact your local Cooperative Extension office for a free listing of Vegetable Varieties recommended for planting in New York state. Mail a self addressed, stamped envelope to Cornell Cooperative Extension, Orleans County, Vegetable Variety List, 20 S. Main St., P.O. Box 150, Albion, NY 14411.

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# Cornell student is encouraging people to 'dress smart'

The Associated Press

ITHACA — When Lucy Dunne talks about dressing smart, it's not exactly looking dapper that she has on her mind.

When Dunne dresses smart, she is wearing a jacket that automatically heats up in the cold and lights up when it is dark.

"The miniaturization of electronics has led to the emerging field of intelligent clothing, which integrates functional clothing design with portable technology," said Dunne, a Cornell University graduate student pursuing a degree in wearable technology.

Dunne, of Albany, has spent the past several months attending international conferences in Seattle, Germany and Switzerland, modeling the prototype of a smart jacket that she developed — on a graduate student's budget, no less.

"I wanted to show people how possible it is to develop wearable technology so that commercial companies might be less afraid to leap in since apparel companies have no experience with electronics and electronics companies have no experience with apparel," Dunne said.

Last month, she presented a paper describing her jacket at the International Centre for Excellence in Wearable

Computing and Smart Fashion Products in Cottbus, Germany.

There are already a number of smart clothing items available to consumers, although it remains a novelty market with costly products, said Suzanne Loker, a Cornell professor of textiles and apparel.

Among them, socks that prevent smelly feet by inhibiting bacteria growth; snow suits embedded with Global Positioning System receivers to track location and with adjustable heating systems and emergency alarms; clothing that can wick away liquids without staining and even aromatherapy business suits, Loker said.

And researchers are looking to develop others, including bikinis with tiny built-in audio players; shirts with integrated cell phones and undershirts that provide medics with remote physiological monitoring, she said.

"Clothes that work are a wave of the future," Loker said.

While most electronic garments consist of removable circuitry contained in special pockets, Dunne said her sporty pewter-and-silver-colored jacket uses embedded sensors and wiring.

The sensors regulate an electro-conductive textile in the upper back to keep the wearer warm. It also has electroluminescent wires that light up the jacket at night.



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## File Features

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2003

### 50 years ago

(No paper published Jan. 1, 1953. From the Jan. 6 edition:) The annual cherry and apple pie baking contest of the Orleans County 4-H Club was to be held in the Albion High School homemaking department.

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### 4-H workshops open to public

All youths are welcome to attend these upcoming 4-H-sponsored events:

Jan. 11 — Orleans County 4-H Military Mailgram. 4-H'ers gather at the county fairgrounds to make Valentine's Day cards for military service personnel from 9 a.m. to noon.

Jan. 20 — Information session for 4-H Fair youth animal exhibitors at the 4-H fairgrounds, 10 a.m.; session for 4-H Public Presentations programs, helpful hints for public speaking, 11:30 a.m.; 4-H Senior Council (ages 13 to 19) meeting to advise, plan and implement youth development programs and policies, 7 p.m. at the extension office basement.

For more information, contact the Orleans County 4-H office at 589-5561.



# Effort is under way to preserve old varieties of apples

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Wanted, alive: Old-growth apple trees.

Ron Walser and Estevan Arellano are trying to track down the gnarled old-timers whose family trees date back to Spanish colonial times.

They want to ensure the survival of heirloom apples — and other old-time fruits and vegetables that have become acclimated to New Mexico — for future generations.

"Some of these old varieties of apples had some excellent qualities that are going to be lost if we don't preserve them," said Walser, a New Mexico State University horticulturist and fruit specialist at Alcalde.

"They are disease-resistant, insect-resistant, drought-resistant, and just the qualities of the apples themselves — processing, eating and storage," he said.

Walser, Arellano and others are searching for heirloom orchards along the Camino Real — the colonial Spanish road that ran from Santa Fe to central Mexico.

Arellano, who has a 2 1/2-acre orchard in Embudo on land his family received under a 1725 Spanish land grant, said saving New Mexico's old-line fruits and vegetables is important for the state's cultural heritage.

Most orchards in northern New Mexico are not producing, and Arellano worries that water rights could be in jeopardy.

"A lot of people have cut down orchards to make room for mobile homes. We have to show people that, while maybe you can't live completely off the land, that maybe you can make some extra income," he said.

Arellano is working with New Mexico State's Sustainable Agricultural Research Center at Alcalde to plant a colonial heritage orchard on a 2-acre plot behind the Embudo Valley Library in Dixon.

Root stocks are being ordered and should be planted by next spring. Then, workers will begin collecting bud wood and grafting the wood from old trees around the state onto the root stocks.

Walser, Arellano and their team plan to plant 50 apple root stock trees on the library plot. Each root stock will be able to take grafts from several different varieties. They also plan to plant 10 apricot root stock trees.

There may be more than 100 different heirloom fruit varieties along the Camino Real, including some from Spanish colonial days, Walser

said. He said he has identified about 15 different varieties so far.

One tree, on the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, is probably more than 100 years old and appears to be planted from a seed that has its roots in Spain, Walser said.

"It's an excellent quality yellow apple. The tree is growing about 100 yards away from a stream. It's never had any care or anything," he said. "It must be a good tree for its area."

Three other trees at the monument produce small, hard, tart apples "which would indicate they are an old apple cider variety," Walser said.

He said he has found a tree in Abiquiu and another in the Cloudcroft area — both Starking delicious varieties — that originated in Iowa.

A reddish Baldwin apple growing in the Hondo area can trace its

lineage back to a chance seedling in Wilmington, Mass., in 1740, Walser said.

A tree in Santa Fe is bearing a sort of russeted, golden delicious apple that appears to be a Grimes golden, he said.

"It originated in West Virginia prior to 1800. Actually, I think that this Grimes golden is one of the parents of the modern golden delicious," Walser said.

Growers are interested in propagating old, hardy varieties, he said.

"They're starting to develop a pretty good niche market for them," Walser said.

Arellano said he has started growing about 25 different heirloom varieties of apples on his land.

"I think cider is such a huge market that we haven't even tapped," he said.



## Horse club members win 4-H 'faire' honors

Several members of the H.O.R.S.E. 4-H Club won court of honor recognition for entries in the recent Holiday Faire held at the county fairgrounds.

Tyler Tower won court of honor for a gift bag.

Audrey Rath won court of honor for a penguin wind chime.

Carley Wells won court of honor for a cookie jar.

Kelly Walsh won court of honor for a stuffed tiger and an ornament.

Jessica Arno also won court of honor for a project.

Every member submitted an object to the faire.

At the Dec. 22 club meeting, members wrapped gifts that were purchased for a family for Christmas. The family consisted of a father and his children.

The club will hold its next military mailgram session Jan. 11.

Public presentations will be held Feb. 1. Preparations are ongoing for that.

Five-star tests will take place in March.

The next club meeting will be held Jan. 26.



## **Watt, Krenning re-elected to state Farm Bureau**

Two Orleans County fruit growers, Bruce Krenning and Karen Watt, were recently re-elected to leadership positions to the state Farm Bureau.

Krenning will serve as vice president of the 30,000-member organization while Watt will remain on the board of directors, representing the counties of Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Niagara, Monroe and Livingston.

Both were first elected to their positions two years ago.

They are concerned about unfair trade practices by farmers in Canada and other countries, who often can ship food into the United States and sell it cheaper than American-grown food, which faces costly pesticide regulations.

The lack of a dependable work force, a move to cut pesticide use, foul weather and pressure to turn farmland into residential development also threaten the local agricultural industry, Krenning has said.

He and his wife, Diane, operate a 350-acre fruit farm and hog operation in Albion. Watt owns a 250-acre orchard in Gaines with her husband, Chris.



# Tips on taking care of those holiday plants

By Dave Reville

More people receive gift plants at holiday time than any other time of the year. Among the most popular gift plants are azalea, Christmas cactus, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, kalanchoe and poinsettia.

These plants require a cool, sunny window and adequate soil moisture. Kalanchoe, the one exception, thrives at room temperature of 65 to 70 degrees, and actually does better if it dries out a bit between waterings. The decorative foil should be removed from the drain hole in the bottom of the pot by poking your finger through the foil. Never let the plant sit in water. Pour off excess water that drains through.

## Florist Azalea

The Florist azalea is more of an Easter plant than a Christmas plant, but is often available at this season of the year. Do not allow the soil to dry out, as the unopened flower buds will easily shrivel and fail to open.

The azalea should have a rich and acidic humus to grow in, and usually is at a peak of bloom shortly after

January and February. Try to keep the florist azalea at room temperature of 60 degrees if possible, with moderate sunlight. Always snip off the faded blooms to ensure continued bloom.

When spring comes, plunge the azalea into the flower bed outdoors in partial shade. It is somewhat dormant in early fall, so hold back water somewhat until the plant is brought indoors.

Place the azaleas in a cool, sunny window and fertilize. Buds should again form in mid-January to February.

## Christmas Cactus

The Christmas cactus is grown quite unlike most cacti we are familiar with. In nature it grows as an epiphyte, or tree dweller, perching in a crotch of a tree or on one of its limbs.

Instead of gritty sandy soil, Christmas cacti prefer a rich, organic soil that is moderately watered while it is in bloom.

After bloom, keep the soil on the dry side for a period of time. One of

the main reasons Christmas cacti fail to bloom each season is that it desires a temperature of 50 to 55 or 60 to 65 degrees and short days to set buds. This can be accomplished by bringing it indoors as late in the growing season as possible, or putting the plant on a cool sunny porch in early fall.

Christmas cacti also need a complete rest with little water during October and November in order to bloom well.

With a temperature of 70 degrees or warmer, Christmas cacti will not bloom at all.

## Cyclamen

The cyclamen, a relative of the spring flowering primrose, is a favorite that comes our way via Greece and Asia Minor.

It too, needs a high humidity and a very cool 45 to 50 degrees temperature in order to bring all of the 35 to 50 individual flower buds to full bloom.

Water the cyclamen generally during its flowering period and fertilize it with a weak liquid fertilizer every

other week. Avoid saturating the corm from which the leaves and flowers arise, as they easily rot.

When the flowers and leaves do finally die down, place the plant and pot on its side in a cool, frost-free place and water infrequently.

Re-pot the plant in August in a rich pot.

## Kalanchoe

The kalanchoe is not as popular as other Christmas plants, but some of the new dwarf forms of kalanchoe are quite desirable. This is due to the kalanchoes ability to be somewhat neglected and to tolerate the warm arid atmosphere and our contemporary homes and apartments.

Kalanchoe can stand temperatures of 72 degrees and infrequent waterings.

## Jerusalem Cherry

The Jerusalem cherry is actually a perennial, but is best treated as an annual.

Jerusalem cherry prefers a cool 50 to 60 degrees sunny position, with plenty of water and an occasional

fertilization with a weakened liquid fertilizer.

Daily misting is one of the secrets of success with Jerusalem cherry, as with a dry humidity the berries soon fall.

With care, the plant may even reach its mature height and width of two feet.

## Poinsettia

The poinsettia, a native of Mexico, is the most popular Christmas plant we have. USDA researchers have paid particular attention to this plant because it is quite susceptible to air pollution.

In the house poinsettias prefer a sunny 60 to 70 degrees exposure. Overwatering will easily be the death of poinsettias.

For more information on holiday plants, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County at 589-5561.

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## MOVERS & SHAKERS

SHELBY — Diane Krenning of Albion last month joined the Iroquois Job Corps in Shelby as a community relations specialist. She will work with the media and local businesses, schools and organizations that want to work with Job Corps students.



Krenning

Krenning has spent most of her adult life working with her husband, Bruce, as a fruit farmer.

Mrs. Krenning has served two years as president of the Orleans County Farm Bureau, a position that she said helped her connect with local, state and federal officials.

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Send items for "Movers & Shakers" to: Business Editor, The Daily News, 2 Apollo Drive, Batavia, NY 14020. Please include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Material is printed as space allows. Submissions from Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties are welcomed.

Photos are accepted for publication, but picture quality, space available, and news value will determine if a photograph is used.

If you submit a photograph and would like it returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and clearly label the back of the photograph.

## BRIEFLY

### Orleans Extension educator listed among seminar speakers

ROCHESTER — Tom Nally of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension will be among the instructors for a pair of upcoming seminars sponsored by the Rochester Landscape Technicians Program Inc.

Programs, which begin Jan. 13, include a 30-hour pesticide certification course and a 12-week training program. Recertification and Certified Nursery Professional credits also are offered.

Nally's two-hour course in basic botany is one of 20 courses that will be offered weekly at Monroe County

Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Ave., Rochester.

Fifteen courses are included in the certification course. Enrollment is also accepted by topic.

Cost is \$340 for the 30-hour pesticide certification course. Fees for individual subjects range are \$25 for a two-hour course, \$35 for a three-hour course and \$50 for a four-hour course. There is an additional \$50 examination fee.

For a full course schedule or registration information, call 242-7590 or visit [www.landscapetech.com](http://www.landscapetech.com).



## Seven new varieties of sweet Vidalia onion added

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Chilly temperatures and plant diseases have delayed the planting of Georgia's sweet Vidalia onion crop, but there's also been some good news about the ballyhooed bulbs.

Growers had the option of choosing from seven new varieties during the current planting season, which runs from November through December.

"These are brand new in the marketplace," said Reid Torrance, the county Extension coordinator in southeastern Georgia's Tattnall County, where many of the state's Vidalias are grown. "That gives a total of 24 legal varieties. However, there are five that are no longer available, so there are only 19 varieties for planting."

It takes a special onion to meet the sweet Vidalia standards.

The new ones survived years of testing. They were grown experimentally, subjected to chemical analysis, poked and measured, and had to pass the ultimate test — a panel of scientifically trained

taste testers.

"If these Vidalia onions get any better, we're concerned about deciding who we're going to let have them," said Vidalia grower Delbert Bland, owner of Bland Farms in Tattnall County. "There won't be enough to go around."

University of Georgia scientists and crop specialists test about 30 onions a year at the 25-acre Vidalia Onion and Vegetable Research Center, straddling the line between Tattnall and Toombs counties in the heart of onion country.

Once an onion survives the preliminaries, a panel of experts makes recommendations to Gale Buchanan, dean and director of the university's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Buchanan, in turn, makes his recommendations to Tommy Irvin, Georgia's commissioner of agriculture. Irvin approved the new varieties in time for the 2003 crop year.

Torrance said the industry's new standard is an onion known as the

"Savannah Sweet." It replaced the "Sweet Vidalia," which had been used to set the standard for years.

"Savannah Sweets have been around a long time and are consistently one of our mildest," Torrance said. "Sweet Vidalias are not necessarily our mildest onions, but they are pretty hardy. They survive the cold pretty well."

Vidalia onions became popular in the late 1980s thanks to a marketing campaign that said you could "eat 'em like an apple." Growers claim the low-sulfur soil and mild climate in the 20-county southeastern Georgia growing area make them one of the world's sweetest onions.

Vidalias represent about 10 percent of the U.S. onion market and are one of Georgia's most valuable crops, worth about \$80 million a year.

The Vidalia name is a registered trademark of the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the standard for carrying a Vidalia label has been written into state law. A Vidalia has to be a yellow

granex onion that meets the standard for sweetness and mildness and it has to be flatter than it is tall. Round or oblong onions are taboo.

Torrance said cold temperatures and plant diseases that developed before the tender onion plants were transplanted from plant beds to onion fields have delayed the process by about a week, but the bulk of the crop should be in the fields before Jan. 1.

Growers will plant about 14,000 acres, about the same as were planed last season, when they lost about half the crop to diseases and late spring frost.

"Sometimes when you have a rough start, you have a good finish," Torrance said. "That's what we're looking for right now."

On the Net:  
University of Georgia:  
<http://resources.caes.uga.edu/media/GAR/VidaliaOs.htm>  
Georgia Department of Agriculture:  
<http://www.agr.state.ga.us/index.html>



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**35 years ago**

The Orleans County Feder-

ation of Sportsmen's Clubs opposed a proposed new state law that would require registration of guns used by hunters. "The gun law that makes a criminal of a law-abiding citizen or his policeman ... is a monstrosity and must be repealed," federation secretary Edwin T. Weeks of Albion said.

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## Just Past the City Limits

### Top 10 predictions for 2003

10. Dairy producers launch effort to get NFL fans to throw milk cartons on field instead of beer bottles.
9. Osama bin Laden is discovered hiding out in small Oklahoma town — it's the camel tied to the hitching rail that gives him away.
8. Typo in final farm bill legislation increases individual farm payments to \$500,000 — pickup sales soar.
7. Auto insurance companies announce \$50/head bounty on deer.
6. House passes plan to give Enron stock to farmers in lieu of subsidy payments.
5. PETA member busted for liberating pet shop fish by breaking aquarium glass.
4. Ted Turner announces that he has purchased Argentina in an effort to preserve the tree sloth.
3. Mega cattle packer announces it will not only import Australian cattle to feed out, it will also import Australians to eat the finished product.
2. Seed company releases corn hybrid genetically engineered to be just like old, non-genetically engineered hybrids.
1. Next summer, your neighbor will get more rain than you.

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By Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
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THE JOURNAL-REGISTER **Extension Gardener**

# Preventing tree, shrub injury from heavy snow

**By Dave Reville**

Heavy, wet snow can have a detrimental effect on the branches of ornamental trees and shrubs. What can be done to help protect trees and shrubs from this possible damage?

Some of the more helpful practices that can be used are correct pruning techniques, various types of devices to "break" or lessen the amount of snow falling on plant branches and quick removal of snow from branches before any damage occurs.

The strongest branch on a tree is one which is at a 90 degree angle with the trunk of the branch it is attached to. As the angle between the branch and trunk increases or decreases, the branch strength decreases. Knowing this, you should always prune branches which are noticeably weak.

When a tree is old, it may be hard to remove these weak branches because they contribute too much to the overall ornamental value of the tree. These branches could possibly be supported with rods or cables if needed. In the case of young, newly planted trees, correct pruning techniques can ensure a tree will have strong lateral branches.

Most low to medium height shrubs can be protected from heavy snow damage by constructing devices over them to lessen the amount of snow reaching their branches. Some

of these devices will also protect the plant from scorching sun and drying winds. You have probably seen various "covers" over plants made of plywood, snow fence, etc. The design or shape of the cover should be triangular, like an A-frame house, so the snow will slide off easily. You can use your imagination when it comes to materials used to construct the covers.

Some people "wrap" shrubs with chicken wire or plastic snow fence to keep the branches together and supported. The fencing should be tight enough to give support, but in the case of evergreens, it should be loose enough to allow the inside of the shrub to "breathe." On top of the "wrapped" shrub you can secure a piece of burlap. This will keep snow from getting inside the center of the shrub.

Obviously, if no protection has been provided, you can remove the snow from the branches before too much accumulates. You can use a broom or bamboo rake to help remove the snow. If you use this method of prevention, be sure you don't allow too much snow to accumulate at one time. Also, branches are brittle during the winter, so care must be taken to prevent breaking them.

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# Census of agriculture gets under way

This week the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service is mailing the 2002 Census of Agriculture to every farmer and rancher in the nation.

It marks the 26th national measurement of agriculture since the first agriculture census was taken in 1840. Only America's farmers and ranchers can supply the answers needed to produce a useful, accurate picture of this vital industry.

Farmers and ranchers are being asked to report on their operations during 2002 and return their completed forms by Feb. 3, 2003.

Everyone who receives a census form is required by law to return it, even those who did not operate a farm or ranch in 2002, stated a New York Agricultural Statistics Service spokesperson.

NASS has provided a toll-free number, 1-888-4AG-STAT, for producers who need help completing their form. Farmers and ranchers who did not receive a census report form by the end of January 2003 can call the toll-free number to ensure they are counted.

The same law requiring response also ensures that information provided by individual farm operators is

held strictly confidential. No data will be disclosed on any individual operation. In fact, even copies retained by farmers and ranchers are immune from legal process, stated the spokesperson. Results are provided only in statistical totals summarized to the county, state or national level.

The census of agriculture tracks and industry that has changed dramatically throughout history. The 2002 Census of Agriculture will show changes since the last census in 1997. Data from the census are used by many in the public and private sectors to help chart the future

of agriculture. County-level census results are used by:

- Farm organizations to evaluate and propose agriculture policies and programs.

- Agribusinesses to help meet farmers needs for items such as fertilizer, seed and equipment.

- Land-grant universities to allocate funding, by county and for cooperative extension programs.

- Congressional staff to propose changes in the farm bill and other farm-related legislation.

- Farmers and ranchers to make decisions about potential new opportunities, efficiencies and whether to

make changes in their enterprises.

- Colleges and universities to develop new and improved methods to increase agricultural production.

- State departments of agriculture for response operations during drought and emergency outbreaks of diseases or infestations of pests.

- Federal government officials to draft legislation to help resolve agricultural problems and strengthen the industry.

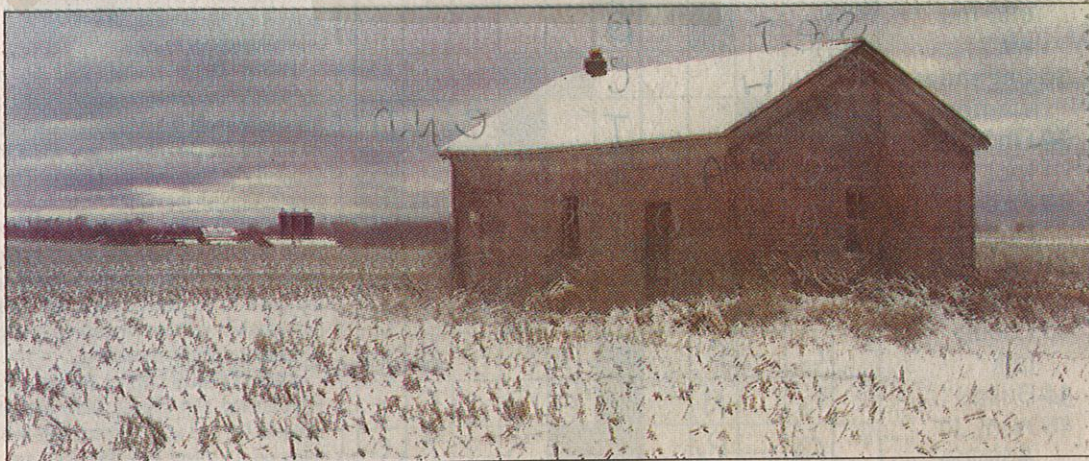
Census results will be released on Feb. 3, 2004, at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/).

For more information, call the Agricultural Statistics Hotline at 1-800-727-9540.



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## Fields of white THE JOURNAL-REGISTER



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With the recent snowfall, there are some beautiful scenes around the Orleans County area, such as this one on Marshall Road, town of Ridgeway.

### Just Past the City Limits

## Top 10 Christmas presents for farmers

10. "FindaTool" — push a button and the tool beeps at you until you find that place you put it so you'd be sure to find it.

9. Pickup seat covers with pictures of pliers, tobacco tins, syringes, farm store tickets, unidentifiable stains, etc. already printed right on them.

8. Bestseller, "Top 100 Best Excuses for Your Banker."

7. Homing device to put on your kids' vehicles.

6. Book of "Get out of going to \_\_\_\_\_" certificates from your wife.

5. Farm cap software — just punch in what you'll be doing for the day and the computer selects the perfect seed/implement/chemical

cap for the job.

4. Life-size cardboard cut-out photo of yourself to hold your place in line at the parts counter, FSA office or salebarn pay window.

3. "WeatherVision" — automatically selects the 10 o'clock weather forecast that will irritate you the least.

2. A new home for the \$500 stock dog you bought that heels the neighbor's chickens but runs the other way when a cow looks at him.

1. Crop failure in South America.

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**Spotlight on scholarship**

**Toenniessen wins  
major scholarship**

Corinne M. Toenniessen of Albion was named a Remembrance Scholar at Syracuse University.

Toenniessen, a senior studying music education in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, was among 35 students honored at a Remembrance Scholars Convocation last month.

The Remembrance Scholarship was founded as a tribute to, and a means of remembrance for, the 35 S.U. students who were killed in the December 1988 bombing of a airplane over Scotland as they were returning to the United States from a semester of study abroad.

Applicants for the \$5,000 scholarship, one of the school's most prestigious, are considered on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities — particularly those of a community service orientation — an essay and an interview.

Toenniessen also was named to the 2002-03 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" recently.



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# Kids get their day at Boys & Girls Club

BY STAFF WRITER

**MATTHEW DANEMAN**

When Chievous Holley's opponents thrust, he'd parry. And more often than not, the youth standing opposite the Rochester 13-year-old at the American Gladiators-style jousting competition would hit the ground, leaving Chievous the winner.

Then, for a victory dance, he'd do a couple of Ozzie Smith-style flips.

Sunday was Chievous' day, as it was for the dozens of other kids enjoying the Kids-Day festival at the Genesee Street Boys & Girls Club of Rochester.

The celebration — created by Boys & Girls Clubs of America, KidsPeace, YMCA and 4-H Club

— is intended to serve as one specific day in which parents spend time with their children to have fun.

"There are parents out there who don't spend quality time with their children," Boys & Girls Club development director Bobbi Mingy said.

"They pass it off . . . to schools, to Boys & Girls clubs. We want to bring parents forward to say,

'wake up — we have a child here who needs your attention.'"

Attention they may be lacking, but the kids scampering around the Boys & Girls Club were not hurting for fun.

The day's attractions included a two-day basketball tournament, a stretch-limo-sized inflatable obstacle course shaped like a whale

and carnival-type games.

Lawrence Holley, 12, Chievous' brother, came to watch the basketball tournament, and stayed to have some fun at the attractions.

"You get free food," he said. "You get to play all these games." □

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## Eliminating Cornell co-op unit would be a state first

BY STAFF WRITER

**LISA HUTCHURSON**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County could be the first and only extension office to be axed in New York state's history under proposed county budget cuts.

The association would receive no county funding for 2003 under a cost-cutting plan announced Friday by Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle. In

past years, the county has provided about one-quarter of the group's \$1.9 million budget.

Cooperative Extension offers educational resources for youth development through 4-H, plus programs in horticulture, agriculture, nutrition and other fields. It also houses the only upstate plant diagnostic lab.

"I think all county and government agencies were expecting that there would be some cuts," said Margaret O'Neill, ex-

ecutive director of the 89-year-old extension. "Being eliminated was more than we expected."

Eliminating an extension is a scary precedent, said Terry Gifford, liaison between Cornell University and the northwest New York counties it oversees, because extension offices across the state rely on county funds for their existence.

If Monroe's plan is approved, it would wipe out any state and federal appropriations, which

account for another half of the budget and are based on the level of county support. It would also undercut any revenue from program fees, contracts and other fund-raising efforts.

The goal now, said O'Neill, is to determine how the extension can continue to work in partnership with the county, so it can help the county meet its needs while using limited funds. □

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# Taking stock of Orleans' agricultural bounty

By Deborah Roberts

As harvest winds down in Orleans County and we prepare for Thanksgiving, it is fitting to take stock of the incredible bounty the Orleans agricultural industry produces.

Among all counties in the United States, Orleans County ranks in the top 2 percent for vegetable production, 4 percent for fruit, 20 percent for dairy and 25 percent for grains.

Out of New York counties, we are in the top 10 in production of corn and wheat, apples, onions, potatoes, cabbage, sweet corn and tomatoes.

Our agriculture is not only large, but is also much more diverse than much of the rest of the state. We are

very fortunate to have the plentiful availability of fresh vegetables and fruit that other areas can only have through imports.

Area farm markets and grocery stores feature local produce, which gives us the opportunity to serve many local products for Thanksgiving.

Potatoes, onions and squash grown locally are all available. White and sweet potatoes are grown here, though sweet potatoes are better grown in the South.

Onions are grown on the special muck soils found in the far south of the county. New York ranked sixth in the United States in onion production in 2000 (New York Agricultural

Statistics Service).

Squash and pumpkins grow well here in many varieties, which is why New York ranks third in pumpkin production and fourth in squash production in the United States.

Cabbage would most likely be from here, as New York is the number one producer of fresh market cabbage in the United States. The harvest continues into the winter. Frozen green beans and peas may have been grown here.

Wheat is one of our longtime field crops. Orleans County holds the number three spot in New York based on bushels of wheat produced.

Much of the wheat grown here is white winter wheat, which is not

used for breads but rather for crackers. However, more red wheat is being grown in the county, which is used for pastries because of the higher protein content. The flour you buy in the grocery store is a blend of varieties that will produce the best results for the home baker.

Apples are probably our most identifiable product. The varieties grown here in Orleans County will go into applesauce, pie or drinks. New York is the second largest producer of apples in the United States, and Orleans County ranks third in the state. If your pies are cherry or peach, those fruits too are grown in Orleans County.

Milk, cream, butter and eggs are

produced by local dairy and poultry farmers, if not in Orleans County, then in our neighboring counties of western New York. There are several local producers of maple syrup and honey. In fact, one of our maple producers won second place at the state fair this past summer.

So as you prepare for your Thanksgiving feast, think about buying local products. For more information on Buy Local programs, contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002

## 4-H honors supporters

### Dottie Dusett marks 60th year as volunteer

KNOWLESVILLE — Local 4-H leaders, sponsors and supporters were honored at a 4-H gathering recently.

Jane Klatt, mistress of ceremonies and president of the 4-H Leaders association, presided over the gathering. Pauline Lanning led the Pledge of Allegiance. Janice Giltner gave the toast to leaders, and Neil Johnson presented the invocation.

Dinner was served by members of Knowlesville Methodist Church.

Receiving years-of-service acknowledgement or awards were:

60-year milestone — Dottie Dusett. Dottie received a standing ovation from the crowd.

44 years — Marje Davis

36 years — Pauline Lanning

28 years — Anne Preston and Nancy Weaver

27 years — Clarence Preston

25 years — Neil Johnson and Joanne Johnson. Both received an emerald clover.

22 years — Jane Read

16 years — Noreen Higgins and Jean Webster

15 years — Caren Curtiss and Nancy Walker. Both received a pearl clover.

14 years — Sarah Johnson and Dawn Weaver

13 years — Peggy Randall

12 years — Sheryl Watts

11 years — Michele Batt

10 years — James Watts. He received a gold clover.

9 years — Russell Curtiss

5 years — Jane Klatt and Laura Shortridge. Both received a silver clover.

4 years — Steve Goodrich

1 year — Karen Giltner, Deb Graning and Ron Graning. All received a bronze clover.

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Henry and Jerome Pawlak of Save-A-Lot in Albion, and Mark Cammilleri of Burger King.

The Outstanding Leadership/Service Award was presented to Peggy Randall of the AAG 4-H Club and Sheryl Watts of the Barre Bunch 4-H Club.

Officers for the 2002-03 year were elected and installed. The slate consists of: Jane Klatt, president; Deb Graning, vice president; Laura Shortridge, secretary; Jean Webster, treasurer; Noreen Higgins, assistant treasurer; and Dawn Weaver, publicity chairman.

Door prizes and centerpieces were provided by the Barre Bunch, Back to Basics and Lyndonville Mongrels 4-H clubs. Barre Bunch leader Jane Read made the centerpieces for the head table.

For more information about the 4-H program, call the 4-H office at 589-5561.



# Mulch helps protect landscape plants

By Dave Reville

One of the last fall lawn and garden tasks is applying a winter mulch to woody ornamentals, bulbs beds, strawberry plantings, perennials and roses.

The primary purpose of a winter mulch is not to keep the ground from freezing, but rather to keep it from alternately freezing and thawing and injuring plant roots.

When frost heaving is severe, it can actually push roots or bulbs right out of the ground.

Winter mulching of roses has another purpose: to protect from freezing the graft union, the place where the named variety was grafted onto the rootstock. Without protection, the desirable top portion may be winter-killed.

Wait to apply a winter mulch until the ground is frozen. Mulching too early may prevent the soil from freezing and keep plants growing when they should be going dormant. The result may be increased likelihood of winter-kill. Mulching strawberry plants

before the ground has frozen and all growth has stopped may smother them.

Straw or spoiled hay is probably the most popular mulch for strawberries, even though it may contain a large number of weed seeds. For landscape plants, bark chips are often used around trees and shrubs, and chopped leaves or compost in flower beds.

Don't allow mulch to lap up against the trunks or stems of woody plants, particularly fruit trees. The mulch may provide cover for mice and enable them to gnaw on the bark and girdle the trees.

Maintaining a mulch around landscape plants all year has other benefits, also. A mulched area around trees and shrubs eliminates the need to mow up to them and so prevents mechanical damage to trunks and stems. Mulching also helps control weeds and conserves soil moisture by slowing the evaporation of water from the soil. This is especially important around newly transplanted trees and shrubs, which often

have limited root systems for the first year or two after planting are so are very susceptible to drought.

Mulching in the strawberry bed and bulb and perennials gardens likewise helps reduce weed problems and conserve water.

Cooperative Extension advises against using whole leaves for mulch in bulb and perennial beds as they may mat and make it very difficult

for spring growth to push up through them. Using a loose mulch that the plants can poke through eliminates the need to remove the mulch in the spring and possible injury to the plants in the process.

Contact Cooperative Extension of Orleans County at 589-5561 for further information.

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## Just Past the City Limits

# Top 10 lessons learned the hard way

10. When cleaning a cow's udder, it is preferable to do it from the side, rather than directly under the tail.
9. Never buy herbicides over the phone from a place called Guido's Discount Farm Stuff.
8. Driving a liquid manure wagon with faulty valves down Main Street probably isn't a good idea.
7. When estimating the back hoof reach of a calf you're crowding, add an extra two feet.
6. Making smart-alec remarks to an EPA inspector is ill-advised.
5. Do not tell a prospective horse buyer that you can "catch this horse anywhere" until after you have him caught.
4. Never carelessly toss a syringe onto the seat of your pickup, especially your wife's side.
3. There can be a significant difference between thinking you remember where the muddy spot in the field is and actually knowing where it is.
2. Never use your pickup to block a gate while moving bulls unless you feel that the vehicle needs more character.
1. Although throwing an object in anger is natural, hurling a hammer at a tractor tire at close range is a poor choice.

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# Sniffers to measure dairy odor

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Nearly every evening, Carolina Simmonds drives out to the country to take a deep breath.

Instead of wildflowers or the wheat swaying around her, Simmonds sniffs for manure and the myriad of gases released as organic material decays.

Simmonds, who works for the Idaho Department of Agriculture, monitors dairy odor levels as part of an effort to develop standards that both dairies and their neighbors can live with.

When she finds a particularly foul spot, she writes down what she smells and waits for a reading from the

Jerome Meter, an electronic nose that measures the concentration of hydrogen sulfide compounds — the gas that makes much of the stink rising from cow patties and sewage lagoons.

The dairy industry has strongly opposed a standard for levels of hydrogen sulfide or other gases. They say that in today's fragile economy any deodorizing solution is likely to be too expensive. Meanwhile, neighbors claim they are losing property value because of odor.

Matthew Thompson, head of technical support for the odor program, said the professional sniffers will soon use more than just the Jerome Meter and their noses.



# 16 vying for Orleans Junior Miss '03 honors

The Orleans County Junior Miss scholarship competition will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Medina High School.

Sixteen girls representing all five public high schools in Orleans are vying for the 2003 title. Award of the title is based on judging in the categories of scholarship, poise, physical fitness, talent and an interview. The scholarship and interview judging take place before the pageant.

Association, FFA, Empire Degree and field hockey. Dorothy will dance in pageant competition.

**Dorothy Lynn Dresser** — Dorothy, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Dresser, is vice president of the Medina High School class of 2003. A teacher of Vacation Bible School, she aspires to be a veterinarian. She participates in National Honor Society, Honorati, Daisy Chain, A'Capella Choir, Student



A. Bidell



A. Canham



M. DePalma



D. Dresser



A. Fackler



J. Gaesser



L. Gaylor



K. Gaylord



P. Gouger



A. Hill



L. Major



M. Sands



A. Soule



J. Watts



J. Wolfe



N. Yacono

will perform a jazz dance routine in pageant competition.

Band and Girl Scouts. Anna will play the piano in pageant competition.

**Julianne Michelle Watts** — Julianne, the daughter of Gary and Robyn Watts, is a student at Medina High School. She wants to be a marine animal trainer or a school counselor. Her activities include National Honor Society, Honorati, Student Association, Student Council (secretary and new reporter), field hockey, soccer, dance, Model United Nations, ACE Teams, Mustang Marching Band (uniform manager), 4-H, church youth group, choir member and nursery teacher. She received the Century Leadership Award, the Dedicated Soccer Player award and represented Orleans County 4-H in youth forums in Albany, New York City and Washington, D.C. Julianne, a scholar athlete, will tap dance in pageant competition.

## Little sisters

Little Sisters is a program of the Junior Miss competition in which girls in third grade are paired up with Junior Miss candidates to expose them to the competition. The older girls

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### 10 years ago

— Annette Lear of Albion was named by the Cornell Cooperative Extension as the teen representative for Orleans County to the 4-H Canadian National Conference in Toronto. Lear, 19, was a freshman at Alfred University at the time.



## Orleans photographers honored in contest



This picture, by Helen Mathes, depicts her family farm with a rainbow behind it. This photo won second place in the Orleans County Chamber of Commerce's photo contest. She won a canoe or kayak rental.

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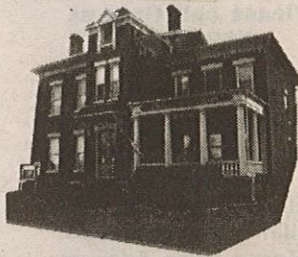


Luke Mathes won third place in the Chamber of Commerce's photo contest with this picture of a muck farm. He won a coverlet from the Chamber for his efforts.



## LAWNS AND GROUND COVER

**Extension Gardener  
By Dave Reville, Educator  
Orleans County Cornell  
Cooperative Extension**



### Ground Cover Fill In For Grass

If your landscape has a problem area, chances are a ground cover may be the solution, suggests Dave Reville, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator with Orleans County.

Areas in dense shade where grass won't grow and slopes too steep to mow safely are two common landscape problems dealt with by planting ground covers.

Recommended ground cover plants include vines, herbaceous perennials and woody shrubs. They range in height from 3 to 24 inches and in form from upright to spreading. Some are evergreen, some have flowers, and many offer variegated or unusual colored foliage.

Examples of ground covers include a number of spreading junipers, evergreens with a horizontal growth habit that do well in dry, sunny areas, where they grow slowly to an ultimate height of 6 to 10 inches; Hall's honeysuckle, a vigorous twining deciduous vine that bears fragrant flowers in shade as well as sun and bears light blue flowers; and daylilies, with their mounds of sword-shaped leaves and dozens of bugle-shaped flowers in summer.

Once established, most ground covers tend to be low maintenance plants. Until they are established, however, regular weeding may be necessary to keep out unwanted growth. After the ground cover has filled in an area with a thick mat of vegetation, weeds shouldn't be a problem.

Some ground covers grow slowly and spread very little. Others may try to spread into lawn areas, flowerbeds or other areas where they're not wanted. Reville advises planting invasive ground covers such as English ivy, Hall's honeysuckle, goutweed and snow-in-summer in areas where a wall, sidewalk or other physical barrier will contain them.

### Mow Your Lawn High And Often

There is no short cut as far as lawn mowing is concerned. If you are tempted to give a close "crew cut" to stretch mowing intervals, you will be making a mistake, advises Dave Reville, Orleans County Cooperative Extension Educator. Close mowing ruins many lawns. Green leaves, as in any other plants, are the food manufacturing "factory" of the grass plant, and removing too much of the blade weakens the grass, making it more susceptible to disease and stress.

The rule should be mow high and often. Most lawn grasses should be cut to a height of 1 1/2 to 2 inches for spring and fall, and slightly higher for summer. The lawn should be clipped as long as the grass continues to grow before winter arrives. A secret to keeping the grass healthy is to remove no more than 1/3 of the leaf surface at any one mowing.

Short clippings should be left where they fall because they provide plant nutrients, thus reducing fertilizer needs by as much as 25%. The clippings should decompose within weeks if the lawn is mowed often enough. If mowing has been delayed, long clippings should be removed to prevent the grass from being smothered.

Contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension for all your garden education needs at 589-5561.



# Fun for all at 4-H Family Folk Fair

By **Brian M. Bannister**  
The Journal-Register

KNOWLESVILLE — It's time to kick up your heels and celebrate spring.

A Sunday afternoon of music, dance, crafts and fun for all ages is planned by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Art Council, the Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau and the Orleans County 4-H program.

On Sunday, the second annual Family Folk Fair will be conducted from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Route 31, Knowlesville, and will feature the music of The Boss Tones (fiddle and old-time music), Ted McGraw and Friends (Irish music and dance) and the Woodland Steppers (Iroquois music and dance).

In addition to the wide variety of music, there will be craft demonstrations and workshops to include pioneer

## Fun at the fairgrounds

The Family Folk Fair will take place from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Route 31, about five minutes east of Medina.

children's games, team building games, ethnic food demonstrations and cider pressing. Tuscarora beadwork and corn-husk dolls will also be on display, and a family recipe book will be created from contributions collected during the day. Organizers ask attendees to bring their favorite recipe.

"We're trying to raise awareness of the different cultures and activities that are here in Orleans County," Karen Canning, Folk Arts Program director said. "It's a real mixed bag of things."

The 4-H goat club and Helping Hands

Club will also be answering questions and showing off their skills, Margo Bowerman of the Cornell Cooperative Extension said.

"It's a lot of hands-on fun and educational activities. It's good family entertainment," Bowerman said.

Among the vendors, hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided by the Medina Lions Club. Mark's Pizzeria of Medina will provide the pizza, and Tilla's Bakery will be selling sweets.

Admission is free. The event is sponsored in part by the New York State Office of Child and Family Services and the New York State Council on the Arts Folk Arts Program. For more information call Canning at 343-9313.

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# Cooperative Extension annual meeting is set for T

By Deborah Roberts

As winter descends upon us, those involved in agriculture turn their attention from outside chores, such as harvest and fall tillage, to indoor pursuits.

Winter is a time for meetings, classes and planning for next year. The year's end also brings financial discussions and year-end wrap up.

Cornell Cooperative extension is rooted in agriculture, so it too focuses on meetings and classes during the winter, as well as finance and reporting at year end.

The finance part has always been closely tied to the county finances because of the New York state law which established Cooperative Extension, known as State Law 224. Each Cornell Cooperative Extension association is funded with county funds matched with state funds and is required to report to the county and state at year end. As part of this year-end reporting and wrap-up,

each association must prepare an annual report and hold an annual election, usually at an annual meeting.

While some county associations have done away with their annual dinner meetings, Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension is proud to continue the tradition.

The Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold its 88th Annual Meeting Tuesday at Tillman's Village Inn at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7, the business meeting at 8 and speaker to follow.

What is unique about CCE is that every resident of the association's county is considered a member and has a vote. While the association budget is approved by the elected representatives, the Board of Directors, the entire membership present at the annual meeting elects board members. This is democracy in action.

Board members are elected to

three-year terms and may serve two terms. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers from all walks of Orleans County life serving as the leadership of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The annual meeting is also a time to recognize other volunteers in addition to those on the board of directors, without whom Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension could not operate its programs. Across program areas we have volunteers who give of their time to the Program, Property, Fairboard and Harvest Fest committees. In the agriculture program area, we have growers on advisory committees, in horticulture we have the Master Gardeners and in 4-H Youth Development we have 4-H leaders and 4-H program development committees.

One volunteer we will be honoring this year is Pauline Lanning, who

was selected as Cornell Cooperative Extension statewide Friend of Extension 2002. Pauline is a 37-year volunteer 4-H leader and has served as the advisor to the 4-H Senior Council for many years. Currently, she also serves on the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of directors, the Harvest Fest and Fairboard committees, and as chair of the Property Committee. It is because of her commitment to 4-H youth development and Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension that she was awarded this high honor. Pauline is an excellent representative of the many extremely dedicated volunteers we are so fortunate to have in Orleans County.

A wide variety of speakers has entertained and informed attendees of the annual meeting over the years. Topics have ranged from an agricultural study trip to Poland to a turf grass professor to food safety. This year we are honored to have Neil

Johnson, a long-time speaker on the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension's homes, the building on Main Street and the Orleans County grounds in Knobel. He has compiled a history of Orleans County, extremely known in Orleans County, looking forward to the former occupant's building which still haunts it.

You are invited to the annual meeting. For dinner at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589 Main Street, we are looking forward to having you. If you are already a member,

Deborah Roberts  
Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.



## Top 10 lessons that are learned the hard way

10. When cleaning a cow's udder, it is preferable to do it from the side, rather than directly under the tail.

9. Never buy herbicides over the phone from a place called Guido's Discount Farm Stuff.

8. Driving a liquid manure wagon with faulty valves down Main Street probably isn't a good idea.

7. When estimating the back hoof reach of a calf you're crowding, add an extra two feet.

6. Making smart-alec remarks to an EPA inspector is ill-advised.

5. Do not tell a prospective horse buyer that you can "catch this horse anywhere" until after you have him caught.

4. Never carelessly toss a syringe onto the seat of your pickup, especially your wife's side.

3. There can be a significant difference between thinking you remember where the muddy spot in the field is and actually knowing where it is.

2. Never use your pickup to block a gate while moving bulls

unless you feel that the vehicle needs more character.

1. Although throwing an object in anger is natural, hurling a hammer at a tractor tire at close range is a poor choice.

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*By Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
cnhi service*



# Take steps to make sure that those holiday craft materials don't become infested

**By Dave Reville**

Gathering nuts, seed pods, pine cones, dried flowers, cornstalks and other materials for craft projects can be fun. But both the raw materials and the finished projects may become breeding spots for insect pests.

Some materials may be infested by insects, spiders and other creatures when you bring them home. Other materials may provide food for pantry pests such as saw-toothed grain beetles, rice and granary weevils, Indian meal moths and other pests of stored foods.

One way to make sure that materials are not buggy is to bake them. Spread in a thin layer in a shallow pan, turn the oven on at its lowest setting (usually marked "warm") and bake the items for an hour

or so. This should kill any hidden pests that might otherwise crawl out later.

One caution, if your oven is getting old and you are not sure if the temperature settings are accurate, use an oven thermometer. For this you want the temperature to be about 150 degrees — hot enough to kill the insects but not hot enough to destroy the host materials you are decorating with.

Spiders, ants, weevils and moth larvae may come into the home on nuts, seeds, grains, cones, driftwood and other materials. Meal moths, grain and flour beetles and other pests already living in your cupboards may find a ready source of food in craft materials and projects.

After heat treating to kill hidden pests, store craft materials in glass, plastic or

metal containers with tight-fitting lids. Check stored items occasionally and immediately remove from the house any showing signs of life.

Keeping cupboards clean, storing grain products such as cornmeal and pancake mix in glass, metal or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids rather than cardboard boxes, and discarding any infested foods as soon as you find them, will help prevent pantry pest problems.

For further information on pests, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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*Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.*



# Medina softballers protest school board decision

By Brian M. Bannister  
The Journal-Register

Parents and students expressed their disappointment at Monday's school board meeting over a recent board decision regarding the softball team.

On Oct. 28, the board voted 5-3 against a spring trip to Florida for the team and the fund-raising that would have been necessary.

"Our whole team put a lot of effort into planning the trip," player Sarah Dresser said. "I feel now it's been a total waste of time."

The team was prepared to sell pizza, Krispy Kreme donuts and organize 50-50 splits at athletic events to raise the money, she said.

Cindy Volkosh spoke for the parents of team members.

"We feel that these girls have been discriminated against. Is it because they are a group of 15 instead of 150?" she asked in a thinly veiled reference to the Medina



Brian M. Bannister/The Journal-Register

Wes Pickreign, Medina High School principal, congratulates Dorothy Dresser, who recently won a DAR citizenship award.

Mustang Marching Band.

An overnight trip to Cooperstown by the boys baseball

team was also cited as an example of uneven practices by the board.

Their emotional appeal to have the board reconsider the matter may have fallen on deaf ears.

"The board has reviewed it, declined it and are not going to vote on it again," Superintendent Judith Staples said.

Staples said that academic, financial and liability issues factored into the board's decision.

Both sides agree on one issue. Without permission from the board, the girls will not be able to participate in the preseason clinic and competition they hoped to attend over Easter break.

"We feel it's not fair and will continue to find a way for these girls to attend sometime in the near future, with or without your support," Volkosh said.

A similar request for a spring softball trip was approved by the Lyndonville

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to locate here.

"I look forward to great things in next year's campaign when Washington Mutual has actually expanded," said Frank Nichols, chairman of the United Way of Eastern Orleans board.

Nichols thanked all of the campaign volunteers for their work, as did the co-chairs.

Ray Lissow served as a co-chair, in addition to Fran Lissow and Shuler. This was the group's first year heading the campaign.

"This has been a learning experience for us," Fran Lissow said.

This year, the group went beyond the usual employee and direct mail donations and implemented a "can do" initiative. Collection jars were placed in several businesses around eastern Orleans County for donations.

The money raised is used to help fund local health and human service organizations. According to Nichols, the board will determine whether any specific agencies will receive funding cuts at their Dec. 2 meeting.





Joanne Beck/Daily News

**HOLIDAY GREENS:** 4-H members Ashton Watts of Medina, left and Savannah Read of Bergen put the finishing touches on their centerpiece during Cornell Cooperative Extension's holiday workshop Saturday.

## Workshop gets 4-H'ers into the holiday spirit

By Joanne Beck

Daily News Staff Writer

KNOWLESVILLE — If you're not sure where a bread plate goes in a table setting or how large a dinner napkin should be, you wouldn't have been alone Saturday at the 4-H fairgrounds on Route 31.

More than 40 students and 20 adult volunteers gathered at the Trolley Building to learn about everything from making holiday invitations and wrapping gifts to churning butter by hand and setting a formal dinner table.

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension educator Jaime Brennan developed the program from a similar one she'd heard about at a training workshop, she said.

The theme centered on putting

together a holiday dinner party, she said.

Students, such as 6-year-old Janie Schutz of Albion, said they learned how to make several things.

She pointed to her green felt napkin ring adorned with tiny pinecones and to a sharply wrapped box topped with a gold bell and bow.

"That's my favorite," she said of the gift.

Two older students were putting red decorations on their green-leaved centerpieces while others got cranking in the kitchen.

Eleven-year-old Dean Graning of Lyndonville stood at a kitchen counter quickly turning a crank to whip up heavy cream, milk and a pinch of salt.

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Barre resident and 4-H leader Jane Read led students through the 15-minute process of hand-churning butter.

It tastes similar to store-bought products but doesn't have the artificial flavors, colors and preservatives, Read said.

The day was educational and productive, she said.

"A lot of them have never set a table.

A lot don't know how to sew," she said. "I think the kids are having a lot of fun."

Dean was clear about what part of the day he most enjoyed.

"All of it," he said.

Dean and the other children will submit their finished creations for judging as part of the Holiday Faire that runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Trolley Building.



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Mark Gutman/Daily News

## There she is

Meaghan DePalma of Albion takes center stage after being named Orleans County Junior Miss Saturday at Medina High School. Other award winners were: first runner-up and fitness, Allison Hill of Holley; second runner-up, Nikki Yacono of Kendall; third runner-up, Michelle Sands of Medina; fourth runner-up and spirit of Junior Miss, Jenna Gaesser of Kendall; poise, Lindsay Gaylord of Holley; community service, Julianne Watts of Medina; committee award, Dorothy Dresser of Medina and Anna Soule of Albion; and talent, DePalma.



## Orleans 4-H hands out awards

ALBION — Orleans County 4-H leaders, sponsors and supporters gathered Nov. 2 at the Knowlesville Recreation Hall to recognize 4-H leaders and supporters. Jane Klatt, president of the 4-H Leaders Association, was mistress of ceremonies.

Recognized for their contributions to 4-H were:

**Bronze clover for one year of service:** Karen Giltner, Deb Graning, Ron Graning; **Four years of service:** Steve Goodrich; **Silver Clover for five years of service,** Jane Klatt, Laura Shortridge; **Nine years of service,** Russell Curtiss; **Gold Clover for 10 years of service,** James Watts; **11 years of service,** Michele Batt, John Read; **12 years,** Sheryl Watts; **13 years,** Peggy Randall; **14 years,** Sarah Johnson, Dawn Weaver.

**Pearl Clover for 15 years of service:** Caren Curtiss, Nancy Walker; **16 years,** Noreen Higgins, Jean Webster; **22 years,** Jane Read; **Emerald Clover for 25 years of service,** Neil Johnson, Joanne Johnson; **27 years,** Clarence Preston; **28 years,** Anne Preston, Nancy Weaver; **36 years,** Pauline Lanning; **44 years,** Marje Davis.

Dottie Dusett was recognized for 60 years of service to 4-H.

**The Friend of 4-H Award** was presented to Henry and Jerome Pawlak of Save-A-Lot and Mark Cammilleri of Burger King.

**The Outstanding Leadership/Service Award** was given to Peggy Randall of the A.A.G. 4-H Club and Sheryl Watts of the Barre Bunch 4-H Club.

Officers of the Orleans County 4-H Leaders Association were elected and installed. They are president, Jane Klatt; vice president, Deb Graning; secretary, Laura Shortridge; treasurer, Jean Webster; assistant treasurer, Noreen Higgins; and publicity chair, Dawn Weaver.



# Cuts leave Extension strapped for funds

By Brian M. Bannister

The Journal-Register

The Cornell Cooperative Extension is feeling an economic pinch.

Under the proposed county budget, the organization will receive \$10,000 less in county money than last year.

"The problem is it comes on top of a \$24,000 cut last year," Executive Director Deborah Roberts said. "I don't know where we can go to cut expenses. We're bare bones already."

The CCE will have to depend more and more on volunteer fund raising. A source of revenue that has been stable,

but not growing, she said.

For years the CCE operated on a budget of approximately \$240,000 with the funds provided by a combination of federal, state, county and volunteer contributions. It has already cut an agricultural program position from full time to half time and is considering not replacing a building and grounds position at the 4-H fairgrounds.

For the winter, the position can be covered by volunteers and other staff, Roberts said.

Over the years the role of the CCE has been gradually reduced within Orleans and other cash strapped counties. More

affluent counties offer programs in parenting education, family finance education, and food stamp nutritional education. The Orleans CCE sticks to the basics of Agriculture, Horticulture and 4-H Youth Development, Robert said.

As she puts it, "Cornell is way more than agriculture," but county residents don't garner the full benefits from the College of Human Ecology — once called home economics — offered by Cornell.

President of the Orleans County CCE Board of Directors Eric Brown is sympathetic to the plight of the county. He is an Orleans County resident.

"I don't want to pay any more taxes than the next guy," he said. "The county has done a good job over the years at being stringent with their spending, but you can't be at that level forever."

He called upon local county legislatures to join with other counties to bring pressure on Albany to quit passing down unfunded mandates. The impact on programs at the rural, local level are not considered by Albany. He said he was particularly concerned about cuts that might effect the youngsters that participate in 4-H.

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As bad as it may be in Orleans, neighboring Cornell Extensions are in worse shape. According to Roberts, Monroe County originally cut all funding for their cooperative extension, but reinstated it at 85 percent of its previous level. Niagara County has also recommended completely cutting its co-op's budget.

By law, if a county completely cuts a Cornell

Cooperative Exchange budget, state and federal funds are also dropped and the extension closes, Brown said.

Despite the present difficulties, Roberts remains focused on continuing local programs.

"We don't take it (the county budget cuts) personally. I know we have support from the legislatures," she said.

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## BRIEFLY



Associated Press

**IN CUSTODY: Alleged Bali bombing operations leader Imam Samudra, center, is escorted by masked police officers as he is transferred from National Police Headquarters to an armored car in Jakarta, Indonesia, this morning. The Oct. 12 blasts in Kuta, Bali, killed nearly 200 people, mostly foreign tourists.**

### Top Bali bombing suspect: 'America will be destroyed'

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A key suspect in the Bali bombing cried out in Indonesian "America will be destroyed" as he was moved this morning from the capital to the resort island for more questioning.

Heavily armed guards wearing face masks escorted Imam Samudra and four others for the charter flight to Bali, before which Samu-

# Orleans adopts budg

## Legislature reduces some funding cuts; tax rate to increase

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Orleans County legislators adopted a budget Thursday that reinstates some of the proposed cuts to local agencies, but most of a last-second increase goes to cover rising tuition at community colleges.

The Legislature added \$166,384 to the budget, which turned a proposed 34-cent tax rate increase into a 49-cent hike. The rate next year will be \$7.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property. The overall \$55,633,926 budget raises spending 6.6 percent and increases the tax levy 7.5 percent.

"There isn't one of us who is happy about this," said Legislature Chairwoman Marcia Tuohey, R-Medina. "We had to make some hard decisions."

The Legislature added \$125,000 more for com-

munity colleges Thursday on top of the \$120,000 increase it had initially included, raising the county's contribution to colleges from \$755,000 in 2002 to \$1 million next year.

The county has to pay a third of the colleges' tuition costs. That translates to \$1,780 a semester next year, up from \$1,290 a semester this year, because local community colleges have raised tuition by 37 percent, said Stan Dudek, the county chief administrative officer.

The Legislature restored \$34,737 of about \$120,000 in cuts to local agencies. Legislators said they were impressed with agency presentations during a public hearing Wednesday, when residents protested the cuts to the Arc of Orleans County, Soil and Water Conservation District, Cooperative Extension and public libraries.

The Legislature added back a proposed \$29,914 cut to the libraries.

The libraries will still have cuts, but the Lee-Whedon Memorial in Medina said the libraries are in the budget.

"Once you're out, it's hard to get back in," Zangerle said Thursday night.

Lee-Whedon's county share of the budget is \$9,400 to about \$2,500 with the new budget and can better absorb smaller libraries in Lyndonville. Zangerle said Lee-Whedon is relying on county funding for the budgets.

Zangerle sympathized with the libraries.

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## Justice advocate honored

### Wittman to receive Lila McNall Award

By Roger Muehlig

Daily News Staff Writer





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## 4-H Holiday Faire slated for Saturday

KNOWLESVILLE — The young and the young at heart are invited to try their hand at a variety of holiday crafts and projects Saturday at the annual 4-H Holiday Faire.

4-H members from 14

Orleans clubs will showcase their own holiday projects from 1 to 4 p.m. at the county fairgrounds and help others make their own.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Nightingael. A

visit from Santa is expected and there should be opportunities for pictures with him.

For more information, call the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.



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### 10 years ago

Jody John Neal, son of Edward and Lillian Neal, Albion, was selected to receive the Roger Snell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was set up in memory of Roger Snell, who was a prominent dairy farmer in Genesee County.

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### Sports club seeks new members

YATES — The Orleans County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is accepting new members at its meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Yates Sportsman Club on Lakeshore Rd.

Any youth who is at least 12 by April 1 can join.

For more information, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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### Holiday Faire is Sat.

KNOWLESVILLE — Orleans County 4-H has scheduled its annual Holiday Faire on Saturday. The event is 1 to 4 p.m. at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds, Route 31.

The faire will showcase holiday projects by 4-H members. There will be hands-on crafts and projects.

Children can have their picture taken with Santa Claus.

Nightingael will provide musical entertainment.

For more information, call 589-5561.



# Farm cited for century-plus of service

State honors family operation started in 1834

By Virginia Kropf  
Daily News Staff Writer

**M**ILLVILLE — The latest family farm to be named a Century Farm has been in existence since 1834, when Leonard Dresser founded the Dresser Farm on Dresser Road.

Current operators John Q. "Jack" Dresser III, his son Dan and grandson Dan Jr. were just recently notified of their Century Farm designation by the New York State Agricultural Society, sponsors of the award. The award is given to farms that have been operated by the same family for 100 or more years.

Since Jack's great-grandfather, Leonard, helped organize the former Presbyterian Church in Millville in 1821, the family has continued to be active members of the community.

Jack's grandfather, John Sr., was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, the choir and the Maple Ridge Culture Club. Jack's father, John Jr., was an active member of the Millville United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau and Cooperative Extension.

The Dressers still belong to Farm Bureau and Orleans County Cooperative Extension, as well as Upstate Farms Co-op.

The entire Dresser family still attends the Millville United Methodist Church.

Jack first started working on the farm when he was in high school, he said, and the Lord willing, he will follow his father's footsteps.

John Jr. always said he

wanted to die with his boots on. At age 88, he went out one morning, got in his farm truck in the back yard, started it up and had a heart attack. His vehicle shot across the road and into the barn.

Jack, at 78, has no plans to retire. June, 76, rises at 5:30 every day, letting Jack sleep until 6 a.m., she said. She heads out to feed nearly 100 calves, while Jack heads for the milking parlor.

"We dread getting up, but when we get out there, we enjoy it," Jack said.

In his early years, Jack and his father raised mostly vegetable crops, such as tomatoes and cabbage. There were also orchards on the farm, mainly apples.

Upon graduation, Jack decided to start a new farming venture — dairy cows. They started with just a few cows, gradually increasing the herd as John Jr. saw it was a good investment.

Eventually the family acquired a neighboring farm of about 100 acres, known as Snell Farm, adding to the acreage of the Krause Farm to the west, which John Jr. purchased during the Great Depression.

Jack met his wife, June Zipfel of Batavia-Elba Townline Road, at a roller-skating party in Olcott. His aunt, who lived down the road from the Zipfels, told him, "You better get to know her. She can drive a horse and she can milk a cow."

Jack's mother, the former Florence Mercer, also grew up near the Zipfels, in the family homestead on the cor-



ner of Batavia-Oakfield Townline Road and Lewiston Road.

Jack and June were married Nov. 29, 1952, at the Elba Presbyterian Church. They had three children, James, Dan and Mary. James, who is married to Paula Beach, left the farm in 2000 to pursue other career options.

"It's very difficult for a small farm today to support four families," June said.

Mary loved to work on the farm as a child. She studied to become a nurse, married Paul Bacon and had a daughter Emily, but died several years ago of diabetes.

Dan Sr., his wife Nancy

Barber and their children Dan Jr. and Dorothy continue to help Jack and June on the farm. Dan Jr. recently graduated from high school and a diesel mechanics course at Niagara-Orleans Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Now milking herd manager, Dan Jr. can fix anything, his father said.

In addition to milking, Jack operates the tractors and is a parts "gopher." June is head bookkeeper. Dan Sr. and Nancy both drive tractor.

He is also in charge of young livestock, while she is bale handler and record keeper. Dorothy, a senior in high school, helps with milking,



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**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** Members of the Dresser family of Millville pose in front of one of the dairy operation's tractors. From left are June, Dan Jr., Dan Sr. and Jack. The New York State Agricultural Society recently designated the Dresser operation, which has been in existence since 1834, as a Century Farm. Above is a view of the exterior of the Dresser Farm, taken earlier this fall.

feeding calves and acts as interpreter for the Spanish-speaking employee the family has hired.

After James left the farm, the Dressers sold their 150 dairy cows. It wasn't long, however, before they started building their herd again.

"June got after us and said she had never bought milk in the store in her life and she wasn't about to start now," Jack said.

Today they are back to milking nearly 100 cows, in addition to raising all of their feed on the 400 acres they farm.

"Our whole family is working together to keep this fami-

ly Century Farm going into yet another century," Dan Sr. said.

Jack said there are two secrets to being a successful farmer.

"You have to have a good farm, but most important, you need a good wife," he said. "I have had both."

The Dressers all agree farming has been good to them.

"It's a good place to raise kids and you always have a job," Jack said.

Gov. George Pataki is expected to present the Century Farm award at a luncheon and awards ceremony Jan. 9 in Syracuse.



# Dusset still puts 4-H kids at the top

By **Jeremy Moule**  
The Journal-Register

After 60 years as a 4-H leader, Dotty DuSett is still doing it for the kids.

DuSett, 80, has been involved with the 4-H in some capacity since age 10.

"I think 4-H is the greatest educational youth organization in the world," DuSett said.

DuSett first became involved in 4-H when her mother, Evalyn Quinn, started the first club in Hilton. Her great-grandmother went to the Rochester Exposition in the 1930s, and was so taken with the exhibits that 4-H members had on display she kept after Quinn until she started a club, DuSett said.

Starting with DuSett's mother, five generations of her family would eventually become 4-H leaders. After her mother started the club, DuSett's grandmother became involved. DuSett's children and husband, Guy, have all been leaders.

"Now our grandchildren have started as junior leaders," DuSett said.

DuSett remained a member of the 4-H club in Hilton for four years, two years in a leadership capacity. She was a leader for eight years in Monroe County before moving to Orleans. She has spent the last 52 years as a leader with the



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Dotty DuSett displays the plaque she was presented by the 4-H for her 60 years of service to the organization. DuSett, who is leader of Hindsburg Hilltop and Towpath club, is standing next to several awards the club has won.

Hindsburg Hilltop and Towpath club.

DuSett was recently honored by the Orleans County 4-H for her service. She was presented a plaque and received a standing ovation.

The distinction is rare, said Margo Bowerman, a team coordinator for the Orleans 4-H.

Marge Davis, the leader of the Moonlight Dreamers club, has known DuSett for a number of years. At one point, their children would compete

against each other at 4-H events.

DuSett always made sure members of her club got involved, and she would also make sure their projects got done, Davis said.

She said that DuSett was very courageous to stick with a leadership position for 60 years, and that it shows dedication to the youths.

"The kids see that some day, they could fill those shoes too," Davis said.

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# Caring for live balled and burlapped Christmas

**By Dave Reville**

Today, many home gardeners like to have live Christmas trees, a growing tree with roots to be used indoors for Christmas and later planted outdoors.

In order to get the best results and pleasure from your live balled and burlapped trees, here are some steps to follow.

1. Before the ground is frozen, dig the hole where you anticipate planting the tree. Fill the hole with leaves or wood chips and cover to prevent filling from rainfall and freezing too deep. Keep some soil in the base-

ment or garage so it will not freeze and can be used when you plant your live tree.

2. Keep the tree indoors for as short a time as possible. Make the change gradually, perhaps one day in the garage, one day in a cool basement and then into the room where you plan to set it up and decorate it. Repeat this same process in reverse when you take it outdoors.

3. It is usually better if the garden supply dealer pots it for you. A balled and burlapped evergreen tree should be placed in a porous pot and then in a bigger, waterproof pot, but

keep the pots small so that they will be inconspicuous.

4. Water the tree as you would a houseplant. Water frequently and thoroughly but never let the soil get either dried out or muddy.

5. Indoor temperatures should be kept as cool as possible, especially at night. Be sure that it does not receive direct sunlight, even through a window. Never place the tree near a fireplace or against an operating radiator or other source of heat.

6. Soon after Christmas, plant outdoors in the hole previously dug for it. Use unfrozen soil in order to get it

firm around the roots of the tree. If the soil is heavy and lumpy, one part peat moss to two parts soil before back filling should be used. If you like, you can use a very little phosphate or an organic fertilizer, or wait until spring and apply a complete fertilizer then. Be sure to add two to four inches of mulch, then stake and tie the tree to support it during heavy winds.

7. Be sure to water after planting and every 20 to 30 days after that if there is insufficient rain or snowfall. Naturally, water in between freez-

ings and thawing, especially if there is no snow or rain during each winter.

8. If all of this seems like a lot, why not purchase a "U-Cut" from your favorite Christmas tree lot?

For further information, contact the Orleans County Extension Office.

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Richard Stimpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stimpson of Ensign Avenue, recently earned his Ph.D. at Michigan State in higher education administration — Medina Fire Chief Dell Stork urges residents who own a woodburning stove or fireplace to attend Wednesday's class on woodburning equipment at the Trollev building on the 4-H Fairgrounds —

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## Pescara joins American Angus Association

Gerald J. Pescara of Gaines has joined the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records included detailed information on more than 14 million registered angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle, which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered angus are used by American farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.



## Top 10 reasons for accidentally bidding at an auction

10. Convulsions brought on by the fact that the bidding for the bull you sold last year for \$1,500 is now up to \$15,000.

9. Hot cigar ash from order buyer sitting next to you falls on your leg.

8. Apparently, the fellow who sat here before you left a hay hook on the seat.

7. Cows belonging to your neighbor who hates to fix fence enter the ring as "bred to outstanding purebred bull" —

your outstanding purebred bull.

6. You notice your hired man who called in sick is sitting across the room.

5. In order to avoid being seen by your banker you duck your head too quickly.

4. Your wife hands you letter from Farm Service Agency saying you have to re-do everything.

3. The snoring farmer next to you puts

his head on your shoulder.

2. You suffer from an acute medical condition in which chronic nose itch sets in whenever cattle hit no-hope-for-profit levels.

1. The person sitting behind you tips over the spittoon.

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by Mark Parker, Farm Talk  
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## Orleans County 4-H, Clarendon Cheesecakes team for special Valentine's Day fund-raiser

Orleans County 4-H is joining with Clarendon Cheesecakes for a special Valentine's Day fund-raiser. Extension 4-H Team Coordinator Margo Bowerman said the partnership represents an exciting new venture for Orleans County 4-H.

Clarendon Cheesecakes first offered the partnership for the 2002 Orleans County 4-H Fair, selling slices of cheesecake through the Leaders' Pie Stand. At the fair it unveiled a new cheesecake flavor, available only through 4-H — the 4-H Green Supreme, a mint chocolate chip cheesecake.

Deborah Patt, the owner of Clarendon Cheesecakes, said she has received requests for the 4-H Green Supreme, but has stuck to her pledge to make this flavor only through 4-H.

The fund-raiser offers several flavors of Clarendon

Cheesecakes, including the 4-H Green Supreme, in the shape of a heart for \$10.

"In addition to the fund-raising aspects of the partnership, plans are under way to include Clarendon Cheesecakes in a new program designed to expose youth to the many local

innovative enterprises," Bowerman said. "While this program is still in the development stages the goal of the program is to demonstrate to youth that entrepreneurial opportunities exist in their own neighborhoods. You don't need to commute to metropol-

itan areas to find technical, innovative, or unique employment opportunities."

Orders for the special heart-shaped Clarendon Cheesecakes can be made through the Orleans County 4-H Office at 589-5561 and must be made by Jan. 20.



# Winter protection for trees, shrubs

By Dave Reville

Heavy, wet snow can damage the branches of ornamental trees and shrubs. What can be done to help protect trees and shrubs from this possible damage?

Some of the more helpful practices that can be used are correct pruning techniques, various types of devices to "break" or lessen the amount of snow falling on plant branches and quick removal of snow from branches before any damage occurs.

When a tree is old it may be hard to remove these weak branches because they contribute too much to the overall ornamental value of the tree. In the case of young, newly planted trees, correct pruning techniques can insure a tree will have strong lateral branches.

Most low to medium height shrubs can be protected from heavy snow damage by constructing protective devices over them to lessen the amount of snow reaching their branches. You have probably seen various covers over plants made of plywood, snow fence, etc. the design or shape of the cover should be like an "A" frame so the snow will slide off easily.

Some people wrap shrubs with chicken wire or plastic snow fence to keep the branches together and supported. The fencing should be tight enough to give support, but in the case of evergreens, it should also be loose enough to allow the inside of the shrub to "breathe." On the top of the "wrapped" shrub you can secure a piece of burlap. This will keep snow from getting inside the center of the shrub.

Obviously, if no protection has been provided you can remove the snow from the branches before too much accumulates. You can use a broom or bamboo rake to help remove the snow.

If you use this method of prevention, be sure you don't allow too much snow to accumulate at one time. also, branches are brittle during the winter so care must be taken to prevent breaking them.

## Salt damage to plants

The salt that takes some of the hazard out of

driving and walking in winter is bad for plant material.

Salty slush pushed off of roads and sidewalks and flying salt spray can damage or even kill landscape plants.

Damage can occur when salt comes into direct contact with the foliage and stems or when salt builds up in the soil. There is can burn the roots or be taken up by plants and accumulate to toxic levels.

Homeowners can reduce the chance of salt damage to plants by minimizing their use of deicing salt, planting trees and shrubs that are the most tolerant of salt, and protecting sensitive plants that can't be moved.

Studies have shown that white and red pine are among the most salt-sensitive landscape plants. Others include barberry, dogwood and common privet. Austrian pine and spruce, on the other hand, were more tolerant. Other less sensitive plants include red cedar, horse chestnut, Russian olive, honey locust and black locust.

Damage from salt spray is usually visible before the winter is over and takes the form of dead buds and twig tips. Damage from salt accumulation in the soil appears during the growing season. Symptoms may include stunting, poor growth, dieback of growing tips, leaf burn or leaf drop.

To keep airborne salt off of plants near roadways, fasten burlap, canvas or durable plastic screens to sturdy stakes to shield them. If you use salt around the home, avoid shoveling salty residue onto nearby plants or the soil beneath them.

To lessen salt damage, wash salt from the plants if you can. Heavy watering in the spring after the ground has thawed can leach the salt out of the root zones of the plants growing in well drained areas.

Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County at 589-5561 for more information.

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**Just past the city limits**

**The Top 10 things a farmer  
would do if he won the lottery:**

10. Hire somebody else to clean out the lagoon.
9. Not even ask what the special is at the cafe.
8. Go to an auction and wave your hand in the air until the auctioneer tells you to put it down.
7. Tell the implement dealer you'll take that new combine if you can get it in a different color.
6. Complain that the taxes on \$250 million are killing you.
5. Hire a hit man to take out the neighbor's fence-jumping Watasi-Guernsey bull.
4. Have all the machinery that's been parked in the hedge row for decades painted.
3. Take your wife to dinner somewhere you don't even have coupons for.
2. Put leather seats with lumbar support in the 1957 grain truck.
1. Refinance!

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By Mark Parker, Farm Talk, cnhi Service



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## Maple School conference is available on the Internet

Through a collaboration of the Cornell-Uihlein Sugar Maple Field Station, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central School, BOCES and funding from the New York State Maple Producers Association, a special effort was made to join the Cornell Maple School with the NYS Maple Producers Winter Conference.

Distance of travel will no longer be an issue for maple producers who want to participate in the conference. The one-day show on Saturday will be as close as the family computer or local library.

Using the Internet and live video streaming, maple enthusiasts from across North America will be dialing into maple demonstrations, presentations and workshops about various maple topics.

Using the Verona school's Web site, [www.vvscentralschools.org](http://www.vvscentralschools.org), participants may register to receive live video segments from the conference. The Internet audience may participate in workshop dialog and ask questions using on-line chats, email, phones or faxes.

Highlighting the conference will be guest speaker Dr. Randall Heilgman of Ohio State University and co-author of the North American Maple Syrup Producers Manual.

Among other topics, Dr. Heilgmann will be discussing the "finishing point" of maple syrup, which explores why finishing syrup at the correct density is important in terms of both quality and economics. His presentation takes a close look at the methods of determining finishing points, from hydrometers to refractometers, and the affects of each on syrup densities.

Other conference topics will include forestry management techniques, tubing installation and cleaning, vacuum systems for tubing, marketing strategies, value-added products, Maple Weekend tips and the latest in maple research.

If you have research, extension or association information you would like to announce to the maple community during the program, contact Colin Campbell at 518-523-9337 or e-mail [cac49@cornell.edu](mailto:cac49@cornell.edu).

For Internet registration information, contact VVS FFA adviser Keith Schiebel at 315-829-2520 ext. 362, e-mail [kschiebel@vvs-csd-high.moric.org](mailto:kschiebel@vvs-csd-high.moric.org) or visit the school's Web site. Registration forms are available online. Fees for the Internet Web cast are \$10 per individual, \$20 per family, \$50 per site access for a group of five to 10 individuals and \$100 per site for groups of 10 to 20 participants.