



Clover Chronicle

Cornell University Cooperative Extension

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Poultry Barn Restoration Project

As most of you have already heard, the poultry barn lost its roof this winter due to the heavy snow load. There are many efforts underway to raise funds to stabilize and make functional the poultry building. We encourage all of our 4-H families to support one or all of the fundraising efforts currently underway (details can be found on page 4).

Please keep in mind how fortunate we have been over the years to have had a wonderful barn to exhibit our poultry, rabbits and cavy. We benefit directly by having the barn resurrected. So please do your part to help assure your rabbits, birds and cavy are not left out of the barn this year.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Teen Council 7:00pm CCE Office Horse Forms DUE*	2	3	4
				<i>* Horse Certificates, Parent Forms, Project Summary Sheets, and Rabies and Coggins Certificates</i>		
5	6 Career Explorations Orientation 7:00pm CCE Office	7	8 PreTeen Adventure Orientation 7:00pm CCE Office	9	10	11
					3 - Day Clinic at the Schaghticoke Fair-	
12	13	14 4-H PDC CCE Office 7:00pm	15 Ownership/ Lease Paperwork DUE	16 Rabbit/Cavy/ Poultry Prepare for the Fair Fairgrounds 6:30pm	17	18
3 - Day Clinic						
19	20 Teen Exchange Meeting CCE Office 7:00pm	21 Horse PDC Meeting Tamarac HS Cafeteria 7:00pm	22 Creative Containers Training Fairgrounds 6:30pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Teen Ambassadors 7:00pm CCE Office	30		
		2011 Career Explorations at Cornell University				



4-H Club Reports

Club Reports

At the end of each month, club secretaries should submit the Secretary's Monthly Report form to the 4-H office, ATTN: Janice Fox. Refer to page 27 in the "4-H Club Secretary's Handbook" for examples and forms.

Even though the Clover Chronicle is printed bi-monthly, Secretaries should submit their reports every month. Honor Club criteria require that "a minimum of seven Secretary's Reports be submitted on a timely basis." The Secretary's Monthly Report is available on the Rensselaer County 4-H web site. You can find it on the *Members and Leaders Forms* page.

Secretaries may email reports to jpf26@cornell.edu.



4-H Green Earthlings

Merrill Wrenn

West Sand Lake: The Green Earthlings had two events in January. We made bird feeders at the Hurd's workshop and Mr. Hurd gave us instructions to build the feeders. The 4Hers used both power tools and hand tools to make feeders out of pine wood and Plexiglas. The clover buds made birdfeeders from bowls, burner covers and string. When done, the projects were awesome! We also volunteered at Dyken Pond to help hand out snowshoes to visitors and to blaze trails.

In February, the club members spent a great day at the Pre-Teen Fun Day leaning about physics and made lava lamps and egg parachutes. We spent part of February preparing for demonstrations the first weekend in March. The majority of our club members demonstrated. The topics, all learned as part of our 4H experience, ranged from cooking, rabbit care, bow safety, snowshoeing and knot tying. All the demonstrators did a great job and the cooking samples were delicious.

Also in March, the club took on a difficult sewing project. Seven pairs of Fleece lounge pants were made! We all selected material that was soft and fuzzy with cool patterns. We learned how to pin a pattern, that some

material designs are directional and some are not, to sew seams and to thread elastic. We plan on attending the fashion show in May. The Cloverbuds made fun animal scarves with the help of the older 4Hers.

At the end of March we had another volunteer day at Dyken Pond. With the help of Mr. Film, we cleaned trails of sticks and downed twigs from the ice, snow and wind storms this winter. We also helped fold a big box of Dyken Pond summer camp flyers. Luckily, we did not get any paper cuts! The Green Earthlings are having fun!

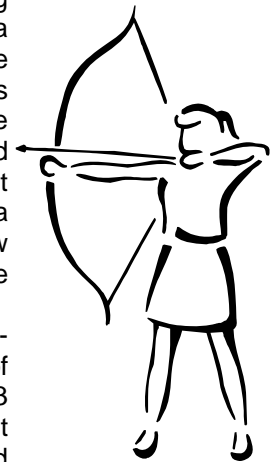
Nature's Warriors

Keara Kelley

Wynanstkill: First in our meeting we took attendance. Michael, Julie, Jacob, and myself (Keara) were here. Everybody was here except for one Cloverbud. This meeting is both a business meeting and a project meeting. It was a business meeting because we talked about some things and it was a project meeting because we made cork board. We discussed upcoming and past projects. Last meeting, we had a lesson in using a bow and arrows. Flying Arrow Sports in East Greenbush were wonderful!

Once we finished our business, we picked out our pieces of wood and got started. There were 3 bags of corks so we put one at each of the end of the table and one in the middle. We found a bunch of cool corks that we put on our boards.

After we had our cork boards planned out the leader (my mom) came over and hot glued the corks on. Once everybody had their corks glued, the leader put hooks on the cork boards so we could hang them in our room or wherever we wanted to hang them. Once that was done everybody went home with their new cork boards. If you want to make a cork board all you need is a hot glue gun, glue sticks for the hot glue gun. a piece of wood, and corks.



**Hare Raisers
Holly Garrison**

Nassau: For our January meeting, we painted wooden picture frames. Each of the club members' photos will go into the frames. The frames look so colorful and creative. We had a lot of fun painting the wooden picture frames!!



For our meeting in February, we decorated cupcakes with lots of different candy and frosting. We called it Cupcake Boss (like the television show Cake Boss J). We had so much fun decorating the cupcakes! We also enjoyed eating them afterwards.

For our March meeting, we talked about collecting items for the Humane Society in the spring. We all agreed that this would be a wonderful thing to do for all the homeless animals who are at the Humane Society. We hope to collect a lot of goods to help the animals. We all want the animals to get adopted to wonderful and caring homes. We all had a great time at this meeting and we are very happy to help!

**Lazy Lopers
Riley Dunn**

Schaghticoke: During the month of April, our club met to discuss our upcoming busy summer schedule. One of our members, Riley Dunn, competed in Regional Demonstrations and qualified for States. We have members that are going to hippology at the end of the month. We are having fun planning the 3 day clinic and hope to see everybody there.

Rensselaer County 4-H Trail Blazers

Julia Smead

Schodack: During our March 6th business meeting, we continued to plan our Spring and Summer activities. On Sunday, March 20th, we met up at Davjen Farm to work on Parelli natural horsemanship with our horses. We took our horses for a walk in the fields at the farm.

Following another ground work session with our horses on April 17th, we went on a trail ride through the woods and fields at DavJen Farm. Club members Rebecca and Stephanie Bradbury put together a beautiful "Green Thumb" gift basket that our club donated to the annual 4-H Auction. We were pleased to see that the daffodils we planted last fall as part of "Operation Daffodil" have finally come up and bloomed.

**Horses R Us Plus
Courtney Luskin**

Nassau: Members did not have a meeting in March or April, but stayed in contact through email and many different events. In March, all members attended horse communications. Alyxe and Courtney were selected to go to regional horse communications. Members also practiced hippology and horse bowl. Alyxe, Jenna, and Courtney were on the senior horse bowl team which placed first at the regional event. Morgan helped coach the novice team which placed third. In April, Courtney attended

regional horse communications and was selected to go to the state contest in May. Also April we continued to practice hippology. Jenna, Morgan, And Courtney went to the regional hippology event in which their team placed first and Courtney placed fourth individually. They will compete at the state contest in August at State Fair as a team. We would like to thank Megan Kunz for all her time and help coaching us for horse bowl and hippology. Members filled out and turned in their three day clinic forms. We also discussed our horse show date still undecided. Horses R Us Plus would like to welcome our new member, Jess Cruickshank.

Wild Things

Liz Sheffer

Johnsonville: Felting! (A picture is worth a 1000 words.)



Poultry Barn Restoration Project

Here's how you can help restore the Poultry Barn to its former glory . . .

Giffy BBQ — June 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Brunswick Agway on route 7. Dinners are \$10 each and you can reserve dinners by calling 663-9970 or 663-8156.

Raffle tickets coordinated by the fair

The raffle is for

- a Brinkman Gas Grill donated by Home Depot - \$200 value
- \$100 gift certificate to Hoosac Valley Farmers Exchange
- Chick n Hutch donated by Tractor Supply \$100 value
- a \$100 gift certificate donated by Walmart.

You can purchase tickets at the CCE office for \$1 each or 6 (a book) for \$5. If you would like to sell tickets you can also contact the CCE office to get books to sell. The drawing is scheduled for June 19th.

Operation Daffodil



Last year, Ken York, a long time Rensselaer County Master Gardener offered free daffodil bulbs to 4-Hers and their families. Training was offered, bulbs were supplied, and daffodils were planted around the county.

Liz Sheffer planted her bulbs at the Tamarac Schools. They certainly brightened the school grounds this spring.

Dyken Pond Center to Host Community Art Event This Summer



A mosaic artist will work with kids and adults to make large mosaic display boards with nature themes that will be installed at Dyken Pond. Each board will portray a scene in nature and will feature plants and animals. For example, one board will have a "water theme" and feature red eft salamanders, painted turtles, large mouth bass and water lilies. This summer, the public and youth organizations - such as 4-H clubs - will be invited to help create the mosaics.



How to reach us -

Call the 4-H Office 272-4210,
Monday through Friday,
between 8 am and 4 pm.

You can leave a voice mail message
at any other time.

Ext. 104 - **Janice Fox**, Extension Community Educator
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272-1648 - ATTENTION 4-H



4-H Program Development Committee

Meets the second Tuesday of each month

*4-H PDC members are available to you.
If you have comments or suggestions don't hesitate
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As a Cloverbud you are beginning your journey in 4-H. You will discover amazing things as you begin to "Learn by Doing!"

You have all the tools you need . . .

- 🧠 HEAD to think and question
- ♥ HEART to care and cooperate
- ✋ HANDS to work and help
- 🍏 HEALTH to be strong and safe

The only other thing you need is an
ADULT PARTNER to guide and protect
you on your journey!



Cloverbuds are invited to join 4-H'ers from all across New York State in the
Feed the Future and Cultivate Change project.

You can plant Delicata Squash seeds, care for your plants, and bring squash to the Fair. It is easy to plant the seeds. You can put one seed in a small recycled paper pot, and when the soil outside is warm enough (about 70° F) you can plant your seedling outside. Watch your plant grow. Water it and keep the area free of weeds. By the end of August, you should have squash for the fair!

Here's how to make a simple paper pot and start seeds —

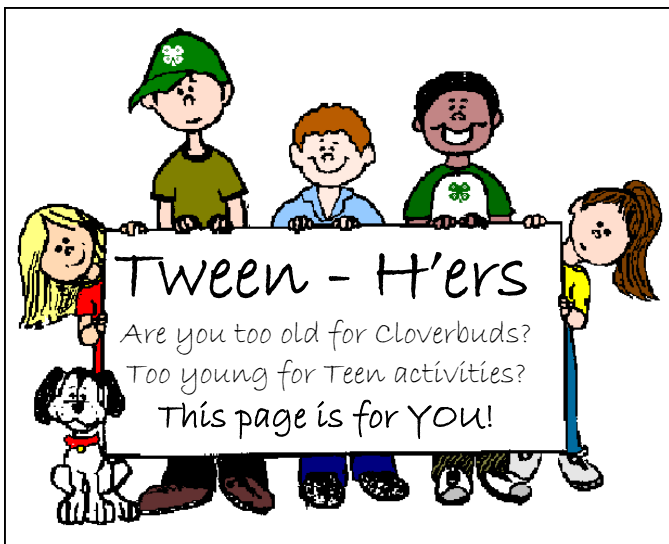
What You Need:

- An empty can (a soda can or a juice can work well)
- Newspaper (not the shiny ads)
- Seed starting mix (damp potting soil)
- Tray with edges to hold all the seed pots together (a 13" X 9" baking pan works great)



What you do:

1. Tear or cut a sheet of newspaper into 5-inch strips, in the direction of the print on the paper.
2. Lay your strip of paper flat on a hard surface. Place an empty can (a soda can works well) onto the strip with about an 1½ inches of the strip below the bottom of your can.
3. Roll the strip of paper around your can. Hold the end of the newspaper with your fingers to keep it from unrolling.
4. Turn your can up, and fold the newspaper that is hanging over the edge into the center (kind of like wrapping a present).
5. Place the folded end onto a hard surface. Press and twist the can to flatten the newspaper tightly, so it won't unroll.
6. Fill your pot with damp soil mix. Leave about an inch of space at the top.
7. Plant your seeds and water them.
8. Place pots tightly together in your tray, to keep them upright. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and place them in a warm spot. When they sprout, remove the plastic and put them where they can get sunlight.
9. When your plants have several leaves you can plant them outside (if it is warm) – you do not have to remove the paper pot – it will decompose in the ground (fall apart and become part of the soil).



Pre Teen Adventure

Orientation - Wednesday, June 8
 7pm at the CCE Office

Adventure - Wednesday, July 6
 8:30am at Dyken Pond

Rain date - Thursday, July 7
 same time, same place

Twenty-three pre-teen 4-H members from all corners of the county will explore Dyken Pond for the 2011 Pre Teen Adventure.

All participants need to attend the orientation with a parent to prepare for the Adventure. At the Orientation, the Preteens will:

- ★ Get acquainted and parents can arrange car pools or make travel arrangements.
- ★ Discuss what to bring and how to dress for the Adventure.
- ★ Choose Adventure groups.
- ★ Finalize the menu for the day and sign up for food items.

The Pre Teen Adventure will begin with the traditional get acquainted games and challenges. Before separating into groups for their activities, participants will make trail mix to sustain them until lunch time.

During the day, the 4-H'ers will rotate through three 90-minute activities (which will be determined at the Orientation meeting). The group will break during the day for a potluck picnic.

Feed the Future and Cultivate Change

You are invited to celebrate Cornell Cooperative Extension's Centennial by joining a statewide growing project!

We've been gardening for years — CCE's rich history dates from Liberty Hyde Bailey to victory gardens to present day. Gardening is an activity that connects all of us - from horticulture, nutrition, agriculture and 4-H youth development programs.

The Teen Ambassadors kicked off this centennial project by inviting 4-H'ers to their April meeting where they planted 50 Cornell Bush Delicata Squash seeds in recycled newspaper pots. Their goal is to have 100 of the Delicata Squash at the Schaghticoke Fair — one for every year of CCE's existence. The seeds will be started indoors, and nurtured until it is warm enough to plant the seedlings outside. This squash choice nods to our past, and looks forward. It is an easy to grow bushy plant that will fit in a backyard garden.

The Teen Ambassadors are preparing an exhibit for the fair that will recognize the efforts of 4-H'ers all across the county. The squash will be collected at the fair and donated to local food pantries. Cornell's Bush Delicata Squash seeds were generously donated by Harris Seeds of Rochester. Seeds are still available. Call the CCE office if you would like to plant the seeds and join in the fun! If you are growing Delicata Squash be sure to take photos along the way. The Ambassadors have a poster just waiting for stories and pictures of your squash.

How can you exhibit your squash at the fair?

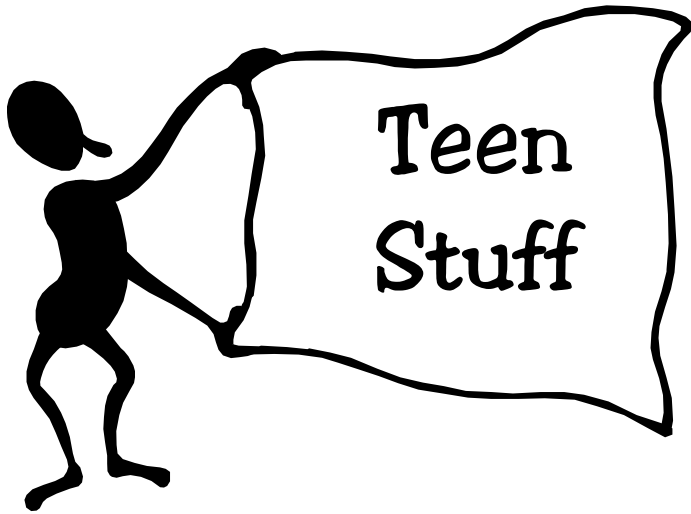
- ☼ You can enter your squash and your squash plants in **Department 11 Plant Science**
- ☼ You can enter individual squash in **Section C Vegetable - Field Crops - Fruit , Class No. 500 - Squash, Winter 1** specimen, any other variety
- ☼ You can plant 2 or 3 seeds in a container and enter it in **Section D Specialty Plant Projects, Class No. 1** as a **Basic Container Garden**.
- ☼ Your club can plant the seeds in a container add some CCE Centennial ornamentation and enter it **Section D Specialty Plant Projects, Class No 5** as a **Club Container Garden**.

The Teen Ambassadors are also planning a Squash Contest for the fair – largest squash, smallest squash, heaviest squash, longest squash, fattest squash and funniest shaped squash.

Start planting now!

How many different kinds of squash can you grow?





Teen Ambassadors

The Teen Ambassadors had the most fantastic time at STARR 2011! The workshops were educational and covered a broad range of topics. Rensselaer County was well-represented again this year.

Katie McIntyre presented two short workshops on Shooting Sports. Janice Fox and Martha Reed presented a long workshop on Complaint Free World.

The Ambassadors are now planning for fairs, preparing a Rensselaer County presence at the State Fair and working on their news writing skills for the Schaghticoke Fair. They have also planted Delicata Squash seeds with the goal of having 100 squash to exhibit at the Schaghticoke Fair—one for every year of Cornell Cooperative Extension's existence. Every 4-H'er in Rensselaer County is invited to join in this quest. Call the 4-H office to see how you can become part of this project.

Some of the teens spent a wonderful Sunday afternoon at Dyken Pond to work through a "Trial Run" for this summer's Community Art Event (see page 5). The goal was to create one mosaic board and to give the artist a sense of how long it will take, how this process will work, and to work out any bugs.



Teen Council

Teen Council put in a lot of hard work to make the 2011 4-H Auction a huge success! Thanks to community support, Tamarac Elementary School Cafeteria was filled with 51 bidders and their families. There were great donations gathered from local business, families and 4-H Clubs. Proceeds from the 4-H Auction will go toward the Teen Council Scholarship & the expansion budget. This year we are pleased to say we raised \$2,297!

Next meeting we will be tie-dyeing our snack bar tee-shirts so they look new again!

Members are now focusing on our Leadership/ Community Service outing at Heifer International Overlook Farm where we will be spending a few days this summer. We are excited to help with their efforts to end world hunger and poverty.

The 2011 Snack Bar at the Schaghticoke Fair will be here before we know it so please help us out and look at the donation page for items that your club or family can donate. Teens interested in picking up a shift at the Snack Bar please fill out the Snack Bar Application. Each day is broken up into 3-6 hour shifts (very flexible) and teens receive \$25.00 per completed shift or \$4 per hour.

Teen Council has decided to hold another training for any **Non-Cloverbud Club Member** that would like to take orders at the Snack Bar. In the past this has helped make things run much *smoother* and be more *enjoyable*. Training will be held on *Wednesday, August 17* during Fair Cleanup at 4pm.

There will be plenty of things for members to do if they can not make the training so please do not let this discourage you from selecting a Club Snack Bar Shift. This is going to be a great year at the Schaghticoke Fair, see you there!

Teen Exchange

We will be hosting members from 2 counties in Wisconsin from June 30th to July 7th. Our host week committee has carved out some general ideas for the week and time will be spent in June to make reservations and confirm the week's schedule. We will have had 2 Giffy BBQ's by the time you receive this Clover Chronicle Issue and will have spent half a day doing a Hannaford Cleanup in May. For those of you who were at the 4-H Auction, we are doing a fundraiser for T-shirts (long and short sleeve) as well as sweatshirts. We will be taking orders until June 15th. Please see the enclosed order form. If you are interested please complete the order form and send down your money. We will have the order in by the end of June. We also have wrapped up a flower and Yankee Candle Sale and will be having an ice cream Sunday booth at the rodeo at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds the first Saturday of June.

Leaders Digest

Leader Checklist

- Are all of your members aware of animal registration deadlines? Please remind your members that they must have all paperwork, vaccinations, and registrations into the 4-H office by the deadline for their specific species.
- Has your club selected a time to work in the Snack Bar? Please remember that with the streamlined ordering procedure only 2-4 members and 1 adult should be in the Snack Bar at a time. You can split your shift among club members. Large clubs are strongly encouraged to sign up for additional shifts.
- Animals (except horses) must be owned or leased by members by **June 15th** to participate in the Schaghticoke Fair.
- Do you have teens who deserve a County Medal? Be sure to encourage them to complete the County Medal Application. Members can get one County Medal a year. Medals can be awarded in 30 project areas! The application, found at the back of this issue, is also available on our web site (Member and Leader Forms). Applications are due in the 4-H Office on or before Wednesday, August 10th.
- Does your club qualify for Honor Club status? The Honor Club application can be found on page 23. There is still time to complete the requirements! Call the 4-H Office for help or advice.

Jeanne Berard evaluates a pair of shorts made by Jacob Charest at the first one-stop Fashion Event for 4-H'ers from Albany, Columbia, Greene, and Rensselaer Counties.



Prepare for Fair

(Adapted from an article in *4-H Visions*, April-May 2009, a publication of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Fulton & Montgomery Counties)

Eddie was sore. He'd been pushed and shoved around all afternoon. He was sad too! He'd been lovingly made and proudly shown to parents and friends of the 4-H member who had created him. He'd been carefully packed and taken off to the county fair.

However, when he got there, he found that there was no section or class for him to be entered in. He hadn't been made in an official 4-H project. Oh the embarrassment of it! His creator and the 4-H Club leader had tried to push him into one class and then shove him onto another. He was made well, and when the 4-H'er created him, he was educational and fun to make. **But no one ever told his 4-H'er that not everything that is made in 4-H has a class in the County Fair.** So he'd been brought to the fair only to be taken home again, unjudged and unhappy.

The Schaghticoke Fair opens August 31st; however 4-H members wishing to go exhibit at the county fair in 4-H classes must keep county fair in mind all year long. **ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE PART OF AN OFFICIAL 4-H PROJECT, BASED ON 4-H CURRICULUM** This means that exhibits must be made in a 4-H project. Remember, not everything that is done in a 4-H Club meeting is always part of an **official** 4-H project. Sometimes crafts or other things are done that are fun to do, but are not done with materials that are not based on 4-H curriculum. (These projects may be exhibited in the Open Building. Check the Open Class Fair Book to see if these projects fit into an Open Class.)

At the 2011 Schaghticoke Fair, entries in the 4-H classes MUST CONFORM to project guidelines. No exhibits will be accepted for display in the 4-H Building that were not made as part of 4-H projects. The project title must be listed on the entry form, and on the entry tag.

So, plan ahead! Remember, 4-H entries need to be part of an official 4-H project. Things done at 4-H meetings, like Eddie Exhibit above, are fun and educational to make, but if they were not based on 4-H curriculum they should be left at home or exhibited in an Open Class. This will make everyone, including Eddie, a lot happier!

Scientist need your help with these wonderful Citizen Science Projects

Lab of Ornithology

If you enjoy watching birds, we need your help, whether you are a beginner or a seasoned birder. Participating can take as little or as much time as you want—you decide! We invite you to be a part of our community and get started with a citizen-science project today. The Lab of O encourages youth to apply for mini grants to carry out their own projects. They also engage youth with 4 annual challenges, video conferences, and incorporation of the arts.

Citizen Science Projects:

eBird	Celebrate Urban Birds
Feeder Watch	Nest Cams
Yard Map	Pigeon Watch
Nest Watch	Globe at Night
Bird Sleuth	Climate Connections
Great Backyard Bird	

NY Invasive Species- Emerald Ash Beetle

NYIS.INFO is your gateway to science-based information, breaking news, and new and innovative tools to prevent, detect, control and manage biological invaders in New York. NYIS.INFO links scientific research, State and Federal management programs and policy information, outreach education and grassroots invasive species action to help you become part of the battle against invasive species in and around New York. Scientist need your help to detect the Emerald Ash Borer early before it can cause too much damage.

Forestry & Wildlife-

Learn how to use bio-surveillance as a tool to find invasive species. Biosurveillance is a strategy used by scientists that uses an organism's behavior for a benefit, in this case using the "smoky-winged beetle bandit" wasp to survey for the Emerald Ash Borer or "EAB."

Heritage Program-

Learn how to use iMapInvasives.org to map invasive species (plants, animals, or pathogens) using Google map or a GPS.

Department of Horticulture-

The Dept of Hort has hands-on tool kits available for educators that work with youth. They need help creating and maintaining the Recommended Variety List for Gardeners

Paleontological Research Institution & Museum of Earth- The Mastodon Matrix Project

Cost -\$10.00 for one kilo bag of matrix found around the mastodon to help researchers sort the 13,000 year old matrix. Appropriate for all age groups.

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences- Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow has an interactive website for reporting and they need help.

The Lost Ladybug Project

Across North America ladybug species distribution is changing. Over the past twenty years several native ladybugs that were once very common have become extremely rare. Join Cornell researchers in finding out where all the ladybugs have gone in an effort to prevent more native species from becoming so rare.

Astronomy

- Planethunters.org
- Milkyway project
- Moon zoo
- Galaxy Zoo Hubble
- Old weather
- Solar Stormwatch
- Galaxy Zoo- Understanding Cosmic Mergers
- Galaxy Zoo- The Hunt for Supernovae

Volunteer Street Inventory

Learn how to complete an inventory of trees in your community. Because of the Emerald Ash Borer, ash trees has become a concern and scientist are looking for youth to complete an inventory of these trees using a mapping software.

If you would like more information about any of the projects listed please contact Kandis

Hippology Season Not Over Yet

Congratulations to all the members who participated in the regional Hippology contest held at the end of April. We fielded a full senior team which was comprised of Courtney Luskin, Katie McIntyre, Morgan Kunz, Jenna Hart and Olivia Logue. The Senior team placed 1st with Katie placing 9th, Courtney 4th and Olivia 3rd individually. All of the senior team members have qualified to go to the state Hippology Contest which will be held during the NYS Fair. The Junior team comprised of Meaghan Bigler and Brigham Logue placed 2nd with Meaghan placing 3rd and Brigham 4th individually. Both Juniors qualified as well to participate in the state Hippology Contest. Many thanks to our Hippology Coach, Megan Kunz and the many volunteers who helped transport members, coordinate stations and volunteer for the day.

Attention 4-H Poultry Exhibitors – Mandatory Pullorum Testing

The mandatory Pullorum testing for birds (excluding waterfowl and pigeons) will be held at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds on July 30th from 9am to noon. There will be an Ag and Markets Technician present to conduct the tests. If you have a large flock to be tested or if 4-H families would like to get together to take their birds to a central location and schedule a separate testing time you will need to contact Beth Holmes at 321-5002, **BY JULY 1ST**. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Bernie at the CCE office. Alternately there are testing sites elsewhere that you can go to have your birds tested if the one at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds on July 30th does not work for you. Testing will also take place :

- Washington County Fairgrounds on June 28th and July 15th from 1 to 4:30pm Sharp
- CCE of Albany County on Martin Road in Voorheesville on July 7th and July 28th from 1 to 4:30pm Sharp

Animal Lease/Ownership Deadlines

Just a friendly reminder for members who have animal projects –

- Horse paperwork is due in the 4-H office by June 1st. Health requirements include a 2011 Rabies Certificate and new this year, either a 2010 or 2011 Coggins Certificate.
- All other animals must be owned or leased and Grade and Lease papers filed with the 4-H office by June 15th of the current year to be eligible to be exhibited in the 4-H Shows at the Schaghticoke and New York State Fair.

If you have any questions about these policies please contact Bernie. Animal Identification forms for Grade or Unregistered animals and lease papers are available in the 4-H office.

Horse Communications Results for Regional and State Contests

Congratulations to all the members who qualified and participated in Regional and State Horse Communications events. The regional contest was held at the Voorheesville High School and the State Contest at Cornell University. Thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped get members to both events.

Rensselaer County was well represented by the following members:

Senior Video Presentation

Abby Heitzman, Heather Gilluley, Aimee Spilman, Dana Witcher and Caitlyn Ridenour – 1st place in both the Regional and State Contest.

Senior Public Speaking

Courtney Luskin – 1st place at the Regional Contest and 3rd at the State Contest

Senior Individual Presentation

Olivia Logue – 1st at the Regional Contest and 5th at the State Contest

Junior Individual Presentation

Kerry Judge – 1st Regional Contest and State Contest Participant

Brigham Logue – 3rd Regional Contest and State Contest Participant

Riley Dunn – 4th Regional Contest and State Contest Participant



Shooting Sports

A fun shoot is scheduled at the Castleton Fish and Game Club on July 6th starting at 6:30pm. This is open to any member who has already gone through a training on air rifle or .22. All members need to register with a parent or adult partner to participate. The cost is \$10 per Member/adult pair. Scholarships to cover this cost are available, simply inquire when you call the CCE office to register, 272-4210. Deadline to register is June 29th.

Celebrate Cornell Cooperative Extension's Centennial at the Schaghticoke Fair

Thanks to everyone that submitted a design for the 2011 Fair T-Shirt.
This year Allie Film's bold graphics were selected to be printed
in black on the back of a (Cornell) red tie-dyed shirt.

*Back of Shirt — Design printed
in black on a RED tie-dyed shirt.*

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*Front of Shirt —
Printed smaller
in black on
the left chest*

To order your 2011 fair t-shirt
complete the order form on the
opposite page. Orders must be
received by the 4-H Office on
or before August 10, 2011.

Order your 2011 Schaghticoke Fair T-Shirt today!

Orders are due on or before August 10, 2011.

- ✗ The 2011 T-shirts will be (Cornell) red tie-dyed shirts.
- ✗ Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes. (**Please note shirts are NOT available in a Youth Extra Large.**)
- ✗ Shirts are on sale for **\$10.00** (there will be an additional \$1.00 for XXL)
- ✗ To order your T-shirt complete the order form below.
- ✗ Enclose a check payable to **CCE of Rensselaer County**.
- ✗ Orders must be turned in on or before **Wednesday, August 10, 2011**.
- ✗ You may mail your order to: **4-H T-Shirt
61 State Street
Troy, NY 12180**
- ✗ Please complete an order form — we cannot guarantee phone orders.
- ✗ Only pre-paid orders will be accepted

Name _____ Phone _____

Club _____

Specify NUMBER of shirts under each size	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XX-LARGE (+ \$1.00)
YOUTH				N/A	N/A
ADULT					

Number of Shirts _____ X \$ 10.00 = _____

Number of XXL Shirts _____ X \$ 11.00 = _____

Total due _____

Make checks payable to **CCE of Rensselaer County**.

Shirts will be available for pick-up at the Fair.

Animal Crackers at Cornell — May 14, 2011



The Horse Crew

Fair Clean Up

On **August 17th** 4-H families from all across Rensselaer County will gather at the fairgrounds to clean out the winter cobwebs and spruce up for the fair.

Although the majority of 4-H'ers display projects in the 4-H Building, there is a relatively small crew of volunteers to clean up and set up. Everyone is asked to chip in to help. Remember - many hands make light work!

Since attendance at Fair Clean-Up Day has fallen off in recent years, the clean-up/set-up process has been streamlined. Display dividers are no longer covered with new paper on fair clean-up day. Clubs should keep this in mind when preparing their stationary exhibits. Paper will be available during judging and exhibit set-up for clubs that need to cover the dividers.

With Labor Day so late again this year, the fair schedule may conflict with back to school activities. Members and volunteers should mark the dates on their calendars and be prepared to plan ahead in order to be able to fit everything in.

Attention — 4-H Livestock Auction Participants

All members planning to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction this year must attend the planning/orientation 4-H Livestock Auction meeting scheduled for July 14th at the CCE office at 7pm. Please come hungry as pizza and refreshments will be supplied so it is critical we have an accurate head count for attendance that night.

If you are interested in participating in the auction but are not familiar please contact Bernie in advance and she can send you 2011 4-H Livestock Auction rules and policies. The auction is open to any non Cloverbud aged member who would like to sell rabbits, hogs, lambs, steers, unfreshened dairy heifers, goats and poultry. There are specific age / size requirement for each of the species that are in the rules and policies so don't hesitate to contact Bernie in advance to get a better idea of what all is involved in having an animal qualify to be part of the auction. Please call the CCE office by July 8th if you plan on attending the meeting.

Rensselaer County 4-H's First Ever Food Fest

9:30am to 11:30am
Monday through Friday
July 25 through 29, 2011
CCE Kitchen

Due to the size of the kitchen and limitations of the facility, registration will be limited, but there are still a few spaces left. The week of cooking and fun will include working with yeast (bread and bagels), experimenting with frozen desserts, and creating other recipes that cannot typically be completed in a two-hour session.

Registration for the week-long session is \$25. If you would like to be part of this first-time event complete the form below and return it to the 4-H Office on or before July 15, 2011.



Rensselaer
County 4-H



Food Fest

Name _____

Age _____ Grade (in Sept. 2011) _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Club _____

Please enclose a check for \$25
Payable to
CCE of Rensselaer County

2011 Capital District Fashion Event

The first ever Capital District Fashion Event was quite a success! Fifty 4-H members from Albany, Columbia, Greene, and Rensselaer Counties gathered at CCE of Albany County to share sewing experiences, fashion knowledge, and presentation skills.



Congratulations to Rensselaer County models -

Nicole Bahan
Janna Berard
Emma Charest
Jacob Charest
Maeve Corcoran
Nessa Corcoran
Adam Film
Allie Film
Emma Fountain
Eliza Johnson
Grace Morton
Ingrid Morton
Jennifer Rem
Rebecca Rem
Kathleen Renna
Daniel Wrenn
Merrill Wrenn
Rachel Wright

Nicole Bahan and **Janna Berard** were selected to represent Rensselaer County at the New York State Fashion Revue which is held at the NYS Fair. Janna was selected for a Purchased Clothing Project - a black prom gown that she altered and redesigned. Nicole was selected for her Constructed Clothing Project - an amazing black and teal dress with striking detail.

Commentators **Janna Berard** and **Kathleen Renna** were selected to go to the NYS Fair to serve as Emcees in the NYS Fair Youth Building.

Special thanks to our amazing volunteers who insured that the event exceeded expectations -



Our key volunteer, **Jeanne Berard**, helped to plan the entire event. Her careful attention to detail and boundless energy helped transform the Albany CCE office into a fashion center complete with workshop areas and models' runway. Jeanne not only provided screens and lights for the backdrop, but also created a fabulous banner which helped set the stage for the event. During the event, she evaluated garments and served as our "unofficial" county photographer.

Michelle Martin supervised the Commentary station. Under her guidance, the commentaries were witty, accurate, interesting, and appropriate in length.

Denise Wright accepted the task of keeping things running smoothly. With her knack for organization and her ability to direct people, everyone was able to complete every station with a minimum of down time.

Kassandra Hopkins is a new volunteer who was a member of the AAG (Almost Anything Goes) 4-H club in Orleans County a few years ago. We are thrilled that she is a Rensselaer County resident! She evaluated garments at the Fashion Event and we are hoping we will see a lot more of her!



New York State Fair

It is hard to believe, but the New York State Fair is right around the corner. Any members interested in showing their animals at the State Fair in the 4-H Youth divisions should contact Bernie at the CCE office by July 15th to be sure all the requirements, schedule and paperwork is available. State Fair entries will be due to the CCE office on August 1st. Although the New York State Fair seems so far away and overlaps our county fair, members in the past who have exhibited at the State Fair have found it well worth the trip. Please know that there are no entry fees to participate in the 4-H youth classes with your animals at the state fair and there is a dorm available for lodging at night that is only \$2 per night. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact Bernie.

State Fair Projects — Albany and Rensselaer Counties will set up a joint display in the Youth Building at the New York State Fair again this year. We have a large area to fill (about 28' x 18') and plan to use the State Fair Selections from the 2010 Schaghticoke Fair to add to the display.

Every year projects are selected at the Schaghticoke Fair to go to the New York State Fair the next year. The projects are selected to show what Rensselaer County has to offer, to fill up the large exhibition space, and to follow a theme or color scheme. These projects will be on display at the NYS Fair which opens on August 25, 2011. The projects will NOT be judged at the NYS Fair. (In order to be judged at State Fair, a project must have been completed during the current project year, and all of the projects that have been selected were completed during the 2009-2010 project year.) However, the projects that go to the NYS Fair, will return with a large blue and gold State Fair ribbon. These projects should be returned by Labor Day. Members can retrieve their projects at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 6th, or at the CCE Office any time after September 7th.

If you have a project that was selected for State Fair you can bring it to the 4-H Office, Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Projects may also be turned in during Fair Clean Up Day, August 17, 2011.

Group Action Booth — We are pleased to be able to offer clubs and Independent members the opportunity to present an interactive project any day during the New York State Fair. Clubs or families that would like to lead a specific activity within our county booth should contact Janice Fox for more information. Your activity must last at least 2 hours. Participants will receive fair passes and parking passes for the day, and at the conclusion of their activity, they may enjoy the Great New York State Fair. Group participants do not need to be teens, so this is a wonderful opportunity for younger 4-H members to participate.

Public Presentations — 4-H members may present demonstrations in the Youth Building during the NYS Fair. Exceptional Demonstrators and those who presented at the District Demonstration Day at Voorheesville are encouraged to present their demonstrations at the NYS Fair. Contact Janice Fox for more information about this opportunity.

Creative Containers Training

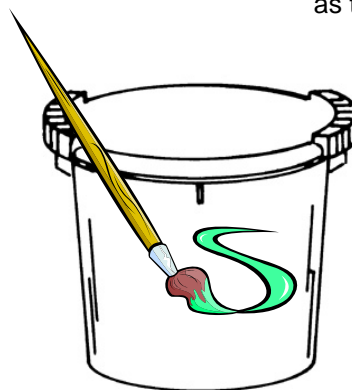
On June 22nd, there will be a training open to all non Cloverbud members, leaders and interested parents. The training will explore creative ways to paint or decorate containers to be used for container gardens.

In keeping with our 100 year theme we wanted to really make a splash at the fair this year and encourage clubs and members to take on planting a container garden that focused on growing fruits and vegetables to "Feed the Future". So find your garden gloves and get your creative juices flowing and plan on attending our training on June 22nd.

We need to have a minimum of 5 different clubs represented in the training to offer the class. There will be no fee to attend and all the supplies including container and plant materials will be provided. The training will consist of actually painting/ decorating a container suitable for planting as well as training on caring and

planting a container garden. The class will be wrapped up by everyone taking home a container, plant material to go into the container and directions on how to maintain your container with the goal that we will see it as an entry at the Schaghticoke Fair.

So waste no time and mark your calendar and call the CCE office to register for this class by June 17th. **Let's spread our Creative Containers all over the fair!!**



Prepare for Fair for Poultry/Rabbit/Cavy

All members anticipating exhibiting rabbits, cavies or poultry are strongly encouraged to attend our Prepare for Fair workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 16th to start at 6:30pm at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. Topics to be covered are :

- Filling out a proper fair entry
- Filling out judging/comment cards
- What to expect at the fair
- Barn Schedule
- Showmanship

All are encouraged to bring one animal to work with during the showmanship component of the workshop. Please contact the CCE office by June 9th if you plan on attending. There needs to be a minimum of 5 pre-registered to offer the workshop.

**It's that time again . . . Clubs will be scrambling for the best shifts at the 4-H Snack Bar!
 Select Your 4-H Club's Snack Bar Shift — Enter your 4-H club's name in 3 of the boxes**

Number your choices - **1** for your first choice; **2** for your second choice; **3** for your third choice
Shifts are assigned on a first-come first-served basis—send your form in today!

It is best to have 2 to 4 youth members working in the Snack Bar with 1 adult.
 Clubs are encouraged to split the shifts to give everyone an opportunity to work.
You can mail the completed form, call office or email Kandis (kmf83@cornell.edu)

Shift	Wednesday 8/31	Thursday 9/1	Friday 9/2	Saturday 9/3	Sunday 9/4	Monday 9/5
7 am to 10 am						
10 am to 1 pm						
1 pm to 4 pm						
4 pm to 7 pm						
7 pm to 10 pm						

4-H Snack Bar 2011



Snack Bar Wish List



Electric Griddle

~~1- Dust Pan~~

~~1- Lawn Rake~~

2- Hand Can Openers

Trash Bags (32 + Gallon size)-2 Boxes

Vinyl Gloves

(sm, med, lg, x-lg)- 5 of each size

Hot Dogs & Rolls

Tuna- Light in water

Chili with Beans

Fruit Salad

Water- Aquafina- 30 cases

Honey Mustard Dressing – 1 bottle

Italian Dressing– 1 bottle

Creamy Italian Dressing – 1bottle

Hellmann's Mayonnaise– 3 jars

~~Mustard– 2 large bottles~~

~~Ketchup– 2 large bottles~~

~~Relish– 1 large bottle~~

Sugar– 2-5lb bags

Splenda- 2 boxes of individual servings

1/2 & 1/2

Assorted cereal boxes– individual serving size

Fruit Punch Mix

Iced Tea Mix



Thanks to the Wright, Film,
& Luskin Families, Clover
Club & Horses R Us Plus
Clubs!

Since this went so well last year we are hoping you are feeling generous again this year!

It is important to the 4-H Program and Teen Council Members to keep the prices at the 4-H Snack Bar low and affordable. In order to do this we are asking each club to give one donation. If each club could pool their money and purchase **one item** off the list or get a gift certificate to Hannaford, Price Chopper, Wal-Mart, or Sam's Club we would be able to keep our prices low and affordable while raising money for our 4-H members. All proceeds from the Snack Bar go toward the Scholarship Fund, Awards, Fair Judges, Educational Activities and Trips.

Please tear off and return to the CCE Office attention Kandis or

The _____ will bring _____
(club/ family) (donated item)

to donate to the 4-H Snack Bar for the Schaghticoke Fair. We will drop it off at the office or during Fair Clean up.
(circle one)

(signature)

(date)

4-H Teen Manager Snack Bar Application

Job Description:

A teen manager needs to be at least 13 years old, upbeat and positive, able to work well with others, is organized and ambitious. They are expected to prepare food, clean dishes, restock during fair, disinfect and clean his/her workspace, participate in the clean up before and/ or after fair, and assist where needed. It is also expected that a teen manager acts professional, is respectful, and is comfortable talking to the adult manager on shift or CCE Staff.

A Teen Manager may also run the cash register if they feel comfortable. Along with the other expectations, the cashier needs to be able to work with the general public, perform under pressure, practice good customer service, and be accurate and proficient in making change.

The Snack Bar is looking for Teens that are ready to be the face of 4-H for our County. If you are interested, complete the form and return it to the 4-H Office or email it as an attachment to kmf83@cornell.edu by Friday July 15, 2011. Please use additional paper for your answers if needed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

1. What leadership roles have you played in school or 4-H?
2. Previous job experience (any job counts, please specify)
3. Did any of the jobs include working with a cash register?
4. What strengths would you bring to the 4-H snack bar?
5. How might you benefit from working in the Snack Bar? Why do you want to work in the Sack Bar?

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County Medal Application

To be considered, applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be 14 years old as of January first of the current 4-H year.
2. Must be currently enrolled as an active 4-H member.
3. Must have presented or evaluated at County Demonstration Day in the current year.
4. Must have participated in the Medal project area for a minimum of 2 years.
5. Must be able to document outstanding work related to project quality and quantity.
6. Must have diversified experiences related to the project area.
7. Must be able to show outstanding time and commitment to the project.

Your completed County Medal Application must be completed and returned to the 4-H office by **AUGUST 10th** of the current 4-H project year. **Late arrivals will be disqualified.**

NOTE: Members may apply for a County Medal in more than one project area in a given year, however they will not receive more than one Medal award per year. Medals are awarded only once in a given project area.

County Medal Categories

Achievement in Area not Listed	Entomology	Tractor /Engine
Agriculture	Fashion Revue/Sewing	Photography
Beef	Fitness	Poultry
Breads	Food & Nutrition	Public Speaking/Commentary
Cavy	Food Preservation	Rabbit
Community Service	Forestry	Safety
Conservation	Gardening/Horticulture	Sheep
Consumer Education	Health	Shooting Sports
Dairy	Horse	Swine
Dairy Foods	Leadership	Vet Science
Dog Care	Natural Resources	Wood Science

Applicant Name (please print):
Mailing Address:
Zip:
<i>The undersigned verify this application represents an accurate record of achievement as stated:</i>
Applicant Signature:
Leader Signature:

Note: Do NOT use applicant name on any other part of this application.

Honor Club Application

Reflects 4-H Club work done in the Project Year (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011)

Due in the 4-H Office by October 1st

Club Name _____		
Leader Signature _____		
Years as a 4-H Club _____	Previous Honor Club? _____	How many times? _____

To qualify, the club must meet the following criteria		YES	NO
1.	Community Service Project(s) Minimum of 1 List projects _____ _____		
2.	National 4-H Week Participation (4-H Office must be notified of exhibit, news article, or activity)		
3.	Club exhibit at Schaghticoke Fair		
4.	Club participation in the 4-H Snack Bar during the County Fair		
5.	Club participation in annual 4-H Cookie Sale (Club must sell an average of 1 case of cookies per member)		
6.	Submit completed enrollment paperwork to the 4-H Office by October 31st of the project year		
7.	Submit a MINIMUM of 7 Secretary's Reports to the 4-H Office in a timely fashion		

Participation in 2 or more leader Training/Workshops is required			
A.	Multi-County Volunteer Training Please list _____		
B.	Holiday Workshop		
C.	Cabin Fever Workshop		
D.	Fair Workshop		
E.	Snack Bar Training		
F.	Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum		
G.	Rensselaer County 4-H Project Workshop or Training Please list _____		
☆	Are Demonstrations mandatory? (What percentage of your members present public presentations? _____)		

Rensselaer County 4-H Teen Exchange Sweatshirt/T Order Form

**Clover on left chest with Rensselaer County 4-H wording underneath
Large Clover on the back**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____, email _____

Sizes	T-Shirt \$10	Long Sleeve \$15	Hoodie \$30	Zip Up Sweatshirt \$37	Gray	Black
Y-Small						
Y-Medium						
Y-Large						
Y-XL						
A-Small						
A-Medium						
A-Large						
A-XL						
\$1 extra for XXL						

Total Enclosed: _____

To benefit the Rensselaer County 4-H Teen-Exchange

Please make checks out to – Renss. Co. 4-H Teen Exchange

Mail / fax to CCE Rensselaer County attn. Bernie
61 State Street, Troy, NY 12180
Fax 272-1648

Deadline to order is June 15th.

July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
		<p>Fun Shoot Castleton Fish and Game 6:30pm</p>				
3	<p>4  Independence Day</p>	5	6 PreTeen Adventure Dyken Pond 8:30am	7 PreTeen Adventure Rain Date	8	9
Teen Council Outing						
10	11	12 Cloverbud Outing Dyken Pond 9:00am 4-H PDC CCE Office 7:00pm	13 Cloverbud Outing Rain Date	14 Livestock Auction Meeting CCE Office 7:00pm	15	16
Driving Clinic coordinated by Rensselaer County Trail Blazers at the Fairgrounds, 6:00-9:00pm						
17	18 Teen Exchange Meeting CCE Office 7:00pm	19 Horse PDC Meeting Tamarac HS Cafeteria 7:00pm	20	21	22	23 Youth Show at the Fairgrounds
24	25	26	27 Teen Ambassadors CCE Office 7pm	28	29	30 Pullorum Testing at the Fairgrounds 9:00am-Noon
4-H Food Fest from 9:30am to 11:30am in the CCE Kitchen						
31						

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Dates to Remember

June

- 1 Horse paperwork due
- 10-12 3 Day Clinic
- 14 4-H PDC meeting at 7pm
- 15 Ownership/Lease paperwork due
- 16 Rabbit/Cavy/Poultry Prepare for Fair at 6:30pm
- 20 Teen Exchange meeting at 7pm
- 22 Creative Containers Training at 6:30pm
- 21 Horse PDC meeting at 7pm
- 28-30 Career Explorations at Cornell University

July

- 6 PreTeen Adventure at 8:30am
- 6 Fun Shoot at 6:30pm
- 12 Cloverbud Outing at 9am
- 12 Driving Clinic, 6 to 9pm
- 12 4-H PDC meeting at 7pm
- 14 Livestock Auction meeting at 7pm
- 18 Teen Exchange meeting at 7pm
- 19 Horse PDC meeting at 7pm
- 23 Youth Show
- 30 Pullorum Testing, 9am until noon

August

- 1 Animal Entries for NYS Fair due
- 6 Lazy Lopers Show
- 9 Horse PDC meeting at 7pm
- 10 4-H Animal entries for Schaghticoke Fair due
- 13 Lazy Lopers Show
- 15 Teen Exchange meeting at 7pm
- 17 Fair CleanUp
- 20 Stablemates Club Show

Schaghticoke Fair Books

4-H Premium books for the Schaghticoke Fair will be available the week of July 5th at the following locations:

- Schaghticoke Fairgrounds Main Office
- Sand Lake Town Hall
- Hoosick Falls Town Hall
- Kristy's Barn

The 2011 Fair Book will also be available online at www.ccerensselaer.org

Remember all Animal Entries are due to the CCE office by August 10th.



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