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# County Observer

## January 2006

### Public Presentations Workshop Friday, February 3

Join us for the 2006 Public Presentation Workshop, Friday, February 3, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Onteora High School! This workshop is especially helpful for new 4-H Members and is a good review for experienced 4-H members. Topics for the workshop include:

- An overview of the Public Presentation categories
- How to format your presentation
- Tips on making effective visuals
- What is a "good" presentation?

This year we will offer a special option for youth interested in preparing a cooking/food presentation. A foods demonstration is very specific and must follow detailed criteria. Youth **MUST** be pre-registered for this option.

Registrations for this workshop are a **MUST!** Call, write or email your reservation on or **BEFORE** January 30, 2006.



### Ulster County 4-H Public Presentations Saturday, March 11

This year Public Presentations will be held at SUNY Ulster on Saturday, March 11. Watch for the February Observer for the details! Organizational Leaders will be receiving a Public Presentation Packet with information and registration forms.



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- Lynn Fleming..... Cats, Cloth & Cookery
- Dianne Weeks & Sue Cohen..... Crazy Critters
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- Annie Mardiney & Roxanne Churchill..... Foxfire
- Pat Rudge..... Golden Arrows
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- Jen & George Holz and Annette Mackrel ..... The Musketeers
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- MaryLou Giuliano..... Samsonville Barnyard
- Allyson Nichols, Denise Barringer & Lori Zelinsky..... Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians
- Heidi White, Debbie McCullough ..... Teen Council
- ..... Ulster County 4-H MuttMasters
- Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell.....
- Jenny Burkins, Carol Carboni, and Lori Halwick.....
- .....
- ..... Ulster Equistars & Pony People



Please be sure that you have enrolled your club and your members for the 2005-06 4-H year!

The County Observer is the monthly publication for the 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. Cornell Cooperative Extension is the unique educational network linking Ulster County with resources from Cornell University and the USDA.

The mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program is to “help young people become self-directed, productive and contributing members of society.” Participation in the 4-H Program is open to all interested youth, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, or handicap. Youth ages 5-19 are invited to be 4-H members.

**4-H Youth Development Staff Team**

- Patricia Zellmer, Team Coordinator
- MaryLou Giuliano, After School Program Educator
- Jennifer Burkins, 4-H Program Secretary

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**For more information please contact the  
 4-H Staff  
 845-340-3990**

## Club Chatter

Unable to bear the thought of going inside, I moved the first half of our Plant/Tree Medicine Workshop Outdoors. We had a total of 7 adults and 10 youth.

We joined together for the Cloverbud Pledge and reviewed the Code of Conduct. As everyone munched on popcorn, I demonstrated how to make a Plantain Salve from herb infused organic olive oil. While the bee's wax melted, we visited the two varieties of Plantain, which grow in abundance in our yard, and reviewed their healing properties. As the sun began to dip behind the tree line, we moved inside for the hands-on part of the day. I had prepared a mini book with recipes and instructions for each family to take home. We had two production stations set up, one for Oatmeal/Kelp/Peppermint Face Scrub, which we wizzed in a blender; and another for mixing, rolling, cutting and pressing Slippery Elm & Honey Throat Lozenges. My son Forrest, a veteran lozenge maker, demonstrated the finer techniques of the process. My appreciation goes out to White Feather, who chimed in to fill in the herbal/medicine related gaps and to John DeGondea and his bees for their local honey.

*Brooke's Cloverbud Club*

Maintained trail head directional sign. Decorated with fall pumpkins, scare crow and corn stalks. Salvaged morning glory seed for next spring. Community Service - cleared trail in Rochester Hollow.

*Foxfire*

Trip to Kelder's Farm, we studied farm animals and plants. We had a Halloween social hour and pot luck party.

*The Musketeers—Timothy Bruck*

We planned for our Christmas party and next meeting. We wrapped and organized shoe boxes filled with toys, personal hygiene items, and educational items.

*Olive Extravaganzers—Michele Grazier*

In the Month of November, Cats, Cloth, & Cookery had two meetings. November 4 was a business & project meeting and November 18 was a project meeting.

Cats, Cloth, and Cookery had only one meeting the month of December. It was the Make-It Take-It Workshop on December 2.

*Cats, Cloth & Cookery—Cindy Green*

Ulster County 4-H MuttMasters met on November 8 at the 4-H Office. Congratulations to the five dogs and their handlers who earned Rally Obedience titles at the October 30 Rally show. Pet photos with Santa will be happening at New Paltz Agway on December 3, 2005. Members signed up to bring goods for the bake sale and to help with the event. Graduation plans were finalized for December 6 at the Highway Garage. Canned goods and baking items are being collected for our community service "Gift Jar" project. We ended our meeting by making dog bone holiday decorations to place on the tree for pet pictures.

Muttmasters graduation took place on December 6 at the Town of Ulster Highway Complex. Fourteen members participated. December 13 was our monthly meeting combined with Teen council. At the meeting we made gift jars to be delivered to needy families. We had refreshments and a bit of holiday music.

*U.C. 4-H MuttMasters—Micaela Young*

We met in October for our first meeting. We started working on our Community Service. We are planning to deliver baskets of goods to the elderly in our area. We also made cards. We met on November 20 and shopped for everything. We will all bake our favorite things. On December 10 we will put our basket together and deliver them. We can't wait!

On December 10 our group put together 10 baskets. We filled it with things we shopped for and baked at home. We got names from Office of the Aging and delivered to them. Everyone we delivered to was so happy to see us most of them cried? We have never met any of them yet they invited us all in to visit with them. We all went home feeling good because we made so many people happy.

*Samsonville Barnyard—Samantha Nichols*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We are Foxfire 4-H Club situated in Oliverea, NY and led by Mrs. Rudge. Recently we have been responsible for beautifying the McKenley Hollow Trail Head sign out on the County road and adopting the Rochester Hollow trail in Big Indian. This year, we decided to educate our neighbors concerning **japanese knotweed**. This project is meaningful to us because every single one of us has seen the disastrous effects of flooding right here in our own hollow and we thought maybe we can help a little. Japanese knotweed is a fast growing, non-native invasive species that has spread throughout our watershed. The problem with this is that this plant contributes astronomically to stream bank erosion due to it's "knotty" root system *and* it's ability to shade out our native plant species whose root systems are more fibrous. Fibrous rooted plants are able to hang on to the soil so much better when the creeks rise due to heavy rains or snow melt. When the stream banks "fail" and the creeks jump their banks an awful lot of damage occurs around here. As the presence of the knotweed causes the stream banks to erode, the streams become turbid which in turn attracts the heat of the sun and contributes to higher water temperatures and then, of course, lower dissolved Oxygen levels...not to mention that as the streambanks slough off, the stream becomes wider and more shallow and then warmer yet! If you like to fish then you know this is not good for the fish, particularly the trout. And even if you don't like to fish, you should still care *about* them. Japanese knotweed looks very much like bamboo. It grows in tall clusters alongside wet areas from ditches to ponds and streams. It has large, heart-shaped, alternate leaves on an angulated stem. Maybe you have seen it? As a club, we would like to help prevent the spread of japanese knotweed. We are asking permission from property owners to walk the streambanks on their property and map any existing locations of japanese knotweed. Over time, we hope to also map and monitor everyone's efforts and progress in eliminating it from the McKenley Hollow drainage.

*Foxfire 4-H Club*

The Port Ewen Cavy, Chinchilla & Rabbit Club went to Ten Broeck Nursing Home in Lake Katrine to do Pet Therapy with their animals on December 7. At 4:30 Katie McCarthy, Sam Weed, Ananda & Jeremy Brinkmann brought rabbits and baby cavies to to Brink Ward where most people suffer some form of Dementia. At 6:30 Marissa & Megan Miller joined the group in the Main Common Room with their rabbits. Our 4-H members and their pets were almost "magical" bringing joy, kindness and love and also receiving so much in return. One Member commented, "I really feel that I made a difference in people's lives tonight." (Isn't that what we are all about??). Residents were so pleased that an open invitation was extended to our Club to come anytime and stay longer.

*The Port Ewen Cavy, Chinchilla & Rabbit Club*

On Saturday, December 10, 2005 our 4-H Club the Samsonville Barnyard delivered Holiday Baskets. We delivered ten baskets to elderly shut-ins in the town of Olive. We had a great time meeting these warm and thankful people and spending time with them. In November, we made holiday cards, and shopped for food and goodies to go into the baskets. We bought baskets, canned hams, instant soups and hot cereals, fruit cups, juice boxes, snack crackers, raisins, tea and hot chocolate and coffee. We also added some granola bars, candy canes and chocolate kisses. A few days before delivering the baskets we baked cookies and muffins that would also go in the baskets. We wrapped our finished baskets in holiday basket bags. Our club earned the money for this community service project by working in the 4-H snack bar at the Ulster County Fair.

*Samsonville Barnyard*

On October 16 the Capricious Kids went to Ralph Swenson's farm in Accord. We dug white, red and purple potatoes from his field. The potatoes (165 pounds of them!) were washed and bagged, then brought to the Accord food pantry to be given out. We not only did something food for others, we also had fun doing it! We would like to thank Ralph Swenson for letting us dig his potatoes for no charge and teaching us how to dig potatoes

*Capricious Kids*

**Mark your Calendars Now!**  
**STARR Retreat: April 21-23, 2006**

The 4-H State Teen Action Reps retreat is where you want to be for a weekend of mental challenges, skill development and interesting workshops, plus the STARlight ball and 4-H STAR search. Some opportunities include working on public speaking skills, understanding how to work with local officials, adding your own personal touch to the 4-H building, and learning how to make your voice heard. This weekend is about making changes in your community through leadership and action, all while meeting new people and having a great time.

**Who? All New York State 4-H teens (13-19).**

**Where? New York State Fairgrounds- Syracuse, NY**

**When? April 21-23, 2006**

**Cost? \$60 for lodging, meals, and workshop supplies**

Please call the 4-H Office at 340-3990 or email Jenny (jlb64@cornell.edu) before March 15, 2006 if you are interested in coming. Transportation will be provided. Please note, space is limited and the opportunity to attend will be based on a first come first serve basis.

**Career Explorations and University U**  
**June 28-30, 2006**  
**Cornell University**

Four Hundred and Fifty + teens from across NY State attend this 3 day adventure on the Cornell Campus. Registrations will be in April.

**Japanese Exchange**

Interested in expanding the Culture in Ulster County? Heather Ware, 4-H Educator in Dutchess County is recruiting a Phone Contact Volunteer for Ulster County. The Volunteer will assist in recruiting 4-H families to participate in the one month Japanese Exchange program. Heather, the Regional Coordinator for this Japanese Exchange program, will give you the training and support that you need. Contact Patti if this is an adventure for you.

**Sportsman Educators**  
**January 21, 2006**

The 2006 Sportsman Education Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 21 in Ballston Spa, NY. The 2006 workshop will be more active, reflecting the theme for this year—"Energizing the Future...Remembering the Past." A refresher course WILL be offered this year. This is the single largest gathering of instructors in New York State. There will be a special gift for the first 250 people that register. Cost is \$10 for DEC instructors and \$20 for all others. This includes lunch and snacks. Registration forms are available from the 4-H Office.

# Animal Science News

## 4-H Veterinary Science 2006

This year we will offer Units 1, 2, and 3 of Veterinary Science! The Vet Science series will be held at SUNY Ulster on Thursday evenings, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Participation is limited to 20 youth, ages 13-19. The registration fee of \$10/person is due with your program registration. Enrollment is on a first come first served paid basis.



Unit 1            The Normal Animal  
March 2        Introduction, Attitude & Behavior  
March 9        Skin, Membranes, Body Temp, Pulse, Respiration  
March 16      Cells, Tissues, Organs  
March 23      Health, Cleaning & Disinfections  
March 31      Graduation

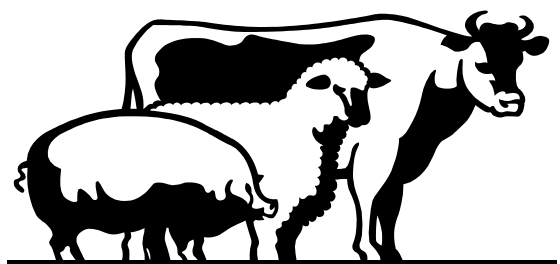
Unit 2            Animal Disease  
PREREQUISITE: Completion of Unit 1  
January 26    Introduction of Disease, Bacteria, Viruses, & Viral Disease  
February 2    Internal & External Parasites  
February 9    Nutrition & Poisons  
February 24   Graduation

Unit 3            Animal Health and It's Relationship to Our World  
PREREQUISITE: Completion of Unit 2  
March 2        Orientation, Topic Selection  
March 9        Library Research  
March 16      Library Research  
March 23      Research Prep  
March 31      Presentation Prep  
April 6         Graduation Presentations

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## 2006 4-H Auction

2006 4-H Livestock Auction orientation and information meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, 7:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Conference room. This is a MANDATORY meeting for anyone that wants to participate in the 2006 Auction. A parent or guardian MUST attend this meeting with the youth. Please sign up by calling, mailing or emailing your intent to attend on or BEFORE Wednesday, February 1.



## State Dates for Selected Animal Science Events!

### January

Jan 21 - CU Sheep Program Farm Field Days at the T&R Center in Harford, NY  
Contact Mike Thonney (appropriate for adult 4-H leaders interested in industry topics) For details see: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/sheep/calendar/index.html>

### February

Feb 23-25 NY Farm Show, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse

### March

March 4 & 11 Hoof to Rail Workshops @ Cornell – Contact Mike Baker to arrange for a tour of T&R  
March 18 March Dog Madness – Adult and Teen 4-H Leader Training at Cornell  
March 25 & 26 Horses 2006 at Cornell

### April

**April 7-8** Dairy Discovery

April 15 Cornell Vet School Open House <http://www.vet.cornell.edu>

April 22 State 4-H Horse Bowl at Cornell

April 29 Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference for middle school girls - department workshops  
Cornell Block & Bridle Club Student Livestock Show (to be confirmed)

### May

May 6 4-H Animal Crackers at Cornell (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Poultry)

May 13 State 4-H Horse Communications at Cornell (to be confirmed)

May 20-21 Empire Youth Sheep Classic, Cobleskill, NY

### June

June 3&4 Poultry Outing, NYS Fairgrounds Syracuse, contact Tro Bui  
eminar & Fun Match (Wayne)

June 27–29 4-H Career Explorations - Univ. U – Canine CSI, Teen Dairy Focus & Teen Horse Focus at Cornell

### July

State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Clinic @ Cobleskill Date to be determined – contact Dana Palmer  
Standardbred Horse Camp - SUNY Morrisville, contact Jeannie Griffiths

July 10- Tentative date-Catskill dairy judging tour, contact Debbie Grusenmeyer

### Aug

Aug 8-10 Empire Farm Days in Seneca County

Aug 24-Sept 4 NYS Fair, Syracuse

### Sept

Sept 22-24 Caprine (Goat) Outing, Cortland County – Contact Tro Bui

### October

Youth Agribusiness Career Conference – Cobleskill

Dutchess Wool Fest – Youth Sheep Activities

Sheep & Goat Symposium – TBA – contact Mike Thonney

### Nov

Fall State 4-H Horse Education Committee - TBA

For a complete listing see: [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu)

# Animal Science News Continued

## Welcome Audrey

Audrey Reith is the NEW Equine and Livestock Educator in Ulster and Orange Counties. The focus of the position is horses and general livestock concerns. The program will focus on the needs of the communities. Audrey grew up in Sullivan County and was an active 4-H member. Her past experience includes working as a 4-H Educator and teaching vocational agriculture. Audrey's Master's degree is from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, her Bachelor of Science from Delaware Valley College and she holds an Associates from SUNY Delhi. Ulster County 4-H Dairy and Beef members will recognize Audrey as an outstanding clinician and judge! Questions about Equine and livestock concerns can be directed to Audrey Reith at CCE of Orange County, 845-344-1234 or ald5@cornell.edu.

### Marion Hinkleman Scholarship

Applications are available for the Marion Hinkelman 4-H Horse Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to graduating High School seniors that are enrolled in the Ulster County 4-H Horse Program. The application must be completed and sent to the Ulster County 4-H Office no later than April 2. An award will be given to as many qualifying Ulster County 4-H Horse members as there are available funds. The Ulster County 4-H Horse Development Committee makes the selection for the purpose of helping to finance education beyond high school.

### Ring-Necked Pheasants

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youth. Leaders must oversee individual projects. More information is available to interested youth. Chick orders must be placed by February 15. Contact the 4-H Office

## Attention Pygmy Goat Owners/Lovers!

The 4-H Office has several new resources available for you to check out!

Pygmy Goats Management & Veterinary Care  
Pygmy Goat Youth's Project Guide, Levels 1-9  
Pygmy Goat Project Advisors Guide, Levels 1-9  
Pygmy Goat Basic Owner's Manual  
Pygmy goat Showmanship Manual

THANK YOU to Cornell Grant Program for sponsoring these resources!

## Livestock Advisory Task Force

A Livestock Advisory Task Force will meet on Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm. This Task Force will meet to address the following topics: Barn duty at the fair, County fair trophies, Master Showmanship.

## PDC's

Ah...the PDC's of the 4-H Program! PDC is the abbreviation for Program Development Committee. This committee helps develop the educational events for the 4-H Program. Currently there are six PDC's in Ulster County. New members are welcome! Call or email for your application today!

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Auction	Monday, January 16	7:00 pm
Cattle	Thursday, February 16	7:00 pm
Family & Consumer Science	Monday, January 9	5:00 pm
Horse	Monday, January 30	7:30 pm
Sheep & Goats	Sunday, January 15	2:30 pm
Small Animals	Monday, January 16	7:00 pm

## 4-H Club Membership Policy

- Any person, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability may enroll as a 4-H member.
- The New York State 4-H Club year runs from October 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth who are five through eight years of age on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the club year and enrolled in kindergarten through second grade should enroll as a 4-H Cloverbud member. (Note that not all county associations offer the Cloverbud program.)
- Youth who are at least eight years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current club year and in the third grade or higher should enroll as a 4-H member.
- Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4-H club year may not enroll as a 4-H member.
- Persons considered to be mentally challenged may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their mental age is determined to fall between five and nineteen years of age.

## 211 get Connected. Get Answers.

2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral telephone service available in the Hudson Valley. Call 2-1-1 for...everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter to legal services, drug treatment, employment support, childcare, physical/mental health resources, elder care, services for persons with disabilities and more. Available 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, seven days a week.

## 2005 4-H Officers Training SUNY Ulster

*The Musketeers 4-H Club  
"Winners"*



*New Officers in Ulster County*





*Yummy Christmas Cookies!*

## 2005 Make-It Take-It Workshop

Old Dutch Church  
Kingston

*Beautiful Bead Projects*



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### Tips for a Successful Public Presentation

- Practice, Practice, and More Practice! Do not wait until the day before the event to start preparing.
- Perform your entire presentation in front of the mirror and in front of everyone that will listen, including your club and even your family dog.
- Get help from your leaders and parents. Ask for constructive criticism to help make your presentation even better.
- Pick a topic that interests you. When you are talking about something that interests you, it really comes across in your presentation.
- Time yourself! Make sure that your presentation is within the specified time limit.
- Understand the type of presentation you are doing and pay attention to the criteria. Any Questions? Call the 4-H Office
- Come to the Public Presentation Workshop and learn from experienced presenters.
- Practice so much that you can do your presentation in your sleep. Practice the full presentation each time with all of your visual aids.
- Be confident in yourself. You are doing a wonderful thing that will help you grow, learn new skills, and enable you to speak in front of audiences for the rest of your life.
- Get a good night's rest on the Friday night before Public Presentations. Make sure that you don't have to cram practicing time in... take this night to relax.
- Eat a good breakfast the morning of Public Presentations.
- Make sure that you arrive on time so that you can become accustomed to the surroundings. Talk to people when you arrive and make friends with other presenters. It is easier to present something when you have friends in the audience.
- Remember to listen to the judge and learn from this experience.



The last tip is the most important tip and can be applied to everything that you do in life, not just Public Presentations....

**DO YOUR BEST!** No one can ask you to do more than your best and as long as you do your best you can be very proud of yourself.

The 4-H Staff are proud of you too! Speaking in front of an audience is often people's worst fear. And you can do it! That is certainly something to be very proud of!

## Types of Public Presentations Offered in Ulster County 4-H

**Cloverbud Presentation:** (grades K-3, ages 5-8) CBs begin by preparing a simple “Show & Tell” to help relieve the “jitters” and get them used to talking in front of a small audience. Can practice by reciting the 4-H Pledge in front of their club. Evaluation is done for motivation & encouragement. No Teams. (1-5 minutes in length)

**Team Presentation:** Presenters are expected to equally share in the preparation, presentation and in overall final rating. Evaluators score both presenters individually & then their scores are averaged together for an overall score. Different presentation types may or may not allow teams. (Must be 10-18 minutes in length and have a maximum of only 2 presenters per team.)

### **General Presentations**

#### **1) Demonstrations (Show how): (5-18 minutes except CBs & Teams)**

- The presenter **shows**, one step at a time, how to do, make or prepare something based on a topic or subject from a 4-H project or from general interests and activities. First year members & Cloverbuds are encouraged to choose this type of presentation.
- Models/Illustrations used as needed to explain information, show steps in the process being demonstrated, show a larger scale replica of something too small for the audience to see, reveal a finished product, etc.
- Examples: Showing how to lay out a pattern; how to juggle; how to use the Internet; etc. Topic should be appropriate for experience level. Presenters usually have a finished example to show at end of the summary.
- **Important reminder about Food Demonstrations:** Presenters must wear aprons; have hair pulled back, wash hands before beginning (or indicate that they just washed their hands if sink is not in the room). Due to food safety guidelines presenters **cannot** serve samples however, Evaluators may request a sample if they choose.

**Team Demonstrations are allowed if the presentation requires 2 people to make efficient use of the time & it helps with the effectiveness relative to the presentation. (10-18 minutes)**



#### **2) Illustrated Talk: (5-18 minutes except CBs)**

- The presenter uses visual aids to **tell** about a topic or informs the audience about something.
- The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, overheads, power point, graphs, examples, models etc. play a major role in communicating the presenter’s message.
- Examples: Telling about good nutrition, fishing, an activity, a trip, an event etc. **Unlike a demonstration, it is not necessary to show a finished example at the end of summary.**
- Team Illustrated Talks are NOT allowed.

**\*\*\*Please make sure that you understand the difference between a Demonstration and an Illustrated Talk. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H Office.**

## **Creative Communications** –Bridges the gap between message-delivery & the performing arts.

(Please review separate CC evaluation form with definitions on back. For example, the CC types require the presenter bring the talk to a “conclusion” as opposed to the Demonstration or Illustrated Talks, which calls for a “summary” of the materials presented.) This information is being sent to Organizational Leaders.

### **1) Recitation:** (5-18 mins)

- The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection, mood, tone & body language as communication tools, delivers a piece of pre-written material (No original pieces).
- Props may not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation. Memorization is expected; but notes are permitted. **No Teams** are allowed in Recitations.

### **2) Dramatic Interpretation:** (5-18 mins except teams)

- The presenter or team delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material taken from plays, movies, sketches, and monologues-dramatic or comedic. (Original pieces are acceptable with prior approval from 4-H Educators).
- Props/costumes should be used. Props need to be simple & minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s).

**Horse Communications** (Subject must pertain to the Horse Industry, if not, presentation may be disqualified at the discretion of the evaluator.) **(Varied Time Lengths - Last minute counted after presenter’s conclusion and before citing references & question time.)**

### **1) Individual Demonstration:**

- May be a Demonstration or Illustrated presentation. Individual only – no teams. No live animals may be used.
- **9-12 minutes** in length. Evaluator will deduct 3 points from the total score for every min under 9 or over 12 minutes.

### **2) Team Demonstration:**

- May be a Demonstration or Illustrated presentation. No live animals may be used.
- **10-15 minutes** in length. Evaluator will deduct 3 points from the total score for every min under 10 or over 15 mins.
- A team consists of 2 members (2 Juniors or 2 Seniors – no mixed ages)

### **3) Public Speaking:**

- No visual aids, charts or other equipment may be used. Individuals only – no teams. No live animals may be used.
- **7-10 minutes** in length. Evaluator will deduct 3 points from the total score for every min under 7 or over 10 minutes.

**If you have any questions please email Patti at [psz2@cornell.edu](mailto:psz2@cornell.edu) or call her at 340-3990.**

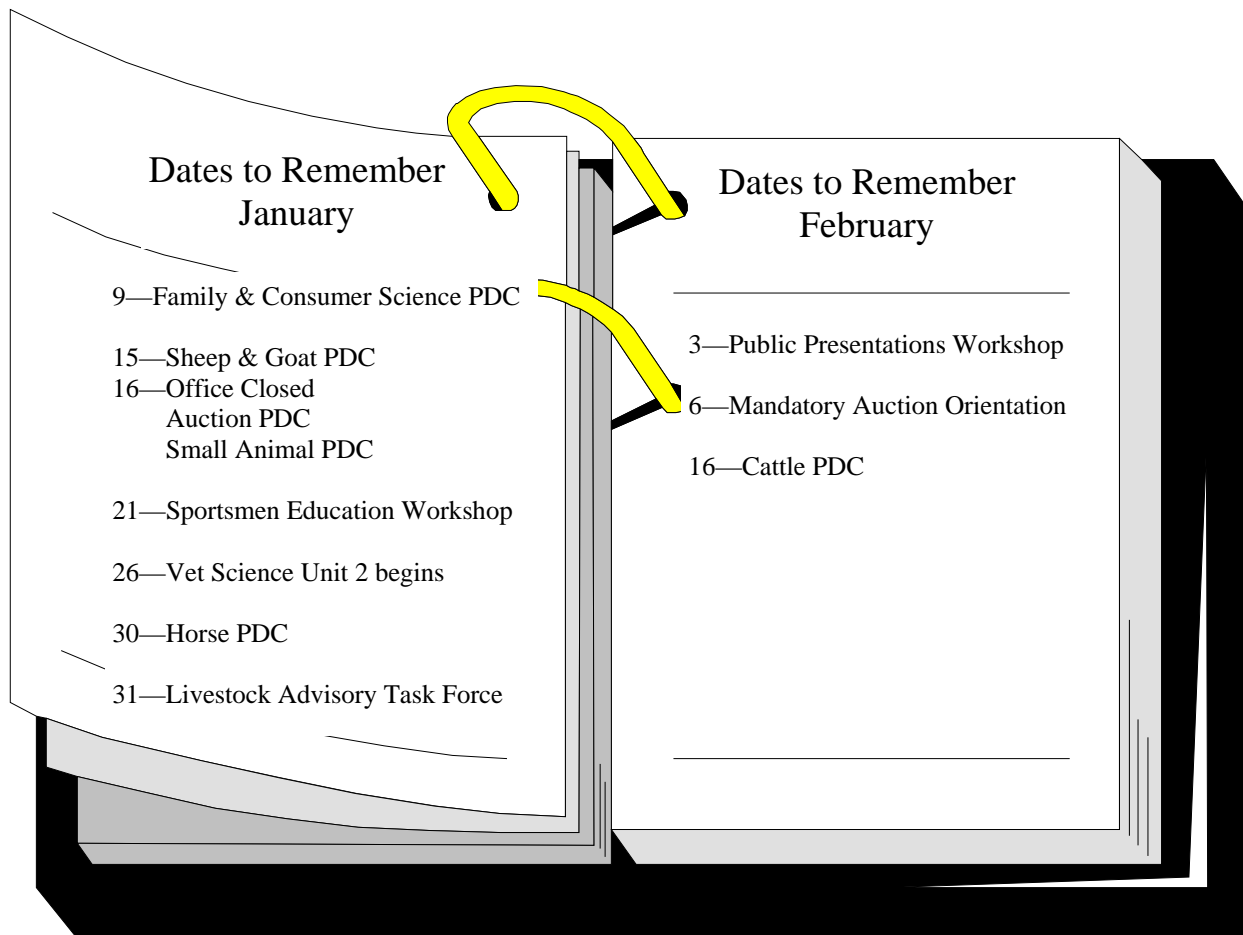
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## January 2006

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee



## Happy New Year 4-H Families and Friends!

It's 2006! Can you believe it? The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 2006 budget was cut \$20,000. What will that mean to the 4-H Program? What was the Community Educator position, formally held by Debbie Cascio will not be filled in the same way. The position will probably be combined with another vacant position, so changes will be made. More next month.

The financial status of Ulster County will continue to be under a careful watch. Please take the time to welcome the newly elected legislators in your District and let them know what Cornell Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Program means to you and your family.

### Honor Secretaries

October		December	
Cindy Green	Cats, Cloth & Cookery	Samantha Nichols	Samsonville Barnyard
		Micaela Young	U.C. 4-H MuttMasters
		Cindy Green	Cats, Cloth & Cookery
November			
Michele Grazier	Olive Extravaganzers		
Micaela Young	U.C. 4-H MuttMasters		
Samantha Nichols	Samsonville Barnyard		
Cindy Green	Cats, Cloth & Cookery		



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