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County Observer

March 2009

Spring Vacation Science Explorer Camp!!



Are you looking for fun, educational activities for your children during the spring vacation? Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is holding its 3rd Annual Spring Vacation Science Explorer Camp for children in grades K-8. Youth will participate in hands-on science activities developed by Cornell and the National 4-H network of land-grant universities.

Dates: Monday, April 6, 2009 – Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Registration: Call the 4-H Office and a registration will be mailed to you as soon as they become available.

Volunteer Opportunity: We are looking for adult or teen volunteers to assist lead educators with their activities. For each day you volunteer, your child's tuition will be discounted by one third.

Registration questions? Need more information? Interested in volunteering? Contact Kristen Wilson 340-3990 or kew67@cornell.edu.



Have you started your project? Show off your hard work!

2009 Ulster County Clothing and Textile Arts Revue

Theme: Over the Rainbow

May 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

4-H participants arrive at 5:15 p.m.

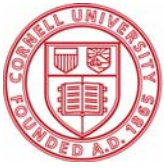
The Old Dutch Church in Kingston

Register your project by April 17, 2009! The Revue is open to 4-H youth who are enrolled in sewing or other textile arts projects. You are eligible to participate in the Revue if you have completed a 4-H project in:

1. Sewing (clothing, quilts, etc.)
2. Purchased clothing
3. Textile arts such as: knitting, crochet, embroidery, or weaving.

For questions regarding the Revue contact Kristen Wilson at 340-3990 or kew67@cornell.edu





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- MaryLou Giuliano Coleman Cares 4-H Club
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- Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell U.C. 4-H Teen Council
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Is your club or leader name missing? If so, we are missing paperwork, please contact Jenny at 340-3990

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.

**For more information please contact the
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 845-340-3990**

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 4-H Program



2009 4-H Dates and Events

March

1	Deadline for application for 4-H Horse Program Scholarship
2 & 3	Capital Days
3 & 11	New Leader Training, Kingston Office, 6:00-9:00pm
5, 12, 19, 26	4-H Vet Science Series, 6:30-8:00pm, SUNY Ulster (Snow date is the following Wednesday)
7	4-H Public Presentations, SUNY Ulster, 9:00am-noon
9	4-H Auction Information Orientation, 6:30 Fairgrounds
10	Nutrition & Gardening PDC, 5:30pm, CCE Education Center
13	New Leader Reception, 6:30-8:30pm
14	March Dog Madness, Cornell University
17, 19, 24, 26, 31	4-H Tractor Certification, Stone Ridge Firehouse
28-29	Dairy Discovery workshop, Cornell University

April

2	Vet Science Graduation, SUNY Ulster, Burroughs Hall, 6:30pm
4	Cornell Vet School Open House
6,7,8	4-H Science Camp
11	Spring Fest/Bunny Basics, High Falls Firehouse
12	Easter
16, 17, 18	Tractor Driving practice & test, Fairgrounds
17, 18, 19	STARR Retreat, Syracuse
18	NYS Horse Bowl, Cornell University, Ithaca
22	Clothing Evaluations, Old Dutch Church
24	Clothing Construction Evaluation
28	Environmental Awareness Day

May

1	District Public Presentations, Orange County
1	Deadline for application for 4-H Home Economics Scholarship
1	Deadline for application for 4-H Teen Council Scholarship
2	Animal Crackers Workshop, Cornell University, Ithaca
8	Clothing Revue, Old Dutch Church, Kingston
14	4-H Golf Tournament, Apple Greens Golf Course, Highland
15	Last possible date for 2008-09 4-H enrollment Deadline for 4-H Project Horse registration
25	Office Closed

Club Chatter

We started out with our pledges of course. We then learned about the eye of the horse from Michelle. After that we learned about toxic plants, and Lameness Issues from other presentations. Next we had a quick snack time before we unfortunately had to end early due to the weather. We have more presentations planned for next month.

*Equestrians Unlimited 4-H Club—
Cecelia Campala*

At the February meeting of the UC MuttMasters we discussed Public Presentations coming up on March 7 and the Vet Science classes, both being held at SUNY Ulster. On March 14 the March Dog Madness Program is being held at Cornell University. Courtney Weis and Zak are presenting a session on “Reading with Rover”

We also started planning our 4-H Fun Match on May 16 at the Fairgrounds. We hope to have Beginner, Novice, and Open obedience classes, as well as Rally. Our dog training classes are scheduled to begin on March 10. All classes will be held at the Highway Garage.

U.C. 4-H MuttMasters—Rebecca Halwick



Our club worked on our communication project from the “Picking up the Pieces” book. We learned that communication is a message sent and the same message received. We learned about different types of communication such as verbal, non-verbal, e-mail, notes, facial expressions, and phone calls. We practiced our communication skills and had a lot of fun. We laughed a lot. At the end of the meeting we had a candle lighting ceremony and we installed our officers.

4-H Cool Kids - Katie Kortright

Public Presentations was the main topic of our meeting. We all worked on our introductions and body. At our next meeting we will all do our entire presentation before the club. Everyone will be attending on March 7. Sewing Project were briefly talked about and we need to get busy working on them.

Animals & Company—Michelle Campbell

Discussed trip to Castle Point VA Hospital. Will continue Pillow Project for the New Paltz VFW. Broke into groups to begin working on picking a Public Presentation topic and writing our introduction paragraphs.

ABC 4-H Club—Lori Potter



Ulster County Teens! You are invited to:
**STARR - The State Teen Action
Rep Retreat**

A three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. Overall theme and ideas for workshops and activities come from input and efforts of teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. "Youth Voice" is what keeps STARR contemporary, fresh and in tune with the youth of today. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens.

Who?	New York State 4-H Teens (13-19) and their Adult Chaperones
Where?	New York State Fairgrounds—Syracuse, NY
When?	April 17-19, 2009
Cost?	\$65.00 per person-Registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies. There will be an additional transportation fee.

For more information, see <http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/program/events/STARR.php> and click on 2009 STARR Brochure

Drivers/chaperones will be needed. Space is limited so registration will be on a first come first served basis.

To register, contact Jenny at 340-3990 or jl64@cornell.edu by **March 27, 2009**

**Dairy Discovery 2009
March 27-28
Theme: Dairy Herd Health Management**

ELIGIBILITY: Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 60 individuals to enroll. Youth who are 15 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2009 with an interest in dairy cattle are eligible to attend.

OVERVIEW: Dairy Herd Health and Management are critical in determining the production potential of dairy enterprises. Management of the dairy herd includes: fresh cow monitoring and treatment, foot care, disease control and management, reproduction, genetics, nutrition and records. All these areas combines with cow comfort and animal handling make for good animal health stewards. Having a good herd health program and managing risk effectively leads directly to a healthier herd, both physically and financially.

Animal Crackers 2009

May 2, 2009

2009 Focus: Horse Feathers—4-H Friends Flock Together

When/Where: This Saturday morning workshop in May is held on campus for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities vary annually. The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects.

Who: 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

Why?: Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

How?: Please contact your county 4-H office for details and registration. The cost is \$5.00/person. Registration deadline, with the 4-H Office is April 5, 2009. The van is available for club use.

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The Cornell Dairy Store is located within walking distance and sells things like drinks, bagels, cheese, crackers, yogurt, cookies and ice cream.



Marion Hinkleman Scholarship

Applications are available for the Marion Hinkleman 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 1. 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.

2009 4-H Auction Information/Orientation March 9

2009 4-H Livestock Auction orientation and information meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds Fair Office conference room (white farm house). This is a MANDATORY meeting for anyone that wants to participate in the 2009 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 March 6.

4-H Career Explorations

June 30-July 2, 2009. Register by contacting the 4-H Office for a complete information packet. Completed applications with payment must be received at the 4-H Office by April 10, 2009.

The 4-H Career Explorations Conference is made up of two programs-University U (for those entering 8th and 9th grade) and Focus for Teens (those entering 10th-12th grade). Teens should choose the grade appropriate program they are most interested in exploring. University U participants will be introduced to campus admissions, tour campus and 6 different departments. Focus for Teens is a more intense program where participants spend 3 days with a specific Department. Returning Focus for Teens participants should not apply to the same department program they attended in previous years (unless you are applying as a Focus Assistant). Faculty have set maximum registration numbers in order to give every participant the best possible experience. As a result, not every applicant can be placed in his or her first choice program. Participant selection will be made on a first come, first served basis.

University U tours will be assigned based on the information included on your Vita/Resume

Focus for Teens choices include:

Animal Science: Professional Dairy Career Focus, Animal Science: Horses at Cornell, Astronomy: "Exploring the Solar System and the Universe", Biomedical engineering: Where Life & Engineering Meet, Crop & Soil Sciences: The Science Behind Good Soils, Design & Environmental Analysis: Energy Efficiency in Homes and Global Warming, Education: Touch a Life—Shape the Future—Teach, Engineering, Architecture & Design: Solar Decathlon Cross Collaboration & Innovation, Entrepreneurship: Exploring the small Farm Dream, Food Science: "DNA Fingerprinting", Geospacial Sciences: Finding Your Favorite Places Using GPS Technology, Horticulture: A Career with Growth Potential, Human Development: Thinking Like a Scientist, Information Technology: Digital Storytelling-With Science, Institute for Public Affairs: Exploration in Executive Leadership, International Studies: Working in a Globalized World, Natural Resources: Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries, Nutritional Sciences: Choose Health Ambassadors, Ornithology: Birds, Gardening, Technology and Arts You Can Make a Difference, Theory Center: Virtual Worlds For Research, Veterinary Science: Veterinary Science Discovery.



4-H Career Exploration programs allow youth to have fun while learning.



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2009 Tractor Safety Certification Course for Teens

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is offering a tractor safety certification program for youth. The course meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Stone Ridge Fire House, beginning March 17, 2009. Classes will be held on March 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 with hands-on driving practice on Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17 at 3:00pm. The driving test is Saturday, April 18 at 8:00am. The fee for the course is \$20 for currently enrolled 4-H members; \$30 for the general public. Space is limited to the first 15 paid registrants, on a first come first served basis).



Attention Poultry Exhibitors!

WHO: Birds 4 Months of age (16 wks) and OLDER (waterfowl and pigeons excluded)

What: Pullorum Testing

When: Saturday, May 30, 2009
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Ulster County Fairgrounds,
Libertyville Rd., New Paltz, NY
To be confirmed.

Why: Requirement to exhibit at the
County and State Fairs

How (Many): Up to 20 Birds

Call 518-457-5558 for a complete flock test

Plan ahead so you won't be left out of the
fair

There will be no testing at the fair!

Rabbit Barn Orientation Clinics

Saturday, May 30, 2009
Ulster County Fairgrounds

Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Contact Donna Grimm
Lake Katrine
246-5840

ALL rabbit exhibitors MUST attend

Guernsey Calf Award



Youth interested in raising a Guernsey calf can apply for this calf award! The Guernsey Calf Award Application is due **March 10, 2009**. If you have questions or would like an application contact the 4-H Office, 340-3990 or jl664@cornell.edu

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2009 YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM (For Sheep!)

Youth interested in applying for the 2009 Youth Conservationist Program need to be between 9 and 18 years old, (please note the new age guidelines), if selected, be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival (MS&WF) on Sunday, May 3, agree to exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2009 at: 1) a county fair or local sheep show; and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives. Agree to breed the ewe to a registered ram in the fall of 2009, agree to either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a woolen item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver. Submit a one to two page report, with pictures to the donor breeder by April 30, 2010.

Applications from interested youth must be postmarked by April 1, 2009, in the application/essay youth should describe themselves, their experience with animals, explaining their interest in sheep and answer the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep?" The total application/essay should be no more than 2 pages in length. The application must include address, phone and if available email address. The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a particular breed or any of the breeds available. For 2009 each applicant must include a "letter of recommendation" from their 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, Veterinarian, Teacher or Clergy.

4-H Horse Project members

DON'T MISS THIS

Sunday, April 5

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Lucky C Stable, New Paltz

Attention ALL 4-H Horse Project members! You MUST have a 4-H Level riding evaluation/card to ride a horse in 4-H. The 4-H Horse Program Development Committee will sponsor an Ulster County level day to meet this State requirement. This event will include the level evaluation, horse records, required horse paperwork, AND a pizza party!!!

Bring: Parent signed consent form, Horse Certificate(s), helmet, proper foot wear. The horse certificate is on line (<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/4-H/4-H%20Home.htm>). The parent signed consent form is also on line. Call the 4-H Office if you need a hard copy.

Note: Horses will be provided.

Register with your 4-H Leader or the 4-H Office on or BEFORE March 27.

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Shear Excitement!

4-H Sheep Clinic- All Counties Welcome

Mandatory Dutchess County Market Lamb Registration and Weigh- In May 15 and 16, 2009 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds

Dutchess County 4-H Sheep Clinic Schedule

Friday, May 15, 2009

5:00pm-5:30pm	Registration and Pen Setup
5:30pm-6:30pm	Goal 1- Belly Shearing
	Goal 2- Hoof Trimming
6:30pm-7:15pm	Dinner/Speaker
7:15pm-7:30pm	Free time and check sheep
7:30pm-9:00pm	Games Revving up for Quiz Bowl
9:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday, May 16, 2009

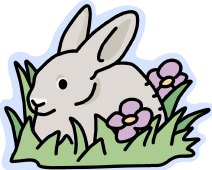
7:00am	Rise and Shine
7:15am-8:15am	Feed sheep and Breakfast
8:30am-9:30am	Fitting demonstration
9:30am-12:30pm	Fit your own sheep
11:30 am	Market Lamb Registration and Weigh-In
12:30pm-1:00pm	Lunch/Speaker- pre show preparation
1:00pm-3:00pm	Judging and Showing informational sessions
3:00pm-4:00pm	Showmanship Competition
4:00pm-5:00pm	Clean-Up
5:00pm	Pizza Dinner and Dismissal

Application must include all of the following, or it will be considered incomplete.
And your child will not be registered for the clinic.

- A complete registration with sheep information included
- Acknowledgement of Risk Form/Medical Release Form
- Parent volunteer sheet complete with a minimum of one time slot selected. If your volunteer time occurs during mealtimes, your meal will be provided. Otherwise, you will need to pay for all other meals
- Payment in the form of a check made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County
 - Payment amounts of
 - ◆ \$35 for any other county 4-H members
 - ◆ Parents are asked to make a food donation

For questions/details contact Lauren Drum, Dutchess County CCE at
lld8@cornell.edu

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Bunny Basics Joins Spring Fest Saturday, April 11, 2009

Thinking about getting a bunny for a 4-H Project and/or Easter? 4-H rabbit project members will help you learn about selecting and caring for a rabbit. The workshop will be held on Saturday, at Spring Fest at 11am and 2pm. The workshop is free. Bunny Basic books will be available for \$2.00. See Spring Fest information on page 15.

Planning to Show a Horse at County Fair? Bring to level day-April 5

All 4-H members planning to show a horse at County Fair are required to turn in a 4-H Horse Certificate no later than **MAY 15**. The 4-H office will email forms to all registered horse project members. **However, it is the member's responsibility to make sure they get the forms and return them to the office by the deadline.** *This is a NYS Horse Program Rule with no exceptions.*

Dates of Coming Cornell Animal Science Events

March 14	March Dog Madness	Cornell University
March 27&28	Dairy Discovery	Cornell University
April 4	Vet School Open House	Cornell University
May 2	Animal Crackers (Horses & Poultry)	Cornell University
June 6-8	Poultry Outing	Syracuse, Fairgrounds



4-H Teen Council Scholarship

To qualify for this scholarship you must have been a Teen Council member for at least two years. Four \$250.00 Scholarships are available.

To APPLY
Call Jenny at the 4-H Office, 340-3990
Due Date: **May 1, 2009**

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Leased 4-H Animals in Ulster County

The 4-H Program supports a leased animal program for those youth that are interested in a 4-H Animal Project, but are not able to have/house animals at their home. For exhibition purposes, youth are limited to one non-owned breeding class animal of the species type.

Currently the State 4-H Program supports the lease program/project with the following species: Horse, Mule/donkey, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Llamas.

Ulster County Small Animal Program Development Committee is working on a lease for small animals (Rabbits and Poultry).

ALL leased animals MUST be registered/identified with the 4-H Office. Horse certificates are due May 15 all others, June 1. Animal Identification Certificates can be found on our website.

Note: The lease details and terms are the responsibility of the agreed parties and NOT the 4-H Office.

4-H Dog Camp!

DATE: June 12, 13, 14, 2009 at Camp Bark-i-Tunk in Delhi, NY, Delaware County.

COST: REDUCED PRICE! \$125 PER CAMPER & DOG price includes 2 nights of camping in camper cabins, 4 meals, snacks, professional trainers, crafts, games and MORE! GROUP DISCOUNT \$100 each when 3 or more sign up together. Bring your friends, family or club members and SAVE! CHAPERONES \$30 EACH.

WHO CAN COME: All active 4-H youth ages 8-19 and their well behaved dogs. Cloverbuds must be accompanied by an adult. Chaperones are needed! Please call to inquire about attending.

REGISTRATION: A \$75.00 deposit must be received in our office no later than May 18. PLEASE ENROLL EARLY, Registration is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Activities on our schedule include;

Agility Training and Rally Obedience Training
Arts and Crafts with your dog

Scavenger Hunt and Campfire
Hiking with your dog and more!

Contact the 4-H Office for a registration form and more details.

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For the Birds! We Love Data! (The more we get the happier we are.)

Please contribute data to Celebrate Urban Birds. Visit: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/celebration/data>. By spending ten minutes collecting data you are saying “I believe in myself and in my neighborhood”. You’ll begin to notice things you’ve never seen before because you’ll be making the time to watch nature in your community.

If you are nervous about the accuracy of your observations, please know that:

*You can always check “unsure” on your data sheet when you are unfamiliar with a bird species. Your data is valuable even if you only send us data for one or two species and check “unsure” for all the others!

*Zero means a lot! If you don’t see any birds when you conduct your ten minute observation, it is essential information. It is important to know where the birds are not as well as where they are!

*We review the data before it goes into our database, so if you’ve made a mistake you can be confident that we’ll catch it.

Free Urban Bird Sounds CDs: An Audio Guide to Urban Birds

Produced by students of Codman Academy Charter Public School

Be inspired, learn about birds, and discover the awesome things that youth can do when they are hooked on birds. Their pictures, narratives, and audio will teach you how to identify common city birds by bird song and physical appearance. This project is a model example of how to integrate technology with nature. Youth researched urban birds and created podcasts focused on the songs and calls of city birds. To get your free CD, please send an email to urbanbirds@cornell.edu.

Learn more about the project and download an easy step-by-step guide to make your own audio guide to animal sounds. (Courtesy of Regan Brooks, Teacher, Bird Nerd, an leader of the Urban Bird Sounds Project)

Find other great teaching materials at:
http://www.urbanbirdsounds.org/Site/Teaching_Materials.html.

Would you like to receive regular updates on Urban Birds?

Anyone can sign up to receive updates by registering for Celebrate Urban Birds by sending an email at urbanbirds@cornell.edu.

**NY Agriculture in the
Classroom
Ag Literacy Week
March 16-20, 2009**

Ag Literacy Week unites communities and schools. Volunteers will bring New York agriculture into local schools by sharing a special story highlighting the NYS Apple Industry and leading educational activities. Volunteer in your community and get this year's book donated to your school library.

Volunteer to read to a second grade class in your school. For more information call Dona at 845-340-3990.

**Dominic Parise
Master Gardener Scholarship**

The Master Gardener Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is a volunteer group helping Extension to educate and assist the community in horticultural projects. This year they are pleased to again offer **The Dominic Parise Master Gardener Scholarship** in the amount of **\$250.00** to any college or college bound student who is a resident of Ulster County and is pursuing a horticulture, agriculture or environmental biology degree. This scholarship was established in honor of former Horticultural Assistant, Dominic Parise, who played a critical role in revitalizing the Master Gardener Program in Ulster County.

To receive an application or if you have questions regarding this scholarship, contact Dona at 845-340-3990. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2009.

**ROSENDALE WINTER
FARMERS MARKET
INSIDE the
Rosendale Community Center
at 1055 Rt. 32
Rosendale, NY 12472
FIRST SUNDAYS THROUGH
MAY, 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Upcoming markets and special events include:

April 5th:
Market 10-2 with music by guitarist James Krueger & fiddler Henry Hermann AND
8-NOON PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER for the market! \$7/adults & older kids, \$5/senior, \$3/kids age 6-12, kids under 5 eat free. Inside the Rosendale Community Center with the market!

May 3rd: **Last indoor winter market 10-2** with music by Kimberly.

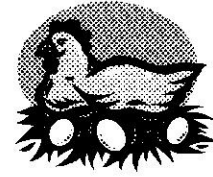
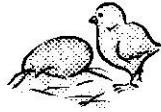
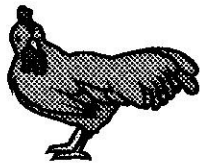
Come catch-up with your neighbors, relax with some free coffee or tea, enjoy live acoustic music, and buy some groceries, gifts & cooking tools from our hard-working local farmers and vendors.



**REMINDER!!!
MAY 15, 2009**

**Last day to enroll for
The 2008-2009
4-H Year!**

4-H FEATHERED FRIENDS POULTRY CLUB OF ULSTER COUNTY
invites families to welcome spring at our sixth annual



SPRING FUN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY

APRIL 11 TH

10 AM to 4 PM

at the High Falls Firehouse in downtown High Falls, NY 12440
(one block south of Rt. 213) **RAIN OR SHINE** !

- ☆ COME SEE OUR BABY CHICKS AND OTHER CRITTERS
- ☆ LEARN SOME BUNNY BASICS (*BEFORE YOU BUY A BUNNY*)
 - ☆ DYE SOME EASTER EGGS
 - ☆ FIND TREASURE IN THE CHICKEN SCRATCH
- ☆ MAKE PIPE CLEANER CRITTERS AND DO OTHER CRAFTS
- ☆ GET A TEMPORARY TATTOO AND A FACE PAINTING
- ☆ LEARN ABOUT HOW TO RAISE BACKYARD POULTRY
- ☆ LEARN ABOUT 4-H AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ULSTER COUNTY FAIR

\$ 2 per child, \$ 3 per adult, or \$ 6 per family

Bring a donation of dog, cat, rabbit or bird food for regional animal shelters, and you'll get a big THANK YOU and a special gift.

For more info. contact Annie at 845-658-3467 or Jenny at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-340-3990

All profits support 4-H Feathered Friends Poultry Club community service projects.

Ulster County Agricultural Society Scholarship!

Attention 4-H Seniors! The Annual New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs Scholarship applications are now available at <http://www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm>. Each year, a minimum of five \$1000 scholarships are awarded. New York State high school seniors or New York State residents already attending college who are planning on pursuing a degree in agricultural or fair management related fields are eligible. The applications must be completed by the student, signed by a Parent/Guardian and submitted to the Ulster County Fair **no later than the second Saturday in April**. Please mail to the following address:

Ulster County Fair
PO Box 71
New Paltz, NY 12561

These applications will be forwarded to the District 1 Director. The top three applications from District 1 will be selected and forwarded for final evaluation at the State level.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call Gary Newkirk at 845-255-1380.



Looking for Solo Project Members

Are you a solo animal project member? Check out the list below. You are if:

1. You do 4-H animal projects and do not belong to a 4-H club that works with animals.
2. You do cattle, dog or horse projects and do not belong to a cattle, dog or horse 4-H club.

If you meet *either* category 1 or 2, then you are a solo animal project member and you need to do the following:

1. Call the 4-H Office and request a 4-H Learning Plan for each solo animal project you plan to do this year (rabbit, poultry, etc.).
2. Fill out your Learning Plans and return them to the 4-H Office **no later than April 1**. The appropriate 4-H Educator or Program Development Committee will review your forms and make suggestions on educational content, events to attend, etc.
3. Your form will be returned with comments, so you can use it throughout the project year. At the end of the year, turn it back in with your project record **no later than October 15**.

Questions? Call Jenny at 340-3990

4-H Summer Camp

Delaware County invites YOU to 4-H summer Camp. Check it out at:

www.4hcampshankitunk.org

Ulster County Fair 2009

Tuesday, July 28 - Sunday August 2

Monday, July 27 - Static Exhibits

Bake Sale

Are the winter days getting LONG !?!?!? Plan now for the 4-H Bake Sale at the 2009 Ulster County Fair. In addition to selling the remainder of the judged food products, any baked product can be sold on Tuesday, July 28. These funds help support the Ulster County 4-H Program.

2009 Ulster County Fair Entry Deadline

Entries will be accepted only by
USPS or in person. NO FAXES

DUE: July 15, 2009

New in 2009

Bowl and Pocket Pets Judging
has been moved to
Saturday at 10:30 am

Mark Your Calendars Now!
State Fair Orientation
Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm
ALL participants must attend. Fair passes will be distributed
NOT mailed!



YOU are invited...to

4-H Leader Reception Friday, March 13 6:30 PM

Wear Green

**Watch for
Leprechauns**

Extension Office, Kingston

Join us for a time to network and learn a few “secrets” from seasoned leaders

Coffee, Tea and a Special Dessert will be served!

Please RSVP on or BEFORE Friday, March 6
Email: jl64@cornell.edu or call 340-3990

I pledge...



Kacie Giustino

Design the Fair Book Cover

We want to feature your artwork on the cover of the Fair Book! If possible, designs should be submitted via email in Word or Publisher Format. If not, designs should be easily photocopied on a digital copier (i.e. dark lines, easy to read, computer images) and represent the different 4-H areas featured at the County Fair. Turn in your design **no later than April 1**. A committee of CCE staff and volunteers will review the designs and choose the winner. Questions? Call Jenny at 340-3990 or email jl64@cornell.edu

Remember to include the Year!



County Observer Articles Deadline

Would you like to submit an article/news to the County Observer? Copy deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication. For example: information for the June Observer must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or BEFORE May 20. Our goal is to have the County Observer to you/the web site the first week of the month.

Home Economics Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Home Economics scholarship is **April 15, 2009**. This scholarship provides financial assistance for 4-H members to apply toward post-high-school education.

Who May Apply?

Graduating High School Seniors

Criteria

Must currently be a 4-H member and currently be involved in the 3rd year or more of a 4-H Home Economics Project.

Scholarship Amount

\$200.00 per scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science Program Development Committee.

Please call Jenny at the 4-H office to request a Home Economics Scholarship application.

All applications can be mailed to the office before April 15, 2009 or faxed (340-3993). Please mark all applications and envelopes to the attention of 4-H. Applications received after April 15, 2009 will not be accepted.

Project Records

Project Record Summary - For regular 4-Hers (8-19 years old)

- 1/2 sheet!
- Yellow!
- Dual Purpose: fair and recognition

PLEASE NOTE: One Project Record Summary MUST be submitted for every ITEM entered in County Fair.

- A detailed project record may be used in place of the Project Record Summary.
- The Project Record Summary may be entered on or BEFORE October 15 to receive the year completion pin at Achievement Night.

Patti is available to make club visits to promote and inform about these records.

4HUSA.ORG - "Click" It Out

4-H is a community of youth across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Stay connected with the members of your community... join 4HUSA.ORG today!

The 4HUSA.ORG Web Crew continues to add great features to the 4HUSA.ORG site—a web site for, by and about 4-H youth. Serving as an interactive online community for 4-H's seven million young people, 4HUSA.ORG is expanding daily. The latest additions include a Groundhog Day e-card and a Valentines Day e-card. Registered users of 4HUSA.ORG can get their own e-mail aliases, participate in message boards, create their own blogs and upload 4-H related photos to the photo gallery. More interactive features continue to be added. Become a registered user at www.4husa.org today and join the online interactive fun.

Festival of Dance
Tickets Available at 4-H Friends & Family rate of \$5/person
(Regular cost is \$18/\$12)

Festival of Dance
Saturday, March 28, 8:00 pm
UPAC, Kingston, NY

Paid reservations are due at the 4-H Office, Friday, March 20 BEFORE 5:00 PM. Pick up your tickets from the 4-H Office on Thursday, March 26 or Friday, March 27 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm., or make arrangements for pick-up the night of the show.

Make checks payable to UPAC with memo line; Festival of Dance.

Performers include: Energy, New Paltz Ballet, Solas An Lae (Irish), Ulster Ballet, Ellen Sinopoli, An tranig Armenian Dance Ensemble, Nathan & Evita from Vanover Caravan.



The County Observer

The 4-H newsletter, the County Observer is sent to 4-H families and friends on a monthly basis. Our goal is that the newsletter be available to read the first week of the month. It has come to our attention that MANY 4-H families are not receiving the County Observer. We can suggest these options.

1. View the County Observer online at school, a friends house, or the public library at counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster.
2. Have a friend download a copy for you.
3. For \$10/year you can receive a hard copy of the County Observer. Please note, this will be a black and whit "copy" of the electronic newsletter.

Leaders, Please make sure all your members are receiving the newsletter

Chicks are Back - Pheasant Rearing

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Pheasant rearing program is back! 4-H Leaders work with 4-H youth to inspect rearing facilities and evaluate the release site to ensure proper rearing and release conditions for the birds. This is a raise and release program. 4-Hers can order as many chicks as they want! No minimum or max! Your requested number of chicks is due to the 4-H office on or **BEFORE March 10**. Delivery of the day old chicks will be in May.

RETURN SHEET

Use this form to register for any class/workshop offered in the Observer

RETURN TO: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston, NY 12401

OR: Email to: jl64@cornell.edu

March 2009

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Ulster County

10 Westbrook Lane
Kingston, NY 12401

Aspiring Journalists

Articles are needed for the Small Farm Quarterly Youth Page



Articles should be about a young person's farm or rural life experience - growing crops, raising animals, etc. A well written article is focused and written from the heart. Articles are usually between 300-500 words and have a high resolution picture to accompany them. (Note: in total we have a 1700 word space allotted to the Youth Page...more or less the inside page of SFQ). Articles are edited for clarity, length and content.

It may help to see what past articles look like.

<http://www.smallfarms.cornell.edu/pages/quarterly/index.cfm> (SFQ archives)

Deadlines for articles are:

Summer April 29, Fall August 1, Winter Nov. 1, Spring Feb. 1

Interested? Call Patti at 340-3990