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IT'S TIME TO GO PUBLIC

The New Year has arrived and it's time to start thinking Public Presentations. To help you prepare for this BIG event, the 4-H Office will again be hosting a Public Presentation Workshop. Want to gain the skills needed to plan and deliver a great presentation? Well, mark your calendars and make plans to be at the Ulster County Fairgrounds Youth Building on February 4, 2004, 6:00pm. Need more information? Contact the 4-H Office @ 340-3990.

Workshop Topics:

- 1). New information for public presentation
- 2). Overview of public presentation categories
 - Demonstration
 - Illustrated Talk
 - Formal Speech
 - Creative Communication (Recitation and Dramatic Interpretation)
- 3). How to pick a topic
- 4). How to gather information for your presentation
 - Sources
 - Good Vs. Bad
 - Using a Planning sheet
- 5). How to format your presentation
 - Introduction
 - Body
 - Conclusion
- 6). Tips on making a good presentation
- 7). Taking and responding to questions

Please note:

- Public Presentation **Workshop** is scheduled for February 4, 2004
- Complete the form at the back of this newsletter to register for the Public Presentation **Workshop**
- Public Presentations are scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2004, 8:30am to 4:45pm.
- Both events will be held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds.

4-H CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

Rusty Hausmann, Ellen Potter, Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell 4-H Animals & Company
 Karen Danchak & Lisa Candy 4-H Crazy Critters
 Rochelle Jourdan & Tracy Berry ... A Little This, A Little That
 Virginia Legg & Lisa Turck..... Association of 4-H Friends
 Doris & Denise Hausmann..... Barnyard Buddies
 Eleanor Monfett & Lynn Fleming..... Capricious Kids
 Susan & Gary Clark, Janice Cocks & Nancy Katz.....
 Equestrians Unlimited
 Annie Mardiney Feathered Friends
 Jackie Persons & Patricia Rudge..... Foxfire 4-H
 Jennifer & George Holz Homesteaders
 Joanne McCleary, Lisa Otis & Anita Banta
 Hounds & Hydrants
 Deborah & Randy Smith..... Kerhonkson Country Kids
 JeanMarie Finney & Tara Fitzpatrick..... Kritter Keepers
 Ingrid Wood & Ingrid Beer..... Newborn Calf Club
 MaryLou Giuliano Olive Extravaganzers
 Cindy Scherry, Sylvia Tinti & Pam Walkowiak.....
 Out of Hand 4-Her's & Cloverbuds
 Julie Brinkmann & Lynn Callahan..... P.E.T.S.

Allyson Nichols, Denise Barringer & Lori Zelinsky
 Samsonville Barnyard
 Donna & Wayne Grimm Saugerties Hareraisers
 Brenda Mentz, Alex Bernier & Julie-Marie Smith
 Saugerties Seekers
 Greg Walters, Ray Smith & Larry Hughson
 Sharp Shooters
 Joanne Ewald, Debra McCullough & Heidi White
 The Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians
 Martha Koenig, Barbara Harrison, Jenny Burkins.....
 Teen Council
 Grant DeWitt Tractor
 Jenny Burkins, Carol Carboni, Lori Halwick, Eleanor Monfett,
 Holly Tubby Ulster County MuttMasters
 Roberta Jackson & Carla Picayo
 Ulster Equistars/Ulster Pony People

Is your club missing from this list? If so the 4-H Office has not yet received your salmon color club enrollment form for the 2003-2004 4-H year. Please contact the office ASAP at 340-3990 for an enrollment form so we can get your club enrolled.

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
 Kornel Brown, Community Educator
 Jennifer Burkins, 4-H Program Secretary

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

2004 Public Presentations Categories

Illustrated Talk: *The presenter uses visual aids to tell about the topic. Charts, pictures, posters, graphs, examples, models etc. are generally used in communicating the presenter's message.*

Demonstration: *The presenter shows and explains how to do something. For example: how to bake a bread; juggle; do warm-up exercise, etc. Models or illustrations are used as needed to explain information, show the results of a step in the process being demonstrated, show a large scale replica of something that is too small for the audience to see, etc.*

Recitations: *The presenter delivers a dramatic interpretation of pre-written material. The effectiveness of the presentation depends on the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools. The use of props and costumes is optional, but, if used, should subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece. They should not overwhelm the oral presentation.*

Dramatic Interpretation: *The presenter chooses any dramatic work (plays, screenplays, radio plays or television plays) and performs the selection. The overall mood must be serious. The presenter is not acting and props are not to be used, but gestures are acceptable. Judging is usually based upon the presenter's vocal and body expression to convey meaning to the audience.*



Citizenship Washington Focus will be July 18 - 24, 2004!

This is a teen trip to Washington, D.C. The website is <http://www.cwf.n4h.org/> - In a nutshell, this is a program through the National 4-H Center that provides hands-on learning opportunities in citizenship and leadership for 15 - 19 year olds. Past participants rave about the program, and many still keep in touch (and not just with their fellow New York State delegates). In addition to the learning opportunities, 4-H'ers meet and develop friendships with 4-H'ers from all over the United States - from California to Maine, from Oklahoma to Wisconsin! Youth get so excited and involved in how to deal with the governmental/social issues that we are facing right now.

Just a few highlights of the week in Washington - in addition to getting a personal tour guide, lodging, meals, the CWF program, and visiting many of the memorials, we also meet with our Representatives, visit Mount Vernon, enjoy a dinner theatre, see the Twilight Tattoo (a musical performance by our various Armed Forces (this was fantastic!) and much, much more!

The price of the bus and the program has gone up, but still a good deal when you consider it is nearly a full week's worth of food and lodging in D.C., plus the program itself. I can't give you a final price until I have an estimate on the numbers of youth participating, but it looks like the cost will be between **\$805 and \$835**.

We will need a deposit of \$100 per youth in the coming weeks. Let the 4-H Office know if you are interested and we will send you the "hard copy" information as soon as possible.

Club Chatter

During the month of November we have been getting ready for Pet Pictures with Santa on Dec. 6. We had two meetings this month due to Thanksgiving. On Nov. 6 we had our monthly business meeting. We discussed a lot of things that we are thinking about doing this year. We also had a craft to do. All the members painted dog treat bags and big hand bags to carry all their training necessities. On Nov 20 we had training and our dumbbell seminar. Everybody had lots of fun and we all learned a lot. On Nov 7 some of our members went to the 4-H Achievement Night. There was a great turn out and everybody had a lot of fun. Our group won a gift certificate for having the most members show. We can't wait to do it again next year.

During the month of December we were very busy. On December 4 the members made picture frames for our annual pet pictures with Santa. On December 13 we had our annual Pet Pictures with Santa. We had a great turn out and had a lot of fun. We even had goats again this year to have their picture taken. During this month we also had two members give public presentations. We are all looking forward to a fun filled new year and hope to have a lot more public presentations.

Hounds-n-Hydrants—Amy Watters

We delivered baskets to elderly people in New Paltz. It made me feel happy. We put food and treats inside of the baskets.
Samsonville Barnyard—Whitney Barringer

At the meeting for older kids on Nov. 3 we began with the 4-H pledge. We then read the minutes from the last meeting and heard the treasurer's report. This year we decided to make holiday shoe boxes for

children in foreign countries. Our lecture today was how to soften the top line of the horse through lunging.

At the meeting for the younger kids on Nov. 17 we began with the 4-H pledge. The minutes from the last meeting were read, and the treasurer's report was heard. Our lecture was on parts of the horse. We then had a relay "race" to test their memory and help practice the parts. We ended our meeting with snack.

Equestrians Unlimited—Amanda Bender

On December 8 Teen Council went on a tour of the control room for the Mid-Hudson Bridge light system. We learned how they change the colors and make different patterns and how they can synchronize the lights to music. It was quite amazing to find out that they can control everything from their computer, palm pilot or cell phone! In honor of our visit they set the lights to a green and white pattern for 4-H and left them on for about an hour. After the tour we drove across the river to view the lights and then went to Barnes and Noble for hot chocolate. On December 17 we went to St. Josephs Church in New Paltz. We each brought our own cookie dough batter and shared the evening baking with another youth group from Ulster County. After baking we sat together to enjoy taste testing everything we made. We plan to share another outing in January. Saturday, December 20 we headed to NYC by train to see the Broadway play "The Producers". It was fantastic! We also each took turns having our pictures taken and had them displayed on the HSBC billboard in Times Square. After having dinner and viewing the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center we headed back to the train station for the ride home.

Teen Council—Tim Danchak

Southern Catskill Anglers Fly-Tying Classes

When: Every Sunday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; starting Sunday, Jan. 11
Who: SCA members, families, friends—beginners to experienced—the public is invited!
Where: Pine Bush Equipment Training Center, 97 Route 302, Pine Bush, NY (just north of Pine Bush High School, opposite side of the street)
Cost: \$3.00 per person, per session
Info: Both fresh and salt water patterns will be covered. Please bring your own tools, lighting, extension cords; a few tools are available for use. Materials will be supplies—donations welcome! Call Bob Osburn (295-5813) or Len Carlson (496-4487).

Welcome the New Additions!

Recently the 4-H Library was the recipient of a \$100 grant to buy educational materials. This new information is on our shelves and available for check out.

1. What Really Bugs 'Em Game – Basic Parasites! Leaders Guide
2. Your Goats: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing Goats
3. Your Sheep: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing
4. Fitting and Showing Your Dairy Animal: A Winning Experience (Video) by Hoard's Dairyman
5. The Complete Dog Book (AKC)
6. The Complete Dog Book for Kids (AKC)

Some Bloom'in News!

Will you PAR!?!?!?

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will be initiating a Plant a Row For the Hungry (PAR) Program this spring. PAR partners gardeners who have excess produce with programs that can distribute this food to people who need and appreciate it. Food will be collected at the office in Kingston for distribution through the nutrition program to families throughout the county. The Extension Nutrition Teaching Assistants will take the food and teach families how to prepare and plan meals with the garden food. What a great community service project for an individual or for a club.

Wondering What Kind of Veggies are Best for New York Gardens?

The new 2004 Selected List of Vegetable Varieties for Home Garden Use in New York State is *now* available. Feeling a little cabin fever—plan your spring garden.

Teens Interested in Horticulture

Young people interested in exploring a career in horticulture are invited to visit this website: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/sunyhort>. This webpage is for prospective students to serve as an introduction to horticulture programs in the SUNY system. Get a click on it -



Pheasants - Go for the Wildlife...

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youth. The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H youth and a substantial time commitment. Why raise pheasants?

- Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging and teaches youth responsible behavior.
- Released pheasants offer fall hunting opportunity
- People enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants.

The pheasants are hatched and delivered from the DEC Reynolds Game Farm, Ithaca. The 4-H Office needs to know the quantity of chicks you are requesting before March 1, 2004.

HONOR SECRETARIES

November

Amy Watters—Hounds-n-Hydrants
Whitney Barringer—Samsonville Barnyard

December

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Tim Danchak—Teen Council

Colgate Youth For America

Colgate wants to recognize the best community service project performed by youth across America. Enter your club's community service work project completed between March 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004. Over 300 cash prizes will be awarded, ranging from \$100 to \$2000. Entry forms are available from the 4-H Office.

Program Development Committees

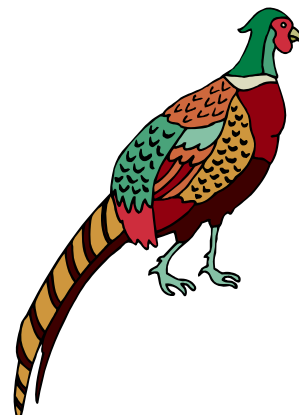
Program Development Committees are starting their programs for 2004. Several committees are interested in new adult and teen members. Most committees meet 4-6 times each year to plan the educational programs for their area. Currently there are seven committees in Ulster County.

Committee

Meeting Date

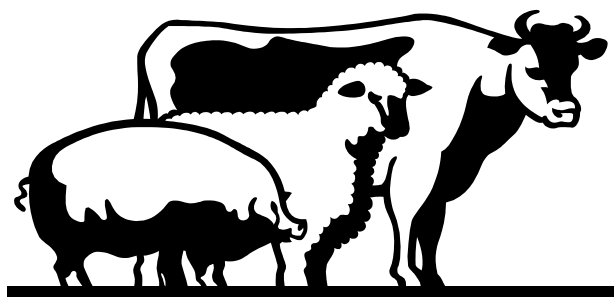
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| • Auction | Monday, January 19 |
| • Cattle | Wednesday, February 11 |
| • Dog | Monday, January 19 |
| • Family & Consumer Science | Wednesday, January 21 |
| • Horse | Monday, January 26 |
| • Sheep & Goats | ??????? |
| • Small Animals | Wednesday, January 28 |

Details and Membership Applications are available from Kornel or Patti.



2004 Livestock Auction Participants

Last year's 4-H Auction was very successful! This 4-H Project is an important one to learn about raising animals and earning money. It would be great to have more large animals at the Auction. All 4-Her's interested in this project are invited to attend an Information Meeting on Monday, February 16, 7 PM. This is a **REQUIRED** meeting for all 2004 participants. Youth should attend with an adult that will be helping them with the project. Any questions can be directed to Patti Zellmer.



Farewell Mira

The reality of the budget crunch has affected Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County in several ways. Most noticeable in the 4-H Office the Club Management position has been discontinued at this time. **THANK YOU MIRA** for the excellent work you did while with the 4-H Program! Not only did she do club maintenance, she jumped in where ever she was needed. Mira we appreciate all your efforts in/with 4-H Clubs. Thank you for helping us to Make the Best Better.

If you have email correspondence for the 4-H Office, please send to Jenny at jl64@cornell.edu.

Ulster County Horse Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to graduating High School Seniors that are enrolled members in the Ulster County 4-H Horse Program.

An Award will be given to as many qualifying Ulster County 4-H Horse Members as there are available funds as selected by the Ulster County 4-H Horse Program Development committee for the purpose of helping to finance education beyond high school.

DUE DATE: March 1, 2004

Please call Jenny at the 4-H office for more information.

Ulster County Home Economics Scholarship

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
Must currently be in the 3rd year or more of a 4-H home economics project

Scholarship Size

\$200.00 per scholarship

Sponsored by:

4-H FCS Program Development
Committee

Due Date: May 1, 2004

Please call Jenny at the 4-H office for more information.

Announcing "Sew-A-Jam" 2004

**Saturday, February 21, 2004
9:30 am to 3:30 p.m.**

**Extension Education Center
10 Westbrook Lane
Kingston, NY 12401**

Yes, instead of the usual "Sew-A-Vest" event, the 4-H Family and Consumer Science Committee will this year be hosting a "**Sew-a-Jam**" workshop. So, remember to mark your calendars and plan to join our garment construction expert, Kay Peischel. Kay will take you through the basics of making full-length lounge pants or short "jams".

The cost is \$3.00 and includes the use of a pattern and refreshments. Bring a sack lunch.

Registration is required. No phone reservations will be accepted! Must send in registration fee to reserve space. Space is limited to 8 (minimum 4) participants. Please include waist measurement when you submit registration.

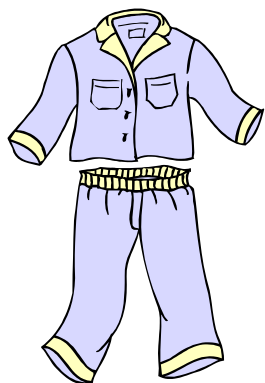
Registration deadline: February 9, 2004

Upon registration you will receive information about fabric amounts and suggested types.

All participants will be expected to enter their jams in the 4-H Clothing Revue in May and the Ulster County Fair in August.

Please send check or money order for \$3.00 made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, along with your name, address, phone # and waist measurement (for your convenience you may use the return sheet on the inside back cover) to:

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Of Ulster County
4-H Office
10 Westbrook Lane
Kingston, NY 12401**



Learn Mechanics and Safe Operation in Tractor Safety!

The 4-H Tractor Safety Program will begin on **Tuesday, March 23** and will continue with a Tuesday/Thursday schedule through **Thursday, April 1**.

- Designed for **all** youth (non-4-H members too) aged **13-19** (as of Jan 1, 2004) who may operate a tractor at any job outside of the home.
- Participants will receive a US Dept. of Labor Farm Safety Certificate, **required** for youth aged 14-15 who plan to operate tractors as part of a job.

Schedule: March 23, 25, & 30 & April 1 7:00-9:00 pm
 April 15 & 16 Practice 4:30—7:30 pm
 April 17 Test

Registration: Call Jenny at the 4-H Office **no later than, March 12**.
Only the first 15 registrants will be accepted.



Costs: A \$15 fee will cover the costs of a textbook and other educational materials.

Questions: Call Jenny at 340-3990



NYS Makes History! Poultry Nationals

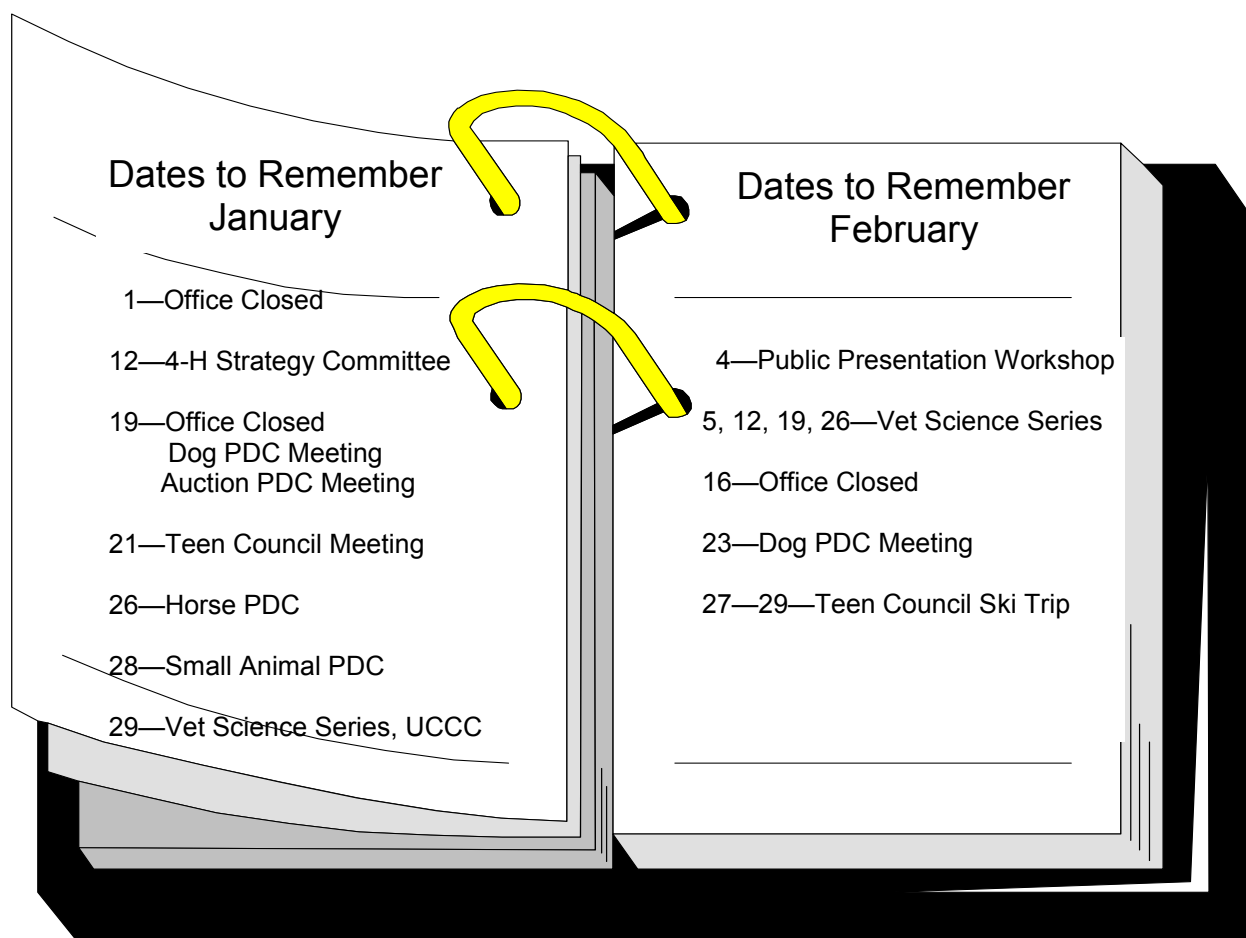
New York State competed for the first time at the Poultry Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. Members of the team were, Sarah and Christian Whipple, Jaime Churchill and Jenny Groen and alternate Moriah Knarr. These 4-H members represented Ontario, Stuben and Ulster County. The team place 9th! Congratulations to all.

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

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Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee



This will be the last newsletter going out via US Mail. If we have your correct e-mail address, you should have received this newsletter via e-mail also. If you did not receive an e-mail copy of this newsletter, you need to call the 4-H Office at 340-3990 and update your e-mail address ASAP.



Old Man Winter is once again knocking at our door, rattling the shutters and attempting to stop upcoming events. For information on “WEATHER” or not to brave the storm, call the 4-H Hotline to get the updates on postponements and cancellations. Decisions to cancel programs due to inclement weather will be made by 4:30 pm. Dial 340-3990 and press menu choice (1) for the 4-H Hotline. Most delays and cancellations will be recorded before the end of the business day. You can also check at www.cancellations.com.

U.C. 4-H Horse Bowl/Hippology

Last minute news break!! All those interested in participating on the U.C. Horse Bowl/Hippology teams are hereby notified that practice will be held on Fridays January 23 & 30, February 6 & 27 and Thursday, March 11 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in the Youth Building Conference Room from 7:00pm—9:00pm.