

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

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# County Observer



November - December 2003

# Happy Holidays



13th Annual

## Wow, It's Winter 4-H Model Horse Show

Saturday, January 3, 2004

at

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church Hall  
Rte. 9, Valatie, New York

Entry Fee:

Columbia County: \$6.00    Out of County: \$7.50

Pre-entry required by December 30, 2003!!!

Drawings to benefit

Local food pantry

and

Model horse project

Open to all youth ages 8-18,  
4-H membership NOT required!

Food available on site

For More Information Contact

Debby Denniston, Show Manager at (518) 766-4214

**4-H CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS**

- Rusty Hausmann, Ellen Potter, Jenny Burkins & Ben Campbell .....4-H Animals & Company
- Rochelle Jourdan & Tracy Berry ....A Little This, A Little That
- Virginia Legg & Lisa Turk .....Association of 4-H Friends
- Eleanor Monfett & Lynn Fleming ..... Capricious Kids
- Linda Armstrong ..... Catskill Sunbeams
- Karen Danchak..... Crazy Critters
- Susan & Gary Clark, Janice Cocks & Nancy Katz ..... Equestrians Unlimited
- Terri Petras ..... Evergreen Farmers
- Annie Mardiney..... Feathered Friends
- Lisa Lackemann ..... Flatbush Frontier Folks
- 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.
- Doris & Denise Hausmann ..... To Be Announced
- Amy & Rick Finkbeiner, Robin Baker & Jackie Seils..... Rondout Rockin Rabbits
- Kurt & Janette Cross & Jessica Tokle ..... Rondout Valley Country Kids
- Alllyson 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
- Denise & Ron Van Aken & Cyndi & Frank Brooks ..... Valley Ag Kids

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
- Mira Fink, 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

We are working on a recycling project this year. We've made skeletons out of milk jugs. We've each picked out a part of recycling to do our research on.

*Kerhonkson Country Kids—Michelle Pugliese*

On September 8, 2003, we had the first meeting for the Equestrians Unlimited 4-H club where 35 people came. At this meeting, we elected our officers. Keri Rosen and Lindsay Clark are going to share the responsibility of President. The Treasurer is Hannah Katz and the Secretary is Amanda Bender. Kristen Tierney, Shelby Cocks and Kelsie Thietje will be our Food Coordinators. Then we proceeded to talk about the upcoming events of the year and decided that the Equine Affaire will once again be our main event. We finally made plans that the older kids, 11 and up, will meet on the first Monday and the younger kids, 10 and under, will meet on the third Monday of every month. Each meeting will last from 7:00—8:30 pm.

At the older kids meeting on October 6 we filled out our re-enrollment forms. After that we discussed our Halloween party. Then our leader Susan Clark read an article from the Practical Horseman. The article titled "Recipe for a Great Rider" told of what Missy Clark thought a person needs to be a great rider. At the younger kids meeting on October 20 we taught barn safety. The kids learned proper barn respect. They also saw how to properly ride a horse and respect the horse, either on the ground or riding them. At the end of the meeting the kids painted pumpkins and made Halloween cards which our President, Lindsay Clark delivered to the New Paltz Nursing Home.

*"Equestrians Unlimited—Amanda Bender*

We started our new year on September 11, 2003. We elected new officers. Rosie Santerre is President, Sharon Otis is Vice President, Secretary is Amy Watters with help from Michelle Robinson, Treasurer is Amy Watters with help from Wayne Clark, News Reporter is Amy Watters and our Song Leader is Marika Gustafson.

On September 21 some of our club members helped at a booth at Plattekill Day. It was about Responsible Dog Ownership. We had flyers, pamphlets, etc. from the AKC. On September 26 some of our members were brave enough to go on the Headless Horsemen Hayride. Everybody had a wonderful time.

During October we had 5 meetings. October 2 we had our first official business meeting and our first craft. Everyone made ghosts out of cheese cloth, flour and water. They were all very cute.

On October 30 we had our Halloween party. Everybody dressed up, including the dogs. We had a skeleton, a hippie, a cheerleader, an army soldier, etc... Some of our members participated in creating a haunted house. The party was very successful and everyone had a great time. This year is off to a great start and we hope it will continue to be successful.

*Hounds-n-Hydrants—Amy Watters*

At our latest 4-H meeting on October 10, we filled out some of the pages in our lifetime portfolio that we hadn't done yet. There were 7 members present. It was too cold to bring our rabbits to the meeting, so we couldn't do an activity that involved them. At the end of our meeting all our portfolios were completed and collected by our leader. We got everything that needed to be done, done. That is what usually happens at meetings.

*Saugerties Harerisers—Molly Courtney*

We went to Officer's Training. We learned how to do our jobs.

*Samsonville Barnyard—Whitney Barringer*

# Achievement Night 2003

Ulster County 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends had a great time at the annual 4-H Achievement Night!

The night began with the creation of the 2003 Ulster County 4-H Parachute and the building of castles. Awards were announced, pictures taken, leaders recognized. Then there were delicious "treats" brought by the participants. Immediately following the FUN really began at the soccer and parachute showdown in the gymnasium. Check out the photos!

## Heart of 4-H

*Trisha Bell  
Amy Courtney  
Molly Courtney  
Ann Marie Cusack  
Timothy Danchak  
Elizabeth Finger  
Kristina Finger  
Michelle Matthews  
Sharon Otis  
Julia Robinson  
Michelle Robinson  
Rosalie Santerre  
Erin Watters*

## Making the Best Better

*Whitney Barringer  
Jessica Decker*

## Above and Beyond

*Caitlin Barringer  
Erica Bell  
Jaime Churchill  
Heidi Finney  
Kelsey Grimm  
Alex Nichols  
Courtney Weis*



**Ulster County 4-H Parachute**

## Community Service

*4-H Crazy Critters  
A Little This, A Little That  
Hounds and Hydrants  
P.E.T.S.  
Samsonville Barnyard  
Teen Council  
U.C. MuttMasters*

## Beacon Award

*Matthew Perez*



## Secretarial Awards

*Amy Watters  
Hounds and Hydrants*

*Alex Nichols  
Samsonville Barnyard*

*Crystal Sylvester  
U.C. MuttMasters*

## Career Explorations

*Jaime Churchill  
Molly Miller*



## Poultry Specialist

*Jaime Churchill*

## Capital Days

*Jaime Churchill*

# Achievement Night 2003

## Continued

### **New 4-H Alumni**

*Chelsea Palcher  
Ryan Smith  
Jean Cullen  
Andrew Goldberg  
Dani LaBarr  
Jamie Roehrs*

### **Leader's Recognition**

#### **First Year Leaders**

*Alexandra Bernier  
Oliver Bogart  
John Bostwick  
Tom Brinkmann  
Lisa Candy  
Lori Critchlow  
Beau Curtis  
John Decker  
Richard Demorest  
Jim Gibbons  
Matt Gibbons  
Donna Grimm  
Tina Harp  
George Holz  
Jennifer Holz  
Larry Hughson  
Bill Imperial  
Dana LaBarr  
Ann Lefferts  
Cathy McCoubrey  
Brenda Mentz  
Melissa Mulcahy  
Juliana Murth  
Cristina Picayo  
Julie-Marie Smith  
Michael Smith  
Jody Swinbourne*

### **Second Year Leaders**

*Linda Armstrong  
Robin Baker  
Robert Barringer  
Katrina Bostwick  
Julie Brinkmann  
Karen Danchak  
Amy Finkbeiner  
Rick Finkbeiner  
Jeanmarie Finney  
Tara Fitzpatrick  
Michael Giuliano  
Doris Hausmann  
Thomas Hausmann Jr.  
Donna Hildebrandt  
Michael Kocsmiersky  
Lisa Lackemann  
Sylvia Morizzo  
Bob Petras  
Terri Petras  
Lynn Robinson  
Deborah Smith  
Randy Smith  
Raymond Smith  
Greg Walters  
Jill Watters*

#### **Third Year Leaders**

*Denise Barringer  
Tracy Berry  
Ellen Carson  
Janice Cocks  
Rochelle Jourdan  
Jessica Knapp  
Allyson Nichols  
Raymond Nichols  
Carla Picayo  
Sylvia Tinti  
Jessica Tokle  
William Wagner*

### **Fourth Year Leaders**

*Donna Grimm  
Wayne Grimm  
Nancy Katz  
Jackie Seils  
Holly Tubby  
Denise Van Aken  
Ronald Van Aken*

#### **Fifth Year Leaders**

*Lynne Callahan  
Cindy Scherry  
Sharon Stokes*

#### **Sixth Year Leaders**

*Janette Cross  
Kurt Cross  
Lynn Fleming  
Barbara Harrison  
Marilyn Lounsbury  
Bernadette Miller*

#### **Seventh Year Leaders**

*Cyndi Brooks  
Frank Brooks  
Virginia Legg  
Alyson Martorano  
Robert Perry*

#### **Eighth Year Leaders**

*Joanne McCleary  
Cheryl Schmidt*

#### **Ninth Year Leaders**

*Lori Zelinsky*

# Achievement Night 2003 Continued



## Tenth Year Leaders

*Marylou Giuliano  
Eleanor Monfett*

## Eleventh Year Leader

*Carol Carboni*

## Thirteenth Year Leader

*Lori Halwick*

## Fourteenth Year Leader

*Roberta Jackson*

## Seventeenth Year Leaders

*Jennifer Burkins  
Gary Clark  
Susan Clark*

## Eighteenth Year Leader

*Roxanne Churchill*

## Nineteenth Year Leader

*Martha Koenig*

## Twenty-Second Year Leader

*Betty Burgher*

## Twenty-Fourth Year Leader

*Kay Peischel*

## CLUB WINNERS

**First to arrive:**  
*Jessica Decker*

**Most Club Members Present:**  
*Hounds and Hydrants*

## National 4-H Window Display

**Hoorah!**

*Olive Extravaganzers  
Celebrated National 4-H  
Week with a Display at  
The Olive Free Library*

**Great Job!!!**

## Grants for Kids' Gardening Projects

National Gardening  
Association: Grants Program  
[http://www.kidsgardening.com/  
grants.asp](http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp)

The National Gardening Association provides various grants to support gardening projects for kids. Nonprofit organizations and schools across the nation with gardening programs for youth between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible to apply. Support is provided for child-centered outdoor gardens, programs that use the garden to teach about nutrition and hunger, and programs that emphasize youth learning and working in a greenhouse environment. Application deadlines vary by program. Visit the above website for more information.

**THANK YOU**  
to everyone  
who made the  
night a FUN  
success!!!

## Have you had a PDC today!?!?!?!?

Ulster County has many (6!) Program Development Committees. They are a very important part of Ulster County's 4-H Program. These committees generally meet 4 times per year. The people on the Program Development Committees plan many of the fun and educational events of the Ulster County 4-H Youth Program. We are starting the new 4-H Year with a review of the Membership Criteria. Each committee is open to new members. Simply request a Membership Application Form from the 4-H Office. Currently these are the Ulster County Committees:

Auction  
Cattle  
Dog  
Family & Consumer Science  
Horse  
Small Animal  
Sheep & Goats

Recently someone asked, what is the 4-H Strategy Committee?  
What a great question!

The Purpose: Cornell Cooperative Extension strives to provide a 4-H club program that is responsive to the needs of the 4-H members, volunteer leaders, the community, the CCE Board of Directors and the New York State 4-H Office. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, proposed the creation of a Strategy Committee to address specific 4-H club management issues.

Major Responsibilities: This committee will serve as a sounding board for 4-H Staff on issues and program dealing with 4-H club membership. The committee will also recommend actions and policy to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Program Committee. Members of this committee are considered 4-H Ambassadors in Ulster County.

Members of this committee are responsible to and appointed by the CCE Program Committee.

Interested in this opportunity to grow and build the Ulster County 4-H Program?  
Submit a letter of intent to Patti Zellmer. An application will then be sent to you.



A BIG Thank you to the  
4-H Record and Award Evaluation Team!

# Coming to Ulster County 4-H Youth Program...



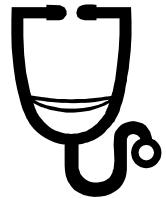
## 2004 4-H Youth Vet. Science Series

5 Thursdays 6:30—8:00 PM  
Begins January 29, 2004

Participation is limited to 20 youth  
Ages 13-19

A new Vet series will be taught at the  
Ulster County Community College  
By  
Area Veterinarians

This hands-on learning experience will include an introduction to:  
Animal Attitude and Behavior  
Skin Membranes, Body Temperature, Pulse, Respiration  
Health, Cleaning and Disinfecting  
Cells, Tissues, Organs



Registration fee for the series is \$10.  
Paid registration will reserve your spot!

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## 2004 4-H Vet. Science Series Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make your \$10.00 check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC)  
Send to: CCE of Ulster County  
4-H Youth Program  
10 Westbrook Lane  
Kingston, NY 12401

**This 4-H Youth Education Program is sponsored by:  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and Ulster County Community College**

## Ulster County Rocks with New 4-H Clubs

This fall Ulster County is just booming with new 4-H clubs sprouting up all over. In Oliverea, we welcome the Foxfire 4-H club led by Pat Rudge and Jackie Persons. This club focuses on a variety of nature and homespun related activities, like gardening, hiking, cider pressing, learning about animals and more.

In New Paltz, we have a new Cloverbud club, The Newborn Calf club. This club led by Ingrid Beer and Ingrid Wood is meeting on a beautiful farm. The children will have an opportunity to learn about different animals and will take part in raising two newborn calves.

We now have a 4-H club devoted to poultry! Feathered Friends, led by Annie Mardiney is meeting in High Falls. The club gives participants an opportunity to learn about those fine-feathered pals.

We also have a new horse club. The Shawangunk Ridge Equestrians are meeting in the Pine Bush area. Heidi White, Joanne Ewald and Debra McCullough are the leaders.

In New Paltz, 4-H Animals and Company has begun. Led by Rusty Hausmann and Ellen Potter, this general 4-H club plans a wide variety of activities and projects, such as planting flowers, learning about animals, woodworking and more.

A new general 4-H club has come to Tillson, that is yet to be named. Doris and Denise Hausmann are the leaders. They are planning activities and projects ranging from arts and crafts, animals, sewing and more.

Also in the works is a new 4-H club (currently unnamed) in New Paltz specializing in chickens and rabbits. Angie Skretta-Huck, Lynn Edwards and Becka Warner will lead the club.

Welcome to all new 4-H Club members and leaders!

### ***HONOR SECRETARIES***

#### **October**

Amanda Bender—Equestrians Unlimited  
Amy Watters—Hounds-n-Hydrants  
Molly Courtney—Saugerties Hareraisers

#### **November**

Amanda Bender—Equestrians Unlimited  
Whitney Barringer—Samsonville Barnyard  
Megan Vangorden—Olive Extravaganzers

### **More Club Chatter**

We had only one meeting in September and one in October. In September we just had the usual beginning of the year meeting, electing our officers and planning activities.

On October 5 we had lots of fun cleaning up garbage on Mill Rd. We found so many things you'd never think would be on the side of the road! On November 2 we melted old used candles and made new ones, it was a lot of fun and we plan to continue making candles at the next meeting.

*Olive Extravaganzers—Megan Vangorden*

## Public Presentation Workshop

If you have not started as yet, it's about time to start setting your schedules for 2004. One event you don't want to leave out is the 4-H Public Presentation Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to help you prepare for the 2004 4-H Youth Public Presentations. Among the topics that will be covered in the workshop are:

- 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

So, mark your calendars and make plans to be at the Ulster County Fairgrounds Youth Building on February 4, 2004, 6:00 pm. Need more information? Contact the 4-H Office @ 340-3990.

Please note:

Public Presentation **Workshop** is scheduled for February 4, 2004

Public Presentations are scheduled for March 6, 2004

## Community Service for Ulster County 4-H'ers!

Community Service is a great way to be an active participant in the community where you live! There are so many creative ways to be involved. Here is an idea for your club to start off the 2004 4-H year! It's a

### Grandfriends Sweetheart Party!!! For February

The 4-H Club would visit a "senior site" and have stations with hands-on projects (pop-up cards, sing along with karaoke) with the Seniors. We would like to find several 4-H Clubs for this project. The target areas are: Accord Community Center, Rochester Reformed Church Basement, Saugerties Senior Housing. Please call the 4-H Office to help us make plans!!! It is the Grandfriends Sweetheart Party 2004!

By the way...

When a 4-H Club does this or any other Community be sure to let the 4-H Office know. We want to recognize you/your 4-H Club for the service you have done. Simply fill out a Community Service Form with the participating 4-H members names and submit it to the 4-H Office. The 4-H Office will be happy to share the good news!



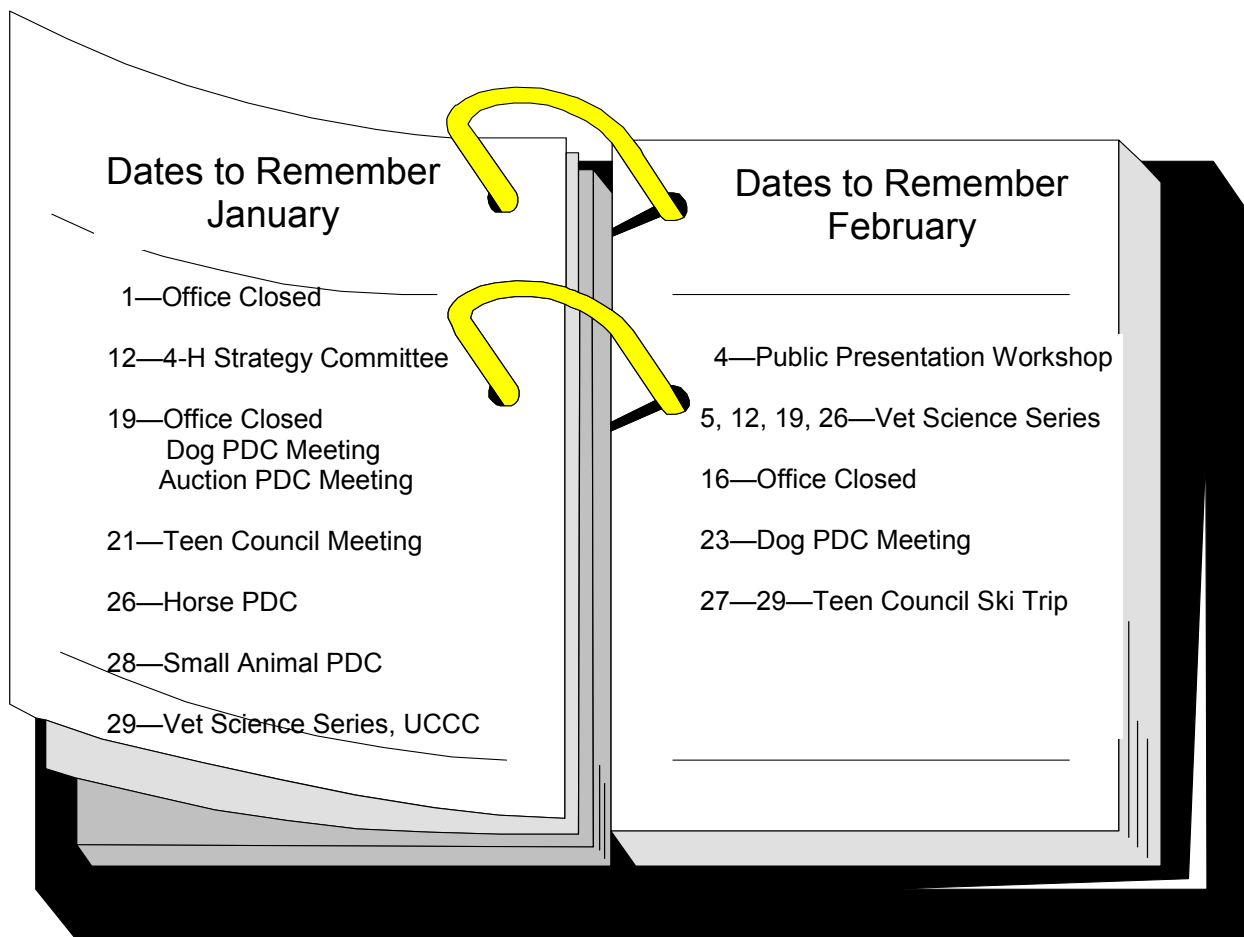
THANK YOU 4-H Leaders for attending the 1st 4-H Leader's Rally!!! What a great day! We all learned so much AND had a day of encouragement. 4-H Leaders are the BEST!

# 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

## November—December 2003

Activity/Training	Date	Names of Attendees	Address	Phone #	Fee



**If you have a red X on your mailing label, we have not received enrollment for the 2003-2004 year. This will be the last newsletter you will receive until you turn in your paperwork.**



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](http://www.cancellations.com).

### **Upcoming Sewing Workshop**

**Saturday, February 21, 2003**

Have you always wanted to try your hands at some new sewing projects? If so, mark your calendars and plan to join our garment construction expert, Kay Peischel at the 4-H Office. Kay will take you through the basics of making full-length lounge pants and short pajamas (jams). Need more information? Call the 4-H Office at 340-3990.

