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# 4-H Clover Newsreel

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## General Information

This will be brief but full of information. My goal with this clover reel is to place on it documents that you can find online at [www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org](http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org), but making it easier for you to print and locate.

I have tried to make the website as user friendly as possible, unfortunately, I do not always succeed. If you ever have any problems locating a form on the website, please email me and I will send you the direct link. I know it can be confusing at times, especially if you just want to jump onto the site for a minute and your computer is not cooperating. I would be more than happy to help!

## The Theme for this year's Allegany County Fair is....."Smiles at the fair!"

### Changes, changes, changes.... They are GOOD!

Many changes are happening all around us this year, including the 4-H program. We have implemented some changes that we feel will be beneficial for our program. We are continuing to grow and want to be able to provide as many activities PLUS many more. Some of the changes you will read and / or hear about should be "embraced" as positive and promising for our 4-H future. We are always open to suggestions so please feel free to contact us with your ideas. So with that said, on with the show..... 😊

### Presentations at Fair

If you missed our county presentations in February, this is your chance to make it up! As you know county medals and other awards require a presentation in order to qualify. Please contact Michelle if you are interested in doing a presentation at fair. You will have the whole week of fair to choose a date that works for you.



### State Fair Exhibits

This year we, along with two other counties are going to be something different. The exhibits chosen to go on to State Fair will go up based on "Exhibit only" and displayed the ENTIRE 3 weeks of the State Fair. Exhibits will receive a specially designed rosette. There are several advantages to this. Not only will many, many,

many more people see your projects but also they will be representing the BEST of the BEST of Allegany County. It also allows 4-H members from other counties to get ideas on future projects. Exhibits that cannot go on to State Fair for obvious reasons are as follows: live flowers or plants and foods.

The exhibit will be set up on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and will return to Allegany County late on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be available for pick up at the 4-H office through the month of September. However if they are not picked up they will be discarded.

By making this change, it will allow the 4-H program to use the monies in other needful areas, as well as giving more office time to the program. We are still offering passes to anyone interested in attending the State Fair, as well as parking passes. In addition, if interested, the dorm is still an option for those who would like to take a couple of days to see the fair. Contact the office to reserve your tickets or to get more information on the events happening at the State Fair. We are looking forward to your understanding and cooperation in regards to this change. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact the office. Thank you again for continuing to support our future leaders.

## **Produced in New York for 4-H program year 2012**

This year I would like to move this contest to the county fair 2012. This will not only allow more "practice" time, but will also fill up event slots in the Youth Building as well as bring more people thru the doors to see what our local 4-H'ers have been up to! When the smell of something cooking moves thru the building, you would be amazed at the crowd that shows up out of nowhere. This can also be counted as an action booth, for which you would receive a premium. I can smell the goodies cooking now....yummy!

## **Portfolio / Livestock Project Records**

The due date for these is Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A 4-H parent made an excellent suggestion. Why not fill these out online, adding your pictures of course, then save on a flash drive or CD and turn that in, or maybe email it. I thought this was a wonderful idea and wanted to get your thoughts on it. I realize that not everyone has the capability of doing this and for those that do not the hard copy is still very much welcomed. However for those that do, what do you think? I believe it will save a lot of time for you and of course for the 4-H office. I will be updating all of the forms online so that they can be completed online and either printed or saved as a PDF file.

I welcome any comments or suggestions. Just let me know what you think. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

## **Food booth changes at 2011 County Fair**

As most of you know, Dave and Linda Edwards have decided it is time to hand over the "chef's hat" and allow other 4-H volunteers a shot at the 4-H food booth. I have been working with Mark Sage, a 4-H parent; he has volunteered to "over see" it this year. One of the changes that I want to put into place this year is to have set hours of operation for the booth this year. It will open daily at 8AM and close at 5PM, with the exception of Wednesday, the annual market animal sale. We are asking for 4-H'ers to sign up for 1 - 2 hour shifts. Stacy Alsworth will be looking to "recruit" 4-H'ers to work in the booth. If you see her, please be sure to set up a time to work. Remember this benefits everyone in the 4-H program. With the monies raised, prizes are purchased for different events, certificates, judges and many other wonderful things.

## **Some Reminders for all youth showing horse**

The Official Helmet for fair this year should have the following numbers in them.

**ASTM-1163/SEI or ASTM0-F-1163-04a/SEI**

If your helmet does not have these numbers, it means it is not a current helmet. You will need to get a current helmet in order to show at fair.

**Proper foot wear-** equestrian footwear with a distinguishable heel is required

**Helmets-** you need to wear your helmets when a rider is mounted on an equine, youth are riding in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines or youth are in the show ring working with equine or riding them.

**Reining pattern-** this year the pattern will be #6. Walk/trot and Novice will have their own pattern which will be mailed out to them.

**Mandatory Meeting-** the horse committee will be hosting a meeting to go over last minutes questions and such Sunday night of fair at 7pm. All 4-h'ers are required to go.

**Rule Books-** we do have some rule books available for purchase. Books this year are \$3.00 ea. They can also be found on the Cornell web site at [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu) under horse look for rule book. This year's rule book can be printed off in sections.

As always if you have any question or concerns, please contact Tricia at the office.

## **Reminders for Livestock**

Weigh in is at **3pm on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>** and your animals need to be in place before that time. The 4-Her needs to be present at weigh-in of their animals

When decorating your stalls in the livestock area, keep in mind air flow. Make sure your decorations do not restrict air flow. If it does, you will be asked to take them down or they will be removed.

Watering and feeding- while your animal is at fair, you need to keep them watered and fed. They need to have water at all times. Because you are in the public eye, you need to take extra care of your animals. Also pens need to be kept clean. If you have any questions please contact Tricia at the office.

## **Andover and Belmont Libraries are Teaming Up with Cornell University Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program for Kids Summer Gardening**

Got a Hanking to *Get Dirty*? Want to learn some really cool things about plants and gardening? Then come to our weekly garden club meetings at the Andover or Belmont Libraries. Carrie Jefferds, Belmont Librarian and Brenda Starr, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Master Gardener and Courtney Grebacht, Andover Children's Librarian, and Colleen Cavagna, CCE Community Educator will lead you through some fun activities where you will learn about plants and do fun experiments and activities throughout the summer. Parents are encouraged to roll up their sleeves alongside their children and have fun too!

Kids ages 7 and up are encouraged to have parents pre-register them by calling either Belmont Library at 585-268-5308 or the Andover Library at 607-478-8442. You can also sign up in person at either library during their open hours. Classes start the first week in July and run through August so call soon and reserve your spot!

Belmont Library: Carrie Jefferds and Brenda Starr

What: Kids Garden Club

Where: Belmont Free Library

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 1:30 - 3:30

Contact: Carrie Jefferds at 585-268-5308, this program is free, but you must pre-register.

Andover Library: Courtney Grebacht and Colleen Cavagna

What: Kids Garden Club

Where: Andover Free Library

When: Every Thursday

Time: 3:30 - 5:30

Contact: Courtney Grebacht at 607-478-8442, this program is free, but you must pre-register.

## **Recognition Banquet for Program Year 2011**

No, it's never too early to start thinking about the Recognition Banquet. 4-H is looking for a club to host this year's event. In the past, the Cuba Gold Diggers has hosted, actually several times, as well as the Horse Whisperers. If you are interested, please contact Michelle as soon as possible so we can get ahead of the game. I have yet to schedule a location so I would also welcome any ideas about that as well.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you!

## **New York City 2011**

We are looking for a couple candidates for this year's trip. The dates are November 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. Some of you may notice that it is a day shorter. The reason is in order to keep costs down it was decided to have the trip for only 3 days instead of four.

To qualify for this trip you must meet the following criteria:

- Exhibit at County Fair
- Give a county public presentation
- Complete and turn in a portfolio and/or project record
- Participate in county fundraiser - for NYC trip funds raised need to reach \$275 per member.

If you are interested and meet the criteria, please send me an email or give me a call so that I can place you on the "interested" list. This way I will be able to forward you information regarding the trip as it becomes available.

## **Looking for Ideas!**

I am looking for ideas for classes that you would like to have. They could be anything you have an interest in learning about. Contact Tricia with your ideas, possible dates and times.

## **Dairy Fitting Clinic at the Fair**

Dairy 4-Hers should plan to attend a showing and fitting clinic on Monday night at 6:30pm, in the multi-purpose barn. This will be a good chance to gain valuable information on clipping and fitting your animal for show. We will be demonstrating on a live animal so you will be able to get a hands-on look at the process. We will also demonstrate some "show ring" etiquette and give some ideas of what a judge may be looking for on show day. 4-Hers, bring your parents and see how much they can learn!

## **Tractor Driving Contest**

Just a reminder; youth between the ages of 14 and 19 and who have completed a Tractor Certification program are encouraged to enter the "Tractor Operators Contest" on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am, at the County Fair. The contest takes place on the infield track and contestants can register "on the spot" that morning. Contestants may win the opportunity to compete at Empire Farm Days in August. Come test your tractor driving skills.

## **WANTED**

### **4-H members for "Dairy Science Experience"**

This is the second year of offering a "Dairy Science Experience" to members 12 years old and up, by January 1, 2011. Members will be exposed to the Dairy Industry within Allegany County and learn vital dairy management techniques from guest speakers and through hands-on activities. Attend as many workshops as possible or what your schedule permits. This a fun, educational experience with lots of "doing" not just sitting.

The program offering will depend on the number of interested 4-Hers that sign up. The 4 to 5 sessions will run from the last week in July through August. Please let Tom Parmenter know if you are interested in the "Dairy Science Experience" by calling 585-268-7644 Ext.# 26 or e-mail <tdp6@cornell.edu.



## Important Information!

Starting October 1, 2011 it will be *mandatory for livestock kids to attend at least one educational clinic in order to show at fair.* We will be having a clinic in October, March, and May. You will also be able to give a presentation on the animal you plan on showing instead of attending a clinic. If you cannot attend a clinic or do a public presentation you will be able to come to the office and watch some educational videos followed by a brief questioner. If another county is having a clinic that may be closer for you to attend you can ask for a confirmation sheet to have signed by county educator hosting workshop.

Be sure to check out the 4-H website to keep updated on 4-H happenings.

## Empire Swine Youth Scholarship

The Empire Swine Youth Scholarship contest will be held again at the New York State Fair. This year's contest will have the same name as last year - The New York Pork Producers' Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Contest. For the knowledge review portion of the contest they will be using the Empire Market Hog Book and a current events article as well as chapters 5, 12 and 14 from the Ohio State book. The Empire Market Hog Book is available on the Cornell website: [www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/swine](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/swine) and the Ohio State University Swine Resource Book is available from Cindy Messinger (607-664-2561) for \$23.00. Contest rules, demonstration & presentation evaluations sheets are available at the 4-H office or on the New York Pork Producer website ([www.newyorkpork.org](http://www.newyorkpork.org)). We encourage all that are interested to participate!

## Bicycle Safety Program

What ages are required by New York State law to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle on the road? (14 and under)  
What side of the road are bicycle riders required to ride? (on the right, with traffic) Do bicycle riders have to follow rules of the road like drivers of vehicles? (Yes, they are considered vehicles too) Can individuals walk along railroad tracks in their communities? (No, the tracks are considered private property from the center of the tracks for 25 feet each side and you could be charged with trespassing.)



Students who attended an educational program on bicycle safety were taught the answers to these questions and many others. 4-H Program Educator Michelle Sloat, Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards, Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad Police Chief Tim Walsh and NYS Department of Transportation Highway Maintenance employee Scott Sloat provided information on bicycle and railroad safety to fifth graders at Wellsville and Scio Central School.



Police Chief Walsh provided the students with railroad safety information as trains run through both the Wellsville and Scio communities. He informed the students that the trains and tracks are private property and they could be charged with trespassing if found on or near the tracks. Students were then given handouts provided by the railroad.

4-H Program Educator Michelle Sloat and Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards taught students the parts of a bicycle and how to safely ride on the road. They were shown how to properly wear a helmet to protect their head should they fall off their bike. Students were then taught rules of the road including riding on the right side of the road with traffic and how to safely make turns at intersections. DOT Maintenance employee Scott Sloat showed the students actual road signs and explanations were provided about the signs. Students were left with handout information about riding bicycles safely. They were also given safety information including reflective stickers for their helmets and bicycles. Finally, all students were presented with certificates stating that they had completed a Bicycle Safety program and understood how to safely ride a bicycle in their community. Darien Lake coupons were also included for all students.

A bicycle safety program is also being presented to students at the Alfred Montessori School. This program will not include railroad safety as trains do not run through Alfred. Instead, Alfred Police Chief Tim O'Grady will show the students the police bicycle and talk about how it is used in the community. Students there will also be given safety information and certificates.

Anyone interested in a program on bicycle safety can contact Michelle at 585-268-7644, ext. 11 or Linda at 585-268-5394.

## A New Look at the Fair

The dairy arena at the Allegany County Fair is taking on a new look. Thanks to the efforts of the Allegany County Fair Board the addition will provide some extra space for 4-H, FFA and open show animals at the fair while also providing a great spot for taking pictures of 4-H and FFA exhibitors and their animals on show day. Some side benefits are shade for the judges' booth and perhaps some rain protection, but it never rains at the fair.



Over the years 4-H and FFA have been fortunate to see several improvements at the fair that have made for a more enjoyable fair experience. The addition of two multi-use barns, improvements to the milking parlor, improvements to the livestock, rabbit and chicken areas have all been welcome additions. Please take the opportunity to say thank you to the Fair Board Members and volunteers for all they do for 4-H and FFA.

## 2011 Dairy Bowl Wrap-up



Dairy Bowl for 2011 wrapped up with State competition at Cornell on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Allegany County had two individuals as members of the Junior team representing the Western District. Two 4-H members, representing the district, from one county is an outstanding accomplishment and one that Allegany County has accomplished several times over the last few years. Lily McGovern and Michael Deichmann from Allegany County competed at Cornell with Lily placing 7<sup>th</sup> individual and the Western District team placing 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pictured are all of the 4-H members who participated at the District contest in March. A big thank you goes out to the coaches and volunteers who help make this program possible; Margaret Jefferds, Dawn Santangelo, Kathy Lewis, Vickie Santangelo and Becky Lyman.

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