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4-H Clover Newsreel



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About the Clover Newsreel

The Clover Newsreel is meant to give as much information as possible as early as possible. Although I have been lax in this recently, a true effort is being made to prevent any future delay in getting the information out.

If your club has any upcoming events open to other 4-Hers, please send it to us. A schedule will be coming out on deadlines to receive information for future newsreels. If you would like to contribute information, have it in by the date stated. We look forward to hearing from you soon – Michelle.

4-H Website

Don't forget to check out our website at: www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org/4h. Email your suggestions or comments to Michelle or Tricia and we can forward them on. Be sure to keep looking for improvements! Send us your club announcements and we will post them.

Ceramic Workshop

There will be a ceramic workshop here at the Extension office put on by Joanne's Ceramics on November 21st and 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM each day. Ceramics start out at \$5.00 for small objects like the cars and trucks. A semi-truck is \$10.00 and is 2 parts. Dragons are \$15 - \$20 depending on size. Christmas objects range from \$8.00 to \$25.00. If anyone has a special interest, just let her know and she can see what she has or something close to it. If anyone has an interest in making glass jewelry, she has the molds to do this. They range from \$10.00 to \$15.00. She also has molds for night lights and they are between \$10.00 and \$12.00.

4-H Wreath Fundraiser

We will again be having the 4-H wreath fundraiser. It will be through East Wind Landscape Nursery again and the prices are the same as last year. If you would like order sheets or have any questions, contact Michelle at the 4-H Office.

Public Presentations Workshop

A workshop will be held Saturday, January 7, 2012 with the location to be announced. This workshop will give you a better idea of what to do and what to expect. If you are unsure, this is the workshop for you. Please send in the tear slip at the end of this issue or call or email Michelle to pre-register by **December 30, 2011**.

Public Presentations

Public Presentations will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2012 with the location to be announced. If you will be participating, please fill in the pre-registration form at the back of this issue. The form is due in the office by **January 27, 2012**. 4-H members will be assigned rooms by subject matter. This helps ensure the judges evaluate youth with some familiarity for their topic. Order of presentations in rooms will be flexible to allow parents and leaders to see members in different rooms. All 4-Hers will be asked to stay in their rooms until presentations are done.

I am also looking for a club that would like to host this year's public presentations. The club will be responsible for setting up rooms, directing members, assisting judges, etc. If you are interested or would like to know all that this will involve, contact Michelle at the office. We are also looking for a host club for the Fashion Show in May.

PLEASE, PLEASE – NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATIONS!!! It causes too much confusion. We encourage leaders and parents to register their 4-Hers even if they do not have a specific topic or title yet.

Presentations should be between 3 and 12 minutes. Twelve minutes is the maximum (exception: team horse demonstration or slide/video presentation). For additional information please contact the 4-H office.

Youth wishing to be eligible for Regional Horse Communication Contest must indicate this on the registration form. Please contact Tricia Heary at the office for rules and regulations.

Remember – Junior 4-Hers must take part in this event, as well as certain other activities, to qualify for the Junior Participation Trip. Public Presentations are necessary to make you eligible for award trips, county medals and other 4-H honors.

If you or your club need assistance in preparing or would like to receive more information on Public Presentations, Please contact Michelle at the office.

Remember the Parts of a Public Presentation –

- What are you going to be judged on? If you follow these simple directions, you will do well!
- Remember to introduce yourself. Tell your name, years in 4-H and title of your speech.
- Use charts, posters and other models if possible. Make sure they are neat and tell the message you want to send.
- Make sure your grammar and vocabulary are proper. Check the spelling on your posters!
- Are you dressed properly? Neat and clean. You are representing 4-H.
- Is your posture good? Are you standing up straight and not fidgeting?
- Is your voice loud and clear? Public Presentations is not the time to whisper!
- Do you know your material so that you will be ready for questions?
- Stick to a time limit. Presentations should be anywhere from 3 to 12 minutes. No more or less (unless you are a Cloverbud).
- At the end of your presentation, summarize the most important points.
- Give credit to sources of information.
- Ask questions.

Stained Glass Workshop

We are offering a stained glass workshop on December 8th at 6:00 pm. We will be making pins, pendants and sun catchers. The fee for this class is \$1.00 per person. If you interested in this class, please call me at the office at 585-268-7644 ext 16 or by e mail at pjh34@cornell.edu by December 2nd.



Market Beef Registrations

This is a reminder that all market beef registrations are due by January 31st. Fill in the registration at the back of this issue. For any questions call Tricia.

Market Beef Project Members

The following is a “Push Your Pencil” reminder: please complete and keep your Market Beef Records – to figure what your costs and returns MIGHT be for your 2012 4-H Market Beef Project. From time to time compare your actual costs with these projections.

Expenses

1. What did you pay for your feeder calf? These figures are based on either an S (small) or M (medium) framed #2 (slightly thick muscled) castrated steer or a heifer that would weigh about 500 lbs. by December 1st.

The weight you bought should have depended on money available, when you bought it, what level of management you will provide and what the finished weight is expected to be. (A small framed #2 animal may finish at 900 lbs., whereas a large framed #1 animal may not be ready for market until it reaches 1400 lbs.

$$\text{Cost/lbs.} \times \text{Weight} = \text{Purchase Cost}$$

2. Estimating feeding costs – select the ration most like the one you use. These figures are based on a 300-day feeding period for a medium animal. Increase or decrease the figure if you feed for a much longer or shorter time and if you have a smaller or larger animal.

A. Example:

Your cost based on _____ days.

Good Hay – 1 ton @ \$100/T=\$100 \$_____

Ground Ear Corn – 3500 lbs. @\$150/T=\$262.50 \$_____

48% Soy-bean meal – 300 lbs. @\$14.50/cwt=\$\$40.50 \$_____

Grinding & Mixing Costs @\$1.20/cwt=\$42.00 \$_____

Minerals – 33.3 lbs. @\$0.25/cwt=\$8.33 \$_____

TOTAL = \$453.33 \$_____

B. Example:

Your cost based on _____ days.

Good Hay – 1 ton @\$100/T=\$100 \$_____

Steer Ration – 1 ton @\$10/cwt=\$418.00 \$_____

Based on a 260-day feeding program:

Corn Silage – 2.5 tons @\$25/T=\$62.50 \$_____

Hay – ½ ton @\$100/T=\$50.00 \$_____

40% Protein – 330 lbs. @\$12.50cwt=\$37.50 \$_____

Steam Flaked Corn – 1 ton @\$135/T=\$135.00 \$_____

Mineral Mix – 33.3 lbs. @\$0.25/lb=\$8.33 \$_____

NOTE: Ton = 2000 lbs. & cwt = 100 lbs.

3. Approximate other costs you may need to plan on:

Example:

Trucking = \$20/ton (or value if own truck) \$_____

3% Commission = \$30 (on a \$1000 sale) \$_____

Miscellaneous = \$20 \$_____

Interest = \$50 (or value if paid cash) \$_____

Bedding - \$40 \$_____

TOTAL COST = \$160 \$_____

4. Figure your total calf raising costs:

Example:

Your Cost
Calf Purchase Cost = \$_____

Feed Costs = \$_____

Other Costs = \$_____

Your approximate total costs = \$_____

Receipts – figure lower or higher depending upon finish weight and price per pound you hope to receive (Be conservative here).

Example:

900 lbs. market Beef:

- @ .75/lb = \$675.00
- .80/lb = \$720.00
- .85/lb = \$765.00
- .90/lb = \$810.00

1000 lbs. Market Beef:

- @ .75/lb = \$750.00
- .80/lb = \$800.00
- .85/lb = \$850.00
- .90/lb = \$900.00

1200 lbs. Market Beef:

- @ .75/lb = \$900.00
- .80/lb = \$960.00
- .85/lb = \$1020.00
- .90/lb = \$1080.00

(This is only an example; you will need to check for current prices!)

Weight (your expectations for sale time on July 2012) _____lbs. X (price per pound) @ \$_____ = (your expected receipts) \$_____

Receipts \$_____ - (cost) \$_____ = \$_____ (your expected profit/loss!)

NOTE: this GUIDE is adapted from materials developed by Frank Wiles from Tioga County.

New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarships

New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarships are sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion & Education State Committee. The Scholarship is for HS Seniors, with a late November deadline. District winners receive \$100 plus a gift and compete for the \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 scholarships awarded at a designated New York Farm Bureau event. Applicant Guidelines:

- ◆ Graduating High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry.
- ◆ Live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue.
- ◆ Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required & may accompany application.

Process and Procedure

- ◆ Applications & information are available at www.nyfb.org or calling 1-800-342-4143.
- ◆ The County winner (to receive an award at the discretion of the county) will be the individual with the highest score of all the county applicants. The overall highest score of all the candidates within the district will be the District winner.

The District judging event may include a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments, at the discretion of the District Rep. The judging will take place by mid January. Each District Winner will receive \$100 plus a memento of their selection. The State winner selection will be made from the District Winners, based solely on the submitted applications. There will be no personal interviews at this level.

Additional requirements (as noted on the application) include an essay, (not to exceed two pages, one side double-spaced, using a minimum 10 font) titled, "If you had the power to change something in your community or on your farm, what would you change and why?"

A 300dpi (minimum) photo (wallet size head and shoulders shot) is required and will become the property of NYFB. Applicant's signature will authorize consent to use this photo for news releases and exhibit purposes. Sorry, no school photos due to copyright laws.

Attention all Horse & Livestock Members! - Starting this year we are making a change in what you will be doing in 4-H for the horse & livestock program. Beginning on October 1st it will be **mandatory that you attend at least one educational event**. You have some choices regarding what those events will be. You can give a public demonstration, come to one of the horse or livestock clinics that we have, horse bowl practice or competition, or even an event in another county. If you choose an event in another county, you will have to contact me to get a form that will need to be signed by the person who is putting on the event. You need to make sure that a phone number is included so I can reach the person.

Horse Bowl - Our new program year has begun and we are gearing up for horse bowl! What is horse bowl? It is an educational project where 4-H'ers learn many aspects of the horse and how to work as a team member. In short it's a fun way to learn more about horses. You don't have to own a horse to be a part of it. Any youth interested in Horse Bowl please contact Tricia at the office at 585-268-7644 ext 16 or email at pjh34@cornell.edu. Our first practice will be Monday, November 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Cooperative Extension office.

Exploring Careers in the Dairy Industry

Apply today for this fun and interesting program

Dairy Youth Explorers is a career exploration program for students 13 to 18 years of age, who are interested in discovering exciting opportunities in the dairy industry. Dairy Youth Explorers connects youth to the leaders in the dairy industry and facilitates placement and work experiences in the agricultural industry. The program will involve hands-on workshops and educational trips. These activities will take place one day or weekend per month from December 2011 through August 2012. We tour agribusinesses, visit farms, learn about agricultural financing, visit Cornell and much more, as part of the Dairy Youth Explorer program.

There is a \$45.00 registration fee (scholarships are available on a limited basis). Most travel and meals are provided by local agribusiness financial support. Specific dates for the activities will be available from the 4-H office after the application due date.

A short application is due by November 21, 2011 and is available by calling Tom Parmenter at 585-268-7644 Ext. 26 or by e-mailing; tdp6@cornell.edu.

This is a fun filled experience for non-farm and farm 4-H members. Come join us in the Dairy Youth Explorer program for 2011-12.

Dairy Bowl

The practices for the 2012 Dairy Bowl Contest will begin on Saturday November 12th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. If you are interested in taking part in Dairy Bowl, call Tom at 585-268-7644 Ext. 26 or e-mail tdp6@cornell.edu. You are not required to attend all practices and study materials are available from the 4-H office upon request.

Additional practices are scheduled for Saturday December 3rd from noon to 2:00PM and for Saturday, January 7th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Other practice dates will be planned as we move into January. The County contest will be held in February to determine the make-up of the Allegany County teams which will compete at the District Contest in March.

It is never too late to join, always fun and a great way to make new friends.

Tear Slips

Market Beef Project Registration

Return by Tuesday, January 31, 2012

PLEASE PRINT. Use this form for **one** animal.

Member's Name _____ Age _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ Name of 4-H Club _____

Years in 4-H _____ Number of beef projects completed _____ Breed _____

Ear Tag # _____ Birth date _____ Date of purchase/ownership _____

Name of Breeder _____ Purchase weight _____

Purchase price/value _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____
(if not purchased)

Directions to farm _____

Public Presentation Workshop

January 7, 2012

Return Form by December 30, 2011

Name _____ Phone _____

Attending _____

4-H Upcoming Events

4-H CALANDAR YEAR

- November 2011: 21st – Dairy Youth Explorers Application due
- December 2011: 3rd – Dairy Bowl Practice
8th – Stained Glass Workshop
30th – Public Presentation workshop registration due
- January 2012: 7th – Dairy Bowl Practice
7th – Public Presentation Workshop
31st – Market Beef Project Registration entries due
Horse Bowl Practice
Livestock Clinic
- February: 4th - Public Presentations
Horse Bowl Practice
- March: District Presentation
Regional Horse Communication
Regional Horse Bowl
- April: Judging for clothing revue
- May: 1st - Pre-fair entries due
5th - Livestock Clinic
12th - Horse Clinic for Shots & Coggins
Fashion Show
Animal Crackers - Cornell University
- June: 1st - Fair entries due
2nd - Horse Clinic
- July: 16th – 21st – Allegany County Fair
- August: State fair
- September: 21st - Portfolios/Records Due at office
- October: New enrollment/re-enrollment begins
Produced in NY Contest (hosted by club)
- November: 2nd - Recognition Banquet
NYC Award trip
Horse Bowl Practice Begins
- December: Horse Bowl Practice

*Happy Holidays from
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