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Article: **Remembering Cheyenne**



On Dec. 15, 1998, Cheyenne Elizabeth Wolfer was born. On November 19, 2010 she was killed in a car accident in Wellsville, New York at age 11. Cheyenne was a beautiful, talented, free-spirited kind of girl. She loved sports, animals, traveling, and hanging out with friends. Cheyenne was also a great student.

Cheyenne loved sports, especially basketball, badminton, and soccer. She played basketball at Cuba-Rushford Elementary for the PTA for 2 years. Cheyenne was also an avid soccer player, competing in the Cuba Community Summer Soccer program for several years. She played badminton in her front yard with her friends. Her favorite part was smashing the birdie.

Cheyenne's favorite thing to do was to be with animals. At her mom's house she had two cats, Snowy and Kiki, a dog named Sissy, and a guinea pig. Across from the house was Gary and Patti Ploetz's dairy barn. She would go over at 5:00 in the morning and help with chores. Cheyenne had a ball learning how to milk the cows and eventually she helped milk them. She would grain the calves and heifers, feed the calves their milk by bottle or bucket, and feed the cats and kittens. Also, she would clean the

kitten's eyes and give them penicillin with Mr. Ploetz. Next to the barn there was a creek that she and one of her friends would go and play for hours in. They would go catch salamanders, minnows, frogs, and crayfish. At her dad's house they had nine miniature horses and several dogs. Her and her dad went to pulling competitions with their minis. Cheyenne was an active member in 4-H and FFA. She did dairy judging, livestock judging, Dairy Bowl, and showing cattle at the Allegany County Fair. Cheyenne loved all her animals and wanted to be an Animal Cop.

Cheyenne was a great student. She was smart, kind to others, and always willing to help when one of her fellow students didn't understand something. She showed her intelligence by being on the high honor roll. Plus, all of the teachers enjoyed having her in class.

Lastly, Cheyenne was a superb friend. She was understanding, patient, kind, always there for a friend, and she knew when something was wrong. Cheyenne's friends described her as funny, big-hearted, easy-going and fun loving.

Cheyenne will be remembered by all who knew her. She was loved by all her family very much and was like a sister to many of her friends. Cheyenne was a wonderful kid, daughter, friend and student.

Written by friends of Cheyenne.

Teen Council - "Blizzard Boxes"

This year 4-H once again assisted the Office of the Aging with the packing of Blizzard Boxes. The date was Friday, November 12th and 355 Blizzard Boxes were completed. These will provide meals for the elderly when getting out to a store is

not possible. Thank you Kathleen MacDonald, Bill and Betty Cheney, Devon and Colton Alsworth, Carla Arlig, Rebekah Gordon and Tim. I know your help was greatly appreciated.

Public Presentations Workshop

There will be a Public Presentation workshop held on Saturday Jan 8th if there is enough interest, location to be announced. Please contact Michelle at ext 11.

Public Presentations Contest

This important event will be held on Saturday February 5th from 9:00am-1:00pm at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Cuba. **Individual members and clubs need to complete the registration form in this Newsreel and return it to the 4-H office no later than Friday, January 21st** or email Michelle @ mds40@cornell.edu. 4-H members will be assigned rooms by subject matter. This helps insure that judges evaluate youths with some familiarity with their topic. We encourage leaders and parents to register their 4-H'ers even if they do not have a specific topic or title yet.

Presentations should be between three and twelve minutes. Twelve minutes is the maximum. (Exception: Regional Horse presentations 9-12 min) 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 at the office for rules and regulations

All 4'ers will be asked to stay in their rooms until presentations are done. Awards will be presented in each room after they have finished.

Remember: Junior 4-H'ers 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, end of year awards, and other 4-H honors.

If you or your club needs assistances in preparing for Public Presentation or would like to receive more information on how to present one, please contact Michelle at ext 11.

Remember the parts of a Public

Presentation: What you are 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? No Sloppy jeans or dirty clothes.
- ☺ Is your posture good? Are you standing up straight and not fidgeting?
- ☺ Is your voice loud and clear? Public Presentation 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 clover bud)

☺ At the end of your presentations summarize the most important points.

Dear 4-H Parent You are the key person in making your child's 4-H membership a successful and rewarding experience. Your child will need extra help as Public Presentation day draws near. Your son or daughter will be spending a great deal of time in the coming weeks getting ready. These are several things you can do to help:

☺ Show an interest.

☺ Give generously of your support and encouragement.

☺ be patient. A great deal of practice is needed before a child feels prepared and confident to before an audience. Encourage your child to practice. You may eat fruit salad for three weeks or listen to an illustrated talk on the anatomy of a horse a dozen times.

☺ Attend the presentations on February 5th

☺ Help make the experience meaningful. Review the evaluation sheet with your child when it is returned to them. Praise the things that were done well and help your child to understand how to improve and make the best better! Hope to see all of you there and good luck!

Help Needed

TEEN JUDGES AND ROOM HOST/HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST DURING PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS. TO VOLUNTEER YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD, HAVE GIVEN AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND GIVE A PRESENTATION THIS YEAR. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE BACK OF THIS ISSUE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP!

Allegheny County 4-H Scholarship

The Allegheny County 4-H Youth Development Program offers one scholarship a year for \$500.00. The purpose is to encourage and assist eligible 4-H'ers to look at and take advantage of higher educational opportunities. To be eligible a 4-H member must have completed two projects in the previous year and currently be enrolled in 4-H and have actively participated in 4-H County Fundraising. A 4-H'er may receive this scholarship only once. For an application and further information please contact Michelle at the office at ext 11.

March Dog Madness - Mark your calendars! This year's March Madness will be held on March 19th, 2011. More information will be available after the New Year. Remember to check out our website for upcoming events and more information.

Pheasant Rearing Project

The Department of Environmental Conservation is once again distributing day old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youth. Remember that all youth must have adult leader willing to oversee the expected to first become familiar with the Department's Pheasant Rearing Guide. This guide is available at the 4-H office. The number of pheasants' released is recorded at the end of the project.

The DEC is maintaining a database of all people who receive birds from them in case a voluntary avian influenza-testing program is initiated. If you are interested in participating in this project, fill in the tear slip at the end of this issue and return it to the office by Feb. 25th.

Horse Bowl/Hippology

We would like to put a team together this year for horse bowl and hippology. We usually meet at the office once a month and go over study material and play games to sharpen your skill and knowledge on horses. Best part is you do not have to own a horse to compete in this! If any 4-H'er is interested in participating in horse bowl or hippology or both please contact Tricia at the office.

Dairy Bowl Practice

If you wish to be a member on one of the teams, it's not too late. Please call Tom at the 4-H office today to express your interest and arrange to receive study materials

All practices will be at the Cooperative Extension Office in Belmont.

District Dairy Bowl Contest will be in March. Practices are not mandatory but the last two practices will be used for the selection of teams should we need to make cuts.

How about a Dairy Project?

Now is a good time to be thinking about a 4-H project for the upcoming year. If you have an interest in working with a dairy animal we can help. Selecting an animal, finding a farm that will work with you if you don't have access to an animal, fitting and showing clinics, and other help is all available from the 4-H office. Other activities throughout the year include Dairy Judging, Dairy Bowl, and Farm Visits, Fitting and showing Clinics, and trips to Cornell University. Join us today! For more information and help with getting started please call Tom.

Livestock Kids!

It is time to take advantage of what 4-H has to offer to you in our upcoming Livestock Clinics! Our first one will be at the office on **Monday January 17th @ 9.30am.** (Information covered will be on sheep, swine and beef) Snow date will be February

21 same place and same time. We will also have **hands on clinic on Saturday May 7th at the Angelica Fair grounds.**

Mandatory CLINIC for Goats, Rabbits & Poultry

First clinic will be on March 26 here at the Extension Office at 10am and the second date is April 22nd same time and place. If you plan to bring a goat, rabbit or form of poultry to the 2011 Allegany County Fair it is MANDATORY that you attend at LEAST 1 OF THESE CLINICS. Pre- registration is a must! Please let Michelle know you are attending.

Dates to Remember!

Office will be closed on

Dec 23, 24, 30, and 31.

Jan 8th -Presentation workshop

Jan 17th - livestock clinic at the office

Feb 5th - Public Presentation Contest

Feb 21 - office closed, snow date for livestock clinic from 1/17/11

March 12 - Regional horse bowl at JCC college in Olean @ 9:30AM

March 19th - Horse Communication, Cuba @ 9AM

March 26th - Goat, Poultry & Rabbit Clinic

April 9th - Western District Public Presentations - **location TBA**

April 22nd - Goat, Poultry & Rabbit Clinic

Fund Raisers - - 4-H'ers need to do 2 per year. This is what we have left. Please

contact Michelle at the office to sign up for them.

Cuba Cheese- Feb/March

Seeds and Spring Bulbs March /April

Hog Wild -April -July

Chicken Chance- April-July

Gas Card- April- July

Recognition Night

Teen council hosted the 2010 Allegany County 4-H Banquet on October 30th at the First Baptist Church in Cuba. We had over 100 4-H Families attend. Thank you to all who helped make the evening a GREAT SUCCESS!

Market Beef Registrations

This is a reminder that beef registrations are due in the office by January 31st. If you have not already done so, fill in the registration form at the back of this issue or you can find it online under forms.

Market Beef Project Members

The following is a "**Push Your Pencil**" reminder: please complete your Market Beef Records - to figure what your costs and returns MIGHT be for your 2011 4-H Market Beef Project. You can get a record from the 4-H office or online, just let us know what you need. Remember you need the project record in order for your beef to participate at fair. The record does not have to be completed, but must be a "work in progress" that we can sign off on. Remember this is supposed to be a learning experience!



Aaron's first year showing 2000- picture compliments of mom....

To Whom That It May Concern,

Thanks for another great year with 4-H. Unfortunately, it has also been my last year as a 4-Her and I would like to thank everyone for the help that I have been supplied, and the support that everyone has given.

It seems odd to be summing up all these years, without the reassurance of another year to do it all again. These past years have involved experiences of agriculture abroad, challenges of my knowledge with Dairy Bowl and Skillathon, various community service activities, showing Dairy and Market Hogs at the local fair, and educating new members in the dairy industry. Thinking back on the years, I have shown market hogs for 12 years, been involved with the dairy program for 9 years, showed rabbits for 5 years, open show horse for 3, and have done various other projects. I have met many faces, and will always have a fond memory for those who have shared in the experience, especially those fellow 4-Her's who are sharing the same experience this year with me.

Thinking back on all these years, it feels as though everything has been done. Those many ribbons and trophies that have been packed away are a timeline through the

past. I feel that my work this year, as well as previous years, has gone to good use, and I truly hope that it has been enjoyed, appreciated, and recognized by the many others, as to encourage them to do the same.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw "This is the true joy of life, the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one." The many years that I have enjoyed in 4-H has been like no other. The places I've gone and the people that I have met in this great organization have meant the world to me. I will miss being that young 4-Her with his first animal project out in the ring, but it is the time to pass the torch to the new generation. I hope that they'll get the most out of this organization, and will recognize the great achievements that can happen.

Thank you to all who have helped me become the person I am today. I know without 4-H, I wouldn't be where I am now. I hope to be back next year, as the next generation as a volunteer, because I know I'll bleed, Forever Green.

Sincerely yours,

Aaron J Santangelo

Aaron Santangelo
Avid Agricultural Youth
Supporter

*Aaron's last year of
showing 2010.*



PHEASANT REARING PROJECT

Return by Monday, *January 31, 2011*

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

YEAR IN PROJECT _____ # OF CHICKS ORDERED _____

MARKET BEEF PROJECT REGISTRATION

Return by Monday, *January 31, 2011*

PLEASE PRINT - ONE ANIMAL PER FORM

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ Name of 4-H Club: _____

YEAR IN 4-H _____ # 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

Date

Directions to farm: _____
