



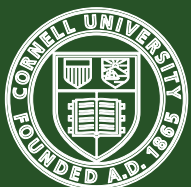
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4-H Officer's Training and Installation Service on November 20, 2011.



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Animal Career's Photo Contest

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

Cornell's Department of Animal Science announces a digital photo contest for students, faculty, staff and the public. Their recently unveiled "Animal Careers" website seeks to engage middle and high school students interested in future careers with animals. The website may also be of interest to current college students considering their options after graduation. As part of this engagement effort, the project team is collecting photographs of people working with animals or in animal related careers.

Photo entries are due December 21, 2011. Entries must be submitted electronically (www.animalcareers.cornell.edu/photo_contest.html) and winning selections will appear on the Animal Careers website as well as in print and program marketing materials. The top two photographers will be invited on a shopping spree to the Cornell Campus Store. Please see the website for details.

This is a great opportunity for adults and youth alike to share their talents for capturing current images of real people in real jobs working with animals. The project aims to help those involved in animal related industries and young people who are eager to learn how they can prepare for a career working with or for the benefit of animals.

For details on how to participate, visit the Animal Careers website at www.animalcareers.cornell.edu/photo_contest.html.

All photographs must be submitted through the website.



4-H Warriors News

By: Tami Petrus,
4-H Club Leader

The 4-H Warriors held their October meeting at the Prance farm. After the business portion of the meeting, club members got to meet the newest additions to the Prance family menagerie! Dejavu is a two year old alpaca and Chief is their young six month old llama. Both of the animals were very friendly and the 4-Hers had a great time learning about the dietary habits and communal nature of these gentle creatures. Of course petting them and getting to feel their soft coats was fun too!



Back row, left to right - Jessica Prance, Angela Petrus, Chief (held by Jess), Ms. Brenda Prance, Dejavu (held by Kyleigh), Kyleigh Prance, Autumn Dayton
Front - Ethan and Joseph Petrus

Finding the Right Puppy for You

By: Karen Soule, 4-H Educator



Recently I stopped into the local shelter with the purpose of seeing if 4-H could borrow a couple of kittens for our 4-H Friday, but being a dog person, I had to see what dogs were available. There were a couple of Labrador Retrievers, a Beagle, two Italian Greyhounds, a Boxer mix, and several pit bull mixes. Far too many dogs end up in shelters and rescues because the owner did **not research about the breed they were considering. They don't** realize the size that the puppy will grow to, the amount of energy that some breeds possess, or the time involved. Finding the right puppy can make all the difference. Timing is also important **when choosing a puppy. It's not advisable to bring a new pet into the home around the holidays** because of all the commotion and it can be harder to housetrain during the winter.

First decide what you want to do with your puppy. If you want to run agility, choose a puppy who is bold, not afraid of his footing and un-afraid of heights. For obedience, find a dog that has a high prey and food drive. These two traits help them overcome stress more easily. For any competition, finding a confident puppy is also important. But if you are just looking for a companion animal, avoid the high drive breeds like Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, and Labradors. Most dogs in the herding and sporting groups have a lot of energy and need a job to do. Find a laid back, people loving puppy. A dog that is submissive and more **'needy' than an independent dog, will be the best choice if you're looking for a dog to lay** beside your chair or next to you on the couch.



Puppies are like our youth. They are the future. Take care of them and the rewards that you will get in return are endless. I like the bumper sticker that AKC once put out **"if you love your dog, leash your dog."**



These two aussie pups are hard to resist, but this is a breed to research before buying. Their intelligence and herding tendencies can get them into trouble!

Great Backyard Bird Count

By: Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

Save the Dates For the Next GBBC! *From Cornell Ornithology Lab*

The next **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)** takes place **Friday, February 17, through Monday, February 20, 2012**. We're looking forward to it and we hope you are too! The National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada will keep you informed of all the latest developments as the big event gets closer.

During this February's GBBC, participants submitted more than 92,000 online checklists and identified nearly 600 distinct species. This was the third year in a row that checklists topped 90,000. New checklist records were set in 11 states and in seven out of 13 Canadian provinces and territories, resulting in a new overall checklist record for Canada. Altogether, participants identified 596 species and 11.4 million bird observations.

The most numerous bird counted in the 2011 GBBC was the European Starling—a species that was entirely absent from North America before the late 19th century. One hundred birds were introduced in New York's Central Park in 1890 and 1891. According to *The Birds of North America Online*, the descendants of these few birds now total more than 200 million and are distributed across the entire continent.

The American Robin was the second most numerous species reported this year with more than 800,000 reported from Florida—for the third year in a row, the site of a massive roost near St. Petersburg. Overall, GBBC participants made 1,044,346 observations of robins this year.

We hope you will join us during the bird count... it's a great citizen science project! The website is www.birdsource.org/gbbc/ where you can find out more information and be able to track submissions on a map.

This Mockingbird was seen in Henderson recently on its journey south for the winter.



4-H News

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

Thanks to all the members and adults who **helped make the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast** another fun and profitable event. Over \$300 was raised for the 4-H **Leader's Scholarship Fund**.

Approximately 25 4-H members came out that Sunday morning to help serve our customers! **Applebee's staff's always so helpful and friendly.** The pancakes were great again too!

We already have next year's event scheduled. It will be Sunday, November 4, 2012!



Adventure Club

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

The next meeting of the Adventure Club will be held at **Gander Mountain on January 5th, a Thursday evening from 7 – 9 PM.** We will also have use of the Archery Range. The **February** meeting will also be held at Gander Mt on the **2nd, from 7 – 9 PM** as well.

The **Winter State Shooting Sports** training will be held in Ballston Spa in Saratoga County on **February 24th – 26th.** Several disciplines (archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading, air pistol, or living history) are usually offered, but only one discipline can be selected at the training for the weekend. For more information check the NYS Shooting Sport website or contact Holly for updates. The training is for adults and teens over 13 years of age.



4-H Officers' Training

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

We had a county club officer training Sunday, November 20th at the CCE office. We had seven officers from the Timberwolves and 4-H Warriors clubs attend. The roles of each position were discussed, they learned some of the broader opportunities 4-H provides (state and nationally) and played several games. We **built a telescope as a symbol of "look to the future" of 4-H Leadership.** We concluded with a candlelight installation service. (Picture front cover)

We will plan another officer training that will **cover club procedures, aka Robert's Rules of Order.** This will be done through active role plays and of course some fun team building games. We will have this after the holiday season, so look for a date in January. Any officer position may attend.

4-H Paper Clover Campaign

By: Matt Greene, *4-H Educator*

The fall 4-H paper clover campaign was extremely successful. Over 1100 clovers were sold at the Watertown Tractor Supply Store to support 4-H. The Watertown store was the highest single store in the state sales region as far as clovers sold. Thanks to Dean Simmons and his staff for their support, as well as all the **4-H'ers and parents who came out to sell clovers.** **This fall's campaign will contribute over \$700 to the 4-H trips and awards fund here in Jefferson County.** Thank you to all and well done!!



4-H News

4-H Friday will be January 27th
from 7 – 9 PM at the CCE office.
Topics still to be determined.

Jefferson County Livestock Club
By: Matt Greene, *4-H Educator*



The Jefferson County Livestock Club held its first meeting on November 19. There were four, **4-H'ers in attendance**. The club is focusing on livestock projects to include: beef cattle, sheep, swine, and goats. One of the goals of the club is to compete in the 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon at the state fair. The next meeting of the club will be on **December 17th at 10am at the Cooperative Extension office**. We will learn about feeds for livestock species. There will be another meeting on **January 16th**, where we will be touring local farms. If you are interested in joining this club please contact Matt, mpg6@cornell.edu for more information.



4-H Robotics Club Meeting
December 15, 7-8:30pm
at CCE Office.

Get Ready for the
Junior Holstein Convention Meeting!
Saturday, December 10, 2011
10:00am, Farm Credit Office in Burrville
New York Junior Holstein Association
Membership Sign-up.
Discuss contest participation.
Warm-up for Holstein Bowl.
Plan for teams, rooms and meals.
Eat pizza, see your friends, have fun!
RSVP to Mrs. Porter by email or text.

4-H Maple Program

By: Matt Greene, *4-H Educator*

The 4-H maple education program will begin meeting in **January on the 12th at 6:30 pm**. The following meetings will be on the **19th, 26th and February 2nd**. The maple program will educate 4-H'ers **about how maple syrup is produced, marketed and products that can be made from it**. You do not need to attend all meetings. Call Matt for more information.



The 4-H Warriors club held their elections on
November 15, 2011.

The results of the elections are as follows:

President - Miciaela Arreola

Vice President - Vernett (Vanilla) Locust

Reporter - Diana McCabe

Secretary - Claire McCabe

Treasurer - Caleb Arreola

Health Officer - Autumn Dayton

Recreation Leaders -

Joseph Petrus and Halie Arreola

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Geocaching in the City

By: Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

If you missed the Geocache Bash on November 12, keep watching for another similar event in the spring. We had five families; two 4-H families and three military families, on a quest for approximately 28 caches hidden in the western part of Watertown. We began just west of BOCES and traveled east on Arsenal Street, logged a cache at St. Patrick's, then headed for the old city hall on Washington Street before heading to the old county jail and the Veterans Memorial Parkway. We ended our search after finding one at Maggie's On The River and one at Whitewater Park. Our search for caches ended as we were running out of time and daylight. Eighteen caches were logged for the day and only one was not found. There were eight more we had hoped to find along Coffeen Street, but they can wait for another day. We had quite a competition between families as the quest to be the first to find a cache was almost like the amazing race!



These two youths do a little climbing to find a cache, but unfortunately this one escaped us.



These 4-H members are returning after the last find of the day at Whitewater Park. L to R: Monica and Marion Reed, Michele, James and Allison Bradberry.



Volunteer Points

By Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

Here is an updated list for the Volunteer Points! The list below is current as of November 28, 2011. Remember that each five points is worth \$2. To use the points towards an item in the 4-H Mall (on-line catalog), just write or e-mail Holly with your selections by the 15th of any month. The orders will be combined to reduce shipping and we have the tax exempt status. Volunteer points may also be used towards other 4-H event fees as well. Volunteer points are earned primarily during the county fair, but may also be earned at the State Fair, horse shows and other 4-H events where help is needed.

<u>Caleb Arreola</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Olivia Klock</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Casey Poter</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Miciaela Arreola</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>Vernette Locust</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Jessica Prance</u>	<u>130</u>
<u>Emma Buckley</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>Clair McCabe</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>Kyleigh Prance</u>	<u>117</u>
<u>Michael Cummings</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Diana McCabe</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Fox Richardson</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>Autumn Dayton</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>Graceanne Minnick</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Sovanndary Sok</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>Emily Elcsisin</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>Julianna Monaghan</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>Nicole Tsitirdis</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Erika Elcsisin</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Logan Otis</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Katen Welser</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Meghann Everett</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Charlie Parker</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Morgan Wewer</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mikaylee Gamble</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Rachel Parker</u>	<u>5</u>		
<u>Wesley Justice</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Angela Petrus</u>	<u>70</u>		

Bunraku Puppet Team on Parade!

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

The 4-H Puppet Team performed on a float for the Watertown Christmas Parade, November 17th. This group of 4-H'ers has been working with these puppets off and on for over a year. **Members of Bunraku teams are traditionally anonymous**, however members from Country Critters, Adventure Club and Furry Friends participated. The money for supplies and materials came from a grant, Celebrate Urban Birds, awarded to us by the Lab of Ornithology at Cornell University. The puppets are crows, which are interesting, yet controversial in Jefferson County. We hope to use the puppets again at other 4-H events such as the County Fair and possibly at Tractor Supply Paper Clover drives. If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact Holly. It is an unusual and fun art!



Panther LEAP Program

By: Mitch McCormick, *Program Coordinator*

The Panther LEAP Program had another very successful month in November! Academics has been a big focus of the After School Program and in the last month two teacher tutors were hired to work with small groups to provide homework help as well as reinforce the core subjects. The students in the program have been working hard to stay focused on academics and make improvements; the addition of two tutors has significantly helped throughout this process. With **the release of 10 week report cards we're looking to now record and track student's progress** as we begin to target specific subjects and topics to make a positive difference.

As for the enrichment programming, we implemented many activities this month. One of the most exciting lessons was on electricity and wind power, taught by 4-H educator Holly Wirth. Youth in the 3rd through 6th grades learned about powering batteries using different methods of fuel as well as how to effectively craft a wind turbine to generate the most electricity. The 6th and 7th grade students were quite interested and recently began a spin-off project constructing balloon powered vehicles. Students need to submit their own designs and use a set of materials to create the most efficient balloon car. Other activities included identifying all the bones in the human body (3rd grade), jewelry making, (2nd grade) and making home-made apple cider (all age groups). Our program ended before the break with a culminating event, a LEAP Thanksgiving Dinner! The younger students helped create decorations and table centerpieces. Everyone had the opportunity to help cook many parts of the meal. The dinner took place on Monday November 22 and about 115 were served including parents and children.

Looking forward to December, we'll be scheduling community events where children can make Holiday cookies and ornaments. Stay tuned for more updates!



Families enjoy a meal together at the Belleville-Henderson Dinner on November 22.



Table decorations made by the children who attend the Panther LEAP After School Program.



Kristen Dodge and Leah Walldroff serve families Thanksgiving Dinner at the Belleville-Henderson After School Program on November 22.

NYC Trip Pictures



Penny Rowsam, Kaitlyn Ward, Casey Porter, Marissa Chisholm & Matt Greene.



In front Jefferson County 4-H'ers Casey Porter and Marissa Chisholm, along with other 4-H'ers from across the state and 4-H alumni and actor Eric Stonestreet.

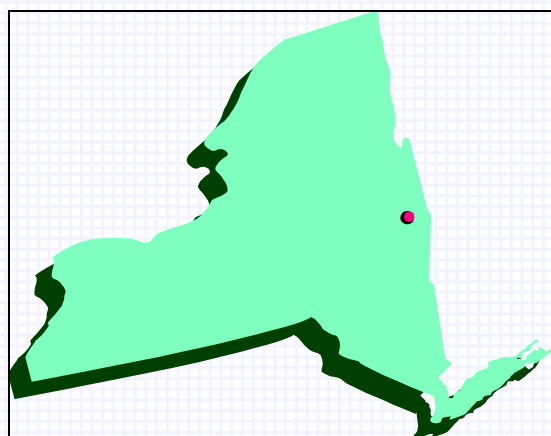
4-H Capital Days

By: Holly Wirth, *4-H Educator*

Capital Days, **March 4-6, 2012 plans are underway. It's time to be thinking of why you might like to try for this trip!** The trip is open to any active 4-H member age 13 and up. The trip involves going to Albany and staying overnight. Transportation is provided by your Extension office and staff.

During the trip you will not only meet other 4-H teens from across the state, but also tour the capital buildings, visit departments and meet your legislators and other state representatives. A teen committee plans the food, dance and games. There are speaking opportunities for the county youth attending as well. If you are selected a letter will be sent to your school for an educational absence excuse.

This year, as in the past, you will need to submit an essay on **“Why you would like to be selected and what would you like to discuss with your representative.”** Please submit your essay by **January 25th**, to Holly Wirth. You may submit by e-mail at hrs54@cornell.edu or regular mail to 203 N. Hamilton St. Watertown, NY 13601.



4-H'ers Take Manhattan

By: Matt Greene, *4-H Educator*

Casey Porter and Marris Chisholm had the opportunity to go to New York City on November 14, 15, and 16 as a part of the New York City 4-H awards trip. They visited many tourist **attractions including Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island,** the World Trade Center Memorial, the Museum of Natural History, and Times Square. They also



went to see the musical Jersey Boys and attend a taping of Good Morning America. While at the GMA taping Casey and Marissa along with other 4-H'ers got to meet **Eric Stonestreet, star of the TV show Modern Family.** Eric posed for pictures with the 4-H'ers and even related that he was a 4-H alumni. It was three very busy days that left all members tired and with many memories. See previous page for pictures!

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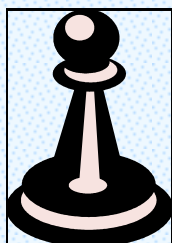
OUR MONTHLY CHESS FEATURE... Clearer Thinking: Greco v. NN, Notebook Game 1620

By John Kunz, Advantage After-school Coordinator

This game qualifies as one of the oldest recorded chess games. It was inscribed in the notebook of Gioachino Greco. Greco was an itinerant Italian chess player. His work chronicles many opening traps and checkmate patterns that are still seen today. His games were all published without the names of opponents. Many scholars believe that the games were constructed by Greco rather than played over the board.

The opening used here is the Bishop's Opening. It can provide for some sharp tactics. As the game progresses, watch for batteries, forks, a double attack and two discoveries. Black resigns before mate. See if you can play out to checkmate.

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|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. e4, e5 | 8. Ng5, Nh6 | 15. Bf7+, Kd7 |
| 2. Bc4, Bc5 | 9. d4, Bb6 | 16. Qf4, Nge7 |
| 3. Qe2, d6 | 10. Bxf4, Qe7 | 17. Qxg4+, Kd8 |
| 4. c3, Nc6 | 11. Rf1, f6 | 18. Bxe7+, Nxe7 |
| 5. f4, exf4 | 12. Nd2, fxg5 | 19. Qxg7 |
| 6. Nf3, g5 | 13. Bxg5, Qg7 | |
| 7. h4, g4 | 14. Qe3, Ng8 | |



Happy December Birthday!!

1 Scott Howe
Michael Cummings

2 Marc Ellis
Keagan Carter
Cassidy Nicolette

3 Macie Moore
Makayla Moore
Trenton Bernat
Matthew Simmions
Mikell Marshall-England

4 Marley-Jane Reynolds

5 Branden Green-Pulley

6 Seth Whitney-Wekar
Robert Burks
Anna Swatzel

7 Michael West
Grace Eberlien

8 Perri Redden

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4-H Slogan and Motto

Slogan: "Learn by doing" Motto: "To Make the Best Better!"

