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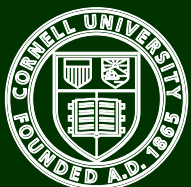
Top Left: Front Row: Shelby Phelps, Madison Watkins, Kerrigan Crowley. Back Row: Elizabeth Crowley, Kayla Watkins.

Top Right: Elizabeth Crowley, Raphaela Bell, Shelby Phelps, Kerrigan Crowley, Madison Watkins, Seth Whitney-Wekar.

Left: Holly Sakowich, Erika Elcsisin, John Kunz, Miranda Bechaz, Joanne Bechaz, Katrina Ellis, Kayla Watkins.

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

We had a wonderful group of 4-H'ers come to this annual event held May 7. Thanks to John Kunz and Katrina Ellis for being our Evaluators! We had 11 participants in Public Presentations and 5 Fashion Show participants. The older members show such poise and orderly thought. The young members are just so cute! Thanks to all the supporting Club Leaders and parents. Remember you can enter the County Fair in Public Presentations, Talent and Fashion Shows too!



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NYS Dairy Bowl

By Matt Greene, 4-H Educator

Jefferson County was strongly represented at the New York State Dairy Bowl Competition. Casey Porter, Ryan Willits and Erik Shelmidine along with Katie Oster from Madison County completed the team representing the North Central 4-H district. The team placed third. Casey was the 4th place overall individual in the State. By virtue of her performance Casey will represent New York State on the 4-H Dairy Bowl team that will compete at the National Dairy Bowl Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Casey is also the third member of the Porter family to earn this honor. Both of her brothers David and Jamison have competed at nationals in the past. Congratulations to all!



Ryan Willits , Casey Porter and Erik Shelmidine

Copenhagen STARS

By Anna Steele, Copenhagen STARS Coordinator



June will bring sunshine and the end of the school year. As we wrap up the school year we will host one more adventure Outdoor Fun Day on Saturday, June 11. During this event youth will participate in a variety of different outdoor activities and have a picnic lunch with the STARS staff. Mark your calendars for next school

year! Our registrations will be during our Kick Off Barbecue on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Our next Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 15! Lights On Afterschool, a nationwide celebration of afterschool programs, will be on Thursday, October 20, 2011. As the events get closer information will be posted on our webpage at www.ccsknights.org under Extra Curricular and sent home with the students. **Our last day of program will be Friday, June 17, 2011!** Have a safe and fun summer!!



4-H Horse Show

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

There is a 4-H Horse Show on Saturday, June 18 beginning at 9am at the Alex T. Duffy Fairground ring. For junior and senior riders the cost will be \$25 and for walk/trot will be \$15. If there is a family with two or more participants the cost will be \$20 per participant. We hope to see you there!!



Reminder

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

Don't Procrastinate! Project Record Books and Annual Summary Reports are DUE SEPTEMBER 15! These forms are online. Go to CCE website, Youth and Family and the 4-H Forms. Any questions call Holly.



Connect with us on Facebook

4-H Military Clubs and Speak Out for Military Kids is now on Facebook.

Find us at our page:
NYS 4-H Military Clubs/SOMK

Fair Entries Deadline Approaching

By Matt Greene, 4-H Educator

Fair entries for the Jefferson County Fair are due on June 10th. There are significant changes to the poultry section of the fair book. If you have any questions about your entries please contact us at the office for assistance. If you would like a hard copy of the Fair Book please contact Linda at 788-8450, ext. 257.

Agility Qualifiers for State Fair

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

Once again we are having an agility qualifier at the location where we train rather than at the county fair. Because of the age of the equipment and the difficulty to transport agility equipment this works out well. There are two opportunities to qualify. They are Monday, June 27 and Thursday, June 30, both at 6:00 pm. You can choose either date to run. Please RSVP which night you want to try to qualify. The address is 14980 County Route 76, Adams Center.



Agility Classes

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

By now agility class or practice is underway at the home of Ron Shoemaker, Adams Center. We meet on Mondays at 6:00 pm. If you are interested and your dog has had basic obedience training you are welcome to join us. Just a reminder that there is no fence around the training field so your dog should be able to safely be off leash before starting agility. Please call Karen at 788-8450, ext. 269 to sign up.



Dressage Tests for 2011

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

Since the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Dressage Tests have changed for 2011, the NYS 4-H Horse Program will change to match these tests. Training Level will have Tests 1 through 3. Test 4 has been dropped. In First level there is Test 1 and 'Test Choice: Test 2-4'. Test forms are available at our office upon request or tests and rules are available at www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/rulebook/dressage.pdf.



Furry Friends get out in Nature!

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

On May 19, members of the Furry Friends 4-H Dog Club met at the Watertown end of the Black River Trail with their dogs for a combined hike and geocaching excursion. Eight people and five happy dogs set out and walked about 3 miles that evening. There was a lot of plants to be identified and some to avoid, such as poison ivy, along the trail. When we got about half way on the paved trail, our GPS units indicated that we were close to the cache, 'Black River Trail Rest.' Despite several people searching, this time we were unsuccessful. Perhaps another time when we're not running out of daylight! There are three caches hidden along this trail. To see more pictures join our Jefferson County, New York 4-H Facebook page!



Members, dogs and parents of the Furry Friends Dog Club get out and go on a hike at the Black River Trail

Find us on Facebook!!



We invite you to join **Jefferson County, New York 4H**

It's a great way to stay connected and find out about upcoming events!



Getting Ready for the County Fair

By Matt Greene, 4-H Educator

It's June everyone, which means that in a few short weeks County Fair will be here. In this time between here are some things to work on to make the fair experience that much better for both you and your animal.

- ◆ Start getting your animals ready to be shown by giving them a bath. Your animals will need to be washed and looking their best on show day so get them used to a bath now. Also it's a great way for both you and your animal to cool off on a hot day.
- ◆ Start working on leading your animal around in the same manner that they will be shown. When your animal is more easily led it makes showing more fun and you will do better in the ring. Also learn how to set up you animal for examination by the judge, help them to look their best.
- ◆ Make an appointment with your veterinarian so your animal can get the necessary shots to be able to show at the fair. Each species has specific vaccinations required as well as records of receiving these shots. If your animals don't have these shots they will not be able to be shown at the fair.

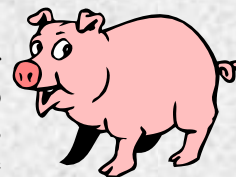


- ◆ Make a list of the supplies that you will need to have at the fair. Things like water buckets, lead ropes, halters, forks, shovels, wheelbarrows, bedding, stall decorations, health papers and washing supplies will all need to be brought with



you.

- ◆ The fair is not as quiet as your barn at home. Use radios to make noise to help animals get used to what they will be experiencing. Using fans with ribbons flapping from them can also help get animals used to sudden movements that they may experience in the show tents.



If you need any help with getting ready for the fair, give the 4-H office a call and we will do our best to get you the information you need. Some hard work between now and show time will be some of the most rewarding time spent with your animal.

Dairy Cattle Judging

By Matt Greene, 4-H Educator



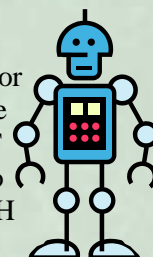
There will be a dairy cattle judging tour in the Madison County area on Monday, June 27. The day begins around 8:45 and will last all day. We will be judging Ayrshires, Brown Swiss, Jerseys and Holsteins, around 9 classes in total. If you are interested in going please contact Matt in the 4-H office.

Robotics

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

4-H is working with First Lego League on an exciting Robotics curriculum. There will be a training in Delaware County June 16. We will be attending this and if there is an adult or teen who would also like this training please contact Holly. The training is free and we can provide transportation, it will be an all day event. This program has exciting possibilities! It is fun, scientific and offers competition on many levels. The last couple of years First Lego League has had a demo booth at the State Fair in the 4-H Youth building. This year and hopefully many years to come there will be a challenge robotics course for 4-H Clubs to participate in.

More news will be coming in the fall. For now, we hope to have a demonstration at the County Fair. If anyone has the Lego NXT robotics kit to use or temporarily donate to interested 4-H'ers, please contact the 4-H office.



The 4-H Pledge

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

Jefferson County has quite a few 4-H members that are enrolled as independents or are in a club where the meetings are very informal. There are times when knowing the 4-H Pledge helps with participating in an event. The 4-H Pledge has been used since 1927 as we have it today, with the exception of "and my world," being added in 1973. **During the County Fair there will be a reward for reciting the 4-H Pledge solo to a staff member.** Here it is for everyone to learn!

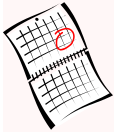
"I pledge My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living. For my club, my community, my country and my world."



4-H Leader's Meeting Results

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

We had a wonderful turn out of Leaders and interested parents on May 9. We discussed the upcoming County Fair and several other topics. We also conducted an informal survey of the 20 people present. From the survey results and discussion we have the following plans.



A "Year at a Glance Calendar" will be produced. This will give the events by the month, not all exact dates, to help plan your year. This will be available each year in August.

Leader's Meetings will only happen 3-4 times per year. The next one will be in August. This was suggested to get ahead of school starting and offer help with record book questions. This year it will be **Monday, August 15 at 7:00 pm.**

Many people would like a Leader Training for Club Hands On Activities. Perhaps during the Winter Break.



The Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is the Leader's Association Scholarship project. However for the time being, the Leader's Association does not have officers, as in past years. This still needs to be addressed as there is a bank account that needs supervision. Currently Linda Elcisin and Holly Wirth are on this account.

A **Dairy Bar training** will be offered for 4-H'ers working during the fair. This will hopefully help with giving consistent and proper service to our customers. The date for this will **Friday, July 8 at 6:30 pm.**

The place will be announced to the members who have signed up via Fair Entry Forms.



4-H Friday

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator



The next 4-H Friday will not be until September! The date will be September 23 at 7:00 pm at the CCE building. If you have ideas or would like to help with any future 4-H Fridays please call Holly.

The purpose of 4-H Friday is to give everyone in the community an awareness of the 4-H possibilities. We always have current 4-H members attend and they often help out. We sample at least three 4-H project areas.

These activities count towards a 4-H member's county participation and also can apply to a project record. We also have information for anyone who wants to join, and help them understand how 4-H works in Jefferson County and beyond!



Adventure Club/Shooting Sports

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator



Summer is a great time for the Adventure Club to be active. Come join the FUN! We will be meeting on the 4th Tuesdays of each month (May, June, July and August) at the Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club on Salt Point Road. We will have archery, rifle and air pistol available. We also can have outdoor skills such as camping, GPS and geo-caching and living history. We have had over 35 of you participating in Shooting Sports and some of these other 4-H project areas.

PLEASE, contact Holly or Karen if you would like to have a certain topic covered in an activity. You can contact us by e-mail, phone or Facebook. It is just like voting—we need to hear your voice!

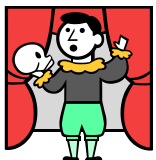


NYS Public Presentations

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

The State Level 4-H Public Presentations event has been suspended for 2011. The statewide event has been postponed as a result of changes happening at the State 4-H Office including staffing changes, new leadership and an effort to align with research. All of these changes,

of course, are happening in challenging economic times - and decisions had to be made about where to put focus and efforts. All 4-H members are encouraged to work

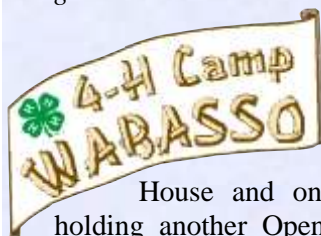


hard on their presentations for local and district events. Youth are encouraged to also present at the State Fair as individual presenters and/or use their public speaking skills to tell their 4-H stories to local decision makers and community leaders.



4-H Camp Wabasso

By Stephanie Graf, Youth and Family Development Program Leader



We are very pleased to report that the 2011 4-H Camp Wabasso summer season is off to a good start. On Saturday, May 21st we had an Open House and on Sunday June 12th we are holding another Open House. The Open House on June 12th is 10am–2pm. Open Houses are a great informal way to walk around camp, view the facility upgrades, ask questions, complete your camp registration and enjoy 4-H Camp Wabasso.

Camp School Days is right around the corner. There are still a few open days for schools to reserve a spot. At this time we have 640 youth scheduled to participate. This year we are adding new educational components–1) Nature Studies which will include a hike through the woods and along the lake or pond edge. Youth will find flora and fauna found living at Camp. 2) 4-H Aerospace Adventures will explore concepts in aerospace science. Rockets will soar and principles of flight will be explained through hands on activities. 3) 4-H Agricultural

Science will examine a variety of ways agriculture impacts our daily lives. 4) Renewable “Green” Energy: Wind, youth will learn where energy comes from and how wind can be used to make electricity, by the transfer of energy. No time at camp would be complete without waterfront activities, swimming and paddle boats will also be available.



Camp staff training begins June 20th at 2pm, right through to the start of Cloverbud Camp on June 30th. Cloverbud is an overnight for youth ages 6–8. Then the regular camp season begins with week 1 on July 3rd and runs through for the next six weeks until August 12th. Please check our website for full details regarding camp–www.4hcampwabasso.com. There are still openings at camp, please consider registering for some summer fun.

Attention High School Seniors!! Leader’s Association Scholarship

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

Applications for the Shirley Ashley Memorial Scholarship are being accepted until July 6. This scholarship is sponsored by the Leader’s Association with funds gained from the Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast. If you are graduating and will be attending a 2 or 4 year college or trade school and have been active in 4-H for at least three years, you are qualified to apply.



The application packet can be obtained from the 4-H office. The packet will include the application form, a 4-H resume and essay guidelines. You will also submit two letters of recommendation, a completed 4-H Project Record and Annual Summary Report along with the application (these are available on the CCE website). The winner of the scholarship will be notified before the County Fair and the Award will be presented at the County Fair Award Event, Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 pm.



NYS Restaurant Associations School to Career Program

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

This a program you may want to check into if you are interested in the restaurant and hospitality areas for a career. It is called ProStart. This is a National program run by the National Restaurant Association and the Educational Foundation of the state associations. In New York the program has articulation agreements with the Culinary Institute of America, Johnson & Wales, the New England Culinary Institute and many others.



The industry driven curriculum is a comprehensive hospitality program aimed at 11th and 12th grade students. The program offers the following components: Mentoring, paid internships, management skills, nationally certified exams, scholarships and state and national competitions. Over the past years they have had ProStart students in paid work internship positions fulfilling course requirements while gaining valuable work experience within the industry. For more information check out the website for the New York State Restaurant Association: www.nysra.org.

Geocaching the Seaway Trail

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator



Last year a new idea began about how to discover this national scenic byway by placing geocaches along its length as well as others within a short drive of the Seaway Trail. There are 75 caches located along the route, 15 in each of the 5 regions. It begins in Pennsylvania in the Lake Erie region, then up to the Buffalo/Niagara Falls region, the Central Lake Ontario/Rochester region and on to the Eastern Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence/Thousand Islands regions. Jefferson County has geocaches within both the ELO and SLR regions. This endeavor is sponsored by several organizations including the St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, the 1000 Islands, and Oswego County and funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration. How one participates, if you have a hand-held GPS unit and access to a computer, is go to one of the pick-up locations for a Seaway trail GeoTrail Logbook. In our area this is at the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center, corner of Ray and W. Main St., Sackets Harbor. Once you have your book you are ready to begin. Each one of these caches are placed in an ammo can and have a specific hole punch. Carry your logbook with you and punch the appropriate number on the book. Many of the caches are located at historical locations around the state. Once you have found and logged 10 of the 15 within a

Great Lakes Seaway Trail Regions



region, go back to the GLST Discovery Center and present your logbook. They will give you a Geo Trail Coin for the region that you have completed.

This is a fun activity to do with friends and family. So far I have logged 4 within the Eastern Lake Ontario region from southern Jefferson County where the Sandy Creek empties into the lake to one in Thompson Park. For more information go to: www.seawaytrail.com/geotrail.html

And even with the higher price of gas that we are facing there are so many other geocaches that await your discovery within a short drive from your home! Want to go geocaching... give me a call!

Photo, Poetry & Video Contest

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator



Once again 4-H youth have an opportunity to enter a dog related contest and have their original work displayed at the NYS Fair from August 25 to September 5, 2011. This year they have added a video contest as well as the photo and poetry contests. Suggested categories include Dogs in the Neighborhood, Dogs Around the World, Dog Sports, Human-Dog Bonds, 4-H Dogs in Action, Canine Portraits and Companions and Friends.



Complete rules for all three contests can be found at:

www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html

Entry deadline is July 19, 2011! Hope to see some submissions from Jefferson County!

Rally Obedience Class

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

We have completed six weeks of Rally and the youth and dog teams are shaping up nicely. We began in early March at Gander Mountain and finished May 26 at Matson Field, off Arsenal Street.



Once the next set of dog-related classes are established, those enrolled in the dog project will receive a postcard with details. Classes will likely be on Thursday evenings and will probably include grooming and handling. By the time you read this, there is only about 5 weeks until the county fair dog show!

Sydney Hunter and her border collie, Murphy, practice heeling and change of pace

Best Buy Supports 4-H Military Clubs

By Tom Wojcikowski, 4-H Military Club Coordinator

The Watertown Best Buy in Salmon Run Mall has partnered with New York State 4-H Military Clubs by supporting photography through the donation of two Insignia 10 megapixel digital cameras. These cameras will be used by our Ft. Drum 4-H military clubs. 4-H Military Clubs are required to do projects in photography as well as technology, fine arts and service learning. By working together, Best Buy and 4-H are creating better opportunities for our military youth in our own backyard. Thank you Best Buy.



Tom Wojcikowski receives cameras from Best Buy

4-H Surveillance: Exploring the Military Culture...Navy SEALs

By Tom Wojcikowski, 4-H Military Club Coordinator

The United States Navy SEALs are the U.S. Navy's primary special operation force and a part of the Naval Special Warfare Command. The acronym SEAL comes from the unit's ability to operate at sea (S), in the air (A), and on land (L). It is the team's ability to work underwater that makes them unique force amount military units in the world. Navy SEALs are specially trained and are deployed in a wide variety of missions and operations world-wide.

The Navy SEALs began in World War II when a need for special soldiers was recognized. This need was for soldiers that could guide landing forces into beach missions. In 1942, the Amphibious Scout and Raider School was established by the Navy and Army jointly. The first group of soldiers specialized in amphibious tactics was used in a mission in North Africa in 1942.

Navy SEAL teams have been used in a number of conflicts, including most recently the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. SEAL training is a very rigorous and tough training program which sees a dropout rate of about 80%. Typically, training to become a Navy SEAL takes over a year which includes many disciplines. All members of the Navy SEALs are male and chosen from the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard. There are two groups of SEAL teams, the East Coast and the West Coast, and there are eight teams of Navy SEALs.

The National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is a recognized

National Museum by Congress and is dedicated to preserving the history of the Navy SEALs. It is in Fort Pierce, Florida.



Above: Navy SEALs descend from a helicopter

Left: Navy SEALs aboard a raft

Operation Military Kids goes on a Road Trip

By Barbara Kessler, OMK Program Coordinator

On Monday, May 16th NYS Operation: Military Kids went to Potsdam High School to talk with students and teachers about military culture, the emotional cycle of deployment and issues military youth face due to deployment. OMK was invited to speak by Rachael Simons of the NNY American Red Cross in Potsdam as part of their participation in the *Stand Behind Military Kids* initiative put on by the National Military Family Association. Two military youth from Jefferson County, Heather Williams and Katy Kessler, joined OMK and spoke to the students and teachers about their own experiences being a military child and going through a loved one being deployed. Students and teachers from Potsdam High School will have their photos taken holding a sign expressing their support of military youth. These photos are then sent to National Military Family Association and will then be uploaded to a Flickr web page. This initiative is going on now through December 31, 2011. If you would like more information on how you can participate in *Stand Behind Military Kids* please email Barbara Kessler at bdk49@cornell.edu.



Youth and staff speak about military kids and deployment

Hero Pack Service Project Opportunity

By Barbara Kessler, OMK Program Coordinator



A youth with a hero pack

A core element of the Operation: Military Kids Initiative is Hero Packs. Hero Packs are a hands-on way for non-military youth to deliver a salute to military youth and children for their strength and sacrifice while parents are deployed. Hero Packs contain items such as stickers, stuffed animals, small games or toys, stationary, stamps, a disposable camera, photo album or scrapbook, a journal and pen as well as a handwritten letter from non-military youth showing appreciation and support. On May 14th, OMK distributed 60 packs to military youth from 3-71 CAV on Ft. Drum. Soldiers from this unit deployed earlier this year. These packs were made by Carthage High School Jr. ROTC and Jefferson County 4-H youth at a May 1st Hero Pack Assembly event at the Carthage Elks Lodge. This fall the NY National Guard will send close to 2,000 Soldiers on deployment overseas and there will be many children and youth in need of our support. NYS Operation: Military Kids is reaching out to 4-H Clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs, American Legion Posts, schools and other community organizations across the state to help collect items, write letters and assemble Hero Packs that will be given to military youth at Pre-deployment Yellow Ribbon Events in August. If you would like more information on Hero



Youth show their hero packs

Packs or how you can help with this OMK project please call Barbara Kessler at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, 315-788-8450, ext. 232 or email bdk49@cornell.edu.

OUR GAME OF THE MONTH...MR. WOLF

By Tom Wojcikowski, 4-H Military Club Coordinator

What you will need to play: A flat playing area.

How many players: Small to medium sized groups.

How to play: Set up a playing area with boundaries in a rectangle shape. Choose one person to start out as Mr. Wolf. This player, Mr. Wolf will stand at one end of the playing area and all the other players will go to the other end of the field. The other players will all say at

once...*"What time is it Mr. Wolf???"* The Wolf will answer with a numeric time...any time on a clock between 1 and 12 o'clock. After he does, the players will step forward that amount of steps and then repeat again....*"What Time Is It Mr. Wolf???"* Mr. Wolf again answers with another time until he feels they are close enough to chase. The players continue to ask what time it is until Mr. Wolf thinks that they are close enough to chase and responds with...*"Time for Dinner!!"* Mr. Wolf will then chase the players and the first one that is tagged will become Mr. Wolf.



Friends of 4-H! Missouri Tornado Disaster-A Way you may Help

By Holly Wirth, 4-H Educator

This message has been sent out to all State 4-H Leaders' offices. The Missouri State 4-H Council is donating all **Kids Helping Kids** proceeds between now and July 1 to provide some level of focused relief to 4-H families affected by this disaster. Although they are collecting funds now, our help will remain through the long journey to restoration. The counties most affected in the Joplin area are Jasper and Newton.

Kids Helping Kids is a fund devoted to helping Missouri 4-H members and their families in times of need by providing financial grants to 4-H families who have been impacted by natural disasters, medical emergencies, or other similar circumstances. The **Missouri 4-H Foundation** encourages your support of this effort, and will match all contributions up to a total of \$5,000.

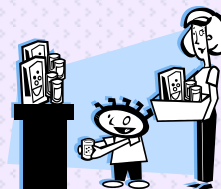
Donations may be made by check or credit card. Checks made out to the **Missouri 4-H Foundation** noting "**Kids Helping Kids**" on the memo line can be sent to the Missouri 4-H Foundation, 819 Clark Hall, Columbia MO,

65211. Credit card donations may be made using the easy to follow steps outlined below.



Donating with a Credit Card. Go to the Foundation website and click the "Make a Gift" button. Click the PayPal Donate Button. Enter in the Donation Amount box and click the Update Total button. This part is critical. Fill out the information as it appears on your credit card billing statement. Click "Review Donation and Continue." On the next page, you will see in tiny print "Please add instructions for your gift." Click on this and a text box will appear. This is where you may add instructions for the gift (example: "For disaster relief in Joplin"). Finally, after reviewing your information and instructions, click the orange "Donate \$xx.xx USD Now" button. You will receive an e-mail afterward with a receipt from PayPal.

The point of contact is: Bradd Anderson andersonb@missouri.edu or (573) 884-0576



Shooting Sports is On Target!

By Karen Soule, 4-H Educator

On May 24, 4-H members interested in 4-H Shooting Sports met at the Sackets Harbor Sportsman Associations' range on Salt Point Road. This was our first opportunity to use recently purchased air pistols and targets at the range. With the new targets, once all 5 'plates' have been hit, they reset themselves. Therefore shooters do not have to keep going up and replacing targets. This saves a lot of time on the firing line. We are using the Crossman Classic Pump Air Pistols and several shooters can be on the line at one time. I hope you will join us on June 28 and July 26 for another gathering of shooting sports in Jefferson County!



*The new targets.
Once all the
"plates" get hit,
the target resets itself.*



Hannah Lall and Brandon Lee practice their shot

Cultivating 4-H by Pruning

By Stephanie Graf, Youth and Family Development Program Leader

First of all we appreciate Stephen Hamilton giving us permission to share his article in our Green Ink newsletter. He is as excited about Jefferson County reprinting his article as I am about him allowing us to do so. As the Youth and Family Development Program Leader, the New York State 4-H Military Liaison and the Chair of our six county North Country 4-H District I have been sharing similar thoughts, views and expressions for the past several years, but have never been as eloquent as Stephen Hamilton in my choice of words. My goal with 4-H in Jefferson County and with the District is to continue to have a 4-H presence in all six Counties and to offer high quality programming that meets the highest standards when we do so. Again, thank you for this great article – you are right pruning is tough, but it is necessary.

Article by Stephen F. Hamilton, Professor of Human Development and Assistant Director of the Family Life Development Center

As a gardener, I dislike pruning. Taking out dead branches is not so bad, but cutting off a vigorous shoot is almost painful. I do it because it makes my plants stronger. The remaining branches grow thicker and longer and the fruits or blossoms get bigger as the plant's energy is concentrated. When the plant is well defined I can focus more sharply on its other needs.

The necessity of pruning came to my mind when I read the 2009-2010 enrollment summary and reacted with ambivalence. How wonderful that 4-Hers participate in more than 1000 projects! Do we have the resources to offer 1000 projects of the highest quality? The urgency of this question has grown dramatically as federal, state, and county budgets are devastated by the continuing economic crisis. Pruning is necessary now not only to promote vigor but to maintain the viability of our programs.¹

Expert pruning requires knowledge of how different plant species and varieties grow and it requires careful execution. The saw, knife, or shears must be sharp and wielded skillfully to avoid damage. So too pruning 4-H will require close attention to the unique features of the organization, a set of well-crafted procedures, used with care and skill. Here are my thoughts about how to get started on this task. I offer



them as a starting point for an extended dialog that I hope will involve a wide range of people around the state.



1. The need is undeniable. The resources available to 4-H have declined and will continue to decline. Exhortations to do more with less are not helpful. We must do better with what we have.
2. The process and its consequences will be painful. If we had a lot of silly programs that no one values, we would have left them behind long ago. Our programs all have value. They all have people-youth and adults-who appreciate them.
3. We need criteria for identifying a set of programs/projects that make the best use of the strengths of 4-H and that do the most to promote youth development with the resources that are available for them; in economic terms, we must maximize "return on investment." Following are not criteria but some considerations in the formulation of criteria.
 - 3.1 Mission mandates
 - 3.2 Cornell support (or other Land Grant University)
 - 3.3 Interests/needs of youth
 - 3.4 Interests/expertise of volunteers
 - 3.5 Financial support
 - 3.6 Evidence of positive impact on youth development
 - 3.7 Distinctiveness, match with 4-H's unique strengths
 - 3.8 Audiences: Are the youth who participate those who most need 4-H?
4. Wide involvement is essential. Educators, youth, volunteers, and other local stakeholders must participate in the process along with Cornell faculty and staff. A top-down or one-way process will not work.
5. The choices need not be unanimous. Flexibility and responsiveness are among the strengths of 4-H. As much as possible, they should not be retained. Our goal shouldn't be to settle on a manageable set of programs that have Cornell support and are used in most counties. County associations may decide to offer additional programs, but

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must do so knowing they will not receive support from Cornell.

6. New programs should be created ONLY if there is a substantial demonstrable need that cannot be met using already-available programs. The profusion of programs we have enjoyed can be invigorating but also wasteful. People at Cornell and other land grant universities get rewarded for creating new programs. (Plus it's fun!) County educators get recognized for creating and for being early adopters of new programs. Up-to-date illustrations and content are appealing to volunteers and youth. But creating and disseminating new programs are costly undertakings. Anyone proposing a new program should be asked to prove the need and to show that they have conducted a thorough search and assessment of available programs. Then serious evaluation must be conducted to assure that the effort is worthwhile.
7. While considering program, we should also consider delivery modes. What are the relative strengths and

limitation of school programs, special interest groups, clubs, camping, after-school programs, etc.? Should the mix of delivery methods change? Counties will continue to make various choices on this matter too. Decisions about delivery modes should be based on clear rationale. Celeste has pointed out to me that we should also try to streamline and make consistent the answers to such reasonable questions as, "How can my child join 4-H?"

Hard work is the most satisfying work. Let's take on this task of pruning as one that will strengthen 4-H in the face of new challenges.

¹ "Program" is a word of 1000 uses. We talk about "the 4-H program," which is a large, multi-faceted enterprise, and about "the leader training program last Saturday afternoon," a single event. "Project" is more defined, referring to a specific sequence of activities, ordinarily having a title, a set of materials, a time period in which participants are engaged, culminating in a product of some sort. The two terms are sometimes used interchangeably. I will use "program" to mean both projects and sets of projects in the same domain (e.g., the plant science program).



OUR MONTHLY CHESS FEATURE... Clearer Thinking: Huss v. Kosteniuk, Switzerland, 2003

By John Kunz, Advantage After-school Coordinator

In 2008, Alexandra Kosteniuk became the 14th Women's World Chess Champion. In Russia, and around the world she has expanded her chess fame by starring in films, doing advertising and modeling. She has a well established multimedia presence that uses an official website, a Facebook page and a Twitter account with 100,000 followers. She also stages regular chess podcasts.

The following game is an example of the Queen's Indian Defense. The Queen's "Indian" is the bishop that black moves to b7 on move 5. In ancient chess sets from the orient, bishops were often represented by elephants, presumably Indian elephants, hence the name. As the game progresses, watch for some forks and a rook lift by black. What benefit does the bishop



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| 1. d4, Nf6 | 8. e3, 0-0 | 15. Gxh3, Rf6 |
| 2. c4, e6 | 9. Bd3, Nbd7 | 16. Nf3, Rg6+ |
| 3. Nf3, b6 | 10. 0-0, Ne4 | 17. Kh1, Qxh3 |
| 4. Nc3, Bb4 | 11. Qc2, f5 | 18. Qe2, Nc5 |
| 5. Qc2, Bb7 | 12. Nd2, Qh4 | 19. Bxf5, exf5 |
| 6. a3, Bxc3+ | 13. f3, Ng5 | 20. Bd2, Be4 |
| 7. Qxc3, d6 | 14. f4, Nh3+ | |

Happy June Birthday!!

- 1 Claire Burns, C.T.'s Equestrians
Edward Duda, IV, LaFargeville Advantage
Braden Hall, Viper Club
Samantha Storey, Blue Star Equestrians
- 2 Eliza Frank, LaFargeville Advantage
Shelby Phelps, Flaming Arrows
- 3 Lawton Krause, Viper Club
Talia Parker, Independents
- 4 Alexis Moyer, Jefferson Patriots
- 5 Macie Dimon, Freedom Riders
- 6 Ethan Benoit, Viper Club
Daniel Moore, LaFargeville Advantage
Kyleigh Prance, 4-H Warriors
- 7 Caleb Roberts, Viper Club
- 8 Abigail Dwyer, LaFargeville Advantage
- 9 Tyler Vaccaro, LaFargeville Advantage
- 10 Alexandria Collins, Viper Club
Hailey Ferlicka, Viper Club
Ethan Geurtsen, Jefferson County Dairy Club
Jasmine Wright, Viper Club
- 12 Kaylee Hall, C.T.'s Equestrians
Armando Orozro, Youth Services All Stars
- 13 Liam Boston, Youth Services All Stars
- 14 Hart Schermerhorn, LaFargeville Advantage
- 15 Kendall Klock, C.T.'s Equestrians
- 16 Emily Finch, Viper Club
Cassandra Gamble, Jefferson County Dairy Club
- 17 Leah Beaton, Viper Club
Justine Chang, Adventure Club
Sam Redden, Jefferson Patriots
- 18 Jada Montante, LaFargeville Advantage
- 19 William Adams, Viper Club
- 20 Melanie Domenech, Youth Services All Stars
- 21 Antoine Akoa, Viper Club
Craig Thompson, LaFargeville Advantage
- 23 Caitlyn Forney, Theresa Advantage
Chandler Knowles, Youth Services All Stars
- 24 Allison Bradberry, Bear Creek Clovers
- 26 Kiersten Fuetterer, Youth Services All Stars
- 27 Bethany Forless, LaFargeville Advantage
Charles Rogers, Bear Creek Clovers
Joelee Tooley-Pilon, Independents
- 28 Kiavian Decosey, Viper Club
- 30 Adara Butts, LaFargeville Advantage
Dominik Glathar, Youth Services All Stars
Vassili Sanchez, Viper Club

Happy July Birthday!!

1 Alexis Ridsdale, LaFargeville Advantage

2 Seth Jones, Jefferson County Dairy Club
Kaitlyn Pelletier, Jefferson County Dairy Club
Savannah Sanders, Viper Club
Bedarius Walker, Viper Club

3 Mareainne Alibudbud, 4-H Warriors

5 Miranda Bechaz, Independents
Juliette Suh, Viper Club

6 Kamryn Barnes, LaFargeville Advantage
Trenton Barnes, LaFargeville Advantage

7 Tashawni Cornfield, Viper Club
Noelani Cornfield, Viper Club
Carson McConnell, Independents
KayLynn Picard, Youth Services All Stars

9 Jana LaClaire, Blue Star Equestrians
Quinne Noland, Viper Club

12 Mikaylee Gamble, Jefferson County Dairy Club
Kailyn Rowley, Theresa Advantage

14 Madisen Branner, Viper Club
Kyrie Neverson, Viper Club

15 Yasmine Mustafa, Viper Club

16 Sydney Davis, Jefferson Patriots
Kyle Porto, Viper Club

17 Jordan Felicia, Viper Club
Renee Geischard, Youth Services Stars
Larissa Muddiman, Viper Club
Tyrek Perkins, Viper Club

18 Gabriel Perruccio, LaFargeville Advantage

21 Jarrett Phillips, Adventure Club

22 Brandon Ball, Viper Club
Maia Chamberlain, Bear Creek Clovers
Mia Hogan, Jefferson Patriots

24 Samuel Felicia, Viper Club
Carol Ives, LaFargeville Advantage

25 Larry DeBuck, Viper Club
Emma Sidwa, C.T.'s Equestrians
Sydney Weinzell, Youth Services All Stars

26 Nathan Barney, Jefferson Patriots
Hannah Heeren, Viper Club

28 Madison James, Youth Services All Stars
Dantonio Robinson, Viper Club
Nicole Warner, Viper Club

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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DAY	DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	INFO
Fri	June 10 / 4:30 pm	COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES DUE	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Watertown	Pg. 3
Fri-Sun	June 10-12	Horse Careers Camp	4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Canandaigua	
Sun	June 12	4-H Camp Wabasso Open House/Run	4-H Camp Wabasso, Redwood	Pg. 7
Thurs	June 16	Robotics Training	Delaware County	Pg. 5
Sat	June 18 / 9:00 am	Watertown 4-H Horse Show	Alex T. Duffy Fairgrounds, Watertown	Pg. 3
Mon	June 27 / 8:45 am	Dairy Cattle Judging Clinic	Madison County	Pg. 5
Mon	June 27 / 6:00 pm	Agility Qualifier for State Fair	Adams Center	Pg. 4
Tues	June 28	Shooting Sports/Adventure Club	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club	Pg. 11
Thurs	June 30 / 6:00 pm	Agility Qualifier for State Fair	Adams Center	Pg. 4
Fri	July 8 / 6:30 pm	Dairy Bar Training	To be determined	Pg. 6
Tues	July 26	Shooting Sports/Adventure Club	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club	Pg. 11
Sun	August 7	4-H Invitational Horse Show	Lewis County Fairgrounds, Lowville	
Mon	August 15 / 7:00 pm	Leaders Meeting	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Watertown	Pg. 6
Thurs	September 15 / 4:30 pm	Project Records and Summaries Due	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Watertown	Pg. 3



4-H Slogan and Motto

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

