

November 4-H News

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Calendar of Events

4-H Food and Fun: Not enough members signed up. The event will be postponed until spring.

4-H Parent and Leader Meeting: Thursday January 7th @6pm at the Extension Classroom. Bring a dish to pass. We will discuss fundraising and procedures. Contact Cassandra Caswell if you plan to attend.

4-H Re-enrollment: Reminder that re-enrollment forms and payment for the 2015-2016 4-H year were due to the 4-H office on October 30th. If you have not yet returned paperwork and \$20 family enrollment fee to the 4-H office, please do so by December 31st. Members who do not have forms on-file will not be permitted to show at the County Fair.

E-News

In order to align with our new sustainability initiative and our mission to move towards improving our online interface, we are going to post Extension and 4-H news prominently on our CCE website, 4-H Facebook page, and via e-mail. E-mail blast lists will be created by extracting e-mails that were provided on 4-H enrollment forms. If you are interested in receiving the 4-H news via e-mail and did not provide an e-mail address, please contact Cassandra Caswell at the Extension office at 315-379-9192.

Barn Quilt Poster Contest



The Master Gardeners Volunteers through Cornell Cooperative Extension are looking for quilt block pattern ideas to use for a Barn Quilt that will be displayed on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Barn on Route 68. Patterns can be submitted by community members, youth, and groups.

Submissions must be:

- Horticulture in theme
- Not larger than 8.5 x 11 inches
- Simple and bold
- Able to be seen from a distance

Submissions should be mailed or delivered to the St. Lawrence County Cooperative Extension office at 2043B NY68, Canton NY 13617 by December 15th, or submitted to Carol Budd, Master Gardener Volunteer at cbudd@stlawu.edu.

4-H Year End Celebration

Cassandra Caswell, Club Management Educator

Approximately 150 individuals representing approximately 30 4-H families joined in the festivities of the Year End Celebration that was held on October 23rd from 6-8:30pm at the Hermon-DeKalb Central School. The evening started off with a nice Pot-Luck dinner that was prepared and shared by 4-H families. There was merry conversations and mingling of family and friends.

The evening shifted into the achievement recognition portion of the event with distributions of Achievement Certificates for 4-H'er who completed and sent in an achievement application in the categories of Cloverbuds, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald, Ruby, Pearl, and Diamond. Each award category is determined by requirements such as age, projects, community service hours, leadership projects, and educational events that the 4-H youth participated in throughout the previous 4-H year. Volunteers were also recognized for their years, resources, and enthusiasm that they have dedicated to the 4-H program. This year 4-H staff recognized three volunteers, a tradition that we would like to see continued.



The **Above and Beyond Award** recognizes an individual who has volunteered years of time, resources, and dedication in various areas of the 4-H program that demonstrates dedication that goes above and beyond what is asked of them through their volunteer role. The 2015 Above and Beyond Award was presented to Kari Schermerhorn, Organizational Club Leader for the Pine Hill Pioneers. Kari is recognized for her ability to encourage participation in various 4-H project areas such as community service and leadership, as well as being a great advocate for promoting not only her club, but the county 4-H program

throughout the community. We also recognize and appreciate her efforts in helping put together the horse books for the County Fair. We extend a congratulations to all the Pine Hill Pioneer families in participation of community service and leadership activities.

The **Up and Coming Award** recognizes an individual who has volunteered in the 4-H program for under 5 years and has demonstrated tremendous dedication and service. This individual has great potential for many more years of outstanding service. The 2015 Up and Coming Award was presented to Maureen Ring, Organizational Club Leader for the PAWs Dog Club. Maureen is recognized for continuing the PAWs Dog Club, creating a new vision and initiative for that club, encouraging new enrollments of members, and promoting her club and 4-H in general throughout the community. We also recognize and appreciate her willingness of organizing the Dog show at the County Fair.





The **4-H Spirt Award** recognizes an individual that has demonstrated passion for 4-H through contagious positive attitude and sportsmanship. This person is heavily involved and dedicated to the 4-H program through community promotion, advocacy, and service. The 2015 Spirt Award was presented to Carrie Kenney. Carrie is recognized for her dedication to the 4-H horse program through her participation, and for volunteering resources and equipment for the Standardbred Day hosted at her farm, as well as organizing an event at the Massena Tractor Supply. We would like to recognize and extend our congratulations to the Kenney family for promoting and encouraging more 4-H involvement in the Massena area.

Congratulations to all our 4-H members and volunteers!

The evening closed out with an hour of fun games and activities including decorating pumpkins (donated by Mike Livingston), robotics, Live Scavenger Bingo, fishing and outdoor adventures. The youth were having so much fun participating in the scavenger hunt that there was no time left to do the Olympic Games. Therefore the Olympic Games is an event that we will keep in mind for next year's Year-End celebration.

We also brought back an old time favorite, the silent auction. Baskets were assembled with items that were donated from individuals and local businesses. Two 4-H baskets, one youth and one adult, were donated by 4-H and Extended School Day Staff that consisted of mugs, t-shirts, hats, water bottles, and other 4-H paraphernalia. A food prep and kitchen supplies basket was donated by Extension SNAP Ed Staff, and included a cutting board, oven-mitt, food peeler, measuring cups, strainer, and other food preparation supplies. A "Movie Night" basket was donated by 4-H Staff and consisted up 2 family movies, popcorn, hot chocolate, cups, and popcorn bowl. A "Local Foods" basket was created from local donations of jams, pickles, vegetables, and maple syrup. Soaps and a \$20 gift certificate was donated from Elliott's Farm and Home Supply, INC. North Country Public Radio donated a reusable shopping bag, t-shirt and hat, and gift certificates were donated by He Yee Dao Karate Association, Luna Boutique and The Pear Tree in Canton. Thank you to all the local donators! This fundraising event helped raise money that covered the cost of the Year End Celebration with some left over that will go to support the 4-H program.

2014-15 4-H Member Achievement Awards and photos listed below

2014-15 4-H Member Achievement Awards

Cloverbuds

Reese Cox
Alexys Denesha
Zackary Denesha
Calire Polniak
Salma Momen
Myrah Bullock-Lanphear
Abigail Smith
Kylie Gallagher
Carley Bartholomew
Tracker Sands
Autumn Genter
Elijah Rainville
James Rainville
Lydia Kanitz
Keegan Ashley
Isabella Perretta
Paula Joy Hall
Cy Greenhill
Meadow Greenhill
Avery Cox
Aliviah Clary
Elise Harris
Benjamin Kotz
Isabella Kotz
Owen Sands
Liam Gallagher

Bronze

Rylan Powell
Summer Wing
Fred Wing
Amalia Kanitz
Morris Wing
Herbert Yerdon

Silver

Hannah Buckmaster
Rochelle Stamper
Maysa Moumen
Zakaria Moumen
Michael Pierce
Mariah Murphy

Gold

Meaghan Pierce
Jorja Sands
Hannah Gagnon
Gaige Gagnon
Caleb Stamper
Lily Towne
Sean Robinson
Hailey Martin

Gold Continued...

Jessica Hoffman
Mackenzie McCabe
Gordon Martin
Christopher Hall
Jasmine Hall
Ava Bartholomew

Emerald

Olivia Brown
Maureen Pierce
Hannah Brown
Naomi Moon
Robert Hall
Amanda Hall
Avery Hawn
Carter Pierce

Ruby

Greta Joos
Riley Green
Jessica Hall
Shannen Gallagher
Conagher Buckmaster



Pumpkin Decorating



Working on Scavenger Bingo



Members who received their Emerald Award



Fishing Fun



Silent Auction

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