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**4-H Pledge:**

***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.***

## **CELEBRATE NATIONAL EARTH DAY- APRIL 22, 2017**

Join in with organizations and volunteers from around the world cleaning up communities, park lands, and highways in Cortland County.

You also can get involved in conservation programs, cleaning trash along highways and waterways.

### **NEW YORK ARBOR DAY**



**Arbor Day**


**APRIL 28, 2017**

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, thanks to a resolution proposed by Nebraska City, Nebraska resident J. Sterling Morton. Morton, a civic leader, agriculturist, and former newspaper editor, urged Nebraskans to ***“set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit.”*** The tree-planting holiday was so popular that by 1920 more than 45 states and U.S. territories annually celebrated Arbor Day. Today it is observed in all 50 states and in many countries around the world.

This is a perfect time to remind you of the benefits of trees:

- Trees clean our air by absorbing common air pollutants.
- Trees improve water quality by reducing rain water runoff and erosion.
- Trees provide shade that protects us from the sun’s UV rays.
- Trees provide important habitat for birds and other wildlife.
- Tree rings provide information about historical climate that is not available from scientific records.

New York’s state tree is the ***Sugar Maple***, a tree known for producing syrup. Learn about other tree species and get practical advice on which trees to plant in New York’s temperature zone by checking out the Arbor Day Foundation’s Hardiness Zone Map at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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 THE 4-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CORTLAND COUNTY

**FAIRBOOK COVER DESIGN  
CONTEST 2017  
DEADLINE APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**



This is another opportunity for 4-H members to do their best work and support the fair.

1. Artwork for the drawing must be 8 ½' x 11" sheet of paper.
2. Drawings must be done in black felt tip pen erase all pencil lines used to set up the design.
3. Please ***include in the design:***

**64TH ANNUAL CORTLAND COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR  
JULY 4-8, 2017  
SPONSORED BY:  
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF  
CORTLAND COUNTY AND CORTLAND COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION**

4. Final submission is: ***April 14, 2017.***  
***Suggestions:*** In your artwork, be sure to include some of the attractions and exhibits that draw our general public to our fair.
5. ***Print on the back of the drawing*** sheet with ***your name, age and 4-H club*** you are a member of.
6. All drawings will be used to promote the Fair. The winner of the contest will receive \$10.00 award from the Fairboard committee.

**HYDROPONICS WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**

***Have you ever wondered what it would be like to grow plants without soil?*** One method this can be done is hydroponically, which is defined as the science of growing plants without soil. Hydroponics is currently used for growing crops like fruits and vegetables. Come join us in learning all about hydroponics and create your own system to take home with you and grow your very own plants! Open to all 4-H youth ages 8 and up. Cost is \$3/youth. Pre-registration is required by April 12<sup>th</sup> at:

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/hydroponics17-1-1\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/hydroponics17-1-1_211)

**CLOVERBUDS.....  
COME GROW AN EGGHEAD !!  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017**



Come join us in a fun activity and learn the joy and fun of growing plants. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about soil, seeds, germination, the growth cycle and the importance of sunshine and water. Each child will create their own Egghead to take home and watch grow, and eventually plant outside.

Cadet Girl Scout Troop 40483 will assist with the program. We'll have a treat of Girl Scout cookies at the end of the program.

Workshop will be held at Lime Hollow Nature Center, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 p.m.

Pre-registration required by April 17<sup>th</sup> at:  
[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/clubuds16-2\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/clubuds16-2_211)

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK  
APRIL 23-29, 2017**

In 1974 President Richard Nixon signed an executive order a week noted in April as an annual "***Celebration of Volunteering***". Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer week to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels. With this special week at hand, there is not a better time to thank the 4-H volunteers who are the backbone of the 4-H Program in our county. 4-H Leaders, parents, evaluators, coaches, program committee members and the other volunteers who support the 4-H program make the difference in so many people's lives. Volunteers are valuable to our Extension's programs making our youth competent, confident and caring.

***We thank you all so very much!***

***Don't forget the deadline for the fairbook drawing contest! .....***

**4-H CAMP OWAHTA  
LOW ROPES COURSES  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017**

*Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>* starting at 10 a.m. for a fun day of nature studies and a chance to experience our low ropes challenge course.

Keep an eye on your emails for a blast about more details and registration information to be coming soon!

**ANIMAL CRACKERS  
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017**

**“ANIMAL CRACKERS:  
HORSEDIGGETY DOG!”**

The Cornell University Department of Animal Science is pleased to announce Animal Crackers 2017, "Horse Diggety Dog," on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Cornell University. This year's program will highlight equine and canine topics. Youth 9-12 years old (beginner to intermediate) knowledge of the covered species are invited to participate.

Interesting, educational, hands-on activities are planned to make Animal Crackers a memorable learning event.



**EQUINE WORKSHOPS**

- **Poop Soup** – Gain a better understanding of the life cycle of parasites and diagnostic techniques to address treatment and prevention of organisms that reduce the health and wellbeing of equines.
- **Safety Head to Toe** - It is the law to wear a helmet when mounted on a horse if you are under the age of 18, but this should be a life-long habit. How to select and fit a helmet will be explored, as well as helmet styles, and other safety related attire and riding equipment from head to toe.
- **From the Horse's Mouth** - Equines are very similar to us when it comes to teeth, but they also have some decided differences based on their anatomy, diet and routines. This station will explore the basics of dentistry and the importance good dental care has on the overall health of your horse.

- **Ground Safety** - Believe it or not, there is a lot to safely catching, leading, tying and working around a horse. How to approach and secure a horse is not always as easy as you think. Learn some tips on being pro-active in identifying weaknesses in your handling and spotting problems in your environments, before your horse does.
- **Got Wheels - The Sport of Carriage Driving** - Carriage Driving is a popular equine discipline for a variety of reasons. Harnessing, equipment and other related topics will be covered.
- **No Hoof, No Horse** - In this session you will learn different types of farrier tools for horse shoe removal and hoof trimming. This will be an interactive station where participants will be able to see and touch the different types of horse shoes and equipment.



**DOG WORKSHOPS**

- **Nutrition Knowhow** – Do you know what is safe to feed your dog? Learn the difference between required nutrients and treats and how to keep your pet in tip top shape.
- **Healthy Habits** –Learn about common diseases and prevention strategies, including vaccinations veterinarians provide for pets to keep them from getting sick.
- **Predator or Prey?** –Learn the difference between friendly and not so friendly behavior by reading animal body language.
- **What's Bugging Bruno?** – Learn about parasites that live in and on dogs and in your neighborhood. Discover which pests cause common canine diseases in NY.
- **Clipper Caper** – What do professional groomers do? Learn about the tools of the trade and tips from a professional about daily and seasonal grooming options for well-known dog breeds.
- **Dogs with Jobs** - Visit with a trainer who teaches canine search and rescue skills to help others.

There is a \$15 per youth cost to attend the program - adult chaperones are free. Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch.

Registration for the event must be done through the extension office no later than Friday, April 21

**DAIRY RODEO – SAT. MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
CORTLAND FAIRGROUNDS**

At 10:00 a.m. the dairy calf, will be waiting and ready to be introduced to their partners. *Then the fun begins!* Youth will learn how to prepare your animal for show! Wonderful Volunteers and Teens will be there to assist and help the youth with special interesting tips to help clip, groom, and improve the showing of their animal.

***Each member is responsible to bring:***

- 1) Bring a bag lunch – no glass bottles
- 2) A rope halter to tie up their animal
- 3) Show halter to use training and show ring
- 4) Two (2) clean buckets (washing & drinking)
- 5) Hay and grain for the animal
- 6) Hose, soap, brushes, and clippers
- 7) Bring \$4.00 for pizza late afternoon

You must **register on-line or call the 4-H office**. If you have any additional questions you may contact 4-H @ 607-391-2660.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRI. MAY 5<sup>th</sup>!**  
[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/dairyrodeo-2-2\\_211](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/dairyrodeo-2-2_211)

**4-H HORSE PROJECT  
JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE**

**1. 4-H Horse Certificate** – must be received by 4-H office for each equine by **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year**. This form must be signed by the 4-H'er, their parent/guardian and 4-H leader to be considered received and completed.

**2. Coggins Certificate** – A current copy of the Coggins certificate for the horse(s) being shown during the 4-H year must be submitted to the Extension office by June 1<sup>st</sup> for any rider to be eligible to ride/show at all 4-H events. A legal Coggins must have a statement by the veterinarian that defines some identifying mark or feature for your horse, distinct from any other horse. **“Calendar Year”** is Jan. 1-Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**2016-2017 calendar years accepted.**

**3. Rabies Certificate** – a current copy of the Rabies certificate for the horse(s) being shown during the year must be submitted to Cooperative Extension by June 1<sup>st</sup> for a rider to be eligible to ride/show at all 4-H events.

**4.\*Riding Levels** – all riders must have a riding evaluation completed before riding in any 4-H Horse event for the project year. (TBA).

**JUNE DAIRY PARADE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4-H Club floats needed....** for the Annual June Dairy Parade helping to promote agriculture in Cortland Co. Clubs can create a float or a banner promoting “milk”, nature’s most perfect food. There are many products made from milk. It should be easy to make something that looks like a carton of ice cream, a pound of butter, a glass of milk, a slice of cheese, or a cow. Your club exhibit doesn’t need to cost lots of money or take days to construct. Come and show your enthusiasm for agriculture in Cortland Co.! You will need to pre-register your club entry with the Dairy Promotion chair, Brenda Brooks 753-1593.

**NYS ASSOCIATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL FAIRS  
FAIR SCHOLARSHIP**

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offers an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. **Note: Cortland County Jr. Fair** – Richard Bush, Superintendent must endorse your application and he will submit it for you. Applicants may submit only one application. **Purpose:** To provide financial assistance to high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree. Application is open to all applicants regardless of your field of study. **Awards:** Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for 2017. **Eligibility.** Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school in NYS or be a NYS resident already attending college and planning to pursue or already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning. Application must be downloaded from the NYSAAF website [www.nyfairs.org](http://www.nyfairs.org) (deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup> to Dick Bush).



## AROUND THE COUNTY.....

### REGIONAL DAIRY BOWL

The Annual South Central New York District 4-H Hippology and Horse & Dairy Bowl Contests are held annually in March. Top individuals will go onto States in April held at Cornell University.

#### QUIZ BOWL DIVISION: DAIRY:

##### NOVICE—1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE TEAM

Caylene Russell—4<sup>th</sup> individual—going on to Novice Invitational at State Fair  
Samuel Ripley—6<sup>th</sup> individual

##### JR. TEAM—3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

Annika Donlick—8<sup>th</sup> individual and team mates  
Elsie Donlick, Thornton Allis and Marah Ripley

##### SR. TEAM—4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

Daniel Ripley—1<sup>st</sup> individual—and team mates  
Elizabeth Ripley and Abigail Ripley. Daniel will be going to State Dairy Bowl contest at Cornell on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

*4-H Horse members did not participate in 2017 Regional Hippology or Quiz bowl due to schedule conflicts.*

### SECRETARY REPORTS

#### TOP SECRETARY

#### MONTH OF DECEMBER

##### FRIENDLY ACRES - BRYNN POLI

**Helping Hands** - (Harlie Walker)- **October** 7<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> the club members met at the Tully Library. Club member discussed what they wanted to do with upcoming fundraisers, community service and projects such as making dog beds for ASPCA, serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House and Salvation Army. They plan to also bell ring in My Fathers Kitchen. **November** 18<sup>th</sup> club met to make arrangements for service for dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on 12/18. They worked on the animal beds (tie style) with fringe edges.

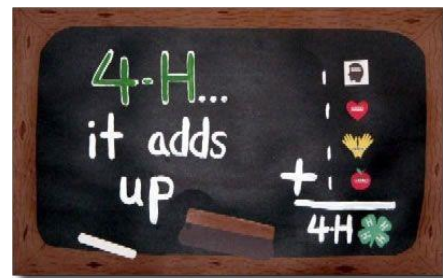
**Cincy Trailblazers** – (Mary Rose) club members met on 12/17 and held a business and community service project meeting. They made 30 Christmas Cars and 50 wood slice ornaments. These were all

donated to the Cortland Regional Long Term Care Program bringing joy in the community.

**Country Explorers** – (Rylee Thomas) club members met on December 4<sup>th</sup> making crafts from a wine bottle or coffee can with lights for a night lite, and Christmas garlands from strips of fabric and frosted and decorated sugar cookies.

**Friendly Acres** – (Brynn Poli) at their December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting 16 members attending. Less Wedge, Pres. Of the Cortland Trapping Club did a presentation on trapping, types of furs. He also addressed how important the environment and habitat are.

**Marathon Maple Sugars** – Kristie Walley – no meetings held, no change to Treasure report. They donated birdseed “ornaments” and 15 dozen cookies to the Village of Marathon Christmas Gift Bags. Next Meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.



#### TOP SECRETARY

#### MONTH OF JANUARY

##### CINCY TRAILBLAZERS - MARY ROSE

**Helping Hands** - (Harlie Walker)- Club met to review upcoming plant sale fundraiser, 2017 PPP for 3/18 and help hints for showing animals – what animals you can show and how to start. Looking to do Robotics – possible class and kit, and upcoming community service at the Arise Farm. Next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Marathon Maple Sugars** – Kristie Walley – club members met on 1/16 to plan their upcoming family dinner and next project.

**Friendly Acres** – (Assistant Sec. Chloe Burhans) on 1/ 29 the club held a *moving-up ceremony* for Colson Slade from a Cloverbud to a full 4-H member. They voted on a new t-shirt design to promote their 4-H club. They held elections, Pres. Brynn Poli, Vice Pres Jackson Slade, Secretary Hannah Slade, Treasurer Evan Butts and Song Leaders Owen Murphy & Mason Slade. They did crafts and the kids were allowed pick between a

making a snow stick ruler or another painting project. Next meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Cincy Trailblazers** – (Mary Rose) club met on 1/14 for a business and project meeting. They went over possible future projects and if they wanted to sell flowers this year. They made cards, and valentine card for senior centers.

**Country Explorers** – (Rylee Thomas) club members met on 1/8<sup>th</sup> to practice Public Speaking, they wrote paragraphs about places they would like to visit (i.e. Paris, France), they each took turns reading them to the group. They made mason jar snowman and candy bar snowman as their craft project. They also made homemade donuts on 1/15. Next meeting Feb.5<sup>th</sup>.

provide the opportunity for your child to grow, learn and experience new and exciting activities. Resident campers explore many different activities and immerse themselves in the weekly theme, all while making new friends with their cabin mates. Your child will never forget the experience.

**Tent Camp – youth ages 8 /older:** is a nature intensive program where campers sleep in a tent outdoors each night and have their own special campfire each evening! They will have the opportunity to cook two of their own meals over a campfire each day while learning outdoor living skills. Campers will have access to running water, hot showers, and be able to participate in the weekly themes and many of the activities for all campers.

**Registration is available Online!**  
Visit: [www.4-H Camp.org](http://www.4-H Camp.org)

**4-H CAMP OPEN HOUSE:**

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 1-4 P.M.** - Come and visit with our camp director Maria Gimma and staff! We will have two open houses to be able to explore the camp grounds, participate in fun activities and talk camp with the director and volunteer staff.



**FAIR OPPORTUNITIES**

**Junior Supers** are 4-H age 10-18, and will receive a premium. Supers must have greater knowledge of 4-H and how the county fair operates. You will need to be available a minimum of 12 hours during fair, so that you can organize the area when exhibits are brought in, working with the judge’s assistants, making sure the judge has what they need and work closely with the area superintendent.

**Judges’ Assistants** are 4-H’ers at least 8 years old and willing to help judge during the judge processing the 4-H youth building. This mostly includes bringing exhibits to the judge to be evaluated, helping with the comment sheets, ribbons, entry cards and returning them back to their location. They will receive goodwill and many thanks, along with some valuable experience!

Please contact Becky 607-391-2660 at the 4-H office by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

<i>Session &amp; Dates</i>		<i>Theme of the Week</i>
Week 1	July 2-7	<i>Fantastical Beast Week</i>
Week 2	July 9-14	<i>Science week – full STEAM Ahead</i>
Week 3	July 16-21	<i>Caribbean Mystery Cruise</i>
Week 4	July 23-28	<i>Super Hero</i>
Week 5	July 30–Aug 4	<i>Magic Week</i>
Week 6	Aug. 6-11	<i>Olympics</i>

**DAY CAMP – youth ages 6/older:** for those campers who want the 4-H camping experience, but who don’t want to miss the action back home! As a day camper you participate in all the same activities as the Resident Campers with no limitation or restrictions... each Thursday we offer a sleepover for all day campers who want to try out the sleep-away experience. Transportation is offered for local youth to camp each day, as well as lunch and snacks.

**RESIDENT CAMP – youth ages 8 /older:** known as our traditional overnight camping experience, we

# 2017 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 2017					<b>01</b> * LONE BIRCH TACK SALE * CORNELL OPEN VET HOUSE * MAPLE FESTIVAL * DISTRICT PPP	
<b>02</b> MAPLE FEST	<b>03</b> TEEN COUNCIL MEET 6:30 PM 37 CHURCH ST.	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b> TRACTOR SAFETY 6:30-8:30PM	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b> STATE HORSE BOWL
<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> HERITAGE GARDEN WORKSHOP 6:30PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> TRACTOR SAFETY 6:30-8:30PM	<b>14</b> DEADLINE FOR FAIRBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> HYDROPONICS WORKSHOP 6:30 - 8:30PM	<b>18</b> FAIRBOARD MEETING	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4-H STARR RETREAT	<b>22</b> 4-H STARR RETREAT  NYS BOATERS SAFETY COURSE
<b>23</b> PLANT WORKSHOP 1-3PM LIME HOLLOW	<b>24</b> DUCK DERBY TICKETS TURN IN DAY	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> TRACTOR SAFETY 6:30-8:30PM	<b>28</b> RABBIT SHOW FAIRGROUNDS	<b>29</b> STATE DAIRY BOWL  4-H CAMP OWAHTA FUN!
<b>30</b>						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2017						
	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b> Animal Crackers @ Cornell Horse & Dog
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Boys Scouts McGraw Pack 91 4-H Camp Owahta	<b>13</b> Boys Scouts McGraw Pack 91 4-H Camp
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 4-H Capital Days	<b>22</b> 4-H Capital Days	<b>23</b> 4-H Capital Days  4-H Plant Sale Pick Up @ Fairgrounds	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> OPEN HOUSE @ 4-H CAMP OWAHTA 1-4 PM
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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**2016-2017 SECRETARY REPORTS**

☺ - Secretary of the Month - ☹ - Secretary Reports Received (on/before the 7<sup>th</sup> Due Date) –  
✓ - Secretary Reports Received (after the 7<sup>th</sup> Due Date) ♦ - New club (not active)

NAME OF 4-H CLUB	SECRETARY	OCT 2016	NOV 2016	DEC 2016	JAN 2017	FEB 2017	MAR 2017	APR 2017	MAY 2017	JUNE 2017	JULY 2017	AUG 2017	SEPT 2017
County Cackleberries 4-H Club													
Country Explorers	Rylee Thomas	☺	☹	☹	☹								
4-H Cincy Trailblazers	Mary Rose		☹	☹	☺								
Eastern Valley 4-H Club													
Friendly Acres 4-H Club		☹	☹	☺	☹								
Happy Hoppers													
Helping Hands	Harley Walker	☹	☹	☹	☹								
Marathon Maple Sugars 4-H Club		☹	☺	☹	☹								
New Penn Farms													
R Own 4-H Saddle Club	Megan Robison	☹											
Red Clovers 4-H Club													
River Valley 4-H Club													
Super Seekers													
4-H Teen Council													

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