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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.***

**CORTLAND
JR. FAIR
JULY 4-8, 2017**

All fair information will be posted to our website at:
<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

YOUTH ENROLLMENT:

All “new youth members” **showing animals**
must be enrolled by June 1st to be eligible for fair.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION:

All registration and classes must be done online.
June 1st Deadline

NON-OWNERSHIP FORMS:

(Animal Certificates)
must be turned into the 4-H office by June 1st.

On-line registration for all animal species.
owned and non-owned must be registered.

IMPORTANT: For Non-ownership, the paper form is also due to the office by June 1st. No exceptions to this date will be allowed. Form can be found on our website or may be picked up at the 4-H office.

(*Reminder: To be eligible for State Fair consideration, youth owned animals for most species must have the registration papers in their name dated no later than June 15th. Registration papers will be verified at animal check in at the 2017 Cortland Fair).

**4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITORS AND
ADULT CHAPERONES
STAYING AT THE FAIR OVERNIGHT:**



Reminder that **all** adults and adult chaperones staying on the fairgrounds overnight must have a background check and the cost is \$8.50. Any adult that this will be your first year staying must have this background check completed by July 1st (form can be found on the website). All youth staying in the barn must have an adult chaperone on premises, and have completed an Overnight Stay Registration Form and a Code of Conduct form (found on the website).

THE 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CORTLAND COUNTY

Clover  **Dispatch**

CALENDAR DATES:



**PULLORUM TESTING:POULTRY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH
6PM - FAIRGROUNDS**



**RABBIT TATOONG & NAIL CLIPPING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH
6PM - FAIRGROUNDS**



**MARKET ANIMALS RABIES
DEADLINE IS JUNE 7TH**

**TIE-DYE T-SHIRT WORKSHOP!
JUNE 12, 2017 6:30PM
@ FAIRGROUNDS**

Come and create a fabulous tie-dye 4-H T-shirt. Tie dye is a wonderful way to create a fun design on clothing. The process of tie-dye typically consists of folding, twisting, pleating or crumpling a garment & binding with rubber bands, followed by application of dye(s). In this hands-on workshop, youth apply tie dye on t-shirts that they can take home! Registration is due by June 2nd, must be paid before the workshop send by mail or stop into the 4-H office. COST: \$15.00 – ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED. Registration link:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/tiedyeshirt_211

JUNE DAIRY PARADE TUESDAY, JUNE 6th



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. Come and show your enthusiasm for agriculture in Cortland Co.! You will need to pre-register your club entry with the Dairy chair, Brenda Brooks 753-1593.

ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS



Official USDA Ear Taggers must be used on all Hogs that are showing at the Cortland Co. Jr. Fair 2017.

We now have 2 Pig Taggers in the office, please plan to reserve or stop in & sign out!

1. You must have your animal tagged on or before June 1st and must be recorded on documents when you online register your animal for the fair deadline and for your market project reports.
2. (We are making arrangement for a short meeting for all Market Animal Exhibitors and the date will be available shortly. Please plan to attend.)

If you may have any questions, please contact Heather at 391-2660. **Link to all paperwork** - regulations and fairbook - all guidelines and rules for 2017 Cortland County Jr. Fair.

<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

Cortland Co. Jr Fair July 4-8, 2017

FAIRBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST WINNER

64TH ANNUAL CORTLAND CO. YOUTH FAIR

Mary Rose, age 16, Cincy Trailblazers

Honorable Mention Designs:

Caylene Russell - Cincy Trailblazers
Sara Ortlieb - Helping Hands 4-H Club
Sarah Macie - Helping Hands 4-H Club
Isabella Macie - Helping Hands 4-H Club
Marybeth Ortlieb - Helping Hands 4-H Club

Congratulations to all, the artwork and designs were truly wonderful. We will have them on display at the 4-H wall at the fair in the 4-H building.

JR SUPERINTENDENTS AND JUDGES' ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Junior Superintendents and Judges' Assistants are needed to help at fair. Please contact Becky by **June 20th** at 607-391-2660 if you are interested. Below is a description for each.

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 20th if you are interested.

STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING FAIR WEEK JULY 4-8TH



For all youth that will be staying overnight in the dairy barn or in campers, 4-H rules will begin on **TUESDAY night when fair starts which means:**

- All youth will be staying in the dairy barn or camper with an approved adult chaperone.
- If youth does not have cows staying in the barn they are not allowed to stay.
- All youth must have completed a Fair Overnight Registration form and a Fair Code of Conduct form with parent's signature.
- Dairy Barn Superintendent will be on premises Tuesday night.

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT 2017 JUNIOR FAIR QUEEN



*Have you ever wondered
what it would be like
to be crowned as the
2017 fair queen?*

Rules: You must meet the requirements to be eligible as a possible candidate for the contest.

- 1) You must be **at least 14** and not older than 19 years of age by July 8, 2017, end of fair week.
- 2) You must be available the week of July 4-8th to participate in the award events.
- 3) You must have a general interest in helping promote youth programs in Cortland County.

Along with meeting new people and making lasting friendships, you will be able to experience working with some of the local dignitaries doing some media work and public relations.

*If you would like to participate contact 4-H Office 607-391-2660 Good Luck to all!**

NEW THIS YEAR!

Exciting News !!!!

2 NEW CONTESTS AT FAIR THIS YEAR!

SECTION 15 - SPECIAL CONTESTS

SHOEBOX FLOAT



Everybody loves a parade.... float! Who has the best design? Impress the judges with the finest shoebox float in the fair!

Create a design with the theme “4-H Grows _____” (fill in the blank).

- Contest open to all 4-H members 5 years and over. Contest levels: Cloverbud, Junior (ages 8-12), and Senior (ages 13+).
- Your float must be made from a traditional cardboard shoebox no larger than 10”x14” and limited only by your imagination.
- Decorations on the box should not exceed 15” tall.
- Limit: 1 per age class
- Entries will be judged on creativity/originality, appearance, representation of theme, workmanship and difficulty factor.
- Not State Fair eligible.

Materials You Need:

- A shoe box with the lid (No larger than 10”x14”. It is easier if it’s a shoe box that has a totally removable lid, not an attached one)
- Glue (A hot glue gun and Tacky Glue work best.)
- Construction paper, wrapping paper, or other paper (This will cover your box before you decorate)

Decorations (*This can literally be anything! Such as beads, glitter, confetti, feathers, ribbon, pompom balls, and foam stickers from the craft store and dollar store, along with random finds from your craft stashes. You could also use pipe cleaners, dry pasta, paint, and anything else you have hanging around from past projects.*)

Directions:

1. Open your shoe box. The box will be turned upside down to create the base of your float and the lid will create the back wall of your float. Cover the box in construction/wrapping paper.
2. Cover the lid in a similar fashion, making sure to leave the underside of the lid free to slide back onto the shoe box. You can also opt to leave the lid bare and decorate once it’s attached to the box.
3. Attach the lid to the box.
4. Let your creativity run wild! Feathers, glitter, confetti, beads, stickers, whatever your inner crafter heart desires and represents your theme!
5. Make sure to include a sign that states your theme “4-H Grows _____”.

JR IRON CHEF CONTEST



Do you like to cook? If so, do we have a contest for you!

The Jr. Iron Chef Contest is a team challenge for 4-H age youth (age 8 and up) who work together to prepare a healthy and tasty recipe. The challenge focuses on creating a fun atmosphere where teams participate in a friendly challenge to create the best recipe using optimal kitchen and team practices. Food is provided and includes the added challenge of some mystery ingredients!

Teams may be made up of either 3 or 4 participants, and there must be an adult coach for each team. Evaluators talk with and assess teams to provide a final evaluation based on: overall taste, presentation, healthy/nutritious choices, floor skills (e.g., sanitary and safe), teamwork, and verbal presentation.

JR. IRON CHEF

Informational meeting

Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m.
4-H Building at the fairgrounds.

Contest is Friday, July 7th at 3 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by June 26th

Limit: 8 teams

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/jrironchef_211

GENERAL RULES: CLOVERBUDS SHOWING ANIMALS @ FAIR

*A Cloverbud is a youth 5 up to 8 years of age
as of January 1, 2017.*

If youth turns age 8 *after January 1st* they are
still considered a Cloverbud for this fair year.

1. *Cloverbuds are only allowed one entry* per animal species and receive a participation ribbon only.
2. *Cloverbuds may exhibit* in dairy cattle, horse, poultry, rabbit/cavy, dairy goat, meat goat and sheep divisions (no market animals).
3. *Cloverbuds may not exhibit* in beef, swine, market turkeys or market broilers divisions.

THE NON-OWNED PROJECT ANIMAL



Cortland Co. 4-H Program offers an option of a 4-H'ers participating animal science programs by adopting and showing a non-owned animal.

By non-owned, we define this animal as becoming a project animal, and if registered with a specific species breed association, it is not necessary to transfer/official ownership on the animal's registration paper to the 4-H'ers.

This gives members the opportunity to experience working with different animals & currently do not own, before they go to the expense of buying one or if they don't have the space and facilities to keep one of their own.

For the 4-H office to properly recognize the animal as the member's 4-H project for that year. The specific **non-owned form must** be received in the 4-H office by **June 1, 2017.**

Failure to fully complete the form and have it in to the 4-H office by June 1st could mean that the 4-H'er will be ineligible to show that animal at the Cortland Co. Jr Fair.

4-H Building will be open for
Non-Perishable exhibits on
Friday, June 30th
Noon to 5PM
Otherwise bring non-perishable exhibits
on **Monday, July 3rd by Noon!**

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

1. **OWNERSHIP REGULATIONS** the exhibitor must own all animals by **JUNE 1st** of current fair year.
2. **NON-OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE-** available at the CCE office or on-line. The exhibitor must care for animals that are exhibited as non-ownership.
3. **MARKET ANIMALS:** must be owned and in the care of the exhibitor by:
 - a) **Market Goats, Sheep & Swine:** **JUNE 1st** of current fair year.
 - b) **Beef:** 180 Days
 - c) **Market Turkeys** – April delivery approved by 4-H office.
 - d) **Pen of Broiler Chickens** - May delivery approved by 4-H office.

www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html



2017 HEALTH CHART /VACCINATION

“Birthdate No Later – April 4, 2017.”

All animals must be 3 ½ months of age to participate in the 2017 County Youth Fair

(Note: “equine” horses must be 24 months old to participate).

A VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE: Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart (CVI) and must be issued by an accredited veterinarian.

ON OR AFTER MAY 1ST / CURRENT YEAR.

IDENTIFICATION: Identification is necessary under the NYS animal Health requirements. Animals must carry positive identification such as official ear tag, tattoo and/or registration papers.
(BVD-PI)–BOVINE VIRAL DIARRHEA PERSISTENT INFECTION - THE DATE & RESULTS OF THE TESTING MUST BE NOTED ON THE CVI.

PULLORUM-TYPHOID: (BIRDS) - AFTER APRIL 08 THRU JULY 08, 2017 (*doves, pigeons & waterfowl exempt*).

HORSE – EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA TEST – (EIA/COGGINS) – CALENDAR YEAR IS 2016-2017.

RABIES VACCINATION FOR MARKET ANIMALS: ON OR BEFORE JUNE 7, 2017.

RABIES VACCINATION FOR NON-MARKET ANIMALS: (NYS-AI-202 states) “*Rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret and that are 3 1/2 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair.*”.

ON OR BEFORE JUNE 19, 2017.
(14 days before fair).

RABIES VACCINATION OF ALL OTHER MAMMALIAN SPECIES: GOATS AND SWINE - will also be required even though there is no USDA licensed vaccine available; this is known as “off-label” use.

Exception to the Rule:..... will be given to only to the “*small caged animal species*”, such as rabbits cavies, etc. for which there is no USDA licensed vaccine available.

Most animals must be at least 4 months of age to receive a rabies vaccine. Special precautions will be taken to inform and keep the public from coming in contact with all fair exhibited animals, especially those not rabies vaccinated or off label vaccinated.

All animals (with exception of those noted above) will be required to show proof.

Rabies Vaccination. “ACCEPTABLE PROOF” IS A VALID RABIES CERTIFICATE and included **all pets on** the Cortland Fairgrounds property.

DAIRY CATTLE: “SPRING CALF”:

Acceptable Birth Date: MARCH 1- April 4th, 2017.

IDENTIFICATION: All cattle and swine must be Identified by **USDA approved official ear tag**. All swine, and cattle must be tagged before “*official health papers*”.



AROUND THE COUNTY.....

SECRETARY REPORTS

MONTH OF FEBRUARY
Kristie Walley
Marathon Maple Sugars

Marathon Maple Sugars – Kristie Walley reports that the club members met on February 20th and made desserts for dinner and made fabric flowers.

Super Seekers – club members have been working on a 4 week series with the Eat Smart NY program about gardening.

Cincy Trailblazers – held a business meeting on Jan and no meeting held in February.

County Cackleberries – club met and went over upcoming info for fair and presentations. They painted jars, made picture frames and did the Hoards Dairyman judging contest.

Friendly Acres – the club met on Feb 19th and had a sledding activity, cake making and decorating, and did the Hoards Dairyman judging contest.

GROWING YOUR FLAVOR OPTIONS

The good news is that we can find alternative sources for great flavors in culinary herbs. Even if you have never gardened before, or you think that you might have a “black thumb”, you can do this! Most culinary herbs are hardy, undemanding and forgiving. These plants offer a lot of payoff for the space and energy they require.

A culinary herb is a plant that is valued primarily for its savory or aromatic qualities. If you are using the leafy parts of a plant for flavor, it is an herb. If you are using seeds or bark for flavor, that is a spice. If you are eating the vegetative parts (stems, leaves, or roots) as a food product that is a vegetable. If you are eating the reproductive parts (the part with seeds), that is a fruit. If you cannot do any of the above, then it is a weed. Well, maybe it is a flower – but that is another story.

A single plant can provide more than one type of product. Celery provides stalks (vegetable) and seeds (spice). Coriander provides cilantro leaves (herb) and seeds (spice). Fennel provides fronds (herb) and a bulb (vegetable).

Within the group of plants used as culinary herbs, there are three growth patterns or life cycles. This is relevant to how you plant them and harvest them. Life-cycles can be annual, biennial or perennial. When you are purchasing a seed packet or plant, this information should be prominently displayed.

Annual plants live their entire life in a single season. They will grow from seed, become mature, produce seeds and die. If you have a “questionable” location for planting, experiment with annuals first. If it does not work out well, you can select a new location next year. Success, for these plants, is making seeds. Once they reproduce they are finished. You can prolong their productivity by harvesting frequently and, in the process, removing all flowers. Harvest the entire plant in late fall. Annuals: basil, chervil, cilantro, and dill.

Biennial plants live their full life in two growing seasons. The first year they grow stems, leaves and roots. The second year they make seeds and die. Unless you are growing the plant specifically for the seeds, it is easier to manage them as annuals (see above). Biennials: angelica, parsley, and sweet rocket.

Perennial plants live three or more years. Most of these plants will seed more than once over the course of their lives. Because they stay around longer, select their location carefully. Keep your perennials and annuals separate so that you do not disturb the roots of your longer lived plants when you replace your annuals or most of the season you can manage your perennials like your annuals: harvest regularly, remove flowers to improve productivity.

In fall, continue to remove flowers but reduce the harvesting to the occasional “snip” to allow your plant to feed its roots and prepare for winter. Perennials: chives, lovage, oregano, sage, stevia, mint, rosemary, tarragon and thyme.

Caution! Not all perennials can survive a New York winter! Our hardiness zone range is 4 to 5 (higher numbers indicate warmer regions). When you are purchasing a seed packet or plant, the hardiness number should be prominently displayed. I generally do not expect any plant with a number higher than 4 to survive outside. Tender perennials can be grown here as annuals or as potted plants that are brought inside for the winter. Examples: stevia and rosemary.

You start with seeds or a baby plant in a pot. Seeds are less expensive and quite rewarding. Baby plants give you a head start. Generally, the choice is yours and both will work fine. However, there are exceptions. Some herbs should be grown from seed because they do not transplant well. Transplanting may stunt or kill the plant. These plants should be direct-seeded right into the bed or pot where they will spend their lives. Direct-seed: borage, anise, caraway, chervil, coriander, cumin, dill, and fennel. Some herbs should be obtained as “starts” and transplanted. These plants do not reproduce true-to-type from seeds. Nurseries produce these by division or cuttings. Transplant: mints, oregano, rosemary, thyme, and tarragon. If you decide to purchase plants, and you do not know how to recognize pests and diseases, please start with a reputable local producer. You might find a mentor as well as a vendor.

With a little experimentation, you will find that your meals are rich with sumptuous guilt-free flavors and aromas. Happy gardening and bon appetit.

Source: *Dana S. Kruser – Master Gardener Volunteer*

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
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To The 4-H Family:

2016-2017 SECRETARY REPORTS													
(☺) - Secretary of the Month - (☹) - Secretary Reports Received (on/before the 7 th Due Date) – (✓) - Secretary Reports Received (after the 7 th 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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