



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

AG Literacy Day was a huge success with every Herkimer County school district participating this year. Pictured is Commissioner of Ag & Markets, Pat Hooker, reading to Mount Markham's morning program.



Staff helped organize an all-day forestry workshop at the Best Western in Little Falls. Thirty attended.



The Central New York Dairy and Field Crops team collected samples of grasses and alfalfa and took measurements to post on their website for the 2008 Forage Quality Project. Other projects in which farms are participating in is the Upper Susquehanna Watershed Project and the Precision Feed Management Working Group.



Approximately 600 area sixth-graders attended 4-H Conservation Field Days and 500 fifth-graders attended Farm Safety Day Camp.

All learned valuable lessons.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM



"Get Fit for Life" was the topic of the April Health and Nutrition Forum held in Herkimer and taught by Jim LaFountain, Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Director at Mount Markham

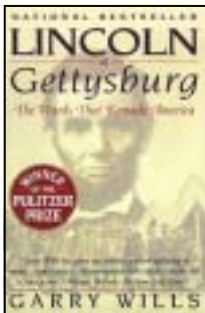
Central School, and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Eight students from three Herkimer County school districts participated in the spring semester of the Government Intern Program.



Nutrition staff made 344 home visits to 85 families; 25 recruitment visits to 8 food pantries (259 contacts); and 7 visits to 5 WIC clinic locations (30 contacts). Ninety-three home visits were made to 18 Even Start families; and 35 Even Start Center programs were presented (155 contacts).

Meghan Murphy, summer nutrition assistant, began working for CCE through the Herkimer County College Corps.



The 2008 Cornell University Reading Project features Lincoln at Gettysburg by Garry Wills. 340 books were distributed to six school districts.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Ron Smith, Master Gardener through the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program, presented a gardening workshop at the office that went over so well that a second one was presented a week later. A total of 38 attended.

During June, Meghan worked in 18 WIC clinics, reaching 256 WIC participants; referring 59 families for CCE staff to make home visits. She is shown here at Herkimer WIC promoting the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

