



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Eighteen high school senior government intern students from six area high schools went to Albany where they met with Senator Seward, visited the 9/11 Memorial at the NYS Museum, toured the Capitol building and learned about State Government.



The CNY Dairy and Field Crops team sponsored the "2008 Corn Conference" and "2008 Dairy Day." Both were very well attended. The team



also held workshops which included "New Reality in Dairy and Field Crops," "Field Crop Pest Management," "Raising Fiscally Responsible Replacements," and "Precision Feeding." A total of 488 farmers attended these meetings, many from Herkimer County.

HUMAN ECOLOGY PROGRAM



Two 4-H Public Presentation events were held. Sixty-one 4-H members attended the county wide event.



"Food Sensitivities" was the topic of the March Nutrition Forum taught by Jean Wolcott, Registered Dietician from Upstate Cerebral Palsy and Pam Fahy, Celiac Support Group of the Mohawk Valley. Twenty-five professionals and interested consumers attended the program.

A 4-H Textile and Nutrition Workshop was held for 4-H'ers in February. Forty 4-H members and volunteers from nine 4-H clubs participated.



The Herkimer County Healthy Start Partnership completed a second year for a breastfeeding intervention as part of the USDA Research project through Cornell University that is addressing environmental interventions aimed at preventing excessive weight gain and obesity in childbearing women and their infants in the eight counties served by Bassett Healthcare. TV and radio PSA's along with billboards were used as part of the campaign.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The ten-session series "Spanish Course Just for Dairy Farmers" completed in March with seventeen farmers enrolled.

Other workshops that staff were involved with: "Do's and Don'ts of Starting a Small Farm Operation," "So You Bought the Farm...Now What?," "A Primer for Berry Production," "Saving Money & Energy in the Home."

Seventy-one home visits were made to eighteen Even Start families; thirty-two Even Start Center programs were presented to 144 families.

