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Ag in the Classroom program expands for second straight year

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The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program is expanding its incubation and embryology project for the second straight year.

The idea for the project came in November 2020 as the Ag in the Classroom program had its first "Turkey Tour," Ag in the Classroom Educator Bernadette Harwood visited Livingston County elementary schools with a live tom and hen and talked about raising turkeys on her farm.

Since many students were unaware of what turkeys looked like, the Ag in the Classroom staff came together with a plan to help students and teachers develop first-hand knowledge of how farmers care for their animals – and the science behind those practices in agriculture.

For the incubation and embryology project, classrooms are provided with all of the necessary materials, including an incubator, fertile eggs, chick waterer and feeder, shavings, and more. Teachers receive science-based resource manuals and student activity books developed by Harwood and Program Coordinator Jenn Schwab. Classes are given the option of joining staff-led virtual lessons where stu-



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The incubation and embryology project reached more than 1,100 students in 2021.

dents learn how to candle eggs, perform science experiments with non-fertile eggs, and more.

Last year, the project reached 1,112 youth in Grades Pre-K through 12 in every school district and most private schools.

"Being an agricultural community, the embryology project was a natural fit into our Life Science program," said Avon

teacher Leah Young. "Students were consistently engaged on an increased level which can be challenging in today's digital world."

Students of Keshequa Pre-K teacher Kammy Snyder have participated in the embryology project for several years.

"This ties in nicely with our animals unit and provides an opportunity for the students to see the life cycle first hand," Snyder said. "Students are excited to observe and track the progress of the eggs through candling. The excitement of Hatch Day is felt throughout the class, the whole school and at home.

"Past students still reflect on our eggs/chicks," she said. "I also love the way the students show compassion and caring towards the chicks once they hatch."

So far, 76 teachers from Mount Morris, Dansville, Wayland-Cohocton, Avon, Livonia, Caledonia-Mumford, York, Keshequa, Geneseo, Lima-Christian, and St. Agnes School in Avon have signed up to participate in 2022. Due to the level of interest, the project is being broken up into three segments with teachers participating in either March, April, or June.

"The incubation and embryology project is well loved by students and teachers

that participate at Keshequa Primary," said teacher Jen Amrhein. "This is a wonderful hands-on learning experience for our students. Taking care of the eggs and the excitement of hatching them supports students' learning."

This year's project will see some minor changes based on feedback from the teachers who participated in 2021. The activity books designed to go along with the project will see a few new activities. Some schools will also receive a lesson from CCE Livingston County's new nutrition educator, Lucille Tang.

Due to the cost associated with the project, CCE Livingston County is seeking sponsors to help purchase supplies and equipment. It costs \$225 to supply one classroom (15 students) with everything needed for the 21-day project. Altogether, the CCE Livingston County Ag in the Classroom program hopes to raise \$7,000 this year.

For information about sponsoring the 2022 incubation and embryology project, or the Livingston County Ag in the Classroom program overall, contact Bernadette Harwood via email to beh53@cornell.edu or call (585) 755-2703 or Jenn Schwab at jls669@cornell.edu or (585) 991-5439.

Extension celebrates 'Ag Literacy Week'

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The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program celebrated ag literacy in February and March by reading "Who Made My Lunch? From Milk to Cheese" by Bridget Heos.

"Ag Literacy Week" takes place annually across New York State. Each year, volunteers read a featured book to elementary school students and engage them in a follow-up activity. This year, Ag Literacy Week was celebrated March 21 to 25.

Altogether, 23 volunteers read to Livingston County students in Grades K-4. More than 1,300 students across all 11 school districts participated in this year's event.

This year's volunteers included County Administrator Ian Coyle, Town of Ossian Supervisor Dwight Knapp,

Livingston County Judge Jennifer Noto, and state Senator Patrick Gullivan's Community Representatives Phyllis Wick-erham and Sara Santora. Several members of the Livingston County Farm Bureau and CCE Livingston County board of directors also participated.

After reading the book, students learned how cheese is made and participated in a mozzarella and cheddar cheese taste test.

In addition to Ag Literacy Week, the Ag in the Classroom Program offers a number of lessons to teachers. Past topics have included soil, dry beans, evergreens, dairy, and more! Lessons can be tailored to fit specific grade levels and/or time frames.

For more information on the Ag in the Classroom Program, contact Jenn Schwab at (585) 991-5439 or jls669@cornell.edu.

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Interactive stations part of Safety & Wellness Fair

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MOUNT MORRIS - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County and the Genesee Valley Health Partnership are teaming up to host the 2022 Safety and Wellness Fair at Livingston County's Murray Hill Camp.

The annual event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14 and will be ongoing at the same time as Livingston County's first Family Fest celebration at nearby Al Lorenz Park.

The Safety & Wellness Fair will include more than three dozen interactive stations that encourage discussion on a variety of topics geared toward educating parents and their children about community health and safety resources and programming. Topics include bike helmets, bicycle safety, child car seat safety, community wellness programs, parenting resources, special needs education and evaluation programs, fire safety, Operation Safe Child, and business use prevention.

Children will also be able to enjoy arts and crafts activities, and a small animal petting zoo.

New this year, CCE Livingston County will distribute free child booster seats and youth bike helmets to qualifying fair participants with children present (seats and helmets are available while supplies last).

A make-your-own granola bar and hydration station will feature healthy snacks and attendees can also enjoy free ice cream by visiting education stations and collecting stamps for their Wellness Card (available at the information table).



Shaerita, left, was one of the 2021 winners of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County's "Safety on Wheels" contest.

Extension announces 'Safety on Wheels' contest

SPECIAL TO LCN
The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Traffic Safety Program has announced its 2022 Safety on Wheels Contest. The contest is being held in cooperation with the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The annual coloring and writing competition focuses on bicycle, helmet, and seat belt safety. It is open to all Livingston County students in Grades 3PK through 6. Contest entries are available online at <http://ccc LivingstonCounty.org/home-family/traffic-safety-education/wheels-sport-safety>.

Contest submissions must include a complete, legible, signed parent/guardian consent form. Submissions will be accepted until 3 p.m. on March 31 at your school's main office, the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County office at 1 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, or emailed to traffic.safety@cornell.edu.

This year's contest will recognize:

- One Creative Safety Showcase: Selected from the first and second place winners at each grade level. Exceptional entries should demonstrate creativity focused on safety, safety-related messages, or equipment. The winning entry will receive a deluxe safety necessary package (in addition to their other prizes).

■ Eight first-place winners: For highest quality entry by grade level. Winners will receive a certificate, new bicycle, helmet, and bike safety device.

■ Eight second-place winners: For highest quality entry by grade level. Winners will receive a certificate, helmet, and bike safety device.



Brady, left, was one of the 2021 winners of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County's "Safety on Wheels" contest.

Livingston County 4-H program awards livestock scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE LCN
Livingston County 4-H member Brady Wood has been awarded a livestock project scholarship from the Bank of Castle.

The Bank of Castle annually commits scholarship money to deserving Livingston County 4-H members to help with the purchase of a 4-H beef, swine, or lamb project animal. The application process includes an essay explaining why the applicant is interested in the project, a recommendation, a knowledge test about the livestock industry, careers in agriculture, animal nutrition, genetics, showing, and grooming; and an interview with the selection committee.

Brady, a nine-year member of Livingston County 4-H, was awarded a Bank of Castle Beef Scholarship in the amount of \$500. The scholarship will help Brady purchase his 4-H beef project animal for the upcoming year.

He has previously completed projects in the beef, swine, market poultry, and arts and crafts project areas. Brady has also participated in the Livingston County 4-H Program

Public Presentations contest. 4-H livestock projects present 4-H youth with a hands-on opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and life skills that are critical in the personal development of young people. Not only do they have the responsibility of caring for their project animal, but they also learn valuable business lessons such as financial record keeping, marketing and communication skills associated with selling their project animal, and providing a high quality food product to consumers.

The Bank of Castle scholarship program support provides deserving youth with an opportunity to raise and show a market animal that they may not, otherwise, have been able to buy. This shows a true commitment to agriculture and the 4-H Youth Development Program in Livingston County, 4-H officials said.

For more information about the Livingston County 4-H Program, call (585) 991-5420 or (585) 335-1752.



Livingston County 4-H member Brady Wood is shown preparing a cow for the beef show at the Homlock Fair.

4-H members complete public presentations

EIGHT ADVANCE: Will represent Livingston County at District level

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More than 30 members of the Livingston County 4-H program present public presentations during the annual event.

The goal of 4-H Public Presentations is to build a young person's public speaking skills and confidence speaking in front of a group. Participants choose a topic of interest and develop a three- to 15-minute presentation which they deliver in front of peers, adults, and judges. Due to COVID-19, 4-H members were offered both an in-person speaking option with a small audience or a remote presentation, offering its own unique opportunities for growth.

Eight 4-H members from this year's event were chosen to represent Livingston County at the District-level event. They are Victoria Charlebois, Audrey de Wit, Rian de Wit, Lindsay Flick, Fiona Gelb, Alyssa Healy, Claire Paul, and Lily Sharp.

This year's event featured 31 participants and a variety of topics, with many youth choosing to share information about a favorite animal, pet, hobby or even demonstrate a skill. The Interview Category, which is an option for teens who have participated in Public Presentations multiple times, was again popular this year. Teens can choose to participate in a job or college interview and develop all the support documents needed. A team of adults ask youth typical interview-style questions and offer feedback on the interview itself as well as the resume, cover letter and/or college essay.

"I love this as an option for teens, especially when the teen has really mastered other categories," said 4-H Educator Renee Hopkins. "Past participants often share how helpful the mock interviews are in helping them gain confidence going into a real interview situation."

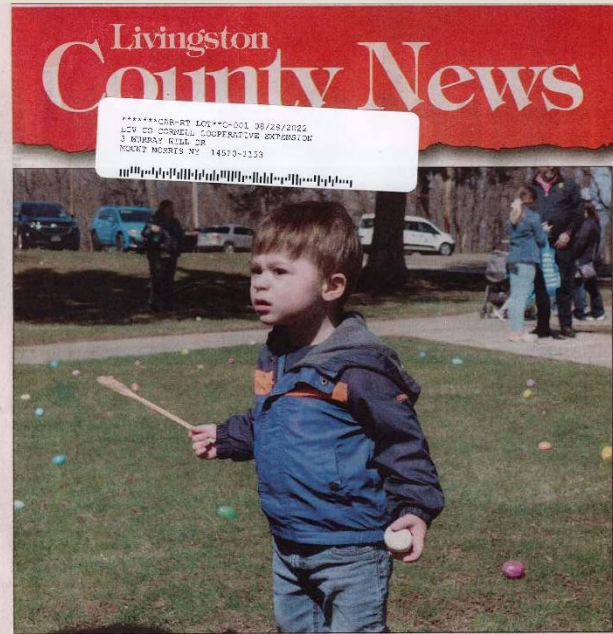
This year's participants included Eli Barrett, Juliana Braun, Marshall Braun, Victoria Charlebois, Madelyn Coty, Audrey de Wit, Rian de Wit, Janac Duruya, Tucker Drum, Gianna Embesi, Devon Flick, Lindsay Flick, Fiona Gelb, Nathalia Gelb, Kiara Grankee, Raelyn Guldenschuh, Alyssa Healy, Kamryn Jerome, Erin Kolodziej, Syl-ney Kolodziej, Elizabeth Messinger, Claire Paul, Katie Paul, Lily Sharp, Onnolee Shurt, Reid Shurt and Shawn Tunningley.

This year's Cloverbud participants (ages 5-7) included Iva Christiano, Kyrie Drum, Talia Embesi, and Camden Sharp. Much of the benefit of the program is due to the constructive feedback from volunteer evaluators who offer encouragement and guidance. This year's evaluators were Peggy Auinger, Amber Charlebois, Tim Hayes, Anna Macauley, Sue Werner, Michelle Wolgast and Mark Wittmeyer.

For additional information on the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Renee Hopkins at (585) 991-5420 or (585) 335-1752 or email rh445@cornell.edu, or check the website at www.ccelivingstoncounty.org.

Enrollment in the 2021-2022 program year is underway and runs through April 30.

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Corbin Sick, age 2, does his best to find the eggs at the egg hunt organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County on Saturday. More than 1,000 eggs were hidden on Livingston County's Murray Hill campus for children to find.

Egg hunt unites community

EASTER: 4-H Teen Council delivers many hoppy returns

BY BRENDAN MCDONOUGH
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MOUNT MORRIS – After being cancelled for the past two years because of the pandemic the spring egg hunt in Mount Morris returned and organizers could not be happier.

"I think it is just a great way to bring people together and to get exposure to what teen

council is and to what 4-H is because in a lot of ways I feel like that we are still one of the best kept secrets in the county," said Renee Hopkins, a 4-H educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County.

The April 2 event was organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County and put together with the help of the 4-H

Teen Council. The event took months of planning. "One of our long-standing activities within the program has been the spring egg hunt, so they (members of the 4-H teen council), plan the activities, they get all of the prep work done, they show up early and they get it all done," said Hopkins.

The highlight of the day was the Easter Egg Hunt. More

than 1,000 eggs were scattered on the grounds around 3 Murray Hill inviting children to search for the eggs. To help make it easier for parents with both younger and older kids, the egg hunt was divided up into three different sections, with the younger kids going first. Once they were finished the next group of kids could

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President of 4-H Teen Council of Livingston County Alyssa Healy is shown here with her rabbit named Hops. He is less than a year old. She said he got the name because he jumps a lot.

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start. Barbara Sick of Livonia said the egg hunt was the perfect way to spend a Saturday. "My grandson who is 2 years old lives here in Mount Morris, so I figured it would be a good thing to do. It is a nice sunny day and a lot of activities and it is a lot of fun," said Sick.

The fun did not begin or

end with the egg hunt. There was a whole host of activities for the both children and their parents to participate in.

"We have five bunnies, face painting. One of our youth is in the bunny costume. We have a photo booth area, flower planting station, obstacle course/ egg-on-a-spoon relay race, bean bag toss and egg decorating station," said Hopkins.

At the photo booth, Teen Council Vice President Molly Milliknen took pictures of

kids standing with the Easter Bunny. She said seeing the smiles on people's faces helped to brighten her day.

"We just wanted to give the community an opportunity to have some fun, this was an annual tradition for years until the pandemic, so this is our first year back," said Milliknen. "We have been looking forward to it for months now."

Teen Council President Alyssa Healy was also happy to see people out and about.

At her station she showed off her two rabbits.

"We definitely are educating people about rabbits and we are of course allowing people to see how cute they are because of course we love rabbits here and I think it is great because rabbits are a key part of Easter," said Healy.

To learn more about the Livingston County 4-H Teen Council, call (585) 991-5420 or (585) 335-1752.

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4-H member donates to Nunda Ambulance

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Livingston County 4-H member Cameron Wood has donated the proceeds from one of his 4-H market poultry project pens to the Nunda Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The market birds were sold during the 2021 4-H Livestock Auction at the Hemlock Fairgrounds. The birds were purchased by Bugman & Sons Inc., a transportation company based in Dalton.

Cameron, a member of the Dalton Gang 4-H Club, presented the organization with a check for \$650 at its Nov. 15 meeting.

Cameron, a sixth-grade student, has raised beef, pigs, and chickens as market animals at the Hemlock Fair for the past couple of years.

"This past year, I chose to raise an extra pen of chickens and donate the proceeds of that pen to the Nunda Ambulance. On July 3, 2020, my little brother Ethan was in a bad

ATV accident which left him in the hospital for seven days. Volunteers from the Nunda Fire Department and the Nunda Ambulance were very quick to respond, getting my brother the help he needed," Cameron said.

Youth Development Team Leader Mark Wittmeyer said the 4-H program was very proud of Cameron and his incredible gesture and donation to the ambulance service.

"His selfless act of donating the proceeds from the sale of his 4-H pen of two meat birds is a testament to his exemplary character," Wittmeyer said. "Thank you, Cameron, for giving back to your local community and to Bugman & Sons, Inc. for purchasing Cameron's birds and making this wonderful donation possible."

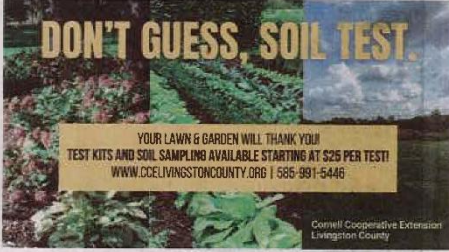
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CCE offers Gardening Gazette

The CCE Livingston County Gardening Gazette is a 20-page publication printed in full color and mailed monthly. Topics include home and grounds, the environment, pest management, trees, lawn care and maintenance, energy, and more. For subscription information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2859zrby>



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CCE Livingston to offer food preserver training

SPECIAL TO THE LCN
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County will offer a Master Food Preserver Training program for the first time in more than a decade. The three-day program is scheduled May 19 to 21 at Lima Presbyterian Church, 7295 West Main St. Registration is due May 6. Training is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Lunch is provided each day.

The training is for those who would like to go beyond the basics of home food preservation. The course is the first step

toward becoming a Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Food Preserver.

Participants will learn the science of food preservation including food safety, gain hands-on experience with boiling water bath canning, pressure canning, jelled products, and quick pickling, plus observe demonstrations of freezing, drying, and fermentation.

There is a cost to participate. Register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yc6tjpre> no later than May 6.

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Home & Garden

The snake plant is a hardy houseplant

Snake plant, Mother-in-law's Tongue, and Sword Plant are all common names for a very durable houseplant.

The botanical name of this plant was *Sansevieria* until recently; now the most accurate name is *Dracena trifasciata*.

Common names can be inconsistent, with the same name often used for different plants, so botanical names are more accurate. But with advances in science and technology, botanical names are often being changed based on microscopic discoveries.

On the Internet, I still find quite a bit of information using the name *Sansevieria* or Snake Plant and some vendors probably still use these labels.

Perhaps as long as 20 years ago I had one of these plants. After it grew to well more than a foot tall, I placed the

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pot on the floor instead of the too-short shelf. I watered it only occasionally, and it didn't get much light, but it stayed green. What finally caused its demise was the fact that it was top-heavy and repeatedly fell over, providing me with another mess to clean up. Out it went, to the compost pile.

Within the past few years I have noticed shorter varieties of this plant, often referred

to as bird's nest types. The first one I acquired was given to me by my neighbor, who obtained it at the estate sale of another friend and former neighbor, Erika Greene. I am delighted to have this remembrance of her. It's quite easy to propagate: I have rooted a leaf, and also have separated entire sections, often called pups, in their own pot.

This plant is considered a succulent, but it's not fussy at all. It does fine in low-light conditions. It thrives best if it is allowed to dry out between waterings, but will be fine if it sits in moist soil for a few days. It will grow more quickly if watered regularly.

There are numerous tender succulents that thrive only with full sun or grow lights in winter, and will die if left in moist soil.

There are several varieties of Bird's Nest Snake Plants available in the marketplace. I saw some at Wegmans a



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This Bird's Nest form of Snake Plant has lovely variegation.

couple of months ago, with a nice silver leaf. The Cylindrica variety of this plant has rounded, almost tubular leaves. When mature, Cylindrica can form a beautiful fan-shape.

Snake Plant is a plant that can be grown successfully by anyone willing to water it occasionally. Its tolerance for low lighting and dry air make it well-suited for our homes.



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This Cylindrica variety of Snake Plant has formed a beautiful fan.

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ful gardeners, especially helping people identify tools and strategies to prioritize and simplify their gardening tasks. She will answer gardening questions by email: JulieBW48@gmail.com.

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Lungwort displays both blue and pink flowers early in the season.



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Next month, emerging daylily foliage in this garden bed will blend with then cover the fading daffodil leaves.

Spring colors begin to emerge

In spite of temperatures in the teens just a couple of weeks ago, my flowering bulbs are doing fine this year. Winter aconite, snowdrops and the small crocus have finished blooming. Daffodils, Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa*), and countless blue squill are currently delightful. Perennial hellebores and lungwort (*pulmonaria*) are also in bloom. Spring is glorious.

These earliest small bulbs are very easy to grow right in your lawn. I've planted snowdrops and crocus all along the front edge of my front entrance sidewalk. The foliage isn't long-lasting, so it can be mowed in May. If you plant these bulbs in lawn along the edge of a walkway or garden, it is easy to go around the first couple of mowings.

Contrary to common Internet information, I see bees feeding on these early bulb flowers regularly. Honeybees don't emerge until temperatures reach the 60s,



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but I've seen bees on my winter aconite in March. Early bees usually are solitary ground-dwelling bees that aren't aggressive (most don't sting), but they do aid in pollination. These native bees are important pollinators for fruit including apples, cherries, pears and blueberries. I've seen the claim that dandelions are the earliest food for bees, but that's not generally true.

Currently my largest current daffodil display is in a border shared with daylilies. As the daffodils fade, the new daylily leaves hide the

fading foliage. If I notice the fading leaves poking through the fresh foliage, I gently flatten them to the ground. There is no benefit to braiding this foliage, just hide it.

My lungwort came with this property. It spreads in places many other plants don't find hospitable, including dry shade. It's small flowers emerge pink, then turn to blue, so I often see both colors on the same plant early in the season. In a moist spot it can develop into a nice clump. I find the silver spotted leaves charming in season. When the weather turns dry, the leaves will dry up, then new ones will emerge when rainfall returns. A variety called "Cotton Cool" has silvery white leaves.

My alliums are just emerging, and I've been working on removing some from my front garden because they have become too crowded. I love alliums, but some of them self-

seed too much. This variety of allium, Star of Persia (*Christophii*), blooms with 8" spheres formed by blue stars, and the spheres hold up well when dried. It took several years for the new plants to start blooming: the seeds grow slowly, just like edible onions. Instead of digging, I am cutting the tops off with a root knife. I remove the loose surrounding soil by hand, then insert the blade as deep as I can before cutting. They will probably come back smaller next year, and may return a third year. But it's a whole lot easier than digging them out, and causes less damage to surrounding plants.

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Home & Garden Trees, shrubs benefit nature Annual SWCD sale underway

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The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District is again offering native trees and shrub seedlings at very affordable prices: most are \$1 each, minimum quantity of 10 per variety. Evergreens are three years old, 10 to 18 inches tall; deciduous tree and shrub seedlings are 1 to 2 years old, 10 to 24 inches tall. Most are available in a "teeny tiny" species groups of 10, for the purpose of land conservation. These seedlings are available to homeowners for use on their own property, not to be re-sold. Tree and shrub landscaping is more supportive of our ecosystem than lawns. Areas of your yard with trees and shrubs will attract more birds and other wildlife, providing shelter and sometimes food.

For optimal success, be sure to select plants that are well-suited to your land. The most adaptable trees on this list include Black Tupelo ("Cotton Tree"), Sawtooth Oak, and River Birch. Black Tupelo has lovely red fall foliage, small flowers which are attractive to bees, and half-inch fruits which birds enjoy. Also available for use as groundcovers are ornamental fountain grass, a yellow-orange short Dailya (*Sida* DeLeon), Blazing Star (*Scilla*), Downing plants, and Hens Ventrices (with green leaves). Two varieties of Siberian iris are also offered. Blue King and Snow Queens. These grow well in poor soil or part-shade, but attract bees, unless if placed in a well-drained spot. Blazing Star flowers produce seeds that the birds LOVE.

The 13 varieties of trees, shrubs, and six groundcovers available are listed on a well-designed order form, containing information necessary for you to make wise selections. Growth rate, mature size, soil and light preference, and best uses are included.



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This River Birch tree is adaptable for many home landscapes.
The finest height. Many species of wildlife enjoy these trees, and it produces colorful fall foliage. Because it tolerates salt, it would be excellent as a roadside hedge.

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An online presentation by landscape architect Thomas Balaban caught my eye recently. He discussed the importance of landscaping when the windows of Thomas and his business partner, Charles West, who I hoped speak a few years ago at September Garden in Canton, Ohio. I have purchased and read the book they have written, *Planting in a New World*.

These landscapers nicely express my feelings about the marketing promotion of species in city or specific groups of plants and plants for example, or pollinator plants and plants or butterfly plants. These gardeners and several other landscapers are sharing garden in a more holistic manner, with more emphasis on plant communities and less emphasis on planting based on ideology. It is important to use plants that improve our environment, but it is a mistake to focus on one or two plant qualities while ignoring the complexity of our environment. It is not worth to mention birds, bees and butterflies, just to promote a plant, not just the food sources they need.

As stated in this book, it is important to use plants that improve our environment, but it is a mistake to focus on one or two plant qualities while ignoring the complexity of our environment. It is not worth to mention birds, bees and butterflies, just to promote a plant, not just the food sources they need.

As set garden, the first consideration should be on use, soil, and available moisture. In order to identify appropriate plants for these situations, consider visiting some natural areas. In search of a spot with similar conditions. Take photos, and obtain assistance if needed to identify the plants. The plants should be identified using long-established guides including the National Park Service, and other field guides like the *Native Plant Society*. These large old field guides are available in paperback, and are not too expensive. I have done it on my own in the past. Big gardeners should plant the proper. Not really, especially if you have larger gardens.

Gardens have room for many planting ideologies

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Gardening projects for early spring

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Spring is arriving, though not quite quickly enough for most of us. In spite of the warmer days we have had in March, today looks and feels like mid-winter, complete with strong gusty winds and snow flurries. Tomorrow will be significantly warmer, but it still will be mid-season.

As the season emerges, my gardening activities are picking up. This month I have attended a couple of excellent webinars from Cornell focusing on bio-control, the use of good bugs (predators) to reduce damage by bad bugs (prey). To incorporate this approach, you need to create the habitat for the predators. Researchers have been quite successful using this strategy with some invasive plants, including purple loachgrass, and with some plants in agricultural settings. There are promising trials with swallow-wort (AKA dog strangling vine), a terribly aggressive smothering vine which is becoming established in Livingston County. They have not achieved success yet with the most damaging pests in my flower beds: the four-line bug, red lily beetle, and Japanese beetle.

I have tackled some pruning projects, which are optimally completed for many shrubs before leaves emerge. On Facebook, horticulturalist Lee Reich is offering some good pruning suggestions. The organization Plant Amnesty offers the best pruning videos on the Internet. These videos are available to members for \$30 per year. And Good Gardening Videos on YouTube are a very good free resource for many gardening tasks including pruning.

I recently enjoyed Christine Froehlich's recent blog post on tools for pruning, and was inspired by an included video on sharpening hedge clippers, my favorite garden clean-up tool. I needed to first clean



Julie Brocklehurst-Woods, Cornell in The LCN

These purchased tulips are not yet in bloom in our area.

the blades well. I used low-odor mineral spirits and steel wool, to avoid gunking up my sharpening file. Christine's blog is called "Gardening with What you Have." It's a great counterpart to "how many new plants can I buy?"

I don't remove much decaying plant material from my gardens. While layers of leaves can't remain on your garden beds where they can smother emerging plants and bulbs, you can allow hollow plant stems to stay in your garden until we get more consistent daytime high temperatures in the 50s, when over-wintering garden critters emerge. I will use my hedge scissors to cut the stems into smaller pieces, and let them drop to the ground. I keep a close eye on my chopped mulched leaves from fall for emerging plants.

Be careful not to step on wet garden soil which causes compaction. I work on areas I can reach from my garden paths, or you can use a slab of wood as a movable stepping stone, to distribute your weight. My mulch will wait until existing plant matter is cut into pieces, and the soil has dried out enough to support my weight.

Do you have gardening questions? My email address is included in my bio at the end of each and every column. I enjoy receiving your questions, I love helping gardeners, and they let me know what I may consider writing about in future columns.

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Taking on invasive plants

MASTER GARDENER



JULIE BROCKLEHURST-WOODS

In honor of Earth Day, I spent some time with a group of people at the Roemer Arboretum on the south tip of the SUNY Geneseo campus. The weather was cooperative, and groups can accomplish what individuals may not.

Invasive species removal was the main agenda, focusing on the worst invader on this particular land parcel: wild honeysuckle. This shrub should not be confused with the Diervilla honeysuckle shrubs, which display fantastic foliage, and are not invasive.

This shrub is a vigorous grower that produces white (or sometimes pink) flowers in spring, and red berries in summer that the birds enjoy. So what's not to love?

If you have a spare minute, go visit this arboretum ASAP. This honeysuckle is perhaps the earliest shrub to leaf out in spring, so its overabundance is startlingly obvious right now. The early shade prevents other plants from growing, and some research suggests that its roots produce a substance that also prevents other plants from growing. It has fine, spreading roots that more readily absorb water than other plants. Deer don't browse on it. And those birds don't obtain much nutritional value from the berries. The seeds in the



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Garlic mustard plants, an invasive species, covers a forest floor.

berries are not digested, so the birds end up spreading the seeds, and planting lots more shrubs.

If you have this shrub on your property, the environment would benefit if you removed it, which isn't easy if it has reached the 12-foot-by-12-foot common size, or larger. Cutting back branches would reduce the berries this year, but it will return more vigorously next year. Some people use a chainsaw to cut back the branches, then dig out the roots. Using this mechanical approach requires monitoring and again removing any re-sprouting pieces for 3 to 5 years. Mature branches have hollow centers, making it easy to distinguish this shrub from other varieties.

Another approach is to use a herbicide, applied with a paintbrush, covering the stumps of cut-off branches. A 25% solution of glyphosate or triclopyl concentrate and water must be applied immediately following the cutting. This treatment is best applied late in the grow-

ing season when the plant is transporting nutrients to its root system. Monitoring is also needed with this approach, but regrowth will be significantly less.

Japanese honeysuckle vine is also considered invasive. It can strangle desirable plants, but it does not cause anywhere near the amount of environmental damage as this shrub.

Additional significant invasive plants found in this arboretum include garlic mustard and glossy buckthorn. Buckthorn is a small tree that also produces berries without much nutritional value, eaten by birds, then dropped with bird waste fertilizer far and wide. These berries also drop close to existing trees, which form dense colonies, choking out native plants. Removal

strategies are similar to the honeysuckle shrub. Garlic mustard is also a significant invasive problem. A mature plant can grow up to 4 feet tall, and produce up to 1,000 seeds, which can remain viable for seven years or more. Yikes!

I work each spring to control this in the boundaries of my yard by pulling or digging out the plants. There are always more, but my gardens would be overtaken if I ignored them.

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CCE incubation, embryology project expands for second straight year

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From news reports

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program is expanding its Incubation & Embryology project for the second straight year.

The idea for the project came in November 2020 as the Ag in the Classroom program held their first-ever Turkey Tour! Educator Bernadette Harwood visited Livingston County elementary schools with a live tom and hen and talked about raising turkeys on her farm.

Since many students were unaware of what turkeys looked like, the Ag in the Classroom staff came together with a plan to help students and teachers develop first-hand knowledge of how farmers care for their animals - and the science behind those practices in agriculture.

For the Incubation & Embryology project, classrooms are provided with all of the necessary materials, including an incubator, fertile eggs, chick waterer and feeder, shavings, and more. Teachers also receive science-based resource manuals and student

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activity books developed by Ag in the Classroom Educator Bernadette Harwood and Program Coordinator Jenn Schwab. Classes are given the option of joining staff-led virtual lessons where students learn how to candle eggs, perform science experiments with non-fertile eggs, and more.

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Avon teacher Leah Young said, "Being an agricultural community, the Embryology project was a natural fit into our Life Science program. Students were consistently engaged on an increased level which can be challenging in today's digital world."

Keshequa Pre-K teacher Kammy Snyder said, "As a Pre-K teacher, my classes have participated in the Embryology project for several years. This ties in nicely with our animals unit and provides an opportunity for the students to see the life cycle first hand. Students are excited to observe and track the progress of the eggs through candling. The excitement of Hatch Day is felt throughout the

class, the whole school and at home! Past students still reflect on our eggs/chicks! I also love the way the students show compassion and caring towards the chicks once they hatch."

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segments with teachers participating in either March, April, or June.

Teacher Jen Amrhein added, "The Incubation & Embryology project is well loved by students and teachers that participate at Keshequa Primary. This is a wonderful hands-on learning experience for our students. Taking care of the eggs and the excitement of hatching them supports students' learning."

This year's project will see some minor changes based on feedback from the teachers who participated in 2021. The activ-

ity books designed to go along with the project will see a few new activities. Some schools will also receive a lesson from CCE Livingston County's new Nutrition educator, Lucille Tang.

Due to the cost associated with the project, CCE Livingston County is seeking sponsors to help purchase supplies and equipment. It costs \$225 to supply one classroom (15 students) with everything needed for the 21-day project. Altogether, the CCE Livingston County Ag in the Classroom program hopes to

raise \$7,000 this year.

If you're interested in learning more about sponsoring the 2022 Incubation & Embryology project, or the Livingston County Ag in the Class-

room program as a whole, contact Bernadette Harwood at beh53@cornell.edu or 585-755-2703 | Jenn Schwab at jls669@cornell.edu or 585-991-5439.

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CCE Livingston County hosting Safety and Wellness Fair

From news reports

MOUNT MORRIS — The Annual Livingston County Safety & Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, May 14 at the Livingston County Campus on Murray Hill in Mount Morris from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with the County's Family Fest celebration at Al Lorenz Park.

This year's Safety & Wellness Fair will include over three dozen interactive stations that encourage discussion on a variety of topics geared toward educating parents and their children about community health and safety resources and programming. Topics include bike helmets, bicycle safety, child car seat safety; community wellness programs; parenting resources; special needs education and evaluation programs; fire safety; Operation Safe Child; tobacco use prevention; and more. Children will also be able to enjoy arts and crafts activities, as well as a small animal petting zoo.

New this year, CCE Livingston County will distribute free child booster seats and youth bike helmets to qualifying fair participants with children present (while supplies last). A make-your-own granola bar and hydration station will feature healthy snacks and attendees can also enjoy free ice cream by visiting



The Livingston County Mounted Patrol was in attendance at a past Livingston County Safety & Wellness Fair. The 2022 event is scheduled for May 14. PROVIDED

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education stations and collecting stamps for their Wellness Card (available at the information table). Those that turn in a full card will also have a

chance to win one of four prizes. Children can participate in a variety of games and activities at each station for a chance to win prizes too.

Winners of the 2022 Safety on Wheels Coloring & Writing contest will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement at the official award ceremony at noon. Ten first place winners will leave the fair with a new bike, while second place winners receive a helmet and bike safety device.

Hours for the County's Family Fest celebration at Al Lorenz Park will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature a fishing derby, basketball free throw/hot shot competition, 1K Family Fun Run, geocaching trail walks, classic car show, food, music, and more. Attendees will be able to walk between both events to enjoy a day of celebration and wellness.

For more information on each event, visit www.ccelivingstoncounty.org and www.livingstoncounty.us.

The Traffic Safety Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County offers educational programming and workshops for area residents of all ages on topics such as occupant, wheeled and pedestrian safety, as well as mobile Child Passenger Safety Car Seat Check events throughout the county. For information on any of these programs, contact Barbara Sturm, Traffic Safety Educator, at 585-991-5432 | bbs28@cornell.edu | trafficsafetycce@cornell.edu.

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CCE Livingston County to host Master Food Preserver Training May 19-21

From news reports

LIMA — Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County will be offering a three-day Master Food Preserver Training on May 19-21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, at the Lima Presbyterian Church.

This is the first time that CCE Livingston County has hosted a Master Food Preserver Training in more than a decade.

This training is for those who would like to go beyond the basics of home food preservation, either for personal use or to help others learn how to safely preserve food. This course is the first step toward becoming a Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Food Preserver.

Using the safest, most updated information available, participants will learn the science of food preservation including food safety, gain hands-on experience with boiling water bath canning, pressure canning, jelled products, and quick pickling, plus observe demonstrations of freezing, drying, and fermentation.

Cost is \$150 for Livingston County residents and \$250 for non-Livingston County residents. Two scholarships will also be available. Workshop is limited to 20 participants. Lunch provided daily.

Register by visiting <https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/MFPWLivingston2022> 224 no later than May 6.

For more information, contact CCE Livingston County's Nutrition Educator Lucille Tang at lt383@cornell.edu or 585-991-5449

Family Fest coming to Al Lorenz Park May 14

Event to celebrate county park with family-friendly games, activities and food

From news reports

GENESE — Livingston County is inviting the public to join in a fun-filled day of games and activities at the first ever Family Fest in Al Lorenz Park on May 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The family-friendly event will celebrate the only County-owned park, and highlight the many improvements the County has recently made there to trails, playgrounds and facilities. Activities will include a 1K family fun run, youth fishing derby, classic car cruise-in, and more, said Livingston County Ad-

ministrator Ian M. Coyle.

"We'll have a little something for everyone to enjoy during Family Fest," said Coyle. "Our beautiful 80-acre park is the perfect place to get outdoors and enjoy green spaces along with fellow members of the community. I hope everyone will join us in celebrating this recreational gem."

The event will coincide with the Annual Livingston County Safety and Wellness Fair, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County and Genesee Valley Health Partnership, at the County's adjacent Murray Hill Campus. Organizers are encouraging Family Fest visitors to attend both events for a full day of family fun with Livingston County.

For a complete list of Family Fest activities, a park map, and more, visit <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/FamilyFest>

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From news reports

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It is open to all Livingston County students in Grades 3PK through 6. Contest entries are available online at <http://cclivingstoncounty.org/home-family/traffic-safety-education/wheeled-sport-safety>.

Contest submissions must include a complete, legible, signed parent/guardian consent form.

Submissions will be accepted until 3 p.m. on March 31 at your school's Main Office; the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County office (located at 3 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris), or emailed to trafficsafetycce@cornell.edu.

This year's contest will recognize: **One Creative Safety Showcase:** Selected from the first and second place winners at each grade level. Exceptional entries should demonstrate creativity focused on safety, safety-related message, or equipment. The winning entry will receive a deluxe safety accessory package (in addition to their other prizes).

Eight First-Place Winners: For highest quality entry by grade level. Winners will receive a certificate, new bicycle, helmet, and bike safety device.

Eight Second-Place Winners: For highest quality entry by grade level. Winners will receive a certificate, helmet, and bike safety device.

The Safety on Wheels award ceremony will be held at the Livingston County Safety & Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 14 at 12 p.m. at the Livingston County Campus on Murray Hill Drive in Mount Morris.

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Livingston County 4-H holds annual public presentations

From news reports

The Livingston County 4-H Program held its annual Public Presentations event with 31 members participating.

The goal of 4-H Public Presentations is to build a young person's public speaking skills and confidence speaking in front of a group. Participants choose a topic of interest and develop a 3-15 minute presentation which they deliver in front of peers, adults, and judges. Due to COVID-19, 4-H members were offered both an in-person speaking option with a small audience or a remote presentation, offering its own unique opportunities for growth.

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are in helping them gain confidence going into a real interview situation," states Renee Hopkins, 4-H Educator.

This year's participants: Eli Barrett, Julianna Braun, Marshall Braun, Victoria Charlebois, Madelyn Coty, Audrey de Wit, Rian de Wit, Janae Duryea, Tucker Drum, Gianna Embesi, Devon Flick, Lindsay Flick, Fiona Gelb, Nathalie Gelb, Kiara Gramkee, Raelyn Guldenschuh, Alyssa Healy, Kamryn Jerome, Erin Kolodziej, Sydney Kolodziej, Elizabeth Mensinger, Claire Paul, Katie Paul, Lily Sharp, Onnolee Shutt, Reid Shutt and Shawn Tunngley. This year's Cloverbud participants (ages 5-7) included: Iva Christiano, Kyrie Drum, Talia Embesi, and Camden Sharp. Much of the benefit of the program is due to the constructive feedback from volunteer evaluators Peggy Auinger, Amber Charlebois, Tim Hayes, Anna Macauley, Sue Werner, Michelle Wolgast and Mark Wittmeyer.

4-H members chosen to represent Livingston County at the District event: Victoria Charlebois, Audrey de Wit, Rian de Wit, Lindsay Flick, Fiona Gelb, Alyssa Healy, Claire Paul and Lily Sharp.

For additional information on the Livingston County 4-H Program, contact Renee Hopkins at 585-991-5420 | 585-335-1752 or rh445@cornell.edu. You can also visit www.ccelivingstoncounty.org. Enrollment in the 2021-2022 program year is currently underway and runs through April 30.

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Janae Duryea's 4-H presentation focused on ferrets. PROVIDED BY LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H

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Ag in the Classroom marks Ag Literacy Week

From news reports

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program celebrated ag literacy in February and March by reading "Who Made My Lunch? From Milk to Cheese" by Bridget Heos.

Ag Literacy Week takes place annually across New York State. Each year, volunteers read a featured book to elementary school students and engage them in an exciting follow-up activity. This year, Ag Literacy Week was celebrated March 21-25.

Altogether, 23 volunteers read to Livingston County students in Grades K-4. More than 1,300 students across all 11 school districts participated in this year's event.

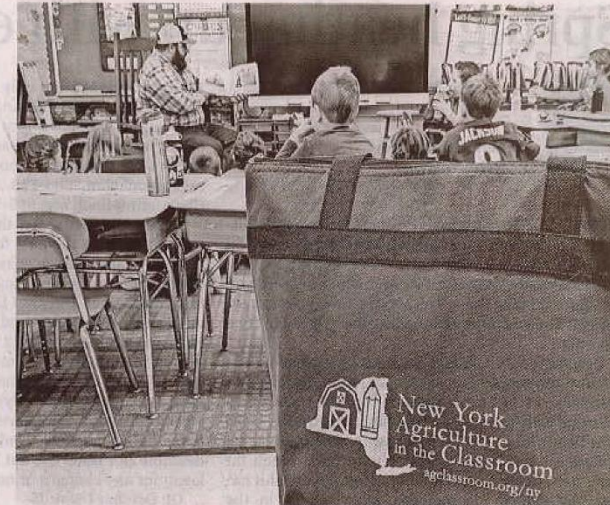
This year's volunteers included County Administrator Ian Coyle, Super-

visor Dwight Knapp, Judge Jennifer Noto, and Senator Patrick Gallivan's Community Representatives Phyllis Wickham and Sara Santora. In addition, several members of the Livingston County Farm Bureau and CCE Livingston County Board of Directors participated.

After reading the book, students learned how cheese is made and participated in a mozzarella and cheddar cheese taste test.

In addition to Ag Literacy Week, the Ag in the Classroom Program offers a number of lessons to teachers. Past topics have included soil, dry beans, evergreens, dairy and more. Lessons can be tailored to fit specific grade levels and/or time frames.

For more information on the Ag in the Classroom Program, contact Jenn Schwab at 585-991-5439 or jls669@cornell.edu.



Jake Stevens reads "Who Made My Lunch? From Milk to Cheese" as the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County Ag in the Classroom Program celebrated ag literacy in February and March. PROVIDED BY KYLI STEVENS

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MASTER FOOD PRESERVER TRAINING



May 19-21, 2022
8:30AM-4:30PM (Daily)

Lima Presbyterian Church,
7295 West Main Street, Lima, NY

Go beyond the basics of home food preservation for your own use or to help others learn how to safely preserve food!

Cost: \$150 Liv. County Residents | \$250 All Others
Two scholarships available. Contact Lucille Tang at lt383@cornell.edu for more information on how to apply.

Limited to 20 participants. Includes lunch each day.
To register, visit:
https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/MFPWLivingston2022_224

Deadline to Register: May 6, 2022

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2022 4-H Public Presentations results

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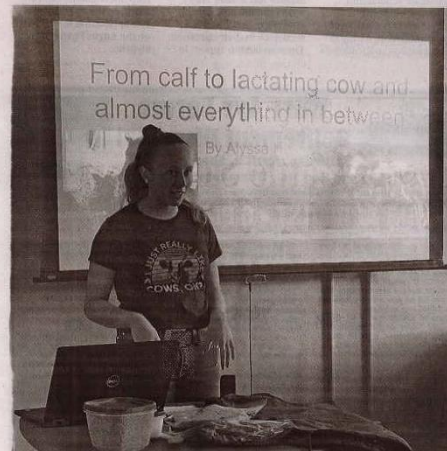
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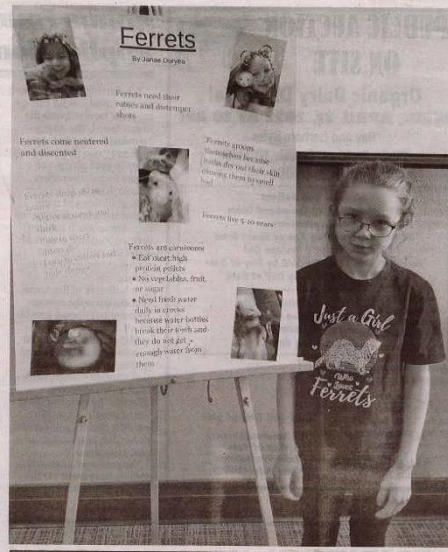
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