

December 2019

Happy Holidays!



*Gilbertsville Dairy 4-H Club - Proskine Strong!
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4-H Youth Development Mission Statement

The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development is to build youth adult partnerships to enable youth to become fully engaged in their learning process. New York State 4-H is a leader in enabling youth to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities to become productive citizens and is a catalyst for positive change to meet the needs of a diverse and changing society.

Through 4-H Youth Development, youth will:

- Practice effective problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Possess positive work attitudes and skills
- Value diversity
- Accept community and social responsibility
- Contribute to positive relationships with families, peers and community
- Demonstrate communication and leadership skills
- Value lifelong learning

Cornell Cooperative Extension values

- 4-H Youth development as the focus of all youth development activities
- Partnerships for supporting, conducting and extending the program
- Volunteerism as a cornerstone of the program
- Diversity and the strengths it brings to Cornell Cooperative Extension programs

Ag Literacy Week 2020

Q: What is Ag Literacy Week in NY?

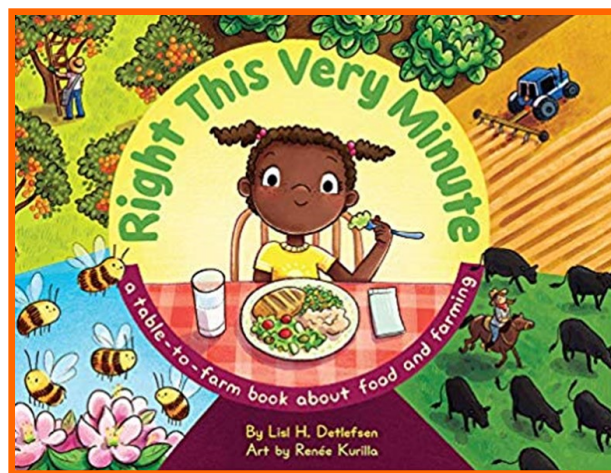
A: Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort to educate students about the importance of agriculture and opportunities for careers in the industry. Volunteers (of all ages!) will visit elementary schools across the county to engage with students through literature and hands-on activities.

New York State has one of the longest running and largest Agricultural Literacy Week programs in the country. Last year, a record number of 65,000 students across 61 counties participated in Agricultural Literacy Week.

Right This Very Minute is the feature “table to farm book” for Ag Literacy Week, March 16-20, 2020. What's that you say? You're hungry? Right this very minute? Then you need a farmer. You have the stories of so many right here on your table!

Would you like to publicly support agriculture, and provide a high-quality educational learning experience for children to learn about nutrition and the food system?

To be a Volunteer in Otsego County, contact Steve Sinniger at stevensin@hancock.net, (607) 988-7071



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4-H Calendar Events 2018 - 2019



DECEMBER

- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications available
- 11 4-H New Leader Training, Oneonta, 6 p.m. Soup, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Training
- 12 4-H New Leader Training, Oneonta, 6 p.m. Soup, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Training
- 14 Candlelight at The Farmers' Museum, 3 - 7 p.m.
- 24,25 Christmas Holiday, CCE Offices closed
- 31 **DEADLINE, re-enrollment to be eligible for County Fair and year end**

JANUARY 2020

- 1 New Year's Day, CCE Offices closed
- 11 4-H Public Presentation Training, Cooperstown, 9 a.m. - Noon Snow: Jan 18
- 20 Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE Offices closed



FEBRUARY

- 1 Registration (online) for 4-H Dairy Discovery Workshop
- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
- 1 4-H Leader Lunch, Brooks' BBQ, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- 7 4-H International Night, 6 p.m., Greater Plains School, Oneonta
- 17 Earn-an-Animal interviews
- 17 Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed
- 29 County Public Presentations, 9 a.m. - Noon - Morris Central School

MARCH

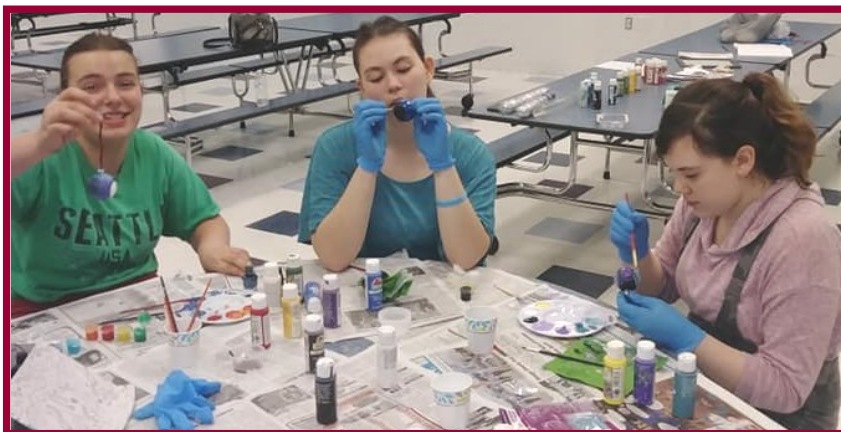
- Photo Clinic, TBA
- 4 4-H Fair Superintendents, 6 p.m. Milford Central School
- 4 Issue Committee Meetings, 7 p.m., Milford Central School
- 7 County Public Presentations, 9 a.m.-noon - Milford Central School.
- 14 District 4-H Dairy/Horse Quiz Bowl, Binghamton
- 15 Capital Days Nominations
- 17 St. Patrick's Day! Watch out for the Leprechauns
- 16-20 Ag Literacy Week, "Right this Very Minute, by Lisl H. Detlefsen
- 27-28 Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
- 28 District Public Presentations
- 4-H Paper Clovers, Tractor Supply, Oneonta



4-H Club News

WELCOME to the (NEW) Forces of Morris 4-H Club

The Forces of Morris 4-H Club are planning a Holiday Baked good contest and bake sale for December 21st at the Morris Firehouse. We're looking for entrants, \$5 per entry (\$4 with a baked good donation to the bake sale), \$1 to come taste and vote! Prizes for first and second place! To reserve a place please contact Lisa LaLonde at (lunaelan@gmail.com) or Holly Peterson at (hptraininghorse@yahoo.com). We are also working on making 200 hand painted ornaments to donate to the Adopt a Grandparent organization which will include them in the gift baskets they give to the residents at the VA Hospital.



Forces of Morris 4-H Club members hand painting ornaments.

Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club

We had our first meeting on September 6, 2019. We elected our officers and they were sworn in on October 5, 2019 at our annual banquet. The Otsego Firecrackers begin their 5th year as a club with the following officers:

President: Elyza Schoeberl

Vice President: Evelyn Kersmanc

Secretary: Ella Field

Treasurer: Angel Mravlja

Reporter: Lane Davis

Recreation Co-Leader: Seth Keever and Sean Kersmanc.

Project pins were given to each member and two special medals were also given out.

Lane Davis:	1 st year pin
Ella Field:	Horse pin
Seth Keever:	Visual Arts pin
Evelyn Kersmanc:	Public Speaking pin
Sean Kersmanc:	Swine pin
Angel Mravlja:	Swine pin
Elyza Schoeberl:	Public Speaking pin
Derrick West:	Dairy pin
Leanna West:	Cooking pin
Makenna West:	Dairy pin

The special medals were for above and beyond/role model was given to Sean Kersmanc and Angel Mravlja.

November has been busy as well making floral arrangement for Thanksgiving and wreaths for our December 1st Christmas Vendor Event. Look for us on Facebook for more details. (Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club)

Submitted by Lane Davis, with assistance from Angel Mravlja



4-H Otsego County



Proskine Family Members "pose" on the donated Proskine Strong bench.

Dairy Promotion ladies serve up Stewart's sundaes



Spaghetti Dinner 11.17.19

On Sunday, November 17 the Gilbertsville Dairy 4-H Club sponsored a Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction fund raiser to help support the Proskine Family. On October 11 Garrett suffered a traumatic head injury. The 4-H community, friends and family came out in full force to support the Proskine family. 4-H Leader, Becky Barringer reported they served 300+ dinners and sold out of 40 pounds of pasta! They raised a little over \$6000. Too many donations to count. Businesses, community members, family friends donated food, money, supplies and/or Chinese auction items. For the auction, we had everything from coloring books and candy to blanket sets, food sets, candles, a handmade wooden bench to a 3-hour airplane ride! It is truly amazing how the communities come to together. It just goes to show how great of a family they are!

We are happy to report Garrett is home.
He has LOTS of assignments; but, is doing VERY well!!



Proskine Strong Kids!



Garrett on a field trip at Maple Downs Farms Nov. 2019

4-H Otsego County

REMINDER!

4-H Otsego County Fair checks were mailed.

CASH YOUR CHECKS ASAP!

4-H Enrollment

Deadline is DECEMBER 31!

*Plan accordingly, the 4-H office will be closed
January 1.*

Leaders PLEASE send enrollments!

4-H Club Leaders and Issue Committee Members - MARK your calendars...

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Annual 4-H Leader Lunch at Brooks' House of BBQ

Invitations will be sent to Leaders and Committee Members.

Special Guest: Clyde Van Dyke

2019 4-H Youth in Action National Winner

Door Prizes & Surprises!!!

[Reserve Your Seat](#)

reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-H-Leader-Lunch-Otsego-2_243

REGISTRATION Deadline: January 27

Cost \$7 per person



New 4-H Leader Training Dates

Otsego County 4-H Program

Know a friend or neighbor interested in starting a new 4-H Club? Invite them to attend 4-H New Leader Training! This is a two-part training, both sessions are needed to be a registered 4-H Leader.



Oneonta, 31 Maple Street

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Crock pot soup available at 6 p.m. Registration is REQUIRED, on or before **December 9.**

Looking for Caroling Groups!

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 3 to 7 p.m.

The Farmers' Museum Candlelight Evening

CALL OR E-MAIL BEFORE **DECEMBER 6** TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY EVENT!

Meg Preston, Event Coordinator, 607.547.1462 or m.preston@farmersmuseum.org

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CANDLELIGHT EVENING!



4-H Otsego County

4-H Public Presentations Workshop

NEW or REVIEW 4-H Public Presentations? Join us at the Member Workshop

What: Hands-on Workshop for Public Presentations
When: Saturday, January 11, 9 a.m.
Where: Cooperstown Office, 123 Lake Street
Who: ALL 4-H members are invited!

Registration Deadline: **January 6**



[Register here.](#)

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This is a hands-on workshop for youth to learn the basics of public presentations.

Participants will be introduced to the five Public Presentation categories: demonstrations, illustrated talks, speech, recitation and dramatic interpretation. The focus will be for beginners, but information on the categories will be helpful for all.

Parents and leaders are welcome to “listen in”.

4-H Public Presentations

Calendar for 2020

Friday, Dec 13

- ◆ Information Packet to be mailed

Saturday, January 11, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ Member Workshop

Saturday, February 29, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ County Presentations, **MORRIS**

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. - Noon

- ◆ County Presentations, **MILFORD**

Saturday, March 28

- ◆ District Public Presentations, Binghamton

TBD

- ◆ State Communication Institute

4-H Leaders and Parents
ENCOURAGE your 4-H
members to participate in
4-H Public Presentations!!



4-H Public Presentations

Submitted by Bridgette Shepardson



I've so enjoyed the benefits of my 4-H public presentation experience over the course of my adult life...but I didn't feel that way at my first presentation! My first presentation was in Edmeston when I was 9 or 10 and I was terrified. I can't even remember the topic now to tell you the truth, but my Dad kept most of my posters which are so great to look back on.

Public presentations definitely got less fearful as I got older and by the time high school rolled around I had little trouble speaking in front of an audience. This really set me apart in school and became a place I could earn good grades even while having a difficult time with test-taking, as well as helping me at church youth retreats where I was talking about more meaningful topics with so much less stress than some of my peers. Later in the “real world”, having such extensive public speaking experience meant easier job interviews and I've even ended up using my experience in my job as a Youth Minister.

I'm so thankful I was pushed into presenting honestly. My life and work wouldn't be the same if I hadn't had the instruction and experience of 4-H presentations. I've noticed now as a 4-H leader and even in my job what a dramatic difference there seems to be between students who have had the instruction and formation of 4-H presentations compared to students who haven't and the results speak for themselves. It's an invaluable program we are so lucky to have.

4-H Otsego County

4-H Officer Training 2020!

The NEW VENUE & NEW FORMAT at the Clark Sports Center attracted 22 youth for Officer Training! The evening included pizza, training and fun at the Clark Sports Center. The following adults worked with the Club Officers.

President/Vice President – 4-H Alum, MacKenzie Waro
Secretary/Reporter- 4-H Leader Alums, Beth & Jon Bartlett
Treasurer – 4-H Alum, Mary Earl
Recreation/Health – 4-H Alum, Patti Zellmer

Youth that participated in the Training:

Quenneville Connors	4-H Hartwick Theatre Guild
Sayre Connors	4-H Hartwick Theatre Guild
Elizabeth Layton	4-H Hartwick Theatre Guild
Nick DeBoer	Country Clovers 4-H Club
Trent DeBoer	Country Clovers 4-H Club
Anastasia Edwards	Gilbertsville Dairy 4-H Club
Lane Davis	Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club
Ella Field	Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club
Angel Mravlja	Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club
Maxwell Pullis	Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club
Justin Wolfe	Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club
Rylee Bliss	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Lilly Cleaveland	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Aurienna Larson	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Dakota Hitt	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Carly Layman	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Julia Vunk	Sunset Riders 4-H Club
Etain LaLonde	The Forces of Morris 4-H Club
Fiona Ventura	The Forces of Morris 4-H Club
Chase Burkhart	Whatever Floats your Goat 4-H Club
Cameron Jones	Whatever Float your Goat 4-H Club



Volunteer Mary Earl with club treasurers



Winning 4-H Tower

4-H International Night Returns!!!



2019 4-H International Night

The 4th Annual 4-H International Night will be held on February 7th, when each 4-H Club will have a table to show and tell what they learned about their country.

WHEN: Friday, February 7th – SAVE the Date!

WHERE: Greater Plains Elementary School, Oneonta

WHAT: 4-H participants choose a country then explore their foods, customs, and culture. BRING a dish to pass for a International Potluck! On February 7th, each group/individual will have a table to show and tell what they learned about their country.

WHO: All 4-H Clubs and Independent 4-H Members are invited to participate.

DEADLINE: January 25th

[Choose a country and register your club, family or individually now!](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-H-International-Night-Otse-2_243)

reg.cce.cornell.edu/4-H-International-Night-Otse-2_243



Animal Science

Livestock Techniques Hands-on Workshop January 9, 2020

Come join Ashley McFarland, Area Livestock Specialist with the Central New York Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Team, for a hands-on workshop focusing on management practices for livestock. She will be teaching participants the proper ways to administer vaccinations, ear tagging, ear notching, castration and proper restraint and safety while working with animals.

4-H Youth are welcome IF accompanied with an adult.

When/Where: Thursday, January 9, 2020
CCE Otsego County Extension Office
Lake St, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Please call 315.866.7920 if you have any questions.
Registration must be received in the office by Thursday, January 2, 2020.

SUNY Cobleskill Meat Lab Tour

The 4-H Auction Committee sponsored a field trip to the SUNY Cobleskill Meat lab on Columbus Day. Betsy Jensen, Meat Laboratory Manager and her staff gave 4-H youth and parents a full tour of the Processing Laboratory. Visitors were able to observe a beef animal and six hogs “on the hoof” and the one in the foreground of the photo is Michael Lapi, SUNY Cobleskill Visiting Instructor.



SUNY Cobleskill Meat Lab tour: (l-r)
Rear: Arleigh Johnson, SUNY Cobleskill Meat Lab Technician,
Betsy Jensen, Manager, Nick, Evelyn, Sean, Michael Lapi,
SUNY Cobleskill Visiting Instructor. Front: Trent

4-H Livestock Auction Orientation

4-H Livestock Auction Orientation meeting was held on Saturday, November 9, at the Milford School.

Youth attending the meeting were:

David Beachy
Malinda Beachy
Lane Davis
Kaedyn DeBoer
Nick DeBoer
Trent DeBoer
Taylor Decker
Trevor Decker

Gavin Fetterman
Sean Kersmanc
Evelyn Kersmanc
Luke Loveland
Summer Mayne
Angel Mravlja
Richard Pegg
Gavin Underwood
Grace Wing

4-H Livestock Orientation participants.



SAVE THE DATE

Animal Crackers 2019. May 2, 2020
This year will feature Dairy & Livestock

When/Where: Saturday workshop is held every May on the Cornell campus (Morrison Hall – 507 Tower Rd, Ithaca, NY 14853). Check-in begins at 9 a.m.

Who: The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents or chaperones. Suggested age range is 9 -12, however, all youth age 9 and up are welcome.

Why: This is a unique opportunity for youth to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

Cost: \$15

Animal Science

Mark your 2020 calendars NOW with these coming events!

4-H County Fair **Entry** Dates:

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Entry Forms for Martin Hall exhibits are due to the 4-H office 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326
(**MUST be scanned, mailed, or delivered – NO FAXES**)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

BEFORE 4 p.m. Entry Forms for all 4-H animal exhibits, are due to the 4-H Office OR Entry Clerk's Office, County Fairgrounds, Morris, NY 13808. Martin Hall Entry Forms will be accepted at the Fairgrounds on July 11.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2—Martin Hall evaluations



2020 Otsego County Fair Dates: TUESDAY, AUG 4—SUNDAY, AUG. 9

2020 NY State Fair Dates:
August 26 – September 7

4-H Fair Superintendents

On November 13th 4-H Fair Superintendents met to begin making plans for 4-H participation in the 2020 Otsego County Fair. Bethany Schidzick, 4-H alum, was introduced as the new 4-H Beef Superintendent.

The new President of the Otsego County Fair Board, Joe Kolka, was a visitor. Joe introduced himself and gave a brief update from the Fair Board. Joe reported that there will be three Fair Board Representatives: Hollie Maidens, Dwayne Jackson, and himself.

The 4-H Superintendents worked on the 4-H Fair schedule. Several minor changes were made. The major decision was the change in entry dates. It was agreed to have all 4-H entries for 2020 due on July 10 & 11.

The Superintendents all received the position description of a 4-H Fair Superintendent.

The 2020 4-H Fair Superintendents are:

Beef	Bethany Schidzick
Dairy	Amy Proskine & Susan Menendez
Dog	Sonja Galley
Goats	Victor Jones
Horse	Kathy Scalisi
Poultry	Stacey Grocott
Rabbit	Jessica Powers
Sheep	Michelle Kane
Swine	Cindy Powers
Martin Hall	Karen Andela



*Joe Kolka visits the 4-H Fair Superintendents meeting, Nov. 13.
(l-r) Rear: Bethany, Karen, Joe, Susan Front: Hollie, Cindy, Jess, Kathy*



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Please send me information on the following or register me for:

December Registrations/Information

December

____ 6
____ 31

Caroling deadline at The Farmers' Museum
4-H Enrollment deadline (returning members)

January

____ 4
____ 17
____ 31

[Public Presentation Member Workshop deadline](#)
[Leader Lunch deadline](#)
[4-H International Night deadline](#)

February

____ 1

[Earn-an-Animal deadline](#)

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Send this form to: CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties, 123 Lake St., Cooperstown, NY 13326.

We will be happy to mail your request, but to help save postage on larger materials, please indicate where you would like to pick up. We will contact you when the materials are ready. Should you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at 607.547.2536.

I will pick up at the: _____ Cooperstown office _____ Oneonta office

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