



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF OTSEGO COUNTY

November 2019



## National 4-H Week



Karly Layman of the Sunset Riders 4-H Club  
See story on page 4

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**HURRAH!**

4-H Otsego County Fair checks were  
mailed October 31.



# 4-H GROWS HERE

4-H helps youth grow into competent, caring,  
contributing members of society.

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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



November 30, 10 am - 3 pm  
Dog Wild, Cooperstown

**Come Support the Otsego County  
4-H Dog Program!**

Get your pet's picture taken with  
Santa - Kids are welcome too  
\$10 per photo (digital file is an additional \$5)  
**All pets must be leashed**

Pre-register time slot with Sonja 607.267.2011  
[galley94@vt.edu](mailto:galley94@vt.edu)

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



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## *4-H Calendar Events 2019 - 2020*



### **NOVEMBER 2019**

- 9 4-H Auction Orientation, 9 - 11 a.m. Milford School
- 11 Veteran's Day, observed, CCE offices closed
- 13 4-H Fair Superintendents, 6 p.m. Milford Central School
- 13 4-H Issue Committees, 7 p.m. Milford Central School
- 15 4-H Officer Training, 5:45 p.m. Clark Sports Center
- 28, 29 **Thanksgiving Day, CCE offices closed**
- 30 Pet Pics with Santa, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dog Wild, Cooperstown

### **DECEMBER**

- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications available
- 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 completion**

### **JANUARY 2020**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4-H Member Public Presentation Training, Cooperstown, 9 a.m. - Noon Snow date: Jan 18
- 11
- 21 Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE Offices closed
- 25 4-H Leader Lunch, Brooks' BBQ, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Registration (online) for 4-H Dairy Discovery Workshop
- 1 4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
- 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 Public Presentations, 9 a.m. - Noon - Morris

### **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 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
- Ag Literacy Week, "Right this Very Minute" table-to-farm book, Lisl H. Detlefse
- 16-20
- 28 District Public Presentations, Broome County
- TBA 4-H Paper Clovers, Tractor Supply, Oneonta
- 27-28 Dairy Discovery, Cornell University



# 4-H Otsego County

## 4-H International Night Returns!!! 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H International Night

On February 7, each 4-H Club/Individual will have a table to show and tell what they learned about their country. A potluck meal of international foods will be shared with attendees.



*The Firecrackers 4-H club display of Madagascar*

**WHEN:** Friday, February 7 – SAVE the date!  
**WHERE:** Greater Plains Elementary School, Oneonta  
**WHAT:** 4-H Clubs choose a country then explore their foods, customs, and culture.  
**WHO:** All Clubs, Families and Independent 4-H Members are invited to participate.



*Gilbertsville Dairy*

**Sunset Riders**  
(Cover photo)  
Each member of the **Sunset Riders** decorated a scarecrow and placed it somewhere of their choosing. Each scarecrow was accompanied with a "Join 4-H sign".



*PIC•COLLAGE*

### 4-H Alum Potluck

L-R Back: Doug Dutcher, Bob & Bill Murdock;  
Front: Jean Powers, Mary Marlette-Crouthamel, Jeanne Marlette-Stalker, and Shirley Keene



*Garrattsville Gray Wolves*



# 4-H Otsego County

## Looking for Caroling Groups!

### Mark Your Calendars!

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

### The Farmers' Museum Candlelight Evening

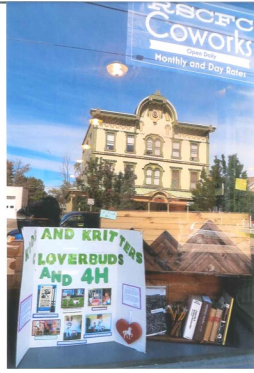
CALL OR E-MAIL BEFORE **DECEMBER 6** TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY EVENT!

Meg Preston, Event Coordinator, 607.547.1462 or [m.preston@farmersmuseum.org](mailto:m.preston@farmersmuseum.org)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT CANDLELIGHT EVENING!**



## Club News



**Kids & Kritters Cloverbud 4-H Club** reports at our first meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 13 children attended. We printed rocks and mod-podged dried flowers on them to make paper weights.

Barb Ledyard came to our meeting and talked to the children about rabbits; their purpose, caring for them, etc. She offered (4) registered male rabbits as pets or 4-H projects. All three went home with children. Eli Yukasy, Clayton Mead, Adam Weiss, and Colton Dyn each received one of the rabbits. Enclosed in a photo of our first project and our 4-H display already on display. We have at least six new kids looking to join.



### 4-H Dog Program "Stacked Dogs"

Combined walk with the local kennel club (Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club). Ivy Stensland (top left) with dog Bingo and Eva Dangca (top right) with Paddy did the corn maze at Peila View Farm.



**Coby Classic 4-H participants**  
(L-R) Trent, Gavin, Angel & Nick

# 4-H Otsego County

**4-H Enrollment** (as of 10.30.19) - Friendly reminder! 4-H enrollments for the new year are due. KUDOS to the following clubs/independents for submitting their 2019 - 2020 4-H enrollments!!

## Club Enrollments

Kids & Kitter's Cloverbud 4-H Club

\*\*\*Otsego Firecrackers\*\*\* **FIRST to submit!!!**

Whatever Floats your Goat

Sunset Riders

Springfield High Meadows

Milford Round'em Up Ranchers

## Independent Members

Attanasio Family

Beth & Jonatan Bartlett

Johnson Family

Shirley Keene

Andrew Lentner

Ava Lesko

Mary Lou Parker

Jack Vunk

Holly Pullis

William Woodward

## Committee Members

Dennis Decker

Debra & Doug Dutcher

Celine Francisco

Brenda Gross

Nancy Johnson

Dave McLean

Jodi Mravlja

Kristine Mravlja

Sandra Mravlja

Sue Smith



## **4-H Volunteer Leader Training**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following adults that completed the NEWLY revised four hour New York State curriculum to be registered 4-H Volunteer Leaders!

l-r Back: Nancy Layton, Julie Adelman, Stacie Connors, Josh George, Lisa LaLonde Front: Jen Dibble, Holly Peterson.

Not in the photo: Hanna Miller and Jeff Conklin

## **4-H Public Presentations Calendar for 2020**

Wednesday, Nov. 20	5 p.m.	Building the 4-H Presentation Program Open discussion at 31 Maple St, Oneonta Presentation Packet to be mailed
Friday, Dec 13		
Saturday, January 11	9-Noon	Member Workshop, Cooperstown
Saturday, February 29	9-Noon	County Presentations, <b>MORRIS</b>
Saturday, March 7	9-Noon	County Presentations, <b>MILFORD</b>
Saturday, March 28		District Public Presentations, Binghamton
TBD		State



## **Why 4-H Public Presentations?**

Public speaking is one of the most important life skills 4-H members learn in 4-H! To most people, the thought of preparing a speech and delivering it to an audience is terrifying. However, 4-H Youth Members throughout NYS, as well as the country, have an advantage in public speaking. 4-H members develop and practice their speaking and communication skills through a 4-H program called 4-H Public Presentations.

4-H Public Presentations teaches youth how to effectively communicate their thoughts and ideas. Youth that learn how to express their thoughts clearly to the people they interact with on the job, in school, or at home will be a more valued employee, a better student, and a more understood family member. 4-H alumni credit 4-H Public Presentations as the edge that places them above their peers in both college and professional careers.

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

# Otsego County

## New 4-H Leaders 2019-2020 October '19 Cohort

NEW 4-H Volunteer Leaders were introduced to the **THRIVE** model in Youth Development. How would you answer these questions??

### **How will I be sure all are welcome?**

- Talking and including them all in decisions
- Entertaining all ideas and interests
- By being a good listener
- By making respect a non-negotiable pre-requisite for all interactions between club members
- Not limit one's idea and interest. Allow everyone to do their own thing
- Open Doors /No preset bias

### **How can I encourage SPARKS?**

- By showing enthusiasm for a newfound (or long-held) passion and providing follow-up/further steps to explore
- By introducing new ideas and being excited for the ideas of others
- By recognizing what excites them – encouraging and exploring things that are different.
- By being open to new ideas and different approaches to them
- Encouraging deeper exploration into interests. Welcoming all ideas

### **How will I instill generosity and awe?**

- Community Service
- Encourage others to give of their time by giving it myself
- Allow all ideas
- Encourage older kids more experienced to help or mentor others just learning
- By Example-Community Service-Willingness to serve
- By rewarding (with praise/acknowledgement) those who display generosity and awe.

### **How can I create an environment in which it's OK to fail and try new challenges?**

- Positively reinforce activities
- Noncompetitive environment
- Make it clear that possibly failing is part of the learning process
- Help the kids know they have unconditional acceptance

### **How can I create expectations for a healthy emotional environment?**

- By modeling a healthy emotional environment
- By stating/communicating expectations
- Open communication-no right or wrong answers
- Learn how the members of the group function best

### **How will I help youth set goals?**

- Provide clear guidelines and constant encouragement and input
- By being involved and getting to know the kids so.....I can see what their gifts and abilities and interests are
- Set realistic expectations
- Ask questions to gauge interest levels

## **College Congratulations!**

4-H members, Rileigh Mumbulo of Edmeston and Megan Wilmot, Cherry Valley were the recipients of a \$1,500 scholarship from Farm Credit East.

Rileigh is majoring in Agricultural Engineering Technology at SUNY Morrisville.  
Megan is majoring in Animal Science at Pennsylvania State University.





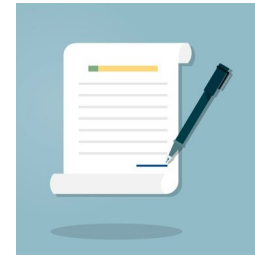
# 4-H Otsego County

## Nominees Sought for National Ag Day Events

Nominations are now being sought for the 2020 National Ag Day Student Leadership Training & Bayer Prelude to be held March 22-24, in Washington, D.C. Each state 4-H office may nominate up to two individuals. Nominees must submit application by **December 6**. Thanks to Bayer, travel & lodging will be covered for the ten selected 4-H representatives. [Learn More](#)

4-H representatives should...

- Be between the ages of 18-23 and enrolled in post high school education
- Be 4-H alum or currently active in collegiate 4-H
- Have a strong interest and/or career plan in the agricultural industry
- Have the desire to learn about communication and leadership skills



### About National Agriculture Day

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on March 24, 2020. These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. A number of producers, agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate. For more information about National Ag Day, please visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).

Link for more info: <https://mailchi.mp/cornell/friday-new-102519?e=9b95f3c1f5>

## College Students! Inspire & Lead Teens: Join the 4-H Conference Team



Do you know any **college students** looking for a spring job? Help develop the next generation of leaders and encourage them to apply for the National 4-H Conference Center Program Assistant position for Spring 2020!

[Learn More](#) Scroll down and click on Program Assistants.

National 4 H Council programs are exciting learning experiences for youth and adults from all over the United States and the world. Program Assistants make these programs successful by using their skills and knowledge to help the participants have the most educational and fun experience possible in Washington D.C. and at the National 4 H Conference Center.

Program Assistants for the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) and Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) programs must be able to successfully fulfill the requirements of the D.C. Tour Guide License.

Applications are due **January 15, 2020**.

## 4-H Shooting Sports

This program is available to anyone or any group that would be interested in 4-H Shooting Sports. If you are interested or have experience in Camping, Cooking, or Plant Wild Life ID, please contact the 4-H office at 607-547-2536 or email [psz2@cornell.edu](mailto:psz2@cornell.edu).



# 4-H Otsego County

## GARRETT PROSKINE

HAPPY to share this update from Go Fund Me, on 10.30.19!

**#ProskineStrong**

**TODAY** by Hannah Vidler, Organizer

Today's update on Garrett brings good news. He has been progressing amazingly well these past few days and we are overjoyed with his advancements. He was moved this morning to Sunnyview Rehabilitation in Schenectady, NY.



Our entire family has been blessed beyond words by all of your love, gifts and prayers. Amy, Zack, Lauren, and Dalton are humbled by the encouragement and support they have received.

Please continue to keep lifting Garrett up in prayer as he begins this next phase of recovery. He still has a very long road to go. We know there will be many ups and downs and we take comfort in knowing that there are so many behind him cheering him on each step of the way. He will make it through this!

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**To send get well wishes, please mail to:**

Sunnyview Rehabilitation  
1270 Belmont Ave  
Room 365 /Garrett Proskine  
Schenectady, NY 12308

### **Proskine Strong Wristbands**

Chenango County 4-H Family, the Warrens are selling Proskine Strong wrist bands, \$3 each to help the Proskine family.

All monies raised will benefit Garrett Proskine and his family. Wrist bands are available for purchase at the Cooperstown office.



**Gilbertsville 4-H Dairy Club** will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper/Chinese auction benefit on November 17 to benefit the Proskine Family. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Becky Barringer via email [rbarringer@frontiernet.net](mailto:rbarringer@frontiernet.net), cell 301-885-6773, or facebook messenger, or Sandy Bonczkowski via email [slbonz5@yahoo.com](mailto:slbonz5@yahoo.com) or text cell 607-434-3262.

# Animal Science

## Junior DAIRY LEADERS in Otsego County!

Congratulations to Adian Ainslie for being selected for the 2019-2020 Junior DAIRY LEADER program. Sean Kersmanc was selected as a member of the Beginning DAIRY LEADER Program.

The Junior DAIRY LEADER program is for teens with an interest in exploring careers in the dairy industry through hands-on experiential learning. The program presents youth with a realistic view of the dairy industry as a viable, profitable and progressive business sector, while also building personal and professional skills.



*Aidan at World Dairy Expo*

The Beginning DAIRY LEADER program gives high school participants the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in a networking environment through interaction with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development for teens entering the sophomore year.



*Sean, Beginning Dairy Leader*

These are selective programs. Information and applications can be found at <http://prodairy.cals.cornell.edu/youth> due June 30.

## 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program 2020 NEW TIMELINE

The 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program gives youth the opportunity to purchase, raise and show an animal.

Animal species in the 4-H Earn-an-Animal Program include the traditional: beef and dairy calves, dairy and meat goats, poultry, swine, sheep and rabbits. The newly added "other" category includes unique agriculture enterprises such as: beekeeping, alpacas or fish farming. The 4-H Earn-an-Animal awards can be used to establish breed stock or for market.

All Otsego County youth, ages 8-19 are encouraged to apply for a 4-H Earn-an-Animal. Youth must complete an application, be interviewed, and formally agree to the project requirements. The grant funds are awarded AFTER the project is successfully completed.

Applications are due **FEBRUARY 1**. On December 1 applications can be obtained from the 4-H office or the web at <http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2018/12/01/4-h-earn-an-animal-program-2019-applications-available>. For more information contact the 4-H office at 607-547-2536 ext. 0.

## 4-H Livestock Auction Meeting Saturday, November 9 9 a.m. - 11a.m., Milford Central School

An orientation meeting for the 2020 4-H Livestock Auction will be held for anyone interested in selling an animal in the 2020 4-H Livestock Auction, at the Otsego County Fair, **must** attend this meeting. Auction species include: beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Requirements of the program will be explained. You will not be allowed to sell at the auction if you have not attended this orientation program. The beef incentive program will also be explained. Youth **MUST** be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian during the orientation.

Note: INTERESTED youth are welcome to attend with no obligation to participate in the Auction.

Please contact the 4-H office to register or if you have a conflict with this date. Call 607. 547.2536 or email [rgh68@cornell.edu](mailto:rgh68@cornell.edu) by **November 6**

## CONGRATULATIONS to the 2019 Earn-An-Animal Award Recipients

Tiffany Pagillo - Beekeeping  
Wendy Pagillo - Beekeeping  
Noah DenBleyker - Fish Farming  
Owen Pullis - Market Swine (4-H Auction Funds)  
Angel Mravlja - Market Lamb, (4-H Auction Funds)  
Vanessa Erkson - Market Swine (4-H Auction Funds)



*Owen Pullis with his  
4-H Earn-an-Animal,  
Chris. P. Bacon*



# The Power of YOUth November 2019



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

## November Registrations/Information

### November

\_\_\_\_ 6 Auction Orientation registration  
\_\_\_\_ 8 Officer Training registration

### December

\_\_\_\_ 6 The Farmers' Museum Candlelight sign-up deadline  
\_\_\_\_ 31 4-H Enrollments due

#### For office Use

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Make checks payable to:

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Schoharie and Otsego Counties

## Officer Training Registration

Name/Club \_\_\_\_\_

### Check which office(s) you are interested in:

\_\_\_\_ President/Vice President      \_\_\_\_ Secretary/Reporter  
\_\_\_\_ Treasurer      \_\_\_\_ Recreation/Health

### Check the activities you are interested in: (this does not obligate you, but helps us plan)

\_\_\_\_ Bowling      \_\_\_\_ youth      \_\_\_\_ adult  
\_\_\_\_ Swimming      \_\_\_\_ youth      \_\_\_\_ adult  
\_\_\_\_ Rock Climbing      \_\_\_\_ youth      \_\_\_\_ adult  
\_\_\_\_ Fitness Game Room      \_\_\_\_ youth      \_\_\_\_ adult

I am a member of the Clark Sports Center

\_\_\_\_ Yes  
\_\_\_\_ No - a waiver **MUST** be signed by all non-members  
(youth under 18 years of age must have signed by parent or guardian)

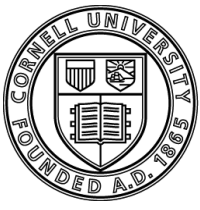
Deadline: **November 8.**

**Permission/Waiver Form required for non-members of the Clark Sports Center**

Total number for pizza \_\_\_\_ Youth      \_\_\_\_ Adults

**4-H connects youth to hands-on learning opportunities that  
help them grow into competent, caring, contributing members of society.**





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Closed Veteran's Day, 11/11

## Oneonta

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Office Hours

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Support local 4-H youth development by reducing  
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Your ad is viewed by nearly 400 youth,  
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