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4-H BLUE RIBBON PROJECT



Mikenna and Domino at the 2019 County Fair.
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4-H GROWS HERE

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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?

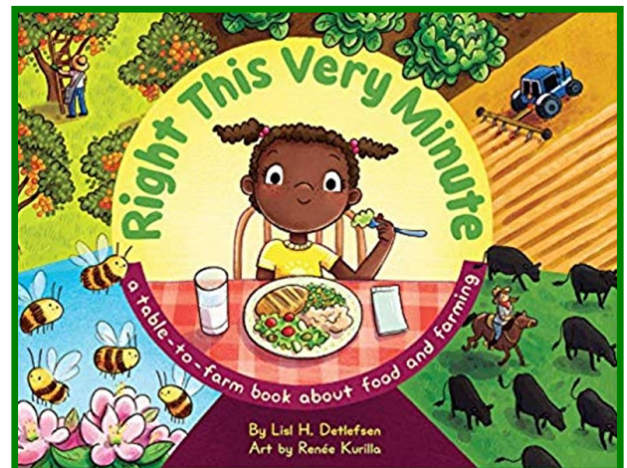
A: Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort to educate students about the importance of agriculture and opportunities for careers in the industry. Volunteers (of all ages!) will visit elementary schools across the county to engage with students through literature and hands-on activities.

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. 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 or 607.988.7071



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4-H Calendar Events 2019 - 2020



FEBRUARY 2020

- 1 4-H Leader Lunch, Brooks' BBQ, 11:30-1:30 p.m.
- 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
- 15 4-H Craft Day, Milford Central School, 2-4 p.m.
- 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
- 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: A table-to farm book by Lisl H. Detlefsen
- 21 Muffin Tin Magic, Food Clinic, Gilbertsville Baptist Church, 9:30-noon
- 24 Livestock Techniques, Cooperstown, 5:30-7 p.m., limited registration
- 27-28 Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
- 28 District Public Presentations, Broome County

APRIL

- TBA Dairy Challenge
- 4 4-H Auction Clinic, Milford Central School, 9 a.m.-noon
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 18 Veterinary College Open House, Cornell, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 24 4-H Camp Shankitunk Scholarship applications due
- 25 State Dairy Bowl, Cornell
- 24-26 State Teen Action Rep. Retreat (STARR) NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse
- April 29-May 10 4-H Paper Clovers, Tractor Supply, Oneonta

MAY

- 1 Animal Crackers at Cornell - Species: Dairy & Livestock
- 6 4-H Fair Superintendents, 6 p.m., Milford Central School
- 6 4-H Issue Committees, 7 p.m., Milford Central School
- 10 Mother's Day, Remember your MOM!
- 16 4-H Dairy Clinic, Morris Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
- 17 4-H Calf Sale, Morris Fairgrounds
- 17-19 Capital Days, Albany
- 25 Memorial Day, CCE Offices closed
- 29 4-H Career Ex Application DEADLINE
- 30-31 4-H Horse Camp, Morris Fairgrounds
- 31 DEADLINE, NEW 4-H members to enroll for full benefits (County Fair & year completion)**

4-H Club News

The **Country Clovers 4-H Club** put together Blessing Bags for the Chestnut Park Nursing Home.



4-H Capital Days May 17-19, 2020

4-H Capital Days gives teens the opportunity to meet and interact with legislators to tell their 4-H story, create an awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, understand state government, and connect with 4-H delegates from New York State. Each county is invited to send two teen (age 14+) delegates. In Otsego County a 4-H leader or an active adult submits an application to nominate a 4-H member. The nomination form and further information may be obtained from the 4-H office or visit our site at

<http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/events/2020/02/01/4-h-capital-days-nominations-2020-due>

Nominations are due March 15.

4-H Craft Day - Otsego County February 15, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy hot cocoa and snacks while making your very own personalized crafts!

Open to all youth including non 4-H members - so bring a friend.

Craft Kits that will be available (\$5 per kit):

- Horseshoe Picture Frame (please bring your own 4x6 photo)
- Inspirational Horseshoe
- Horseshoe Dream Catcher

Available colors: Black, Natural, Glitter, Pink, and Blue.

One horseshoe is included in each kit. For personalization, provide your own horseshoe. If you want to paint it do so prior to the event.

Pre-registration is required by February 8th with your \$5 payment and choice of kit and color. Send payment and choices to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326.



STARR 2020 April 24-26

The State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee and is held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens. Cost: \$110. Need based scholarships available.

4-H Otsego County

The 4-H Blue Ribbon Project Wesley Barnard, Photographer

This year there was a “one of a kind” event at the 2019 Otsego County Fair. In the open horse barn, a 4-H Blue Ribbon studio was created. The dream of photographer, Wesley Barnard was to photograph 4-H members with their County Fair blue ribbon animals. He didn’t realize the challenges. How do you hang a backdrop and lights in the ally way of a horse barn? CARFULLY!!

The 4-H Blue Ribbon Project was an extension of Wesley’s 2017 feature, “To Grow a Farmer”. Several 4-H families (Pullis, Kraham, Dutcher/Allen, Underwood) were featured in that series. Wesley uses the process of the story-telling, offering the viewer a visual narrative of people and their stories. A black and white photo taken by Wesley’s grandfather was his early inspiration. For Christmas Wesley received a Cannon AE-1, that began his 30-year career in photography. Starting with baseball photos, he worked his way up to a 5-year gig with Martha Stewart as an Imaging specialist. Most recently, Wesley is an Assistant Professor of Photography at SUNY Oneonta. The 4-H Blue Ribbon Project was supported by a Creative Activity Grant from SUNY Oneonta.

Wesley has a new appreciation of wrangling pigs, the turning radius of a cow, and asking a goose to SMILE.

The next series: To have BEEN a Farmer. If you know a retired farmer that would be willing to be photographed to “tell the story” contact Wesley Barnard at: 607.436.3718 or Wesley.Barnard@oneonta.edu

Garrett Update.....

Garrett has returned to school, work and basketball. He had his surgery before Christmas and it was a success. Thank you for all the generous donations from the 4-H Community.



4-H Otsego County

4-H Tractor Safety Certification February 18-20

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County will be offering a Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program to youth and adults 14-years of age and older. We invite and encourage all farm and non-farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program.

The program will be held at Clinton Tractor on February 18-20 from 8:30am - 3:00pm each day. The cost for 4-H members is \$25. For non 4-H members the cost is \$35. Lunch and all program materials are included.

Pre-registration is required by February 11. You can register online at: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/TractorSafety2020-2-2_221

or by calling the Herkimer County 4-H Office at 315-866-7920. If you have any questions regarding this 4-H programs please call or email Jennifer Collins at jlr34@cornell.edu.

This program is sponsored by Clinton Tractor and Implement Company as well as the Workforce Development Institute through a grant from the Department of Labor.

2020 NY Youth Institute's Global Challenge March 27, 2020

The New York Youth Institute is a life-changing experience at Cornell University where high school students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in New York and around the world.

Students research issues they care about, and propose their ideas to solve these grand challenges. In order for your registration to be complete your research paper must be uploaded. Deadline: February 28. The New York Youth Institute is hosted by Cornell University with the generous support College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, CALS International Programs, the New York FFA, and New York 4-H.

[Learn More Here.](#)

THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE NEW YORK YOUTH INSTITUTE
MARCH 27, 2020 AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

BE A HUNGER HERO
REGISTER AND SUBMIT YOUR PAPER BY FEBRUARY 28, 2020

QUALIFY FOR INTERNSHIPS
GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
RESEARCH A GLOBAL CHALLENGE
PROPOSE YOUR SOLUTION
TAKE ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY
BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS

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Clyde Van Dyke, 4-H member from Broome County AND a National 4-H Winner, will be the special Speaker at the Annual 4-H Leaders Lunch on February 1!!

Clyde shares the following:

"Without 4-H, I would've slipped through the cracks. 4-H gave me the motivation and the resources I needed to overcome the mindset that I couldn't succeed," said Clyde Van Dyke. "In 4-H, I learned how to communicate with others – especially with teachers - so I could ask the right questions and get the help I needed to do well and graduate from high school. Now, I can show other kids the path for success and the skills they can gain from 4-H, too."

4-H Otsego County

Format for the day of Public Presentations

Format for the day of Presentations:

1. All 4-H presenters register at the beginning of the day
2. The registration table opens at 8:30 a.m.
3. Rooms will be assigned at the registration table
4. Presentations will begin promptly at 9 a.m.
5. Presenters remain in their assigned room until everyone has presented.
6. At the end of the presentations each room will recognize their participants and present Certificates to each presenter.

WANTED...Youth Assistants:

We need room hosts, hostesses and Jr. Evaluators. Pre-register interested youth on the registration form. Orientation for room hosts/hostesses and Jr. Evaluators will be at 8 a.m.

Room hosts/hostesses must be willing and able to facilitate the presentations in each room.

Jr. Evaluators must be at least 16-years old and have completed five Public Presentations

Time for some MAGIC!!!

Muffin Tin Magic Cooking Clinic
March 21, 9:30 - Noon
Gilbertsville Baptist Church

Cooking and photography, WHOO-HOO!

Come to cook, or take pictures for a photo story, start a recipe collection...or do all 3!

We will make four different recipes on-site with extra recipes to take home. Explore the many tasty muffin tin possibilities!

No cost involved.

Please RSVP by Lucky Friday...March 13th.

4-H Public Presentations

Calendar for 2020

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



Otsego County Fair 2020 – ONLY 7 months until the 6 best days of Summer!!

SAVE these 2020 Dates!!!

July 10 4-H Martin Hall Entries
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)

July 11 4-H Animal Science Entries
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.

July 25 Martin Hall Set-up
August 2 Martin Hall Evaluations, 1-4 p.m.
August 4-9 Otsego County Fair

2020 State Fair Dates

August 26 State Fair opens thru Sept 7
Thursday, September 3-Monday, September 7
Otsego Teen Team at State Fair

4-H Otsego County

4-H International Hosts 2020

Host families are needed for this summer's International 4-H Exchange.

NYS 4-H is excited to be hosting 18 Japanese delegates and 2 chaperones this summer (2020).

For more information about the program you may visit NYS 4-H Website <https://nys4-h.org/international-exchange?rq=international> or the States' 4-H Website <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>



Student Membership

The New York Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program has been working to develop future agricultural leaders by becoming more involved with youth in FFA, 4-H and at agricultural colleges. There are Collegiate Chapters of New York Farm Bureau at Cornell University and SUNY Cobleskill. By involving these agricultural youth, the Young Farmers and Ranchers Program can foster new leaders for not only their program and New York Farm Bureau, but for the agricultural industry as a whole. Student memberships are available for members who are between the ages of 16-21. 4-H and FFA members who are high school juniors and seniors and collegiate students with an agricultural major are eligible for a complimentary NYFB student membership. [Learn more here.](#)

NEW YORK STATE 4-H

LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Experience the richness of the world without leaving home! NYS 4-H sponsors Japanese Youth ages 12-17 for one month between July-August. These eager Japanese youth want to experience American culture, make new friends and improve their English by staying with your family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Email NYS IE Coordinator **Autumn Lavine**
aml84@cornell.edu or visit
nys4-h.org/international-exchange

The graphic features a photograph of two young girls, one in traditional Japanese attire and the other in an American flag, with various international flags and the 4-H logo.

4-H International Night Returns!!!



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!](#)

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



2019 4-H International Night

Animal Science

Livestock Techniques Workshop for Youth **March 24, 2020, 5:30 - 7 p.m.** **CCE Education Center, Cooperstown**

4-H youth are welcome to 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.

Class limit: 12 youth - 8 spots are available

The cost is \$10 per youth by **March 17** or when class is filled. First come, first served WITH payment. Reimbursement for the cost of the workshop will be made to 4-H Auction youth that are accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please call Ashley at 315.866.7920 if you have any questions.

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: bee keeping, 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**.

Interviews for Earn-an-Animal applicants will be scheduled on **Monday, February 17** starting at 1 p.m. at the Cooperstown Office, 123 Lake Street. Specific times will be assigned after applications are received.

Applications can be obtained from the 4-H office or the web at <http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/resources/4-h-earn-an-animal-application-otsego>

For more information, contact the 4-H office at 607.547.2536.

Guernsey Calf Scholarship 2020

The 2020 New York State Calf Scholarship Award Program is ready to launch one again.

We are in our 21st year and could not be more excited about what this program has done for the kids of New York State providing them with the possibility of being awarded a purebred Guernsey Calf.

If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact me via email or phone.

Blessings~

Christel Axtell

New York State Guernsey Youth Advisor

Phone: 607.761.9443; Email: axtell7@juno.com

The current application is available at the 4-H Office or <http://cceschoharie-otsego.org/4-h-youth-development/otsego-county-4-h/new-york-state-guernsey-calf-scholarship-award-program>

Deadline: March 1



SAVE THE DATE **Animal Crackers 2020**

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

4-H Meat Goats at The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show in 2020

The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show has added meat goats to their line-up for the 2020 show season.

The 73rd Junior Livestock Show will take place Sunday, July 12 thru Tuesday, July 14 in Cooperstown, NY. For this first year trial period there will be a limit of two animals per exhibitor.

More information to come.

4-H Meat Goat owners mark your calendars!!

4-H Meat Goat, Squish with Evelyn Kersmanc, 4-H Firecrackers



COMING UP ON MARCH 27-28, 2020

Dairy Discovery Workshop

Topic: Calf and Heifer Management

The annual Dairy Discovery program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell University.



Holey Cow at Dairy Discovery Day

Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 65 individuals to enroll or March 23, 2020 deadline, whichever comes first. Youth who are 14-19 years of age as of January 1, 2020 with an interest in dairy cattle are eligible to attend. The registration fee will include cost of the program activities, materials and dinner and lunch.

COST: Youth-\$50 (covers basic handouts, materials, dinner and activities on Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday)
Adult Chaperones-\$15 (covers meals)

REGISTRATION is online by the participant -
Click here for complete information and to register:



<https://blogs.cornell.edu/ansci4h/events-2/dairy-discovery-2/>

The Otsego County 4-H Dairy Enhancement Committee will reimburse cost upon successful completion.



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

January Registrations/Information

February

- 1 [Earn-an-Animal deadline](#)
- 8 4-H Craft Day Registration due
- 11 Tractor Safety Certification
- 28 Cornell Youth Institute, Be a Hunger Hero due

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March

- 1 Guernsey Calf Scholarship forms due
- 13 Muffin Tin Magic Registration due
- 15 4-H Capital Days Nominations
- 17 Livestock Techniques Registration due

Make checks payable to: Cooperative Extension Schoharie and Otsego Counties
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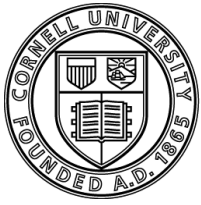
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Send this form to: CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties, 123 Lake St., Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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

**4-H connects youth to hands-on learning opportunities that
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