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Otsego 4-H Dog Program



4-H Volunteer, Sonja Galley with dog Reese and 4-H members Madison Hayes and Quinn Lytel

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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



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Coming 4-H Events 2020



July/August Edition - Otsego County

JULY

- 1 & 2 Career Explorations at Cornell, Cornell University, Ithaca CANCELED
- 3 4-H Forestry Friday Virtual Series, 3.0
- 4 Independence Day, CCE offices closed
- 8 NYS 4-H Virtual 4-H Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 4-H Forestry Friday, Virtual Series, 4.0
- 12 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.
- 12-14 The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, Iroquois Farm, Cooperstown CANCELED
- 15-26 Tractor Supply Fourward Fund
- 17 Forestry Friday Virtual Series, 5.0
- 19 Otsego 4-H Dog Class. 2:00 p.m.
- 24 4-H Forestry Friday, Virtual Series, 6.0
- 26 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.
- 28 Otsego County 4-H Club Leaders Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 NYS 4-H Virtual Statewide Hour of Code, Create a Game Using Scratch, 6:00 p.m.
- 29 NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 4-H Forestry Friday Virtual Series, 7.0

AUGUST

- 1 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 9:00 a.m.
- The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show Chobani Agricultural Leader Scholarship applications due
- 3
- 3-9 Otsego County Fair, CANCELED
- 5 NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 4-H Forestry Friday, 8.0
- 9 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.
- 10 Otsego County 4-H Virtual Showcase submissions due
- 11 NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Knowledge Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 4-H Forestry Friday, 9.0
- 16 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.
- 18 NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Knowledge Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 4-H Forestry Friday, 10.0
- 23 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.
- 25 Otsego 4-H Club Leaders Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Knowledge Workshop Series, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 4-H Forestry Friday, 11.0
- 30 Otsego 4-H Dog Class, 2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day, CCE offices closed
- 9 4-H Fair Supers, 6 p.m.; Issue Committees, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting
- 19-20 Harvest Festival, The Farmers' Museum, Cooperstown - CANCELED
- 29 Otsego 4-H Club Leaders Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

CCE prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of the communities we serve. If Otsego County 4-H Programs and Clubs choose to meet non-virtually, they must follow the **New York State 4-H Youth Development 4-H Meeting Guidance and Best Practices Policy June 2020.**

UPDATES will be communicated as soon as possible.
Be Safe, Be Well!

4-H Club News



Otsego 4-H Dog Program

Submitted by Sonja Galley, 4-H Volunteer

In July, the Otsego 4-H Dog Program was able to hold in-person classes! Our focus was an introduction to the dog classes 4-H offers in Showmanship (Grooming & Handling), Obedience, Rally, and Agility. While each sport differs, they share several foundation skills that were demonstrated.

Two very important skills we worked on are the focus for the handler and focus for a prop or obstacle. By building focus for the handler, the dog learns to walk on a loose leash and to look to the handler for cues such as “sit” or “down.” Building value for props and obstacles is also important in agility. An agility dog needs to be able to move away from the handler to perform the obstacle such as go through the tunnel independently—there isn’t room for a handler and dog in there! We also used props in obedience and rally to help the dog be more precise in the behavior we’re looking for. When doing a heeling exercise (leash walking), and asked to halt, the dog should sit very close to the handler’s left side. To help aid in precision, I used a 12” x 12” piece of wood wrapped in vet wrap (so it’s not slippery to sit on). First, we build value for the dog putting feet on the board. Then, the board is placed on the floor for the heeling exercise. The handler walks up to the board and stops, then the dog places his feet on the board, and is in the perfect position to sit at the handler’s side. Eventually, the prop is faded out as the dog understands his job of sitting next to the handler’s side.



This fall we will be exploring AKC’s virtual titling programs for a trick dog, agility, and rally. New handlers are always welcome, look for an official orientation in late September!

If you’re interested in learning more about the Otsego 4-H Dog Program, contact Teresa Adell at ta47@cornell.edu or 607-547-2536 or 607-433-2521 (Oneonta).

Life After High School



Nick Collins - Oneonta, NY - Hobbies include metal detecting, building computers, and playing baseball. He will be shipping to Fort Jackson for basic training in July (Joined the Army National Guard) and his Advanced Individual training will be at Fort Gordon, Georgia. When he comes home in March 2021 he will be attending a Fire Academy to become a firefighter. His favorite memory of being with the theatre guild was during a rehearsal where someone meant to say "go around the gate" but said "go around the gloop" and I walked around Joseph (Willy Wonka inside joke... haha).



Rebekah Witter - Brookfield, NY- Hobbies include painting, playing guitar, reading, and writing. Her plans are to work construction with her Father's company this summer and then off to SUNY Oneonta for Business Marketing with a theater minor. Rebekah’s favorite memory of theatre guild is when Ben shoved Joseph through the curtains, and knocked the "bed" over during Peter Pan!

4-H Otsego County

Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club Has Two Graduating From High School

Gavin Fetterman and David Sellick, members of the Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club, are both high school seniors who graduated this June.

David is a graduate of Cooperstown High School and OHM BOCES. He has received his welding certification from BOCES. David's 4-H projects have included poultry, beef, and woodworking. He has shown chickens and beef animals at the county fair. David served as club recreation leader. His hobbies include flying his drone and tractor pulling. As most of you know a big part of tractor pulling is building and maintaining the engines.

David will be building on this skill as he begins his college career at SUNY Cobleskill in the diesel technology program.



Gavin is a member of the graduating class at Unatego Central School and also DCM0 BOCES in Masonville. Gavin has always shown horses and been part of the show circuit for equine. He started his 4-H career after winning a Holstein raffle calf while attending the Delaware County Fair showing his horse. He joined the Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club and became an active member showing dairy, attending the showmanship clinic and calf sale and later on Dairy Discovery. With no milking facilities, Gavin decided to sell his dairy animal before she calved in and then began showing beef animals. In 2019, Gavin's hard work led him to winning the Supreme Champion at the Otsego County Fair with his Hereford steer. Gavin is always a good sport, joining in any of the club group activities, including woodworking, cooking, and sewing. He is known to bake a pretty darn good apple pie! He served in several different club officer positions including club president. In addition to 4-H,



Gavin has played baseball and run track, and cross country on the Unatego School athletic teams. This fall he will be running cross country at SUNY Delhi as he pursues a career in electrical technology.



4-H Otsego County

Teresa Adell's Introduction

I would like to introduce myself, Teresa Adell, 4-H Educator in Otsego County.

It is such an exciting time for me to be able to work with the 4-H members, families, independent members, volunteers, committee members and all those who help make the CCE Otsego County 4-H program the amazing program that it is.



I started my 4-H career when I was eight years old, being a club member. During those years I worked on projects such as sewing, cooking, rabbits and horses. I attended 4-H public presentations and showed every year at the fair. I was a 4-H club leader for over 20 years, going through two generations of 4-H members.

As a volunteer in the Otsego County 4-H program I served on the Consumer Science and Environmental Committees, on the 4-H Advisory Committee, chairperson for the Public Presentation events and 4-H Martin Hall Superintendent for many years, and also sat on the CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties board.

For the past three years I have been the 4-H Educator in Schoharie County where I have worked on providing 4-H programs and events, both county and statewide, through learning and hands on opportunities for 4-H youth. I am continuing my 4-H career in Otsego County and will continue to work on providing opportunities for 4-H members to learn and grow through 4-H. I look forward to getting to know you all and to continue to work hard in the Otsego County 4-H program.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at tla47@cornell.edu or 607.547.2536 (ext 225).

Forestry Friday

This on-going series in 2020 introduces youth to common and some uncommon species of trees around New York, and possibly beyond. They will learn about using a dichotomous key to identify a tree to genus and species. Interested parties should watch the videos in order. The answer to the previous week is presented in the first minutes of the following week's video. If you go in order, you will be given the chance to determine what the species is BEFORE you get the answer. Yes, there's a little work to this. You should use the booklet, Know Your Trees by Winch, et al. 2004 here: <https://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/86>

Week 1 Forestry Friday 1.0

https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Forestry+Friday+Vol+1/1_8c2smntw

Week 2 Forestry Friday 2.0

https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Forestry+Friday+2.0+June+26%2C+2020/1_bzinxqzq

Week 3 Forestry Friday 3.0

https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Forestry+Friday+3.0/1_bpfrnqbk

Week 4 Forestry Friday 4.0

https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Forestry+Friday+4.0+recording/1_uq221x36

Wildlife Wednesday Videos

[Wednesday June 4th](#)

[Wednesday July 1st](#)

[Wednesday July 8th](#)

[Wednesday July 15th](#)

If you would like a printed copy of Know Your Trees, and to sign up for these weekly Forestry Videos please contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu or 607.547.2536 (x225).

Otsego County

Registration
deadline:
August 10, 2020



Throughout the year Otsego County 4-H members have completed hands-on projects that have helped them grow in knowledge and develop lifelong skills. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties is allowing 4-H members the opportunity to display these projects in a 4-H Virtual Showcase.

4-H members between the ages of 5-19 can submit their pictures and videos of their animal and non-animal projects, as well as their animal showmanship skills. A special Virtual Showcase video will be developed to showcase these skills. The Otsego County 4-H Video Showcase will be posted online through the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties webpage and the Otsego County 4-H Facebook page.

The Otsego County 4-H Virtual Showcase is a fun and unique way for the 4-H members to be recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year.

Otsego County Virtual Showcase: [Guidelines](#)

Otsego County Virtual Showcase: [Registration Page](#)



New York 4-H statewide virtual hour of code was held in May by NYS Computer Specialist Kat Leo. 4-H members from across the state joined in to learn how to code Star Wars figure to move around the screen by applying what they have learned.

Computer Science encourages youth to solve problems and use critical thinking skills. Learning to code can help youth gain skills that will help them succeed in a career no matter what industry they decide to enter.

For more information on computer science go to the NYS 4-H STEM Projects at the link below.

<https://nys4-h.org/projects/#computer-science>

NYS 4-H Virtual Forestry Series

Over sixty 4-H youth from across the state joined in for the 2020 NYS 4-H Virtual Forestry Series during the months of May and June, learning about tree identification, maps and compasses, invasive species and pests, as well as forest ecology. 4-H members, families and 4-H Educators attended each event every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m., gathering around their computers engaging in games and learning about their environment.

Emily Gross, 4-H member in Otsego County, enjoyed playing games and learning about the different types of trees.

Cornell Youth Nature and Outdoor Program Work team, made up of 4-H Educator's from around the state, put together this series. Teresa Adell, 4-H Educator in Otsego County is a part of this work team.

Otsego County

The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show Chobani Agricultural Leader Scholarships



Scholarships Overview

Since the beginning, Chobani has been committed to sourcing the freshest milk possible from nearly 1,000 farmers in our local communities. From Chenango County, New York, to Twin Falls, Idaho, we work with farmers who share our values and sense of community. That's why we're excited to recognize young agricultural leaders we believe embody the Chobani spirit.

Senior Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age 15-18 as of January 1, 2020. It is designed to help advance a youth's path to becoming local farmers and encourage leadership skills, personal growth and practical knowledge through further education, the purchase of new equipment or livestock, or other agricultural training opportunities.

All youth between the ages of 15-18 are encouraged to submit a **300-500 word essay** answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. Why is farming important to you, your family, and the community?
2. Do you think farmers have a role in protecting the environment? Explain why or why not.
3. As a member of the farming community, what would you do to ensure your worker's rights and well-being are protected?
4. Share your story! We would love to hear about your farm, what types of animals you care for, and learn who inspired you to be a farmer.

Junior Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age 8-14 as of January 1, 2020. This scholarship is designed to help youth grow as farmers, whether it is further education, a startup farm, purchasing a first animal or attending an agricultural camp.

All Junior Livestock Show participants between the ages of 8-14 are encouraged to submit a **200-250 word essay** answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. What is your favorite part about farming?
2. Why is farming important?
3. Share your story! We'd love to learn more about when you started farming, what type of animals you have, who inspired you to be a farmer, etc. The sky is the limit!

2020 Terra Jackson Scholarship

This year, we will also present a scholarship to honor a committee member we lost two years ago who helped to establish this essay contest. In honor of her commitment to youth in agriculture, and the dedication she brought to the committee, a special scholarship of \$500 will be offered this year to recognize the most outstanding essay submission.

The Scholarship Awards

The scholarship recipients will be determined by representatives of the awards committee consisting of representatives from the Junior Livestock Show and Chobani. Three \$350 scholarships (Seniors), Three \$150 scholarships (Juniors) and the Terra Jackson scholarship (\$500) will be notified in August.

To Apply:

Both Junior and Senior essays should be postmarked by **August 3** and mailed to The Farmers' Museum, Attn. Meg Preston, PO Box 30, Cooperstown, NY 13326. They may also be emailed to m.preston@farmersmuseum.org We look forward to receiving your essay!

Animal Science

2020 South Central Regional On-Line Dairy Bowl Contest

For the 2020 South Central Regional electronically on-line Dairy Bowl Contest held on Saturday, June 13.

There were 2 Beginners, 14 Juniors, and 5 Seniors whom participated. The results are as follows:

Beginners:

- 1-Eli Donlick, Cortland
- 2-Kristena Barringer, Otsego

Teams:

- 1-Cortland
- 2-Otsego

Juniors:

- 1-Alina Loginov, Tompkins
 - 2-Elsie Donlick, Cortland
 - 3-Jeffrey Palmatier, Delaware
 - 4-Kara Peters, Chemung
 - 5-Maxwell Pullis, Otsego
 - 6-Evelyn Kersmanc, Otsego
 - 7-Graycee Colussey, Chemung
 - 8-Elyza Schoeberl, Otsego
 - 9-Brae Dunham, Delaware
 - 10-Katerine Howard, Chemung
- Other participants (in no particular order):
Mia Howard, Chemung
Lucinda Bishop, Delaware
Greta Garrison, Tompkins
Ayden Hammond, Broome

Seniors:

- 1-Annika Donlick, Cortland
- 2-Aidan Ainslie, Otsego
- 3-Sean Kersmanc, Otsego
- 4-Abbie Ainslie, Otsego
- 5-Alexys Hammond, Broome

Teams:

- 1-Otsego
- 2-Cortland
- 3-Broome

Congratulations to all who participated!



New York State 4-H Showcase!

Offered by the

NY STATE 4-H FAIR TEAM

Open to all 4-H Members

With the absence of NY State Fair the NY State 4-H Fair Team has been working on a format to highlight the exciting work that all of you do.

WE WANT TO CREATE A STATE SLIDE SHOW!

Below is a link to a form where you can share with us a little bit about your 4-H project work. This is a self-evaluation of your project work with the option to receive feedback.

Youth may submit **ONE** entry per project area listed below

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| • Personal Development Leadership | • Animal Science Dairy |
| • Communications Expressive Arts | • Animal Science Beef |
| • Arts and Crafts | • Animal Science Goat |
| • Food and Nutrition | • Animal Science Poultry |
| • Photography and Visual Arts | • Animal Science Dog |
| • Horticulture | • Animal Science Horse |
| • Environmental Education | • Animal Science Swine |
| • STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) | • Animal Science Rabbit and Cavy |
| | • Animal Science Sheep |

To submit projects
please use the google form

<https://forms.gle/v1kjz5H34GrHPQXa7>

Submissions must be received by **August 1st**
in order to be included in the slide show



Animal Science

Building Your Dairy Knowledge Workshop Series

Time: 7 - 8 P.M.

Dates and Topic:

8/11/2020 - Nutrition and rumen function

8/18/2020 - Herd Health, diseases, vaccination and biosecurity

8/25/2020 - Reproduction

9/1/2020 - Dairy Records

Let's get together virtually and gain some dairy knowledge. We are offering 4 workshop sessions for youth of all ages who are working in the dairy project area or want to learn more and get involved in dairy. Even though we won't be testing our dairy knowledge during the Dairy Challenge Contest at State Fair this Fall, we can still challenge ourselves to keep learning. Come join us and meet other dairy interest youth from across the State from the comforts of your home while we cover the dairy animal's basic areas in nutrition, herd health, reproduction, and records.

To register for this workshop series please contact Teresa Adell, ta47@cornell.edu or 607-547-2536 (x225) or 607-433-2521 (Oneonta).

NYS Junior Dairy Leader Program and NYS Beginner Dairy Leader Program

First for the time being we are going to postpone taking applications and starting the next class of **Beginning Dairy Leaders**. With the currently health situation with COVID-19 and not knowing how things will be looking this fall with schools and campuses....and being a key objective to get on the Ag and Tech school campuses across NY with this group....we have decided to hold off on this program at least through the start of the 2021 year.

We are going to move forward with the **NYS Junior DAIRY LEADER program (JDL)** for the 2020-2021 year.

Applications are done online at

<http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/dairy/nys-junior-dairy-leader-application/> and more information about the program can be found here also. I will communicate though that will look a little different for the next class. In the past this program is started out with the once-in-a-lifetime week long trip to Madison, Wisconsin for dairy tours, attending the National 4-H Dairy Conference and attending World Dairy Expo. With the current situation the National 4-H Dairy Conference and the World Dairy Expo are canceled for this fall of 2020. With the next JDL class....their program year will be ending with the trip to Wisconsin in the Fall of 2021. We do have uncertainty on when we can be in person for things so the plan is to start a little later this fall and/or do things on a virtual platform to start off....there are things that we can do in this manner and then when we can be in-person....we will do the other workshops and tours. So if you are interested in the dairy field and want to learn more about careers, personal and professional growth....please apply. The age for this program is 16 to not have reached their 19th by Jan 1st. Again, we will be doing all the things we have done for 21 years in the JDL program but the timeline and schedule will look a little different....instead of starting in late September and ending in August....the program year will start later in the fall and will end shortly after the trip to Wisconsin in late September of 2021. We are here and ready to continue this great opportunity in leadership and career planning in the dairy and agricultural field.

For the Fall of 2021, the plan will be to take the 2020-2021 class (this will be at the end of their program year) and the next class of 2021-2022 to Wisconsin at the same time.

The original deadline for the applications was the end of June but we are extended that deadline until August 1st, 2020. Please contact Deborah Grusenmeyer at djc27@cornell.edu if you have any questions.



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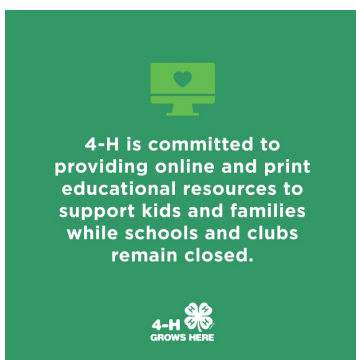
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July/August Registrations/Information

August

- 1 NY State Virtual Showcase entries due
- 3 The Junior Livestock Show Chobani Scholarship application due
- 10 Virtual Showcase entries due

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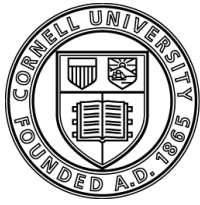
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We will be happy to mail your request, but to help save postage on larger materials, please indicate where you would like to pick up. We will contact you when the materials are ready. Should you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at 607.547.2536.

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