



Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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4-H Gilbertsville Dairy Club celebrating the 4-H year end with a candlelight ceremony and a pot luck dinner

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**



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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



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Otsego County 4-H Calendar of Events



FEBRUARY	
1	4-H Earn-an-Animal applications due
1	4-H Livestock Auction Beef forms due to the 4-H office
1	NYS 4-H Horse Judging Clinic, Broomley-Daggett Equestrian Center, Alfred University, 10:00 a.m.
2	4-H International Day, Southside Mall, Oneonta 1:00 p.m.
3	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Intro to Horse Bowl, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
5	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
6	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
8	4-H Earn An Animal Interviews and Orientation, Rowe House, Oneonta, 10:00 a.m.
10	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Giving Horse Judging Reasons, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
12	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., Via Zoom
17	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Hippology, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
17	Presidents' Day observed, CCE Offices closed
18	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
19	4-H Volunteer Connections, Building Connections for Success, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom
19	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
20	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
22	4-H Sewing Clinic, Rowe House, Oneonta 10: a.m.
24	NYS 4-H Horse Educational Series, Horse Bowl Studying, 6:30-7:30 p.m., via Zoom
26	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
26	4-H Virtual Series: Hop, Swim, and Crawl, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
26	NYS 4-H Livestock Summit, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
27	NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices, 7-8:00 p.m., via Zoom
MARCH	
1	4-H Public Presentations, 9:00a.m., Milford Central School, 65 West Main Street, Morris, NY
4	4-H Teen Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
5	4-H Virtual Series: Hop, Swim, and Crawl, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
8	4-H District Hippology, Greene School, Greene
8	4-H March Dog Madness, Cornell
12	4-H Virtual Series: Hop, Swim, and Crawl, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
17	4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course, Rowe House, Oneonta, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
17-21	NYS Ag in the Classroom Literacy Week
18	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
19	4-H Virtual Series: Hop, Swim, and Craw, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
19	4-H Volunteer Connections, Growing Beyond the Ribbon, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom
22	4-H District Dairy Bowl, Oxford
22	4-H District Horse Bowl, Oxford
24	4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course, Rowe House, Oneonta, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
24,25,26	NYS 4-H Livestock Judging Series, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom
27	4-H Fair Superintendent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
28-29	Dairy Discovery Workshop, Cornell University
31	4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course, Rowe House, Oneonta, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

4-H Club News



The **Ewes 'N Friends 4-H Club** met in January to learn about Slovakia and made their national dish, **Halušky**, in preparation for 4-H International Day.



January's meeting was an intro to sewing for the majority of our club members in the **4-H Crafty Chipmunks Club**. We learned the basics of the sewing machine and practiced straight sewing. We were all able to make a 2 in 1 fleece hat and neck warmer to fight the bitter cold we've been having. Hoping for February to do cupcake decorating and plan for spring earth day and gardening projects.

4-H Club News



4-H Public Presentation Workshop

In January members of the Ewes N' Friends and the Crafty Pumpkins attended the 4-H Public Presentation Workshop to learn the basic of public presentations. Giving a public presentation can help you to grow as an individual, think and talk before a group of people, and gain poise and self-confidence.



4-H Cooking Clinic

During the month of January members of the Helping Hands 4-H Club attended the 4-H Decorating Cakes & Cupcakes workshop



Otsego County 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices

Calf Care with Amy Proskine, Digestive Tract Dissection with Carrie Edsall. The 4-H Dairy Quiz bowl is an opportunity for 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject mater in a competitive setting.



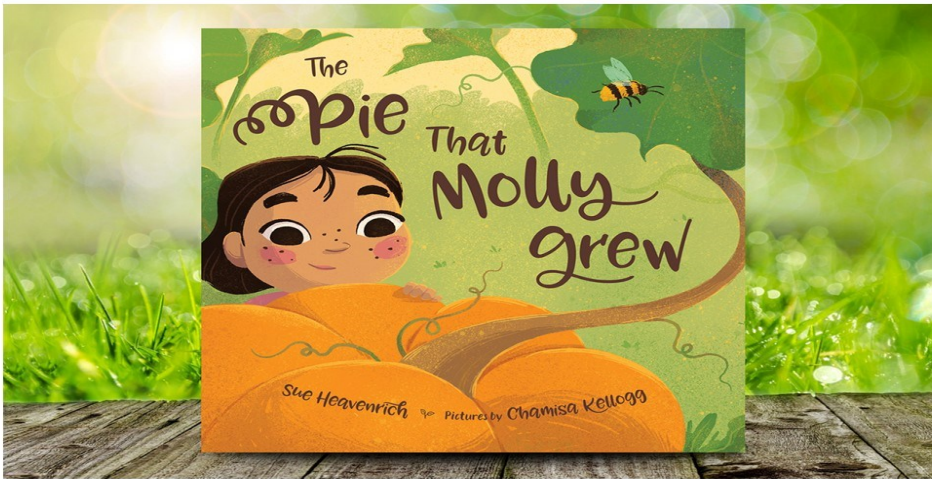
4-H International Day

In February the Ewes N' Friends and the Helping Hands 4-H Clubs participated in the Otsego County 4-H International Day at the Southside Mall in Oneonta. They picked a country they were interested in and shared information to a walking audience about food, customs, clothing and much more.

Ewes N' Friends-Slovakia
Helping Hands-Norway
Otsego County 4-H-Australia



4-H Upcoming Events



**Agricultural
Literacy Week
March 17-21,
2025**

About This Year's Book

The Pie That Molly Grew

Written by Sue Heavenrich
Illustrated by Chamisa Kellogg

Beginning with the planting of a single seed, join Molly on the journey of bringing a pumpkin to harvest. Under Molly's watchful eye and care, each stage of growth – from the seed to the sprout to the leaves to the final fruit on the vine – is showcased. At the end, Molly's lovely pumpkin is turned into a delicious pie to one and all to share in a celebration of gratitude. All from the seed that Molly sowed.

It is an honor to feature New York author Sue Heavenrich for our 2025 Agricultural Literacy Week program. Based in Tioga County, Sue is a lifelong lover of biology, gardening, and reading. A teacher of many sorts, Sue especially loves telling stories about the science she sees in her backyard, or in this case, her garden!

Hop, Swim, and Crawl with the YNOE PWT

Join us for a fun and educational virtual series on amphibians, designed for youth across New York State! From February 26th to March 19th, 2025, each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., participants will dive into the fascinating world of amphibians, learning about their unique characteristics, habitats, and conservation. These interactive sessions will feature expert guest speakers, exciting hands-on activities, and opportunities to ask questions. Don't miss this chance to discover the amazing amphibians that call New York home!

- **Dates: Wednesday nights at 6:30pm February 26th, and March 5th, 12th, and 19th**
- No cost to participate.
- Who can participate: Cloverbuds, 4-H members, 4-H parents, volunteers, and youth



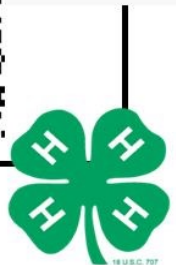
Registration is necessary.

Click on this link:

https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOE-Amphibians_208



OR Scan this QR Code



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4-H Upcoming Events



NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING SERIES

**MARCH 24TH, 25TH
AND 26TH AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENTED BY SETH EBERT -
THE OHIO STATE ATI LIVESTOCK
JUDGING COACH**

Beef and Swine Evaluation

Mr. Ebert presented during the 2025 Livestock Summit on Animal Selection and Evaluating Beef and Swine. That video can be found at <https://youtu.be/LXMg6wsRAzM?feature=shared>



Nightly Highlights

March 24th ◀

Gain and understanding on how to evaluate Goats and Sheep.

March 25th ◀

Learn the importance of Oral Reasons! This session will include setting up your paper, what are different terms and how to give a perfect set of reasons.

March 26th ◀

Questions! What should you be writing down and looking for when it is a questions class. Questions can be the difference between 1st and 20th in a contest.

To Register visit:
https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/IrH3r2iCRDiF0AGKzmR5vg_

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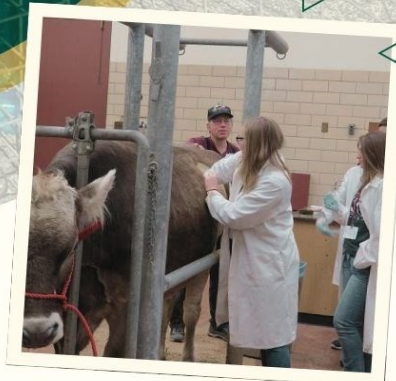


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2025 NYS DAIRY DISCOVERY

MARCH 28 - 29

CALS ANIMAL SCIENCE
FRANK MORRISON HALL
507 TOWER ROAD
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
IITHACA, NY 14853



2025 Focus: Maximizing the Feed Management Program

Youth must be 14-19 years of age by January 1, 2025

Cost: \$50 per youth participant
\$15 per adult chaperone

- Nutrition and the Rumen
- Forage Quality
- Total Mixed Ratio - TMR

DEADLINE TO REGISTER - MARCH 20TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT:
[HTTPS://CAL.S.CORNELL.EDU/PRO-DAIRY/OUR-EXPERTISE/YOUTH/DAIRY-DISCOVERY-WORKSHOP](https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/dairy-discovery-workshop)



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4-H Upcoming Events



4-H GARDENING WORKSHOP

ANNUAL FLOWERS

This workshop will explore the varieties of annual flowers, starting annuals from seed, planning and planting an annual garden, and care of the garden.

Participants will plant a container garden to take home.



Saturday, May, 10, 2025 9:00 a.m.

The Rowe House, 31 Maple Street, Oneonta

\$8.00 material fee.

Pre-registration required by Friday, May 2

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4-H Upcoming Events



4-H TOGETHER WE GROW & EAT GARDENING WORKSHOP SERIES



The 4-H Together We Grow & Eat gardening workshop series provides youth with an opportunity to plan, plant, care and eat your garden. This will be a series of informational hands-on workshops taught by Otsego County Master Gardener Volunteers.

Thursday, June 5, 5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 10, 5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, 5:30-7 p.m.



CCE Educational Center, 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown



\$25 material fee

Pre-Registration is required

Registration Deadline

5/30/2025

To register:

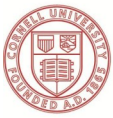
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Oneonta
Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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