



# Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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**4-H Members across  
Otsego County have been  
learning about cooking,  
visual arts, earth and  
planets, animal science,  
and egg incubation.**



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

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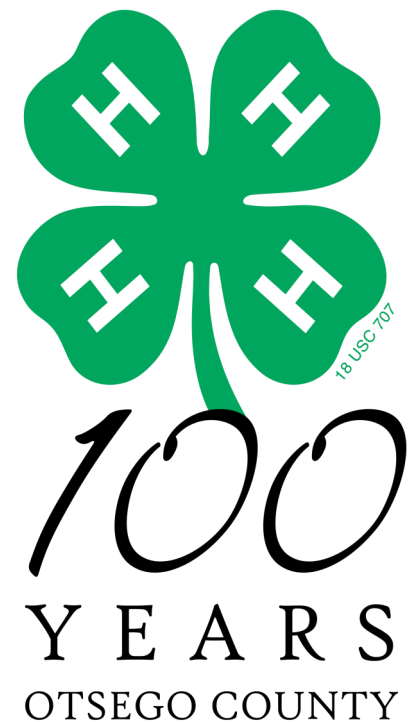
- 4-H Youth development as the focus of all youth development activities
- Partnerships for supporting, conducting, and extending the program
- Volunteerism as a cornerstone of the program

**WELCOME HELEN POWER-LIGHT TO  
OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H**

Helen Powers-Light has joined the Otsego County 4-H team, bringing her 4-H experiences and agricultural knowledge to all areas of the Otsego County 4-H program from club management to 4-H agricultural projects.



Helen, who grew up in the Hartwick area, was involved with local agriculture from an early age as several of her family members were farmers and veterinarians. Her interest in agriculture began with her involvement in Otsego County 4-H and her show herd of LaMancha dairy goats. Helen graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with an associate degree in animal industries and a Bachelor of Technology degree in agricultural business management.



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# 4-H Calendar Events 2022



<b>JUNE</b>	
5	4-H Gardening Clinic, Gretna Gardens Greenhouse, Otego, Sunday, 3: p.m.
7	4-H Pullorum Clinic,, Martin Hall, Otsego County Fairground, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
12	4-H Dog Training Class, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
16	4-H Informational Event, Southside Mall Community Room, Oneonta, 5:30 p.m.
18	4-H STEM Camp, Camp Shankitunk, Delhi, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
20	Juneteenth, CCE Offices Closed
<b>JULY</b>	
3	4-H Dog Training Class, Garrattsville, 2p.m.
9	4-H Fair Entries Due
10-12	The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, Cooperstown
17	4-H Dog Training Class, Garrattsville, 2p.m.
18	4-H Dog Show, Garrattsville, 6 p.m.
20	4-H Dog Show, Garrattsville, 6 p.m. RAINDATE
21	4-H Community Club, All About the Fair, Southside Mall Community Room, Oneonta, 5:30p.m.
23	Fair Clean & Set Up Day with Pot Luck Lunch, Otsego County Fairgrounds, Morris, 10-2p.m.
31	4-H Martin Hall Non-Animal Evaluations, 1-4p.m.
<b>AUGUST</b>	
2-7	Otsego County Fair, Morris
18	4-H Reorganizational Meeting, Southside Mall Community Room, Oneonta 5:30 p.m.
Aug 24- September 5	NYS FAIR, Syracuse, NY

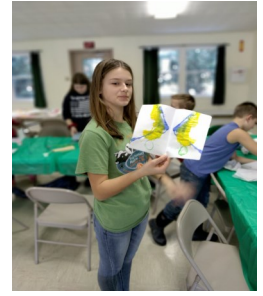
**REMINDER!!**  
**REENROLLMENT MUST BE IN BY JUNE 15.**  
**IF YOU ARE NOT ENROLLED IN OTSEGO COUNTY**  
**4-H YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO**  
**PARTICIPATE IN 4-H EVENTS AND WILL STOP**  
**RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS OR**  
**NEWSLETTERS FROM THE 4-H OFFICE.**  
**CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB LEADER FOR**  
**ENROLLMENT STATUS.**



# 4-H Club News



The **Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club** met in March and did a creative arts activity...string painting. We used a variety of strings: floss, bailing twine, yarn and a braided rope to see how the different strings produce different effects.



The **Kids and Kritters 4 H Club** completed a lesson on animals feed identification. They learned about the 7 major grains used in animal feed and which animals would consume those feeds.



The **Helping Hands 4-H Club** tried their hands at Muffin Tin Magic. They created a wide variety of things from appetizers to main dishes to desserts. They did a great job and learned that almost anything can be made in a muffin tin.

At the **Lord of the Reins 4-H Club** meeting, Rosa Dangca drives Zeke and Marta Dangca rides along as groom.



## Otsego County 4-H Spring Fundraiser

This spring the Otsego County 4-H clubs and members sold flower bulbs as a fundraiser. The Kids & Kritters was the top selling 4-H club, winning a 4-H Club Kit and Jacob Hartman, from the Springfield High Meadows was the top seller winning a 4-H duffle bag. **Thank you** to all who participated in the Spring Flower Bulb fundraiser to help support the Otsego County 4-H program.



**The Kids & Kritters 4-H Club**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**Jacob Hartman**  
Top Seller

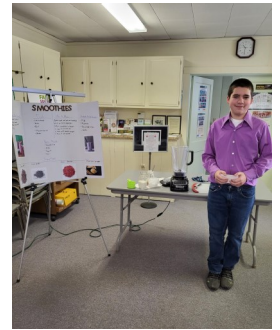
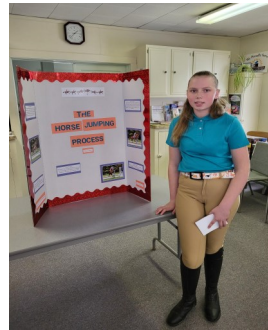


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## Otsego County 4-H Public Presentations

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 demonstration or a speech and delivering it to an audience is terrifying. However, 4-H Youth Members throughout Otsego County, have an advantage in public speaking.

4-H members develop and practice their speaking and communication skills through 4-H Public Presentations held in the spring.



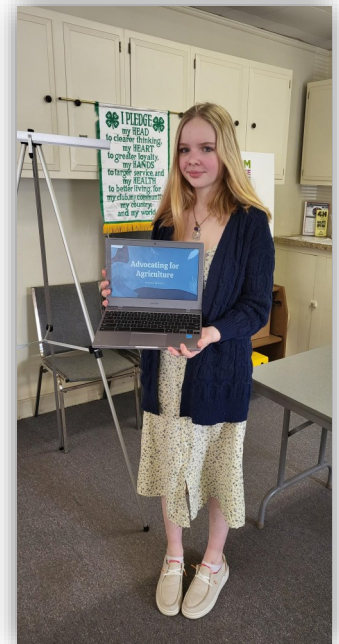
Thank you to our evaluators; Colleen Badger, Gretchen Badger, Carol Phelps, Jonathan and Beth Bartlett, for donating your time and knowledge.



*Winnie Shepardson*

### South Central District 4-H Public Presentations

Two Otsego County 4-H Youth advanced to the South Central District 4-H Public Presentations! This annual 4-H evaluation event is for 4-H youth that have excelled at County level 4-H presentations and are recommended to participate in the District 4-H competition. Evelyn Kersmanc from the Otsego Firecrackers in the Illustrated Talk category on **Agriculture Advocacy**, and Winnie Shepardson from the America's Funniest 4-H Club in the Illustrated Talk category on **Character Development**.



*Evelyn Kersmanc*



# 4-H Animal Science

## 2022 Dairy Bowl

In March, 4-H members Maxwell Pullis, Alexi Wolfe, Elyza Schoeberl, McKenna Salisbury, Justin Wolfe, Evelyn Kersmanc, Owen Pullis, Tyler March, Kristena Barringer, Andrew Conroe, Abigail Conroe and Kaylee Byma competed in the 2022 District Dairy Bowl contest in Oxford.

With a senior team, two junior teams and a novice team, 4-H members competed with other 4-H teams and members in the South Central region to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail, as an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

Maxwell and Owen Pullis went on to compete in the | NYS Dairy Bowl Contest on April 23 at Cornell University. Andrew Conroe will compete in the NYS Dairy Bowl Beginner Contest at the NYS Fair August 24. Lead by coaches Sean Kersmanc, Jennifer Kersmanc, Rebecca Barringer, Eric Salisbury and Coordinator Holly Pullis.

**A huge THANK YOU to all the coaches, families and 4-H members who made this day a wonderful experience for all!!**



## 2022 Dairy Calf Sale

In March, the dairy calf sale was held in conjunction with Hosking Sales LLC in New Berlin. Otsego County 4-H Dairy Project members worked hard to help prepare animals and learn how an auction works. Thank you to Dan & Susan Menendez for their leadership and to the Otsego County Dairy Science Committee for their support.



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## SUNY Oneonta 4-H Earth and Space Science Day

In April, the Otsego County 4-H program and SUNY Oneonta's students of Dr. Valerie Rapson's Physics and Astronomy class offered an Earth and Space Exploration Day for 4-H members from surrounding counties. 4-H members learned about how to become citizen scientists and about our Earth and other planets in outer space through hands-on learning experiences at the AJ Read Science Discovery Center in the Physical Science Building on campus. Attendees also were able to view a planetarium show about our universe at the SUNY Oneonta Planetarium.



## 4-H Gardening Clinic

Otsego County 4-H members attended the 4-H Gardening Clinic held at Gretna Gardens in Otego to create a variety of flower and herb arrangements to plant and grow at home and to show at the Otsego County Fair. Thank you Carrie and Scarlett for teaching us about plant science.



# 4-H Otsego County

## 4-H CLUBS & MEMBERS 2020-2021 YEAR END COMPLETION

### America's Funniest 4-H Club

Bridgette Shepardson Club Leader  
Elizabeth Collins  
Olivia Collins  
Abigail Johnston  
Benjamin Johnston  
Christopher Johnston  
Gracelen Jones  
Abigail Nelson  
Joshua Nelson  
Winifred Shepardson  
Mikah Velten

### Country Clovers 4-H Club

Jessica DeBoer-Club Leader  
Michael DeBoer-Volunteer  
Dennis Decker-Volunteer  
Stephanie Decker-Volunteer  
Jessica Hausmann-Volunteer  
Baylee DeBoer  
Kaedyn DeBoer  
Nicholas DeBoer  
Trent DeBoer  
Taylor Decker  
Trevor Decker  
Andrew Hausmann  
Travis Hausmann  
Mallory Kovacs  
Nathaniel Kovacs  
Gavin Underwood  
Henry Underwood  
Lynn Robinson  
Courtney McCarthy

### Edmeston Animal Lovers 4-H Club

Jeff Conklin-Club Leader  
Hannah Miller-Volunteer  
Hope Miller-Volunteer  
Izaiah Conklin  
Olivia Conklin  
Payge Miller  
Lux Miller  
Leeland Miller  
Elizabeth Miller

### Field & Flats 4-H Club

Susan Menendez-Club Leader  
Carol Ainslie-Volunteer  
Abbie Ainslie  
Aidan Ainslie  
Tyler March  
Emma Dabreau  
Aiden Dabreau

### Garratsville Graywolves 4-H Club

Cathy Galley-Club Leader  
Gavin Fetterman  
Gavin Kenyon  
Hayden Kenyon  
Richard Pegg

Kendra Smith  
Grace Wing  
Alexes Sousa

### Gilbertsville Dairy 4-H Club

Amy Proskine-Club Leader  
Rebecca Barringer-Volunteer  
Greg Bonczkowski-Volunteer  
Sandra Bonczkowski-Volunteer  
Lynn Joy-Volunteer  
Zach Proskine-Volunteer  
Bethanee Barringer  
Kristena Barringer  
Gavin Bonczkowski  
Hannah Bonczkowski  
Anastasia Edwards  
Emily Hammond  
Kendra Hammond  
Ethan Hill  
Chase Hungerford  
Braeden Johnson  
Xander Johnson  
Kaitlyn Miller  
Dalton Proskine  
Paige Smith  
Ivy Stensland  
Brianna Taber

### Glimmerglass Gallopers 4-H Club

Krista Curpier-Club Leader  
Kathy Scalisi-Volunteer  
Kelly Cleaveland-Volunteer  
April Vunk-Volunteer  
Christina Layman-Volunteer  
Kevin Segit-Volunteer  
Madison Brown  
Lilly Cleaveland  
Lyra Gonio  
Anna Larrabee  
Julius Prescott  
Skylynn Rathbun  
Karina Troilo  
Julia Vunk  
Carly Layman  
Carleigh Reed

### Helping Hands 4-H Club

Lori Peck-Club Leader  
Cindy Gilbert-Volunteer  
Jaclyn Turnbull  
Emily Gross  
Emma-Alexis Peck  
Kacie Turnbull  
Lindsay Turnbull  
Mason Turnbull



# 4-H Otsego County

## Kids & Kritters 4-H Club

June Baker-Club Leader  
Jessica Hart-Volunteer  
Averie Baker  
Brandt Baker  
Ella Baker  
Lauretta Baker  
Harper Dickens  
Hayes Dickens  
Olivia Hart  
Adam Weiss  
Isabelle Weiss  
Kennedy Louis  
Adam Louis  
Chloe Ellsworth  
Eli Yuhasz

## Lord of the Reins 4-H Club

Danta Bolin-Club Leader  
Anna Dangca-Volunteer  
Frances Corkery  
Gemma Corkery  
Grace Corkery  
Karoline Corkery  
Eva Dangca  
Marta Dangca  
Rosa Dangca  
David Sell  
Holly Sell

## Milford Round Em Up Ranchers 4-H Club

Sharla Woodrow-Club Leader  
Abigail Brooks  
Carter Brooks  
Mikenna Buriello  
Danielle Garlick  
Isabella Garlick  
Jordan Regg  
Mehki Regg  
Natalie Regg

## Otsdawa Bobcats & Kittens 4-H Club

Michelle Kane-Club Leader  
Brodie Coleman  
Maddie Coleman  
Summer Mayne  
Karley Miller  
Kassidy Miller  
Kyle Tophoven

## Otsego Firecrackers 4-H Club

Desiree Kever-Club Leader  
Nicole Field-Volunteer  
Jennifer Kersmanc-Volunteer  
Richard Kersmanc-Volunteer  
Kristine Mravlja-Volunteer  
Abigail Conroe  
Andrew Conroe  
Lane Davis  
Ella Field  
Jane Horning  
Stephen Horning  
Caleb Kever  
Seth Kever

Evelyn Kersmanc  
Sean Kersmanc  
Angel Mravlja  
Elyza Schoeberl  
Rory-Jane Smith-Greenfield  
Leeanna West  
Makenna West

## Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club

Mike Wolfe-Club Leader  
Amy Doody-Volunteer  
Holly Pullis-Volunteer  
Faith Byma  
Kaylee Byma  
Luke Byma  
Connor Doody  
Jacob Doody  
Andy Miller  
Adam Pullis  
Maxwell Pullis  
Owen Pullis  
Clayton Salisbury  
McKenna Salisbury  
Alexis Wolfe  
Ashlyn Wolfe  
Deanna Wolfe  
Justin Wolfe

## Whatever Floats Your Goat 4-H Club

Jennifer Burkhart-Club Leader  
Rudolph Burkhart-Volunteer  
Nicole VanDerwerker-Volunteer  
Chase Burkhart  
Brayden Hascup  
Cameron Jones  
Madisyn Reyome

## Independent 4-H Members

Janet Attanasio-Independent Leader  
Joseph Attanasio  
Joy Attanasio  
Judy Attanasio  
Mary Kay Kennedy-Independent Leader  
Monica Kennedy  
Pauline Kennedy  
Robert Kennedy  
Deborah Kogut-Independent Leader  
Aniya Kogut  
Diane Kroon-Independent Leader  
Marijke Kroon  
Nancy Layton-Independent Leader  
Elizabeth Layton  
Elizabeth Lesko-Independent Leader  
Ava Lesko  
Aurore Perrine-Independent Leader  
Lillian Perrine  
Megan Perrine  
Erik Riesenfeld-Independent Leader  
George Riesenfeld  
Margaret Riesenfeld  
Tammy Roseboom-Independent Leader  
Bailey Neighbour  
Paula Darling-Independent Leader  
Liana Darling

# 4-H Otsego County

## 2022 Earn An Animal

Brandt Baker-Dairy Goat  
Kristena Barringer-Meat Goat  
Ella Field-Meat Goat  
Connor Doody-Breeding Sheep  
Gavin Underwood-Market Sheep  
Henry Underwood-Dairy Calf  
Abigail Conroe-Dairy Calf  
Andrew Conroe-Dairy Calf



## 2022 Livestock Auction Participants

Bethanee Barringer	Kassidy Miller
Marijke Kroon	Karley Miller
Sean Kersmanc	Lucia Pullis
Kaedyn DeBoer	Henry Underwood
Baylee DeBoer	Gavin Underwood
Evelyn Kersmanc	Jacob Hartman
Lillian Perrine	Angel Mravlja
Megan Perrine	Trent DeBoer
Summer Mayne	Nicholas DeBoer
Kristina Barringer	Vanessa Erkson
Taylor Decker	Colin Erkson
Trevor Decker	Maxwell Pullis
Ella Field	Owen Pullis



## Jump Start Your 4-H Experience



### 4-H Information Night

**Interested in Otsego County 4-H?  
Find out information on how to join  
and/or start a 4-H club  
for youth ages 5-19.**

**4-H Information nights will be held**

**Thursday, June 16, 5-7 p.m.**

**Southside Mall Community Room**

Pre-registration is required.

Contact Teresa Adell at

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[tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu)

4-H is for all  
youth who  
like action,  
learning, and  
**FUN!**



# 4-H Otsego County



## 74th Annual Junior Livestock Show

Sunday, July 10 – Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Location: Iroquois Farm Showgrounds, 1659 County Highway 33, Cooperstown  
If you are a current 4-H member in Otsego County, ages 8-19, you are eligible to participate in The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show.

If you would like a printed show book and forms and to check eligibility

Please contact

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**Deadline for the online entry form is June 19th**

**Please register at the link below and find more information on the NYCAMH Poster Contest, and the CHOBIANI Scholarship**

<https://showman.app/shows#/the-farmers-museum-junior-livestock-show>



## OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H 2022 Summer Dog Training



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**Mandatory Orientation and Education Class**  
**Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m.**  
New dogs will be temperament tested at 1 p.m.

**Open to Otsego County 4-H youth ages 5-18 years with 4-H eligible dogs 3 months or older.**

**Classes will be held on Sundays: 1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
**Beginner class TBD, Advanced class TBD**  
**at 4276 State Highway 51, Garretttsville**  
**6/12\*, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17**  
**\* 1 p.m. start time for Temperament Testing.**

**This is an obedience program that will teach 4-H handlers basic obedience and canine knowledge**

**COST \$40.00 PER YOUTH**  
**Payable to CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties**  
**Payment and current rabies certificate must be to the 4-H office before June 10.**

For More Information or to Register  
Contact Teresa Adell  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**4-H Livestock Auction**

Saturday, August 6, 3pm

Otsego County Fairgrounds

Offering: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Turkeys




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## Livestock Skillathon Clinic

**When:** July 6th

**Time:** 9 AM- 12PM

**Who:** FFA and 4-H members ages 8-18

**Where:** Broome County Fairgrounds  
Whitney Point, NY



### 4-H Livestock Program: Livestock Skill-a-thon Clinic

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Broome County 4-H is partnering with FFA to host a statewide livestock skill-a-thon clinic. This clinic is a great way to test your knowledge and introduce you to the components of a livestock skill-a-thon competition. This includes but is not limited to livestock knowledge exams, equipment ID, meat cut ID, feed ID and breed ID. The best way to learn is to practice and test yourself.

By being part of this clinic, you can broaden your knowledge and prepare for future competitions at the county, state and national level!

**Fee**

Must be a 4-H or FFA Member

**Register**

[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/livestock-skillathon-clinic\\_203](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/livestock-skillathon-clinic_203)



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