



# Otsego County 4-H Newsletter



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**Otsego County 4-H youth  
at the 2026 4-H Dairy  
Calf Sale held at  
Hoskings Sales**

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



**WELCOME  
HOLLY PULLIS**  
to the Otsego County 4-H  
Team.

She is working in the 4-H  
program on a part-time  
temporary basis.  
Holly brings years of 4-H  
experience to the 4-H office.

# REMINDER

**Animal Non-Ownership  
Certificates  
Horse Certificates  
4-H Livestock Auction Animal  
Forms**

**DUE TO THE 4-H OFFICE  
BY JUNE 1ST**

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# 4-H Calendar Events

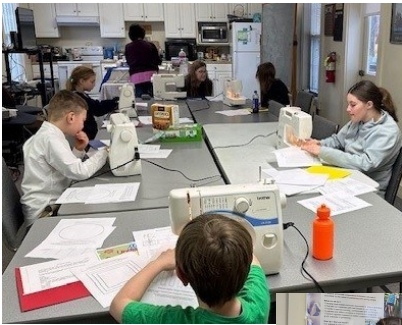


<b>MAY</b>	
2	NYS 4-H Animal Crackers, Morrison Hall, Cornell University, 9 a.m.
3	4-H Dog & Handler Skills Class, 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
5	4-H Teen Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
12	4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
17	4-H Dog Handler & Skills Class, 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
17-19	NYS 4-H Capitol Days, Albany
19	4-H Fair Superintendents Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
24	4-H Dog & Handler Skills Class, 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
<b>25</b>	<b>Memorial Day, CCE Extension Offices Closed</b>
31	4-H Dog & Handler Skills Class, 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 2 p.m.
31	Deadline for new 4-H Member Enrollments due to show at the Fair
<b>JUNE</b>	
1	4-H Horse Certificates due to the 4-H Office
1	4-H Animal Non-Ownership Certificates due to the 4-H Office
1	4-H Livestock Auction Animal Forms due to the 4-H Office
5	4-H Secretary Report due to 4-H Office
6	4-H Child Care Workshop, CCE Education Center, 123 Lake St., Cooperstown, 10:00 a.m.
9	4-H Teen Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
13	4-H Photography Clinic, CCE Education Center, Cooperstown, 10:00 a.m.
16	4-H Leaders Meeting. 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
17	4-H Horse Evaluations, Otsego County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
<b>19</b>	<b>Juneteenth, CCE Extension Offices Closed</b>
23	4-H Fair Superintendents Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom
6/30-7/2	NYS 4-H Career Explorations, Cornell University
29	Pullorum Testing, Martin Hall, Otsego County Fairgrounds, 4-6 p.m.
30	4-H Livestock Auction Bidders & Photo's Due to the 4-H Office

# 4-H Club News



The **Crafty Chipmunks 4-H Club** met in March and made dog treats to donate to Superheroes Humane Society as a community service project. The treats were fun to make and a way to support the good work Superheroes does for our community. April we met and completed a woodworking project. We built little wooden shelves, practicing using glue and screwdrivers. Many of us also attended the gardening workshop.



The **Ewes & Friends 4-H Club** met and worked on making pot holders for their sewing projects. In April they attended the Show & Grow workshop put on by the CCE Master Gardeners.



The **Garrattsville Graywolves 4-H Club** met in April to work on a budgeting program. The group played a 'Price is right' style game - 'Budget Is Right' where round 1 was writing down the price of the item on the screen and the person closest without going over won. Round 2 was Want or Need - participants had to decide if each product was a want or a need. We talked about the importance of budgets as we start and work through projects



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking  
 My **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
 My **HANDS** to larger service, and  
 My **HEALTH** to better living,  
 for my club, my community, my country and my world.

The **Springfield High Meadows 4-H Club** met in March and visited Top Notch Livestock to learn about their pig operation and learn how to show, breed, raise a show pig along with the areas they run into having farrowing pigs

# 4-H Club News



The **Gilbertsville Dairy 4-H Club** met in March at the Morris Firehouse. They learned to hand sew a simple stitch and a back stitch. Then they sewed pouches and filled them with choices of lavender, rose petals, and jasmine to create scent pouches.

In April the club met at Attanasio's farm and learned about planting of hardy seeds. We saw the garlic sprouts we planted in the fall too. We planted beets, carrots, onions, spinach, kale, peas and potatoes. We will be planting less hardy seeds end of May.



The **Fields & Flats 4-H Club** visited Larry's Meats for their March meeting and learned how to butcher a hog.



 **4-H GROWS HERE**

The **No Goats No Glory 4-H Club** met in March with a field trip to McFarland's farm where they learned about how show pigs are raised. In April Dr. Morgan talked about keeping your goat healthy. In May the 4-H youth learned how to safely handle their animal including how to tie an overhand slip knot for quick releasing. They also reviewed body parts of the dairy goat and practiced safe animal handling skills.

# OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H EVENTS



In March Otsego County 4-H Dairy Bowl participants competed at the South Central Regional 4-H Dairy Bowl held in Greene.



In March 4-H member Blake competed in the South Central Regional Horse Bowl and Hippology contest.



In April Otsego County 4-H members Deanna, Allee and Olivia competed in the NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl, held at the Cornell University Campus. Congratulations to all 4-H members who have competed in these events.



In April Otsego County 4-H held the 4-H Dairy Calf Sale at Hoskings Sales.



# OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H EVENTS



## **Livestock Auction Record Keeping Workshop**

In April 4-H members attended the 4-H Livestock Auction Orientation and Record Keeping workshop.

They learned a the process of the program and how to keep good records.



## **Otsego County 4-H members attended the South Central District Livestock Skillathon Event**

The Livestock Skillathon contests tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to gain and develop production livestock skills and life skills through a competitive



## **4-H Grow & Show Workshop**

In April 4-H participants learned about different horticulture projects they can show at the fair and created a sample project to take away.



Otsego County 4-H member Kristena B. attended Dairy Discover at Cornell University in March she stated that it was a lot of fun and she learned a lot. They got to test milk samples and do a lot of hands on stuff

# OTSEGO COUNTY 4-H EVENTS



On May 2 Otsego County 4-H members attended the NYS 4-H Animal Crackers event at Cornell University.

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

## 4-H Dog Spring Classes have begun!

Otsego County 4-H offers dog handler foundational skill classes that build communication techniques that are clear and kind and uses positive reinforcement through fun activities.

Dog Orientation class is to review required paperwork to participate in the program and discuss the workshops offered for the year.



## Thank You!

4-H Clubs, members and families for supporting the Otsego County 4-H Spring fundraiser

Top Club

Fields & Flats 4-H Club

Top Seller

Leeland M

2nd Top Seller

Allee R



# 4-H Upcoming Events

## 4-H Child Care Clinic



**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

CCE Education Center

123 Lake Street, Cooperstown

9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$20.00 class fee

Bring your lunch

Must preregister- 4-H Office, by May 29

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4-H youth *ages 11 and up* will learn safety, child development, nutrition, activities and business skills to help them in their child care business. Participants will put together a

**Babysitter's Bag of Tricks**



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## 4-H Photography Clinic

**Saturday, June 13, 2026 10 a.m.**

CCE Education Center, 123 Lake Street, Cooperstown

**4-H youth will learn equipment, lighting, composition, and skill building.**

May bring camera or digital phones and photo taking equipment, bring cords to download pictures to computer to print if needed.

Equipment will be provided to take pictures.

We will be taking pictures of the CCE gardens and surrounding nature. Will print your pictures and mount them ready to showcase at the fair.

Registration is required contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu  
607-547-2536 Deadline for sign up is June 5

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## 4-H HORSE EVALUATIONS



**2026**



**Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm**

**Otsego County Fairgrounds, Morris**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

CONTACT Teresa Adell tla47@cornell.edu

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Youth who wish to participate in the county fair or at any other 4-H shows and events must be evaluated on the horse they will be riding or driving prior to participating in shows.

All new riders and/or new horses moving up a level must be evaluated. Must have current coggins and rabies.

Deadline for NYS 4-H Horse Certificates to the 4-H office is June 1

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## SAVE THE DATE

**2026 Pullorum Testing**

**Monday, June 29, 2026 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Otsego County Fairgrounds - Martin Hall Building**

**REQUIREMENT TO EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY AND STATE FAIRS**

There will be **NO** testing offered at the fair - birds must be tested in advance.

**Eligible birds include:**

- ↓ Chickens
- ↓ Turkeys
- ↓ Pheasants
- ↓ Guinea fowl
- ↓ Peacocks
- ↓ Quail

Waterfowl and pigeons are exempt from testing.

Birds must be at least 4 months (16 weeks) old.

**Already NPIP certified?**

Birds obtained from an NPIP certified hatchery/flock (or from a feed store) may exhibit with a copy of the NPIP certificate or receipt showing the NPIP information. These expire in one year.

**For poultry health alerts, visit:**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/poultry>

**Register in advance with:**

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# 4-H Upcoming Events



**78TH ANNUAL  
FENIMORE FARM  
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW**  
COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

JULY 5-7, 2026 | IROQUOIS FARM SHOWGROUNDS,  
1527 HIGHWAY 33, COOPERSTOWN, NY  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 15**

**A CENTRAL NEW YORK TRADITION SINCE 1947**

The Junior Livestock Show is a summer tradition in Central New York with more than 200 youth handlers and 500 animals from a nine-county region.

Celebrating its 78th season, the event is a salute to youth in agriculture as it tests the skills of young handlers ages eight to eighteen who present animals (dairy cows, beef, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, and sheep of various breeds) that they own, care for, and have prepared for competition.

**CHOBANI AGRICULTURAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**All Junior Livestock Show participants are encouraged to apply**

Senior Scholarships (ages 15-18) - \$350 each  
Junior Scholarships (ages 8-14) - \$150 each  
2026 Terra Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$500

**Scholarship essays must be postmarked by June 12, 2026.**

Please contact your 4-H Educator for the online Showman App Registration Link.

The Exhibitor Show Book, Scholarship Guidelines, and Show Schedule are available on the Showman App Registration Link.

*For more information please contact your 4-H Educator.*



## FAIR ENTRY WORKSHOP

Get ready for the Otsego County Fair!

**10AM | JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

Join us for a helpful, hand-on workshop to guide you through the fair entry process!

Whether you're entering animals, exhibits, or competitions, we'll walk you through the steps to make sure your entries are submitted correctly and on time.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact: Teresa Adell 607-547-2536 x225 tla47@cornell.edu



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**✦ Otsego County Fairgrounds Cleanup & Potluck ✦**

**Help Us Prepare for the Otsego County Fair!**  
Saturday, July 25, 2026 | Starting at 10:00 AM

Join us for a day of teamwork and community spirit as we get the fairgrounds ready for the Otsego County Fair!

- ★ Wear your work clothes!
- ★ Bring a dish to pass!
- ★ Bring your shovels, rakes, and brooms

This is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to earn community service hours.

Youth planning to exhibit at the fair are especially encouraged to attend!

Please contact Teresa Adell to sign up!  
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**Let's help get the fairgrounds shining bright for the Otsego County Fair!**

## Martin Hall Evaluations

**Non-Animal Project Judging for the Otsego County Fair**

★ **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> | 1PM - 4PM**

**MUST SUBMIT MARTIN HALL ENTRY FORMS BY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO BE EVALUATED**

Do you have a non-animal project you're entering in the Otsego County Fair?

Bring it to Martin Hall Evaluations to have it judged and ready for display at the fair!

- ✓ Receive valuable feedback
- ✓ Earn ribbons and recognition
- ✓ Prepare your project for fair exhibition!

**Questions?**

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# 4-H Upcoming Fair Events

## The 2026 Otsego County Fair Book Will be available the first week in June



### 4-H Fair Book OTSEGO COUNTY FAIR August 4-9, 2026 MORRIS, NY



FOR FAIR ADMISSION PRICES AND CAMPING REGISTRATION PLEASE REFER TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY FAIR BOOK

<https://www.otsegoountyfair.org/>

*We reserve the right to make any changes to this publication.*

#### ❁ 4-H Otsego County PRE-Fair Schedule 2026 ❁

<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 15</b>	<b>Otsego County 4-H Dog Show, Agility and Grooming &amp; Handling</b> 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 6 P.M.
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 22</b>	<b>Otsego County 4-H Dog Show, Rally and Obedience</b> 4276 St Hwy 51, Garrattsville, 6 P.M.
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 11</b>	Fair Entry Workshop, 10am, Martin Hall. Learn everything you need to know about filling out entry forms and how to exhibit your 4-H projects at the fair, both animal and non-animal.
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 18</b>	Entry Forms for Animals & Martin Hall exhibits are due before 4 p.m. to the 4-H Office or the Otsego County Fair Entry Clerk's Office. <b>MUST BE ORIGINALS, NO SCANNED OR PICTURES OF FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 25</b>	<b>4-H Fair Clean Up Day, Animal Barns, Show Rings and Martin Hall, Potluck Lunch, 10-2 P.M.</b>
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1</b>	<b>PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE</b> 1-4 p.m. 4-H Martin Hall, Evaluations of non-animal 4-H projects. When bringing 4-H projects to be evaluated please do not park at Martin Hall.
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 2</b>	<b>Animal Check In: State Vet will be on the grounds: Sunday 7:30am-10:30 (GOATS ONLY), 10:30-1:30 (All Other Species)</b>
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 3</b>	<b>Animal Check In: State Vet will be on the grounds: Monday 9am-6:00pm</b> 4-H Fair Superintendents meeting – Martin Hall 4-H Exhibits in place 4-H Exhibitor Meeting in Livestock Show Ring Ice Cream provided by the Otsego County Farm Bureau Weigh In all animals
5:00 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	

#### ❁ 4-H Otsego County Fair Week Schedule 2026 ❁

The 4-H Office in Martin Hall will be staffed during the week 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

##### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8 a.m.	Gates Open - buildings open at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.	4-H Gymkhana-Horse Show Ring
10 a.m.	4-H Dairy Show-Livestock Show Ring
10-noon	4-H Photo Activities - Martin Hall
1-3 p.m.	4-H Community Service Sewing Activities - Martin Hall
3-4 p.m.	4-H Healthy Snacks Activities-CCE Nutrition Program Team-Martin Hall
4 p.m.	4-H Rabbit Show- Gilbert Hall
4-6 p.m.	4-H Gardening Activities/CCE Horticulture Educator-Martin Hall
6-8 p.m.	4-H Science Activities - Martin Hall
6 p.m.	4-H Dairy Challenge-Martin Hall
?	4-H Dog Demo-Martin Hall

##### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

9 a.m.	4-H Swine Show-Swine Show Ring
10 a.m.	4-H Poultry Show - Gilbert Hall
10-noon	4-H Photo Activities - Martin Hall
12 p.m.	4-H Dairy Judging-Livestock Show Ring
2 p.m.	4-H Beef Show-Livestock Show Ring
1-3 p.m.	4-H Community Service Sewing Activities - Martin Hall
3-4 p.m.	4-H Healthy Snacks Activities-CCE Nutrition Program Team-Martin Hall
4-6 p.m.	4-H Science Activities-Biofuel, Turning Farm Waste into Energy-Martin Hall
6-8 p.m.	4-H Science Activities - Martin Hall
7:00 p.m.	Fireman's Parade-4-H Floats judged infield at 6:00 p.m.

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9 a.m.	4-H Western & English Horse Show – Horse Show Ring
11 a.m.	4-H Goat Show-Livestock Show Ring
10-noon	4-H Photo Activities - Martin Hall
1-3 p.m.	4-H Community Service Sewing Activities - Martin Hall
2 p.m.	4-H Sheep Show-Sheep Show Ring
3-4 p.m.	4-H Healthy Snacks Activities - Martin Hall
4-6 p.m.	4-H Gardening Activities/CCE Horticulture Educator-Martin Hall
6 p.m.	4-H Ag Olympics-Livestock Ring
6-8 p.m.	4-H Science Activities - Martin Hall

##### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7—STATE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE 5:00 PM

10-noon	4-H Photo Activities - Martin Hall
1-3 p.m.	4-H Community Service Sewing Activities - Martin Hall
3-4 p.m.	4-H Healthy Snacks Activities- Martin Hall
4-6 p.m.	4-H Agricultural Activities/CCE Agricultural Educator-Martin Hall
6-8 p.m.	4-H Science Activities - Martin Hall

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8 a.m.	4-H Livestock Auction Animal Weigh In
10-noon	4-H Photo Activities - Martin Hall
1-3 p.m.	4-H Community Service Sewing Activities - Martin Hall
12 p.m.	4-H Parade of Champions – Livestock Ring
3 p.m.	4-H Livestock Auction – Livestock Show Ring
3-4 p.m.	4-H Healthy Snacks Activities-Martin Hall
4-6 p.m.	4-H Agricultural Activities/CCE Agricultural-Martin Hall
6 p.m.	4-H Costume Class—Livestock Show Ring
6-8 p.m.	4-H Science Activities - Martin Hall

##### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

11 a.m.	4-H Supreme Master Showman Contest-Livestock Show Ring
1 p.m.	The Great 4-H Cook-Off Contest -Martin Hall
2 p.m.	4-H Club Leaders, Re-Enrollment – Martin Hall
8 p.m.	The fair closes, Martin Hall exhibits released.

##### SUNDAY 4-H RELEASE TIME SCHEDULE:

Please note, any 4-H Exhibits that leave before the scheduled time, Will forfeit all premiums.

6:30 p.m.	Large Animals (Cattle)
7:30 p.m.	Sheep, Swine
8 p.m.	Poultry, Rabbits, Goats
8 p.m.	Non-animal exhibits in Martin Hall
8:30 p.m.	Horses

##### 2026 State Fair

<https://nysfair.ny.gov/>



**AUGUST 26 thru SEPTEMBER 7, 2026**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 7, STATE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE 5:00 PM**



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