



# Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter



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## November & December 2019



**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**  
Clover Club shows their  
enthusiasm for 4-H with a display  
at the Masonic Lodge in  
Cobleskill.

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

The Cobleskill office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Cornell Cooperative Extension, in partnership with Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School and Schoharie Central School, provides afterschool programs that serve over 110 students in grades K-6. The program serves students at Schoharie Central (grades K-6) and Ryder and Radez Elementaries, (K-6).

The afterschool program offers 4-H projects, indoor/outdoor recreation, arts, crafts, games, homework helper, and a nutritious snack. In addition, cultural exposure, computer literacy, conflict resolution, and service learning enrich and instill life-long skills. 4-H Youth Development Programs use experiential, research-based educational opportunities to help youth develop independence, a sense of belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. For additional information, please contact After School Program Coordinator Susan Salisbury at [sms248@cornell.edu](mailto:sms248@cornell.edu), or 518-234-4304.

**Watch here for updates and activities, 4-H youth are doing in the 4-H Afterschool Program**

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# 4-H Club News

**The Animal Aggies** club participated in the SUNY Cobleskill Homecoming parade, built a 4-H scarecrow which has been standing on Main St, Cobleskill, and also set up an informational display at NBT Bank for National 4-H Week.. Several members participated in a Wildlife Discovery clinic and the club held a business meeting to elect officers. Claudia Walrath is President; J.J. Liddle is Vice President; Alex Badger is Secretary; Emma Rogers is Treasurer; Benjamin Walrath is Reporter; Nathan Kuehnle is Song/Rec Leader.

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**Everything Under the Sun** gathered 6 bushels of apples at Sharon Orchards and used a hydraulic press to turn it into 18 gallons of cider! Each bushel gives 3 gallons of cider. The press was cool but very loud.

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During the October meeting, the **Clover Cousins** focused on cooking and made homemade applesauce. They peeled, cut and boiled the apples with a little apple cider. While waiting for the applesauce to cool, they made Butternut Squash Soup and Taco Soup for dinner. They ate together and finished it off with Apple Cake topped with warm homemade applesauce. DELICIOUS!

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**Thundering Hooves** set up a display at Harmony Acres for National 4-H Week, sold 4-H clovers at Tractor Supply and went to Night Terrors together.. They attended Achievement Night and elected new club officers. Emily Mazzariello is President; Adam Hockman is Vice President; DaCoda Germain is Secretary; Peyton Mazzariello is Treasurer.

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The **4-H Afterschool** programs in **Cobleskill-Richmondville** and **Schoharie** learned about how pumpkins grow and tasted different kinds of food made from pumpkins.



# Schoharie County 4-H Events



At left, **Animal Aggies** set up a display at NBT Bank in Cobleskill.



At right, **Happy Hoofsters** decorated the S&J Ranch Snack Shack in honor of National 4-H Week.



At left, the **Clover Club** decorated fall gourds for the Cobleskill Masonic Lodge.



At right, the **Rider's Clubs'** poster at GE Power Lab in Niskiyuna.

Thank you to **Tractor Supply** and the following 4-H clubs who sold clovers to support Schoharie County 4-H programming:  
Thundering Hooves  
Rider's Club  
Clover Club



# 4-H Achievement Night



**Backyard Kidz**



**Craft & Critters**



**The Green Tree Club**



**Die Hard Dairy**



**Animal Aggies**



**Thundering Hooves**



**Rider's Club**



**Driftwood Riders**

# 4-H Achievement Night



**Happy Hoofsters**



**Heart of 4-H Awards**



**Making the Best Better Awards**



**4-H Organizational Leaders**



**Above and Beyond Award**



**Candlelight Ceremony**



**Earn An Animal**

**4-H Achievement  
Night  
November 1, 2019**

## 4-H Upcoming Events

# **Earn-An-Animal AND Livestock Auction Information Night**



The 4-H Earn-An-Animal and Livestock Auction programs allows 4-H members (ages 8-19) to earn funding toward a project animal to raise and show as their own. These programs require dedication from the youth member and support from their guardians. Youth accepted into the programs will not only learn how to care for their animals, they will experience the process of researching, selecting and purchasing an animal. Participants accepted into the programs will further develop their planning, time management, organization, and recordkeeping skills.

**Thursday  
December 12,  
2019**

**CCE Extension  
Center,  
6:30p.m.**

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To sign up or for more information, contact Teresa Adell  
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# 4-H Upcoming Events

## 4-H Earn-An-Animal Timeline

Applications Available- December, 2019  
 Information Night- December 12, 2019  
 Application Deadline- January 10, 2020  
 Applicant Interviews- January, 2020  
 Recipient Orientation- March 20, 2020  
 Show Project Animal- July/August, 2020  
 Project Records Due- October 1, 2020  
 Reimbursement- November, 2020

## The program

The 4-H Earn-An-Animal program allows for Schoharie County youth ages 8-18(as of January 1, 2020) to earn funding towards a project animal to raise and show as their own. This program requires dedication from the youth member and support from their guardians. Youth accepted to the program will not only learn how to care for their animal, they will experience the process of researching, selecting and purchasing an animal. Through the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project, 4-H youth will further develop their planning, time management, organization, and record keeping skills.

## Schoharie County 4-H Earn-An-Animal



### Animals available and scholarship amounts

- Meat Poultry (\$50)
- Laying Hens (\$50)
- Rabbits (\$50)
- Sheep (\$150)
- Swine (\$150)
- Goat(\$150)
- Dairy Calf (\$500)
- Beef Calf (\$500)

4-H Earn-An-Animal participants are required to complete objectives before receiving reimbursement for their project animal. Objectives include: showing their animal at The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair, displaying a presentation board of their project at the fair, and completing 4-H project records.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**JANUARY 10, 2020**

## For More 4-H Earn-An-Animal Information Contact:

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## Schoharie County 4-H Livestock Auction Program

### Participant Responsibilities:

- 4-H Auction participants (youth) must be enrolled in the 4-H Program.
- 4-H member and a parent/guardian must attend the Orientation meeting.



- 4-H Auction animals must be enrolled according to species requirements.
- Submit signed Program Contract and signed Quality Assurance Pledge.
  - Raise high-quality animals and maintain records on them.
  - Register your 4-H Auction animal(s) for County Fair.
  - Weigh in your 4-H Auction project(s) at County Fair.
- Submit your 4-H Auction Project Records at weigh in at County Fair.
  - Recruit and register at least two bidders for the Auction.
  - Write a neat, well-thought-out thank you note to the buyer(s).
- 4-H member and a parent/guardian must attend all educational meetings



## Upcoming Events



### **New Leader Training**

This training is mandatory for new 4-H Club Leaders  
Also available for established 4-H leaders and volunteers  
Come and learn the responsibilities and purpose for leading a  
4-H Club

When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Where: CCE Extension Center, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required; Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu)

518-234-4303, ext.113

### **4-H Public Presentations**



**Public Presentation Training** for leaders and members is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the CCE Extension Center.

Registration deadline is Friday, January 17, 2020.

Register with Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu), 518-234-4303 ext 113

**Public Presentation Day** is February 29, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Registration is required by Friday, February 21, 2020.

Must Register with your 4-H Club Leader

Independent 4-H members, register with

Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu), 518-234-4303 ext 113



# Upcoming Events



## INTRO TO ARCHERY



December 15, 2019

1-3pm

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club

Participants, age 10 and older, will learn basic rules of safety, Proper equipment selection and care, and Beginning shooting techniques.

\$5 class fee

Pre registration is required through the 4-H office.

Email Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu)

Or call 518-234-4303, Ext. 113

Registration Deadline is December 1



## 4-H Cooking 201

This clinic covers kitchen and food safety, basic food Preparation and nutrition. This will be hands on.

Our Menu for the day:

Tropical Fruit Salad, Pumpkin Peanut Butter Dip with veggies, Creamy Rice Pudding and Easy Monte Cristo Grilled Sandwich.

Fee is \$8

9:00 am

Saturday, January 11, CCE Extension Center



Pre-registration is required

Teresa Adell, [tla47@cornell.edu](mailto:tla47@cornell.edu)



## 4-H LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM

The Legislative Intern Program is sponsored by the 4-H program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. Students meet monthly to participate in seminars, discuss current government and citizenship related issues, tour county offices, visit the New York State Capital, meet with elected officials and department heads and learn first hand about the way government works.



In the month of October, the 4-H Legislative Interns met with Chairman Earl VanWormer III, who explained his role on the Board of Supervisors. They also met with Deputy Commissioners Sara Davies-Griffin and Rich Shultes, along with Commissioner Ken Schweigard, who explained the election process in Schoharie County. County Administrator, Steve Wilson, gave the interns a tour of the building.



# 4-H Schoharie County

## 4-H Re-Enrollment deadline is **December 31, 2020**

4-H Members that re-enroll **AFTER** December 31 **WILL NOT** be eligible to participate in Jr. Livestock Show, County Fair, end of the year recognition and are subject to a \$5.00 late fee. See your club leader for your enrollment forms or stop by the 4-H office for independent members.

**Thank you** to the following members that are enrolled in 2019-2020 4-H year!! If your name is not on this list you are **NOT** enrolled.

### **Animal Aggies4-H Club**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Jennifer Walrath

#### **Volunteers**

Lisa Kuehnle

Colleen Badger

Andrea Falco

Crystal Liddle

Jennifer Rogers

Michael Rogers

#### **Members**

Alex Badger

Ronald Cook

Rubie Cook

Annika Falco

Isabella Jones

Teresa Jones

Arrietta Kuehnle

Nathan Kuehnle

James Liddle

Andrew McConnelee

Thomas McConnelee

Emma Rogers

Jackson Rogers

Benjamin Walrath

Claudia Walrath

### **Backyard Kidz**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Rebecca Whiteman

#### **Volunteers**

Jessica Barrett

Bettina Brundege

Jennifer Green

#### **Members**

Charlotte Barrett

Samantha Barrett

Leah Brundege

Brooke Green

Owen Green

Cassie Miller

Abigail Whiteman

Emmalee Whiteman

Raelyn Whiteman

Shawna Whiteman

Raya Williams

### **Clover Club**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Sarah Davis

#### **Members**

Autumn Ballard

Tessa Davis

Addison Langlais

Zoe Whittaker

### **Clover Cousins**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Kelly Coons

#### **Volunteers**

Jessica Butler

#### **Members**

Alena Butler

Alyssum Butler

Ella Coons

Lilah Coons

### **Die Hard Dairy**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Lydia VanEvera

#### **Volunteers**

Carrie Edsall

Kelly Yacobucci

Jennifer Conard

Sarah Lloyd

John Vanderwerken

#### **Members**

Isaac Conard

Isabella Cornwell

Jacob Enyart

Luke Enyart

Kaden Korona

Maya Korona

Daniel Krug III

Tyler Lloyd

Augustus Mason

Daisy Mason

Carleigh Reed

Ethan Reed

Jackson Reed

Aidan Rotman

Blake Smart

Aubree Stanton

Cadem Stanton

Logan VanEvera

Olivia VanEvera

Carole Vanderwerken

Elon Vanderwerken

Stella VanZutphen

Case Yacobucci

Mason Yacobucci

### **Driftwood Riders**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Sandi Emanuel

#### **Members**

Hannah Wetsell

William Wetsell

### **Dusty Bottom Riders**

### **Everything Under the Sun**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Amber Lape

#### **Volunteers**

Gwendolyn Freiermuht

Laura Gagnon

Sarah Hoose

Julia Phillips

#### **Members**

Keith Baciуска

Edgar Charbonnel

Theoden Freiermuht

Eleanor Gagnon

Kai Hoose

Parker Hoose

Andrew Hughes

Danielle Hughes

Gabrielle Hughes

Matthew Hughes

Levi Lape

Madison Lape

Lila Phillips

Madeline Warner

# 4-H Schoharie County

## **Green Tree Club**

### **Organizational Leader**

Stephanie Lincoln

### **Volunteers**

Lacy Parrish

Amy Sulas

### **Members**

Alexandria Lincoln

Brooke Lincoln

Lillian Parrish

Olivia Parrish

Hannah Sulas

William Sulas

## **Happy Hoofsters**

### **Organizational Leader**

Shelby Coons

### **Members**

Chloe Armstrong

Jillian Barnett

Shyanne Beretz

Fiora Corallo

Isla Corallo

Jackson Danner

Layla Danner

Elizabeth Echtner

Ransom Echtner

Dallas Foland

Alicia Gray

Elise Kossman

Emma Laraway

Ashley Moorhead

Madelyn Palmer

Julianna Perillo

Rowan Roberts

Aiden Schonecker

Mackenzie Schonecker

Skylar Shook

Cecilia Shultes

Gracie Styga

Olivia Valhos

Hannah Vedder

MaKayla Vedder

## **Jefferson Generals**

### **Organizational Leader**

Faye Harris

### **Volunteers**

Charles Harris

### **Members**

Lillian Harris

Mikayla Harris

## **Milkin' Maniacs**

### **Mountain Maniacs**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Cori Bissonette

#### **Volunteers**

Tiffany Canning

Julie Herzog

Rebecca Louch

Hannah Pizza

Cheryl Rechnitzer

Beth Spaulding

Tammy Tansey

#### **Members**

Ava Bissonette

Bryar Bissonette

Brady Canning

Anneliese Herzog

Amelia Louch

Alexzina Merritt

Griffin Pizza

Joseph Pizza

Elijah Rechnitzer

Kylie Rechnitzer

Carly Spaulding

Hunter Tansey

McKenzie Tansey

## **Ready to Ride**

### **The Riders Club**

#### **Organizational Leader**

Jan Ryder

#### **Volunteers**

Connie Ryder

Brionna Ryder

Stacy Price

#### **Members**

Elliana Allen

Danika Davis

Miriah Foland

Maryn Glassbrenner

Evangeline Pollard

Jackson Ryder

Leland Ryder

Logan Ryder

Makayla Ryder

## **Thundering Hooves**

### **Organizational Leader**

Theresa Kaya

## **Volunteers**

Jonathan Kaya

Meghan Mazzareillo

### **Members**

DaCoda Germain

Adam Hockman

Emily Mazzariello

Peyton Mazzeiello

## **Wandering Pathfinders**

### **Organizational Leader**

Michelle Strobeck

### **Volunteers**

Paige Bulmer

Elizabeth Hackney

Melinda Smith

Julie Yorks

Kory Yorks

### **Members**

Patrick Bulmer

Larissa Hackney

Mylan Hackney

Abigail Smith

Samuel Smith

Grant Strobeck

Griffiin Strobeck

Caden Yorks

## **Independent**

### **Volunteers**

Kelly Edsall

JoAnne King

Lynette Lawyer

John Shaw Jr

Rebecca Shaw

Karen Schaffer

Patrick Slavinski

Kimberly Smith

Darlene Zurek

### **Members**

Sierra Carr

Rylee Fancher

Anna King

Haley Lawyer

Kyle Lawyer

Jackson Shaw

Sean Shults

Alexandrea Smith

Brandon Smith

Dawson Smith

Leo VanValkenburgh

Elizabeth Zurek

Malachai Zurek

Rosie Zurek



# 4-H Public Presentations Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

*Preparation = Success*

## **4-H Public Presentation Categories**

**Demonstrations** – The presenter *shows* and *explains how to do or make something* (how to juggle, do basic dance steps, build a kite, make cookies, care for a pet, etc.) Appropriate equipment, models or illustrations, posters/ visuals are used as needed to explain information being conveyed and to show the steps in the process being demonstrated. It is sometimes necessary to show a larger scale replica of something that is too small for the audience to see. A finished product is shown.

**Illustrated Talk** – The presenter uses visual aids to *tell about* the topic. The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, power point slides, overheads, graphs, examples models, etc. play a major role in communicating the presenter's message.

**Formal Speech** – The presenter aims to *persuade, motivate* or *inform* the audience without the use of visuals. Proper use of note cards is acceptable. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter chooses a format (persuasive, motivational, or informative) that best suits what is to be conveyed to the audience. For example, if the topic is censorship of literature, the presenter can choose to inform the audience about this topic, persuade the audience of his convictions, or motivate the audience to take a more active role in making current changes in this arena. A Speech is written in the presenter's own words, however, poetry, quotations, humor or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point.

**Creative Communication** – bridges the gap between message-delivery and the performing arts. Currently, **Recitation and Dramatic Interpretation** (as defined below) are the only subcategories under Creative Communication being evaluated in NYS 4-H Public Presentations.

**Recitation** – The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of **pre-written material**. Props should not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. **Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation**. Memorization is expected, but proper use of notes is permitted either in the form of note cards or a book. This area is not intended for presentation of original pieces of material written by the presenter.

**Dramatic Interpretation** – **The presenter** delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues – dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be **simple** and **minimal**, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s). Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category, but 4-H educators should monitor appropriateness of presentation.

# **4-H Public Presenter Guidelines**

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your assigned one-hour time slot. After check-in you will find your presentation room and **stay there for the entire 1 hour time slot**. You may arrive earlier or stay later to watch other presentations.

**RECOGNITION:** After you complete your presentation, you will be invited to visit with your evaluator(s). When your conversation is concluded you will receive a copy of your evaluation form. Your 4-H educator will be informed of the list of those selected to participate in the District 4-H Public Presentations Program and, at a later date, will let you know if you were selected.

**LIVE ANIMALS:** Small animals are permitted if they can be transported in carry kennels. Please be prepared to clean up after your animal if necessary!

**EQUIPMENT:** Bring all the equipment you need, including extension cords.

**COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS:** Youth presenters who plan to do a Cooking Demo may bring a small electric grill, frying pan and/or wok, etc. Be sure to let your County Educator know if you require electric access. Wash your hands thoroughly before your presentation starts and inform your Evaluators that you have done so. Plastic gloves are not required. Hair should be “under control” and aprons worn when appropriate. **Food products that are created during a presentation can only be offered to the evaluators. Health restrictions prevent foods from being shared with the audience. If these foods are taken away from the presentation area, the presenter can then take personal responsibility for the sharing of food items with others.**

**POSTERS:** Posters/handouts may be computer generated.

**CLOTHING:** If your clothing is intended to reflect or enhance your presentation, please let the audience know by incorporating that into your presentation. \*Remember to always wear 4-H appropriate clothing that is neat & clean. (ie: Skater t-shirt & board shorts if doing skate boarding presentation).

## **THE DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING**

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Youth Development program uses the Danish Judging System as its primary method for evaluating 4-H Public Presentations. Using this method, each youth presentation is evaluated based on the “ideal” standard for the presenters’ age, experience, ability and developmental level. Therefore, each presentation is not compared to, or in competition with, other presenters and presentations.

### **Definition of Rating Standards:**

- **Needs Improvement:** Needs work, needs to be improved upon (something may have been omitted).
- **Met Expectations:** Met expectations for age & experience level.
- **Above Expectations:** Very good/above expectations for age & experience level.
- **Outstanding:** Exceptional, needs little improvement.

All ratings START at “Met Expectations” and are rated up or down as appropriate – with these exceptions:

“Appearance” and “Visual Aids” start at “Above Expectations” and move from there

Presenters who fail to give an adequate Creative Introduction or Appropriate Conclusion/Summary will automatically receive a “Needs Improvement” rating



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