



Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter



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Mountain Maniacs 4-H Club filled 20 gift stockings for cats and dogs at the Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter in Sprakers.

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 collaboration with Cobleskill-Richmondville, Schoharie and Middleburgh Central Schools, provides afterschool programs that serve over 110 students in grades K-6. The program serves students at Schoharie and Middleburgh Central (grades K-8) and Ryder and Radez Elementaries (K-8).

The after school 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 develop youth independence, a sense of belonging, generosity, and mastery. For additional information, please contact After School Program Coordinator Susan Salisbury at sms248@cornell.edu, or 518-234-4304.

Follow here for updates and activities on 4-H youth in the 4-H Afterschool Program

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4-H Calendar Events



JANUARY	
1	New Years' Day, CCE Offices closed
8	4-H Legislative Intern Program, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2pm
10	4-H Earn-An-Animal Applications Due
11	4-H Cooking Clinic, CCE Extension Center. 9:00am
17	4-H Legislative Intern Program, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2pm
20	Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, CCE offices closed
25	4-H Public Presentaion Workshop, CCE Extension Center, 9:00am
28	4-H Horse Committee Meeting, CCE Extension Center, 6:00pm
30	4-H Earn-An-Animal Interviews CCE Extension Center, 6:30pm
FEBRUARY	
1	4-H Livestock Auction, Beef Animal Enrollment Form Due
8	4-H Sewing Clinic, CCE Extension Center, 9:00am
12	4-H Legislative Interns, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2pm
17	President's Day, CCE Extension Center offices closed
29	4-H Public Presentations, CANR Building, SUNY Cobleskill 9:00am
MARCH	
7	4-H District Dairy Bowl, Tamarac High School
11	4-H Legislative Intens, Schoharie County Office Building, 9-2pm
12	Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest 2020 forms due to 4-H office
14	4-H District Horse Bowl & Hippology, Albany County
15	4-H Shooting Sports Air Rifle, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, 1-3pm
19	4-H Earn-An-Animal and Livestock Auction Orientation, CCE Extension Center, 9:00am
22	4-H March Dog Madness, CCE Orange County, 10-4pm
23	4-H Tractor Safety, Curtis Mott Bldg., SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9pm
25	4-H Day Old Pheasant Rearing Program Orders Due
27	4-H International Night, Middleburgh Reformed Church, 6:00pm
27-28	4-H Dairy Discovery, Morrison Hall, Cornell University
30	4-H Tractor Safety, Curtis Mott Bldg., SUNY Cobleskill, 5-9pm
31	4-H Leader's Meeting, CCE Extension Center, 6:30pm
APRIL	
4	4-H Tractor Safety, Curtis Mott Bldg., SUNY Cobleskill, 9am-4pm



4-H Club News



Mountain Maniacs have been busy! In November we took a painting class and painted a cow portrait. In December we decorated and filled stockings for 20 cats and dogs at Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter in Sprakers. We delivered them along with a large number of other donations.

Everything Under the Sun baked and decorated sugar cookies. They measured ingredients, stirred, rolled, and shaped cookies, observed the cooking temperatures and times, and applied icing and seasonal decorations.



Clover Cousins met at a sheep farm in Sharon Springs to learn more about sheep. They saw 3-week old lambs, a 3-month old lamb and a big ram, whose horns curled so much they covered his eyes. They made fuzzy sheep Christmas ornaments and decorated picture frames for our sheep pictures. It was wonderful to learn about sheep!

The **Animal Aggies** 4-H club met in December. They used recycled materials to create some really neat Christmas ornaments and a bird feeder. We also welcomed a new club member at this meeting.



The **Wandering Pathfinders** had a busy November and December! After many of our members participated in the Wildlife Workshop at the Extension Center we had a follow up field trip to New York Wildlife Rescue Center in Middleburgh. Our members had a great time visiting with Wes Laraway and his animals! We can't wait to go back and do some volunteer work! We had such tremendous interest in doing the Howe Glassworks Christmas Ornament Workshop that the Pathfinders had our own private workshop with the master glass blowers. The kids (and adults too) really enjoyed making their unique glass creations. Lastly our club once again participated in the Cobleskill Christmas Parade followed by our holiday party. This year our members transformed into citizens of Who-Ville, complete with The Grinch and our own Cindy-Lou-Who!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year from Wandering Pathfinders!

4-H Highlights



On November 24, 4-H members and their families from Schoharie and Fulton-Montgomery Counties met at Howe Glasswork Studios located at Howe Caverns. They learned about the art of glassblowing and each were able to create a blown-glass ornament to take home.



On December 15, 4-H members attended a 4-H Archery Clinic at the Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, where they learned about parts of the bow, shooting techniques and safety of archery.
Thank you Joe and Joe!

4-H Upcoming Events

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



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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4-H Upcoming Events

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, 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

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Welcome to the **90th annual Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest**. You and your family, students or club members are invited to join the thousands of others who participate in this fun and educational picture judging contest.

CONTEST RULES DIVISIONS

- Seniors
 - Anyone 19 years old or older as of **Thursday, March 12, 2020**. (One entry only for senior participants)
 - Juniors
 - Anyone 8 to 18 years old as of **Thursday, March 12, 2020**. (One entry only for Junior participants)
 - Families
 - Requires three or more immediate family members who are 8 years old or older and at least one senior entry.
 - Each entrant must all have same Family code
- 4-H** group entries must be comprised of at least five members. Each entrant must be between the ages of 8 and 20 (as of January 1, 2020) to be a member of a 4-H group.

CASH PRIZES

- Senior and Junior Divisions
 - 12 Places receive a cash prize in both Senior and Junior divisions
 - \$100, \$75, \$60, \$50, \$45, \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10
- Family
 - 4 Places receive a cash prize in the Family division
 - \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25
- 4-H, FFA/Ag Ed, College, Co-op & Ag Ed Instructors
 - 4 Places receive a cash prize in each 4-H, FFA/Ag Ed, College, Co-op and High School Ag-Ed Instructor division
 - \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

90th annual HOARD'S DAIRYMAN COW JUDGING CONTEST 2020



2019 Hoard's Dairyman Supreme Winner
HOLSTEIN -- Grand Acres Almost Lady ET -- E3-84 ZE
34 382 D 27.873 M 4.3% 5.370 F 3.2% 866 P
Grand Acres, Canton, N.Y.



2019 Hoard's Dairyman Reserve Supreme Winner
JERSEY -- Meadow Ridge Veritas Claire
Meadow Ridge, Cumberland, Wis.



BROWN SWISS -- SB HP Twilight Dany ET -- E3-92
34 382 D 26.290 M 4.4% 5.298 F 3.4% 1,008 P
Vogel Farm, Woodstock, Wis.



GUERNSEY -- Alltop Acres Garys Liban -- E3-90
37 385 D 22.520 M 4.2% 486 F 3.6% 779 P
Alltop Acres, Sherman, Wis.



MILKING SHORTHORN
Magellan 9th Perfect Round -- E3-80
34 382 D 24.870 M 3.9% 645 F 3.4% 574 P
Magellan Valley Farms, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Winners of the 2019 Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest Classes

Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu, 518-234-4303 ext 113 for an entry form and to submit forms.

Entries due by March 12, 2020

4-H Schoharie County

4-H It's *SEW* much *FUN!*

4-H Sewing Clinic

Saturday, February 8

9:00am CCE Extension Center

4-H Youth will learn parts of the machine, basic sewing skills and tools, and how to use a pattern

Make a Project to Take Home



Beginners: sewers will make a hot dish holder



Intermediate sewers will make a pillowcase

\$8 Material fee



Pre-register by February 1
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Air Rifle Workshop

This workshop will train youth firearm safety and use of equipment while creating an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.

Developing self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship

Ages 8-12

Cost is \$5 per youth

Must pre-register to the 4-H office by March 1, 2019

March 15, 1-3 p.m.

Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club



2020 4-H Day Old Pheasant Chicks Program

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H youths.

The rearing and release of pheasants requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H youth and a leader and must be familiar with *Pheasant Rearing Guide*, available at the 4-H office.

Cost: \$3.00 per 25 chicks for 4-H members

\$4.00 per 25 for non 4-H members

Contact Teresa Adell tla47@cornell.edu

518-234-4303 ext 113

Chicks must be pre-ordered and PAID on or before **March 25**

DAIRY DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Friday, March 27-Saturday, March 29

@ Cornell University



The annual Dairy Discovery program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on science oriented learning experience on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell.

This year's topic:

Calf and Heifer Management

This state-wide event is for youth ages 14-19.

Registration opens in late January

Contact the 4-H Office

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4-H INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



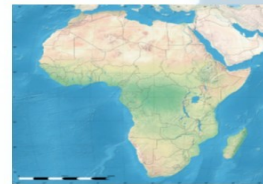
Take a Trip around the World with out leaving Schoharie County

4-H clubs will pick a country that they are interested in and learn about the food (bring samples to share), customs, clothing and share with the audience.

May include:

Games, flags, musical instruments, posters, art, pictures, sing a song, demonstrate a dance, wear country's national costume or share some learned language, also history and geography.

Participants are invited to "travel" to the different countries by visiting the local 4-H club tables, earning punches to a passport, for a prize!



Friday, March 27, 2020 @ 6:00pm
Middleburgh Reformed Church
178 River St, Middleburgh
Pre-registration is required
Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu
Or 518-234-4303 ext 113



4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl—March 7, 2020

This is an opportunity for 4-H youth to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject mater in a competitive setting.

Beginner Division—Youth ages 10 and under as of January 1 of the current year

Junior Team—Youth ages 9 to 13 years old as of January 1 of the current year

Senior Team—Youth ages 14 to 18 years old as of January 1 of the current year

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl—District Event—March 14, 2020

“Educational Competition Event” where individuals or teams of 4 compete in a quiz bowl format against other counties on general horse knowledge. Topics include colors, breeds, care and feeding, parts of the horse and tack, show rules, diseases, conformation, unsoundness, shoeing, breeding, etc. Coaches run weekly practice from December through March. Open to 4-H members ages 9 to 19.

Teams—consist of no less than 4 and not more than 6 members

Novice—Youth ages 13 and under as of January 1 of the current year
and never participated in any previous Horse Quiz Bowl contest

Juniors—Youth ages 13 and under as of January 1 of the current year

Seniors—Youth ages 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year

Teams are forming now!

If you would like to join a team please contact the 4-H office:

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4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course

A Three Day Series

Monday, March 23, 5-9 p.m.

Monday, March 30, 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 9- 4 p.m.

Curtis Mott Building, SUNY Cobleskill

Must attend all classes

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie and Otsego Counties will be offering the Safe Tractor and Machinery Operator's Certification Course in cooperation with SUNY Cobleskill's Agriculture Engineering Department.

This safety course is available to youth ages 14 and up. Any youth under the age of 16 must complete this program in order to receive a Certificate of Exemption for farm equipment and tractor operation.

Classroom and driving skill instruction included.

Fee is \$20. Class is limited to 15 students.

Registration Deadline March 13

Contact Teresa Adell, tla47@cornell.edu

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This policy applies to all 4-H and community members seeking to participate in any 4-H run activity with the accompaniment of their dog.

Dogs must have proof of valid rabies vaccination. Other vaccinations may be recommended by your veterinarian. Dogs should only be permitted on CCE premises or activities if they are registered using the "New York 4-H Dog Policy Registration Form." Dogs are permitted for registration in the following circumstances:

- a. A registered service dog for an employee, volunteer or program participant
- b. Personal dogs of enrolled 4-H club members in a 4-H dog club
- c. Dogs registered in dog obedience classes

Blind and/or deaf dogs are allowed. Dogs that are lame or have some other handicap may be used if the 4-H'er brings a statement from a veterinarian stating that use as a 4-H project dog will not have any adverse effects on the dog's health.

Dog obedience classes by approved instructors are permitted. There is no coverage for the owner of the dog in an Extension program if an accident occurs. Insurance coverage for the Seeing Eye program is excess over the host homeowner's personal coverage in a club setting. There is no coverage for the person hosting the Seeing Eye dog outside of a club setting. Extension may not sponsor or conduct any kind of rabies or other immunization clinics.

Dogs that exhibit aggressive, and/or unsocial, and/or problem behavior, that cannot be controlled by their handler, are a serious safety issue. Leaders and Superintendents have the immediate authority to excuse or place restrictions on such dog's participation in 4-H activities. Leaders and Superintendents must inform their staff of their decision and the appropriate plan of action would follow. It is up to each CCE association to decide what that action would be. Every effort should be made to see that the member is not excluded or excused. Alternative suggestions should be offered to the 4-H member and family.

If dogs are to be used in an exhibit (e.g., a fire prevention and safety display), they must not be accessible to the public, unless they are under the control of the 4-H member who owns the dog. Animals in such situations should be carefully selected for temperament, health and proof of vaccinations. **The following dog breeds are prohibited when used in an exhibit, 4-H club setting, or a 4-H dog obedience class. For special situations please follow exception process as outlined in "New York State 4-H Dog Policy Exemption Request."**

- Akita
- American Bulldog or American Bulldog mixes (English Bulldog ok)
- Bullmastiff or Bullmastiff mixes
- Cane Corso or Cane Corso mixes
- Doberman Pinschers or Doberman Pinscher mixes (miniature ok)
- Fila Brasileiroe
- Malamute
- Mastiff or Mastiff mixes
- Pit Bulls or Pit Bull mixes: American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, or Staffordshire Bull Terriers
- Presa Canarios or Presa Canarios mixes
- Rottweiler or Rottweiler mixes
- Samoyed
- Siberian Husky or Husky mixes
- Wolf Hybrid or Mix

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