



# Schoharie County 4-H Newsletter



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Claudia Walrath and friend, overlooking the Sunshine Fairgrounds.

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 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 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](mailto: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 2020



<b>JULY</b>	
4	Independence Day, CCE Offices Closed.
8	Virtual Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00PM, via Zoom
12-14	Farmer’s Museum Junior Livestock Show <b>CANCELLED</b>
29	Virtual Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00PM via Zoom
<b>AUGUST</b>	
5	Virtual Dairy Judging Workshop Series, 7:00PM via Zoom
11-16	Schoharie County Sunshine Fair <b>POSTPONED UNTIL 2021</b>
21-Sept 7	New York State Fair , Syracuse <b>NO 4-H PARTICIPATION</b>



Be sure to check our Schoharie County Facebook page and your email frequently for virtual clinics and events as the summer continues.



# Welcome Catherine Roberts, Our New 4-H Educator



Greetings 4-H Community,

My name is Catherine Roberts, and I am very excited to announce myself as your new 4-H Resource Educator for Schoharie County! It is an honor to be able to work with this association, as well as the 4-H youth, families, volunteers, and leaders within this county.

I grew up a 4-H'er who participated in many 4-H sponsored educational programs, field trips, public presentations, and youth shows, including county and state fairs. I rode horses competitively and owned/showed North Country Cheviot sheep. As a young person, 4-H was a huge part of my life, and has certainly made a lasting impact on me. The skills I learned and the passions I obtained have influenced me to have a love of animals and confidence as a public speaker.

Outside of 4-H, I have a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Cobleskill in Environmental Energy Technologies and Master's from the University at Albany in Curriculum Development and Instructional Technology. My previous employment was as an Instructor at SUNY Cobleskill within the department of Agricultural Engineering. Here I worked with hundreds of students' over the year's predominantly teaching agricultural technology

and electrical science. My love of animals and my memories of working with horses during my time in 4-H has more recently caused me to pursue professional education in equine science, as well as get back into the saddle.

I believe that this 4-H Resource Educator position uniquely brings together all the things I truly enjoy in life and am qualified to do. I am very excited for the opportunity to incorporate so many of my interests into one career!

I am looking forward to helping our youth in their development as they realize their strengths, embrace their desires, and build their skills to grow as individuals. I have a range of knowledge that I plan to incorporate into the current 4-H program and many interests that I am excited to grow my own knowledge in, so that I can provide our young people with a diverse variety of education. My plan is to provide our youth with experiences that will engage their minds, spark their interests, and teach them valuable life skills, while at the same time supporting their development as they work towards their futures.

I am excited to be here and look forward to what the future has in store!

Sincerely,

*Catherine Roberts*

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# 4-H Upcoming Events

## Yo-Sco-Haro Riding Club Scholarship

**Deadline August 30, 2020**

This is a one time Scholarship for full time students who are accepted at or who are attending a college full time. They must be an active member of Schoharie County 4-H or Schoharie County FFA. More consideration will be given to someone who is involved with horses but not necessary. One \$500 dollar scholarship will be given. It will be awarded and the money will be given as soon as one semester has been completed and your grades have been submitted to the scholarship chairman. You must have a GPA of 2.0 or better to receive a scholarship.



To obtain an application or for further information, contact:

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## Cobleskill Agricultural Society Scholarship 2020



Although the 2020 Sunshine Fair has been cancelled, the annual scholarship program is still being offered.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair and who are pursuing a degree or intend to pursue a degree.

Eligible applicants must be in his/her senior year of high school in New York state and accepted by a college for the fall semester or be enrolled full time in a college pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Further information and applications can be downloaded at [sunshinefair.org](http://sunshinefair.org) OR by contacting the Fair Office at (518) 234-2123.

**DEADLINE: Student must submit his/her completed application to the fair office by July 12.**

# Chobani

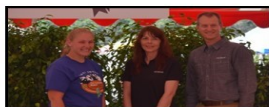
and



The Farmers'  
Museum  
Junior  
Livestock  
Show

are sponsoring the annual

*Chobani Agricultural Leader Scholarship contest for all 4-H members who would have been eligible to participate in the Junior Livestock Show this July 12-14. Scholarship instructions and contact information are included in the official flyer. If you are unsure of your eligibility, contact Catherine Roberts, 4-H Educator, at [cmr336@cornell.edu](mailto:cmr336@cornell.edu) or (518)234-4303 ext. 113.*



### The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show Chobani Agricultural Leader Scholarships

#### Scholarships Overview

Since the beginning, Chobani has been committed to sourcing the freshest milk possible from nearly 1,000 farmers in our local communities. From Chenango County, New York, to Twin Falls, Idaho, we work with farmers who share our values and sense of community. That's why we're excited to recognize young agricultural leaders we believe embody the Chobani spirit.

#### Senior Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age 15-18 as of January 1, 2020. It is designed to help advance a youth's path to becoming local farmers and encourage leadership skills, personal growth and practical knowledge through further education, the purchase of new equipment or livestock, or other agricultural training opportunities.

All youth between the ages of 15-18 are encouraged to submit a 300-500 word essay answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. Why is farming important to you, your family, and the community?
2. Do you think farmers have a role in protecting the environment? Explain why or why not.
3. As a member of the farming community, what would you do to ensure your worker's rights and well-being are protected?
4. Share your story! We would love to hear about your farm, what types of animals you care for, and learn who inspired you to be a farmer.

#### Junior Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to Junior Livestock Show participants, age 8-14 as of January 1, 2020. This scholarship is designed to help youth grow as farmers, whether it is further education, a startup farm, purchasing a first animal or attending an agricultural camp.

All Junior Livestock Show participants between the ages of 8-14 are encouraged to submit a 200-250 word essay answering the following questions. Feel free to be creative!

1. What is your favorite part about farming?
2. Why is farming important?
3. Share your story! We'd love to learn more about when you started farming, what type of animals you have, who inspired you to be a farmer, etc. The sky is the limit!

#### 2020 Terra Jackson Scholarship

This year, we will also present a scholarship to honor a committee member we lost two years ago who helped to establish this essay contest. In honor of her commitment to youth in agriculture, and the dedication she brought to the committee, a special scholarship of \$500 will be offered this year to recognize the most outstanding essay submission.

#### The Scholarship Awards

The scholarship recipients will be determined by representatives of the awards committee consisting of representatives from the Junior Livestock Show and Chobani. Three \$350 scholarships (Seniors), Three \$150 scholarships (Juniors) and the Terra Jackson scholarship (\$500) will be notified in August.

#### To Apply:

Both Junior and Senior essays should be postmarked by **August 3** and mailed to The Farmers' Museum, Attn. Meg Preston, PO Box 30, Cooperstown, NY 13326. They may also be emailed to [m.preston@farmersmuseum.org](mailto:m.preston@farmersmuseum.org). We look forward to receiving your essay!

# 4-H 2020 High School Graduates

2020



*Anna King* has been a 4-H member for 9 years. She will be graduating from Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School and plans to pursue an AS in Animal Science and a BS in Agriculture at SUNY Cobleskill.



*Makayla Ryder* has been a member of The Rider's 4-H club for 10 years. She will be graduating from Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School and will attend SUNY Delhi for Veterinary Technology with the goal of continuing her education to become a veterinarian.



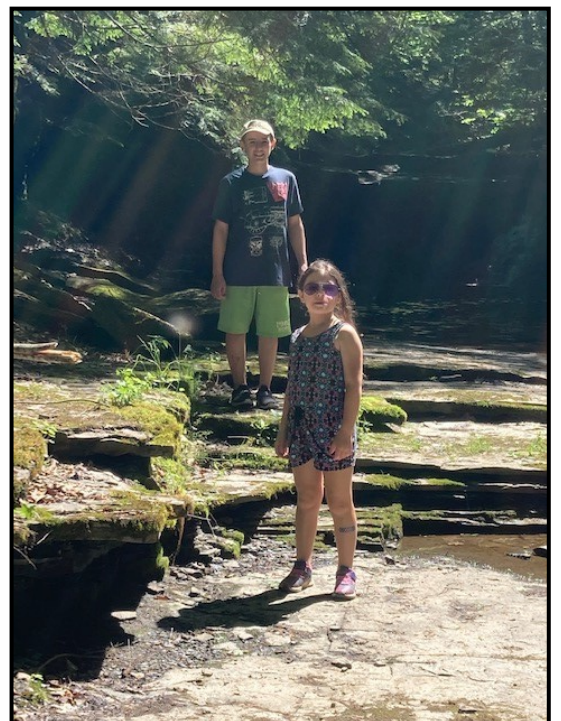
*Jeremy Wayman* is a member of the Happy Hoofsters 4-H club. He will graduate from Middleburgh Central School and pursue a degree in Wildlife management at SUNY Cobleskill.

*Congratulations*

*And*

*Our very best wishes as you move forward  
in life!*

# 4-H News From Home

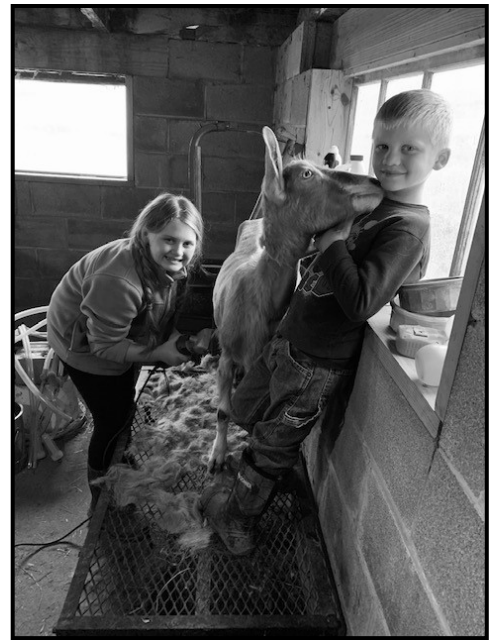


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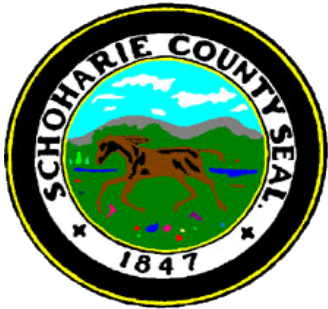


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## 4-H Schoharie County

# 4-H LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM



The Legislative Intern Program is sponsored by 4-H of Cornell Cooperative Extension in Schoharie County. Students meet monthly to participate in seminars, discuss timely government and citizenship related issues, tour county offices, meet with elected officials and department heads, and visit the New York State Capital, learning first hand how government works. All enrolled and homeschooled high school students residing in Schoharie County are eligible to participate. Contact your school guidance counselor or 4-H Educator for more information or to ask about recommendations.



4-H Afterschool is an after school care program sponsored by 4-H of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schoharie County. Programs are located in Schoharie and Cobleskill- Richmondville Schools for Kindergarten - 6 graders. For more information, contact Susan Salisbury, 4-H Afterschool Coordinator at [sms248@cornell.edu](mailto:sms248@cornell.edu) or (518) 234-4303 ext 122.



# Wind Energy

## Description

Learn how wind can be converted into energy. In this activity, youth will build a simple windmill and use it to power a pulley system to lift a bucket.

► Get started at [4-H.org/UsingWind](https://www.4-h.org/UsingWind)

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## Supplies

Construction Paper



Scissors



String



Tape



Paper Clips



Rubber Bands



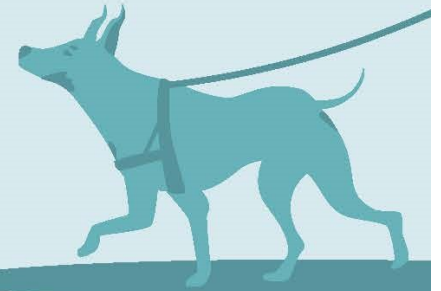
Small & Large Disposable Cups



Large & Small Straws



# Inspire to Do



## Volunteer

Volunteer as a dog walker once a week at a local shelter.

# Origami Cube

## Description

Don't be square—have a go at the record for the fastest time to make a modular origami cube! The challenge here is that it's made from not one sheet of paper but six, inspired by traditional Japanese design.

## Supplies

- Six Pieces of Square Origami Paper or Rectangular Paper Cut into Squares
- Stop Watch



► Get started at [4-H.org/Origami](https://www.4-h.org/Origami)

Brought to you by Guinness World Records

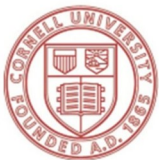


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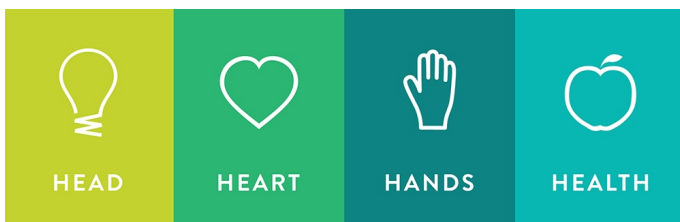


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