



4-H Facts



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

DECEMBER-JANUARY 2021

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

December	
Nov. 27 - Jan 3	Bright Nights at the Utica Zoo
5	Drive Through Member Recognition Event - 4-H Office
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
7	Nursing Home Cards & Donations Due to 4-H Office
7	Registrations due for Virtual Paint Party
9	Virtual Statewide Hour of Code
10	Virtual Paint Party
11	Registrations due for Winter Pen Pal Program
24-25	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
31	New Years Eve (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
January	
1	New Year's Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
6	Virtual Animal Clinic: Rabbit
13	Virtual Magician Interactive Show
18	Virtual Magician Interactive Show
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
20	Virtual Animal Clinic: Poultry

February	
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
12	Registrations due for Public Presentation
15	Presidents' Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
16-18	Tentative Tractor & Machinery Certification Course
17	Virtual Animal Clinic: Dog
24-25	4-H Public Presentations / Horse Communication
March	
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
15-19	NY Ag Literacy Week



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Camryn Marshall**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; **Gwendalyn McCutcheon** of the Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Hannah Carrnright** of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club; and **Natalie Teachout**, of the Milkshakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, of the Independent Hawkes Dyn family for turning in their July 4-H club secretary report by August 5.

Congratulations to: **Jonah Hitchcock**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; **Gwendalyn McCutcheon** of the Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Natalie Teachout**, of the Milkshakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, of the Independent Hawkes Dyn family for turning in their August 4-H club secretary report by September 5.

4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION – DRIVE THROUGH STYLE



Join us on **December 5** from **10:00 - 11:00 am** in our parking lot for the 4-H “Drive Through” member recognition event. Those members and clubs who turned in completed year end completion sheets will be recognized with their awards and certificates as well as a few other “goodies” from the 4-H office. No need to get out of your car, we will bring everything to you!



COMMUNITY SERVICE & THE HOLIDAYS



The 4-H Office is working with four local nursing homes to provide a better holiday for their residents. We will be collecting toiletry items (body wash, deodorant, tissues, etc) and homemade holiday cards (signed with a nice holiday note). Please have all items to the 4-H Office by **December 7**. If you are participating in our member recognition event, we will be collecting items then as well. What a great way to show some holiday spirit to those that can’t spend it with their families.



VIRTUAL PAINT PARTY

When: December 10
6 - 8 pm by Zoom

Cost: \$20 per 4-H member

Herkimer and Madison Counties are putting together a Virtual Paint Party that will be held December 10th, from 6 – 8 pm for all enrolled 4-H youth! Shanna from The Art Box will be the instructor for the evening. See the picture below for a preview of what will be painted that night. See it in color on our website: <https://blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/programs/4-h-youth-development/4-h-facts-newsletter/>

The cost is \$20 per youth and will cover all supplies, which will be available for pick up at the 4-H Office. Spots are limited, so don't delay! Register at https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=paintparty_221 and to pay online through PayPal, go to <http://blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/programs/4-h-youth-development/youth-projects/>

Registration is due by **December 7** (your prompt payment confirms your spot). Kits need to be picked up at the 4-H office by **December 9**. This class is limited to 20 4-H members from each county so register early.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Herkimer County 4-H members observe National 4-H Week this year by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlighted the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

All Seasons, Green and Growing, and **Kuyahooraa Kaprines** 4-H clubs each participated this year and received a \$5 award from Herkimer County 4-H. The **All Season's** 4-H club made a display for the at Van Hornesville Milk Producers Coop. The **Green and Growing** 4-H members and leaders also wore their 4-H shirts to school and work to promote 4-H. The **Kuyahooraa Kaprines** 4-H club had a display at the Teel Farms in Barneveld, NY, where they also had their goats and interacted with the public to educate about their project animals and 4-H.

The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.



HORSE AND DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

Starting in January, we will be offering weekly virtual horse and dairy quiz bowl practices. Watch your email for the dates and registration link or call Jenn for more details.

VIRTUAL MAGICIAN INTERACTIVE SHOW



Wednesday, January 13
6:30 pm and
Monday, January 18
2 pm



North Central District is hosting a virtual Magician show, with 4-H alumnus, Conrad Cologne. Conrad is a professional Family Entertainer, Magician, and alumni of the Somerset County, NJ 4-H program. As a 4-H youth and now a volunteer he knows the power of 4-H and how strong 4-H communities are. As a club leader, he has seen the changes and challenges 4-H communities have faced in this past year, and wanted to help bring together 4-H families and communities with a fun interactive event.

The confirmed the dates and times with the magician are Wednesday, January 13 @ 6:30 pm or Monday, January 18th @ 2 pm. Stay tuned for registration links...

ANIMAL CLINICS

Starting in January, we will be offering small animal clinics virtually in the same way we presented our "Loving Our Pets" series. The clinics will be fitting and showmanship clinics and will feature a different animal each month. Come spring when the weather is better, we will be offering hybrid clinics for dairy and beef (you can either participate in person or virtually).

Tentative dates and species include:

January 6 – rabbit - virtual

January 20 – poultry - virtual

February 17 – dog - virtual

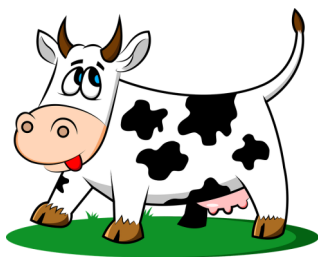
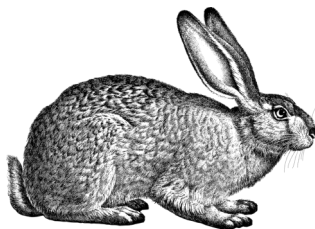
April 14 – beef – in person & virtual

April 28 – dairy cattle – in person & virtual

May 12 – goat – in person & virtual

May 26 – sheep – in person & virtual

Watch your email for registration details and more dates/species to be added.

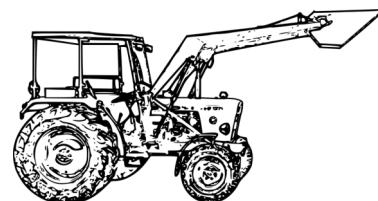


TRACTOR & MACHINERY CERTIFICATION COURSE

We are working out the details to be able to hold the 4-H Tractor & Machinery Certification Course in February. The possible dates will be **February 16-18**. Fingers crossed that we can make this essential program a reality.

If able to be offered, The Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program is open to youth and adults ages 14 and over. We invite and encourage all farm and non-farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program.

Interested? Call Jenn at the 4-H Office.



PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS / HORSE COMMUNICATION

When: February 24 & 25
Virtual or In-Person
5 - 8 pm

Horse Communications and **Public Presentation** night will be offered on two dates with a virtual or in person option. This year, we will need you to register for an assigned time to limit the amount of people in the building at one time. Registrations for the presentations are due to the 4-H Office no later than **February 12**. We need to have the names of each 4-H member who will be doing a presentation and the title of the presentation when you call to register.

Public Presentation Categories:

- Formal Speech
- Demonstration /Illustrated Talk
- Recitations and Dramatic Interpretations
- Interview

4-H youth can get a head start on preparing for a job or college interview by participating in the New York State 4-H Public Speaking Program's Interview Process. The oral presentation will be the actual interview using questions selected from a set list. The written presentation documents will be submitted for judging prior to the face-to-face interview.

Job Interview

Job Position: 4-H Summer intern

Required Paperwork:

1. Completed Job Application
2. Résumé
3. Cover Letter

College Entrance Interview

College: Unnamed or 4-Her's choice

Required Paperwork:

1. Universal College Application
2. Résumé
3. Essay on why youth chose the college and future career path

If you would like more details about the different categories available, please contact Wendy Richardson at the 4-H Office.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will not be judged on their presentation, but will receive a Certificate of Participation and credit toward completion for the year. Members may work individually, in pairs, or groups. Think "Show & Tell."

SPECIAL NOTE FOR HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

Official rules for Horse Communications can be seen on the following website:
<http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal-programs/horses/events-rulebook/>

VIRTUAL STATEWIDE HOUR OF CODE

Create a Game Using Scratch

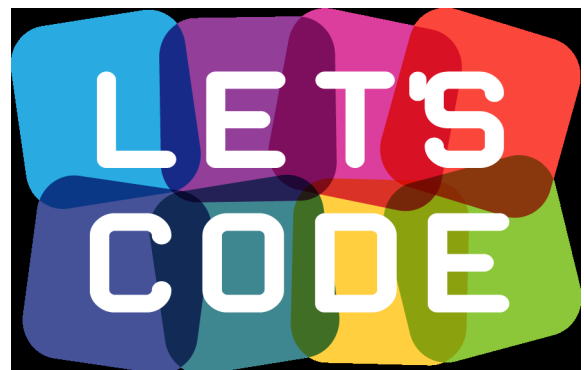
When: December 9
6 pm

Hour of Code is an introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code" and show that anyone can learn together the basics to be a maker, a creator, an innovator!

This program is for youth ages 7-12 and requires an adult chaperone to join.

Use this Zoom link to register:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/9123456789>

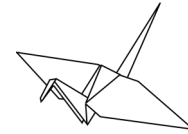


4-H KITS

The 4-H office has put together some kits for you to work on until we can once again meet for in person programs. The following kits are available to pick up free of charge.

Reusable Shopping Bag material and pattern – you will need a sewing machine and thread

String Art yarn and nails – you supply the wood

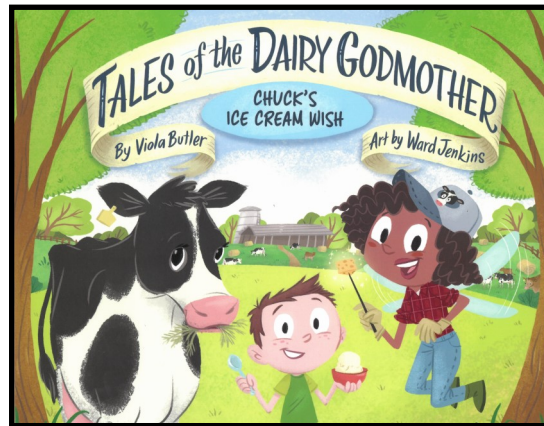


Origami Rockets – make 4 rockets you can launch!

The 4-H Office is trying to come up with a way to keep all of our clubs and members connected and engaged with projects to share with you all, but we need your help. If you think of a kit idea that we can put together for members to take home or complete at club meetings (socially distanced of course), what types of projects are you interested in this time of year and would you be able to complete – sewing, woodworking, foods & nutrition, STEM, or anything else you can think of? Throw some ideas our way and we will see what we can come up with.

NY AG LITERACY WEEK

March 15-19



In celebration of National Agriculture Week, volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders. The selected book for 2021 is *Chuck's Ice Cream Wish, Tales of the Dairy Godmother* by Viola Butler.

We are proud to feature a book that takes an inside look at how ice cream is produced from the farm to cone. Students will have an immediate connection to this dairy treat, and we hope it will help them understand and communicate the value of the largest sector of New York's agriculture industry.

Over 75,000 students in almost every single county were reached last year. If you are interested in volunteering to read to a school, please contact Jenn at the 4-H office. We are not exactly sure at this time what the readings will look like, whether in person or virtual, but we do want to be sure that we are still able to offer this program to our 2nd grade classes throughout the county.

BRIGHT NIGHTS AT THE UTICA ZOO



When: November 27 - January 3
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nights
5 - 8 pm

Cost: \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids

To benefit the Utica Zoo animals and greater Mohawk Valley

Join the Utica Zoo for a family friendly celebration of our communities' traditions through light and decorative displays.

Music, food trucks, campfires, Santa Claus, Carolers, readings of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

Enjoy magical winter lights and holiday displays.

Masks and social distancing required.

Full details available at uticazoo.org/brightnights

UTICA ZOO 4-H GARDEN CLEANUP DAY

Thirteen volunteers and 4-H members gathered at the Utica Zoo on Sunday October 4, to harvest and clear out the raised beds. The **Kuyahoorra Kaprines** and **Green and Growing** 4-H clubs helped to shovel more shavings around the raised beds and top off the cleaned out beds with more compost. They were accompanied by College Intern **Kayanna Cunningham** who help shovel shavings into the wheelbarrow. Thank you for all of the continued support of the Utica Zoo animals through the pandemic this year.

Pictured L to R: Logan and Lucas Humphreville, Connor and Gwendalyn McCutcheon, Ahna, Gamliel, Shani, and Halleli Brackett.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY BRIGHT NIGHTS AT THE UTICA ZOO

The Utica Zoo is in need of volunteers for their upcoming fundraiser. They are taking every precaution possible to make sure the volunteers are safe. Dates: **11/27-1/3, Thursdays through Sundays** only, except 12/24, 12/25 and 12/31 Times: **4:30 to 8:00 pm** each night. Go to this link to see the volunteer opportunities: <https://signup.com/go/rHSBxCu> If you have any questions, please contact Kyla Jacobs, volunteer coordinator at the Utica Zoo, at 315-738-0472 ext. 44 or by email at Kyla.Grose@uticazoo.org



2020-2021 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

Attention: If your name does not appear on this list, we have not received your re-enrollment; your name will be dropped from our mailing list, and this will be the last newsletter you receive. **Re-enrollment is \$15 until December 31. After January 1, re-enrollment is \$25.** There is no family discount after the October deadline.

The 4-H Office has received the following 4-H re-enrollments for the 2020-2021 4-H year:

ALL SEASONS: Ainslie Hitchcock, Caleb Hitchcock, Jacob Hitchcock, Jonah Hitchcock

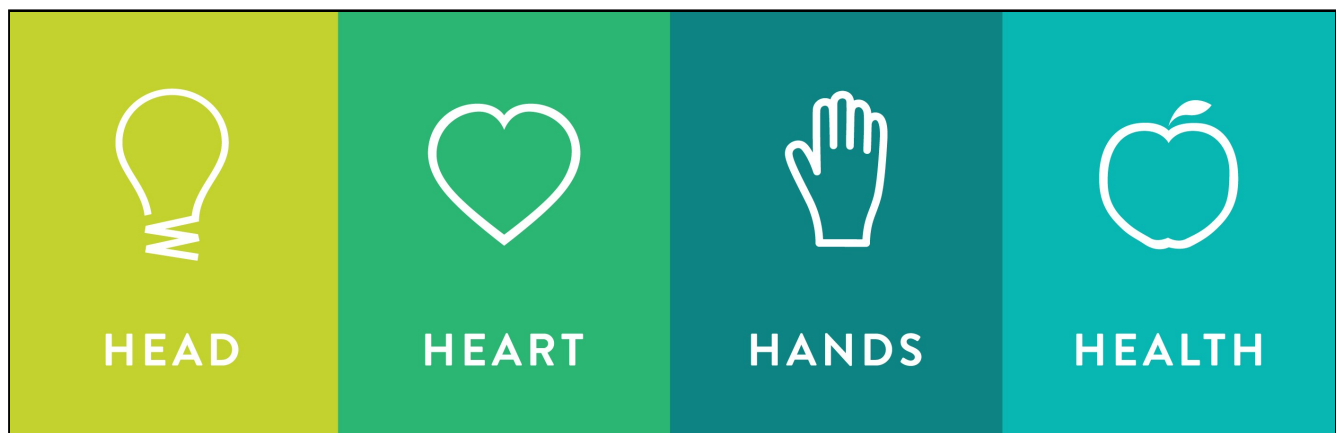
GREEN & GROWING: Ahna Brackett, Gami Brackett, CoCo Brackett, Nini Brackett, Brantley Downes, Connor McCutcheon, Gwendalyn McCutcheon, Asaiah Muha, Elijah Muha, Isabelle Olarte, Jayden Olarte, Liam Sommer, Sasha Zaitseva, Nikita Zaitsev, and Tatiana Zaitseva

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: Owen Allen, Colin Bick, Darby Bick, Fern Bick, Jesse Bowman, Addison Brown, Erin Brown, AnNi Carroll, Eleonore Collins, Natalee Collins, Aurora Davis, Dylan Dyn, Laken Dyn, Brogan Graves, Anna Hawkes, Mellena Hawkins, Katie Livingston, Collin Petrie, Jason Petrie, Landon Petrie, Dominic Reitz, Louis Reitz, and Kathyne Reynolds

KUYAHOORA KAPRINES: Hailey Carnright, Hannah Carnright, Logan Humphreville, Lucas Humphreville, Benjamin Plungis, Broc Plungis, and McKenzie Plungis

MILK SHAKERS: Robbie Becker, Seth Donahoe, Haley Hunt, Morgan Hunt, Natalie Teachout, and Nathen Teachout

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS: Chance Arabia-Everson, Rachael Bruce, Faith Davis, Michelle Farnsworth, Destiny LaBarge, Cody Maine, Azariah Pellani, Angel Taylor, Johnathan Welch, and Jozzy Wright.



2020-2021 4-H LEADERS / VOLUNTEERS

ALL SEASONS: Michelle Hitchcock

GREEN & GROWING: Cassy Brackett, Kristy Downes, Heather McCutcheon, David Richardson, and Ashley Sommer

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: Cindy Allen, Nikki Bick, Darlene Carroll, Robin Fitch, Jennifer Hartsig, Amy Hawkes, Patricia Lesniak, Karen Livingston, Amanda Norton, Judith Pasick and Robin Simmons

KUYAHOORA KAPRINES: Heidi Carnright, Jodi Carnright, Ryan Carnright, Debbie Plungis, and McCaylia Plungis

MILK SHAKERS: Richard Becker, Valerie Becker, Allison Donahoe, Audrey Donahoe, Christian Donahoe, Samuel Donahoe, Tom Donahoe, Ashley Teachout, Heather Teachout, and Scott Teachout

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS: Lynne Barse, Alana Connolly, Shirley Farnsworth, Shelley Smith, and Georgia Waite

We have a closed group Facebook page for Herkimer County 4-H. If you are an active 4-H member or volunteer, please request to join this page so that you will have access to the latest information and events as they become available. Herkimer County 4-H Closed Group can be accessed using this direct link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1617924885148237/>

Like us on Facebook at **Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County**, and follow us on Instagram at **herkimer4h** to keep in touch with us and new exciting developments in 4-H!



CLUB NEWS

The **All Seasons 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in September. In October, 4-H members planned for the 2021 year and held club officer elections via Zoom.

President: **Camryn Marshall**, Vice President: **Jacob Hitchcock**, Secretary: **Jonah Hitchcock**, Treasurer: **Sydney Marshall**, Reporter: **Sophia Peplinski**, and Song and Recreation leaders **Caleb** and **Ainslie Hitchcock**.



The **Green and Growing 4-H Club** held a meeting in September to fill out re-enrollment paperwork, talks about ideas for project kits to work on virtually, and made plans for the coming year. The club will be meeting virtually through the winter and is looking for an indoor meeting space. The club met again in September to grind and press apples into cider. The club would like to thank Alan Weaver for providing the vintage grinder and press used. The club met at Beaversprite in October for a scavenger hunt on the new yellow trail that members helped clear in June, and made s'mores around a fire while social distancing by family groups. The club elected officers for the new 4-H year.



The **Hawkes and Dyn family** did not hold a meeting in September. **Laken Dyn** and **Anna Hawkes** participated in the virtual 4-H Show and Sale that was held online. They each sold a steer. They would like to thank Jenn Collins for all of her effort in putting this event together. They also would like to thank the buyers for their continued support of this program.

Dylan Dyn was the winner of the Senior Chobani Scholarship Award. This award is sponsored by the Farmers' Museum and Chobani and he thanks each of these facilities for their support of 4-H youth.

In October, the 4-H members met to discuss activities that they would like to participate in for the upcoming 4-H year.



The **Kuyahooro Kaprines 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in September. The club members worked at the Utica Zoo garden clean up, promoted National 4-H Week by wearing 4-H swag to school and worked on filling out their reorganization paperwork. On October 30th, **Hannah & Hailey Carnright** and **Logan & Lucas Humphreville** volunteered at the 3rd Annual Teel Farms fright night through their corn maze. All four also volunteered for Teel's 1st annual Trick-or-Treat through the corn maze on Saturday, October 31.



The **Milkshakers 4-H Club** had a meeting in October to set up future meeting dates and club plan.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook at Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County, and request to join the private group 'Herkimer County 4-H' for events that might not make it into the 4-H FACTS.

Follow us on Instagram at Herkimer4h to see the latest photos about what members are doing in 4-H!

Get text updates from educators about program changes and to stay in touch through the REMIND app: text @herkimerco to 81010.

Please call the office if you have any questions or e-mail Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu or Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu.

For 4-H projects, visit <https://blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/programs/4-h-youth-development/youth-projects/>



KEEPING YOU UPDATED

In light of COVID-19 we are doing our best to keep you updated on everything in the world of 4-H. Please know that events listed in the newsletter may change at any time and we will keep you all up to date via email and Facebook on any changes that do occur. We are doing our best to offer virtual programming and welcome any suggestions for programming you would like to see. Virtual programs can be found on our Facebook page, our web site and via email. Zoom will be the platform we use for virtual programming and registration will be required to ensure the safety and privacy of those participating. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn and Wendy at 315-866-7920, or email Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu or Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu.

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A FREE Program helping families with children eat better for less.



Learn how to:

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- Prepare low-cost, quick & healthy meals.
- Keep your family healthy by staying active & eating right.

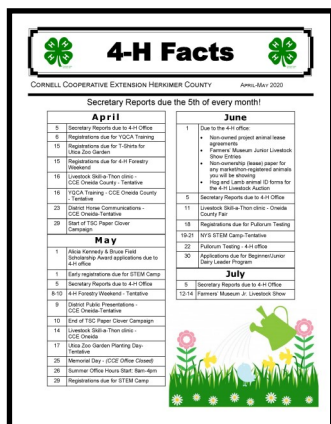
Who is eligible for this program? Families with children ages 19 and under (or pregnant) who are participating in WIC, SNAP, Head Start, Medicaid, or free or reduced price school lunches.

Classes are available through Zoom, phone, and/or Facebook Live.

For more information, contact:
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