



4-H Facts



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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2021

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

| October | |
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| 1 | 4-H Year-End Completion Sheets due to 4-H office |
| 3 | Utica Zoo 4-H Garden Volunteers Day |
| 3-9 | National 4-H Week |
| 4 | 4-H Online Re-enrollment Opens |
| 5 | Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office |
| 6-17 | TSC Paper Clover Campaign |
| 11 | Columbus Day <i>(CCE Office Closed)</i> |
| 15 | Registrations due for ABC Conference |
| 15 | Submissions due for National 4-H Week |
| 22 | ABC Conference - SUNY Cobleskill |
| 29 | Orders due for 4-H Apparel |
| November | |
| 1 | Re-enrollment paperwork due to 4-H Office |
| 3 | 4-H Member / Volunteer Recognition Event |
| 5 | Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office |
| 11 | Veterans Day <i>(CCE Office Closed)</i> |
| 25-26 | Thanksgiving <i>(CCE Office Closed)</i> |

| December | |
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| 5 | Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office |
| 24 | Christmas Eve - Christmas observed <i>(CCE Office Closed)</i> |
| 31 | New Years Eve <i>(CCE Office Closed)</i> |



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Jonah Hitchcock**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; **Hannah Carnright**, of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club; **Morgan Hunt**, Milkshakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, Independent member, for turning in their May 4-H club secretary report by June 5.

Congratulations to: **Jonah Hitchcock**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, Independent member, for turning in their June 4-H club secretary report by July 5.

RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

ATTENTION LEADERS and PARENTS!!!!!!

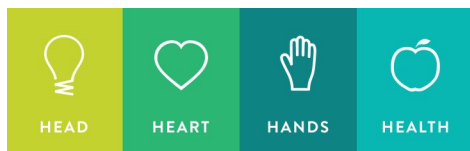
The enrollment fee for 2021-2022 4-H year for all new and re-enrolling members is \$10 on or before November 1st, with a maximum enrollment fee of \$25 per family.

- Re-enrollment forms received AFTER November 1 will be \$15/member.
- Re-enrollment forms received after December 31st will be \$25/member.
- No family discount will be given after November 1.
- New members will remain at the \$10/member fee for the 2021-2022 4-H year.

Attention Parents: 4-H Online 2.0 Re-enrollment
It's that time! Time to register for the 2021-2022 Herkimer County 4-H year! *Registration is now available online, starting October 4, 2021 at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.*

You will be able to update addresses and make changes to projects throughout the 4-H year. Call 315-866-7920 if you have any questions about the online re-enrollment process.

Watch a video on enrolling your family online at: <https://bit.ly/4HEnrollOnline>





NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: FIND YOUR SPARK!

October 3 - 9

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4 H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4 H offers young people.



There are hundreds of ways you can help promote the fun educational offerings available through 4-H. In the past, Herkimer County's 4-H clubs have made scarecrows holding "4-H is Great" signs; they have painted silage bags with slogans like "We love 4-H"; they have put up displays in schools and local libraries; and painted store windows, all with messages about 4-H.

When you create your National 4-H Week promotion this year, send us a picture of it and receive a \$5 award. Be sure to put your name, club name, address and location of the display on the picture and send it to Wendy at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by **October 15th** so the awards can be given out at the Member Recognition Event. One submission per club, please.

ARE YOU READY FOR PAPER CLOVER?

TSC is planning on allowing in-store participation for the Fall 2021 Paper Clover Campaign! This may change between now and October so check with Jenn or the store for confirmation.

Please consider setting up a display or a show and tell with animals at our Tractor Supply and promote 4-H. The 4-H office has brochures available that you can pass out and if youth can encourage the public to donate when they checkout.



Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Campaign is **October 6-17, 2021**. Please call or email Jenn to participate by club or family at the Herkimer County Tractor Supply.

Heads up...When you visit your local Tractor Supply Store October 6-17, you may be asked if you'd like to donate a dollar to 4-H. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live. Each store's donations are directly impacting the 4-H program in the county the store is located. Thank you for your support!

UTICA ZOO 4-H GARDEN VOLUNTEERS DAY



On **October 3** from 10 am – noon, we would like to get as many of our Utica Zoo garden volunteers together to clean up and harvest the remaining vegetables from the garden beds. We are requesting that all 4-H members and volunteers wear the garden shirts we had made for a group photo. Please RSVP by **September 30**, if you are planning on attending.

4-H AGRIBUSINESS CAREER CONFERENCE

It's back...just looking a bit different for 2021. The 44th annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference will be a one-day conference held on **October 22** at SUNY Cobleskill. The conference is co-sponsored by NYS 4-H, the NYS Farm Bureau, and the State University at Cobleskill.

This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It will feature a mini-tour to operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

A participation fee of **\$20** per youth and **\$10** per chaperone will cover the cost of lunch and conference materials. **Registration is due by October 15.** All visitors are required to wear a mask. Please contact Jenn for more information if you're interested in attending and go to <https://bit.ly/2021ABCTrip> to register. We hope that in 2022 we will be back to our 2 day/overnight conference!



4-H MEMBER / VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

NEW PLACE, NEW DAY IN PERSON!!

Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30pm
Town of German Flatts Community Center
555 State Route 5S, Herkimer NY 13350

We want to honor you, our 4-H members and volunteers! This year's event will start with a light dinner and refreshments followed by 4-H family crafts and activities as well as Awards and Recognition and ending with an ice cream social.

Please help us to highlight your club's activities by having a representative from your club prepared to share something that stood out in this past 4-H year. It could be individual achievement or new adventures tried. Please take time to discuss what you feel was the best part of 4-H for your club members. Youth could present about the various activities they did i.e. ABC Trip, Horse judging team, STARR, Earn-a-Calf, etc. Any encouraging story would be appreciated.

Call the 4-H office to register your members and volunteers by **October 28.** **We need to have an accurate count for the "light dinner". PLEASE NOTE:** Only those who turned in their year-end completion sheets by **October 1** will be recognized at the awards ceremony.



4-HER'S EXHIBIT NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS AT HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

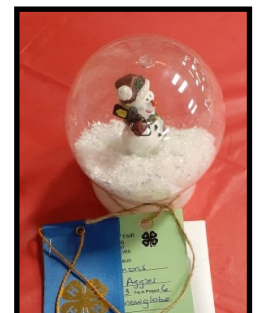
Thank you to 4-H volunteers Jordynn Alesia, Kris Downes, Kristy Downes, Cathy Eysaman, Trish Fullmer, Gerard Franklin. Amanda Norton, and Sheri Purcell for serving as evaluators at the Herkimer County Fair. Their time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

Twenty-five 4-H members from six 4-H clubs entered 108 exhibits in this year's Herkimer County Fair. Participating clubs included the **All Seasons, Green and Growing, Kuyahoorra Kaprines, Schuyler Aggies, Milkshakers,** and **Independent** 4-H members. Congratulations to the **Milkshakers** 4-H club for winning the Herkimer County fair theme challenge with their club banner and patriotic wreath display. Congratulations go to **Lucas** and **Logan Humphreville** for youth department Best of Show for the 6 4-H planter boxes donated to the Herkimer fairgrounds.

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for exhibiting their projects at the Herkimer County Fair: **Ahna Brackett, Coco Brackett, Gami Brackett, Nini Brackett, Collin Donahoe, Seth Donahoe, Brantley Downes, Ainslie Hitchcock, Caleb Hitchcock, Jacob Hitchcock, Jonah Hitchcock, Brynlee Holbert, Logan Humphreville, Lucas Humphreville, Haley Hunt, Morgan Hunt, Camryn Marshall, Sydney Marshall, Connor McCutcheon, Gwendalyn McCutcheon, Elijah Muha, Lily Simmons, Skye Simmons, Natalie Teachout,** and **Nathen Teachout.**

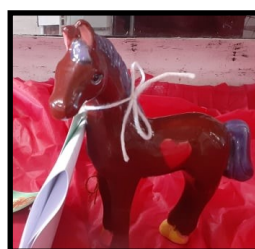
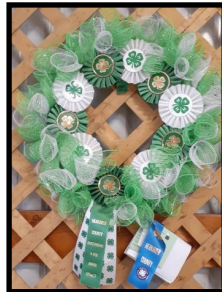
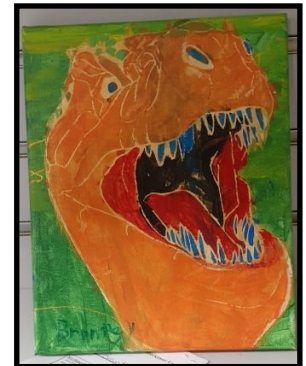
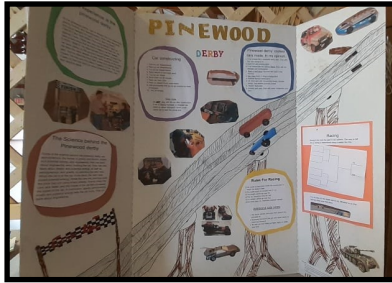
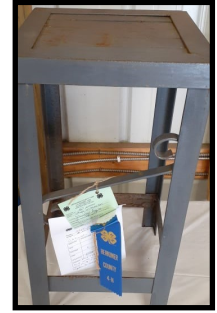
4-H MEMBERS EXHIBIT NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS AT VIRTUAL NYS FAIR

Thirteen 4-H exhibitors had items selected to go on to the New York State Fair. They include **Gami Brackett, Coco Brackett, Shani Brackett, Jonah Hitchcock, Logan Humphreville, Lucas Humphreville, Camryn Marshall,** and **Gwendalyn McCutcheon.** There were twelve exhibits in total. See the slide shows of all the exhibits entered from NY State 4-H on their website: <https://bit.ly/2021VirtualProjects>



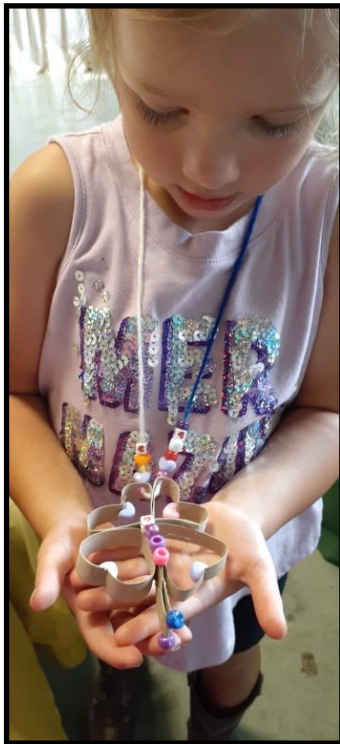
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MAKE AND TAKES AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

This year 4 families from the **Green and Growing** 4-H club demonstrated activities during the Herkimer County Fair. On opening day, **Gami Brackett** gave his Public Presentation on Leopard Geckos and the **Brackett family** made No Bake cookies. On Wednesday, **Coco and Shani Brackett** helped lead a weaving activity with the public. On Thursday, The **Muha family** made No Bake cookies, and the **Brackett and Downes families** help the public make clover necklaces. Each 4-H member earned a Public Presentation premium.



4-H PAINT NIGHT AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

To say thank you to our 4-H members and volunteers, Herkimer County 4-H put on 2 paint nights during the Herkimer County fair. On Opening Day, 9 participants painted a county fair scene led by 4-H educator Wendy Richardson. On Thursday, 9 participants made a fall pumpkin painting. The two events were held in the youth building during the fair, while the public wandered through enjoying the exhibits on display.



HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL SHOW RESULTS

4-H Youth had a great week exhibiting their animals at the Herkimer County Fair.

Allen Van Gorder from Little Falls was the official judge for the dairy shows. **Katie Livingston** was named Master Showman and **Natalie Fredericks** Reserve Master Showman. Individual breed awards are as follows:

The Ayrshire Junior & Grand Champion was awarded to **Lily Simmons**, with her spring calf Rhubarb for both the youth and open show. The Dutch Belt Junior & Grand Champion awards went to **Mellena Hawkins** and her winter calf Fosters Acres GTLM Reindeer for both the youth & open show. The Guernsey Junior Champion went to **Katie Livingston** with fall calf Heritage Brook Lat Trinity in both the youth and open show and the reserve Junior Champion also went to **Katie Livingston** with Heritage Brook Primetime Truly in both the youth and open show. The Senior Champion went to **Sophia Simmons** with Jemma Donte of Bar-S Farm in both the youth and open show. **Katie's** fall calf Trinity was also the Grand Champion for both youth and open with Reserve Grand Champion going to **Katie** with Truly. **Katie's** Trinity was also named Supreme junior animal of the youth show.

In the Holstein breed, Junior Champion of the youth show went to **Natalie Fredericks** with her spring calf Insight-CJ Progress Razzle. Reserve Junior Champion went to **Dakota DesJardins** with her spring calf Insight-CJ Pledge Coco. **Natalie's** aged cow, Whittier-Farms Lotus Callie was crowned Senior, Grand and Supreme Champion of the youth and open shows while her 4-year old cow, Whittier-Farms Gone Girl was reserve of the youth show. **Mellena** also exhibited the Junior Champion Jersey of the youth & open shows with her spring calf Fosters Acres Matt Picnic. **Mellena** also took home top honors with Senior & Grand Champion Jersey, Best Bred and Owned and Best Udder of the colored breeds show with her 5 year old Jersey cow Fosters Acres Topeka Lalsia and Reserve Senior & Reserve Grand Champion with 4 year old cow Fosters Acres Lana.

Herkimer County Fair Beef Show Awards:

Jason Corey from Painted Post, NY judged this year's Beef Show.

Laken Dyn was named Master Showman, while **Anna Hawkes** was named reserve. Grand Champion Angus of the youth show went to **Natalie Teachout** with her spring calf Ruby. **Nathen Teachout** exhibited the Champion Charolais of the youth show with his summer yearling Rosie. **Laken** took home Champion honors of both the youth and open show of AOB with her summer yearling Kylie. **Laken** also received the Supreme Female & Supreme Beef awards, again with Kylie. In the Feeder Steer division, **Natalie** won with Kasey, while in the Market Steer division, **Anna** took home top honors with Stoick, also being award Champion Market animal.

Herkimer County Fair Dairy Goat Show Awards:

Dr. Cindi Shelley from Cobleskill judged the 2021 Dairy Goat show.

Lucas Humphreville was Master Showman. **Lucas** also exhibited the Champion Recorded Grade, Brownie who was also named best Doe in Show. **Logan Humphreville** exhibited the Grand Champion Nubian, Jem.

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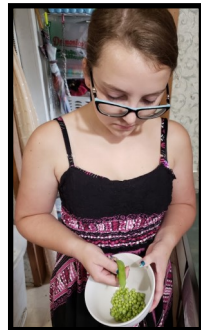


CLUB NEWS

In September, The Zaitseva family of the **Green and Growing 4-H club** had a table doing free crafts and advertised 4-H at a craft fair, held at Cullen Pumpkin Farm. There was a pretty big turn out and it was a lot of fun!



In July, the **Kuyahora Kaprines 4-H club** members harvested from their gardens and showed animals at the Junior Livestock show. The Carrright garden is coming along nicely in spite of the weather!!



4-H APPAREL SALE

Just in time for the holidays!

Orders due to the 4-H Office by **October 29**. Will have them to you by the end of November.

T-Shirts: black with Herkimer County 4-H screen print. 4.5-ounce, 100% ring spun cotton. Youth s-xl and adult s-xl \$12. Adult 2xl-4xl \$15.

Hoodie: charcoal gray with Herkimer County screen print. 7.8-ounce, 50/50 cotton/poly fleece. Youth s-xl and adult s-xl \$23. Adult 2xl-4xl \$26.

Grocery tote: heather gray with Herkimer County screen print. 600 denier polyester canvas, large main section with small interior self-fabric pockets, exterior side pocket, web handles, dimensions: 12"h x 12"w x 6.5"d, Approx. 936 cubic inches. \$8



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Herkimer County 4-H Volunteer Heather McCutcheon for teacher of the year finalist!

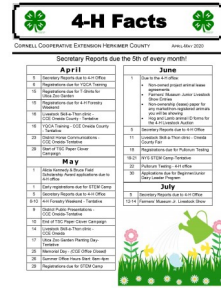


KEEPING YOU UPDATED

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.

4-H FACTS ONLINE

The 4-H FACTS is available in color with clickable links online at <http://bit.ly/4-HFacts>



INSECTAPALOOZA 2021

Insectapalooza 2021 has been canceled due to Covid-19. We look forward to seeing you in Fall 2022 at a date that is TBD.

ORDER YOUR GALACTIC QUEST KIT NOW



This year's 4-H STEM challenge, Galactic Quest, explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture.

The STEM PWT and NYS 4-H office are excited to host another statewide Family STEM Challenge this year! Participating families will receive a free kit and access to supporting activities, similar to last years' experience. Stay tuned for details.

Get started by watching an informational webinar for educators and parents here: <https://youtu.be/uQwjK4Sx6K8>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook at Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County, and request to join the private group 'Herkimer County 4-H closed group' 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 <http://bit.ly/YouthProjects>



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