



# 4-H Facts



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

JUNE - JULY 2023

## Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

<b>June</b>	
1	Due to the 4-H office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-owned project animal lease agreements</li> <li>• Ownership paper for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing</li> </ul>
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
12	Registration Opens for NYS Fair Food Cook Off & Cupcake Showdown
15	Pullorum Clinic - 4-H Office
23	Registrations due for Jr. Livestock Show
24-25	NYS Free Fishing Days
27-29	4-H Career Explorations - Cornell University
30	Applications due for Junior & Beginning Dairy Leader Programs
<b>July</b>	
4	Independence Day ( <i>CCE Office Closed</i> )
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
9-11	Farmers' Museum Jr. Livestock Show
15	Orders due for 4-H T-Shirts
17	Ticket Sales End for 4-H Day at Water Safari
20	4-H Day at Water Safari

<b>August</b>	
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
13	Fair Entries for Non-Animal Exhibits - Herkimer County Fairgrounds
15-20	Herkimer County Fair
17	4-H Day at the Herkimer County Fair
21	Exhibit Pick Up Day - Herkimer County Fairgrounds
23	New York State Fair Starts
26	Fair Food Cook Off - NYS Fair
27	Cupcake Showdown - NYS Fair
31	Herkimer County 4-H rotation at NYS Fair
<b>September</b>	
1	Herkimer County 4-H rotation at NYS Fair
4	New York State Fair Ends
4	Labor Day ( <i>CCE Office Closed</i> )
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office



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## 4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Coco Brackett**, Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Hannah Carnright**, Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H Club, the Milk Shaker 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn** of Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members; for turning in the March 4-H club secretary report by April 5.

Congratulations to: **Coco Brackett**, Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Hannah Carnright**, Kuyahoora Kaprines 4-H Club; the Milk Shaker 4-H Club, The Wanderlust 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn** of Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members, for turning in the April 4-H club secretary report by May 5.

## NON-OWNERSHIP PAPERS

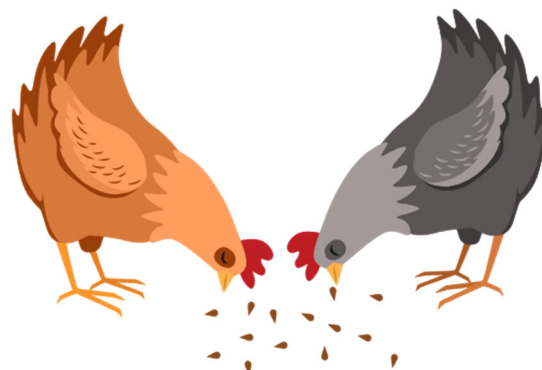
If you will be showing a leased animal or a market animal this show season, your non-ownership papers (lease papers) are due to the 4-H office by June 1. If you need a copy, please contact Jennifer at [jl34@cornell.edu](mailto:jl34@cornell.edu).

## PULLORUM CLINIC

**When:** June 15  
3pm

**Where:** 4-H Office  
5657 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY 13350

Call the 4-H office at 315-866-7920 to register and let us know how many chickens you are bringing.



## JUNIOR DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM

If you know of youth in your area or region who has an interest in learning more about dairy careers and leadership development, the Junior Dairy Leader program may be for them.

The program is a year-long program for youth/adults ages **16-19 years old**. Must have an interest in the dairy industry, career planning and their own personal and professional development. The program starts in late September with a 7-day trip to Madison, Wisconsin, to tour the Wisconsin dairy industry and also attend the National 4-H Dairy conference. The program ends the following August with a graduation ceremony and presentation. We will have 8 to 9 workshops in the program year. Cost of the program will be around **\$300** per participant.

Printable brochures and applications are available at: <https://bit.ly/3luMhKR>

Applications are due by **June 30**. Please contact Debbie Grusenmeyer at [djc27@cornell.edu](mailto:djc27@cornell.edu) or 607-255-0656 if you have questions or concerns about the program or application process.

## BEGINNING DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM

### "Helping Young People Explore Post-Secondary Agricultural Education and Career Opportunities"

The Beginning Dairy Leader program gives high school participants the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in a networking environment through interaction with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development.

Program Cost: **\$125**

Eligibility/Requirements:

1. High school students entering at least their sophomore year. High school graduates are not eligible.
2. Have potential interest in dairy industry careers.
3. Have an interest in pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture.
4. Can reasonably commit to one Saturday program in November of current year and February, March, April, and June of the following year.

More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3tSSvx3>

Applications are due by **June 30**. Please contact Debbie Grusenmeyer at [djc27@cornell.edu](mailto:djc27@cornell.edu) or 607-255-0656 if you have questions or concerns about the program or application process.



## FARMERS' MUSEUM JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 75th Annual Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show will be held **July 9-11!** If you are enrolled in a dairy or livestock project, you should have received an email from Jennifer with the details on the online registration, the link to go with it and attachments for the show book, Chobani scholarship and the poster contest. If you did not receive the email and would like to register for the show, please email Jennifer at [jl34@cornell.edu](mailto:jl34@cornell.edu). All entries are due into the online registration by **June 23**. No hard copy show books will be mailed this year, so be sure to check your email! Chobani scholarships and the poster contest are only available to those participating in the show.



If you are an alumni of the show, we would like to hear from you. Tell us about your show experience at [bit.ly/FMJLS-alum](https://bit.ly/FMJLS-alum)



## 4-H DAY AT ENCHANTED FOREST WATER SAFARI

**NEW DATE:** Thursday, July 20

**Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be \$47 (\$37 for those 3-7 years of age)**

Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breast, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages. The lunch buffet will be served from **12:30 – 1:30pm** so come at the beginning, middle and end to get your fill. Also included with the lunch buffet option will be all you can eat ice cream novelties. They will be served from **3:30 - 4:30pm** in the pavilion, which will be a great afternoon snack.

For those that choose to purchase the lunch option, you will have use of the reserved pavilion for the day to get out of the sun, store your stuff, etc. Only those purchasing the lunch option will have access to the pavilion.

Tickets will be on sale thru **July 17**. Tickets must be paid for in full before they will be given out. If you already have a pass to Enchanted Forest Water Safari, you can add on the lunch option for **\$17** (8 and older) and **\$7** (3-7 years of age), which will give you the options as listed above. Feel free to invite family and friends (even if they are not in 4-H) and to take advantage of this great price. If you would like admission only tickets good for any day during the summer, you can purchase them yourself online and get a 4-H discount by entering the code **EFWS911**. These tickets will be \$36.50 + tax.

And don't forget. . . If you did a 4-H Public Presentation at either of our county-wide events, you will get **\$10 off** of your ticket! Contact Jennifer with any questions at [jl34@cornell.edu](mailto:jl34@cornell.edu) or 315-866-7920.



## HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

The Herkimer County Fair generously invites all 4-H members to come show the public your 4-H story. Whether it is showing animals, displaying exhibits in the youth building, making a project with the public, or a cooking demonstration; all are part of highlighting 4-H. It is time to assist 4-H members in preparing for the fair. An early start will help insure that the Fair is a positive and fun experience for everyone.

Here are some dates to remember:

- **August 13 from 11 am - 3 pm:** Non-animal 4-H exhibits are judged in the Youth Building of the Herkimer County Fair. If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office.
- **August 17 from 10 am - 4 pm:** 4-H Day “4-H Project Talks” about my 4-H project in the youth building scheduled for 1 hour time slots. Contact the 4-H office to reserve your time.
- **August 21 from 9 am - 11 am:** All exhibits can go home. Any exhibits not going to State Fair will need to be picked up at this time. Any exhibits not picked up will remain at the Herkimer County Fair.

If you have any exhibits going to State Fair, we'll be glad to transport them directly from the County Fair to the State Fair. You must bring appropriate packaging for safely transporting your exhibit (i.e. newsprint or tissue paper to wrap fragile items, cardboard boxes to secure them from sliding around in the vehicle); as well as your completed State Fair Exhibit Cards and NYS 4-H Universal Information and Evaluation sheet.

### ***4-H State Fair Exhibit Cards and NYS 4-H Universal Information and Evaluation Sheet***

Any 4-H exhibits chosen for NYS Fair must have the State Fair Exhibit Cards and include the NYS 4-H Universal Information and Evaluation sheet filled out and returned to 4-H staff by the end of Herkimer County Fair PRIOR to picking up your exhibits. They both need to be included on every NY State 4-H Youth Building exhibit that will be evaluated. Only exhibits with exhibit cards and information sheets, filled out completely and attached by **August 21, by 11 am**, can go on to the State Fair. The NYS 4-H Universal Information and Evaluation sheet is a fillable pdf form, found here: <https://bit.ly/FairResources> and can be filled out on a computer and printed, or printed as a blank form and filled out by hand. The State Fair Exhibit Cards will be on card stock.

Here is a checklist of “to dos” to get you started.

- Go over the Herkimer County Fair book with your 4-H members. Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair; and what preparation the exhibit will need.
- Assist members in filling out their entry blank and exhibit tags COMPLETELY, prior to the fair. It makes for a much smoother day; and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork completed ahead of time.
- Explain the conference evaluation style of judging to members. Conference judging helps the member feel at ease and in a more receptive frame of mind. Conference evaluation is often easier for the judge. The member gains a greater benefit from the experience. Conference evaluation eliminates the question of why an item received a certain ribbon, therefore, making the evaluation of project work more educational.

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## HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR CONT.

- Explain the Danish System. Within the Danish System, each exhibit - be it a birdhouse or a flower - is compared to the ideal for the exhibit given the exhibitor's experience & age. Exhibits are not placed in a ranking, rather each item is judged on its own merit. Participants receive either a blue ribbon (excellent), red ribbon (good) or a white ribbon (worthy). Green ribbons (participation) are distributed to exhibits that are display only. The emphasis is placed on the process of learning, not necessarily the end product.

*REMEMBER, it's a well-known fact (with historical basis, ask any old 4-H member) that those who take an active part in the fair have more FUN!!!*



### “4-H PROJECT TALKS” ABOUT M; 4-H PROJECT IN THE YOUTH BUILDING

You have worked all year on your 4-H project to bring it to the fair. Now here it is at the fair with a ribbon on it. The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H members to do a Public Presentation and/ or Make 'N Take activity, at the County Fair August 15 - 20, to teach the public what goes into the exhibit on display. If there is a project, your 4-H member is planning to enter as an exhibit at the Herkimer County Fair, please consider demonstrating what you learned for the public. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. Plan to help highlight 4-H in the youth building by participating in interactive activities and demonstrations. Contact Wendy at [wlr45@cornell.edu](mailto:wlr45@cornell.edu) or 315-866-7920 to reserve your time.



### HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR THEME 2023 FAIR THEME: "CELEBRATING A FESTIVAL OF SPORTS"

August 15 - 20



Calling all 4-H Clubs and Independent members - We are challenging you to come up with a club or family exhibit for the youth building that best reflects the 2023 Herkimer County Fair Theme: "Celebrating a Festival of Sports". What is your favorite sport to play as a family? Dodgeball? Volleyball? Freeze tag? Let us show 4-H's imagination and creativity. Photos, posters, sculpture, quilt... use your imagination. If you can incorporate 4-H into your exhibit, even better. Prizes will go to the most original and best interpretation of the theme.

### ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY & STATE FAIRS

All animal health requirements for NYS county and state fairs can be found at:  
<https://on.ny.gov/3lmzFYV>

Please look them over before the start of the show season and contact your veterinarian with any questions.



## 4-H TEEN OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NY STATE FAIR

### Youth Leaders (age 9-12)

- Paid Youth Leader positions are limited to 4-H members who are 9 - 12 years of age (4-H age as of January 1st of the current year)
- Volunteer Youth Leaders are welcome. No premium paid.
- Selected by 4-H specialists and staff.
- Participate in educational opportunities.
- Will work a minimum of 3 hrs. per day.
- Receive a premium of **\$6** for each day worked.
- Pre-registration by their county educator with State 4-H Office or area superintendent is strongly recommended.
- Youth Leaders require the supervision of their county educator or designated volunteer.
- Opportunities for Youth Leaders aged 9 – 12 (based on their 4-H age) include: County Booth

### Teen Leaders (13 -19)

There are many teen leadership opportunities available at State Fair, age 13 - 19, both in the Youth Building and throughout the animal barns. Paid Youth Leader positions are limited to 4-H members who are 13 years of age and not have reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Teen leaders will work a minimum of 6 hrs. Per day, and receive a premium of **\$12** for each day worked. Opportunities for Youth Leaders age 13 – 19 (based on 4-H age) include Evaluations, Fashion Revue, Poultry Science, Dairy, Horse, Robotics, Project Evaluation, GPS/ GIS, Shooting Sports, The Great 4-H Cook Off, County Booth Displays, Horticulture, Goat, Visual Arts/Photography. Teens may also lead activities in their county booths. This is a great way for teens to learn basic job skills, make new friends and take on a leadership role in 4-H.

### Junior Superintendents (16-19)

These positions are for 4-Hers age 16 and over who wish to be involved in a much deeper State Fair leadership experience. **Applications for new Jr. Supers are now available. There are limited number of spots and they fill very quickly!** Besides positions in the youth building, there are also opportunities in animal science. **First year Junior Superintendents are typically only scheduled for 1 week.** A premium of **\$40** per day is paid to youth selected to be Junior Supers. Shifts are a min of 5 days and can be as long as 15 days. These youths should be highly motivated to serve and be the most responsible/hardest working members that counties have! Their roles will be key to the day-to-day success of 4-H activities at the fair.

For more information contact Wendy or Jennifer.



## STATE FAIR 4-H FOOD COOK OFF & CUPCAKE SHOWDOWN

**Food Cook Off: Saturday, August 26**  
**Cupcake Showdown: Sunday, August 27**



Two new and exciting opportunities for youth have been added to the competitions and exhibitions as the NYS Fair. Any 4-H Youth age 10 and up is welcome to register for this exciting new food experience. Registration will open on **June 12th** for both events and youth must be registered by Jenn or Wendy to participate.

Go to <https://bit.ly/FairResources> for more information!

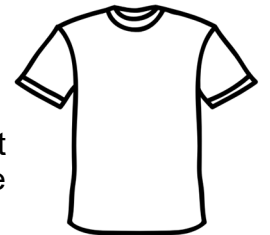
## NY STATE FAIR GROUP ACTION BOOTHS

**Calling all 4-H members or clubs!!!**

A group of three or more youth and one adult can earn a premium of **\$20/day**, by showcasing a project or activity that your club has worked on this year, or help county personnel work with the public on a STEM activity. You can split the time up with several adults and youth from your club in 2 hour intervals with a total of 6 hours of coverage. Herkimer County is covering a booth in the youth building at the NY State Fair on **August 31 and September 1**. Contact Wendy for details and to sign up.

**\*\*Back again this year\*\***- clubs that sign up to cover a 6 hour shift at the county booth can earn an additional **\$50** for working at the State Fair. Only 2 days available for this opportunity, so please sign up soon.

## 4-H T-SHIRT FOR HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR



We are having 4-H Day at the Herkimer County Fair on **August 17th**. We want everyone to come wearing 4-H apparel and make 4-H seen all over the fairground.

There will be special shirts made for our 4-H members and volunteers to order ahead. Shirts will be **\$6** each, either Adult or Youth sizes. The design will be "Meet Me at the Fair" Herkimer County Fair, NY State Fair with the 4-H clover in the center. Stay tuned to email and Facebook. We will share the final look, once the design is finalized.

Call the office at 315-866-7920 with your shirt sizes and pre-pay for your shirts by **July 15th**. Family members want to get in on this promotion too? They can also order a 4-H fair shirt for the full price of **\$12**. We just need their size and money by the July 15th deadline.



## 4-H HOST FAMILIES NEEDED, ASAP!!!

NYS 4-H is excited to be hosting 25 Japanese delegates and 2-3 chaperones this summer (2023). Are you interested in other countries? Would you like to welcome an international student into your home? Host families come in all shapes and sizes and reflect the diversity of the United States. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their homes and hearts to a young person from another culture. Our families are warm, welcoming volunteers who are proud to share their American culture and lifestyle.

For more information about the program, you may visit  
 NYS 4-H Website: <https://www.nys4-hstaff.org/international-exchange>  
 States' 4-H Website: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>  
 Contact Autumn Levine at [AML84@cornell.edu](mailto:AML84@cornell.edu)





## Seniors



**Hannah Carnright** is a senior at Poland Central School. She has been an active 4-H member in Herkimer County for 12 years and is a member of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club. Hannah has shown dairy goats, beef cows, swine, and poultry at fairs and petting zoos. She has participated in Public Presentations at both county and district level, attended the ABC trip at Cobleskill, worked at the Utica Zoo garden project, and participated at the Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown. Hannah has spent many hours performing community service; making binky-bibs, parades, face painting, and petting zoos.

Hannah is involved as a member of the Student council and science club. She has participated with her school at Envirothon, Spanish club, and chorus, as well as a member of the golf and bowling teams. Hannah was awarded the Section III, Class D Bowling Champion for West Canada Valley Central School Bowling Team. She is also a choir member in the community.

The future looks bright for Hannah as she attends Herkimer College to pursue a degree in Art Studio and plans to go on in Interior Decorating and Design. She will also be on the Herkimer College Bowling Team.



**Natalee Collins** is an Independent 4-H member, daughter of our 4-H Program Leader Jennifer Collins. She is a senior at Waterville High School where she will be graduating Salutatorian of her class. Natalee has been an active Herkimer County 4-H member for 13 years, and was awarded the All Around 4-H'er award. During her time in 4-H, Natalee has participated in community service, dairy and livestock projects, as well as woodworking and gardening. She has gone to STARR, Career Explorations, ABC trip, and Dairy and Equine 101.

Natalee is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Outdoor Club and Academic Union. She is a member of the soccer, basketball, track, golf and tennis teams at school. Natalee has also volunteered her time at the Dairy Cattle Birthing Center at the NY State Fair and is an active member in her church community.

Natalee will be attending Alfred University in the fall, majoring in Business with a minor in International Business. While there she will be a member of the women's basketball team.





## SENIORS



4-H member **Aurora Davis** is graduating from West Canada Valley High School. She has been an Independent 4-H member in Herkimer County for 7 years. She showed chickens and photography at the Herkimer County Fair, which earned her 5 Poultry Best in Show, and Photography Best in Show. Her photos have qualified to go to the NY State Fair and The Farm Progress Show.

Aurora has been very active outside of 4-H as well at her high school. She is a cheerleader and track and field athlete. Aurora has also been a volunteer at the Utica Zoo.

Her plans after high school are to attend Utica University to major in Animal Behavior for research and conservation. Aurora plans to become an ornithologist.



**Rebecca Elwood** will be graduating from West Canada Valley Central School. She has been a 4-H member in Herkimer County for 10 years; Merry Moos 4-H club then an Independent member. Rebecca showed beef cows, participated in county Public Presentations, and participated in canvas painting workshops. She helped paint wood clovers for the planter boxes at the Herkimer County Fair. Rebecca was awarded the All Around 4-Her. Outside of her 4-H activities, Rebecca was in the International Club, Drama Club and National Honor Society, National Junior Angus Society, concert band, jazz band, and marching band.

In the fall, Rebecca is attending Rochester Institute of Technology with a major in Mechanical Engineering and concentration in Automotive Engineering.



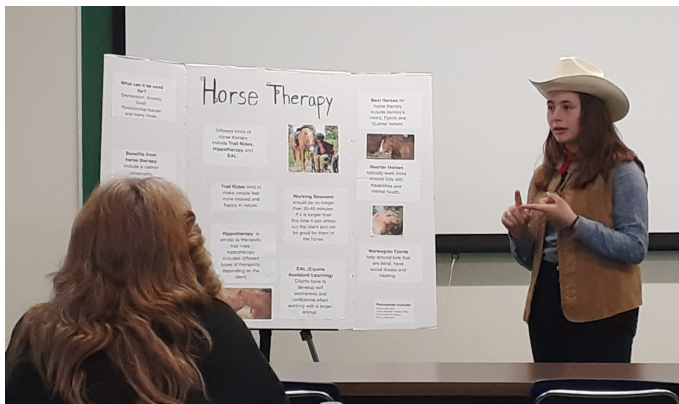
# NYS 4-H HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to **Ahna Brackett** for participating in the NYS 4-H Horse Communications contest held on May 6th at Cornell University. Ahna's presentation "Horse Therapy" was chosen by the panel of judges to be 9th best junior presentation in NYS 4-H – Top 10 in NYS - an amazing accomplishment!



# ANIMAL CRACKERS

**Coco** and **Nini Brackett** participated in Animal Crackers "All Creatures Great and Small" which featured workshops on dairy, sheep, poultry, rabbits and caviaes. Animal Crackers is a state wide program held at Cornell University.





## Utica Zoo Garden

Herkimer County 4-H would like to thank the 4-H volunteers and 4-H members that came out on May 2 to weed and clear the garden beds and May 20 to plant the flowers and vegetables at the Utica Zoo. This year families screened out large rocks from the compost, pulled out weeds, topped off compost, and put wood chips around the raised vegetable bed area for weed control. 4-H members and volunteers planted the raised beds with sunflowers, turnips, collard greens, spinach, butternut squash, parsnips, peas, carrots, zucchini, yellow squash, catnip, marigolds, and sweet potatoes.

This is part of the Utica Zoo garden project and is open to all Herkimer County 4-H members and their families. We are so proud of all the hard work that was done by all who came. We appreciate all that you do to make Herkimer County 4-H part of our great community.

Utica Zoo 4-H Garden project is youth and families growing vegetables for the zoo animals at the Utica Zoo throughout the summer months. Your family can still sign up to participate. **October 9th** will be garden clean up and harvest day, or you can sign up for one day during a week this summer, that you are available to cover the care of the garden. Call the office to see what weeks are still available and to register. Please call 315-866-7920 for more information, and contact Wendy at [wlr45@cornell.edu](mailto:wlr45@cornell.edu)









# STAR 2023

Herkimer County 4-H members **Ahna Brackett** and **Trinity Belliveau** and 4-H volunteer Cassie Brackett went to the State Teen Action Retreat (STAR) at Camp Shankitunk in Delhi, NY. STAR is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. When they first arrived all participants were split up into roundtable groups with kids from all over the state. There were 5 roundtable sessions throughout the weekend where youth had icebreakers, challenges and played games. Each youth also chose workshops to participate in. Some workshops that Herkimer youth participated in were Photography, Archery, Acting, American Sign Language, Cooking: Hand-Rolled Pasta, Wild Edibles, and Knot Tying. The best part of the weekend was meeting new people and becoming good friends with some of them. Ahna and Trinity and their chaperone Cassie Brackett had a great time at NYS 4-H STAR 2023 and can't wait to bring along some friends for next year.

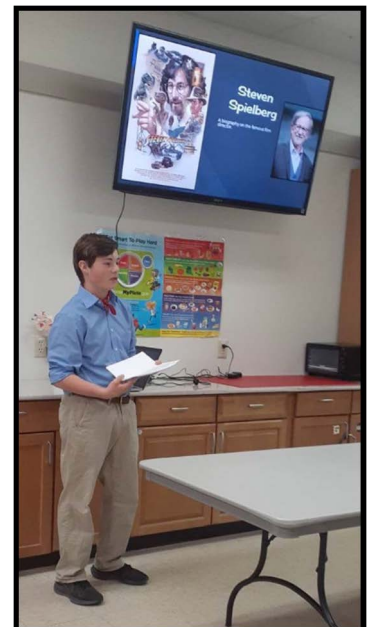
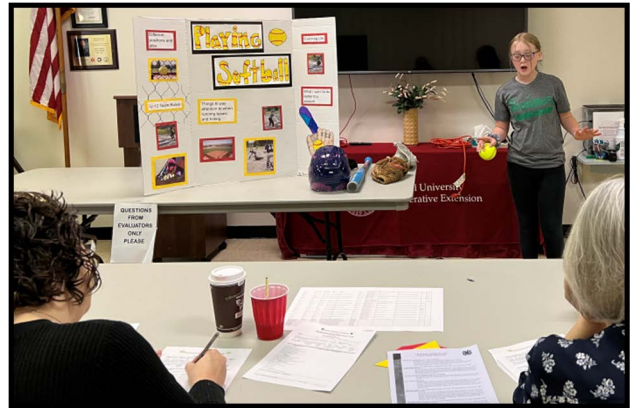




## North Central District 4-H Public Presentations

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the North Central District 4-H Public Presentations event. Making it to the District Event is not easy, and competition was close.

Juniors (8-12) **Gwendalyn McCutcheon** (1st place overall) and **Daniel Busch** (3rd place overall) received blue ribbons; Senior (13-19) **Gami Brackett** and **Connor McCutcheon** both received red ribbons.





## Conservation Field Day

On May 24, nearly 600 sixth grade students from 8 Herkimer County schools participated in the Annual 4-H Conservation Field Day School Enrichment Program at the Diamond Mines KOA Campground in Middleville.

Participating schools included: Jarvis Middle School, Dolgeville, Little Falls, Mt. Markham, Oppenheim-Ephratah/St. Johnsville, West Canada Valley, Richfield Springs and Poland. The students visited 13 stations and each received a tree seedling donated by the New York State DEC Saratoga Tree Nursery and Herkimer County Soil & Water District.

The stations and presenters included: **Conservation In Our Forests** / Dan Welc / NYS DEC; **Vermiculture/Composting** / Tim Smith / Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County Master Gardener; **Bee Keeping** / Robyn Cadwell / Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County Master Gardener; **Tree Planting** / Gabby Lewosko / Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District; **Herkimer Diamond Quartz Crystals** / Maggie Schmidt / Herkimer Diamond Mines; **Fisheries Management in NYS** / Anne Resseguie / NYS DEC Fisheries; **Fire Prevention** / Roger Neff / NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control; **Bear Awareness** / Steve Heerkens / NYS DEC; **Soil Health** / Olga Vargas / USDA - NRCS; **Pet Responsibility** / Ed View / Herkimer Humane Society; **Seed Saving** / Cameron Burke / Cornell Cooperative Extension; **Food Waste & Nutrition** / Jamie Bacher / Cornell Cooperative Extension SNAP Ed; **Lost in the Woods** / Gregory Hoag / NYS DEC Rangers.







4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



### Club News

The **Hawkes/Dyn 4-H family** did not hold a meeting in April. **Laken Dyn** attended the New York Cattle Battle in Rhinebeck, NY at the end of April and won Champion Maintainer with her heifer, Tiny Dancer.



The **Wanderlust 4-H Club** met in April. The group members learned about frostbite, what to watch for and how to properly warm up if you get it. The club had a very successful bake sale fundraiser just before Easter at the Tractor Supply in North Utica, and had a field trip to a sheep farm and got to bottle feed the cute little lambs. 4-H members also had a cool presentation about Herkimer Diamonds! They learned mining safety, got to see the different tools used to mine and everyone got to keep a Herkimer Diamond.



## CLUB NEWS

The **Green and Growing 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in March. In April the club members took advantage of the warm weather to meet at the Town of German Flatts pavilion to learn about the essentials for hiking and walking and also basic photography. Club leader Cassie Brackett shared 6 essential items for nature walks and hiking plus 10 supplies for going on longer excursions.

Cassie also went over basic photography covering sunlight, 1/3 rule, and learning to focus on one subject. Members then walked down the bike trail taking photos, receiving feedback and experimenting with a variety of photography devices (tablets, phones, and hand-held cameras). Members were encouraged to print and bring their photos to next month's meeting for framing to display at the county fair.

The Green and Growing club is also proud of their 4-H members that were chosen to go on to the District / Regional Public Presentations and Horse Communications.



The **Kuyahooro Kaprines 4-H Club** did not hold a meeting in April or May.



The **Milkshakers 4-H Club** held a meeting in May to discuss the club project for the Herkimer County Fair and plans for the end-of-the-year picnic that the club holds every year.

## GROW-NY YOUTH COMPETITION

### Calling all youth food system and technology entrepreneurs!

In partnership with Grow-NY, Cornell University, NYS 4-H, New York FFA, and New York Agriculture in the Classroom, we are pleased to share an exciting youth opportunity to build businesses in New York State.



Our youth are the next generation of business developers, agriculture, food, and technology leaders. With the hope of inspiring and investing in the future of food, select middle and high school youth will be chosen to attend the 2023 Grow-NY competition. Outstanding students will be selected to pitch their business idea during the competition to a panel of youth judges.

The Grow-NY competition will take place **November 14-15, 2023**. Information about your current business plan or business idea will be required to be considered for this experience. One winner will be selected amongst the pitches by a panel of judges. The top pitches will be awarded a cash prize.

Before you submit your application, you can preview a PDF version to help you prepare at <https://bit.ly/3pXPajL>. Visit <https://newyork.agclassroom.org/programs/growny/> to learn more and apply. Applications close **October 6, 2023**.

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