



4-H Facts



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2023

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

October	
1	Year End Sheets Due
1-7	National 4-H Week
5	Secretary Reports Due to 4-H Office
5	Registrations Due for Utica Zoo Volunteer Harvest Day
6	Applications Due for Grow-NY
9	Utica Zoo Garden Volunteer Harvest Day
9	Columbus Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
15	Submissions Due for National 4-H Week
19-20	Agri-Business Career Conference - SUNY Cobleskill
20	Registrations Due for Dairy Judging Clinic
20	Registrations Due for Goat & Sheep Symposium
23	Dairy Judging Clinic - Clayville
27-29	Goat & Sheep Symposium - Cornell University

November	
1	Re-enrollment Forms Due
2	Member/Volunteer Recognition Event - Herkimer BOCES
5	Secretary Reports Due to 4-H Office
10	Veteran's Day Observed (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
14-15	Grow-NY Youth Competition
23-24	Thanksgiving (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
December	
5	Secretary Reports Due to 4-H Office
25	Christmas (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
January	
1	New Year's Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)
5	Secretary Reports Due to 4-H Office
15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (<i>CCE Office Closed</i>)



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Hannah Carright**, of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H club; and **Laken Dyn** of Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members; for turning in the July 4-H club secretary report by August 5.

Congratulations to: Wanderlust Homeschool 4-H club; and **Laken Dyn** of Hawkes/Dyn family, Independent 4-H members, for turning in the August 4-H club secretary report by September 5

IMPORTANT DATES

Only those who have turned in their **Year End Completion** sheets by the October 1st deadline will be guaranteed to receive their awards. To be recognized and receive completion for the 2022 - 23 4-H year, the following are due to the 4-H Office by October 1:

- 4-H Member Year-End Completion Sheet
- 4-H Club Year-End Completion Sheet
- Application for Earn a Calf (if applicable)

Due to the 4-H office by November 1:

- 4-H Re-Enrollment Forms and fee


ATTENTION LEADERS and PARENTS!!!!!!

The enrollment fee for 2023 - 2024 4-H year for all new and re-enrolling members will be \$10 on or before November 1. If you have three or more children in one family, the limit is \$25/family. Re-enrollment forms received after November 1 will be \$15/member. No family discount will be given after November 1. New members will remain at the \$10/member fee for the 2023-24 4-H year.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK 2023



National 4-H Week is October 1-7, and this year's theme is I  4-H. Join communities across the country to celebrate National 4-H Week and highlight the great things the organization is doing to grow young people

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 15** so the awards can be given out at the Member Recognition Event. One submission per club, please.

UTICA ZOO 4-H GARDEN VOLUNTEERS DAY



The cleanup day for the Utica Zoo will be on Monday, October 9 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 October 5 if you are planning on attending.



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**.



4-H MEMBER / VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

When: November 2

5:30 pm

Where: Herkimer BOCES Lobby

We want to honor you, our 4-H members and volunteers! This year's event will start with a light dinner (5:30-6) followed by a formal awards ceremony, a fun activity, 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 Communications, Dairy Bowl, STARR, etc. Any encouraging story would be appreciated.

Call the 4-H office to register your members and volunteers. 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.

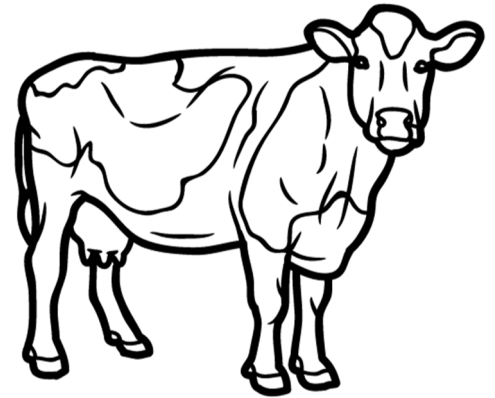
DAIRY JUDGING CLINIC

When: October 23 – 7pm

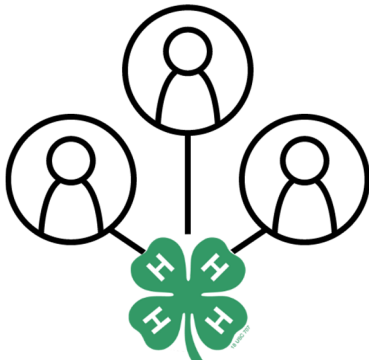
Where: ATRASS Farm, Clayville

Come learn what dairy judging is all about. Learn about what to look for in dairy cattle and judge for yourself.

Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/DairyJudge-2_230
Registration deadline is **October 20**.



4-H VOLUNTEERS - OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU



The Northeast Region Volunteerism (NERV) team continues to offer the **NE Region Volunteer Connections Series**, a special opportunity for you to join volunteers from across the region and supplement your county offerings. Topics, descriptions and registration to come. All sessions will be held from 6:30-8:00pm.

Dates will be November 8, January 10, February 13, March 12, and April 9. Contact Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu or 315-866-7920 for more information.

POWER PROTECTORS 4-H STEM CHALLENGE

Through decades of neglect and waste, Energy Island is in danger of becoming unplugged forever. Now, it's in the hands of the next generation – The Power Protectors – to save it! This year's challenge is geared towards age 8 – 12.

Working together as a SUPER team toward a common goal, young people will help endangered Energy Island move from its unsustainable carbon-based energy use to renewable solar, wind and hydro power.

By completing three engaging activities and using cooperation, determination and the POWER of reusable energy, youth will PLAY and WIN together as The Power Protectors!

The Power Protectors STEM Challenge kit includes three activities that are highly adaptable for afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, classrooms, home use and more:

Superhero Hideout – Kids will learn about renewable energy and apply this knowledge to analyze and assess their own energy use. They'll design an electrifying Power Protector hideout using their imagination and critical thinking skills to create a space to collaborate and protect Energy Island.

Amped Up Engineering – Using the Engineering Design Process, kids will design and build a model of a sustainable energy source to help Energy Island survive and thrive. They will use their Super Skills of creativity, problem solving and innovative thinking to save the day!

Energy Island Adventure – Playing this collaborative board game, kids work as a SUPER team to achieve a common goal: Help the endangered Energy Island move from its unsustainable carbon-based energy use to renewable solar, wind and hydro power. They use decision making, communication and collaborative skills to play – and WIN – together as The Power Protectors of Energy Island.



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YOUR **POWER**
PROTECTORS
ADVENTURE ON
CLOVER BY 4-H,
OUR EXCITING
ONLINE LEARNING
PLATFORM! KEEP
THE FUN GOING BY
EXPLORING WIND
POWER YOU CAN
HARNESS AT HOME!
SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW AND SIGN
UP FOR CLOVER
BY 4-H TODAY TO
EXPLORE MORE!



CLOVER

by **4H**

2023 CORNELL SHEEP & GOAT SYMPOSIUM

When: October 27-29
Where: Cornell University



Goat and sheep raisers and industry stakeholders are welcome to register for the whole event or individual days.

- Friday, is devoted to advance sign-up workshops from 3-7pm.
- Saturday has workshops from 8am - 5:15pm.
- Sunday is devoted to integrated parasite management and FAMACHA certification workshop from 9am - 12:30pm.

The program schedule, registration and additional information on parking etc. are available online at both the Cornell Goat Program Website <https://blogs.cornell.edu/goats/> and the Cornell Sheep Program Website <https://blogs.cornell.edu/newsheep/> Registration deadline is **Friday Oct 20**. Please contact Barbara Jones at 607-255-7712 with further registration questions.

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAM

The 4-H Youth in Action program amplifies the diverse stories and leadership of 4-H youth who are making a difference in their communities every day. It is a premiere community of 4-H'ers who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others.



Each year, program participants receive an exciting year of media training and national opportunities to share their 4-H story and leadership.

Four Award Winners will receive:

- A **\$5,000 scholarship for higher education**, to be paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools or other advanced learning opportunities.
- A **year of personal professional and media development**, training, and networking opportunities and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and key thought leader in your program area.
- **All-expenses paid trips** for each award winner & a chaperone to travel as the national youth spokesperson.
- An official **reference letter** from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

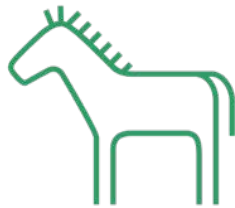
All Youth in Action Program applicants will receive:

- **Media, interview, and storytelling training** from National 4-H professionals.
- Admission into our national 4-H story database; providing **potential national multi-media and spokesperson opportunities**.

Go to <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/> to see the 2024 application.

4-H PROJECT TALKS AND MAKE & TAKES AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

This year, 15 4-H members talked to the public about their 4-H projects whether it was about their animals or posters. 4-H members and their families also demonstrating how to make cheese, paint with soil, make butter, and make 4-H slime with the public, during the Herkimer County Fair. Thank you to all the 4-H members and families that wore our newly designed 4-H Fair shirt on 4-H Day Thursday August 17. FFA from Richfield Springs and West Canada schools were also represented in the youth building on Friday, FFA Day.



4-H MEMBERS EXHIBIT NON-ANIMAL EXHIBITS AT HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

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

Twenty-six 4-H members from four 4-H clubs entered 193 exhibits in this years' Herkimer County Fair. Participating clubs included **Green and Growing, Milkshakers, Wanderlust** and **Independent** 4-H members.

Congratulations to the following 4-H members for exhibiting their projects at the Herkimer County Fair: **Ahna Brackett, Gami Brackett, Halleli Brackett, Shani Brackett, Abigail Busch, Daniel Busch, Hannah Busch, Aurora Davis, Amelia Day, Emily Day, James Day, Collin Donahoe, Laiken Donahoe, Mason Donahoe, Brantley Downes, Laylah Downes, Mellena Hawkins, Abigail LaFave, Connor McCutcheon, Gwendalyn McCutcheon, Olivia Pierce, Lily Simmons, Skye Simmons, and Scarlett Wilt.**

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

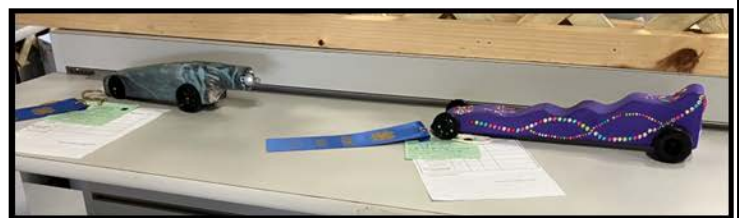
Fifteen 4-H exhibitors had items selected to go on to the New York State Fair. They include **Ahna Brackett, Gamliel Brackett, Halleli Brackett, Shani Brackett, Daniel Busch, Hannah Busch, Aurora Davis, Amelia Day, Emily Day, Brantley Downes, Laylah Downes, Connor McCutcheon, Gwendalyn McCutcheon, and Olivia Pierce.** There were thirty-two exhibits in total.

Working at the NY State Fair

Herkimer County 4-H Youth Leaders **Daniel** and **Hannah Busch** along with their family of the **Green and Growing 4-H club** worked in the county booth at the NY State Fair making 4-H Green Slime with the public, and earned an extra \$20 for their club. Herkimer County 4-H Teen Leader, **Ahna Brackett** worked in the 4-H horse shows at the NY State Fair, and her brother **Gamliel Brackett** worked as a Junior Superintendent in the GPS/GIS booth. A special thank you to **Mary Franklin** for working the county booth in the 4-H youth building at the NY State fair.



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

HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL SHOW RESULTS

Youth had a great week exhibiting their animals at the Herkimer County Fair. Results of the Youth Show are as follows:

Shaun Merrill was the official judge for the dairy shows. **Skye Simmons** was named Master Showman.

Individual breed awards are as follows:

Holstein Junior Champion went to **Isabella Burton**, Senior & Grand Champion went to **Noah Hula** while Isabella Burton was reserve. Isabella also received the Bud Johnson Memorial Award for the Best Bred & Owned animal with her Junior 2 Year Old Cow.

Mellena Hawkins exhibited the Junior & Grand Champion Ayrshire and the Junior Champion Jersey.

In the Lineback breed, **Lily Simmons** was Reserve Junior Champion.

Laiken Donahoe's Brown Swiss heifer was Junior Champion, Supreme Junior Animal and Reserve Grand Champion. **Collin Donahoe** exhibited the Grand Champion Brown Swiss.

Brynnlee Holbert and **Skye Simmons** were awarded Junior & Reserve Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn, respectively.

Herkimer County Fair Beef Show Awards:

Jake Cornwall from Central Bridge, NY judged this year's Beef Show. **Nathen Teachout** was named Master Showman.

Gordon Donahoe exhibited the Grand Champion AOB and the Supreme Champion Female & Supreme Beef.

James Donahoe was awarded the Mike Mosher Award.

Herkimer County Fair Dairy Goat Show Awards:

Jessie Baker of Richfield Springs was the dairy goat judge for 2023. **Lucas** and **Logan Humphreville** were the lone Herkimer County 4-H goat exhibitors at the county fair, but they exhibited high quality animals and were well deserving of all their awards with **Lucas** receiving the Supreme Dairy Goat Award.

Herkimer County Fair Horse Show:

Brantley Downes and **Ahna & Shani Brackett** exhibited their horses in the youth horse show. **Shani** was grand champion walk/trot while **Brantley** was reserve.

Congratulations to all of our exhibitors.

NYS Fair Animal Exhibits:

Congratulations to **Laken Dyn** for exhibiting her beef heifer at the NYS Fair.





NYS FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Laken Dyn and **Anna Hawkes** participated in livestock judging at the NYS Fair early Tuesday morning, but made it worth the early morning trip to Syracuse (had to be there by 7:30am!) by placing 2nd (Laken) and 8th (Anna) against youth from across the state. These placings earned them the 1st place team (along with 2 4-H members from Otsego County). Laken & Anna will now go on to represent NYS 4-H at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY in November. Great job, girls...we are so proud of you!



CLUB NEWS

The **Green and Growing 4-H club** did not meet in July or August. Club members participated at the Herkimer County fair and the NY State Fair.



Independent members **Hawks/Dyn family** did not hold a meeting in July and August. Members participated in the FM Junior livestock show and the NY State fair.



The **Kuyahooraa Kaprines 4-H club** did not meet in July or August. Club members participated at the Herkimer County fair.



The **Wanderlust 4-H club** took care of the Utica zoo garden in August. Club members participated at the Herkimer County fair, and the NY State fair





There is a new website for 4-H ideas and projects. Explore fun, educational activities and learning experiences for kids and teens to do at home. All you need is an e-mail address to sign up.

Activities for Pre-K – 12 grade

You can get fresh recipes from 4-H chefs, learn all about pollinators, and dive deeper into Ag careers... CHECK IT OUT! <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

Topics to choose from:

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