

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H



Clover News

August - September 2026



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4-H Calendar

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I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

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CCEFM Office Reminders

- When sending mail to the 4-H Office please use this complete address:

**CCEFM, PO Box 1500, 20 Park St, Room 202,
Fonda, NY 12068.**

If "PO Box 1500" is not included, mail will be returned to sender

- **The CCEFM Office is closed on Fridays.**

If you need to deliver paperwork outside of office hours, please utilize the mail slot on the side of our shed (Off the end of the annex parking lot, go in between the two sheds and look to the right to locate the mail slot) larger packages must be delivered to the office during Monday-Thursday office hours (8:30am-4:30pm) or by preset appointment on Friday.

Do not leave anything outside of the Shed or the Montgomery County Annex Building.

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Website: www.ccefm.com



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2026 FONDA FAIR TIMELINE

Monday, August 24 – CCE Building Clean-Up (9am-Noon), Pot Luck (Noon-12:45pm),

****NEW**** – Clean-Up Afternoon Shift (12:45-3:45pm)

Saturday, August 29 – 4-H Non-Animal Judging Day (10am-3pm)

Monday, August 31 – CCE Building Setup (9am-12pm) and (1pm-4pm)

Tuesday, September 1 – Animal Exhibit Truck-In Day (10am-6pm)

Wednesday, September 2 – Monday, September 7 – 2026 Fonda Fair

Monday, September 7 – 4-H Livestock Auction (11am – Ag2000)

Monday, September 7 – Pick-up Non-Animal Exhibits (7pm-8pm)

Animal exhibits released after 6pm

Tuesday, September 8 – CCE Building Clean-up & Pick-Up (9am-Noon)

****NEW**** Teen Leader Shift for CCE Building Clean-Up & Pick-Up (9am-Noon)



2026 4-H Fonda Fair Animal Show Timeline

Monday, August 24 (Pre Fair)

6pm – 4-H Processed Poultry Market Classes – Live Judging

Wednesday, September 2

10am – 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

11am – 4-H Dairy Cattle Show

11am – 4-H Breed Poultry Show

Thursday, September 3

9am – 4-H Horse Show

10am – 4-H Beef Cattle Show

4-H Swine to follow Beef

Friday, September 4

9am – 4-H Dairy Goat Show

4pm – 4-H Production Poultry Show

Saturday, September 5

10am – 4-H Meat, Pygmy & Pet Goat Show

4-H Sheep to follow

4-H & Open Meat, Pygmy & Pet Goat Show

Sunday, September 6

4pm – 4-H Master Showman

Monday, September 7

11am – 4-H Livestock Auction

3pm – Awards Ceremony (4-H followed by Open)

Please be aware of the Fonda Fair policy regarding parking.

Parking passes will only be available to large animal exhibitors. Small Animal (poultry, rabbit, cavy) & Non-Animal Exhibitors will not receive a parking pass. Parking is \$5 per day.

Please plan accordingly.



ATTENTION RABBIT & POULTRY 4-H EXHIBITORS

A detailed schedule for the 4-H Poultry Show & the 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be sent to all exhibitors before the fair to plan appropriately.

2026 Fonda Fair

Fun in the 4-H Snack Bar

Are you 10 years old or older? Looking to join other 4-Hers in the Snack Bar scooping ice cream and making milkshakes? 4-H is in need of both youth and adult helpers the week of the fair. If a 4-H youth or adult works a three hour shift they will earn a coupon for a free sweet treat!

Call the 4-H office as soon as possible at (518)853-2135 for available shifts.

Teen Leaders & Adult Helpers

The 4-H Office is seeking youth ages 12 and over to be teen leaders for the CCE building. If you have any interest in helping out, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

We are also in need of adult volunteers (19 and older) to assist with public relations, exhibit security, and crowd control in the CCE Building.

Call the 4-H office as soon as possible at (518)853-2135 for available shifts.

Exhibit Take-In and Take-Out Times

Take-In Times:

Non-Animal - Saturday, August 29 for 4-H Non-Animal Judging Day

10:00AM-Noon & 12:45PM– 2:45PM

Animal - Tuesday, September 1 - 10:00AM-6:00PM

Take-Out Times:

Non-Animal - Monday, September 7 - 7:00PM-8:00PM

Tuesday, September 8 - 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Animal - Monday, September 7 - After 6:00PM

**4-H Parent Passes & Volunteer Passes to be picked up on Saturday, August 23
during the 4-H Non-Animal Judging times listed above**



4-H Entry Cards

Pictured below is the 4-H Non-Animal entry card that must be securely attached to each (non-animal) 4-H exhibit/project which is entered in the 4-H building. On Non-Animal Judging Day (Saturday, August 29) all exhibits are to be brought to the 4-H building to be judged one-on-one with 4-Hers.

Non-Animal 4-H Entry cards are distributed when entries are delivered to the 4-H office. If you mailed, emailed or faxed your entries, cards are available to be picked-up at the 4-H Office.

Fillable pdf entry cards. If you choose this method, you must print your own entry cards on white card stock.

Entry cards printed on regular paper will not be accepted. Hole punch and paper perforator will be available at check-in on Non-Animal judging day.

QR CODE
Poultry Card



QR CODE
Rabbit/Cavy Card



We highly encourage youth complete entry cards before Non-Animal judging day.

Rabbits, Poultry, Livestock & Horses. Animal Exhibit Cards will be distributed at the 4-H Animal Exhibitor Meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 7pm in the Ag2000 Building.

Fillable pdf animal exhibit cards. If you choose this method, you must print your own entry cards on white card stock. **Entry cards printed on regular paper will not be accepted.**

QR CODE
Livestock & Horse Card



Find the correct division in the fair book and then locate the correct class number for your item

What is the name of the 4-H project you took? - Adventures in Clothing? Simple Gifts? Needlearts? Etc.

Your name - first and last

The bottom portion is filled out the same as the top.

Montgomery-Fulton County Fair
Fill Out Both Parts Do NOT Tear Apart
4-H Entry Card **for ALL Classes**
(Except Livestock & Horses)

Class No. _____

Variety/Breed/Item _____

Project Name _____ Yrs. _____

Exhibitor's Name _____ Age _____

Club _____

Best of Show _____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Worthy _____ No Award _____

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Class No. _____

Variety/Breed/Item _____

Project Name _____ Yrs. _____

Exhibitor's Name _____ Age _____

Club _____

What is the item? Photograph? Insect Collection? Sewing Box? Rocket? Green Pepper? Muffins?

How many years have you taken this project? (Including this year)

How old are you as of January 1st? (Same age as entered on current enrollment form)

The name of your 4-H club. If you are an independent member put "Independent Member" on this line

QR CODE
Fillable Non-Animal Exhibit Card



HERDSMANSHIP & STABLE MANAGEMENT

(only applicable to youth showing Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Meat & All Other Goats & Horses)

HERDSMANSHIP CRITERIA - Each Section is graded 0 - 5: 0 being the lowest and 5 being the highest

Alley & Isles - Alley and public area are to be clean and neat; Hay/feed/tack neat & orderly;
Wheelbarrow clean and out of the way.

Stalls & Animals - Stalls, Bedding, Animals and Exhibit are to be clean and neat.

Display - **4-H Animal Exhibit Cards are mandatory to use in stall decorations for each animal entered in 4-H.**

Decorations are to be neat and attractive, display must include some form of educational component to educate the general public on your given animal science project. Could include breed association educational materials and more!

Note: If your 4-H exhibit card is eaten, missing or destroyed, please ask Kyle for a replacement 4-H animal exhibit card.

4-H animal exhibit card suffices the 4-H clover requirement in your display. If you do not have your exhibit clearly labeled, herdsmanhip/stable management judges will not be able to judge your exhibit and the score will be a 0 for that time frame.

Judging will occur ONCE daily between 9am-5pm

Ag2000 Building, Cow Palace and the Horse barns.

New for 2026 - Set panel of Herdsmanship & Stable Management judges for each area this year.

Small Animal Costume Contest & Livestock Trivia at the Fair!

Just for fun activities on Thursday, September 3

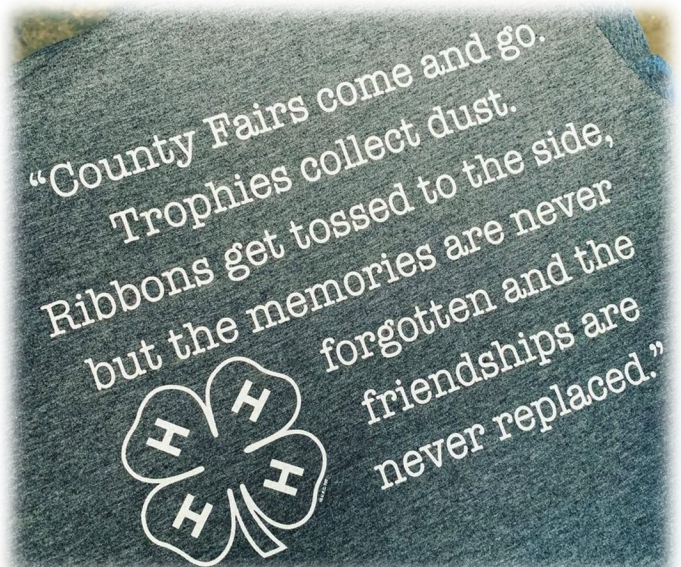
6:00pm—Small Animal Costume Contest—Poultry Building

7:00pm—Livestock Trivia Night—Ag2000

No pre-entry required—All enrolled 4-H youth may participate!

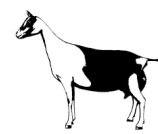
Show Whites

*Do you have any
show whites that
you would like to
donate or swap?
If so, let the 4-H
Office know.*





Animal Happenings!



4-H Horse Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 22
via Zoom

4-H Adult Volunteers with an interest in Horses are welcome to join this committee and assist with planning horse related 4-H events.

To be included email Kyle at
ky292@cornell.edu



RSVP by
September 21

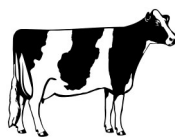
4-H Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 18
6pm in Room 214

Montgomery County Annex

Zoom link available to those unable to attend in-person.

4-H Adult Volunteers with an interest in Dairy, Livestock and/or Small Animals are welcome to join this committee and assist with planning for these project areas.



RSVP by
August 17



2026 Fenimore Farm Junior Livestock Show

DAIRY CATTLE

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Showman

Reserve Champion Age 16 Dairy Showman

Ava Canary

Champion Junior Holstein

Charlise Canary

Champion Age 17-18 Dairy Showman

Taylre Watterson

SWINE

Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt

Levi Russell



2026 Fenimore Farm Junior Livestock Show

BEEF CATTLE

Champion Shorthorn Heifer

Kathryn Russell

Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer

Shannon Dening

Reserve Champion Other Registered Breed Heifer

Lillian Perham

Champion Feeder Steer

Corbin Myers

SHEEP

Champion Commercial Ram

Benjamin Handy

Grand Champion Shropshire

Champion Shropshire Ewe

Reserve Champion Shropshire Ewe

Kailyn Dening

MEAT GOAT

Reserve Champion Novice Meat Goat Showman

Isabella Rice

DAIRY GOAT

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman

Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showman

Evelyn Handy

Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Goat Showman

Abigail Hillicoss

Reserve Champion 12-13 Dairy Goat Showman

Nathaniel Handy

Champion Senior Alpine

Lillian Hillicoss

DAIRY GOAT

Reserve Champion Senior Saanen & Sable

Nathaniel Handy

Champion Junior Recorded Grade

Logan Elwood

Reserve Champion Junior Recorded Grade

Lillian Hillicoss



*Lillian Perham (Senior)
2026 Chobani Scholarship Recipient*



*Congratulations to all
Fulton-Montgomery 4-H
youth that showed at the
Junior Livestock Show!*



THANK YOU

*to all of the 4-H adult volunteers whom
assisted at the Junior Livestock Show!*



PULL TOGETHER for children and families

RMHC® of the Capital Region recycles aluminum pull tabs and metal bottle caps for revenue to help provide services for families of seriously ill or injured children. Thousands of dollars are raised each year through this recycling effort!



Collect pull tabs and metal bottle caps from:
Soda cans • Glass bottles • Soup cans • Pet food cans • Tennis ball cans
Anything with a metal pull tab or bottle cap!



12.8 lbs collected so far!

**Want to help the cause?
Bring your can tabs to the 4-H/CC Building
at the Fonda Fair.**



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
of the Capital Region

**Many thanks to all whom have collected
can tabs for this cause!**

**Collecting year-round for Ronald McDonald House
Charities. Can tabs may be dropped off at the 4-H Office**



Pictured above: 4-H Cloverbud Maddy Dawson with her can tabs she collected.

New 4-H Club Interest Meetings

Wednesday, September 16

Montgomery County Annex - Room 214
2 Sessions: 1pm-2pm or 6pm-7pm

Join CCE Fulton-Montgomery staff to learn about our local 4-H program and how to start a 4-H club in your community!

All you need to start a 4-H Club:

- Reside in Fulton or Montgomery counties
- Have 2 Adults volunteers and at least 5 youth
- Attend a new 4-H Club Interest Meeting or call 518-853-2135 for additional information.

To attend: Email ky292@cornell.edu or call 518-853-2135
RSVP with preferred session no later than Monday, September 14

**FULTON
MONTGOMERY**





Fulton-Montgomery 4-H

Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education



4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

6pm - Room 111 - Montgomery County Annex

All 4-H Adult Volunteers with an interest in shooting sports and outdoor education are invited to attend. This task group plans and administers 4-H activities and programs pertaining to all areas of outdoor education.

If this sounds like something you would be interest in, please **RSVP to the 4-H office by Monday, August 10.**

Upcoming 4-H Shootings Sports Instructor Trainings

4-H SHOTGUN INSTURCTOR TRAINING—SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026

CCE Saratoga Training Center, Ballston Spa, NY

More information will be shared when available. Contact Kyle at ky292@cornell.edu if interested.



Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Thursday

Next meeting:

August 13 – Summer Picnic & Fonda Fair Opportunities

No meeting in September

RSVP by the Tuesday before each meeting date

6pm – Room 214 – Montgomery County Annex

Totally Teens is the counties-wide 4-H club for youth ages 13-19 in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. The members focus on community service activities, social activities, planning and facilitating new 4-H events, and participating in special events and programs hosted by other 4-H teen programs in neighboring counties.

For more information about the club, please contact the 4-H Office, 518-853-2135

 at Hu Hill Farm

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SUNDAE ON THE FARM



Sunday, September 20th, 2026



SundaeOnTheFarm.com



232 Lighthall Rd, Fort Plain, NY 13339

Seeking 4-H Clubs and individuals interested in tabling at this event, be it with an activity or bringing animals. If interested, please email Kyle at ky292@cornell.edu by Monday, September 14.

4-H Club Leaders, please consider your club participating in this event as it would be an excellent opportunity for clubs to showcase what they do and be a way for potential new 4-H members to see what clubs are offered in our counties.



SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Agri-Business Career Conference

October 8-9, 2026

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SUNY COBLESKILL
AG & TECH

Open to enrolled 4-H youth ages 14 and older
Registration information will be released in July.

4-H Volunteer Meeting



Tuesday, September 15

Montgomery County Annex

Room 214 - 6pm

All 4-H Volunteers, Leaders and Interested Adults are invited to attend. Have a favorite recipe that you are dying to try? Bring your favorite snack or dessert to share with your 4-H family. We will also be discussing upcoming 4-H events and share experiences among 4-H volunteers and staff. This is a great way to network with other adult volunteers!

**RSVP to the 4-H Office
by Monday, September 14 to attend**



4H
NEW YORK

SAVE THE DATE

4-H State Teen Action Retreat (STAR)

September 18-20, 2026

Camp Woodland
Constantia, NY (Oswego County)

The 4-H STAR program is open to
4-H members, 13-19 years old.

4-H Member

Record Books

Updated for 2026

4-H Member Record Book



Animal Record Sheet

Record Book How To



Cloverbud Record Book

4-H Project Record Books Due to the 4-H office by October 15!

Want to complete the 2025-2026 4-H program year and be recognized for all your hard work in 4-H? Don't forget that record books must be up-to-date with 4-H projects completed, what you have learned and 4-H things that you have done. Need help? Contact us at the office and we will be glad to assist.

Books need to be submitted to the 4-H office by
October 15 to be eligible for awards at
Recognition Night and to receive one's
Fonda Fair premium check.

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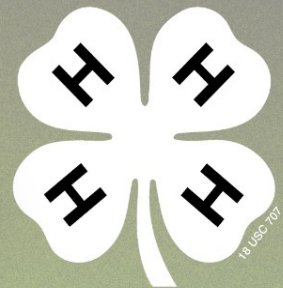
New pages need to be added each year.

Animal record sheets need to be completed and
submitted with record books.

Books need to be complete, written in pen, neat and most
of all tell us what you have learned!

*The Record Books
are located on our
website at
www.ccefm.com or
call the 4-H office !*

4-H Member & Volunteer Recognition & Potluck Dinner



Save the Date

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Dinner at 1:30pm, Awards & Recognition at 2:15pm

Johnstown Moose Lodge - 109 S Comrie Ave, Johnstown, NY 12095



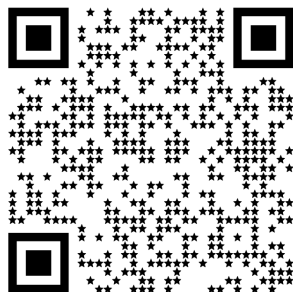
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(tentative)

NY State Fair Information

Animal Science Entry Deadline August 10th



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November

- 3 Election Day, CCE Office Closed
- 8 4-H Member & Volunteer Recognition & Annual Meeting, Potluck Supper & Awards Program
- 11 Veterans' Day, CCE Office Closed
- 12 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 17 4-H Volunteer Team Meeting
- 25-27 Thanksgiving, CCE Office Closed

December

- 1 4-H Re-Enrollments Due!
- 10 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- TBD Holidays, CCE Office Closed
- TBD 4-H Holiday Workshop
- TBD 4-H Arts Show, Amsterdam Free Library



KAYLA GULICK



KATHRYN RUSSELL



2026 JENNIFER FREEMAN 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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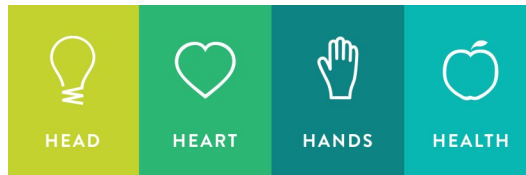
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20 Park Street, Room 202

Fonda, NY 12068

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



Share photos and stories from your 4-H Club meetings, events and experiences to have them featured in an issue of the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Clover News.

***Please email submission to Kyle at
ky292@cornell.edu***