

Fulton-Montgomery Clover News

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December 2024 - January 2025

4-H Calendar

December:

- 12 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 18 Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting
- 19 4-H Livestock Auction Interest Meeting
- 20-31 CCEFM Office Closed for the Holidays



Above: Members of the Smarty Crafters 4-H Club Lining up for the Johnstown Holiday Parade



January:

- 1 Livestock Auction, Beef Cattle Ownership Deadline
- 1 Holidays, CCE Office Closed
- 7 4-H Officer Training, Rescheduled Date
- 9 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 14 4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting
- 15 NYS Guernsey Calf Scholarship App Due
- 16 4-H Horse Task Group Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, CCE Office Closed
- 21 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 21 Earn-An-Animal Applications Due
- 22 4-H Volunteer Connections Zoom
- 24 4-H International Night
- TBD Earn-An-Animal Interviews
- TBD Market Animal Series, Beef & Swine



February:

- 1 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Begins
- 12 4-H Mystery Chick Registration Due
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 15 Guernsey Calf Scholarship App Due
- 17 Presidents' Day, CCE Office Closed
- 18 Public Presentations Workshop
- 19 4-H Volunteer Connections Zoom
- 21-23 Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Training
- 26 Mystery Chick Incubation Training
- TBD Market Animal Series,



Above: Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club Visiting Benson's Pet Center

Left: Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club at the Apple Orchard

Far Left: Kline Klimbers 4-H Club - Thanksgiving Baskets for community service.



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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Above: Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club members at their December Christmas Party



Above: Ames for the Skies 4-H Club members had a goat meet & greet at their recent meeting.

Submitted by Wyatt Tylutki,
Club Photographer



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4-H Recognition Night Recap



2024
Outstanding
4-H Members!
Congratulations!

*L to R: Evelyn Handy, Grant Easton,
Miranda DuBray Camera Shy: Victoria Rice*



Seniors - Evelyn Handy & Victoria Rice
Juniors - Miranda DuBray & Grant Easton



Dawn Agnes Memorial
Award
Sponsored by Kickin
Country Clovers 4-H Club
Grant Easton



James Canary, Sr
Memorial Award
Sponsored by The Opalka
Family
Ava Canary
Congratulations!



2024 Supreme Master
Showman
Shannon Dening
2024 Reserve
Master Showman
Evelyn Handy

2024 4-H Project Recognition



Adams, Austin	Agriculture - Dairy Goat	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
Angus, Georgiana	Achievement - Community Service - Cultural Education - Horse Driving - Public Speaking - Quiz Bowl	Individual Member
Baldwin, Abigail	Waste Management	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Bates, Jocelyn	Achievement - Livestock - Photography - Plants	Individual Member
Beck, Audrianna	Creative Design - Food & Nutrition - Goats	Aries 4-H Club
Beck, Aydin	Archery - Creative Design - Creative Fine Arts - Photography - Rabbits	Aries 4-H Club
Beck, Gavin	Archery - Creative Arts & Crafts - Food & Nutrition - Rabbits - Sheep	Aries 4-H Club
Beck, Maddex	Clothing & Textiles - Community Service - Creative Fine Arts - Goats	Aries 4-H Club
Brackett, Eliyahna	Floriculture	Mohawk Valley Midnight Riders 4-H Club
Brownell, Kale	Metal Work - Small Engines	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Brush, Elizabeth	Bird Study - Community Service - Creative Arts & Crafts - Dog Care & Training - Environmental Stewardship - Expressive Arts - Incubation & Embryology - Indoor Gardening - Poultry	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Brush, Jocelyn	Bird Study - Community Service - Creative Arts & Crafts - Dog Care & Training - Environmental Stewardship - Expressive Arts - Incubation & Embryology - Indoor Gardening - Poultry	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Bushey, Chloe	Cultural Education - Forestry & Wildlife - Indoor Gardening - Leadership - Public Speaking - Rabbits - Vegetables	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Canary, Ava	Dairy Cattle	Individual Member
Canary, Charlise	Dairy Cattle	Individual Member
Canary, Gabriel	Dairy Cattle	Individual Member
Clouthier, Dawson	Dairy Goat	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
Colletti, Alyssa	Leadership	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Cooper, Brayden	Forestry - Needlework - Hippology - Quiz Bowl	Individual Member
Cooper, Jason	Forestry - Incubation & Embryology - Needlework - Hippology - Sheep - Quiz Bowl	Individual Member
Cunningham, Josilyn	Bees, Cultural Education - Dairy Goat - First Aid - Forestry - Poultry - Quiz Bowl	Crispy Kritters 4-H Club
Davis, Grace	Community Service - Food & Nutrition - Photography - Sheep - Woodworking -	Aries 4-H Club
Dening, Kailyn	Shooting Sports - Sheep	Aries 4-H Club

2024 4-H Project Recognition



Dening, Meghan	Agriculture - Poultry - Sheep - Public Speaking	Aries 4-H Club
Dening, Shannon	Achievement - Agriculture - Animal Science - Incubation & Embryology - Livestock - Poultry - Public Speaking - Woodworking	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Doak, Abigail	Creative Arts & Crafts	Individual Member
Doak, Juliana	Dog	Individual Member
Donde, Rhiannon	Creative Design	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club
Donde, Seamus	Archery - Indoor Gardening	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club
DuBray, Miranda	Citizenship - Metal Work - Needlework - Public Speaking	Aries 4-H Club
Dygert, Olivia	Horse	Individual Member
Easton, Grant	Agriculture - Livestock - Public Speaking - Woodworking	Ames for the Skies 4-H Club
Easton, Lydia	Community Service - Creative Design - Entomology - Public Speaking	Ames for the Skies 4-H Club
Elder, Jasalynn	Creative Arts & Crafts	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Elwood, Logan	Animal Science	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Escher, Illyria	Citizenship - Cultural Education - Expressive Arts - Indoor Gardening - Leadership - Science & Technology	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Escher, Lucia	Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - Cultural Education - Creative Design - Expressive Arts - Forestry & Wildlife - Incubation & Embryology - Performing Arts - Rocketry	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Etkin, Davina	Creative Design - Creative Fine Arts	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club
Fessenden, Donovan	Clothing & Textiles - Forestry - Poultry - Public Speaking - Vegetables	Lucky Green 4-H Club
Foote, Brooke	Dairy Cattle - Horse - Public Speaking - Veterinary Science	Individual Member
Furman, Colton	Incubation & Embryology	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Gulick, Kayla	Achievement - Indoor Gardening - Leadership - Poultry	Individual Member
Gunnison, Joseph	Community Service - Small Engines - Shooting Sports	Individual Member
Handy, Benjamin	Metal Work - Shooting Sports - Tractors	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Handy, Evelyn	Animal Science - Breads (Yeast) - Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - Community Service - Dairy Goat - First Aid/Safety - Leadership - Livestock - Photography - Shooting Sports	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Handy, Luke	Metal Work - Poultry	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club

2024 4-H Project Recognition



Handy, Nathaniel	Forestry - Livestock - Tractors	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Handy, Samuel	Metal Work - Tractors	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Hart, Morgan	Achievement - Dairy Goat - Floriculture - Horse - Market Animal - Meat Goat - Poultry - Rabbit	Individual Member
Hartlieb, Joscelyn	Horse Driving - Quiz Bowl	Rusty Bits 4-H Club
Hillicoss, Abigail	Dairy Goat - Leadership - Photography	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
Hillicoss, Hailee	Creative Fine Arts	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
Hoag, Amelia	Cavy - Community Service	Rockin Rabbits 4-H Club
Homs, London	Horse	4 The Community 4-H Club
Jeffer, Colton	Woodworking	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Jeffer, Gwendolyn	Flowers	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Kelly, Lydia	Expressive Arts - Photography	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Laffety, Vyktoria	Agriculture - Beef - Market Animal	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Lenz, Angela	Leadership - Sheep	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Lozier, Abigail	Flowers - Woodworking	Ames for the Skies 4-H Club
MacIntosh, Samantha	Sheep	Crispy Kritters 4-H Club
Manchester, McKenzie	Apiary/Beekeeping - Dairy Cattle - Dairy Goat - Poultry	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
McGee, Briana	Dairy Cattle	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club
McSpirit, Maegann	Expressive Arts	Aries 4-H Club
Myers, Corbin	Livestock - Market Animals	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Myers, Owen	Rabbits	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Myers, Tristan	Livestock	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club
Nacco, Emmaline	Astronomy - Bird Study - Community Service - Creative Arts & Crafts - Environmental Stewardship - Waste Management	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Nelson, Alexander	Achievement - Animal Science - Citizenship - Food Preservation - Goats - Horticulture - Leadership - Market Animals - Photography - Public Speaking - Rabbit	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Peterson, Waylon	Creative Design - Goats - Livestock - Photography	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Quinlan, Blake	Community Service - First Aid/Safety - Fishing - Health & Fitness - Horticulture - Pets - Tractors	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club & Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Ray, Mckenzie	Quiz Bowl	Individual Member

2024 4-H Project Recognition



Rice, Isabella	Citizenship - County Fair	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Rice, Samantha	Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - County Fair	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Rice, Victoria	Citizenship - County Fair - Clothing & Textiles - Incubation & Embryology - Leadership - Metal Work	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Robinson, Elizabeth	Goats - Poultry	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Rocklin, Declan	Agriculture - Creative Arts & Crafts - Dairy Goat - Rabbit - Sheep - Vegetables	Dirty Boots 4-H Club
Romell, Macie	Horse - Incubation & Embryology	Individual Member
Romell, Makenna	Leadership	Individual Member
Russell, Kathryn	Achievement - Beef - Breads (Yeast) - Citizenship - Creative Fine Arts - Food & Nutrition - Goats - Leadership - Market Animals	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Russell, Levi	Citizenship - Forestry - Goats - Livestock - Market Animals - Shooting Sports - Swine - Woodworking	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Smith, Isabella	Dairy Cattle	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club
Thomas, Alex	Tractors	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club
Trauger, Carrie	Animal Science - Hippology - Horticulture - Quiz Bowl	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Warner, Alena	Cultural Education	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Wells, Elaina	Achievement - Breads (Yeast) - Clothing & Textiles - Dairy Cattle - Food & Nutrition - Food Preservation - Photography - Shooting Sports	Individual Member
Wichman, Clara	Vegetables	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Wichman, Landon	Metal Work	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club
Wilmot, Eva	Goats - Rabbit	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Wilmot, Wyatt	Bird Study - Environmental Stewardship - Shooting Sports	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club
Yaiser, Avery	Archery - Astronomy - Clothing & Textiles - Hiking & Backpacking - Indoor Gardening - Public Speaking - Woodworking	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club
Zido, Zachary	Horse	Individual Member



Congratulations!



4-H Member Milestones

CLOVERBUDS MOVING UP
Becker, Jordan
Brown, Lindsey
Clouthier, Carson
Cooper, Myla
Demitraszek, Emily
Foote, Braxton
Harding, Dawson
Izzo, Tyler
Marcellino, Mariah
Morey, Paislee
Norton, Isabella
Norton, Isabella
Norton, Jackson
Norton, Molly
Opalka, Duke
Potter, Grace
Rivera, Mariano
Rusnica, Otto
Shelmerdine, James
Wallington, Shelby

FIRST YEAR IN 4-H		
Acovangelo, Madison	Gamble, Luke	Rice, Isabella
Adamoschek, Iris	Harrington, Arabella	Rice, Samantha
Adams, Austin	Harrington, Pippa	Rice, Victoria
Beck, Audrianna	Herringshaw, Kellan	Richards, Autumn
Betts, Luna	Hill, Wyatt	Richards, Sarena
Bogart, Persephony	Homs, Ivan	Robinson, Elizabeth
Brown, Bentley	Kapp, Liam	Rogala, Noah
Bushey, Chloe	Knapp, Bay	Shelmerdine, Evelyn
Carpenter, Maria	Leonard, Sadie	Smith Isabella
Carpenter, Mikey	Lozier, Abigail	Smith, Lashajuan
Cunningham, Josilyn	Marcellino, Lea	Smith, Tayler
Dawson, Khaleesi	Marcellino, Lucas	Stewart, Cora-Mae
DeJong, Solara	Mazza, Molly	Swezey, Branson
Downes, Brantley	McWayne, Sophia	Wallace, Bryce
Dygert, Tucker	Murtlow, Daniella	Warner, Alena
Easton, Lydia	Myers, Corbin	Warner, Lane
Elder, Jasalynn	Panczner, Avery	Williams, Ma'Riyah
Elwood, Logan	Parmateer, Isabella	Wilson, Johnathan
Fox, Anna	Ramirez-Vasquez, Zeke	Wilson, Lanna
Furman, Colton	Reid, Jackson	Yaiser, Avery
Gamble, Abigail	Reyes, Selena	Zido, Zachary

5th YEAR IN 4-H	
Beck, Gavin	Handy, Samuel
Buddles, Tye	Perham, Lillian
Etkin, Davina	Peterson, Waylon
Handy, Ben	Russell, Levi
Handy, Elizabeth	Sanborn, Evan
Handy, Evelyn	Soodsma, Alexis
Handy, Nathaniel	Wichman, Clara



4-H Member Milestones

10th YEAR IN 4-H

Bates, Jocelyn
Countermine, Addy
Ellis, Mackenzie
Glode, Ashley
Hoag, Amelia
Lenz, Angela
MacIntosh, Sabrina
MacIntosh, Samantha
Martineau, Gabriella
McSpirit, Maegan
Ray, McKenzie

OVER 10 YEARS IN 4-H

Angus, Georgiana - 13 Years
Fessenden, Bridgett - 13 Years
Hayner, Mitchell - 11 Years



4-H High School Seniors

Angus, Georgiana
 Canary, Charlise
 Carpenter, Maria
 Carpenter, Mikey
 Cheney, Gracie
 Glode, Ashley
 Handy, Samuel
 Hillicoss, Abigail
 Homs, Ivan
 Loucks, Ariana
 Moules, Lily
 Ray, McKenzie
 Rice, Victoria
 Smith, Lashajuan
 Wells, Elaina



1st Year

Booth, Allen
Brush, Chris
Bushey, Michael
Cooper, Emily
Cooper, Kyle
DeJong, Nicole
Homs, Desmonique
Homs-Jarvis, Mehkla
Keehan, Sarah
Mazza, Megan
Nelson, Jenna
Rice, Michelle
Schumacher, Evelyn
Schumacher, Evelyn
Trauger, Karen
Wilmot, Ron
Wilson, Brian
Wilson, Leah
Yaiser, Kasey
Zido, Kristina

5th Year

Davis, Danielle
Lenz, David
Myers Jr, Chad
Ostrander, Josh

10th Year

Beck, Tammi
Bell, Amber
Countermin, Rebecca
Gogis, Erika
Gogis, Matthew
Jakeman, Sarah
Knott, Edwin
Martineau, Rebecca
Nasadoski, Amanda
Yacobucci, Deborah

Volunteer Milestones

Thank You!



Thank you to our adult 4-H volunteers for everything you do for the program! Congratulations on your years of service to the Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Program!

15th Year or More

Gus Joyce	15 years
Keletha Keehan	15 Years
Sharon Dion	16 Years
Martin Kelly	16 Years
Clarissa Putman	16 Years
Nancy Spring	17 Years
Lisa MacIntosh	18 Years
Cora McSpirit	21 Years
Dorraine Joyce	22 Years
Dana Opalka	22 Years
Vicki Gogis	24 Years
Bill Andrist	24 Years
Agnes Rodd	26 Years
Terri Phillips	27 Years
Jennifer Phillips	27 Years
Tamara Healy	29 Years
Elma Phillips	29 Years
Kathleen Page	30 Years
Cheryl Andrist	32 Years
Betty Kilcullen	34 Years
Georgia Dutcher	39 Years
Marge DeBlock	65 Years

4-H Earn-An-Animal

Job well done to all youth participants in the 4-H Earn-An-Animal project!

Species recipients for 2024 are:

- Dairy Cattle -

Briana McGee

- Beef Cattle-

Kathryn Russell

Many thanks to the project sponsors:

*Elma's Tax Service, Secret Star Dairy Goat Farm LLC,
Jodi Ferguson, & Karen's Produce & Ice Cream*



4-H Award Trip Recipients

4-H Capital Days

Charlise Canary, Evelyn Handy,
Samantha Rice, Kathryn Russell
Alternate: Joscelyn Hartlieb

4-H Career Explorations

Shannon Dening, Joseph Gunnison,
Ruth-Ann Gunnison, Hailee Hillicoss
Teen Focus Assistant:
Amelia Hoag & Angela Lenz

4-H Agri-Business Career Conference

Ava Canary, Sabrina MacIntosh,
Samantha MacIntosh, Lillian Perham
Alternate: Grace Davis

4-H STAR

Rhiannon Donde, Davina Etkin,
Abby Hillicoss, Victoria Rice



Congratulations!

4-H Non-Animal Show Display Winners

Horticulture & Plant Science

Sponsored by Euphrates, Inc

Carrie Trauger

Science, Engineering & Technology

*Sponsored by Jami & Christopher Stevens,
In memory of Craig & Linda Stevens*

Kale Brownell

Environmental Education

Sponsored by Euphrates, Inc

Mackenzie Manchester

Visual, Creative & Fine Arts

Sponsored by Euphrates, Inc

Aydin Beck

Consumer & Family Sciences

Sponsored by Eric & Davina Etkin, In memory of Kim Mashhadi

Grace Davis

Special Exhibits, Activities & Participation

Sponsored by Eric & Davina Etkin, In memory of Kim Mashhadi

Victoria Rice

BEST OVERALL DISPLAY - 4-H NON-ANIMAL SHOW

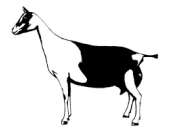
Sponsored by United Ag & Turf

Blake Quinlan





Animal Happenings!



4-H Horse Task Group Meeting

Thursday, January 16

6pm - Room 111 - Zoom Option Available

Montgomery County Annex

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
January 15

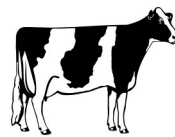
4-H Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 18

6pm in Room 111

Montgomery County Annex

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
December 17



4-H Market Animal Ownership dates to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction

Beef - January 1, 2025

Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat -

May 1, 2025 (NEW DATE)

Poultry

Chickens - July 28, 2025

Ducks, Quail & Pheasants - July 1, 2025

Turkeys - May 1, 2025

Rabbits - June 1, 2025

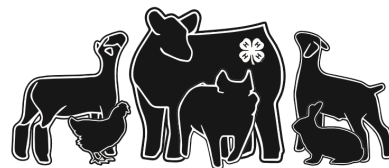
Maximum age for each species on auction day:

Beef & Meat Goat - No more than 2 years old

Swine & Sheep - No more than 1 year old

Poultry & Rabbit - No more than 6 months old

4-H Livestock Auction Interest Meeting



****Rescheduled Date****

Thursday, December 19

6pm - Montgomery County Annex

Room 111

Join the 4-H Livestock Auction Planning Committee to learn how to get involved in the 4-H Market Animal Projects and participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction!

RSVP by Wednesday, December 18 to attend.

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H

Earn-An-Animal

Applications and full information packets for this scholarship opportunity will be available in December 2024.

Application Deadline - January 21, 2025

Eligible Species:

Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Horse

Note: Market Animals are eligible for the program if ownership dates fall within the ownership deadlines.

How it works

The 4-H Earn-An-Animal program allows a chance for 4-H members (ages 8-19, as of 1/1/2025) to earn funding towards a project animal to raise and show as their own. This program requires dedication from the youth member and support from their guardians. Youth accepted to the program will not only learn how to care for their animal, they will experience the process of researching, selecting and purchasing an animal. Through the 4-H Earn-An-Animal Project, 4-H youth will further develop their planning, time management, organization, and record keeping skills. ***Only one youth per species will be awarded the species scholarship.*** All awards are subject to Earn-An-Animal Committee review and approval.

Capital District 4-H Animal Science Contests & Events - Save the dates!

Horse Quiz Bowl - Saturday, March 8 - Ballston Spa - Exact Location TBD

Dairy Quiz Bowl - Saturday, March 15 - Canajoharie - Canajoharie High School

Hippology & Horse Communications - Saturday, April 26 - Ballston Spa - 4-H Training Center

Livestock Skill-A-thon & Judging - April/May 2025 - SUNY Cobleskill - More information to be sent when available.

Capital District Small Animal School - Sunday, June 8 - Voorheesville - CCE Albany Office

2025 4-H Mystery Chick Project

Save the dates

Registration will be released in January 2025 - Registration will be due by Wednesday, February 12

Incubation Training - Wednesday, February 26 - 6pm - Annex - Room 111

Incubator & Egg Pick-up - Monday, March 10 - 6pm - Annex - Room 111

Monthly Workshops: 6pm - Annex - Room 111 (unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, March 26- Chick Care

Wednesday, April 23 - Anatomy & Health

Wednesday, May 21 - Discover Poultry Breeds!

Wednesday, June 11 - Poultry Showmanship at Adirondack Feed Center, Amsterdam, NY

Wednesday, July 23 - Fonda Fairgrounds - Mystery Revealed! Time to Prepare for the Fair

Notice for New York Cattle Producers

Beginning November 5, 2024, there will be only one USDA-official tag type approved for cattle. [USDA's final rule](#) for cattle ID requires all official tags applied to cattle after November 5, 2024 to be both RFID and visually readable.

New York State will no longer be supplying silver metal National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES or 'brite') tags for use in cattle or swine when our current supply is finished.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets received a limited supply of 840 RFID-capable ear tags for distribution to New York Producers, Dealers and Markets through USDA Traceability Funding in Federal Budget year 2024-2025. **We have distributed all of these tags for this federal year in advance of the November 5, 2024, implementation of the new [USDA cattle traceability rule](#).** We anticipate additional supply in April 2025 and will update our order forms when we have tags available. Ask your veterinarian for more information on obtaining tags.

NY Ag and Markets page with information:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/cattle-bison-other-bovidae>



NYS Guernsey Calf Scholarship Award



The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernsey's to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. The award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders' Annual Meeting in March or April.

To receive an application please contact Kyle at ky292@cornell.edu

Applications are due February 15

Email applications to:

New York State Guernsey Breeders,
Seth & Amber Ripley - seth.ripley@gmail.com

No late applications will be accepted

3rd Annual Lucky B Farm

Win A Babydoll Ewe Lamb Essay Contest



This contest is open to all 4-H'ers and FFA members, from kindergarten through seniors in high school, across the United States.
Entries are open from December 1st until March 1st, 2025.



CONTEST RULES

CONSENT &
RELEASE FORM



APPLICATION





Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education



Calling Adult Volunteers with an interest in shooting sports!

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H is seeking volunteers to become certified shooting sports instructors for one of the following disciplines:

- RIFLE/AIR RIFLE - SHOTGUN -
- PISTOL/AIR PISTOL - COORDINATOR

Northeast Regional Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Training

February 21-23, 2025

CCE Saratoga 4-H Training Center
Ballston Spa

Cost is \$100 per person to sign up. Limit of 2 per discipline. \$100 will be reimbursed once three 4-H shooting sports series are taught for our program.

To sign-up, RSVP with payment to the 4-H Office by Monday, January 13.

4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 - 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 interested in, please **RSVP to the 4-H office by Monday, January 13.**

4-H Volunteer Meeting



**Tuesday,
January 21**

Montgomery County
Annex - Room 111 - 6pm

All 4-H Volunteers, Leaders and Interested Parents are invited to attend. The topics of discussion will be upcoming 4-H events and more! 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser materials will be distributed to club leaders and individual 4-H members at this meeting. This is a great way to network with other adult volunteers!

To attend, RSVP by
Thursday, January 16

NEW FOR 2025 FROM THE NE REGIONAL VOLUNTEERISM TEAM



These programs are structured to offer connection, engagement, and networking for 4-H volunteers from all 11 states in the Northeast Region. Zoom sessions start with "connection before content" with fun icebreaker games and conversation. The main session topic is led by experts, 4-H staff, or volunteer panelists. Volunteers work in breakout sessions to share ideas and learn from one another.

PREPARING FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT - January 22 - 6:30-8pm

4-H is Hands on Learning! Have you ever spent hours preparing a hands-on learning experience for youth to then have it fall flat? You might be missing one key ingredient... youth engagement! Join us as we explore the key elements of youth engagement and practical strategies to move from working for youth to working with them!

BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR SUCCESS - February 19 - 6:30-8pm

While it may seem challenging to navigate the organization and feel connected to the broader 4-H community, you have the power to make a difference. Join us to learn how dedicated 4-H volunteers have faced these challenges head-on through uplifting social gatherings, informal mentoring, and strong community connections. Enhance your leadership skills by building meaningful connections that inspire and empower.

GROWING BEYOND THE RIBBON - March 19 - 6:30-8pm

Join us to explore how the Danish System can be used as a strategy to cultivate youth who continue to grow and thrive. Take a closer look at what those colored ribbons mean and learn strategies to cultivate youth thriving by meeting youth where they are and guiding them to their next level of growth.

REGISTER NOW

www.tinyurl.com/4HNERV2025

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H International Night

Date: Friday, January 24, 2025

Location: **Johnstown Moose Family Center**
109 S Comrie Ave, Johnstown, NY 12095

How it works!

4-H Clubs, Families, and Independent members are invited to “travel the world” for 4-H International Night in Fulton & Montgomery counties! Each Club, family or individual(s) will choose a country, research it and make a presentation on 4-H International Night.

The presentation may include any/all of the following formats and must include public speaking to educate those in attendance:

Visuals – posters, flags, maps - Music & Arts - Food – bring/send the recipe - Culture (dance, games, toys, sports) - Holiday traditions - Dress - Government

4-H International Night will be set up with tables around the perimeter, ready for visitors. After the walking tour and food samples of each Country, Clubs and individuals will make a live presentation (NO more than 10 minutes). It can be a dance, a game, anything active, use your imagination!

Tour Itinerary:

5:30 p.m. Tour Preparations – set up your static display
6:00 p.m. Welcome! Visit Countries and sample the cuisine
6:40 Guest Speaker
7:00 Club Presentations
8:00 Bon voyage!

4-H International Night sign-ups are due to the 4-H Office no later than **Thursday, January 9.**

Countries assigned on a first come, first served basis.
Already reserved for 2025: Cameroon, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Russia & Zimbabwe

4-H Club Officer Training

RESCHEDULED DATE

Tuesday, January 7 - 6pm

Montgomery County Annex—Room 111



Were you elected as a new club officer and have never held that office before or would you like to learn more about being the best club officer? Those 4-H Youth who have been elected as officers of their 4-H Club will learn what it takes to do the best possible job with their office and have fun in the process! Offices to be covered include, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Reporter, and Choose Health Officer/ Recreation Leader.

All enrolled 4-H Youth and Volunteers are welcome to attend. Information in this class will benefit new club leaders and youth that want to learn more about the club officer positions.

To attend, please RSVP to the 4-H Office by **Monday, January 6**

2025 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Timeline



Tuesday, January 21

Pick-up order forms at the 4-H Volunteer Meeting



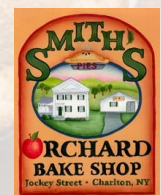
Saturday, February 1
4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Begins

Tuesday, March 18

Orders and payment are due to the 4-H Office

Wednesday, April 9

Pie & Cheese Sale Pick-Up @ Karen's Produce



4-H Public Presentation Workshop

Tuesday, February 18

6:00pm - Montgomery County Annex, Room 111

If you have never participated in 4-H Public Presentations before, only given one presentation before or need a little help to find a topic and get started, then this workshop is for you!

It's never too early to start thinking about which topic you would enjoy talking about and what kind of presentation that you would like to give at this year's 4-H Public Presentation

Nights. This informative and fun workshop is for both Cloverbud and regular 4-H members. The workshop will feature some tips about selecting a topic and creating a poster and/or visual aids. Youth participants will also learn the parts of a presentation and how to organize his/her thoughts.

Each participant will gain some practice in speaking in front of others. *There needs to be at least 5 youth registered for the workshop, or it will be cancelled.* To attend you must RSVP by Thursday, February 13th. Call 518-853-2135 or e-mail ky292@cornell.edu to sign up. In case of cancellation for any reason, only those who have registered will be notified.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Public Presentation Nights

Friday, March 21 or Monday, March 24

5:30pm-8:00pm both nights

Montgomery County Annex
20 Park Street, Fonda, NY 12068

More details will be in the February-March Clover News



**The 4-H Office will be closed
December 20, 2024 through
January 1, 2025.**



4-H Holiday Bowling Party

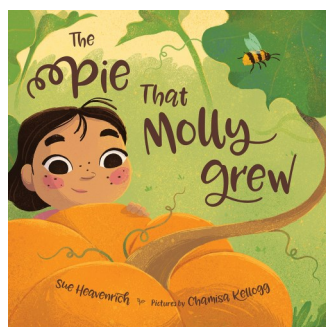
Friday, December 27 - 11am

Iroquois Lanes, 192 Erie Blvd,
Canajoharie, NY

3 games w/ shoes and Lunch \$15
Lunch choices: Hamburger, Chicken Tenders
or Wrap (w/ fries and a drink)

RSVP to Marigrace Hoag at
loveknotfarm@live.com
by Wednesday, December 23

2025 Agricultural Literacy Week



March 17-21, 2025

This year's book is
The Pie That Molly Grew by Sue
Heavenrich & Chamisa Kellogg.

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H is
seeking adult volunteers that
would like to read the book and
do an activity in predominantly
second grade classrooms
within Fulton & Montgomery
Counties. Contact Kyle at

ky292@cornell.edu for more information. School assignments are
first come, first served.

Visit NY State Ag in the Classroom at
<https://newyork.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy/>

Upcoming 4-H Programs

Watch your email, our Facebook Page and the next
4-H newsletter for more information!

STEM Activity at High Rollers

Basket Weaving Workshop

CPR Certification

**Agricultural Literacy Activity
Geared towards Cloverbuds**



2025 4-H Youth Development Calendar



(tentative)

January

- 1 Livestock Auction, Beef Cattle Ownership Deadline
- 1 Holidays, CCE Office Closed
- 7 4-H Officer Training, Rescheduled Date
- 9 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 14 4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting
- 16 4-H Horse Task Group Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, CCE Office Closed
- 21 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 21 Earn-An-Animal Applications Due
- 22 4-H Volunteer Connections Zoom
- 24 4-H International Night
- TBD Earn-An-Animal Interviews
- TBD Market Animal Series, Beef & Swine



February

- 1 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Begins
- 12 4-H Mystery Chick Registration Due
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 15 NYS Guernsey Calf Scholarship App Due
- 17 Presidents' Day, CCE Office Closed
- 18 Public Presentations Workshop
- 19 4-H Volunteer Connections Zoom
- 21-23 Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Training
- 26 Mystery Chick Incubation Training
- TBD Market Animal Series, Sheep & Meat Goat

"Learn by doing"

March

- 1 Lucky B Farm - Babydoll Lamb Essay Contest Due Date
- 8 Region 5B Horse Quiz Bowl, Ballston Spa
- 9 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Pick-up, Karen's Produce
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 15 Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl, Ballston Spa
- 18 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Orders Due
- 18 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 19 4-H Volunteer Connections Zoom
- 17-21 Agricultural Literacy Week
- 21 Public Presentations Night 1
- 24 Public Presentations Night 2
- 26 Mystery Chick - Chick Care
- TBD Earn-An-Animal, Orientation & Mentor Meeting
- TBD Dairy Discovery, Cornell
- TBD Sign-up for 4-H Pheasant Project
- TBD TSC Paper Clover Campaign



April

- 9 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Pick-up, Karen's Produce
- 10 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 12 District Public Presentations, Ballston Spa
- 20 Easter
- 23 Mystery Chick - Anatomy & Health
- 26 Regional Horse Communications, Ballston Spa
- 26 Regional Hippology, Ballston Spa
- 30 Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- TBD Market Animal Series, Poultry & Rabbit
- TBD Capital District Tractor Safety, Washington County

May

- 1 Livestock Auction, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat & Turkey Ownership Deadline - NEW DATE for 2025
- 3 4-H Animal Crackers, Cornell
- 2-4 4-H STAR
- 8 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 18-20 4-H Capital Days, Albany
- 20 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 21 Mystery Chick - Discover Poultry Breeds
- 26 Memorial Day, CCE Office Closed
- TBD 4-H Horse Riding & Driving Evaluation
- TBD 4-H Record Book Workshop

June

- 1 Last Day for 4-H Member Enrollments for 2024-2025 to participate at the 2025 Fonda Fair & Animal Certificates/Non-Ownership Forms Due!
- 1 Livestock Auction, Rabbit ownership deadline
- 9 Capital District Small Animal School
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 19 4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic
- 26-28 4-H Career Explorations, Cornell University
- TBD NYS 4-H STEM Camp, Delhi
- TBD 4-H Horse Riding & Driving Evaluation

4-H GROWS HERE

July

- 1 Livestock Auction, Duck, Quail & Pheasant Ownership Deadline
- 1 4-H Volunteer Meeting - Potluck
- 4 Independence Day, CCE Office Closed
- 6-8 Cooperstown Junior Livestock Show
- 10 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 23 Mystery Chick - Mystery Revealed!
- 28 Livestock Auction, Meat Chicken Ownership Deadline
- TBD 4-H Meat Bird Project Orientation
- TBD Canal Days, Schoharie Crossing
- TBD Montgomery County Youth Day
- TBD Pullorum Clinic, Fonda Fairgrounds

August

- 1 4-H All Entries for Fonda Fair Due
- 1 Sign-ups for 4-H Activities, Teen Leader at Fonda Fair Due
- 1 NYS Fair 4-H Animal Entries Due
- 14 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 18 CCE Building Clean up, Fonda
- 23 Judging of Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits at Fonda Fair
- 25 Fonda Fair. CCE Building Set- Up Day
- 26 Animal Truck-In Day, Fonda Fair
- 27- Sept 1 Fonda Fair



September

- Aug 27—Sept 1 Fonda Fair
- 1 Livestock Auction, Fonda Fair
- 1 Fonda Fair Ends; Evening Pick-up of Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits from Fonda Fair
- 2 Pick-up Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits from Fonda Fair
- 11 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 16 4-H Volunteer Team Meeting
- TBD Montgomery County Sundae on the Farm
- TBD Fulton County Day on the Farm

October

- 9 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 13 Columbus Day, CCE Office Closed
- 15 4-H Member Record Books Due to 4-H Office
- 15 4-H Club Financial Statement & year end reports.
- 15 4-H Earn-An-Animal Record Book Due
- TBD NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- TBD ABC Conference, SUNY Cobleskill



November

- 4 Election Day, CCE Office Closed
- 11 Veterans' Day, CCE Office Closed
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 27-28 Thanksgiving, CCE Office Closed
- TBD 4-H Volunteer Team Meeting
- TBD 4-H Member & Volunteer Recognition & Annual Meeting, Potluck Supper & Awards Program




December

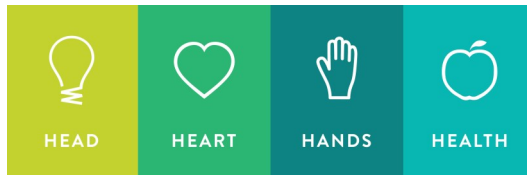
- 1 4-H Re-Enrollments Due!
- 11 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- TBD Holidays, CCE Office Closed
- TBD 4-H Holiday Workshop
- TBD 4-H Arts Show, Amsterdam Free Library



Attention Youth! Want to be directly connected to 4-H emails, newsletters and updates?
If so, submit your current email address on your 4-H re-enrollment form.

518-853-2135
 PO Box 1500
 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.



CHECK OUT THE TOTALLY TEENS 4-H CLUB

Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Thursday
Next meeting: January 9
RSVP by the Tuesday before each meeting date

6pm - Room 111 - 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

Extra 4-H T-Shirts

Looking for that extra gift?
4-H T-shirts are available to purchase at the 4-H Office. \$10 each - first come, first served.

Shirt Color & Print	Available Sizes
Grey with Green Print	2YS, 1YM, 3YL, 2S, 1L, 3-2XL, 2-3XL
Sand with Black Print	1YS, 1YM, 2S, 2M, 1L, 1-XL
Light Blue with Black Print	3S, 3L, 7-XL, 2-2XL
Burnt Orange with White Print	4S, 5-XL
Lime Green with Purple Print	2S
Blue with White Print	1S
Green with White Print	1S
Dark Blue with White Print	5S
Blue Livestock	1YS
Red Livestock	1YS