

Fulton-Montgomery Clover News

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4-H International Night
& More!



December 2025 - January 2026

4-H Calendar

December:


Nov 28-December 14 TSC Paper Clover Campaign
 8 4-H Arts Show, Amsterdam Free Library
 9 4-H Volunteer Team Meeting
 11 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
 16 4-H Horse Task Group Meeting
 26 4-H Holiday Bowling Party, Iroquois Lanes
 23-Jan 2 Holidays, CCE Office Closed

January:

1 Livestock Auction, Beef Cattle Ownership Deadline
 1-2 Holidays, CCE Office Closed
 7 4-H Officer Training
 8 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
 13 4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting
 19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, CCE Office Closed
 20 4-H Volunteer Meeting
 20 Earn-An-Animal Applications Due
 30 4-H International Night
 TBD Earn-An-Animal Interviews

February:

1 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Begins
 10 Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting
 11 4-H Mystery Chick Registration Due
 12 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
 16 Presidents' Day, CCE Office Closed
 17 Public Presentations Workshop
 20-22 Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Training
 25 Mystery Chick Incubation Training
 28 Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl, Ballston Spa
 TBD Capital District Small Animal School



**The 4-H Office
 will be closed
 December 23, 2025
 through
 January 2, 2026.**



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.

Attention Youth!

Want to be directly connected to 4-H emails, newsletters and updates?

If so, submit your current email address to
 Georgia at
 gad23@cornell.edu



Find us on
 Facebook

@ CCE Fulton-Montgomery

4-H Recognition Night Recap

Kathryn Russell

Carrie Trauger

Kayla Gulick



2025

Outstanding
4-H Members!

Congratulations!

Juniors

Carrie Trauger & Luke Handy

Seniors

Kayla Gulick & Kathryn Russell



Dawn Agnes Memorial
Award

Sponsored by Kickin
Country Clovers 4-H Club

Evelyn Handy



James Canary, Sr
Memorial Award
Sponsored by The Opalka
Family

Elaina Wells



2025 Supreme Master
Showman

Evelyn Handy

2025 Reserve
Master Showman

Shannon Dening

Congratulations!

2025 4-H Project Recognition



Austin	Adams	Dirty Boots 4-H Club	Dairy Goat - Livestock - Sheep
Georgiana	Angus	Individual Member	Citizenship - Expressive Arts - Horse - Horse Driving
Abigail	Baldwin	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	Market Animals
Kaelynn	Barrett	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	Incubation & Embryology - Indoor Gardening - Poultry - Safety
Audrianna	Beck	Aries 4-H Club	Community Service - Creative Arts & Crafts - Expressive Arts - Food & Nutrition - Food Preservation - Rabbit
Aydin	Beck	Aries 4-H Club	Creative Visual Arts - Creative Design - Food Preservation
Gavin	Beck	Aries 4-H Club	Creative Fine Arts - Fishing
Maddex	Beck	Aries 4-H Club	Creative Fine Arts
Lydia	Bornt	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	Citizenship - Expressive Arts
Elizabeth	Brush	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - Creative Visual Arts - Food & Nutrition - Poultry - Safety - Archery - Theatre Arts
Jocelyn	Brush	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - Creative Visual Arts - Food & Nutrition - Poultry - Safety - Archery - Theatre Arts
Chloe	Bushey	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	Forestry & Wildlife - Fruit - Horticulture - Indoor Gardening - Rabbit - Vegetables
Brayden	Cooper	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	Animal Science
Jason	Cooper	Individual Member	Leadership
Myla	Cooper	Individual Member	Dairy Goat - Quiz Bowl - Rabbit - Sheep
Adelena	Countermin	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club	Community Service - Dairy Cattle - Leadership - Photography - Public Speaking
Grace	Davis	Aries 4-H Club	Animal Science - Community Service - Food & Nutrition - Needlework - Photography - Sheep - Archery
Kailyn	Dening	Aries 4-H Club	Market Animals - Needlework - Poultry - Public Speaking - Shooting Sports
Meghan	Dening	Aries 4-H Club	Agriculture - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Vegetables
Shannon	Dening	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	Animal Science - Beef Cattle - Horticulture - Livestock - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Poultry - Public Speaking - Veterinary Science
Rhiannon	Donde	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club	Health & Fitness - Leadership
Seamus	Donde	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club	Waste Management
Miranda	DuBray	Individual Member	Citizenship - Expressive Arts
Dylan	Dygert	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	Quiz Bowl
Tucker	Dygert	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	Quiz Bowl
Grant	Easton	Ames for the Skies 4-H Club	Agriculture - Beef Cattle - Leadership
Lydia	Easton	Ames for the Skies 4-H Club	Beef Cattle - Livestock - Public Speaking
Logan	Elwood	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	Incubation & Embryology - Public Speaking
Illyria	Escher	Individual Member	Cultural Education - Expressive Arts - Indoor Gardening - Leadership - Science & Technology - Theatre Arts
Lucia	Escher	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	Rocketry - Theatre Arts
Davina	Etkin	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club	Creative Fine Arts
Persius	Frasier	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	Astronomy - Cultural Education - Photography - Safety - Archery
Kayla	Gulick	Four Seasons 4-H Club	Citizenship - Floriculture - Leadership
Joseph	Gunnison	Horse Lovers Unlimited 4-H Club	Small Engines

2025 4-H Project Recognition



Ruth-Ann	Gunnison	Horse Lovers Unlimited 4-H Club	<i>Photography</i>
Benjamin	Handy	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Forestry & Wildlife - Metal Work</i>
Evelyn	Handy	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Achievement - Animal Science - Citizenship - Clothing & Textiles - Food & Nutrition - Market Animals - Livestock - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Veterinary Science</i>
Luke	Handy	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Achievement - Incubation & Embryology - Fishing - Goat - Metal Work - Poultry</i>
Nathaniel	Handy	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Dairy Goat - Livestock Skill-a-thon</i>
Morgan	Hart	Individual Member	<i>Meat Goat - Rabbit - Writing</i>
Hailee	Hillicoss	Dirty Boots 4-H Club	<i>Photography</i>
Lillian	Hillicoss	Dirty Boots 4-H Club	<i>Achievement - Creative Arts & Crafts - Photography</i>
Amelia	Hoag	Rockin Rabbits 4-H Club	<i>Citizenship</i>
Tyler	Izzo	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	<i>Incubation & Embryology - Woodworking</i>
Colton	Jeffer	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Science & Technology</i>
Gwendolyn	Jeffer	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Clothing & Textiles - Community Service</i>
Rowan	Keller	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club	<i>Cultural Education - Horticulture - Waste Management - Woodworking</i>
Lydia	Kelly	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Clothing & Textiles</i>
Giuseppa	Kneeskern	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Fruit - Indoor Gardening</i>
Phoeynx	Kneeskern	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Fruit - Indoor Gardening</i>
Angela	Lenz	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	<i>Achievement</i>
Michael	Mazza	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Forestry & Wildlife - Archery</i>
Molly	Mazza	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club & Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Herbs - Shooting Sports</i>
Briana	McGee	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club	<i>Dairy Cattle - Needlework</i>
Corbin	Myers	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	<i>Health & Fitness - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Sheep</i>
Owen	Myers	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	<i>Livestock - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Rabbit</i>
Tristan	Myers	Udderly Amazing Dairy 4-H Club	<i>Livestock - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Swine - Theatre Arts</i>
Emmaline	Nacco	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Clothing & Textiles - Community Service - Environmental Stewardship - Food & Nutrition - Food Preservation - Fruit - Indoor Gardening - Safety</i>
Alexander	Nelson	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	<i>Achievement - Animal Science - Citizenship - Dairy Goat - Meat Goat - Leadership - Market Animals - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Poultry - Public Speaking - Rabbit - Veterinary Science</i>
Leah	Newkirk	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Cultural Education - Herbs - Leadership - Outdoor Adventures</i>
Mary Kate	Newkirk	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Expressive Arts</i>
Duke	Opalka	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club	<i>Market Animals</i>
Harper	Ouderkirk	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	<i>Quiz Bowl</i>
Lillian	Perham	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club	<i>Dairy Cattle - Forestry & Wildlife</i>
Waylon	Peterson	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	<i>Meat Goat - Livestock - Pets</i>
Anna	Potter	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	<i>Quiz Bowl</i>
Grace	Potter	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	<i>Quiz Bowl</i>
Blake	Quinlan	Community Gals & Guys 4-H Club & Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	<i>Metal Work - Pets - Waste Management</i>
Isabella	Rice	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Creative Arts & Crafts - Incubation & Embryology - Expressive Arts - Photography</i>

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Samantha	Rice	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Clothing & Textiles - Incubation & Embryology - Health & Fitness - Leadership</i>
Victoria	Rice	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Citizenship - Incubation & Embryology - Food Preservation - Photography</i>
Elizabeth	Robinson	Hooves, Spurs & Furs 4-H Club	<i>Dog Care - Incubation & Embryology - Livestock - Public Speaking</i>
Declan	Rocklin	Dirty Boots 4-H Club	<i>Agriculture - Creative Arts & Crafts - Flowers - Dairy Goat - Rabbit - Vegetables - Veterinary Science</i>
Macie	Romell	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	<i>Horse - Poultry</i>
Makenna	Romell	Individual Member	<i>Horse</i>
Kathryn	Russell	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Achievement - Beef Cattle - Breads (Yeast) - Clothing & Textiles - Creative Fine Arts - Fashion Design - Food & Nutrition - Dairy Goat - Leadership - Livestock - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Public Speaking - Veterinary Science</i>
Levi	Russell	Mohawk Wranglers 4-H Club	<i>Market Animals - Livestock Skill-a-thon - Shooting Sports - Swine - Woodworking</i>
Isabella	Smith	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club	<i>Dairy Cattle</i>
Madison	Soucy	Individual Member	<i>Sheep</i>
Samantha	Soucy	Individual Member	<i>Sheep</i>
Branson	Swezey	Barbed Wire Bandits 4-H Club	<i>Quiz Bowl</i>
Carrie	Trauger	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Agriculture - Citizenship - Dairy Cattle - Floriculture - Goat - Hippology - Horse - Photography - Poultry</i>
Elaina	Wells	Individual Member	<i>Dairy Cattle - Food & Nutrition - Food Preservation - Quiz Bowl - Shooting Sports</i>
Eva	Wilmot	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Community Service - Dog Training - Incubation & Embryology - Goat - Horse</i>
Wyatt	Wilmot	Kickin Country Clovers 4-H Club	<i>Forestry & Wildlife - Goat - Horse - Public Speaking</i>
Avery	Yaiser	Smarty Crafters 4-H Club	<i>Flowers - Needlework</i>
Marianna	Zemken	Kline Klimbers 4-H Club	<i>Needlework</i>

4-H High School Seniors



Kale Brownell
Shannon Dening
Kayla Gulick
Joseph Gunnison
Ruth-Ann Gunnison
Evelyn Handy

Amelia Hoag
Elliana Korona
Angela Lenz
Samantha MacIntosh
Kathryn Russell
Taylre Watterson

4-H Member Milestones

CLOVERBUDS FIRST YEAR
Adamoschek, Ashton
Cosentino, Colt
Courtens, Violet
Dufel, Logan
Frasier, Grayson
Freeman, Harrison
Henderson, Rossco
Hoefele, Jacob
Keller, Aurora
Matis, Adeline
Miller, Aria
Nare, Landon
Ouderkirk, Olin
Page, Madison
Phelps, Ada
Soucy, Rexten
Swezey, Brayden
Walsh, Azlyn

CLOVERBUDS MOVING UP
Adamoschek, Killian
Castler, Loren
Downes, Laylah
Dygert, Cassidy
Graff-Pongthong, Aurora
Henderson, Rossco
Hoefele, Jacob
Miller, Aria
Opalka, Rivet
Reid, Addison
Reid, Kenley
Swezey, Brayden
Trauger, Christopher
Warner, Trinity
Zitone, Amelia



*“Learn by
doing”*

FIFTH YEAR IN 4-H	
Adams, Austin	Handy, Elizabeth
Baldwin, Abigail	Hart, Morgan
Beck, Audrianna	Myers, Corbin
Case, Carleigh	Rocklin, Declan
Clouthier, Dawson	Shultz, Peggy-Ann
Clouthier, Ella	Smith, Abbigail
Donde, Seamus	Taberski, Andrew
Dygert, Dylan	Tylutki, Wyatt
Dygert, Olivia	

FIRST YEAR IN 4-H	
Andreotta, John-Luke	Michalak, Grace
Andreotta, John-Luke	Michalak, Mary
Barrett, Kaelynn	Monk, Melanie
Clouthier, Carson	Morey, Paislee
Cooper, Myla	Newkirk, Allison
Cosentino, Cash	Newkirk, Leah
DaBiere, Giovanni	Newkirk, MaryKate
Dufel, Jared	Opalka, Duke
Footte, Braxton	Ouderkirk, Harper
Frasier, Perseus	Potter, Grace
Freeman, Makenna	Potter, Grace
Izzo, Tyler	Rusnica, Otto
Jennings, Gabriella	Rusnica, Otto
Johnson, Kabmarie	Soucy, Madison
Johnson, Kylynn	Soucy, Samantha
Key, Siage	Spicci, Allison
Kneesern, Giuseppina	Teta, Aubrey
Kneesern, Phoenix	Wallington, Shelby
Logan, Bailey	Wilmot, Tucker
Mazza, Michael	Zido, Joseph
Melita, Trent	



4-H Member Milestones

TEN OR MORE YEARS IN 4-H

Canary, Charlise	10th year
Davis, Grace	10th year
Doak, Juliana	10th Year
Donde, Rhiannon	10th year
Wells, Elaina	10th year
Countermin, Adelena	11th year
Glode, Aiden	11th year
Glode, Ashley	11th year
Hayner, Mitchell	11th year
Hoag, Amelia	11th year
Lenz, Angela	11th year
MacIntosh, Sabrina	11th year
MacIntosh, Samantha	11th year
Martineau, Gabriella	11th year
McSpirit, Maegann	11th year
Ray, McKenzie	11th year
Angus, Georgiana	12th year



4-H Earn-An-Animal

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

Species recipients for 2025 are:

- Poultry -

Shannon Dening and Alexander Nelson

Many thanks to the project sponsor:

C.A.L.F.



4-H Award Trip Recipients



4-H Capital Days

Davina Etkin - Rhiannon Donde
Shannon Dening - Sophia McConville
Alternate: Lillian Hillicoss

4-H Career Explorations

Joseph Gunnison - Lillian Perham
Samantha Rice - Alex Thomas
Alternate: Isabella Rice
Teen Focus Assistant: Amelia Hoag



4-H Agri-Business Career Conference

Meghan Dening - Grant Easton
Angela Lenz - Owen Myers
Alternate: Logan Elwood

4-H STAR (State Teen Action Retreat)

Grace Davis - Hailee Hillicoss
Alexander Nelson - Makenna Romell



4-H Non-Animal Show Display Winners



Best Overall Display of Show

Sponsored by
Euphrates, Inc.

Grace
Davis

Horticulture & Plant Science

Sponsored by Daylily Days - Deb Landrio

Carrie Trauger

Science, Engineering & Technology

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

Kale Brownell

Environmental Education

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

Lillian Perham

Visual, Creative & Fine Arts

Sponsored by Debi's Barber Shop

Isabella Rice

Consumer & Family Sciences

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

Heather Gulick

Special Exhibits, Activities & Participation

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

Blake Quinlan

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

Largest Sunflower Head

Avery Yaiser

Tallest Sunflower

Avery Yaiser

4-H Volunteer Milestones

FIRST YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Keller, Rebecca DaCorsi	Morey, Jeremy
Dion, Megan	Morgan, Brooke
Donde, Liam	Nacco, Thomas
Duff, Fawn	Ouderkirk, Rosanne
Dygert, Shannon	Potter, Melissa
Etkin, Eric	Sala, Jeffrey
Fessenden, Bridgett	Sala, Susan
Fosman, Amanda	Shults, Marcia
Haggarty, Anne	Yaiser, Danielle
Hoefele, Amy	Zitone, Lauren
Keller, Mark	

FIFTH YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Adams, Kevin
Bernaski, Kalia
Haggerty, Dennis
Joyce, Katie
Orlowski, Erica
Perham, Kelly
Peterson, Jeffery
Peterson, Jenelle

TENTH YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Glode, Lynn
Grubb, Haleigh
Ostrander, Andrea
Russell, Stephanie

FIFTEEN OR MORE YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Myers, Chad Sr	15 Years	Vicki Gogis	25 Years
Shaw, Laura	15 Years	Bill Andrist	25 Years
Joyce, Gus	16 Years	Terri Phillips	28 Years
Keehan, Keletha	16 Years	Jennifer Phillips	28 Years
Kelly, Judy	16 Years	Marsha Douglass	29 Years
Sharon Dion	16 Years	Tamara Healy	30 Years
Martin Kelly	17 Years	Elma Phillips	30 Years
Clarissa Putman	17 Years	Kathleen Page	31 Years
Nancy Spring	18 Years	Cheryl Andrist	33 Years
Lisa MacIntosh	19 Years	Betty Kilcullen	35 Years
Cora McSpirit	22 Years	Georgia Dutcher	40 Years
Doraine Joyce	23 Years	Marge DeBlock	66 Years
Dana Opalka	23 Years		

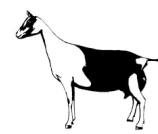


Thank You!

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!



Animal Happenings!



4-H Horse Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

6pm - Room TBD - 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
Monday,
December 15



4-H Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

6pm in Room 214

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
Monday,
February 9



2026 4-H Mystery Chick Project

Save the dates

Registration will be released in January 2026 - Registration will be due by Wednesday, February 11

Incubation Training - Wednesday, February 25 - 6pm - Annex - Room 111

Incubator & Egg Pick-up - Monday, March 2 - 6pm - Annex - Room 111

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

Wednesday, March 25 - Chick Care

Wednesday, April 22 - Anatomy & Health

Wednesday, May 20 - Discover Poultry Breeds! At Adirondack Feed Center, Amsterdam, NY

Wednesday, June 10 - Poultry Showmanship at Adirondack Feed Center, Amsterdam, NY

Wednesday, July 29 - Fonda Fairgrounds - Mystery Revealed! Time to Prepare for the Fair



4-H Market Animal Ownership Deadlines for the 4-H Livestock Auction

Beef Cattle - January 1, 2026

Swine, Sheep & Meat Goats -
May 1, 2026

Rabbits - June 1, 2026

POULTRY

Turkeys/Geese - May 1, 2026

Ducks/Pheasants - July 1, 2026

Meat Chickens/Quail - July 28, 2026

Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Earn-An-Animal

How it works

The 4-H Earn-An-Animal program allows a chance for 4-H members (ages 8-19) 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.* Subject to Earn-An-Animal Committee review and approval..

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

Application Deadline - January 20, 2026

Capital District 4-H Animal Science Contests

Save the dates!

Dairy Quiz Bowl

Saturday, February 28 - Ballston Spa - Exact Location TBD

Horse Quiz Bowl

Saturday, March 21 - Location TBD

Hippology & Horse Communications

Saturday, April 25 - Ballston Spa - 4-H Training Center

Livestock Skill-a-thon & Judging

Sunday, April 26 - SUNY Cobleskill

Congratulations Alexander Nelson on your Best of Breed Beveren at the American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention.



Return to Glory

**Youth Best of Breed
Beveren**

White Intermediate Buck

Shown By: Alexander Nelson



102nd ARBA Convention • Indianapolis, IN • November 15-19, 2025



Congratulations Shannon Dening on participating in the National 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon and placing 17th Individual Overall and 4th Individual Quality Assurance!



4-H Youth are welcome to share their accomplishments outside 4-H that relate to their 4-H projects. The 4-H office will only print those submitted by the youth/family and approved by the 4-H office to be printed in the newsletter.

4-H Club Secretary Reports

At the end of each month a secretary's report must be submitted to the 4-H office. We encourage the inclusion of photos from club meetings & activities.

Secretary reports are on our website under
Member Resources

Secretary's Monthly Report to the County 4-H Office
This report should be filled out completely by the club secretary after the last club meeting of the month and, if required, mailed to the county 4-H office.

Meetings Held				
Date of Meeting	Activity or Purpose of Meeting	Number of Members in Club	Members Present	Others Present

[http://www.ccefm.com/
viewprogram.asp?progID=3](http://www.ccefm.com/viewprogram.asp?progID=3)

Scroll Down and select
"Secretary's Monthly
Report"

Fill out the form and email it
to the 4-H Office at
ky292@cornell.edu

4-H Volunteer Meeting

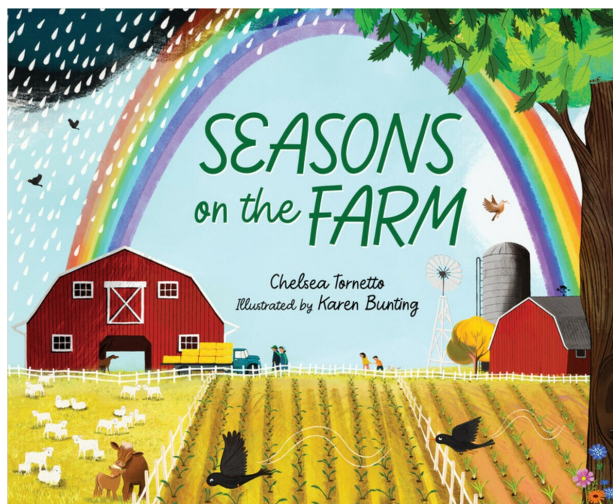


**Tuesday,
December 9**

Montgomery County
Annex - Room 111 - 6pm

All 4-H Volunteers, Leaders and Interested Parents are invited to attend. The topics of discussion will be 4-H International Night, 4-H Public Presentations and more!
This is a great way to network with other adult volunteers!

**To attend, RSVP by
Monday, December 8**



2026 Agricultural Literacy Week

March 16-20, 2026

This year's book is *Seasons on the Farm* by Chelsea Tornetto and Illustrated by Karen Bunting. 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/>
or additional details and further resources.

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!



**Can tabs may be dropped off at the
4-H Office**



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:

**ARCHERY - RIFLE/AIR RIFLE - SHOTGUN -
HUNTING/OUTDOOR SKILLS - PISTOL/AIR PISTOL
COORDINATOR**

If interested, please email Kyle at ky292@cornell.edu for more information. Save the date for the Northeast Regional

4-H Shooting Sports Training February 20-22, 2026
in Ballston Spa

4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 13 - 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 12**



Search: Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports



Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Arts Show

Monday, December 8
5:30pm - 7:30pm



28 Church St
Amsterdam, NY 12010

**FREE
Admission**



Vote for your favorite!
Anyone in attendance
may vote.

4-H Club Officer Training

Wednesday, January 7 at 6pm

Montgomery County Annex—Room 214



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.

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

2026 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Timeline



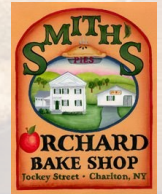
Tuesday, January 20
Pick-up order forms at the 4-H Volunteer Meeting



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

Tuesday, March 10
Orders and payment are due to the 4-H Office

Thursday, March 26
Pie & Cheese Sale Pick-Up @ Karen's Produce



4-H Public Presentation

Workshop

Tuesday, February 17

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 Cloverbuds 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 their 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 12. 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 20 & Monday, March 23

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

Fulton-Montgomery

4-H International Night

Date: Friday, January 30, 2026

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 15.**

**Countries assigned on a first come, first served basis.
Already reserved for 2026: Belize, Tahiti & Sweden**



2026 4-H Youth Development Calendar

(tentative)



January

- 1 Livestock Auction, Beef Cattle Ownership Deadline
- 1-2 Holidays, CCE Office Closed
- 7 4-H Officer Training
- 8 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 13 4-H Shooting Sports & Outdoor Education Task Group Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, CCE Office Closed
- 20 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 20 Earn-An-Animal Applications Due
- 30 4-H International Night
- TBD Earn-An-Animal Interviews



February

- 1 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Fundraiser Begins
- 10 Herd & Flock Task Group Meeting
- 10 4-H Mystery Chick Registration Due
- 12 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 16 Presidents' Day, CCE Office Closed
- 17 Public Presentations Workshop
- 20-22 Winter 4-H Shooting Sports Training
- 25 Mystery Chick Incubation Training
- 28 Regional Dairy Quiz Bowl, Ballston Spa
- TBD Capital District Small Animal School



March

- 2 Mystery Chick - Egg & Incubator Pick-up
- 10 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Orders Due
- 10 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 12 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 16-20 Agricultural Literacy Week
- 20 Public Presentations Night 1
- 21 Region 5B Horse Quiz Bowl, TBD
- 23 Public Presentations Night 2
- 25 Mystery Chick - Chick Care
- 26 4-H Pie & Cheese Sale Pick-up, Karen's Produce
- 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

- 5 Easter
- 9 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 22 Mystery Chick - Anatomy & Health
- 22 Regional Horse Communications, Ballston Spa
- 25 Regional Hippology, Ballston Spa
- 25 District Public Presentations, Ballston Spa
- 26 Capital & Southeast Regional Livestock Skill-a-thon & Judging Contest, SUNY Cobleskill
- 30 Fulton-Montgomery 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- TBD Capital District Tractor Safety, Washington County
- TBD 4-H Meat Poultry Projects Orientation

May

- 1 Livestock Auction, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, Turkey & Goose Ownership Deadline
- 2 4-H Animal Crackers, Cornell
- 14 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 17-19 4-H Capital Days, Albany
- 19 4-H Volunteer Meeting
- 20 Mystery Chick - Discover Poultry Breeds
- 25 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 2025-2026 to participate at the 2026 Fonda Fair & Animal Certificates/Non-Ownership Forms Due!
- 1 Livestock Auction, Rabbit ownership deadline
- 10 4-H Poultry Showmanship Clinic
- 11 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 23-25 4-H Career Explorations, Cornell University
- TBD 4-H Horse Riding & Driving Evaluation

July

- 1 Livestock Auction, Duck & Pheasant Ownership Deadline
- 3 Independence Day observed, CCE Office Closed
- 5-7 Cooperstown Junior Livestock Show
- 9 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 21 4-H Volunteer Meeting - Potluck
- 29 Mystery Chick - Mystery Revealed!
- 28 Livestock Auction, Meat Chicken Ownership Deadline
- TBD Canal Days, Schoharie Crossing
- TBD Montgomery County Youth Day
- TBD Pullorum Clinic, Fonda Fairgrounds

August

- 1 NYS Fair 4-H Animal Entries Due
- 3 4-H All Entries for Fonda Fair Due
- 3 Sign-ups for 4-H Activities, Teen Leader at Fonda Fair Due
- 13 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 24 CCE Building Clean up, Fonda
- 29 Judging of Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits at Fonda Fair
- 31 Fonda Fair. CCE Building Set-Up Day

September

- 1 Animal Truck-In Day, Fonda Fair
- 1-7 Fonda Fair
- 7 Livestock Auction, Fonda Fair
- 7 Fonda Fair Ends; Evening Pick-up of Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits from Fonda Fair
- 8 Pick-up Non-Animal 4-H Exhibits from Fonda Fair
- 15 4-H Volunteer Team Meeting
- 17 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- TBD Montgomery County Sundae on the Farm
- TBD 4-H STAR

October

- 8 4-H Totally Teens Meeting
- 12 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

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



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




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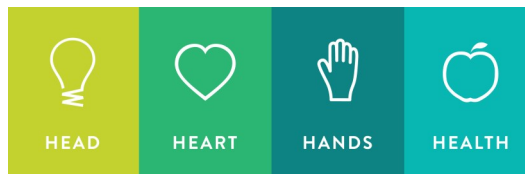
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4-H is a **community** of **young people**
 **across America** who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.



CHECK OUT THE TOTALLY TEENS 4-H CLUB

Meetings are monthly on the 2nd Thursday -

Next meetings:

December 11 - Christmas Party

January 8

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**

4-H Holiday Bowling Party

**Friday,
December 26
11am**



**Iroquois Lanes
192 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie, NY**

**3 games w/ shoes and Lunch \$17
Lunch choices: Hamburger, Chicken
Tenders or Wrap
(w/ fries and a drink)**

**RSVP to Marigrace Hoag at
loveknotfarm@live.com
by Monday, December 22**