


Happy Holidays



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NEWS FROM 4-H OFFICE

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
DECEMBER 24th thru 31st, 2021
AND
JANUARY 3, 2022



4-H LEADER NEWS CORNER

4-H Leaders Creed.....

I believe:

- The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- 4-H'ers should be their "own" best exhibits.
- No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of the member or leader.
- Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and to be praised.
- Our job as a leader is to teach 4-H members how to think, no what to think.

4-H PROGRAM WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES:

- If a **meeting is going to be cancelled**, we will call the following radio station in Homer, WHXC to announce cancellation.
- Other locations for posting: **CCE Cortland Website**, (cortland.cce.cornell.edu) **by e-mail** and **4-H blasts** notifications.
- Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county and not in others. Use your judgment when deciding to travel.
- Sometimes it's too late to cancel a meeting when the weather turns bad; again use your own judgment.
- If Cornell Cooperative Extension closes during the day or any evening meetings are cancelled.
- If you decide not to travel to a meeting, call the office and leave a message on the voice mail of the person in charge of the meeting.



NOTICE!

The 4-H Office MUST BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING...

on or before..... JANUARY 4, 2022,

of the intent of ANY 4-H member to show a market beef animal(s) at county fair.

1. Identification a must by Ear tags or tattoos.
2. Market animal must be under the care and supervision of exhibitor for a minimum of 180 days prior to the entry date of fair.

(Fair Date: July 5-9, 2022).

4-H Team Leader Rebecca Ireland-Perry or Ag. Educator Dana Havas at 607-391-2660

REBECCA'S MEMOS



JOIN 4-H - ENCOURAGING OTHERS

- Do you know youth who are not 4-H members?
- Do you know an adult who is not a 4-H volunteer?
- Do you think the 4-H Youth Development program would benefit them?
- Do you think the 4-H Youth Development Program could benefit from their talents and resources?
- Would they like to learn more about the 4-H Youth Development Program?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, please encourage them to contact Becky at the 4-H office.

CORTLAND CO. CCE/4-H WEBSITE

cortland.cce.cornell.edu

You will find necessary forms, announcements and events posted on the website. If you subscribe to posts on the Announcements Page, you will receive an email when something new is posted.

You ***must have a minimum of (6) business*** meetings a year-the rest that you plan can be field trips, activities etc. You can always do a business meeting every time if that is what you want!

Secretary Reports are due to the 4-H office by the 7th of every month for the previous month's meeting. By getting your reports in on time, your secretaries are eligible to be chosen as secretary of the month, and one overall for honor secretary of the year. Secretary reports can be emailed (*form is on website*) to Jackie (jdj28@cornell.edu).

A helpful hint for the beginning of the year: set up a notebook with a personal page or permanent record sheet for each member, and as a project is completed they can record it there. This will save time at the end of the year when everyone is scrambling to remember what they did! Time spent on planning is well spent. Begin now to get your club on the right track.

HORSE: HIPPOLOGY & QUIZ BOWL



ATTENTION 4-H'ERS (8-18) - You do not need to own a horse to join in on the fun!

Come and Learn about the Horse and its industry! You will learn about the horse, evolution, nutritional needs, colors, diseases, different types of tack riding or driving....along with many more interesting facts of the horse of today!

We are planning 8-9 weeks of practices which will begin on **Monday, January 24th at 6:30 pm** to start with the first session and focusing on a different topic area each week at the 4-H office. The practices will be held at the 4-H office. In March or April... a fun regional competition is held with 8 other counties, a fun day for all! Please call Jackie to sign up so that we are able to plan accordingly with materials, etc. at 607-391-2660.

DAIRY QUIZ BOWL



Practices have started already but it's not too late to join in this year! The practices will be **in-person and zoom** (2 times a month) and are to be one-hour sessions held from 7-8 pm. They will be focusing on a different topic each session.

Novice participants are 8-10 years old and it is their first year competing, junior are 9-13 years old, and seniors are 14 and up.

2021-2022 CALENDAR:

- **In Person meetings** to be held at Farm Credit East, Homer, NY. - **Nov. 18, Dec 16th, Jan 27 and Feb 17th.**
- **Zoom meetings:** **Dec.2, Jan 13th and Feb 3rd**

Please don't forget to contact the office to join in with the practice sessions, if you haven't done so.

Previous years practice packets and the Rules for Competition:<http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/animal/programs/dairy/dairy-quiz-bowl/>

If you would like more information, contact Becky Ireland-Perry at (607)391-2665 or rlj3@cornell.edu

2022 TRACTOR SAFETY PROGRAM

Mark your calendars, (March thru May 2022). Cornell Cooperative Extension-Cortland will be offering youth an opportunity to be certified for farm employment which would include the operation of farm tractors and machinery.

A total of 8 tractor safety sessions will be presented at different agricultural business locations. There is a nominal fee that will be required from each participant to cover the cost of materials used in the course. More information in the next newsletter.



4-H TEEN COUNCIL

Are you interested in becoming a strong leader in the 4-H Community and beyond? 4-H Teen Council is a county-wide program that invites youth 13 years old and older to learn about leadership, citizenship, trust, financial management, and fun while meeting new, diverse friends from around the county.

Information about 4-H Teen Council:

- Youth must be at least 13 years of age to join
- 4-H Teen Council is a great place to meet new friends.
- Members can be from any community within Cortland County.
- You can belong to 4-H Teen Council in addition to your regular club.
- 4-H Teen Council meets the first Monday of every month, except July and August.
- 4-H Teen Council controls an annual budget of generally more than \$10,000.
- Members decide how much of the budget they would like to use to subsidize teen council trips, scholarships, community service, and maintenance on the food booth at the fairgrounds.
- Members may participate in as many trips sponsored by Teen Council as they see fit.
- The officers of 4-H Teen Council are elected from within the membership.
- 4-H Teen Council members run the annual 4-H Achievement Night program.
- 4-H Teen Council oversees and raises funds from the 4-H Food Booth at the Cortland Jr Fair, and other events during the year.

For more information, please call the 4-H office at (607) 391-2660 or email Becky Ireland-Perry at rli3@cornell.edu. Come ready to have a great time learning about leadership and community involvement. This is a fantastic opportunity for all 4-H'ers ages 13 -18!!

2022 CALENDAR DATES

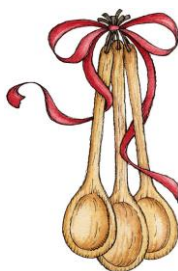
January 2022

3 rd	Office Closed- Holiday
4 th	Office Re-Open
10 th	Teen Council Meeting 6:30PM – 4H office
13 th	(Zoom)- Dairy bowl Practice 7PM
17 th	Office Closed- Holiday
18 th	Fairboard Meeting 7PM
24 th	Needle Art Workshop 6PM – 4H office
24 th	Horse Hippology 6:30pm – 4H office
27 th	Dairy Bowl (In-Person Practice) 7PM-Farm Credit East, Homer, NY
31 st	Horse Hippology 6:30pm – 4H office

February 2022

7 th	Teen Council Meeting 6:30PM – 4H office
7 th	Horse Hippology 6:30pm – 4H office
14 th	Needle Arts workshop 6PM – 4H office
15 th	Fairboard Meeting 7PM
21 st	Office Closed-Holiday
22-25	4-H Sewing Camp – 4-H Office
TBA	Robotics camp (more info coming)

Note: January & February workshops- more info will be sent via email along with a link to register/sign up.



Fruit Dip Recipe

Yield 8 servings

Ingredients

- 8 oz. yogurt, low fat vanilla
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- ½ tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons 100% orange juice frozen concentrate, thawed.

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine yogurt, orange juice concentrate, lime juice and brown sugar
2. Mix well

Source: Utah State University Cooperative Extension. 4-H Fun with Foods, Level I

75th ANNUAL 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Saturday, November 6th 4-H members, leaders, family, and friends were in attendance to celebrate the closing of the 2020-2021 and beginning the new 4-H year. The program started out with fun activities and games in the reception area at the Masonic Lodge, Cortland, NY. At 6:00PM with our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Teen Council President William Mathy welcoming and introduced teen council members Daniel Ortlieb and Ryan Champion as the flag presenters.

Opening ceremony Teen Council members Marybeth Ortlieb and Ruby Metcalf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Once completing the opening of the program everyone sang The National Anthem. The first award recognition is given to 4-H clubs and 4-H members for the Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Cattle Judging Photo Contest.

2021 Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest

- **Top club** recognition and certificate to Friendly Acres 4-H Club.
- **Top individuals 2021 Hoard's Dairyman judging** - 1st Elsie Donlick, 2nd Annika Donlick, 3rd Erika Olsen, 4th Everett Brayman, 5th Eli Donlick.

National 4-H Week displays from 4-H clubs around the county create wonderful 4-H Window Displays sharing to the community. Certificate recognition given to Marathon Maple Sugars, Cincy Country Kids and Fertile Valley 4-H clubs.

- **Top Window display award** receiving a \$25 gift card to the National 4-H catalog was presented to Cincy Country Kids.

Top Honor Secretary award; One of the key roles in a 4-H club is the Club secretary, vital for keeping minutes and filing monthly reports. On the 7th of each month the club secretary sends into the 4-H office their club monthly reports on a regular basis, this year we recognized the outstanding club instead of individual secretaries. Honor Secretary Certificates were presented to Dylan Spisak-Dairy Dreamers 4H Club, Brooks Closson- Cincy Country Kids, Elsie Donlick-4-H Teen Council, Marathon Maple Sugars, Ryan Champion-County Cackleberries and Abby Thomas – Eastern Valley 4-H club.

- **Top Honor Secretary** – Elsie Donlick – 4-H Teen Council Club

Community Service certificates were presented to Cincy Country Kids, Marathon Maple Sugars, Friendly Acres, County Cackleberries, 4-H Teen Council, Fertile Valley, Dairy Dreamers and Super Seekers 4-H Clubs.

- **Top Community Service certificate and \$25 gift certificate to the National 4-H catalog.** awarded to outstanding 4-H club - Cincy Country Kids 4-H Club.

Honor Club recognition is given to an outstanding 4-H club programming accomplishments; meetings, tours, 4-H promotion, community service, enrollment and recordkeeping. Honor club certificates were given to Marathon Maple Sugars, County Cackleberries, Friendly Acres, Cincy Country Kids, Dairy Dreamers, Fertile Valley and 4-H Teen Council 4-H clubs.

- **Outstanding Honor 4-H Club Achievement** Award receiving a \$25 gift Certificate to the National 4-H Catalog is Marathon Maple Sugars 4-H Club.

The most import 4-H experience is participating in **Public Presentations.** Club members learn to express themselves clearly and confidently.

- We would like to recognize County Cackleberries, Friendly Acres, 4-H Teen Council, Fertile Valley and Super Seekers 4-H clubs.



67TH ANNUAL CORTLAND CO. JR. FAIR

Many awards are presented at the at the time they are earned. However, some of the exhibitors are not always available when the judging is completed. We wish to recognize and congratulate our youth and 4-H clubs for their excellent work on exhibit during the week long fair.

4-H YOUTH BUILDING AWARDS:

Window Boxes – special recognition and a certificate to 4-H'ers who brought beautiful flowered window boxes for their fair exhibit and were placed around the fairgrounds for display for fairgoers. Josie Kuiken, Genevieve Kuiken, Ivy Phelps, Nadia Phelps, Nate Crispell, Ryan Champion and Katie Champion.

Special recognition for top Exhibitors and Exhibits in the Vegetable and Horticulture Areas in the 4-H Youth Building.

Ornamental Horticulture:

Best Container Garden	Brooklee VanPatten
Best Cut Flower	Elsie Donlick
Best Orn. Exhibit	Delta Barber
Top 1 st Year Exhibitor Orn. Hort.	Katie Champion
Top Ornamental Hort. Exhibit	Elsie Donlick

Vegetable & Crops:

Largest Green Tomato	Elsie Donlick
Best Vegetable Exhibit	Alice Tylutki
Outstanding 1 st Year Exhibitor	Jordyn Keith
Outstanding Vegetable Exhibitor	Elsie Donlick
All-Around Vegetable & Ornamental	Elsie Donlick

4-H MEDAL RECOGNITION:

Achievement	Elsie Donlick, Annika Donlick, Josh Loomis, Jackson Slade, Abby Thomas
Agriculture	Matt DuVall, Josh Loomis
Arts & Crafts	Katie Brown, Caleb Brown, Blaine DuVall, Olivia Zakarewicz
Citizenship	Erika Olsen
Community Service	Brooks Closson, Ruby Metcalf, Mackenzie Zakarewicz, Olivia Zakarewicz
Computer Tech	Elsie Donlick
Cooking	Daniel Ortlieb, William Mathy, Nathanael Mathy, Katie Brown
Dairy Goat	Marybeth Ortlieb, Olivia Zakarewicz
Dairy	Jackson Slade, Hannah Slade, Aleta Gross
Engines & Tractors	Abby Thomas, Katherine Metcalf, Christopher Slade
Fashion	Elsie Donlick
Fine Arts	Gabe Teeter, Elle McNamara, Julia Loomis, Isabella Loomis
Food & Nutrition	Boden Scanlon, Gwyneth Scanlon, Ryan Champion, Alice Tylutki, Lexi Myrto
Home Environment	Gwyneth Scanlon
Horticulture	Gabe Teeter, Alice Tylutki, Elsie Donlick, Annika Donlick, Ryan Champion, Ruby Metcalf
Judging	Elsie Donlick
Leadership	Annika Donlick, Abby Thomas
Meat goat	Ryan Champion
Photography	Ivy Phelps
Poultry	Ryan Champion, Alice Tylutki, Erika Olsen, Hannah Wilbur
Rabbits	Sophia Wilbur, Jenna Loomis
Sheep	Abby Thomas, Blaine DuVall, Olivia Zakarewicz
Swine	Jackson Slade, Christopher Slade, Hannah Slade
Visual arts	Blaine DuVall, Olivia Zakarewicz, Mackenzie Zakarewicz, Ruby Metcalf
Wood	Brooks Closson

🏆 4-H DAIRY MEMBER AWARD - ANNIKA DONLICK

🏆 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 4-H AMBASSADOR - ABBY THOMAS

🏆 2020-2021 ALL-AROUND 4-H MEMBER 15-19 - ANNIKA DONLICK AND ABBY THOMAS

In closing the Achievement Night Awards evening, the Teen Council youth members held a traditional Candlelight Ceremony and refreshments were shared to end the evening. Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, friends, parents, grandparents, alumni 4-H'ers and businesses that support and sponsor trophies, plaques, and cash awards for the youth fair and year-end awards.

A special Thank you to The CNY Living History Museum for the use of their location for our special event this year and were able to tour the museum in the afternoon for an educational event and encourage county residents to do also.



AROUND THE COUNTY!

OCTOBER 2020- SEPTEMBER 2021 4-H Secretary Reports - Highlights

Eastern Valley 4-H Club – January 24th – club met their agenda to be voluntary Empire Farm Days in August, working 3 days – at Ice cream or milkshake booths, restocking booths and clean up. They did elections, and had a Feeder calf presentation. September 19th members met and followed up on old business, Empire Farm days and many suggestions for maps, trash bags, food tents, food tickets more chairs/tables seating. Also talked about the NYAAC's Birthing Center, answered questions and help with chores. New business kicking Cancer-October and they will have the milkshakes or cider and Bertha. October 16th apple picking at Reeds and make also made cider at Halls. The meeting ended with a tour of the farm.

County Cackleberries 4-H Club – October 2020 club met and sewed pillow cases with Becky. November 2020 they cut Christmas trees out of wood pallets and painted the and also tried doing melted crayon art. December 2020 and January and February 2021 no meetings held, but members made homemade valentines and donated to the meals-on-wheels. March club made bird houses. April they toured Evanick rotary parlor. May- no meeting held. June they made leaf art canned rhubarb jam and tie-dyed stuff. July members had a great fair week. August they did a camping overnight trip to Nobel's and visited a coal mine.

Cincy Country Kids 4-H Club – January 31, 2021 the members met and reviewed Achievement Night awards and their club received two 2- gift certificates for Community Service Award and Window Display. Fundraising with Rada Cutlery and Gertrude Hawk candy bars. Their project was building a lamp and members used a wire tester to find out which wires were live and which ones weren't. Once they completed the testing they fill the bottom of their lamp with whatever they liked. February 14th the club met going over new business items. Picking a new shirt color to order for fair, and their animals for fair and market classes. Candy sales going great. February project -building a wind chime out of silverware, beads and fishing line. March 14th club met again focus on fair and reviewing how the candy sales are doing. April 25th club members met to review candy bar sale wrap up and Rada Cutlery fundraisers. They will plan a car wash, bake sale and a bottle drive for May 8th and they focused on garbage can and their project was wood burning plaques. May 20th club met to learn about arranging container gardens. June 6th they participated in the Dairy parade and noted that they were the only 4-H club that did. Planning a bake sale on June 12 rain or shine. All paperwork for the fair entries need to be completed. Club T-shirts will be purple this year. July – club members were at fair. August 31st celebrated end of fair. September 12th – everyone did a great job at the fair and thank you to all that came to celebrate at the August meeting.

Marathon Maple Sugars – January 2021 and February 2021 – no meetings held, they are planning to have an annual family dinner in March. March 27th held their annual family dinner at the Killawog Baptist Church. Enjoyed a menu of chicken spiedies, mac & cheese, veggie and fruit tray with maple frosted brownies for dessert with ice cream. For April, Maple Festival selling maple sundaes from a tent in front the Methodist church. April 10th; Maple Festival, beautiful

weather and good sales for the Maple sundaes Drive thru. They are hoping to help the American Legion Post 617 with the placement of the flags at the Marathon Cemetery for Memorial Day. May 29th the club helped with the American flags on Veterans graves, Congratulations to Max & CJ for tying for 3rd place in the fairbook cover contest. June – no meeting; hoping each member will exhibit projects at the Jr. Fair. July 2021- no meeting held; county fair is happening...; August no meeting held; CJ had 5 exhibits at the Jr. Fair; and is banana bread was chosen for State Fair. August 2021 no meeting held.

4H Teen Council – November 2020 – hosts for the Achievement Night awards program. December 2020- members met to discuss many ideas; lots of old and new business was discussed. They made ginger bread houses from kits and made string art ornaments. January 2021 – no meeting held. February 2021 members met and discussed to go skiing, public presentations. Their community service project they will be writing letters for a senior citizen and plan to participate in a drawing activity with a partner. March meeting all members met on Zoom to discuss future ideas along with hosting public presentation. April- they held an information met to clean the food booth; and learned to wood burn as their activity project. Each member received a picture frame as they created decorative designs by wood burning a patterns using different burning tips. May 2021 the group met to discuss plans for events and Claudia Hitt came to teach members about flower displays and how to create them. At the end each member made a beautiful arrangement for Mother's Day gift. June - they met at the fairgrounds to make plans for fair by creating a schedule for the food booth; they also did an update on the pen pal friends that they have been writing too. July – no meeting held; but many members helped to run and work at the food booth during fair week. On July 24th the teens met at Greek Peak for a movie night. August – no meeting held. September the food booth did really well with their sales; welcomed new members to the club. They filled out their personal pages and re-enrolled for the 4-H year. September 13th met for a quick meeting looking to set a date for their annual retreat, maybe the corn maze again. Also seeking teens to help with the draft horse food booth in October and the group went to Camp Owahta for their annual retreat fun. Teens will be hosting the Achievement night awards program in November.

A Friendly Reminder – Leaders please have your club secretary mark their monthly calendar as a reminder to send in their reports for 2021-2022 4-H year. Secretary Reports should be sent into the 4-H office by the 7th of the month. You can email them to jd28@cornell.edu.

NYSDEC'S SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAMPS.

For the 18th year, the Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be sponsoring a few young people (ages 11-17) from Tompkins, Cortland, or Seneca counties to attend one of the NYSDEC's Camps. In addition to paying for the cost of the camp (\$350), up to \$100 will be available to assist the camper with the purchase of required camp supplies and transportation costs. For more information on the DEC summer camp programs and locations:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

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