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4-H Pledge:

*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.*



January-February 2021

**The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
has been distributing pheasant chicks
to the public through the
Day Old Pheasant Chick Program
for over 100 years!**



- The day old chick program is a great way for youth to get involved with wildlife and the outdoors, while learning the responsibility that comes with raising animals.
- Wildlife habitat improvement projects can also be integrated into the raise and release program.
- Resources are available for leaders and participants to familiarize themselves with techniques and necessary equipment needed to raise pheasants.
- A complete rearing guide can be downloaded from their website
- https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/dayoldchicks.pdf.
- An informational video is also available by request from the game farm and may be available to view through our website in the near future.
- It is important to remember that this program is a free service to qualified peoples of New York and no fee may be charged for providing pheasant chicks. Also, program reach through Cornell Cooperative Extension offices is intended for 4H members.

Pheasant chick requests should be submitted contact Jackie at jdh28@cornell.edu no later than **March 20th** to reserve your pheasant order!

All chicks are hatched at the Reynolds Game Farm and will be distributed to county offices by DEC game farm staff, unless otherwise stated. DEC would like to thank you for making the program such a great success and for helping to incorporate pheasants into the lives of so many youth across the state.

THE 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR CORTLAND COUNTY

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2021 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS



FOR SAFETY CONCERNS
THE 4-H OFFICE IS
MAKING CHANGES!

2021 PRESENTATION
PROGRAM WILL BE EITHER
VIA ZOOM OR IN-PERSON
BY APPOINTMENTS.

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS:

- Demonstration
- Illustrated Talk
- Formal Speech
- Recitation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Job Interview



There will be times in almost every 4-Her's future when he or she will be asked to share with, demonstrate or speak to others.

Here is a little information for you in organizing your project. By doing a presentation you will begin developing the skills needed to:

- Express yourself to others
- Research a subject and organize your thoughts
- Share a topic you are interested in with others.

CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECT FIRST:

Then choose your title. Remember... pick something fun and interesting:

- ✚ "Selecting Equipment for a Sewing Box"
- ✚ "The Parts of a Dairy Goat"
- ✚ "Decorating a Cake"
- ✚ "Repotting House Plants"
- ✚ "Conformation and Judging A Horse"
- ✚ "How to Grease a Tractor"

In preparing your presentation, try to gather some background information. As you collect the information, be certain that all the facts are accurate and up to date.

- A) Always be prepared to tell about your experiences while giving the presentation.
- B) Tell why you think your presentation is important.

For example: *If you are giving a food presentation, tell your audience some facts about its nutritional background.*

CLOVERBUD PRESENTATIONS should be simple, lasting from 1-2 minutes. They should pick a topic they know very well, and then they will be more comfortable standing in front of a group.

OLDER MEMBERS - ages 8-19 should plan a presentation that is at least 5-10 minutes in length, have posters, and do some research on their topic.

PLANNING is very important in preparing your presentation. Try to list the important steps and processes that are to be discussed and demonstrated. These should be listed in logical order. Outline the explanation that is to go with each step. Make sure to list the necessary materials and equipment to be used in the presentation.

PRESENTATIONS HAVE 3 PARTS:

WHY - This is an *introduction*. Be original and brief, it is very important because this is your attention getter. Tell them why you selected this topic. Greet the audience with a SMILE; let them know that you are happy to be there!

HOW - This is the "*show & tell*" part of your presentation. As each step is demonstrated, tell what you are doing, how you are doing it, and in some cases, why you are doing it one way instead of another. If you have time within a certain step, tell about the equipment or material you are using. Be sure to present all steps! Keep the table organized and arrange materials in the order you use them.

SUMMARIZE - In the summary *review* the points of the presentation and tell the audience where you got the information and how it can be valuable to them. Give them a chance to ask you questions. Answer them truthfully, and if you do not know the answer, tell them so. When you are giving your presentation, look neat and clean. Demonstrations involving food preparation have other specifics as well.

POSTERS:

It is important to refer to your poster as you speak. The purpose of a good poster is to inform, explain, emphasize, outline, guide, summarize, and supplement. It needs to be legible to the audience in the back row, neat, attractive, and NOT busy. Use guidelines to print your words (1 inch is about the smallest you can use), proof read carefully, use color sparingly, and use pictures to help illustrate your story, not to decorate. Don't crowd! Feel free to use several posters. We have handouts available on poster design.

TYPES:

(A) DEMONSTRATION OR ILLUSTRATED TALK- These are presentations that use visuals to teach the audience about a particular topic or how to do something.

You say, “let me tell you about... (fishing, dog nutrition, quilts, how apple cider is made, etc.).

You say, “Let me show and tell you how to ... (thread a needle, sort laundry, put a worm on a hook, care for guinea pigs, etc.).

(B) FORMAL SPEECH -These are more advanced presentations that use no visuals and can be presented for a variety of purposes. Presenters must have a firm understanding of their audience.

1. Persuasive – The goal is to convince the audience of a particular viewpoint or to take specific action.

You say, “I want to **convince** my audience to...” (not eat meat, institute a family game night, vote for school uniforms, etc.).

You say, “I want to persuade my audience that... (butter is healthier than margarine, disposable diapers are better than cloth, recycling paper damages the environment, etc.).

2. Motivational – The goal is to inspire the audience to act, or to emotionally encourage them.

You say, “I want my audience to **feel**... (proud to be a 4-H member, psyched-up for an event, awed by the actions of others, etc.).

3. Informative – The goal is to inform the audience about a specific topic.

Your goal is “I want my audience to **learn about**... (Guiding Eyes for the Blind, the effects of culture shock when traveling overseas, etc.).

(C) CREATIVE COMMUNICATION - These are presentations that involve the dramatic reproduction of pre-written material. The presenter has the text of the presentation and so focuses his/her efforts on vocal inflection and body language as added tools of communication. For these categories, the presenter(s) should identify the source of the creative piece and its author and may allude to, explain, or challenge the audience to discover the message it conveys prior to beginning. The setting, as well as the presenter’s reason for choosing this particular piece, may also be included at this point if so desired.

RECITATION- The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of **pre-written material**. Props should not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation. Memorization is expected, but notes are permitted. This area is not intended for presentation of original pieces of material written by the presenter. TEAM Recitations are NOT allowed at the state level.

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION – The presenter or team delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, and monologues—dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition should include props and costumes. Props need to be **simple and minimal**, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s).

Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category, but 4-H educators should monitor appropriateness of presentation. Many resources to help prepare for your presentation are available at the 4-H office.

INTERVIEW – (for youth ages 15+) **Preparing for a job interview** can be overwhelming. 4-H youth can get a head start on this endeavor by participating in the NY State Public Speaking Program’s Interview Process.

During the interview process, 4-H teens will undergo a simulated interview for a job with a trained volunteer evaluator.

More information can be found on our website. Registration information will be provided in a separate email blast.

4-H MARKET TURKEY 2021 PROJECT ORDER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 7TH



It is time to start thinking about market turkeys for fair!

Please let us know the youth(s) name(s) and how many birds you would like to order.

The minimum number of turkeys to order is **6 per youth**. If you have 2 siblings wanting to do the project, you can get 8. If you want extras for yourself, that is fine as well! We just need an intent to order and raise, once we have total numbers we will calculate the cost per bird.

Cortland County 4-H members (Cloverbuds are not eligible) can raise market turkeys to be consigned to the Cortland County 4-H Market Animal Sale to be held on Friday, July 9TH at 6:00 p.m. at the Cortland County Fairgrounds during the Cortland Jr. Fair.

Basic requirements are clean, dry housing that will protect the birds from predators, cold, wet, or hot sun; a brooder or heat lamp(s) to warm the chicks; feeding and watering equipment; and appropriate turkey feed.

There is a class in the Cortland County 4-H Poultry Division in the fairbook for Market Turkeys. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit and sell **1** market turkey.

4-H members with market turkeys are required to participate in showmanship, and to follow all rules and regulations governing poultry in the fair book. Animals cannot be entered in both market and breeding classes (additional turkeys raised may be shown in breeding classes). 4-H members **must complete and hand in a Market Turkey Project Record**. 4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market turkeys must place their order through CCE.

**READY TO ORDER YOUR BROILERS?
2021 MARKET BIRD 4-H PROJECT
ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 6TH**



Cortland County 4-H members (*Cloverbuds are not eligible*) may raise market broilers to be consigned to the Cortland County 4-H Market Sale to be at the Fair. Broilers are meat-type chickens that are raised for 6 to 8 weeks to a weight of 4 to 5 pounds. Basic requirements are clean, dry housing that will protect the birds from predators, cold, wet, or hot sun; a brooder or heat lamp(s) to warm the chicks; feeding and watering equipment; and 20-24% protein feed. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit and **sell 3 market broilers at the fair.**

4-H members with market chickens are required to participate in poultry showmanship, and to follow all rules and regulations governing poultry in the fair book. Animals cannot be entered in both market and breeding classes. 4-H members must complete a Market Chicken Project Record.

4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market chickens must notify and place their order through the 4-H office (a min. of 6 chickens).

The 4-H office will be placing **all orders on March 6th** (& birds can be picked up in May) a link will be provided in a separate email blast.

2021 TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE

The 4-H Office is planning 2021 Tractor Safety Course to Youth who are 14 years of age are required to have their safety certificate before being employed to work on farms. Due to safety concerns, this course may be online instruction via Zoom classes, etc. More information & dates a link will be provided in a separate email blast.

This course is only held once a year and youth 14/older are encouraged to attend. A fee of \$35.00 per enrolled 4-H member and \$45 for non-enrolled 4-H member. This fee will cover cost of materials used in the course.

Enrollment is limited to 20 participants and they are required to attend all (9) of the training sessions.

2021 MARCH DOG MADNESS

At this time, we do not have any information for the 2021 annual conference for adult and teenagers, engaging science based information training works hosted by NYS

4-H and Cornell campus. Any additional information will be provided in a separate email blast.

2021 HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY

Youth and clubs who are interested to join our practice sessions to learn more about the Horse & The Horse Industry - please call Jackie at 607-391-2660 or by email at jd28@cornell.edu. Plans to have via zoom and some in-person practices starting a little later this year due to safety concerns. Dates and times are still in the planning stage but if you would like to join in please contact the 4-H office ASAP - so that we can communicate better for our teaching sessions! Information will be provided in a separate email blast.

2021 DAIRY BOWL

Youth and clubs who are interested to join our practice sessions to learn more about the Dairy Cow and its Industry - please contact the 4-H office at 607-391-2660. Plans to have via zoom and some in-person practices starting a little later this year due to safety concerns. Dates and times are still in the planning stage but if you would like to join in please contact the 4-H office ASAP - so that we can communicate better for our teaching sessions and gatherings! Information will be provided in a separate email blast.

**DAIRY DISCOVERY
MARCH 2021 – VIRTUAL EVENT TBD**

The 2021 event will be a virtual event. More information will be blasted out as it becomes available.

**DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST
HOARDS DAIRYMAN 2020**

If any club is interested in participating in the Hoard's Dairyman dairy cattle judging contest, you can contact Hoards to receive the official materials either by emailing them at: judging@hoards.com or by calling 920-563-5551.

(website) <https://hoards.com/flex-295-cow-judging.html>

- Entries must be postmarked by March 25th, 2021 to Hoards Dairyman.
- ATTENTION LEADERS AND MEMBERS! Remember to send in a "copy of your official placings" to the 4-H office also for recognition at Achievement Night Awards Program.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

2021 NYS GUERNSEY CALF SCHOLARSHIP

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 **Guernsey Calf Scholarship** application is **due March 1, 2021** please email Seth and Amber Ripley for an application. seth.ripley@gmail.com.

NYS GUERNSEY ACHIEVEMENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Any youth ages 8 to 21 who exemplifies achievement in scholarship, leadership service and is an active member of the NY Guernsey Association.

The **Guernsey Achievement** application is **due March 1st** please email Alison Widrick for an application. littlewidrick@twcnny.rr.com

HENRY THOMAS CALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Cortland County Holstein club offers a **"purebred"** Holstein calf each year in memory of Mr. Henry Thomas. To be eligible to be an applicant, you must meet the following criteria.

1. Age Limit: 11 – 15 years of age as of January 1, of the current year.
2. You have adequate housing facilities to raise a calf.
3. You must be a Cortland County 4-H member, or a Junior Holstein Club member, or willing to join the Junior Holstein Association.
4. Periodic farm visits to view the calf are welcomed.
5. You must be willing to show the calf at our local shows.

This is an excellent dairy animal to use in your 4-H project. The calf will be awarded at the Cortland Co. Spring Holstein Banquet in March.

Application:

<http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/resources/henry-thomas-calf-scholarship>

COUNTY JR. YOUTH FAIR JULY 6-10, 2021

SEEKING TEENS JOIN THE FAIRBOARD

The Fairboard is seeking teen youth to join the Jr. Fairboard Committee. If you may be interested and would like to join the group, the meetings are set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Contact Jackie 607-391-2660 if you would be interested or would like more

information to join and help with projects, ideas to provide *the fair at its best!*

4-H YOUTH FAIR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE MARCH 6TH

ATTENTION SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL OR A RESIDENT ALREADY ATTENDING COLLEGE!

Applicant must be in his / her senior year of High school in NYS or a resident already attending college and planning to pursue or already pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher learning.

- **Deadline to "The Fairboard"** for Cortland County Jr Fair is **March 6, 2021** so that all applications will be reviewed, sign and sent onto the NYSSA secretary for consideration and awards.

The **NYS Fair Scholarship** application process is at www.nyfairs.org – **fill out the entire application and print out the copy for the fairboard to review** and they will send in the top 5 applications to the review committee at the State Association. You can give your application to Jackie at the 4-H office.

FAIRBOOK COVER DESIGN CONTEST 2021

This is another opportunity for 4-H members to do their best work and support the fair.

1. Artwork for the drawing must be 8 ½' x 11" paper. Drawings must be done in black felt tip pen - erase all pencil lines used to set up the design.
2. Please (*include in the fairbook cover design*)below:

67TH ANNUAL CORTLAND COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR JULY 6-10, 2021

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Final submission is: April 10, 2021 to the 4-H office.

3. **Suggestions:** In your artwork, be sure to include some of the attractions & exhibits that draw the general public to our fair.
4. Print your name on the back of the drawing sheet with your name, age and 4-H club you are a member of.
5. All drawings will be used to promote the Fair. *The winner of the contest will receive \$10.00 award from the fairboard.*

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