



Clover Chronicle

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FairEntry

We are switching to FairEntry this year for Animal and Non-Animal 4-H Entries for the Schaghticoke Fair. This system is integrated with **4-H Online** our member/ volunteer data base system, we will also be moving to an online re-enrollment process this year. If you have not already, please set up your log in on 4-H Online with the email we have on file for you; this will be your login for both systems.

4-H Club Reports

Club Reports

At the end of each month, club secretaries should submit the Secretary's Monthly Report form to Kandis Freer at the CCE.

Refer to page 27 in the "4-H Club Secretary's Handbook" for examples and forms. Even though the Clover Chronicle is printed bi-monthly, secretaries should submit their reports every month. You receive points on the Honor Club Application for every Secretary's Report submitted on a timely basis.

The Secretary's Monthly Report is also available on the Rensselaer County 4-H website. You can find it on the 4-H Forms page. Secretaries, please email reports to kmf83@cornell.edu.

Clover Kids and Critters- Ava Olsen

In the beginning of May, Clover Kids and Critters assisted with an informational table at the Schaghticoke Tail Gate Sale. They also helped CCE staff distribute tomato seedlings to the public at the event.

Equine Explorers- Mikayla Malenfant

In the beginning of March, many members of Equine Explorers participated in Horse Communications at the junior and senior levels. Our club participated as presenters, teen evaluators, and supportive audience members.

A big part of March was our focus on the Horse Bowl competition. The 4-H New York Regional Horse Bowl competition took place at Canajoharie High School. The Horse Bowl competition was a great event where the Equine Explorers excelled! Seven of our members competed on the Senior and Junior teams. Our members and coaches' dedicated preparation for this competition yielded both Senior and Junior Team first place finishes for Rensselaer County.

During our March club meeting we learned how to make candies. We learned about different types of fillings, how to prepare and decorate them and use different types of candy molds to create great masterpieces! We also played games while waiting for our creations to set.





How to reach us

Call the 4-H Office: (518) 272-4210
Monday through Friday, 8am and 4pm

You can leave a voicemail message any time!

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university system.**

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If you have comments or suggestions don't hesitate
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Leader's Digest

Volunteers are the life's blood of our organization.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their passion for working with youth, and their dedication to 4-H.

Welcome to our new 4-H Volunteers!

Tonya Danish (Independent)

Kelli Reilly (Pasture Pals)

Kim Reilly (Pasture Pals)

Angel Wade (Blue Ribbon Bandits)



Reenrollment Update:

Reenrollments were due back to the 4-H office by November 1st but we will accept them all year. To participate in fair, they needed to be returned by May 15th. If you have not reenrolled at this time please know that you are not covered under our insurance. If you plan to participate in any 4-H activities, please send in your enrollment forms. We will be transitioning over to our new distribution lists shortly for communications from the 4-H office to our 4-H families. If you have not reenrolled by then you will not be receiving any further communications from us.

If you have questions, or need copies of the reenrollment forms, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu.

Annual Volunteer Harassment Prevention Training:

4-H volunteers, the Harassment Prevention Training is an annual requirement to be enrolled as a Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer and needs to be completed each year. The virtual training takes approximately 10 minutes and can be found at <http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccevolunteertraining/required-training/>. When completed, please forward the confirmation email to cce-rensselaer-volunteer@cornell.edu

Please remind members that they can find just about anything they need on our website:

www.ccerensselaer.org. Just click on the 4-H tab!

Send e-mail to Kandis:

We love to receive pictures of meetings, community service, and other special 4-H events, and we will showcase them with a little blurb in our next Clover Chronicle.

Don't forget Community Service!

Our clubs do amazing things, and one of the greatest things that they can do is give back to our community. There are a lot of opportunities for community service if you only look for them. Everything from volunteering at a local nursing home to planting flowers at a community park or library. Remember, not only is community service rewarding, it's a lot of FUN!

4-H Teens

Exchange

We can't wait to host our Colorado friends in July! We are busy making plans for our host week which will include a day spent touring our area exploring the Agriculture Operations, New York City and simply sharing the typical day in the life of a family in Rensselaer County. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers over the past 2 years and most recently our June Calendar. We will be looking to recruit the next Teen Exchange group to start this fall. Teen Exchange is a 2-year commitment and is open to youth in 7th to 11th grade as of September of 2023. We hope to have an informational meeting on the calendar soon. If you want to be sure to receive information about that meeting please email Bernie at bw27@cornell.edu.

ACT

If you are interested in working as a Teen Manager in the Snack Bar complete the [application](#) which can be found on our website under the Forms Tab.

4-H Capital Days

The 88th annual 4-H Capital Days was held in Albany in April. MacKenzie Diamond represented Rensselaer County at the event. This annual event is sponsored by the NYS Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators. 4-H teens from all over New York State participate. The conferences started on Sunday evening, with Dan Wrenn, a Rensselaer County 4-H alum, as the opening speaker. Dan currently is NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey's scheduler and he shared with the delegates highlights from his time as a 4-H member as well as information about his current position. The delegates toured the New York State Capital Building, visited the NYS Supreme Court, and the NYS Museum. They also had presentations from a variety of NYS agencies, the NYS Assembly, and the NYS Police. MacKenzie visited with Assemblyman Scott Bendett and Senator Jake Ashby and shared her 4-H story with the. It was very busy, but educational few days!



National 4-H Conference

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County sent Lauren Krongold, a Rensselaer County 4-H Teen to National 4-H Conference in April- "The Premier Youth Development Opportunity of the Department of Agriculture." National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead and impact their communities, nation and world. Land-grant University 4-H Departments send delegations of 4-H youth between the ages of 15-19 to participate in National 4-H Conference. Delegates work together in the four weeks prior to the conference to prepare briefings on important topics. During the conference delegates presented their briefings to federal officials in Washington D.C. Delegates not only learn while at the conference; they are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting. Check out Lauren's YouTube Video on our 4-H Facebook Page.



Flower Power

Thank you to everyone who supported our Flower Power Fundraiser! We hope you enjoy the colorful flowers in your yard!

Bloomin' Socks Fundraiser

Rensselaer County 4-H will have a Bloomin' Socks fundraiser this summer. The socks will come in a variety of patterns including the 4-H Clover, several animal patterns, and tractors. They would make great gifts, or a treat for yourself! The socks are 100% American made and will sell for \$13.00 a pair. Each purchase supports Rensselaer County 4-H. The 4-H office should have the socks in mid-June and will let everyone know via upcoming email blasts when they are available for purchase.



Make It and Take It

Learn how to make art with beads.

4pm in the CCE Building on the fairgrounds during fair cleanup

Cost: \$5 per youth

RSVP by emailing Kandis kmf83@cornell.edu

by August 1st.



Junior Chefs

The Junior Chefs are planning two canning workshops. We will be processing dilly beans and fruit jam. Youth will not only learn how to can fruit and vegetables – but they will have a terrific project to enter at the Fair! At this time, we are working on a location for the workshops. Please watch upcoming email blasts for more information.



4-H Shooting Sports

Archery Wrap Up

Our spring archery session has started at the Castleton Fish & Game Club. Everyone is having a great time learning about archery safety and equipment as well as improving their form. Thank you to Scott Schultz from the club for all of his help with the program. We are also grateful to our volunteer instructors, Norah Bewsher, Tom DePaula, and Tom Oathout for their dedication and support of the program!



Summer Rifle/Pistol Session

Rensselaer County 4-H Shooting Sports will hold a .22 rifle and air pistol session for youth 12 years (as of 1.1.23) and older at the Castleton Fish & Game Club on Thursday evenings, July 20th, 27th, and August 3rd at 6:00pm. The registration is \$40.00 for 4-H members and \$50.00 for non-members. Youth must be available to participate in all three evenings. Registrations are due no later than Friday, July 14th and registration will be limited. To register a youth, or for more information, contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu.



CCE Regional Small Animal School

SAVE THE DATE
**2023 Capital District
4-H Small Animal School**
June 10, 2023
1:00pm-4:00pm
Altamont Fairgrounds 4-H Building
129 Grand Street Altamont, NY 12009

Poultry 1:00pm-1:45pm
Cavy 1:45pm-2:30pm
Rabbit 2:30pm-3:15pm
Quiz Bowl 3:15pm-4:00pm

Youth Ages 5-19 may participate. To register and ask any questions please reach out to Rachel at rcl227@cornell.edu

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NYS Horse Bowl

A huge congratulations to the following members that represented our county and region at the NYS Contest held at Cornell University in April. The Junior Team lead by captain Thomas Colarossi and members Alice Bourdeau, Emmeline Heer and Bridget Rowland placed 2nd with Thomas placing 2nd, Emmeline 8th and Alice 9th individually. Our junior team was coached by Rebekah Colarossi with assistance from Lindsey Oswald. Kira Colarossi was our senior that played on a combined senior team that placed 4th and individually she placed 3rd earning a spot on the NYS 4-H Horse Bowl team to compete in the National Contest in the Fall. A heartfelt thank you to the coaches, members, parents and volunteers that helped throughout this horse bowl season!



Regional and State Horse Communications

What a great run of Horse Communications at every level. The following members represented the county at Regional Horse Communications placing respectively – Seniors Kaylie Millar, Emilee Roadcap and Kira Colarossi placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Juniors Thomas Colarossi, Ava Severance and Nikko Colarossi placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Our Junior Team of MacKenzie Martin and Mya Bull placed 1st. The following members went on to compete at the New York State 4-H Horse Communications. Kira, Emilee and Kaylie placed 2nd, 3rd and 5th respectively for the senior division. Thomas placed first for the junior division. Congratulations to all of our members, they clearly worked hard and represented our county extremely well. Can't wait until Horse Communications 2024!



Regional Hippology Event

New this year was the Regional Hippology Event, without a contest. Due to Rensselaer County having the only members participating, a contest was not warranted but what a great day it was! Lot's of learning and experiencing our own regional level version of a state hippology contest. Huge thanks to the many volunteers that contributed to the day from our Coaches Rebekah Colarossi, Lindsey Oswald and those that helped with an element of the event, Shari Mantini, Cathy Kilby, Amber Oswald, Jodi LaCoppola and many parents. Take a look at the pictures from the day. As a result of this event, the following members have qualified to participate in the New York State 4-H Hippology Contest in August: Kaylie Millar, Kira Colarossi, Emory and Lauren Krongold, Chloe Xu, Emmeline Heer, Alice Bourdeau, Heidi Beraldi, Bridget and Mallory Rowland. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this great afternoon of hippology!



Riding Clinic Nights

Starting on June 15th, there will be Thursday night riding clinics. There will be different instructors throughout the coming months. If you would like to receive emails with instructor and registration information please email Bernie at bw27@cornell.edu, the clinic information will be sent to the 4-H Horse Leader email list. Each clinic night will be \$25 per horse/rider combination paid in advance (non refundable – except in emergency). All member participants must have a current riding evaluation on file, 2023 Rabies certificate and either a 2022 or 2023 negative coggins certificate.

3Day Clinic Pictures





Avian Flu

Wild birds can be infected with HPAI and show no signs of illness. They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus.

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FLOCK: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/bro-protect-poultry-from-ai.pdf

Poultry Exhibitors - Pullorum Testing to show at Fairs

Pullorum- an infectious, bacterial, poultry disease caused by the bacterium *Salmonella pullorum*. The disease affects mainly young chicks and pullets, but can also affect older chickens, game birds, guinea fowl, ostriches, parrots, peafowl, ring doves, sparrows and turkeys.

Birds must be tested for pullorum-typhoid in order to attend New York fairs and shows. The testing date for Schaghticoke Fair is 7/15/23 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. If you cannot make that date visit <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnpbpcqjclcfndmkaj/https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/05/pullorumclinicschedule.pdf> for an alternate date.

Fair Clean Up

On **Wednesday, August 16th** 4-H families from across Rensselaer County will gather at the fairgrounds to clean out the winter cobwebs and spruce up for the fair. Although the majority of 4-H'ers display projects in the 4-H Building, there is a relatively small crew of volunteers to clean up and set up. Everyone is asked to chip in to help. Remember - many hands make light work! Cleanup will start at 1 PM for those available, "Make and Take" workshops at 4 PM followed by finishing cleaning and setup in the 4-H Building and Barns. Since attendance at Fair Clean-Up Day has fallen off in recent years, the clean-up/set-up process has been streamlined. Display dividers are no longer covered with new paper on fair clean-up day. Clubs should keep this in mind when preparing their stationary exhibits. Paper will be available during judging and exhibit set-up for clubs that need to cover the dividers.

The fair schedule often conflicts with back-to-school activities, so members and volunteers should mark the dates on their calendars and be prepared to plan ahead in order to be able to fit everything in.

General Interest Evaluations

There will again be two General Interest Judging Days this year, Saturday, August 26th from 9-11am and Monday, August 28th from 4-7pm. **All perishable entries can only be evaluated on Monday August 28th (foods, vegetables, horticulture)** General Interest entries are due on or before August 16th (Fair Clean Up Day).

Prepare for the Fair

All of the pages of the 4-H Schaghticoke Fair book are crammed full of important information, rules, and regulations. **And there are some changes this year!** It can be a daunting task to try to figure out what to enter, and where to enter it. Leaders, parents, and members are encouraged to call the 4-H office with questions about any of the classes or projects listed in the fair book.

Now is the time to ask questions about projects that may fall outside of recognized 4-H curricula.

Help us avoid disappointments on judging days. We certainly don't want members showing up with items that cannot be evaluated by our judges.

Unfortunately, 4-H members often bring wonderful items to the fair only to find out they are not suitable for exhibit in the 4-H Building. 4-H leaders can be our first line of defense in preventing this disappointment. As we approach fair time, please remind your members that not everything we do and not everything we make during the project year is eligible to exhibit at the fair. Leaders should use their fair book as a guide. If your club has made something or worked on a project that does not fit into a category in the fair book, it is probably not appropriate for exhibit in the CCE Building and cannot be evaluated by our judges. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office. If we cannot find a way to make projects fit into the CCE Building, we can help you enter in the Open Class.

Horse questions should be directed to Bernie Wiesen (leave a message on extension 102 after hours)

Other animal questions should be directed to Kandis (leave a message on extension 106 after hours)

Questions about General Interest projects, Club Exhibits, or special opportunities in the 4-H Building during the fair should be directed to Eileen DePaula (leave a message on extension 104 after hours).

Questions about the Snack Bar and Fair Auction should be directed to Kandis Freer (leave a message on extension 106 after hours).

Fair books, entry forms, project tags, and project sheets (needed for recycled, plant, STEM and heritage projects) are available at the 4-H office and at specified locations around the county after July 1st.

Schaghticoke Fair Books

Since we are moving to an electronic format this year there will be a few 4-H Premium books for the Schaghticoke Fair. Entry forms, project tags, project sheets (needed for recycled, plant, STEM and heritage projects) along with Premium Books will be available at the following locations after July 1st. You may want to call ahead for availability.

- ◆ Schaghticoke Fairgrounds Main Office- 69 Stillwater Bridge Rd, Schaghticoke, NY 12154
- ◆ Sand Lake Town Hall- 8428 NY-66, Averill Park, NY 12018
- ◆ Hoosick Falls Town Hall- 80 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
- ◆ Kristy's Barn- 2385 Brookview Rd, Castleton-On-Hudson, NY 12033
- ◆ CCE Office- 99 Troy Road, Suite 203, East Greenbush, NY 12061
- ◆ The 2023 Fair Book will also be available online at www.ccerensselaer.org

****Remember all Animal Entries are due to the CCE office by August 10th,
and Non-Animal due August 16th****

2023 New York State Fair Selections:

4-H projects that were chosen at the 2022 Schaghticoke Fair for the New York State Fair will be evaluated and on display in Syracuse from August 23rd to September 4th. All projects must be delivered to the CCE office no later than Friday, August 18th, or can be dropped off at Fair Clean Up Day on August 16th.

All State Fair projects do need an "Exhibitor Entry Statement" as well as an "Exhibitor Entry Card". The NYS 4-H office is working on virtual versions of these, and when available they will be on the 4-H forms page CCE Rensselaer website at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms>.

Please be sure to remove all tags and ribbons from your project, repair any damage that may have occurred during the year, make sure it is neat and clear. Pack it securely for transport to the State Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen at emd32@cornell.edu and watch upcoming email blasts for more information as well.

Those projects chosen to advance to the 2023 State Fair are:

Jessica Haynes: Record Book, Macrame Ghost

Lucy Haynes: Quilling Project

Kira Colarossi: Photograph, Russian teacakes

Mia Brownell: Photograph, Photo Story

Ragan Retell: Corn Hole Game

Allison Palladino: Photograph

Jameson Roberts: Tye Dye Shirt

Lillian Sliwinski: Creative Framing, Quilted Table Runner

Glendora Kilmer: Hedgehog Book

Thomas Colarossi: Cutlery Set, Orange Cranberry Biscotti

Mackenzie Diamond: Cookies (hand shaped), Dog Treats, Mini Squash Pies, Chocolate Chip Muffins, Ceramic Chicken

Nico Colarossi: Coffee Cake

Owen Campenella: Photograph

Bret Giglio: Painting

Sydney Valcik: Painting

Carlo Colarossi: Brownies

Animal Lease/Ownership

Due June 15th

For members who have animal projects

All other animals (non-horse) must be owned or leased and Grade and Lease papers filed with the CCE Office by June 15th of the current year to be eligible to be exhibited in the 4-H Shows at the Schaghticoke and New York State Fair. Forms are available on our website.

If you have any questions about these policies please contact Kandis– kmf83@cornell.edu at the CCE Office.

Horse Project Paperwork

Due June 1st

Members who plan to show their horse at 4-H Horse Shows this year need to be sure their information is up to date in the office. All members will need to have a current rabies (dated 2023), either a 2022 or 2023 negative Coggins test as well as Project horse certificate by June 1st.

Additionally, you will need to be sure you have a current riding evaluation on file in the office for the proper level you will be riding this year. If you are using the same horse/s as the 2022 season all you will need to do is send in your rabies and negative Coggins. If you are riding the same horse/s and level as 2022 you will be set for this year. If this is not the case you will need to submit an updated riding evaluation before our first county wide riding event. If you are participating in the 3 Day Clinic, you will need to bring updated proof of vaccination and Coggins test. Contact Bernie if you have any questions – bw27@cornell.edu.

Animal Identification & Health Requirements

The Animal Health Requirements can be found by going to: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farming/fairs> and scrolling down the page until you find the section “Fair Health Requirements”. The specific links are as follows:

Exhibitor Pre-fair Guidelines: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/2020-exhibitor-prefair-guidelines>

4-H Tractor Driving Contest at the Schaghticoke Fair

Have you taken the 4-H HOSTA Tractor Safety Course? Do you want to demonstrate your skill behind the wheel at the Schaghticoke Fair? All 4-H members who have successfully completed the 4-H Tractor Safety Course can participate in the annual 4-H Tractor Driving Contest at the Schaghticoke Fair that will take place on Sunday, September 4th at 4:00 PM. Participants will drive on a closed course that will have them demonstrate equipment inspection, turning, backing and stopping. To sign-up for the 4-H Tractor Driving Contest please contact Brooke at the 4-H office by calling 518.272.4210. Deadline to sign-up is August 16th.

Dogs at the Schaghticoke Fair

Just a reminder to all 4-H'ers and families interested in exhibiting dogs at the Schaghticoke Fair and NYS Fair- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 15 of the project year. 4-H youth who have trained their personal, immediate family, or a leased dog in the 4-H Dog Obedience program, or any other dog series & passed satisfactory evaluation at designated 4-H county dog evaluation event are eligible to participate at these events. Please call the CCE office for more information about Dog Evaluations which will take place in June.

Please start planning for the 4-H Silent auction!

We are again asking clubs and independent members to collect donations, hang up posters and ask community businesses to help publicize the Annual 4-H Auction by displaying it on their reader boards, A-frame signs, their websites or any social media their company uses.

Proceeds from the auction help support the Teen College Scholarships, fair judges and awards, and all educational activities and trips.

***This is one of the largest fundraising opportunities for
Rensselaer County 4-H.***

To make this successful, we need your help!

4-H Auction Donors - 2023

To ensure that all donors receive a Thank You note from Rensselaer County 4-H, please submit a list of donors to Kandis

Name of Business or Individual	Complete Mailing Address with Zip Code	Item(s) Donated

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Ag & Life Sciences Bldg. 61 State St. Troy, NY 12180
Tel: 518-272-4210 Fax: 272-1648

To: 4-H Auction Donors

June 1, 2023

From: Rensselaer County 4-H Teen Council Ambassadors

Re: Annual Auction

4-H members and volunteers in Rensselaer County are planning a major annual auction as a fundraising event.

As a 4-H member in good standing, I am seeking a donation from your business for the auction. All proceeds from the Auction go toward college scholarships, fair judges, awards, educational activities, educational trips, and support volunteer recognition efforts.

Since 1917, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County (CCE-Rensselaer) has responded to the needs of local residents with unbiased, research-based information, tools and education that people have come to depend on and trust. Our programs are developed in direct response to community input, and are based on the most current information available from Cornell and other Land Grant universities from across the nation. From our experiences we know that 4-H changes lives, helping youth to become confident, mature adults ready to succeed in today's challenging worlds. Studies show that youth participating in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, and develop lasting friendships. Access to Cornell's resources gives young people an opportunity to make connections for college and beyond.

CCE-Rensselaer is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization and is part of the Cooperative Extension land grant system, a partnership between County, State, and Federal governments that is administered in New York State through Cornell University. Your donation is considered a charitable contribution, please let us know if you need more documentation.

Your generous assistance in support of these worthwhile causes is certainly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other 4-H program, please feel free to call Kandis Freer at the Rensselaer County 4-H office at 272-4210 ext 106.

On behalf of Rensselaer County 4-H Youth Development, and the young people who benefit from 4-H programs, thank you for your support.

The Snack Bar Schedule

is out for 2023, please call or email Kandis with your club's 1st and 2nd choice for Snack Bar duty!

We have less and less clubs, please do your part. Even if you only have one or two kids that can make it we still need every club to choose at least one shift.

In order to receive fair passes your club has to be signed up for a Snack Bar shift.

Shift	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7AM to 10AM	Hoosick Shamrocks	Jogging Juniors				
10AM to 1PM						
1PM to 4PM						
4PM to 7PM						
7PM to 10PM						

4-H Teen Manager Snack Bar Application

Job Description: A teen manager needs to be at least 13 years old, upbeat and positive, able to work well with others, is organized and ambitious. They are expected to prepare food, clean dishes, restock during fair, disinfect and clean the workspace, participate in the clean up before and/ or after fair, and assist where needed. It is also expected that a teen manager acts professional, is respectful, and is comfortable talking to the adult manager on shift or CCE Staff.

A Teen Manager may also run the cash register if they feel comfortable. Along with the other expectations, the cashier needs to be able to work with the general public, perform under pressure, practice good customer service, and be accurate and proficient in making change.

The Snack Bar is looking for Teens that are ready to be the face of 4-H for our County. If you are interested, complete the form and *return it to the 4-H Office or email it as an attachment to kmf83@cornell.edu*

Please use additional paper for your answers if needed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

1. What leadership roles have you played in school or 4-H?

2. Previous job experience (any job counts, please specify)

3. Did any of the jobs include working with a cash register?

Order your 2023 Schaghticoke Fair T-Shirt today!

Orders are due on or before August 10th, 2023.

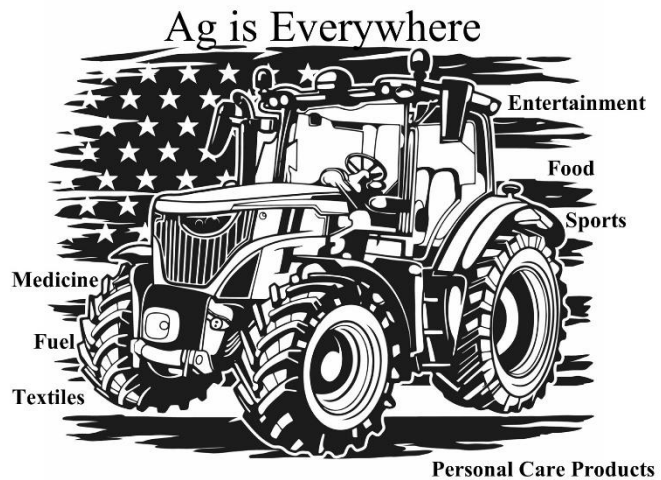
- ‡ The 2023 T-shirts will be **grey with black lettering and 4-H green accents**
- ‡ Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes. (Please note shirts are NOT available in a Youth Extra Large.)
- ‡ Shirts are on sale for **\$12.00 (there will be an additional \$2.00 for XXL or XXXL)**
- ‡ To order your T-shirt complete the order form below.
- ‡ Enclose a check payable to **CCE of Rensselaer County** or pay by card using the [donations tab](#) on our website- in the note section you must say who and what payment is for.
- ‡ Orders must be turned in on or before **August 10th, 2023**
- ‡ You may mail your check and order to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension
99 Troy Road, Suite 203
East Greenbush, NY 12061

You can complete youth orders using FairEntry System when entering your entries or by completing a paper order form — we cannot guarantee phone orders.

‡ Only pre-paid orders will be accepted.

Design submitted by Jace Freer



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Specify NUMBER of shirts under each size	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	XX-LARGE (+ \$2.00)	XXX- LARGE (+\$2.00)
YOUTH				N/A	N/A	N/A
ADULT						

County Medal Application

To be considered, applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be 14 years old as of January first of the current 4-H year.
2. Must be currently enrolled as an active 4-H member.
3. Must have presented or evaluated at County Demonstration Day in the current year.
4. Must have participated in the Medal project area for a minimum of 2 years.
5. Must be able to document outstanding work related to project quality and quantity.
6. Must have diversified experiences related to the project area.
7. Must be able to show outstanding time and commitment to the project.

Your completed County Medal Application must be completed and returned to the 4-H office by **AUGUST 10th** of the current 4-H project year. **Late arrivals will be disqualified.**

NOTE: Members may apply for a County Medal in more than one project area in a given year, however, they will not receive more than one Medal award per year.

Medals are awarded only once in a given project area.

County Medal Categories

Achievement in Area not Listed	Entomology	Tractor /Engine
Agriculture	Fashion Revue/Sewing	Photography
Beef	Fitness	Poultry
Breads	Food & Nutrition	Public Speaking/Commentary
Cavy	Food Preservation	Rabbit
Community Service	Forestry	Safety
Conservation	Gardening/Horticulture	Sheep
Consumer Education	Health	Shooting Sports
Dairy	Horse	Swine
Dairy Foods	Leadership	Vet Science
Dog Care	Natural Resources	Wood Science

Applicant Name (please print):

Mailing Address:

Zip:

The undersigned verify this application represents an accurate record of achievement as stated:

Applicant Signature:

Leader Signature:

Pre-Teen Fun Day at Dyken Pond

All 4-H members are invited to participate in a family fun day at Dyken Pond. Youth ages 5-12 are invited to participate and 4-H teens 13 and older are invited to help plan, guide and teach that day.

July 22nd from 9am-noon.

Youth will create a nature craft, spend some time hiking, fishing and possibly boating (depending on sign ups). If you are interested, please sign up by June 30th with Kandis at kmf83@cornell.edu

Dyken Pond

Environmental Education Center

Preregister for all programs at (518) 658-2055 or dykenpond@gmail.com

June 2023 Programs

National Trails Day: Saturday, June 3: 9am – 12pm Boot on the Ground!

Ready to get your hands and boots dirty? Lend a helping hand for National Trails Day by volunteering in the morning on conservation projects, enjoy a free lunch at noon and then enjoy the trails or rent a kayak in the afternoon. Preregistration required at dykenpond@gmail.com or (518) 658-2055.

Pondering Ponds: Saturday, June 24: 10:30am-12pm

Ever wonder what lives in ponds? Come find out just what is lurking at the bottom of these essential bodies of water and why they are so important. Catch and release frogs, salamanders, insects and other creepy crawlies. Preregistration required. \$3.

Embracing the Dandelion

The dandelion is one of the most common flowers dotting our landscape. While typically referred to as a weed and often viewed as an invasive species this amazing plant is an important and beneficial part of our ecosystem. Dandelions are not native to the Americas. It is believed that they were introduced by the Pilgrims who planted them for their medicinal properties. Dandelions are said to have reached the west coast prior to any European settlers. They spread amazingly fast through airborne seeds and as many gardeners know they are impossible to get rid of entirely. Because of their deep taproots and tendency to reseed perpetually herbicides are ineffective at eradicating dandelions. Dandelions are here to stay. So knowing that we will never be able to win the battle against dandelions, we might as well embrace them as an ally. The following list are a few of the many reasons why we should all embrace dandelions.

1. **Are really good for your lawn-** Dandelions have deep taproots that loosen the soil aiding in aeration and the soil's ability to absorb water. In addition the roots of dandelions move minerals and nutrients from deeper in the earth to the surface where they can be used by growing grass. Dandelions can both aerate and fertilize lawns making them healthier while also supporting pollinators and native wildlife. Dandelions actually improve the quality of the soil in which they grow! Dandelions are here to stay and beneficial in many ways so let's appreciate them for all that they can offer us.

2. **Not as invasive as other plants-** Dandelions are prolific but do not tend to outcompete native wildflowers. They do not tend to take over the habitats of native plants. They are considered most problematic as a lawn weed where they are actually highly beneficial by supplying needed nutrients, minerals and aeration.

3. **Pollinators need them-** Due to their early bloom time dandelions provide pollen and nectar for pollinators when there are few other sources available for insects who will later pollinate our crops and native plants. Pollinators are in decline and need the early season help provided by dandelions. Many pollinators are able to visit dandelions due to their inviting open flower. They provide an easy meal for insects.

4. **Animal food-** The seeds of dandelions are an important food source for a large number of birds and rodents. Dandelions are a key piece at the base of the food chain. Domestic chickens also use dandelion greens to collect needed spring nutrients helping to develop rich yellow yolks.

5. **People food-** With proper preparation all parts of the dandelion can be edible and provide many health benefits. Dandelion greens and roots are sold in grocery stores and can cost over \$30 per pound. Never attempt to harvest wild edible plants for consumption without proper training. 4-H offers training and curriculum for youth and adults on the collection of wild edibles. Contact the office for more information.

6. **Medicinal use-** Dandelions have historically been used as diuretics, for a host of stomach and skin issues and to treat inflammation. Dandelion root tea is sold commercially as a detoxifying kidney flush.



Birthdays

June

Kevin Cooper
Lilja Franklin
Wyatt Tomlinson
Amelia Neenan
Maryann Murray
Emma Wilwol
Baylee Hoag
Katelynn Turriglio
Ava Severance
Joseph Taurone
Mya Bull
Annabel Reynolds
Kevin Malgraf
Emily Bradley
Brett Giglio
Mia Brownell
Liliana Ruepp
Sophia Olsen
Dominick Bushner
Zoe Philips

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

July

Marielle Lang
Graysen Case
Ragan Retell
Kate Noon
Luke Smith
Melody Barton
Emma Bentzen
Gilbert Hunter
Emerson Cioffi
Clare Castle
Avery McMahon
Alivia Byerwalters
Madison Bulan
Karissa Scheeren
Makayla Stanley
Sydney Valcik
Gemma Conyers
Angle Whydra
Weston Wagner
Max DeLaMater
Isaac McGowan



Upcoming dates:

June

- 1st 6 PM, setup at the fairgrounds for the weekend 4-H Horse Shows
- 1st Archery, Castleton Fish & Game Club, 6:00pm
- 3rd and 4th 4-H June Tune Up Horse Shows at the fairgrounds – preregistration required
- 5th Dog sessions at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds 6pm
- 6th 4-H PDC; CCE Office, 6:00pm
- 6th Career Ex trip orientation, CCE Office, 7:00pm
- 12th Dog sessions at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds 6pm
- 15th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 19th Juneteenth, office closed
- 19th Makeup Day for Dog sessions at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds 6pm
- 20th 7 PM, Horse PDC meeting via Zoom
- 22nd Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 27th-29th Cornell Career Explorations, Cornell University
- 29th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds

July

- 4th Independence Day' office closed
- 6th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 13th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 15th Pullorum Testing at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds
- 20th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 20th Shooting Sports @ Castleton Fish & Game Club; 6:00pm
- 22nd Pre-Teen Fun Day at Dyken Pond 9am
- 27th Shooting Sports @ Castleton Fish & Game Club; 6:00pm

August

- 3rd Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds
- 8th 7 PM, Horse PDC – Live at the CCE office – 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush
- 10th Thursday Night Horse Clinic at the fairgrounds