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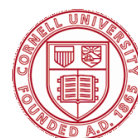
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4-H Highlights

September 2023 

County Fair 2023– A Return To THE Standard!

There's just something about that feeling you get on that Tuesday morning 8:00am, in July at the Fairgrounds. Exhibits are in place, the grounds are already buzzing with the sounds of animals, youth preparing for shows, and the smell of the 4-H Snack Bar breakfast in the air. It must be Day 1 of the 2023 Saratoga County Fair. Everything just feels right.

The 2023 Saratoga County Fair came with big expectations for the 4-H program, and we did not disappoint. Yes, in 2022, we had a 'normal' County Fair, but this one just felt right. Gone were the days of talking about a pandemic. Youth spent a whole year TOGETHER, doing club work, preparing projects, working with their animals, all in anticipation of this special week.

4-H in Saratoga County had a huge presence. Our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a great fair experience. We can talk about all the areas, the shows, the snack bar, shooting sports, the static exhibit building and more. However, what struck us most at this year's fair were the comments made by the public about our youth, our staff, our displays and of course our volunteers.

They were words like "this is the standard", amazed at "how courteous 4-H youth and adults are", or "why doesn't our 4-H do all that you do", and so many more. This is what we all should be hanging our hat on after this year's fair.

We use the motto to "To Make the Best Better". We are just that in Saratoga County. We are the best, yet somehow we continue to make our best, better. Congratulations to you all on an amazing Saratoga County Fair!



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

September

9th– Meet the Breeds
16th - Teen Council Business Meeting
19th– 4-H Leaders Association
21st - Leaders Banquet

October

6th - Project Record & Activity Books Due
5th-16th– Paper Clover
19th– 20th - ABC Conference
21st - Achievement Night

September 2023

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Ag Society Gymkhana Saratoga County Fairgrounds | 9 Meet The Breeds |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Re-enrollment Meet- ings 10am and 6pm | 15 | 16 Teen Council Meet- ing and Paint and Snack: 6:00pm |
| 17 | 18 4-H Leaders Meeting Re-enrollment meetings 10am and 6pm | 19 | 20 6:30 pm Riding Dreams 4-H Club presentation by Eileen Mulderry on Integrated Bodywork of horses | 21 4-H Leaders Banquet | 22 | 23 Re-enrollment meeting 10am |
| 24 | 25 Shooting Sports Committee Meeting 6pm | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



County Medals

Each year 40 or more businesses and corporations make available county medals of honor in over 30 program areas which may be awarded to 4-H members, ages 12 and over, who have shown excellence in their project areas.

Letters will be sent to all leaders in the next few weeks concerning nominations. We are asking 4-H leaders and parents to help the county 4-H staff identify those 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding performance/achievement in one or more project areas. Please notify the 4-H Office by **October 6th** with any nominations you might have. Extra nomination forms are available at the 4-H Office.



Calling All 4-H'ers

Achievement Night 2023: October 21st

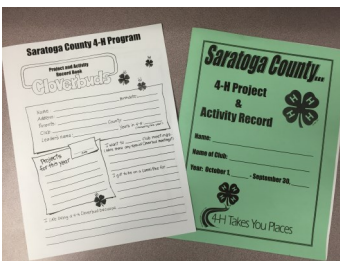
Achievement Night is a very special night in 4-H. It is an opportunity to celebrate the completion of the 4-H year and acknowledge everyone's accomplishments. The program is a unique combination of recognition, thanks, and fun. It is definitely an event for everyone – members, leaders, family, friends, and relatives.

The 2023 Achievement Night will be **Saturday, October 21st at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Training Center**. It will be an evening of great proportion as everyone celebrates and participates in the event.

Mark your calendar, make your reservation with the 4-H Office (by October 20), and be at the 4-H Training Center October 21st to celebrate in true 4-H style.

Project and Activity Record Books Due October 6th- Available Online!

Another county fair is in the books! A great way to chronicle the 2022-2023 year is to complete a Project Record book. For 4-H'ers, ages 8-18, the record book is a light green booklet; for Cloverbuds, it is a white booklet. Both can be picked up in the 4-H Office or now found online. All 4-H'ers and Cloverbuds who turn in a completed record book will receive a certificate at Achievement Night. Also, turning in a Project Record book is one of the requirements to be eligible for the county medals/rosettes awarded on Achievement Night. You can now find them online on our 4-H Website at ccesaratoga.org!!





Adults and Teen leaders are guests of 4-H.
Other family members are welcome to attend.
The cost of dinner for guests is \$10.00

Please detach the following form and return by September 15th



4-H Leader Banquet Reservation Request
Return to: CCE—Saratoga County, 4-H
50 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please make reservations for the following:



Enrollment

2023-2024 CLUB ENROLLMENT MEETINGS

Please note that for the 2023-2024 4-H Year we will be doing online re-enrollments. Please see the enclosed letter for more information. Hard copy re-enrollment packets are still available upon request.

Club Organizational Leaders are required to attend one of the meetings or set up an appointment to pick up the packet. Club packets will not be mailed or handed out without attending a meeting to discuss the enrollment process for 2023-2024. These meetings usually take around 1 hour.

All meetings are open to all leaders.

The meeting will take place at the CCE Office on the following days:

Thursday, September 14th, 10:00am and 6:30pm.

Monday, September 18th, 10:00am and 6:30pm



Please pre-register for these meetings. To sign up for one of the 5 meetings listed above, contact the 4-H office 518-885-8995

Individual Members Re-enrollment

Re-Enroll Online or Request Hard Copy

Return Signed: Code of Conduct, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Photo Release Forms

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per member

Individual Leaders Re-enrollment

Re-Enroll Online or Request Hard Copy

Return Signed: Code of Conduct, Volunteer Agreement and Background/MVR Check (if necessary)

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per volunteer

New Member or Volunteer

Complete and Return New Member Packet or Volunteer Application

Return Enrollment Fee: \$5 per member or volunteer

All enrollment club packets/ forms are due back to the office by November 1st, 2023

Fred Sanders Award Recipient: Pilar Gamage



Pilar Gamage is our 2023 Fred Sanders Award Recipient. Pilar achieved the highest points by participating in the Saratoga County 4-H Dairy Club, Dairy Bowl, Dairy Judging, and Public Presentation Day. She also exhibited her Dairy Cattle at the Saratoga County Fair and participated in the fitting and showmanship competition. Pilar entered an educational animal science poster in the 4-H Building, pushing her to the top for highest points. Congratulations Pilar Gamage!

Agri-Business Careers Conference (ABC Trip) at SUNY Cobleskill

The 42nd Annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference will be held **October 19th & 20th at SUNY Cobleskill**. This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 13 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agricultural college majors and also academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It will feature mini-tours to farms and operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities and campus. Study session options will be available with registration. Registration will be sent out in an email blast and on our Saratoga County 4-H Facebook page, once available. Be on the look out!

The cost of the trip is minimal, thanks to support from the Leader’s Association, which covers all hotel expenses and meals. There are also scholarship opportunities available. School excusal notes will be provided. Questions and registration material requests can be sent to grs9@cornell.edu or 518-885-8995. We hope to see you there!

MEET THE BREEDS

September 9th, 2023

11:00-2:00PM

Gives dog lovers the unique opportunity to meet with more than 25 different breeds. Learn about each breed’s historical purpose/function, traits, and attributes as a family pet, all while learning about responsible dog ownership and which breeds may be right for your family. Meet with local canine businesses including pet groomers and veterinarians.



Free event

Open to the public

Demonstrations

Concessions



4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Rd. Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Call (518)885-8995 for more information

PAPER CLOVER FUNDRAISER

Leaders, Clubs, and Families,

It is once again time for the bi-annual Paper Clover Campaign Promotion in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). This event marks the sixth year of collaboration between the organizations on the national in-store fundraiser, benefiting our state and local 4-H programming.

The Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place October 4–15. Shoppers at both the Saratoga Springs and Clifton Park stores will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Saratoga County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a \$1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will directly support 4-H youth development program activities in our County.

Clubs are needed to volunteer at the stores and promote clover sales. We have six slots available for 4-H Clubs to volunteer for. These are offered on a first come – first served basis. Once you choose a date and time (flexible), you must commit to being there. Clubs can greet customers, set up a table and 4-H display, bag customer purchases, answer questions, hand out enrollment forms, and promote 4-H in a positive manner to the local community. Some have even added a bake or pet-treat sale to their table to draw more attention and raise money for their clubs while being there. Also, you can be at the store for as little as two hours or as long as you want. Even better, this can count as community service for your club. The dates and times available are:

- Saratoga Store: Saturday, October 7th and 8th

Saratoga Store: Saturday, October 14th and 15th
- Clifton Park Store: Saturday, October 8th, and 9th

Clifton Park Store: Saturday, October 15th and 16th

Contact Greg ASAP if your club is interested in volunteering for one of the dates above. Our presence at the event is truly beneficial to the overall success. Thank you for your support of this valuable fundraiser! With questions or to sign up: grs9@cornell.edu or 518-885-8995. We couldn’t do it without your help!

HELP US GROW 4-H OUT HERE

SUPPORT PAPER CLOVER

PLEASE ADD ONE DOLLAR AT CHECKOUT

OCTOBER 4-15





4-H Walkathon A Great Success!

We want to thank everyone who made the 2023 4-H Walkathon a success. Participant number were up this year, and though we are still collecting money, this is the best fundraising year for the 4-H Training Center we've had in several years. We had a great time with all of the 4-H'ers who brought such fun energy to this years event.

The 4-H Walkathon is no small undertaking, and we want to thank our 4-H Walkathon Committee Volunteers who work so hard to make this event work each year.

**We will soon be working on plans for the 2024 Walkathon.
We hope that next year's event is even bigger and better!**



We Want to Thank All of Our Sponsors!

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Ballston Spa Hannaford
Ginsberg Foods
Devoe's Rainbow Orchard
Friehofer Bakery
Healthy Living Market
Market 32
All of our 4-H Club T-Shirt Spon-
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4-H Horticulture Training

We had another great year for 4-H Horticulture participants at both our Saratoga County Fair and the New York State Fair! Our youth as always demonstrated their skills and knowledge obtained throughout the year. We would especially like to recognize Erin and Henry Kelleher for their performance at the New York State Fair, both receiving rosettes for competing in the State Horticulture Identification Contest. We are hoping that they will be able to join us for the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan in October.

If you are age 9 - 19 and interested in learning more about plant and seed identification, along with some additional fun facts related to growing plants, plan to join us for one or more of our monthly meetings. The first session for the coming 4-H year will take place on
Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the CCE office.



County Fair

4-H Animal Shows at the 2023 Saratoga County Fair

A job very well done at our animal shows this year at county fair. 4-H members should be very proud to have such well cared for animals on display for the county. Here are the final results:

Beef: Champion Showman - Sarah Pettis, Reserve Champion Showman - Thomas Frasier, Champion Female- Thomas Frasier, Reserve Champion Female - Sarah Pettis

Dairy Cattle: Champion Showman - Petra Gamage, Reserve Champion Showman - Caitlyn VanDeusen, Junior Champion - Lauren King, Reserve Junior Champion - Olive Sloan, Senior Champion - Lauren King, Reserve Senior Champion - Macey Koval, Best Udder - Lauren King, Best in Show - Lauren King, Best Bred and Owned - Katelynn Pettis

Sheep: Champion Showman - Colin Anderson, Reserve Champion Showman - Carter Short, Lead Line - Eva Anderson, Champion Ram - Carter Short, Reserve Champion Ram - Nathaniel McDevitt, Champion Ewe - Addelayde Ross, Reserve Champion Ewe - Carter Short, Champion Market Lamb - Addelayde Ross, Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Addelayde Ross, Champion Flock - Carter Short

Goat: Champion Showman - Anna Venditti, Reserve Champion Showman - Kohlby Himelrick, Jr. Division Champion - Lillietta Mulford, Reserve Jr. Champion - Kohlby Himelrick, Senior Division Champion - Bjorn Windisch, Reserve Senior Division Champion - Lily Wood

Rabbits: Champion Showman - Julia Bodien, Reserve Champion Showman - Connor Anderson, Dutch Best of Breed - William Winslow, Dutch Best of Opposite - Isabell Winslow, Holland Lop BOB - Aaron Myatt, Holland Lop BOO - Christina Caffarelli, Mini Lop BOB - Christina Cafarelli, Mini Lop BOO - Mathias Miller, Mini Rex BOB - Julia Bodien, Mini Rex BOO - Jacob Winslow, Rex BOB - Isabell Winslow, Rex BOO - Jacob Winslow, New Zealand - Aaron Myatt, Grade BOB - Heather Mcdevitt, Grade BOO - Bethany Myatt, Champion Fur - William Winslow, Julia Bodien

Poultry: Champion Showman - Anna Venditti, Reserve Champion Showman - Colin Anderson, Best in Show - Jade Bradley, Reserve Best in Show - Wyatt Short, Champion Meat Birds—Wyatt Short, Reserve Champion Meat Birds - Carter Short

Alpaca: Champion Showman - Skye Douglas, Reserve Champion Showman - Arianna Gerber, Champion Female Alpaca - Arianna Gerber, Reserve Champion Female Alpaca - Arianna Gerber, Champion Male - Arianna Gerber, Res. Champion Male - Arianna Gerber, Best Bred Female - Arianna Gerber, Best Bred Male - Arianna Gerber

Horse: Western JR Champion: Sophia Seabolt—English SR Champion: Amelia Fleishmann—English SR Reserve Champion: Lauren Salino— English JR Champion: Sophia Pohl—English JR Reserve Champion: Mckenna Ryder— English WT Champion: Quinne Billings—English WT Reserve Champion: Kiri Kergel— Herdsmanship Award: Elizabeth Fleury

4-H Young Farmer's Olympics



County Fair

4-H Animal Shows at the 2023 Saratoga County Fair



4-H For Leaders

Date and time: September 18, at 6:30
Location: CCE Office

The 4-H Leader's Association is a very special component of the 4-H Program. Open to all adult leaders, the group provides opportunities for training, program and idea sharing and support from fellow leaders. It is also the avenue for volunteers to have a voice in the 4-H program. **Every club should have at least one representative at the meeting. Now is the time to join!**

At this meeting we will be updating the leaders and talking about ways in which you can help on the 4-H Training Center expansion project. We'll also discuss another fundraiser for Leaders Association and talk about the direction for 2023-2024.

The second component is a meeting of the Leader's Association. Agenda items include evaluation of fundraisers, program planning for the 2023-2024 year, officer selection, and a review of programs.

Mark your calendar, come be a voice for your club, and expand your knowledge of 4-H in Saratoga County.

4-H Chicken BBQ—SOLD OUT!

Well we dodged the rain, sort of, but a great time was had by all at the 2023 Leaders BBQ at the County Fair and at the 4-H Training Center. A very special thank you goes to Jean Weatherby and every leader who assisted with the event.

It takes many volunteers, both adult and youth, to make the event happen. Whether you made phone calls, shopped, slaved over the hot coals, scrubbed potatoes, made dressing, baked pies, stuck around to clean up the BBQ pits, ran back and forth from the TC to the fairgrounds or served the meal, you were an integral part of the event and its success.

This successful event enables the Leader's Association to continue to award scholarships, support member participation in trips, contribute to the education of leaders, and provide resources for the 4-H program.



Teen Council Update

Who: All 4-H Teens
What: Teen Council Business Meeting
When: Wednesday, September 13th
Where: Zoom
Time: 6:00pm
Zoom Link:

[https://cornell.zoom.us/j/91297571403?
pwd=Q1FnV2JOQWdxMTNYNUJDbkY0blpYUT09](https://cornell.zoom.us/j/91297571403?pwd=Q1FnV2JOQWdxMTNYNUJDbkY0blpYUT09)

Who: All 4-H Teens
What: 4-H Teen Council Meeting
When: Saturday, September 16th
Where: 4-H Training Center
Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Business Meeting Followed by a Paint and Snack

4-H Teen Council is a place for all 4-H teens to come together in a fun and supportive environment to engage in social activities, develop leadership skills and contribute to meaningful community service activities. This diverse group provides 4-H members the opportunity to connect with other teens and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Each month, youth contribute to guiding the 4-H Teen Council program through our business meetings, and gather to have fun with friends at programs that are chosen and facilitated by the group.

Not only are 4-H Teens invited to be a part of this incredible group, but we encourage new members and friends of members to join us.

For September we will be discussing a few business items, including Officer Duties, preparing for October elections. Afterwards we will have a Paint and Snack. We hope you can join us!

Calling all 4-H'ers Interested in Equine Sports Massage

September 20 at 6 pm, Riding Dreams 4-H Club will hold their 4-H meeting at the 4-H Training Center. Following their meeting at 6:30 pm in the indoor arena there will be a special guest presentation by Eileen Mulderry. She will bring in a live horse for a presentation on Integrated Bodywork of Horses. All are welcome to learn from this experience.

For more information or if you would like to join,
please contact Riding Dream Leader Samantha Briggs.
Email : shermans@nycap.rr.com Phone Number : 518-698-1814



You are invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for

The New 4-H Educational Facility



Saturday, September 23rd, 10:00am

Followed by cake and coffee to
celebrate the Grand Opening!



4-H Training Center- 556 Middle Line Rd.
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

4-H Horse News

Straight From The Horses Mouth

Important Dates

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| Ag Society Gymkhana | September 8th |
| Tack Sale | October 1st |
| Trailer Safety Class..... | October 11th |
| Fall Fun Show & Gymkhana | October 28th |



Lets take a moment to reflect on a Great 2023 Saratoga County Fair , some awesome 4-H'ers and amazing horses!

Trailer Safety Class October 11th:

This will be a class where 4-H'ers will learn all about trailer safety with their horses. They will learn the following...

- How to hook up a horse trailer and all the safety features on a trailer.
- How to safely load and unload a horse trailer.
- How to keep your horse safe on the trailer.
- Trailer safety on the road.

Now many of our 4-Hers are not old enough to drive their own rig but it is important for them to know and understand trailering safety. One day they will be in charge of transporting their own horses and they will know how to do so safely for them and there horse!

More information to come.

Tack Sale October 1st:

This will be held at the training Center. There will be used tack for sale from all around Saratoga County and beyond. Make sure to do an inventory on your tack box and see if there is anything you need before winter!

SARATOGA COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

GAMES:

Western/English
Tack

GYMKHANA:

Western Tack
Required

FALL FUN SHOW + GYMKHANA

Questions?
Email Nicolina-
nvf5@cornell.edu

OCTOBER 28

START—9 AM

4-H Training Center
556 Middleline Road

More information
class list , and
sign-up to come...

Walk/Trot, Jr., Sr., and Adult Divisions
Costumes Encouraged!

