



## Clover Chronicle

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### Happy New 4-H Year



This is the first Clover Chronicle of the New 4-H Year, which runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to continue to receive the Clover Chronicle in printed format, please reach out to Eileen to arrange that. The Chronicle is a by-monthly newsletter that contains club reports, information on upcoming events and programs, and results of programming and events. The Chronicle is one of two ways we communicate to our enrolled members; the other way is to sign up for the weekly email blasts, if you are not receiving the emails or Clover Chronicle, please reach out to Eileen.

### 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](mailto:kmf83@cornell.edu).

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## Equine Explorers Club Reports

### Mikayla Malenfant

The Equine Explorers were excited to enter the summer season. In June we handed in our forms and finished up all our school obligations.

During July we participated in a service project. We helped a local church by weeding their garden, bringing it back to life.

In July, many of our club members took advantage of the sewing educational day. The Annual Sew4U Event took place at the Washington County Fairgrounds. During this event, our members practiced straight lines on the sewing machines, and then applied their work on individual projects. Project options included square pillows, pillowcases, aprons, headbands, small quilts, cinch bags and more. It was a blast. Our members also learned about the new and exciting BeesWax Wraps! These are innovative alternatives to using plastic bags. We learned the craft and then created the wraps ourselves! They are easy to make and a great way to reduce waste. This month we also had our business meeting in which we discussed Schaghticoke Fair related club responsibilities. We discussed fund raising, the educational display, snack bar, Grand Entry, silent auction item, and other donations. Our club also volunteered to help at the 4-H Schaghticoke Fair Horse Show.

## Clover Kids and Critters

### Ava Olsen

Clover In June, the Clover Kids and Critters met at the Rensselaer Plateau in Grafton for a Nature Hike and to take pictures to enter in the Schaghticoke Fair. In July, the club met for

their monthly meeting to discuss fair dates and work on ideas for their display and also made animal first aid kits.

The Clover Kids and Critters met weekly in July and August to study and prepare for showing rabbits and poultry at the Schaghticoke Fair.

In September, the Clover Kids and Critters met to start planning for the upcoming 4-H year. They welcomed back a former member, Emily Fink, and made their first wood working project while the Cloverbuds decorated cookies.





## How to Reach Us

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educational network, linking Rensselaer  
County with resources from Cornell University,  
USDA and the land grant university system.**

## 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC)

*4-H PDC members are available to you.  
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 our volunteers for their passion for working with youth, and their dedication to 4-H.



## Annual Meeting and CCE Ballot

Please be on the lookout in early October for our CCE of Rensselaer County Annual Elections for determination of new representatives to our Board of Directors and respective Program Development Committees – please be sure to follow the instructions and vote. Our CCE Annual meeting will be at our office and will be an Open House format beginning at 5pm and recognition program to start at 6:30 PM. Please consider attending our annual meeting and if you could please RSVP to CCE at 518-272-4210.

## Reenrollments Reminder

Enrollment for the 2023-24 year are due back to the 4-H office by November 1<sup>st</sup> to continue without insurance dropping. If you have any questions, or need copies of any of the paperwork, please contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)

☆ Please remind members that they can find just about anything they need on our website [www.ccerensselaer.org](http://www.ccerensselaer.org). Just click on the 4-H tab!

☆ Send/e-mail to Kandis: 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, but it's also a lot of FUN!

## Annual 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](mailto:cce-rensselaer-volunteer@cornell.edu).

## Welcome Mamnenge



Mamnenge Gbim-Gbade was born and raised in Nigeria. Her personal and career experiences centre around agriculture. She has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics & Extension. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in Agricultural & Resource Economics from Tuskegee University. She is currently the agriculture educator for youth and adults with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rensselaer County. She is committed to continuous positive impact in the agricultural sector. In her free time, Mamnenge likes to read and go sightseeing.

## Reenrollment Update

For the 2023-2024 4-H year, we will be doing reenrollments and new enrollments virtually through 4-H Online beginning on October 1st. You will be asked to reset your password on [4-H Online](#). Use the email address which you are receiving the email blast with to sign in. If you have any questions, please, or if you would prefer hard copies of your paperwork, contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu). Also, Eileen would be more than happy to join in your club meeting to help members get reenrolled. This is a new process for all of us and the 4-H staff want to be as supportive as possible as we all navigate through this together.

To complete the reenrollment process please follow the instructions below:

Log into 4-H Online; You will be asked to reset your password on [4-H Online](#). Use the email address which you are receiving the email blast with to sign in. Update any incorrect information and add any new projects.

Go to the CCE website 4-H Forms section at <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-forms> and complete a Code of Conduct & Acknowledgment of Risk Form/ Photo Release for each youth.

- [Acknowledgement of Risk/ Photo Release](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)

These can be uploaded to 4-H Online, or emailed to Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)

Volunteers do need to complete and submit a Volunteer Code of Conduct. These can be uploaded to 4-H Online, or emailed to Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu)

Payment for your reenrollments can be made via the CCE website donation page at <https://secure.payconex.net/paymentpage/enhanced/index.php?action=view&aid=120615362881&id=146755> please note that the payment is for 4-H Re-enrollments and for who, or a check payable to CCE Rensselaer County, that can be mailed to the 4-H office at 99 Troy Rd., Suite 203, East Greenbush, NY 12061

Enrollment fees are:

\$15.00 for each child (maximum of \$45 for families with more than 3 children)

\$10.00 for each leader (Maximum \$10 per couple)

\*\*\*A maximum of \$55.00 per family\*\*\*

Reenrollments need to be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not reenrolled by then please know that you are not covered by our insurance. If you plan to participate in any 4-H activities, make sure you have completed the reenrollment process. Youth do need to be enrolled by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show at the fair.

New members can be enrolled using the following link: [4-H Youth Registration \(qualtrics.com\)](https://qualtrics.com)

## 4-H Teens

### Teen Exchange

What a great host week we had. Our week was full, and the lessons and memories will last a lifetime. We had a club display at the fair and our next round of Teen Exchange will be starting this fall. Members between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join. We will have an orientation/info session on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the High School Library @Tamarac School. Please rsvp to Bernie at [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu) or call 518-272-4210 to attend. We will be gearing up for our first fundraisers in the new two-year Teen Exchange project and are looking for Christmas Tree farms that may be trimming trees to collect greens for our wreath/swag sale. Please see our order form in this issue. Enclosed you will see some fun pictures from our host week where we spent a day in New York City, a local day touring various Ag businesses, Lake George, the Capitol, and a couple family days that kept everyone hopping.



### Ambassador Council Teens

Any 4-H teens that may be interested in becoming an Ambassadors Council Teen for the new 4-H year are invited to join us at our first meeting on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the High School Library @Tamarac School. We will do some planning for the upcoming 4-H year, discuss meeting dates/times, and of course have some fun while we're doing all of this! If you are interested in joining ACT but can't make this meeting, please let us know and we will make sure you receive our communications. If you are planning to join us on October 5<sup>th</sup>, please reply to Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu) no later than Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

ACT plans and coordinates fundraisers that benefit the county 4-H program. They fund and do service projects, sponsor the Teen Scholarships, and support the 4-H Expansion Budget that covers the cost of many educational trips and experiences for our 4-Hers.

Events include the Annual 4-H Auction, Pre-Teen Fun Day, the 4-H Snack Bar, plus socializing, fun, and community service projects!

## Gen. Interest & Livestock Recognition Banquet

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*(General Interest, Small Animal, Livestock, Independents,  
and any who would like to attend)*

*Where: Brunswick Community Center – 18 Keyes Lane, Troy*

*When: October 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 6:00pm*

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Please contact Eileen with your newly elected club officers, as well as any special club awards that you would like to present by October 16th to ensure a place on the schedule. This is a Potluck Style banquet - please bring: a dish to share, your own table setting (plate & flatware), and your own beverages. Clubs are asked to bring a table centerpiece that will be used for decoration that night and then donated as a door prize. Please rsvp to Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu) by October 16th if you will be attending.

## Cattle Year End Banquet

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*Where: North Hoosick Fire House - 22106 Route 22*

*When: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 7:00pm*

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This is a Potluck Style banquet — please bring:

- A dish to share
- Your own table setting (plate and flatware)
- Your own beverages

Please RSVP and send club reports by October 28th to Kandis.

## Horse Banquet

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*Where: Poestenkill Firehouse*

*When: October 28<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 6:00pm*

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Please reach out to your leader for sign up details and food assignments.

## Save-Around Books Fundraiser

This year we will again have a virtual Save-Around book sale and we will also have a limited number of books for sale at the CCE office. We have books on order and when they are available, we let everyone know in the email blast. For the virtual sale there is a \$.99 credit card processing fee for each book purchased online. This processing fee is charged to the purchaser, NOT the fundraiser. The books will ship automatically to the address provided by the purchaser. There is no shipping fee. Please watch upcoming email blasts for more information. All members are encouraged to sell at least one Save-Around book. Money from the Save-Around sales goes back to our members in the form of resources, 4-H educational trip scholarships, and direct 4-H programming. The Save Around sale will end on December 31st.



## FunPasta Fundraiser

**Rensselaer County 4-H is again having a virtual Fun Pasta Fundraiser**  
**The fundraiser begins on October 15th**

Download the **Fun Pasta Fundraising App** from the [Apple](#) or [Google](#) stores.

Log in with the primary email address of the seller (can only use one email per seller name), and input our join code: IDCPEG  
On the app, customize your Seller's Page by uploading a picture and editing the copy. You can even upload a video!

From the app, use the share icon and send texts or emails to all your out-of-town family and friends and ask them to support you! We have pre-written messages that are easy to share. You can also post your fundraiser on social platforms like Facebook, Twitter, etc.

From your computer, if you'd like to just share a shopping link in an email or Facebook, please copy and paste our group link: [https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/rensselaer-county-4-h\\_1689881288720](https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/rensselaer-county-4-h_1689881288720)

There is **FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$65!** If your order is under \$65.00, then there is a flat rate of \$8.95 for shipping.

So please share the fundraiser and help support our fundraising efforts! Thank you!

**Pasta Fundraiser ends on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**



## Bloomin' Socks Fundraiser



Rensselaer County 4-H is holding a Bloomin' Socks fundraiser. The socks come in a variety of patterns including the 4-H Clover, several animal fun patterns (cows, goats, horses, chickens, rabbits, and sheep) and tractors. They would make great gifts, or a treat for yourself! The socks are 100% American made and sell for \$13.00 a pair. Each purchase supports Rensselaer County 4-H. To purchase socks, contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu).





## National 4-H Week

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*October 1-7, 2023*

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Don't let this opportunity pass you by — You and your club can participate in a variety of ways:

- 4-H Displays can be set up in a store window, in a bank, a library, a restaurant, a school, or anywhere else the general public can see it — you could recycle your 4-H Club exhibit from the fair.
- 4-H Posters and Banners can be hung in many of the locations listed above— make sure to tell Eileen where!!
- Write a News Article explaining what your club does all year long, relating your fair experience, or explaining about the 4-H “Learn By Doing” philosophy.
- Make a video and post it on YouTube. (There are several great videos already up — to get ideas just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type 4-H in the search box.)
- Send a success story to Eileen to be posted

**This is a requirement for Honor Club! Once you have decided what you are going to do, be sure to contact the 4-H office so that you and your club will get credit for participation in National 4-H Week!**

## Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

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*October 4 – 15, 2023*

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We have two local Tractor Supply Companies in our county, if your club would like to help promote the Paper Clover Campaign and get credit for National 4-H week on your Honor Club Application please feel free to call the Schodack or Troy stores and talk to the managers to see how you can help promote!

## Bowl Season is Coming

For those members that are non-Cloverbud who are interested in learning more about horses and cattle – bowling may be right up your alley. Horse and Dairy Bowl are two formats of testing members knowledge of cattle and horses in a “game show – team” event. Members will start meeting as early as November with bowl coaches to learn in-depth information in a fun and interactive way while members rekindle friendships as well as make new ones and learn a whole lot about cattle and/or horses. If you are interested in being part of dairy or horse bowl this year, please contact the CCE office by November 1st so you can be placed on a contact list for coaches and be informed of practices in the upcoming months.

## Junior Chefs

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm @ the CCE Office

### *Fall Favorites*

The 4-H Junior Chefs will meet on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the CCE Office (99 Troy Rd., Suite 203, East Greenbush) at 6:00pm. This workshop is for youth of all ages, and they will be making fall-themed food items. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for 4-H members and \$15.00 for non-members, and preregistration is required. To register a youth, or for more information, please contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu).



November 27<sup>th</sup>

### *Gifts From the Kitchen*

6:00pm @ the CCE Office

The 4-H Junior Chefs will meet on Monday, Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at the CCE Office (99 Troy Rd., Suite 203, East Greenbush) at 6:00pm. This workshop is for youth of all ages, and they will be making a variety of gifts from the kitchen that can be shared during the upcoming holidays. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for 4-H members and \$15.00 for non-members, and preregistration is required. To register a youth, or for more information, please contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu).

## 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00pm at the CCE Office, (99 Troy Rd. Suite 203, East Greenbush)

This meeting is for both current 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors as well as anyone who is interested in becoming a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. In this meeting, we will discuss creating a shared direction for our program, plans for training and activities, recruitment of instructors as well as participants, and general information for new and perspective instructors.

We have a high demand for 4-H Shooting Sports in our county, and we really depend on our volunteer instructors to meet this demand. For more information, or to register for this meeting, please contact Eileen at [emd32@cornell.edu](mailto:emd32@cornell.edu).

## National 4-H STEM Challenge

The 2023 National 4-H STEM Challenge, Power Protectors, teaches kids how to address real-world issues and explore careers in energy. Power Protectors focuses on renewable energy, providing youth the fundamental knowledge of sustainable power sources, the energy people use on a daily basis, and the importance of using energy wisely.

NYS 4-H is looking for youth adult teams to lead this experience for youth across New York State. You can help power up youth superheroes in your community! For more information, contact Kandis by October 15th- [kmf83@cornell.edu](mailto:kmf83@cornell.edu)



## 4-H Winter Fair

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm, Tamarac Elementary School Cafeteria; hosted by the Clover Kids & Critters 4-H Club**

Winter Fair has transitioned to an Open House format and is open to the public. 4-H'ers feel free to bring a friend who is not in 4-H. There will be a community service project, a place to drop off canned goods to donate to a food pantry, and a project that can be made on location and entered in the Winter Fair!

There will be at least 2 projects for youth to make, get evaluated and bring home.

It is extremely important that members sign up to attend so that if we must cancel due to the weather we can contact potential participants easily.

As usual, Teen Evaluators are needed to help. If you are interested in being a Teen Evaluator contact Eileen at the CCE office. An Evaluator Workshops will be held 1/2 hour prior to the start of the Winter Fair.

### Winter Fair 2023 Entry Guidelines:

1. Entries must be 80% natural material (other than 3D Printed), excluding the container or holder. Artificial material should only supplement or accent natural materials when applicable.
2. Exhibits must be functional: a corsage must be wearable, a wall plaque must be ready to hang, a centerpiece must be attractive from every angle, a mantel piece or door decoration must be one-sided, and entries should be sized to fit the space where they will be used.
3. The use of local native and/or natural materials gathered by members is encouraged (endangered or protected plant species excluded, of course).
4. Bring any unusual or special materials, techniques, or effects to the evaluator's attention. Different materials have different characteristics; select the most appropriate material for the desired effect. Careful selection of materials enhances the finished project.
5. If a candle is part of the entry, think SAFETY. Place the candle so that it will not touch or ignite flammable materials, then burn the wick for a minute and extinguish before bringing it to the evaluation.

### Ideas on What to Enter:

- **Wreath or Door Swag:** Must be ready to hang, of natural materials such as pinecones, vines, straw, spices, corn husks, evergreens, etc.
- **Mantel Decoration or Table Centerpiece:** From natural greens, fruit, or other natural materials, dried or fresh.
- **Wall Plaque:** Plaque embellished with dried natural materials, ready for hanging.
- **Holiday Corsage:** Made of either dried or fresh materials.
- **Garland or Rope:** Of natural dried or fresh materials, suitable for use on a banister, tree, etc.
- **Natural Ornament:** Made of natural materials such as milkweed pods, wool, nuts, berries, acorns, wheat, dried flowers, corn husks and/or tassels. Must be ready to hang.
- **Terrarium:** Winter or woodland theme. Must be at least 6" square (or in diameter).
- **Miniature Landscape Garden:** Miniature landscape scene at least 6" square, featuring a fall or winter theme.

- **Doll:** Cornhusk, crinkled paper, wool, apple head, or other natural components.
- **Topiary (Trees, Wreaths, Centerpieces):** Greater than 80% natural materials, excluding the stand, pot, frame, or base.
- **Holiday Recycle Craft:** Ornament, decoration, or accessory of at least 80% recycled materials. Items must demonstrate practical and useful ways to REDUCE trash through REUSE.
- **Thanksgiving or Autumn/Harvest:** centerpieces or decorations that meet criteria guidelines for natural materials.
- **Needlework or Sewn Article:** Sewn, embroidered, cross-stitched, crocheted, knitted, or needlepoint decorative item; ready for hanging if appropriate.
- **Decorated Holiday Foods:** Judging emphasis will be on creativity and appearance rather than taste; however, judges may do taste tests. All items need to be presented with instructions and a recipe on a 3 x 5 card. The following items are acceptable: holiday breads (1 decorated loaf, any size); decorated holiday cookies (3 on a plate); gingerbread houses; other decorated holiday foods (cakes, pies, muffins).
- **Preserved Foods-** Any processed food, including dried foods and maple syrup will be evaluated based on appearance and process used.
- **Baskets:** A basket constructed of natural material such as wood, moss, pinecones, twigs, etc.
- **Scarecrow:** Full or tabletop size, incorporating natural stuffing, accents and clothing made from natural fibers. If meant for decorative purposes, it must be made to stand or sit without falling over. If intended for use in a garden, it must have a pointed end to hold the scarecrow upright in the ground.
- **Wood Science Project-** Any holiday decoration made in a Wood Science Project that was cut out, assembled, and finished.
- **3D printing-** A 3D printed holiday ornament using plastic or other materials to build a 3-dimensional object from a digital design.



## Teen Exchange Wreath Order

At the end of November, Teen Exchanged will be constructing 12-inch pine wreaths, 10-inch boxwood, pine/boxwood mix wreaths, and pine door swags. You have the option of buying the wreaths plain or with a simple bow.

All will be delivered during the first week of December.

All proceeds go towards the Teen Interstate Exchange.

<b>Customer Name</b>	<b>Number of Pine-Boxwood Mix Wreaths</b> \$30 each	<b>Number of Boxwood Wreaths</b> \$30 each	<b>Number of Pine Wreaths</b> \$11 each	<b>Number of Pine Door Swags</b> \$9 each	<b>Number of Bows</b> \$3 each	<b>Total Amount Due on Delivery</b>

Please return this order form to the CCE Office by November 17th.

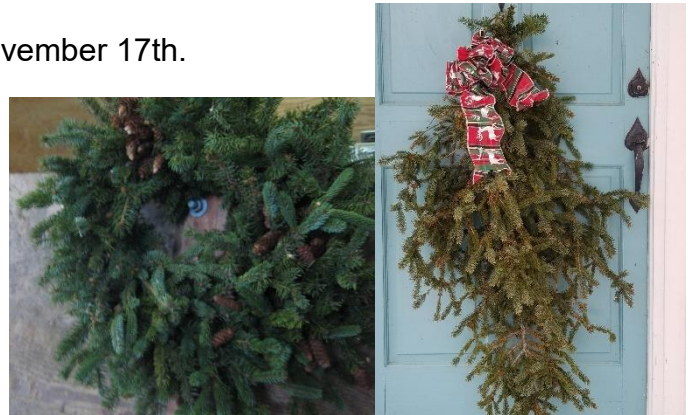
Fax to 272-1648, email to [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu)

Or mail to ATTN: Bernie,

CCE of Rensselaer County,

99 Troy Road, Suite 203,

East Greenbush, NY 12061



## Schaghticoke Fair Wrap Up

It was terrific seeing so many of our 4-H members, families, and volunteers at the fair! Thank you to all of our wonderful General Interest evaluators for all of their support and encouragement for our 4-Hers on judging day! Thank you to the following volunteers: Deb Gutierrez, Pat Gutierrez, Ray Martin, Michelle Martin, John O'Donnell, Mark Samu, Jenn Hurd, Hannah Derway, Martha Reed, Barbara Bouplon, Lorraine Ferguson, Betsy Kauffman, Meaghan DePaula, Sarah Diamond, and MacKenzie Diamond. Thank you also to Kate Tubbs for helping on evaluation day.

## 2024 New York State Fair Selections

The following Rensselaer County 4-H members had projects selected at Schaghticoke Fair for 2024 New York State Fair. Congratulations everyone!

Emile Roadcap: Recycled Tire Game, Photo

Owen Campenella: Decorated Skull, Wooden Flag, Photo

Thomas Colarossi: Horse Carving, Dog Carving, Farmer Carving, Farmer's Wife Carving, Wooden Box, Photo

Carlo Colarossi: Survival Kit carving, Cranberry Orange Shortbread

Glendora Kilmer: Hat, Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars, Tye Dye Shirt, Decorated Cookies, Apple Bread, Painting

Lillian Sliwinski: Tye Dye Dress

Sydney Valcik: Fabric Painting, Painting

Luke Giglio: Knitted Scarf, Guitar

Pyper Bilss Rafferty: Decorated Flowerpot

Lily Bell Ellis: Recycled Book

Kara Allen: Paintings

Brice Retell: Wooden Coasters, Creative Framing

MacKenzie Diamond: Painted Stone

Wesley Brownell: Pumpkin Muffins

Daylynn Byas: Banana Bread

Brett Giglio: Painting

Amelia Pello: Recycled Mittens

Lucy Haynes: Recycled Mittens

## Animal Show Results

### Horse

Champion Showmanship-Michael Gagliardi Memorial	....	Kate Noon
Res Champion Showmanship	.....	Emmeline Heer
Champion English Rider	.....	Kate Noon
Res Champion English Rider	.....	Emmeline Heer
Champion Trail	.....	Lindsey Oswald
Res Champion Trail	.....	Morgan Cross
Champion Western Rider – William Rowe Memorial	.....	Lindsey Oswald
Res Champion Wester Rider	.....	Allison Gansowski
Champion Novice Rider – Kimberwicke Memorial	.....	MacKenzie Martin
Res Champion Novice Rider	.....	Abby Reynolds

### Beef

Grand Champion Showman	.....	Morgan Cross
Reserve Grand Champion Showman	.....	Hannah Somerset
Champion Senior Showmanship	.....	Matthew Somerset
Champion Junior Showmanship	.....	Hannah Somerset
Junior Reserve Champion Showman	.....	Adam Somerset
Novice Champion Showman	.....	Morgan Cross
Novice Reserve Champion Showman	.....	Merritt Cropsey
Champion Sr. Hereford Female	.....	Adam Somerset
Reserve Champion Sr. Hereford Female	.....	Matthew Somerset
Champion Jr. Hereford Female	.....	Reed Hoag
Reserve Champion Jr. Hereford Female	.....	Reed Hoag
Grand Champion Female Hereford	.....	Adam Somerset
Reserve Grand Champion Female Hereford	.....	Reed Hoag
Grand Champion Market Steer	.....	Hannah Somerset
Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer	.....	Matthew Somerset
Champion Hereford Calf	.....	Adam Somerset
Reserve Champion Hereford Calf	.....	Matthew Somerset
Junior Champion Female Grade	.....	Morgan Cross
Junior Reserve Champion Female Grade	.....	Ella-Mae Guile
Novice Champion Written Exam	.....	Merritt Cropsey
Junior Champion Written Exam	.....	Reed Hoag
Junior Reserve Champion Written Exam	.....	Adam Somerset

## Sheep

Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Bret Giglio
Res. Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Luke Giglio
Best Romney Ewe.....	Luke Giglio
Best Ewe Grade .....	Luke Giglio
Reserve Best Ewe Grade.....	Bret Giglio
Best of Show Ewe .....	Luke Giglio
Reserve Best of Show Ewe.....	Bret Giglio
Champion Senior Written Test .....	Luke Giglio
Champion Junior Written Test.....	Bret Giglio

## Goat

Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Ava Helou
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Brielle Chapko
Champion Sr. Showmanship.....	Ava Helou
Res. Champion Sr. Showmanship .....	Lily Nichols
Champion Jr. Showman.....	Brielle Chapko
Reserve Champion Jr. Showman.....	Daylynn Byas
Novice Champion Showman .....	Pyper Bliss-Rafferty
Jr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf .....	Daylynn Byas
Jr. Res. Champion Nigerian Dwarf.....	Skyla Myers
Sr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf.....	Daylynn Byas
Sr. Res. Champion Nigerian Dwarf .....	Daylynn Byas
Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf .....	Daylynn Byas
Res. Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf.....	Daylynn Byas
Jr. Champion Nubian.....	Olivia Goyer
Jr. Res. Champion Nubian .....	Ava Helou
Sr. Champion Nubian .....	Ava Helou
Grand Champion Nubian.....	Ava Helou
Res. Grand Champion Nubian .....	Olivia Goyer
Sr. Recorded Grade Champion.....	Brielle Chapko
Jr. Champion Grade .....	Grady Diamond
Jr. Res. Champion Grade.....	Ava Helou
Sr. Champion Grade .....	Ava Helou
Sr. Res. Champion grade.....	Grady Diamond
Grand Champion Grade .....	Ava Helou
Res. Grand Champion Grade.....	Grady Diamond
Best Doe of Show .....	Ava Helou
Res. Best of Sho Doe.....	Daylynn Byas
Cloverbud Teaser.....	Savannah Donlon & Madelyn Goyer
Novice Written Test Champion.....	Pyper Bliss- Rafferty
Novice Written Test Res. Champion .....	Olivia Goyer
Jr. Written Test Champion.....	Calliegh Donlon
Jr. Written Test Res. Champion .....	Grady Diamond
Sr. Written Test Champion .....	Lily Nichols
Sr. Written Test Res. Champion.....	Glendora Kilmer



## Cavy

Grand Champion Showman .....	Makenzie Danish
Res. Grand Champion Showman .....	Jacob Nichols
Cloverbud Show & Tell & Teaser .....	Hannah Nichols
Champion Novice Showman .....	Pyper Bliss-Rafferty
Champion Jr. Showman .....	Makenzie Danish
Res. Champion Jr. Showman.....	Jacob Nichols
Best of Show Boar.....	Makenzie Danish
Res. Best of Show Boar .....	Makenzie Danish
Best Pet.....	Hannah Nichols
Reserve Best Pet .....	Pyper Bliss-Rafferty
Novice Written Test Champion.....	Pyper Bliss- Rafferty
Jr. Written Test Champion.....	Makenzie Danish
Jr. Written Test Res. Champion .....	Jacob Nichols

## Rabbit

Grand Champion Showman .....	Jace Freer
Reserve Grand Champion Showman .....	Emilee Roadcap
Champion Novice Showman .....	Madelyn Gallese
Rs. Champion Novice Showman.....	Avalyn Bevis
Champion Junior Showmanship .....	Jace Freer
Res. Champion Junior Showmanship .....	Ava Olsen
Champion Senior Showmanship .....	Emilee Roadcap
Res. Sr. Champion Showmanship .....	Zellia Fanfa
Best of Show .....	Avalyn Bevis & Emilee Roadcap
Best Pet.....	Thomas Foucher
Res. Best Pet .....	Bridget Rowland
Best of Breed Holland Lop .....	Owen Campanella
Reserve Best of Breed Holland Lop .....	Skyla Myers
Best of Breed Lionhead.....	Emilee Roadcap
Reserve Best of Breed Lionhead .....	Zellia Fanfa
Best of Breed Mini Lop .....	Zellia Fanfa
Reserve Best of Breed Mini Lop.....	Emilee Roadway
Best of Breed Mini Rex.....	Avalyn Bevis
Reserve Best of Breed Mini Rex .....	Jace Freer
Best of Breed Silver Fox.....	Madelyn Gallese
Reserve Best of Breed Silver Fox .....	Madelyn Gallese
Champion Novice Written Exam .....	Avalyn Bevis
Reserve Champion Novice Written Exam .....	Madelyn Gallese
Champion Junior Written Exam.....	Skyla Myers, Owen Campanella
Reserve Champion Junior Written Exam .....	Thomas Foucher
Champion Senior Written Exam .....	Emilee Roadcap
Reserve Champion Senior Written Exam.....	Saige Myers

## Poultry

Grand Champion Showman .....	Juliette Brownell
Reserve Grand Champion Showman.....	Ava Helou
Champion Senior Showmanship .....	Ava Helou
Res. Champion Senior Showmanship.....	Brice Retell
Champion Junior Showmanship .....	Makenzie Danish
Res. Champion Junior Showmanship .....	Mia Brownell
Champion Novice Showmanship .....	Avalyn Bevis
Res. Champion Novice Showmanship .....	Juliette Brownell
Best of Show Hen/Pullet .....	Makenzie Danish
Res. Best of Show Hen/ Pullet .....	Brice Retell
Best of Show Cockerel/Cock .....	Brice Retell
Res. Best of Show Cock/ Cockerel.....	Brice Retell
Best of Show Waterfowl .....	Brice Retell
Res. Best of Show Waterfowl.....	Brice Retell
Best of Show Trio.....	Ava Helou
Champion Novice Written Exam .....	Juliette Brownell
Reserve Champion Novice Written Exam .....	Avalyn Bevis
Champion Junior Written Exam.....	Makenzie Danish & Ava Olsen
Reserve Champion Junior Written Exam .....	Mia Brownell & Madelyn Gallese
Champion Senior Written Exam .....	Alexis Smith
Reserve Champion Senior Written Exam.....	Emalee Foucher & Ava Helou

**Cloverbuds: Beatrice Anatriello, Landyn Barton, Melody Barton, Silas Ellis, Blake McCormick, and Sophia Olsen**

## Dog

Champion Grooming and Handling B.....	Madelyn Gallese
Reserve Champion Grooming and Handling B .....	Saige Myers
Champion Obedience B .....	Madelyn Gallese
Reserve Champion Obedience B .....	Saige Myers
Champion Novice Rally .....	Madelyn Gallese
Res. Champion Novice Rally.....	Makenzie Danish
Champion Junior Written Exam.....	Madelyn Gallese
Reserve Champion Junior Written Exam .....	Makenzie Danish
Champion Senior Written Exam .....	Saige Myers

## Dairy

Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Amber MacNeil
Res. Grand Champion Showmanship .....	Connor MacNeil
Senior Champion Showmanship .....	Amber MacNeil
Senior Res. Champion Showmanship.....	Connor MacNeil
Intermediate Champion Showmanship .....	Avery McMahon
Intermediate Res. Champion Showmanship .....	Evan Atherton
Junior Champion Showmanship .....	Issac Bushner
Junior Res. Champion Showmanship .....	Ella Atherton
Novice Champion Showmanship .....	Hailey Pascucci
Novice Res. Champion Showmanship .....	Avalyn Bevis

Jr. Champion Ayrshire.....	Brennen Michel
Jr. Champion Other.....	Elijah Wilwol
Jr. Champion Jersey.....	Elijah Wilwol
Res. Jr. Champion Jersey.....	Evan Atherton
Jr. Champion Brown Swiss.....	Declan Cottrell
Jr. Champion Holstein.....	Avery McMahon
Res. Jr. Champion Holstein.....	Luke Hoag
Sr. Champion Jersey.....	Evan Atherton
Res. Sr. Champion Jersey.....	Allison Michel
Grand Champion Jersey.....	Allison Michel
Res. Grand Champion Jersey.....	Allison Michel
Senior Champion Other.....	Allison Michel
Grand Champion Other.....	Allison Michel
Senior Champion Holstein.....	Russel Stifter
Res. Senior Champion Holstein.....	Avery McMahon
Grand Champion Holstein.....	Russell Stifter
Res. Grand Champion Holstein.....	Avery MacMahon
Senior Champion Brow Swiss.....	Amber MacNeil
Res. Senior Champion Brown Swiss.....	Amber MacNeil
Grand Champion Brown Swiss.....	Amber MacNeil
Res. Grand Champion Brown Swiss.....	Amber MacNeil
Senior Champion Ayrshire.....	Brennan Michel
Res. Sr. Champion Ayrshire.....	Brennan Michel
Grand Champion Ayrshire.....	Brennen Michel
Res. Grand Champion Ayrshire.....	Brennen Michel
Champion Daughter Dam.....	Amber MacNeil
Res. Champion Daughter Dam.....	Devin DeLaMater
Champion Young Breeder's Herd.....	Luke Hoag
Res. Champion Young Breeder's Herd.....	Connor MacNeil
Novice Champion Written Exam.....	Avalyn Bevis
Junior Champion Written Exam.....	Brennen Michel
Reserve Champion Jr. Written Exam.....	Jameson Roberts
Senior Champion Written Exams.....	Luke Hoag
Reserve Senior Champion Written Exam.....	Ashley Herrington

**Dairy Bred by Exhibitor**

Amber MacNeil  
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Connor MacNeil  
Luke Hoag  
Tristen Boleski

**Dairy Judging**

Senior Champion.....	Connor McNeil
Res. Senior Champion.....	Evan Atherton
Junior Champion.....	Elijah Wilwol
Res. Champion Junior.....	Adam Somerset

**Dairy Challenge**

Senior Champion ..... Merritt Cropsey  
Senior Res. Champion ..... Luke Hoag  
Junior Champion ..... Reed Hoag  
Junior Reserve Champion ..... Emma Wilwol

**Beef Judging**

Senior Champion ..... Devin DeLaMater  
Res. Senior Champion ..... William Cottrell & Aaron Cipperly  
Junior Champion ..... Issac Bushner  
Res. Junior Champion ..... Ella Guile

**Tractor Driving**

Grand Champion ..... Alex Ruepp  
Reserve Grand Champion ..... Mathew Somerset

***\*\*Pictures from the Schaghticoke Fair can be found on our Rensselaer County 4-H Facebook Page.***



## COW CHIP BINGO

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the 4-H members and volunteers who helped with **Cow Chip Bingo** this year! This is Cattle PDC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and it takes a lot of help from selling the squares, setting up the grid and carrying out the event.



## Thank you for Snack Bar Donors

The 4-H Snack Bar is one of the biggest fundraisers and workforce development opportunities of the year for Rensselaer County 4-H. The Snack Bar gives our 4-Hers, ages 5-19 an opportunity to gain real-world practice working in public service and the food industry. Members as young as 5 years old start in the Snack Bar by taking and filling drink orders, our pre-teens work at the front counter taking orders and using the cash register, and our members 13 years and older work as the cooks in the back. The Snack Bar is completely run by 4-H members with an adult partner there. The proceeds from the 4-H Snack Bar allow Rensselaer County 4-H to award annual college scholarships, support annual recognition, sponsor fair awards, educational activities and trips, send youth to 4-H camps as well as give youth countrywide experiences. With the generous donations from our members, local businesses, and local community groups the cost of operation is much lower, making this all possible. We would like to thank the following for their generous donations: **Chrissy's Cravings** in Schaghticoke for coffee, **Denison Farm** in Schaghticoke for locally grown produce, **Honest Weight Co-Op** in Albany for fresh humus, **LaPosta Brother's Market** in Speigletown for coleslaw, **Pittstown United Methodist Women** for a cash donation of \$500, **Quality Retail Systems** in Schaghticoke for a cash register loan, **Remington Harvest** in Melrose for fresh tomatoes, **Running Brook Sugar Shack** in Hoosick Falls for maple syrup, and **Thomas' Poultry Farm** in Schuylerville for local eggs.

## Thank you to the 4-H Auction Donors

### We raised \$1980!!

Halloween Basket, Girls Night In & Farmhouse Basket- Green Earthlings

Halloween Basket- Blue Ribbon Bandits

Basket with vanilla sugar & salt, jam, and corn- Deb's Country Kitchen

2 Back Packs and Supplies and 2 Scooters- Rensselaer County Department for Youth

Maple Basket- Running Brook Sugar Shack

Waffle Kit- Northern Livestock

Wire Chicken Basket, Mum and \$25 to Tractor Supply- Fashionistas 4-H Club

Buffalo Plaid Tote& Home Sweet Home Sign- Barbara Bouplon

Deluxe Dog Basket- Equine Explorers

2 Puzzle Baskets- Pittstown Women of Faith

Hot Chocolate and Candy Basket- Diamond Family

Dog Basket, Cat Basket & John Deere Sweatshirt- Clover Kids and Critters

First Aid Kit- Rensselaer County Trailblazers

## Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center

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*Preregister for all programs at (518) 658-2055 or [dykenpond@gmail.com](mailto:dykenpond@gmail.com)*

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### **Fall Foliage Hike: Monday, Oct. 9: 1pm – 2:30pm**

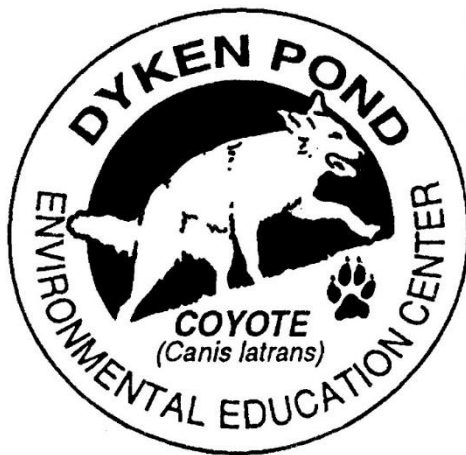
Take a scenic walk along the shoreline and through the forests of the Center at a time of year when the leaves are likely to be near peak color. This is a once-a-year opportunity you don't want to miss. Preregistration required. Free.

### **Tuesday Treks: Every Tuesday 12:30 - 2:30**

Join Len Tremblay on a moderately paced 3 mile hike every Tuesday in October to explore the wilds of the Dyken Pond Center. Learn the trail system one at a time with a knowledgeable guide. Each week we'll discover new ground and nature. Hikes will be cancelled in bad weather. Preregistration required. Free. This program is for adults and older teens.

### **Firewood Gathering Volunteer Day: Saturday, October 22: 9am - noon.**

An annual event to help the Center cut, gather, haul, split, and stack enough firewood to last the winter. We'll treat all hardy volunteers to a free lunch for your efforts. Please pre-register by Thursday, October 20 so we can plan enough food for everyone.



## Birthdays

### October

Adrianna Nichols  
Carson Luke  
Mackenzie Martin  
Evan Atherton  
Mikayla Malenfant  
Riley Dahl  
Shyann Hayashi  
Ava Helou  
Daylynn Byas  
Miranda Hollister  
Kira Colarossi  
Merritt, Jr Cropsey  
Evan Wilwol  
Emma Rosbozom  
Judd Mayer  
Kara Allen  
Terrie Cottrell  
Audrey Kondak  
Teigan Catlin  
Lily Nichols  
Anna Grace Macica  
Tristen Boleski

### November

Caleigh Quackenbush  
Anthony Clemente  
Joseph Nichols  
Nora Luskin  
Madelyn Blaauw  
Sierra Lange  
Emily Weeden  
Cameron Hemmings  
Bethany Miller  
Bridget Rowland  
Lillian Sliwinski  
Sophia Neet  
Charlamagne Cruikshank  
Calleigh Donlon  
Zachary Teal  
Nicole Tilley  
Sophia Young  
Lily Czub  
Claire Pruitt  
Grady Diamond  
Declan Cottrell  
Zachary Dahl  
Thomas Foucher

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## Upcoming Dates



### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Honor club applications due
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-H PDC, at the CCE Office; 6:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Teen Exchange Orientation, 7 PM tentatively at Tamarac School
- 5<sup>th</sup> ACT at Tamarac School; 6:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day; office closed
- 11<sup>th</sup> 4-H Horse Project Records are due to Bernie either hardcopy or via electronic email to [bw27@cornell.edu](mailto:bw27@cornell.edu)
- 15<sup>th</sup> FunPasta Fundraiser begins
- 17<sup>th</sup> Horse PDC at 7 PM
- 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> ABC trip; SUNY Cobleskill
- 20<sup>th</sup> General Interest & Livestock Banquet at the Brunswick Community Center; 6:00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Junior Chefs, CCE Office; 6:00pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Year End Horse Banquet, 6 PM at the Poestenkill Firehouse

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> CCE Annual Meeting at the CCE office – 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, 5 PM with program to start at 6:30 PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cattle Banquet 7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day; office closed
- 8<sup>th</sup> Shooting Sports Volunteer Meeting at the CCE Office; 6:00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day; office closed
- 12<sup>th</sup> FunPasta Fundraiser ends
- 17<sup>th</sup> Teen Exchange Wreath/Swag Orders due – please use order form enclosed
- 21<sup>st</sup> Horse PDC at 7 PM
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving; office closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Wreath/swag construction for Teen Exchange
- 27<sup>th</sup> Junior Chefs; CCE office; 6:00pm